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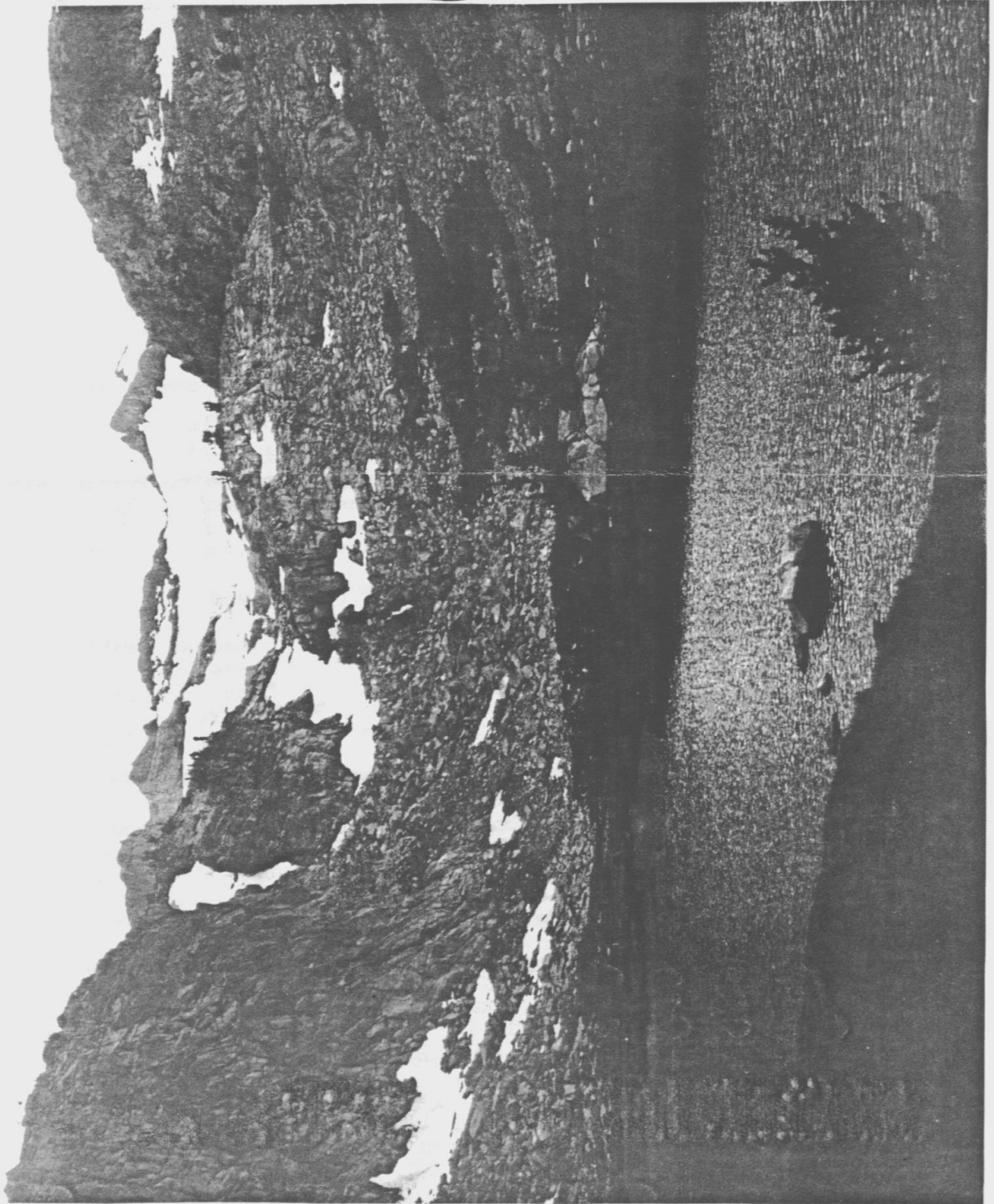
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With October, the 1985 Sierra climbing season is really winding down. I hope it has been a safe and productive one for you. Now comes that long period of not enough climbing activity to maintain the fine edge of skills and physical conditioning. The local mountains are close, and accessible year around. LTC, SPS and others offer many nav, rock and snow training and check-out activities durring the winter months. See your schedule. Send a SASE to Nancy Gordon for a copy of the LTC calendar.

