

# The Sierra



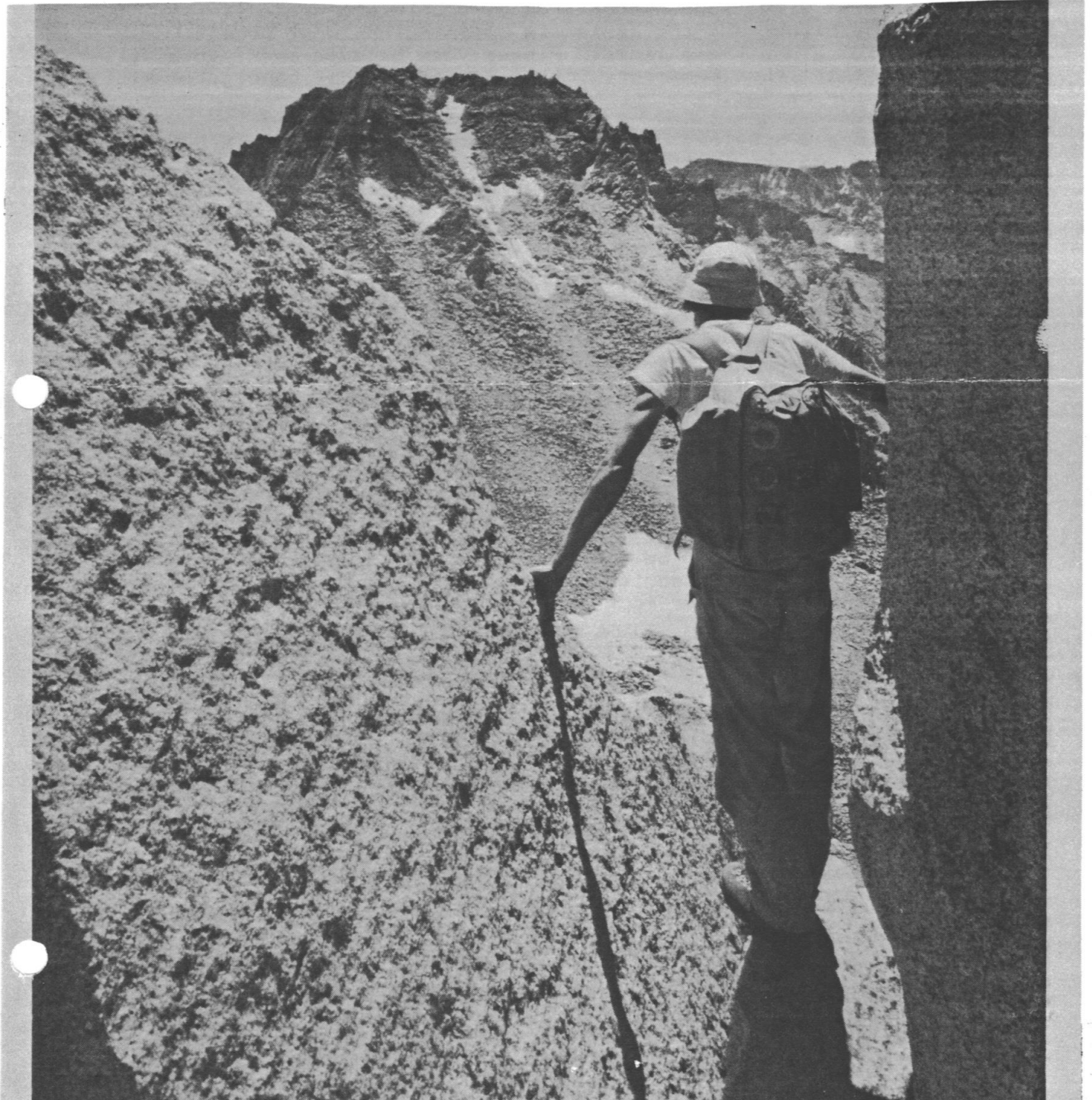
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The election of Executive Committee members for the Angeles Chapter will be in November. Three SPS members, Bill Bradley, Barbara Reber and Ron Jones, will be on the ballot and your support for them is encouraged and highly recommended. Barbara, Bill and Ron have been active in SPS, DPS and HPS for many years. Their outstanding knowledge of the mountains and desert would be an extremely valuable asset on the Executive Committee. Representatives who are outings-oriented will help the Chapter to be aware of situations encountered by people who are actively using the wilderness and assist in defining the most urgent priorities along these lines. Please vote because every vote will be important! But remember, voting for additional candidates will dilute your ballot.

