

# The Sierra



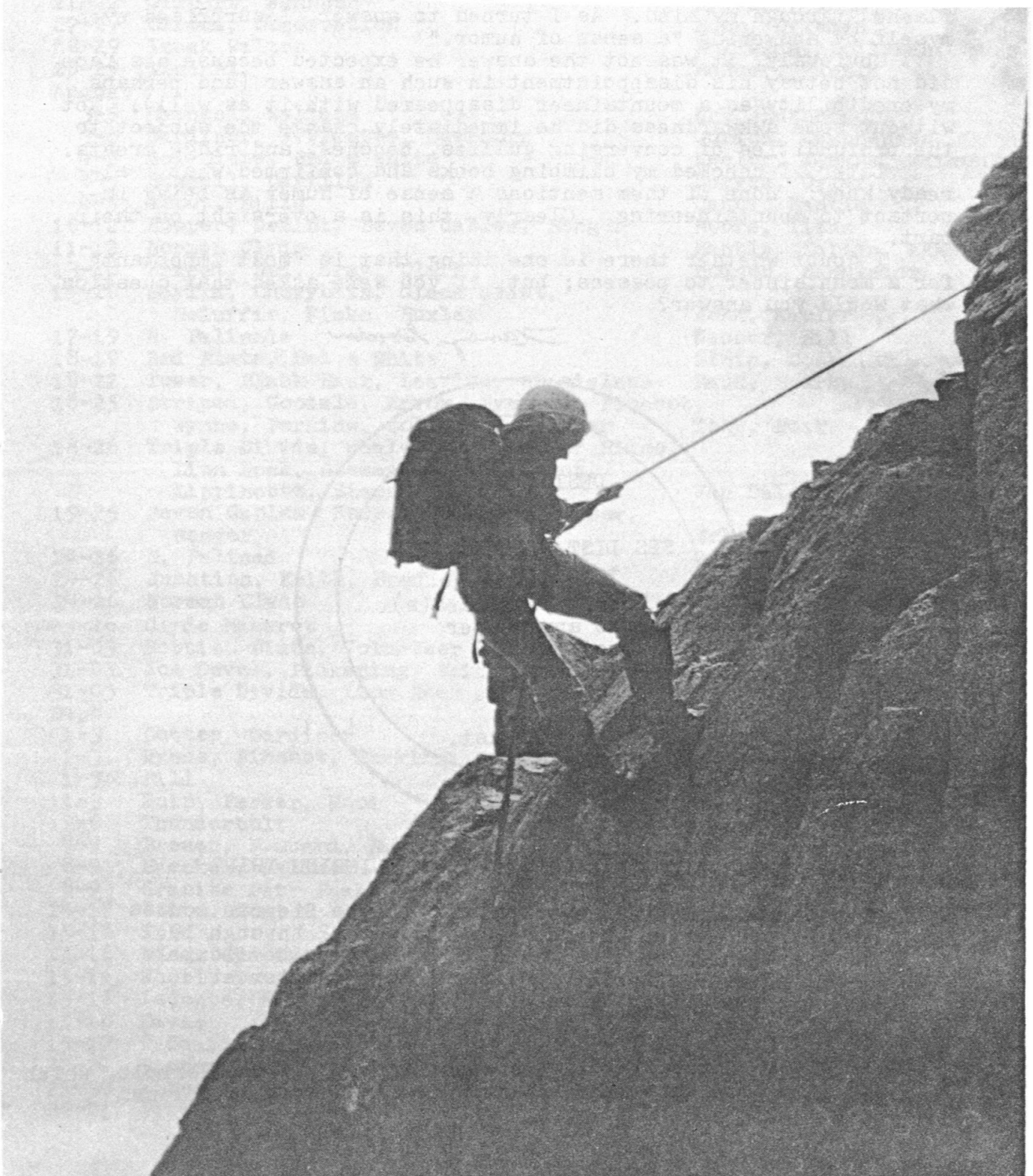
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## CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

During a navigation noodle I participated in last April, one of the M-level navigation candidates asked me what I thought was the most important thing for a mountaineer to possess. Perhaps he meant equipment, and I should have answered by naming a particular kind of compass, backpack, or tent, but that didn't occur to me until I reflected on this later. Instead, words like confidence, stamina, experience, resolution, adventuresomeness, and mettle flashed through my mind. As I turned to answer, I surprised even myself by answering "a sense of humor."

Obviously, it was not the answer he expected because his face did not betray his disappointment in such an answer (and perhaps my credibility as a mountaineer disappeared with it as well). Not without some awkwardness did he immediately change the subject to the profundities of converging gullies, benches, and ridge crests.

Later, I checked my climbing books and confirmed what I already knew: none of them mentions a sense of humor as being important to mountaineering. Clearly, this is an oversight on their part.

I doubt whether there is one thing that is "most important" for a mountaineer to possess; but, if you were asked that question, what would you answer?

*Nancy Gordon*

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Submit your idea(s)  
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ANYONE INTERESTED IN A PRIVATE PEAK CLIMBING TRIP?