With the passage of time, leaders fade from the scene. Many of you who go on trips have been developing the skills needed to be rated leaders. Go for it! The club needs you! BMTC also needs leaders and assistants. Who can better transfer knowledge and skills than those who regularly employ the basics of mountaineering in our beloved Sierras? If you can help, sign up by contacting your BMTC area chairperson: Orange county= Jeff Ross, Long Beach=Steve Pekarek, W. L.A.=Bruce Knudtson, San Fernando Valley=Sandy Gitmed & San Gabriel Valley=Ed James. Or send a SASE to MTC chairman, Ronald Fine. All addresses are in your schedule. No need to be a fully-rated leader to assist. If you are enrolled in LTP, you may assist. One more connected comment: leaders, consider putting trips appropriate for new BMTC grads in the spring and and summer schedules.

Dave D

Dave Dykeman

NOTICE - - LEADERS - - NOTICE

The trip write-up deadline for the schedule of I March through 6 July 1986 is 4 November 1985. Please submit your trips to Maris Valkass no later than 27 October so that the Management Committee has time to review them. Thank you for your continued support of SPS. --Maris

SPS WINTER SCHEDULE (1985-1986)

Nov 2-3	Fossil Falls	Ranschau, Mihaljevich
Nov 23	Stoney Point	Russell, Bradley
Jan 18-19	Ice Axe Practice	Toby, Bradley
Feb 15-16	Snow Trip	Korbut-Weberg, Rohn
Mar 8-9	Joshua Tree	Jones, Bradley

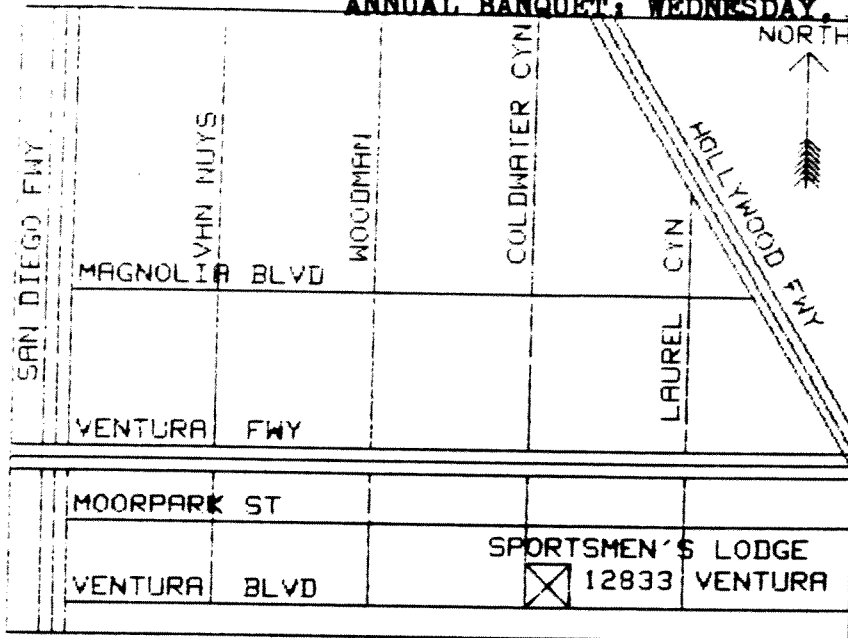
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Agassiz	Inconsolable	Red and White
Cartago	Izaak Walton	Rockhouse
Chamberlin	LeConte	Sawtooth
Finger	Lone Pine Pk.	Taylor Dome
Gardiner	Mallory	Tunemah
Goode	Newcomb	

FOUND--Down vest (blue) and REI parka (slate) at Bishop Park group camp after Sept. 21 celebration for three triple list finishers. Owner(s) may contact Jerry or Nancy Keating any evening at (714) 524-3862.