The revised SPS Bylaws have been submitted to the Council Bylaws Committee and are in the process of being reviewed. Needless to say, the revision procedure has not been completed for the October SPS ballot and a special election just for the Bylaws may be necessary.

Ralph Johnson resigned as Mountain Records Chairman when he moved from the Los Angeles area so Ron Hudson is filling the position for the rest of the year. Thanks go to Ralph for keeping the records, sending out leader information letters and getting new registers and cannisters on the peaks.

If you signed up for a trip this year where the leader questioned your experience and ability, now is the time to look into the SPS Mountaineers' List requirements. Send a SASE to Bill Bradley, the SPS Safety Chairman, or to me for an application. When your name is on the Mountaineers' List, a leader knows you have attained a specific level of climbing proficiency because of the endurance, rock and snow check-outs. To give us all a chance to improve technical skills or to be signed off for the Mountaineers' List and LTC, Bill has scheduled the usual excellent training and qualifying sessions for rock and snow this winter and spring.

SIERRA PEAKS SECTION  
MEMBERSHIP REPORT  
SEPTEMBER 15, 1982

*Pat Holleman*

List Finisher

Ron Bartell #21

New Senior Emblem Holders

Don Palmer #70  
Dave Dykeman #71  
Kevin Sullivan #72  
Sherry Sullivan #73  
Jim Murphy #74

New Emblem Holders

Don Weiss #429  
Vic Wong #430  
Ruth Armentrout #431  
Sherri Harsh #432  
Andy Fried #433

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Peggy Bradley  
Lloyd Brown  
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George Oliver  
Eva Salzer

New Members

Graham Breakwell  
Stan Gelb  
Bruce Gubersky  
Robert Kanne  
Doris McClure  
Karen Patterson  
Jim Roberts  
Bob Rogers  
David Vandershaf  
Vieve Weldon  
Michael Wilder

COVER PHOTO: John Lutz is looking hopefully at Brewer Peak from North Guard as it will be his emblem peak if he gets it. Photographer is unknown but we will give recognition next time if we can find out.

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ANNUAL BANQUET - DECEMBER 8, 1982

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Cocktails will be served  
in the bar of the El Camino Room  
at 6:30 p.m.

Stuffed Breast of Chicken  
will be served  
in the El Camino Room  
at 7:30 p.m.

Following dinner, the guest speaker,  
Rick Ridgeway  
will present the evening's program  
"Antarctica: The Forbidden Plateau"

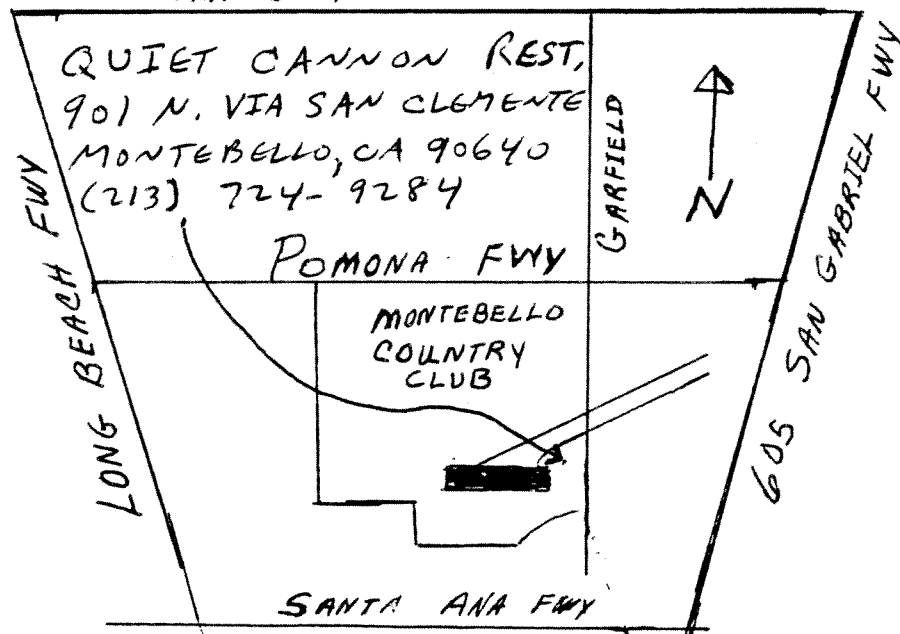
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contact Management Committee  
or

