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CARTOONS are early SPS original humor selected by Ron Jones.

COVER PHOTO: SPS List Finisher Tom Ross provides us with a spectacular picture of Mt. Williamson, the Section's logo peak, for our 30TH ANNIVERSARY ECHO cover. Another of Tom's photos of Mt. Williamson graced the 20TH ANNIVERSARY ECHO cover.

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DEDICATION - IN MEMORIAM

Oh, these vast, calm, measureless mountain days, inciting at once to work and rest! Days in whose light everything seems equally divine, opening a thousand windows to show us God. Never more, however weary, should one faint by the way who gains the blessings of one mountain day; whatever his fate, long life, short life, stormy or calm, he is rich forever. ... John Muir

- Burl Parkinson and Francis Foley, killed May 2, 1959, in a fall on Boundary Peak after climbing Mt. Montgomery.
- Donald Coyle, killed June 14, 1963, in a fall on Middle Palisade.
- Niles Werner, in mid-1965, died of complications from injuries received in a train wreck in Mexico.
- Don Minter, drowned July 3, 1967, in Illilouette Creek while coming out with his father a day early from an SPS Clark Range trip.
- Chester Versteeg, died in late 1963 of natural causes.
- Anita Ossofsky, killed June 15, 1968, in a fall on Mt. McAdie.
- Wayne Inman, killed in March, 1968, in a fall on North Palisade.
- Ed Lane, killed in June 1969, in a fall near Mt. Logan.
- Charlotte Parsons, died about 1970 of natural causes.
- Wally Henry, killed April 2, 1972, in a fall on the Owens Pinnacles.
- Bob Herlihy and a companion, Bill Miller, killed in July, 1971, when lightning struck their tent along the Bishop Pass Trail.
- Norman Clyde, died December 23, 1972, of natural causes at the age of 87.
- George Jackson, died in October, 1974, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident while driving to the Sierra earlier that year.
- Paul Kellow, killed July 24, 1975, in a fall on the Swiss Matterhorn.
- Ted Maier, died January 3, 1976, of natural causes.
- Vern Stiles, killed February 7, 1976, in a fall on Mt. St. Helens.
- Graham Stephenson and rope partner, Benjamin Casasola, killed October 16, 1976, in a fall on Dunagiri Peak in Nepal.
- Arkel Erb and John Baruch, rope partners, killed October 16, 1976, in a fall on Dunagiri Peak in Nepal.
- Sheldon Moomaw and rope partner, Kes Teter, died July 29, 1978, while climbing Noshag in Afghanistan.
- Jim Jenkins, died in 1979 from an automobile accident on a return trip from the Sierra.
- Mark Hurst, died about 1979 of natural causes.
- Peter Brooks, killed in July, 1981, in a fall on Mt. Rainier.
- Tom Tindall, died in 1982 from a fall on Mt. Ritter.
- Jackie Van Dalsem, died on June 20, 1983, in an accident on Mt. McKinley.
- Carl Heller, died in July, 1985, from natural causes.
- John Leonard, died on November 9, 1985, from a climbing accident on Baboquivari Peak near Tucson.
- Don Kershaw, killed on September 14, 1986, in an accident on Disappointment Peak.

FROM THE CHAIR
by Mary Sue Miller

"And this love has voices heard by all who have ears to hear" John Muir

Frank Sanborn and John Robinson on the first officially scheduled SPS trip to Deer Mountain on May 5-6, 1956 started our love affair with the Sierra Nevada. Our evolution has paralleled the development of global interest in climbing since it was only three years earlier that Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay were the first acknowledged to stand on Mt. Everest, May 29, 1953. Norgay died in May of 1986. His statement, "The happiness came after," is one more classic quote to help explain the inexorable push to reach the summit.