COVER PHOTO: This photo of Mt. Lyell (an SPS emblem peak) and Mt. Maclure was taken from Lyell Canyon by Vic Copelan. Thanks, Vic.

ANNUAL BANQUET, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1985



Directions:

Ventura Freeway to
Coldwater Canyon

South to Ventura Blvd.
Enter on Coldwater,
½ block N. of Ventura

SELF PARK where you can
find it or pay valet

Regency Room
The Sportmen's Lodge
12833 Ventura Blvd.
Studio City, CA 91604

Phone: (818) 984-0202 / (213) 877-9846

No-host cocktail hour: 6:30 P.M.

Beef Bourguignonne: 7:30 P.M.

Program: Vladimir Lange
"A South American High"

For reservations: Contact any
Management Committee member or

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Phone: (818) 346-3467

Cost: \$17.00 per person
make check out to
Sierra Peak Section

RSVP by December 7, 1985

Reserved tables of ten may be purchased

Some substitute main courses may be arranged

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SPS PROGRAM FOR NOVEMBER

November 13 Meeting: "Rock Climbing in Yosemite" presented by Miguel Carmona. Enjoy Miguel's account of scaling big walls in Yosemite. Refreshments. Griffith Park Auditorium. 7:30 p.m.

---LEADERS---

DON'T FORGET TO WRITE UP YOUR SUMMER TRIPS FOR THE ECHO!

PHOTOGRAPHS NEEDED

"I am a member of the Loma Prieta Peak Climbing Section who has recently completed a book that describes the history of Sierra Mountaineering. It utilizes as the main selections first hand accounts by the mountaineers who first explored and climbed in the Range.

My publisher and I have decided to include as part of the book a section of photographs of the major Sierra peaks included in my anthology. I am presently looking for good quality photographs of the following mountains:

'Mounts Dana, Lyell, Silliman, Brewer, Tyndall, Goddard, Clark, Gibbs, Ritter, Starr King, Langley, Young, Hale, Kaweah, Conness, Darwin, Wallace, Huxley, Haeckel, Spencer, Fiske, Gabb, Humphreys, Wallace, Clarence King, Woodworth, Williamson, Ericsson, Stanford, Gardiner, Keith, Bradley, Tallac, and Sill. Unicorn, Cathedral, University, Red Slate, Arrow, Junction, Matterhorn, Red-and-White, Eagle Scout, Norman Clyde, and Banner Peaks. Goat, Table, Milestone, and Laurel Mountains. Half Dome, Seven Gables, and Black Kaweah.'

I would need 5x7 black and white glossy prints (color can be printed as black and white). If you have good quality photographs of any of the preceding peaks and would be interested in having them published (full credit will be given) in an anthology entitled "Sierra Mountaineering," please let me know as soon as you can: Leonard Daughenbaugh; P.O. Box 3587; San Jose, CA 95116."

CARTAGO, SAWTOOTH

April 27-28, 1985

H. McFadden, RJ Secor

Cartago, done from the east, has a well-deserved reputation as a gruelling one-day climb. There is over 7000 feet of gain, with 5000 in soft sand; there is brush, snow, a rather obscure route, and a 3rd class summit pinnacle which can be difficult to find. Despite this, nine members of our strong group made this peak in 10 hours, 40 minutes (round trip), and seemed to have fun doing it.