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814 North Valley Dr.  
Westlake Village, 91362  
(805) 496-8085

The cost is \$15.00 per person  
payable by check to  
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Please R.S.V.P. by December 4, 1982

SAN BERNARDINO FWY



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### Statement of Barbara Reber

I would like to represent the members of the Angeles Chapter on the EXComm. As an active member of the DPS, SPS, and HPS for 10 years I feel I could adequately represent the activities interests. Last year only 4% of the members voted. This year the ballot will be separate from the Southern Sierran. This may or maynot generate more voter interest. I urge all of you that wish a voice in the Angeles Chapter EXComm to VOTE in this election.

### STATEMENT OF BILL BRADLEY

I would like to see a more workable relationship developed between the grass roots membership, as represented by the Chapter Council, and the Executive committee. My background of experience in working with various groups, and sections, as well as serving three different terms as Council Representative should aid in this respect.

More time and effort should be spent on those conservation issues closer to home and directly affecting us rather than broader spectrum issues of essentially international interest.

### RON JONES - Nominee for ExComm

I urge all SPS members to vote in the October election for the Angeles Chapter Executive Committee (ExComm) and to ask their "non-outings" Sierra Club friends to vote as well. There are three outings leaders running for ExComm this year; Barbara Reber, Bill Bradley and myself. We need all possible support to get elected in order to exchange the ideas and programs of the ExComm and Chapter leaders with the SPS and other outings groups.

I have been a member of the Sierra Club for more than 22 years, joining the Angeles Chapter and becoming a member of and leader in the SPS, DPS, RCS, HPS during the following years. In this time I have been a supporter of most of the environmental and conservation actions of the Club and I would like now to work more actively in that area of endeavor. As many of you know I've been heavily involved with the SPS and outings, six times elected to the SPS Management Committee, and I think that through this long time involvement I have acquired a wide spread grass roots knowledge of issues and Chapter operation.

Some members feel that the ExComm may not always be responsive to the opinions of its members. If elected I would work to improve that situation by being a good listener and open to the ideas and suggestions of all Sierra Club members. I would also work to encourage interested members to participate in making decisions on issues of concern to them.

I believe that the Sierra Club, in order to retain its present membership and attract new members, should maintain its present diverse high level of quality outings activities, leadership training and build an even stronger program of conservation awareness. The ballot this October will be a separate mailing and I ask for your vote at that time.

--Ron Jones

The SPS First Aid Kits have been restocked and now contain the following items.

3	5x9 Pads	Mole Foam
4	4x4 Pads	Mole Skin
3	3x3 Pads	Vaseline
6	2x2 Pads	Snakebite Kit
2	Telfa Pads	Scissors
2	Eye Pads	Tongue Depressors
2	Giant Butterfly	Safety Pins
4	Large Butterfly	Tweezers
2	Small Butterfly	Razor Blade
3	Extra Large Bandaide	Sierra Club First Aid Sheet
6	1x3 Bandaide	Pad & Pencil for Medical Record
12	3/4 Bandaide	Emergency Report Form
1	Kling Gauze	
1	Triangle	
1	3" Ace wrap	
1	2" Gauze	
1	1" Tape	

The kits are available to SPS Trip Leaders if they do not wish to use a comparable kit of their own.

If a kit is required, contact Ella Hoselton. Phone(213) 645-0620.