When the Olympics are over, a trip to the Sierras sounds like a good idea. The dates are August 12 through 19. Exact area not yet determined, will have to be flexible depending on availability of permits. If interested let me know. Eivor Nilsson (818)769-4619

COVER PHOTO: Rappelling is the sensible way off Thunderbolt, which is what Mary McMannes is demonstrating for us.

SIERRA PEAKS 1984 CLIMBING SCHEDULE

July

6-8	Williamson	Raiford, Wankum
7-9	Norman Clyde	Gubersky, Titus
13-15	Corcoran	Lees, Beverage
14-15	Clyde Minaret	Rohn, Kabler
14-22	Upper S. Fork Kings R. (Arrow, Pyramid, Ruskin, Pinchot, Wynne)	Hudson, Edwards
21-22	Merriam, Royce	Breakwell, Machleder
21-22	Kennedy, Harrington	Mihaljevich, Secor
21-22	Gilbert, Johnson	Dykeman, Wong
27-29	Giroud, Observation	Rohn, Dykeman
28-29	Izaak Walton	Holleman, Holleman
28-29	Winchell	McRuer, Mantle

August

3-5	Haeckel, Wallace	Erb, Rutherford
3-6	Gardiner, W. Vidette, Deerhorn	Gordon, Camphausen
4-5	Red Slate, Red & White	Keeler, Wankum, Watson
4-5	Russell, Carillon	Duryea, Gyax
4-5	Abbot, Mills	Danta, Mantle
10-12	Hooper, Gemini, Seven Gables, Senger	Moore, Titus
11-12	Norman Clyde	Mantle, Kabler, Akawie
13-16	Merced, Red, Gray, Clark	Hudson, Machleder
14-20	Scylla, Cherybdis, Glack Giant, McDuffie, Fiske, Huxley	Rohn, Kabler
17-19	N. Palisade	Neuner, Hill
18-19	Red Slate, Red & White	Stein, Conrad
18-22	Tower, Black Hawk, Leavitt, Stanislaus	Mauk, Sparks
18-25	Striped, Goodale, Arrow, Pyramid, Pinchot, Wynne, Perkins, Colosseum, Baxter	Toby, Hoak
18-26	Triple Divide, Whaleback, Glacier Ridge, Lion Rock, Stewart, Eagle Scout, Lippincott, Eisen	Van Dalsem, Dykeman
19-25	Seven Gables, Recess, Gemini, Hooper, Senger	Erb, Rutherford
24-26	N. Palisade	Gubersky, Danta
24-26	Junction, Keith, Bradley	Titus, Moore
24-26	Norman Clyde	Jones, Valkass
25-26	Clyde Minaret	Gordon, Magnuson
31-03	Pettit, Piute, Volunteer	Kabler, Rohn
31-03	Joe Devel, Pickering, Newcomb, Corcoran	Conrad, Mauk
31-03	Triple Divide, Lion Rock	Mihaljevich, Machleder

Sept.

1-3	Cotter, Gardiner	Toby, Valkass
1-3	Wynne, Pinchot, Perkins, Colosseum	Dykeman, Gordon
1-3	Sill	Neuner, Hill
1-3	Koip, Parker, Wood	Keating, Fletcher
7-9	Thunderbolt	Gubersky, Jones
7-9	Brewer, N. Guard, S. Guard	Van Dalsem, Rohn
8-9	Haeckel, Wallace	Hudson, Preyer
8-9	Granite Park Peaks	MacLeod, Hickman
14-17	State, Goat	Russell, McRuer
15-16	Iron	Toby, Dykeman
15-16	Kings Cyn Overlooks	MacLeod, Sanders
15-16	Whorl, Twin, Virginia	Valkass, Van Dalsem
15-16	LeConte, Mallory	Goebel, Crandall
15-16	Davis	Murphy, Gordon
15-17	N. Guard, Brewer	Mauk, Conrad
22-24	Ritter, Banner, Clyde Minaret	Van Dalsem, Hughes
29-30	Abbot, Morgan#1	Anglin, Van Dalsem
29-01	Piute	Machleder, Blauvelt

29-02	Ruskin, Striped, Goodale	Mauk, Conrad
Oct.		
6-7	Starr King	Valkass, Knudtson
6-7	Muah, Cartago, Olancha	Van Dalsem, Lutz
6-8	Tower	Murphy, Templemeier
13-14	Spanish Needle, Cartago	Dykeman, Magnuson
20-21	Rockhouse, Taylor Dome, Siretta	Dykeman, Gordon
27-28	Moses, N.Maggie	Hudson, Crane
Nov.		
3-4	Fossil Falls, rock climbing practice & LTP	Ranschau, Mihaljevich

### THE FORCE OF WATER

The following table has been designed to help someone assess his or her chances of survival during stream crossings.