The climb begins almost due west of the town of Cartago. Cars can be parked along a dirt road paralleling the L.A. aqueduct. About half way up one has very good views of Owens Lake. After about 5000 gain, there is a sort of rocky headwall which should be climbed straight on - as an attempt to go around leads to very steep, brush-infested terrain. Above this the going is easier, and one finally comes to the many-pinnacled summit plateau. The Cartago pinnacle is to be found along the southeast corner of this plateau. A rope may be useful, though our group did not need one. One pleasing aspect of this climb is that the descent is done easily and quickly in the soft sand, if one stays on route.

We carcamped at Fossil Falls Saturday evening, then set out for Sawtooth next morning from Chimney Creek Campground. The climb was not particularly interesting, as there was lots of brush and a long, monotonous ridge run. Also, some of us may have been a little tired as we neared the end of a rather strenuous, almost 10000 ft. weekend.

The definitely in-shape and genial participants on this trip included Don Weiss, Graham Breakwell, Wilson Harvey, Diane Rosentreter, Hirsh Kolp, Bob Ferguson, Eric Lowhar and Lloyd Brown.

- HM

Mt. Gardiner

May 3-5 1985

Danta, Mantle

The Gardiner trip in May was a gourmet feast, featuring wines from California and France, a predominately Italian cuisine, and two fine peak climbs.

As we ascended from Onion Valley toward Kearsarge Pass, it soon became apparent that the snow was too soft for easy travel. We used skis and climbing skins for the final ascent to the pass, and enjoyed fine downhill skiing from the pass to beyond Bullfrog lake. After a somewhat strenuous first day, we were treated to soup, Hors d'oeuvres, sauteed escargot, and tortolini with pesto sauce.

Saturday morning we carried skis downstream past Charlotte Lake and left them at the snow's edge to begin the climb of Gardiner. The climb started as scree, then transitioned to snow. We ascended to a corniced ridge where Doug stepped through the cornice, but recovered in time to enjoy an inspiring view 2000' down through the resulting hole. After reaching the lower summit, we crossed a snow chute and scrambled across the much feared "knife ridge". A rope was used by one climber. A long return down the mountain brought us to our skis, where we donned skins for the tiring slog back up the valley to camp. The effort was rewarded with a dinner of Fettuccini and clam sauce, fresh spinach salad with hot dressing, and raspberry trifle dessert, made from lady finger cakes, raspberry jam, and cool whip topping.

Sunday we skinned over Kearsarge, and after a quick scramble to get Gould, enjoyed an exhilarating ski descent and return to the cars.

The weather was sunny with cool temperatures. Snow conditions were good in the morning, with sunshine making it mushy in the afternoons.

INCONSOLABLE (OR CLOUDRIPPER) JUNE 1-2, 1985 DAVE DYKEMAN/NANCY GORDON

The group gathered at South Lake parking lot and hiked over Grunion Pass to a point above Thunder & Lightning Lake on Saturday. Our objective on the trip was to offer an outing for people not well acquainted with the SPS, and the group was largely first timers. We reached base camp on a cool & windy Saturday afternoon. With time to spare, a few of us used solar power to melt snow for drinking water. Pack covers served as collectors. In the evening, lenticular clouds foretold of worsening weather.

Sunday morning was gray and forboding with snow falling & more wind than we would like. It wasn't quite bad enough (yet) to abort the climb, so off we went. Our route took us across the south end of Thunder and Lightning Lake, up to a saddle then behind the ridge to the summit. This turned into a loose chute, requiring care not to dislodge debris on other climbers. A straighter-line route brought us back to camp during a dry period between snow showers. We packed with dispatch. While the weather continued to deteriorate, we made our way out. Under these conditions, we felt justified in following the pipeline back to South Lake. This saved distance and elevation gain. We got back to our cars just as it really began to dump. By the time we went through Cardinal, there was 2-to-3 inches of fresh slush on the road. What a first SPS trip for several of the participants! Dave D.