#### SIERRA PEAKS SCHEDULE

Nov 6-7	Fossil Falls rock climbing	Ranschau/Mauk
Nov 20-21	Pilot Knob, Morris	Neuner/Hill
Dec 11	Roubidoux rock climbing	Murphy/Ranschau
Jan 15-16	Joshua Tree rock climbing	Bradley/VanDalsem
Feb 19	Snow trip in local mtns	Bradley/Kabler
Feb 26-27	Southern Sierra snow trip	Hudson/Camphausen
Mar 5	Roubidoux rock climbing	Mauk/Kabler
Mar 12-13	Ice climbing seminar	VanDalsem/Hudson
Mar 19-20	San Gorgonio trip & snow camp	Vandervoet/Rohn

June 1, 1982

Mr. Norman Kingsley  
629 Groveview Ln.  
La Canada, Ca. 91011

Dear Mr. Kingsley,

On Sunday, May 24th, 1981, during a scheduled SPS trip, three of us climbed the high point of the Sierra crest (13,520+) about 1 mile SE of The Thumb. I later wrote you recommending that you take official action to name this peak for Francis Farquhar. Sometime later I received a card from Bill Bradley suggesting that I also lead a trip to 'Notch Peak', the other candidate peak.

On Sunday, May 30th, 1982, I led a scheduled Kern-Kaweah Chapter trip to 12,893 ('Notch Peak'), located about 1 mile NW (approx.) of North Guard. We approached via Sphinx Creek and hiked on snow along the base of the ridge, of which 12,893 is the high point, until reaching a wide rectangular chute SE of the peak. We ascended the chute to a notch in the ridge at 12,240+, and staying just below the crest went up NW to the summit area. The high point was reached by climbing down through the 'notch' and then back up. A Band-Aid can and register was found in place. The highest level of climbing was class 3.

Both candidate peaks are the high points along a ridge. Each exceeds a nearby saddle by approximately 700 feet. Both are sufficiently separated from nearby high points to give the feeling and appearance of being distinct.

Except for their absolute height, 13,520' vs. 12,893', there is only one distinguishing feature between them, and that is the 'Notch' on 12,893'. It is because of this feature that 12,893' has become known to mountaineers as 'Notch Peak'. Although unofficial, I believe it is appropriate, and would like to see it continue to be known as such. No distinction is lost in the naming of 13,520+ 'Francis Farquhar', and I am therefore renewing my opinion that it should bear his name, and am again recommending that you take the official action toward that end.

Sincerely,



Richard D. Banner

**SIERRA SNOW CAMP (McGEE MTN) -- 27-28 FEB 82 -- Campy, Dan Mihaljevich**

There were seven people on snowshoes and Pat and Gerry Holleman were on skis. Usually, snowshoes and skis don't mix, but this area was suitable for both modes of snow travel. Plus, we had some snow this year to do it in. In order to find it we had to drive a bit North of last year's snow camp location. It was late February and those really big storms didn't arrive until March. Dan Mihaljevich was kind enough to co-lead the trip.

We left the Convict Lake parking lot at 8 AM. A snow chute was taken to the bench South of the lake. When we got there we took a long break and adjusted our eyes to the acres of continuous firm snow stretching upward which glimmered in the sunlight. Many of us put on snowshoes at this time, but the snow turned out to be "Sierra Cement" and we found ourselves walking on our traction cleats with the webs just flopping along above the snow. The slopes are pretty gradual there so we didn't bother with crampons. The canyon we took branched away from Mt Morrison and headed up toward the plateau area West of McGee Mtn. When we got there we made camp on a small bald spot within the trees where the snow wasn't too deep. The better part of the PM was spent snoozing in the sun and reading magazines. The whole idea was to store up our energy and get prepared mentally for ascending the terrifying hulk of Mt McGee the next day.

It was one long sleep--6 PM 'til 6 AM. The sky appeared ominous; gray overcast plus some stacked lenticular clouds. But Mt McGee in its mighty majesty beckoned so we all got hustling. Most of us started out on snowshoes toward the peak, plus the Hollemans on skis. All except a couple people who thought the snow was firm enough to do it without them, but they sure found out! It was pretty deep in spots, but we schlepped right across it with the webs and I think we reached McGee in an hour. By this time the wind was down to our level, or the other way around, and it really got cold up there on its mighty summit. We could look around though--visibility was still pretty good--and Ritter and Banner were easy to make out. We also could plan the Mt Morgan climb which was set for late April. Esha Cyn was solid snow but not too steep anywhere, and the whole route to the summit looked easy. Anyway, after a few group pictures were taken, we hustled back down and milled around camp until everybody was ready to leave. Unfortunately, it was way too early to think about eating at the Convict Lake Restaurant, so we followed the Hollemans' advice and waited until the Copper Kettle in Bishop.