Time for "log" to travel 100', in seconds	Stream speed in feet per second	Stream speed in miles per hour	Force of water in lbs on 1.2' <sup>2</sup> of body surface
68	1.5	1	4.3
23	4.4	3	33
14	7.3	5	103
10	10.2	7	179
7	14.6	10	366
5	21.9	15	926

The idea is to toss a piece of wood or some type of float (perhaps the assistant leader?) into the water and time it over a measured distance to determine the stream speed. "Stream speed in feet per second" has been included for those without 100' of rope. The "Force" column is from Hal Roth's Pathway in the Sky, pp. 112-113. 1.2'<sup>2</sup> represents the amount of surface the human body exposes into the water when wading a stream waist deep of so; streamlined legs have been figured in.

One fact that should be stressed when using this chart is that a 150 lb human doesn't necessarily weigh 150 lbs when standing waist deep in water. (According to the Coast Guard, an average male has 12 lbs of buoyancy in salt water when not moving.) Also, I doubt that many people are able to do leg lifts with 100 lbs of weight on their legs, with repetitions.

R.J. Secor

(conclusion: fast water is dangerous. ed)

JUL 28 - AUG 3      SAT-FRI      WYOMING CHAPTER

We will spend the week in and around the Gannett Pk area, in the Wind River Range. Gannett Pk is the highest pk in Wyoming, but not technically difficult; ice axe required for pk climb. Participants must be in shape for the hike to base camp. Our itinerary is flexible to allow other pk climbing, fishing, exploring, late season crosscountry skiing. Trip size limited. Send 2 large sase to leader. Be sure to include car-pooling information, as well as ability to assist in organizing LA participants. Leader: JON FREDLAND, 7165 Salt Creek Hwy, Box 10, Casper, Wyoming 82601. W (307) 234-0547; H (307) 266-3628

ECHOS FROM THE PAST  
Ron Jones  
Five Years Ago in the SPS

Ed Wheelock, Walt Hill, Kevin and Sherry Sullivan became SPS Emblem holders #386-389 during this period. Gordon Lindberg, Glen Cooperman, Ralph Johnson and Rod Schaerer joined the SPS in 1979. Former SPS Chair, Rick Jali, was offering silk screen SPS teeshirts, red logo on white - you furnish the tee shirt, for \$2.00. Dale van Dalsem and Chuck Stein led 13 people on a Memorial Day climb of No. Palisade. Two persons climbed Polemonium & 7 climbed T-Bolt. Dave Vandervoet and Bill T Russell led a successful climb of Coyote and Angora during which Bill T redrew the USFS map of the area. Harold McFadden and Dan Warner led 7 on a formidably awesome crossing of Crown Creek enroute to Tehipite Dome and Spanish Mtn

Ten Years Ago

Joanna Stein, Bill Stein and Ben Stein joined their father as SPS members. John McKinley (last heard of by me from Salt Lake City) became emblem holder #293. George Toby led a Memorial Day climb of Mt Williamson via George Ck. Nineteen persons reached the summit. Doug Mantle and Cuno Ranschau led Pettit, Piute and Volunteer on a 4 day trip with 16,000 ft elevation gain in 60 miles. One participant joined the leaders on this excursion. Dick Ramirez and Phil Bruce led 20 people on a backpack of Olancha. Andy Smatko led 16 on a family backpack into the Silliman Lake area. Lisa Schuler (daughter of Bill) qualified for SPS membership at age 7 by climbing Silliman.

Twenty Years Ago

Trip reports for this spring period included the long approach & climb of Kern Pk from Troy Meadows on the Memorial Day holiday of 1964. Thirty climbers back packed 16 miles to base camp and 16 made the summit the next morning. Gordon MacLeod, Barbara Lilley & Sy Ossofsky hiked & Skied to Mt Goddard over the Memorial Day weekend. Birch, Black Mtn, Disappointment Pk, Mt Eisen and a Kaweah Basin collection were all successful June climbs. Meanwhile during June, Ed Lane, Arkel Erb, Sy Ossofsky, Barbara Lilley, Mike McNicholas and Mike Hiehle were preparing for a (successful) attempt of McKinley in July via the West Buttress. Sy Ossofsky, Gordon MacLeod and Ann Coolidge became emblem holders # 80-82.

Twenty Five Years Ago

Elwyn Beach (father of SPS member Dick Beach) and Bob Alleman became SPS members number 143-44. Paul Hunter, Miles Brubacher, Lyn and Helen Wright earned emblems # 31-34 in May-June of 1959. Bill Sanders, John Robinson & Al Finney led 41 on a Memorial Day climb in the Palisade Glacier area. John Wedberg led 15 on a spring ascent of Mt Humphries by 2 routes. Bud Bingham & Tom Amneus led a group of 20 up Mt Bradley from the east via Pinyon Cyn. Wood was plentiful at their camp at 10,200 ft and the group enjoyed a warm campfire. The fire was visible in Independence & several residents there called the Sheriff's office in the fear someone might be in trouble. Fortunately the party had checked in with the Sheriff before the climb & deputies assured the callers that everything was in order.

--Ron

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