Al Botula, Tom Pass, Chuck Heffernan and I climbed Lone Pine Peak via the north ridge, using only the vague route description provided in the **Climber's Guide**. For the benefit of those who despair at ever making sense out of the **Guide**, (clearer?) directions for one possible route up this lengthy, interesting and not too difficult route (much of it does not exceed 4th class) follow:

Ascend the Meysan Lakes trail to the first campsite below lower Meysan Lake, cross the creek and begin climbing upward and left over scree toward some trees. Continue diagonally up and left along a series of "ledges" of various widths and through boulders until the crest of the ridge is reached. At the crest, turn right and continue upward over terrain which changes from sandy benches to easy 3rd class slabs and ends at a rock-encircled bivouac site. Keep to the left of the site, pass through a minor notch on the ridge and drop 100' down into the gully beyond. This places you at the base of Tower 1 and the beginning of 4th-5th class climbing.

Follow the gully upward for 75', then move right and upward to the crest of the ridge. Follow the crest toward an overhanging headwall which can be passed (5.2) via a small chute on the left. Beyond this headwall, the terrain eases until another headwall is encountered which can be climbed most easily (5.4) via a jamcrack/dihedral on the left. Cracks and small ledges are then followed to the top of Tower 1. From the top, cross over to the south side of the ridge and follow a contouring prominent ledge system (4th class) to a somewhat level area of sandy platforms (good bivouac site) which overlook a deep gully. Across the gully is the base of Tower 2.

The route up Tower 2 follows a line of narrow striated ledges which begin directly across from the sandy platforms. The ledges are 4th class; routes above and below them are considerably more difficult. Descend into the gully and follow the ledges for two pitches until you reach water-polished rock and can move up (5.2) into a broad gully rising to the right. Climb the gully to its head, then climb left, up and over (5.4) to easier ground. Alternately contouring and climbing (3rd class), move along the side of the ridge to the steep chute at the base of the summit headwall and climb it to a notch on the crest.

From the notch, a narrow ledge system can be seen contouring out of sight around the north side of the headwall. Gain this ledge (5.2) and follow it for four pitches past the mouth of a broad chute filled with loose rock to a small buttress. Climb up the buttress (which forms the right side of the chute) for three pitches (3rd-4th class) before moving left into the chute. Follow the chute directly upward over sand and rock-covered 3rd class ledges and boulders to the summit.

-- Bruce Knudtson

Eight cancellations in the final week prior to the trip removed any concerns about eleven participants and a permit for ten. I had hoped for a few cancellations, but that was ridiculous. Graham Breakwell, Don Weiss, and Larry Machleder met on an absolutely perfect weekend on a low snow year. With moderate peaks that participants didn't even have to climb, it makes one wonder what it takes to get people out. Who said a different leader?

In any case a small but compatible group left Sat. for New Army Pass from the Cottonwood trailhead at 7:15 a.m. Amazingly the pass was heavily corniced and persons coming from the opposite direction, stepping out near the edge could easily have fallen through to a 60' drop onto rocks (as I was about to do Monday when Don said, "Hey the footprints are over here").

We arrived at a beautiful, unspoiled, pristine campsite up Perrin Creek off Rock Creek at 8:30 p.m. Mon. on the way back we made it back to the cars at 3:30 p.m. I attribute most of the difference to the time we didn't have to spend stopping and looking at the map and terrain. The main problem is that the map is covered with squiggly lines that confuse and obscure everything.

My concern at camp was that perhaps we were in the wrong place since noone appeared ever to have camped there before. However future trips need not have that concern as we left lots of evidence of our presence.

We did the peaks on Sunday and they were quite easy, however the ridge between the peaks had some class 3 and there were no ducks to follow. I tried to remedy the situation by placing some but every time I thought I had the route, it led to a cliff. Unfortunately we descended via a different route and I couldn't complete my ducking. However the ducks and stuff we left in the morning sure helped us find our campsite that afternoon.