Mt McGee, 10,871 feet elevation, is actually a mild little peak which is located outside of the John Muir Wilderness. We found out that this fact has not been overlooked by helicopter skiers. The Bishop-based Alouette helicopter landed nearby with two loads of skiers as we were on our way back to camp.

For the record, here's the list of people who came and I think enjoyed this trip: Gerry and Pat Holleman, Anthony Boehs, Ingeborg Prochazka, Delores Holladay, Nancy Gordon, Dan Mihaljevich, "Ski", and I. There's a good chance we may schedule this same area for next year's snow camp.



This trip started with good news and bad news. The good news was that the road was plowed to Parchers Camp; the bad news was that Sat. was the opening day of trout season with resultant traffic. Jon Lutz, filling in for Dale Van Dalsem who was off climbing the "Big One"--8000m Broad Peak--and I met 16 climbers at the roadhead. We hiked in on firm powder snow and across South Lake (where ice fishermen had already caught nice 3 & 4 pounders) four miles to lower Treasure Lakes. After setting up camp on the snow, 8 persons climbed 12,219' Hurd Pk but were stopped short of the third class summit pinnacle. Hirsh Kolp and I snowshoed to within 1000 feet of Goode. Mary Gygax & Jon Lutz skied in nearby basins while others practiced snow climbing techniques. Sue Wyman, Jim Hinckley & Don Weiss dispensed good cheer and spirits to all who stayed up that evening.

Sunday morning we left about 6:30, donning crampons at our tents. Fourteen climbers followed footsteps kicked up the firm snow of the SE chute leading to Johnson--12,868'. We descended down a short rock pitch to the west on which a rope was used and then kicked steps across and down steep snow to the north and west to a point about 11,900' in the valley SE of Gilbert. We had lunch here and two persons wisely returned to camp via the col usually used on the climb. The rest of us kicked steps and cramponed up the long tedious SE slopes of Gilbert--13,103'. Views from the top were as perfect as you get in the Sierra these days--clear, sunny and no smog in any direction. We returned via the col--12,160' plus--arriving in camp about 4:00. Fatigue set in on the snowshoe out to the road with participants trickling in between 5:45 and 7:30. All but perhaps the final 2 considered the weekend an outstanding snow climb, with perfect snow conditions the entire time.

--Ron Jones

#### ADVERTISEMENT

Lost: June 14, 1982 - One pair of Grivel non-adjustable hand-forged crampons, between Sunset and Baboon Lakes on the Mts Powell-Thompson trip in June. Reward. Call collect Ron Jones (714) 552-7922.

WANTED: Used rack of climbing hardware - chocks, biners, etc., and climbing helmet.  
Jim Roberts 213/792-2812. Hard currency.

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TRIP REPORT: SPANISH NEEDLE/ONYX PEAK, MAY 15-16, 1982

by George Neuner

One nice thing about climbing in the Southern Sierra is that the peaks can be reached with only a three hour drive from LA. Most of us, therefore, drove up early Saturday morning rather than fight the Friday evening traffic. We rendezvoused at the Indian Wells Restaurant on Highway 14, west of Inyokern. About 5 miles further north, a dirt road (marked "Brown Road") took us up Sand Canyon toward Spanish Needle. After two miles the road goes from bad to worse so we consolidated into two vehicles -- Al Hill's four wheel drive Jeep and Ernie Templemeier's Volkswagen. After a nervous stream crossing and some spectacular class four driving, we reached the roadhead at Rodecker Flat, about two miles east of the peak.

The climbing route proceeds cross-country due west, up a prominent ridge. At the 5,000 foot level, we contoured left to avoid steep rocks on the ridge. We followed a gully having the correct compass bearing to the ridge top. The route was steep, brushy and took considerably longer than expected. At the ridgetop, we found a keyhole leading to a notch about 400 feet below the summit massif. Here, we broke out the ropes and ascended a class 3-4 crack just beyond the notch to the right. This led to a chimney and another keyhole (the "eye" of Spanish Needle). Another pitch of exposed 3rd class climbing led to the jumbled blocks of the summit. Despite the lateness of the hour, all eight climbers squeezed through the keyhole and, aided by two fixed ropes, made the summit and rappelled back down to the notch.