About the only other thing of note was that we saw an enormous brown bear on the west side of the pass above tree line and with lots of snow on the ground. Since the California bear is the Black Bear, and is never seen above tree line in a cul-de-sac, I can only presume that it's an Alaskan Brown Bear that someone deposited as a youngster for a joke. I'm sure glad I've got those peaks and never have to go back there again. L.M.

GOODE (PLUS AGASSIZ)

JUNE 22-23, 1985 DAVE DYKEMAN/VIC WONG

We met at South Lake parking lot and headed toward Bishop Lakes. We made base camp and headed for Goode in the early P.M. Every one was strong enough to make the peak easily on the first day. This was the my second trip this year meant to be an introduction to the SPS, and a substantial portion of the participants were new (or relatively new) to our organization. With the strong performance of the group, we went for Agassiz on Sunday, and were out at a very reasonable hour in the p.m. This seems to be a nearly ideal outing for an introduction to the SPS. It offers access to typical SPS peaks without being a killer for the beginner.

Dave D.

LE CONTE, MALLORY

June 8-9, 1985

McFadden, Gordon

On a very warm Saturday morning only six people showed up for this trip, though the leader had a permit for ten and over twenty had wanted to go. Which was too bad, because the weather was perfect and the climbing exceptional. The participants were Hirsh Kolp, Chris Yager, Gerald Hasson, Lynna Walker, Walt Hill, and the leaders.

Our group camped at the usual spot on the west side of the large meadow below Meysan Lake, next to a rushing stream. We were the only ones there. Most of us loafed Saturday afternoon, but Mt. Irvine beckoned to Hirsh and Gerald who started up the northeast ridge but turned back short of the summit.

On Sunday morning we left for LeConte early enough to need crampons, but not early enough to avoid soft snow as we neared the summit plateau. On the plateau we met Chris Yager, with backpack and ski poles - fresh from climbing Langley and Cirque the day before. He joined us for LeConte. We had originally intended to climb LeConte's northeast face, but too much snow made that exposed route rather hazardous. So we opted for the ledge route which traverses around the west shoulder and drops into the southwest chute. This short but challenging route is class 4, with one exposed vertical pitch of about 20 feet. We descended cautiously into the chute, using a rope, then climbed on to the summit which was close by. After lunch we descended by the same route. Once on the plateau the group divided, with some returning to camp and three going on to climb the relatively easy Mallory.

This was a fine weekend with pleasant climbing companions.

-HM

FINGER & TUNEMAH

July 4-6, 1985

Murphy/Secor

I was the sole participant on this trip. The others dropped out after expressing concerns about the distance, elevation gain, and insects. Jim was all set to charge up to the Sierra Nevada and bag the peaks when he became involved in a real-life exercise in business crisis management.

I hiked in from Wishon Reservoir on the Woodchuck Trail, over Crown Pass and up the North Fork of the Kings River to Portal Lake. The 18 miles and 5,000' of gain took me 10 hours. Firewood is scarce at Portal Lake so bring some up from the upper North Fork of the Kings if you aren't carrying a stove.

On Friday I hiked past Midway Lake and Cathedral Lake and crossed the White Divide at Pass 11,560'+. (The north facing slopes above Cathedral Lake, which offers the most direct route to Finger, were too icy to climb with tennis shoes.) I then traversed beneath the north face of Finger to Pass 11,480'+, east of Finger, and climbed the class 2 east ridge of Finger to the summit.

From Finger I descended the southeast side of the peak to Blue Canyon Creek, crossed Pass 11,046', crossed Alpine Creek and climbed Tunemah's west slope, which is really loose. The summit register needs a pencil. From the summit I could see columns of smoke rising from the Middle Fork of the Kings River, in the vicinity of Simpson Meadow.

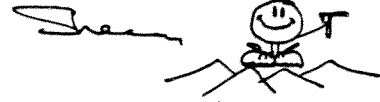
On the return to Portal Lake, I re-crossed Pass 11,046', and crossed Kettle Ridge just south of Peak 11,720'+ (this peak is 0.75 mi NW of Finger Peak). All of Friday took me 14 hours round trip.

The hike out on Saturday took me 8 hours. The whole trip involved about 50 miles of hiking and almost 12,000' of gain. The positive features of the trip included great views of Goddard, Devil's Crags, and the Palisades. And the insects weren't that bad. But "Tunemah" is supposed to be a Chinese obscenity, and I had similar thoughts as I climbed the west slope of the peak (it was mostly scree), only to find no pencil in the register.

RJS

Twenty stalwart climbers (including several BMTC students and one hiker on his first Sierra Club trip!) assembled at 7:00 a.m. Saturday at the entrance to the Horse Meadows campground, where many of us had spent Friday night, and consolidated cars for the short drive to the trailhead at Big Meadow. We left the cars there, disastrously close to a cattle-loading chute (which looked innocuous enough at the time,) and started off on a nice trail toward Manter Meadow. Note that the Kernville and Lamont Peak topos don't show the road into Big Meadow nor many of the trails; those are indicated on the Forest Service map of Sequoia National Forest, and a little clever matching of quadrangles enables you to draw the roads and new trails onto your topos. New 7½ topos of the area are supposed to be available soon; they were not yet out at the Federal Bldg. as of June. We skirted around Manter Meadow, a lovely green meadow with pretty little streams running through it, and many peaceful herds of grazing cows which is why we didn't drink from the scenic little streams (some did bring water-treatments and drink - it was a looong, hot day!) After several animated discussions about which exactly was the trail to take (several branch hither and yon at the southeast corner of the meadow) we hit on the proper trail and circled north-ish around the meadow to pick up the trail along Manter creek toward Rockhouse. The day grew hotter, we lost our nice shady trees, and continued on up to the saddle just south of Rockhouse, from whence we forged cross country north to the peak, heading slightly right (east) of the peak, and then at the top of the ridgeline, turned west and scrambled up the ridgeline to the summit. Despite having carried a rope (well, strong young participants actually carried it- thanks again, good people!) we didn't need it; the rock was dry, the handholds plentiful and stationary, and all, including several who were pretty new to third-class rock, made it up to the summit with no trouble. An enjoyable lunch on the summit, highlighted by views of the surrounding scenic Domeland Wilderness, numerous nice little domes poking up through the trees, begging to be climbed. We scouted several alternative down-routes, finally determined our ascent route was the best, and returned the way we'd come up, except for struggling through trackless chaparral/mesquite/very unfriendly brush on the way back to the saddle. The day was hot enough we were speculating whether we were hotter than Maris, who was climbing Tin the same day; later conversations confirmed they probably enjoyed cooler weather than we did! Took it slow on the way back due to the heat, and arrived at the cars to find (alas!) that the cattle-loading chute had been in use, and that several cars parked nearest the chute were besmattered with the very same reason we didn't drink out of the streams... We found a nice place in Horse Meadow Campground to park all the cars and camp in reasonable proximity; the campground had toilets and drinking water, and we enjoyed a happy hour and dinner hour, but as many were pooped from the 15-mile day and the heat, we mostly were asleep early. Sunday, joined by one more participant who'd arrived too late to join us Saturday, we headed off for Taylor, taking the trail toward Taylor Meadow, and then cutting off cross-country along the ridge line east toward Taylor Dome. After much loose side-hilling, Jay Holshuh and Susan Hanna, who needed to get home early, asked permission to sign out and try what appeared to be a shorter, more direct route from a saddle we were on, while the rest of us, following some somewhat fuzzy directions compiled from various sources, trudged on ~~along the north side of the~~ ridge. What glee when we looked up at a loud hail, and saw Jay and Susan standing on the summit, waving us toward a shorter, more direct route! Approaching the summit buttresses from the north-north-west, across a bare rocky patch, we found the "steps" that led up, on easy third class rock, to the summit. One slightly exposed spot, but again, despite having a rope, no one felt the need for it; one crack to hop over, and again, lovely views from the summit. For the descent, we decided it might be easier to go directly north down the loose, forested slopes, and pick up the Manter Meadow trail, which we did speedily. Not necessarily recommended for the ascent, however: it's steep and very loose, and would probably be a weary "2-steps-up, 1-step-back" sort of upclimb. Back to the cars by early afternoon (maybe noon?) and off for a relaxing soak in Miracle Hot Spring (off the Old Road south of Lake Isabella) and the drive home, along the scenic Lower Kern