We arrived back at the cars at dusk and planned to have a sumptuous steak dinner at the Indian Wells restaurant but came just a few minutes after the kitchen had shut down for the night. Starving, we proceeded on to Inyokern and talked one of the sisters at Two Sisters Plus One restaurant into letting us go through their buffet, which had also closed down. Their hospitality extended to letting us sleep in their side yard so we could enjoy their breakfast Sunday morning.

After breakfast, we drove west on Highway 178 to the little town of Onyx. Here, we attempted to get permission to cross the private land surrounding Pilot Knob but the owner, Bud Rudnick, was away for the weekend. The proprietor of the general store told us that Rudnick did not look kindly upon Sierra Club climbers as some had in the past crossed his land without permission. Rather than risk creating more ill will, we decided to climb Onyx Peak instead.

The climbing route began from a cattle corral west of the peak. We climbed a steep scree slope to the ridge top, then followed the ridge to the summit, with some class 2 boulder hopping near the top. Wildflowers were in bloom everywhere --- dozens of varieties in various colors. The view from the summit was particularly rewarding. We enjoyed it for over an hour while having lunch. The return trip provided an exciting, ear-popping plunge down the scree slope on the way back to the cars.

## ECHOS FROM THE PAST

### Five Years Ago in the SPS Ron Jones

New SPS members in July-August 1977 include Sherry & Kevin Sullivan, Virgil Talbot, Lou Breecheen & Stan Icen. Dale Van Dalsem, Chuck Pospishil, Fran Smith, Pat Lavengood and 4 others earned emblems; Senior Emblems were attained by George Hubbard, Elton Fletcher and Nat Hoover in July; John Hellman and Duane McRuer in August; and Elton Fletcher became, at age 51, the eldest list finisher on Eagle Scout. Bill T Russell & Jim Erb led 15 on Arrow and Pyramid.

### Ten Years Ago in the SPS

On July 15, 1972 Bob Herlihy was struck by lightning and killed while climbing in the Sierra. Sid Davis later in the month dedicated his 250th climb of San Jacinto to the memory of Bob. Jerry Keating became the fourth list finisher on Table Mtn on 8-19-72. Gordon MacLeod & Arkel Erb earned senior emblems this period. Wilson Harvey became the 250th SPS emblem holder. Dick Farrar and Sue Lynch were new section members. Barbara Lilley, Tim Treacy, Dick May, Bill Feldman, Dave Gladstone & Chuck Ringrose returned in July from a successful climb of Mt. St. Elias. Fred Hoeptner & Horace Ory led Triple Divide & Lion Rock over July 4; Ron Jones & Gordon MacLeod led Electra Peak.

### Twenty Years Ago in the SPS

1962 was a heavy Sierra snow year. Chairman Miles Brubacher led 25 on the first scheduled climb of Abbot. Lothar Kolbig, carrying his Trapper Nelson pack frame, led a group of 25 to Matterhorn in July and 15 to Humphreys in August. Sy Ossosky led a group of 18 to Mt Baldwin. Bill Clifton joined as an emblem holder.

### Twenty Five Years Ago in the SPS

Chairman Bud Bingham, Barbara Lilley, George Wallenstein and 3 others in the 1957 Mt. St. Elias expedition, failed on that peak but got 3 first ascents. Dr. Robert Wade, Andy Smatko, Tom Ross and Peter Hunt earned SPS emblems--Peter, at 15 years becoming the youngest emblem holder. Wade, Smatko, John Robinson, Bill Sanders & Peggy Sullivan climbed Tyndall, Abbot, Bear Creek Spire, Dade, Lassen, Shasta, Rainier, Adams and Hood on a trip to the NW. To Peggy Sullivan is attributed the classic quote, "I like my climbing Class 3 and my men Class 6." There was discussion on developing a SPS pin for climbing the 12 14,000 ft peaks in the Sierra--"working toward a goal is basic to man's nature in whatever field he endeavors. An emblem for the 14,000 foot peaks should stimulate interest in another set of mountains beside the emblem peaks."

### FOR YOUR INFO

The San Francisco Chronicle says in Herb Coen's column that Richard Clements jr., a developer, is off for three years in Nepal where he will build seven trekking inns, each are one day's hike apart, along the Langtang range. Submitted by Betty McCosker

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