River. Many thanks to all the helpful participants, who carried the rope, and assisted in route-finding; special thanks to Jay and Susan for the new, direct route to Taylor, and to Owen for very able assistance/co-leading, and Gene Olsen for his "unofficial" navigational assistance. Thanks also to Edna Erspamer and Dave Hammond, for getting additional permits so all who signed up could come along (though the Ranger station informed me, two days before the trip, that permit restrictions for the Domelands Wilderness had just been lifted for the season !) and thanks to all for helping make it a good trip. Special "Welcome!" to Mac Ozelton - we hope this is only the first of many Sierra Club and SPS trips for you! and "Congratulations!" to you BMTC students on your first experience trip-"you done good!"



IZAAK WALTON, RED & WHITE

6/12-14/85

ROHN/SECOR

One of the better outings in the central Sierra has to be the trek along the eastern portion of the Silver Divide with views N over Fish Creek, Horse Heaven and Cascade Valley, and S over Mono Creek, the various Recesses and in both directions all the familiar peaks beyond. Lakes below 10,400' were opening, but above 10,800' were frozen. The leaders almost distinguished themselves with another followerless hike, but Lloyd Brown came through and helped restore their faith. Incidentally, Lloyd is within ten of finishing the list.

This trip followed closely Ron Bartell's fine write-up in Echo 25-1, but differed in a few places worth noting. We struggled up McGee Creek, staying on the N side, but decided that all the brushy scrambling just wasn't worth it. Returning we followed the lower portion of the old Scheelore Mine Road, crossing above on a makeshift aspen log bridge and wading the lower crossing.

Snow was intermittent from about Big McGee lake on, wet but firm. A fine campsite was located in the second group of trees just below the trail beyond and 1200' below McGee Pass at 10,800'. Wood was plentiful, a small fireplace was available and a noisy waterfall 50' away was most convenient. Best of all, the view S over Fish Creek included most of the next day's activities, both Peaks and a large part of the route. Snow cover appeared to be about 60%.

Melting snow and soggy meadows made it hard to keep feet dry. After passing Tu lly Lake, crossing saddle 11,200' and contouring W (refer to Bartell's write-up) we proceeded directly up the E face of Izaak Walton, topping out at the summit. This was a somewhat cruddy rock scramble, but avoided a lot of snow. Placed a new register cannister and book.

Returning to saddle 11,200', RJ departed to try for Baldwin while Lloyd and Norm continued generally along the Divide toward R&W. The 11,600' saddle W of R&W, identified as Grinnell Pass in the Climber's Guide, now sports a Bronze plaque proclaiming it to be Pace Col (in memory of John D. Pace, 1943-1982). The third class ridge to the false summit and final pitch to the register were sufficiently loose to make us less than anxious to return by the same route. Instead, we traversed the summit, descending N along the Sierra Crest (R&W is at the intersection of Silver Divide and Sierra Crest) to the first small saddle. There we turned W down long snow chutes, passing still-frozen R&W lake on its N and arriving back at our camp very shortly thereafter. We felt fortunate that in spite of the beautiful warm weather and rapidly melting snow, we encountered almost no post-holing. Return to the roadhead was on the third day - uneventful, but pleasant. Register and cannister on R&W were good. Elevations from the new 7½ topos for I-W and R&W are 12,077' and 12,816'. They've both shrunk!

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