The 20th annual anniversary edition of The Echo went to press the year the nation celebrated its bicentennial. Our 30th anniversary has been accompanied by a more universal event; it was the year of Halley's Comet and was duly observed by SPS'ers in March of 1986 on Ryan Mountain after a Joshua tree rock-climbing practice. And, our anniversary is concurrent with the Los Angeles Chapter's Diamond Jubilee which was celebrated by Norm Rohn and Ron Jones leading a climb to Deer Mountain in September. Granite often implies permanence and Sierra granite bestows "The Range of Light" with security for climbers and perfect days for their souls. However, the geological record and our intuition confirm the Greek historian, Heraclitus, in his statement that the only permanence is change. Our 30 years demonstrates this duality. Jerry Keating, chairperson in 1960, surveyed the section and noted a balanced interest in moderate to strenuous climbing and in technical versus non-technical climbing with a wish for more trips for beginners and for more exploratory hikes. Sound familiar?

Frank Sanborn's founding statement in 1956 stressed that our main purpose was to schedule weekend trips to the Sierra for the purpose of familiarizing Sierra Club members and others with California's premier mountains and for fostering comradeship. He reflected the underpinnings of Sierra Club philosophy by stating that our section should foster the knowledge of trails, peaks, meadows, campsites, lakes, streams, forests, valleys and the wildlife of the Sierras.

Safety standards were established early when Chuck Miller, 1958 chairperson, organized a safety policy for leaders and participants.

Technical excellence evolved from a list of star peaks compiled by Dick Jali, chairperson, 1966. This later gave birth to our Mountaineers List.

Doug Mantle, chairperson 1975, summed up our emotional response to the Sierra by his statement that we climb in the world's best setting enhanced by unique people who have found a million ways of doing and enjoying Sierra Peak climbing.

The immediate past 10 years are summed up with representative statements from the following chairpersons:

1977 - Bill T. Russell

The January-February Echo had a letter from Barbara Lilley suggesting that Shakespeare, Graveyard, Columbine and Shinn be added to The Peaks List. Subsequent letters from other SPSers supported and opposed these changes. A select review committee of Jerry Keating, chair, Gordon MacLeod and Ron Jones were appointed to propose criteria for List changes and to evaluate these particular peaks. The review committee made recommendations on criteria for List additions and for the process involved. This led to a policy and procedure adoption by The Management Committee on Peaks List changes. The review committee evaluated the four peaks against those criteria and recommended that Shinn be added to the list; it was then placed on the ballot in November 1977, but lost by a vote of 53 yes to 57 no. There has been only one other change placed on the ballot since, Cal Tech Peak, defeated in 1979.

1978 - George Toby

1978 was a very trip oriented year, with the main objectives being maintaining enjoyment and safety. Indeed safety instruction and practice was the keynote of the year. This was a heavy snow year in the Sierras with high water everywhere. Normally routine stream crossings became a real threat. The May/June Echo had a comprehensive write up on the dangers of stream crossings, plus the do's and don'ts and the art of belaying to get across. At the June SPS meeting, Doug Mantle and Company put on quite a show demonstrating how to safely belay people across an imaginary stream. Mary Gygax played the part of a tree (belay anchor of course) and Ted Pinson was the rushing waters of the stream. He grabbed all who would attempt to cross. It was very humorous. I don't recall if anyone made it across.

In July, Duane McRuer and Bob Hicks led a group of SPS'ers up Shasta, Hood, Adams, and St. Helens in the Cascades. The weather was favorable and they bagged all four peaks. That was two years before St. Helens blew its top. 1978 was a good climbing year for the SPS. No accidents. We met our safety goals. Diana Dee closed out the season at the annual banquet with her fine slide show, "Climbing In The Soviet Union".

1979 - Bob Hicks

I started the year with a concern about the size and vitality of the SPS. It turned out to be a needless concern as evidenced by a full slate of trips being led, including one to the Cascades. There were three new list finishers, 18 additional Emblem holders and the relatively new challenge of the Senior Emblem had produced 14 new holders. The SPS was then and is now, a climbing section that enhances the experiences (I decided against using the word "pleasures".) of climbing our mountains.

1980 - Gene Mauk

The Forest Service, Park Service and many SPS members took offense at a letter published in The Echo which suggested a way to circumvent the wilderness permit system. Management Committee comments to the Forest Service were instrumental in retaining an open hiking period (admittedly brief) through George Creek Canyon to Mt. Williamson. Suggestions were solicited for revising the peaks list. Several letters with good ideas were received but a preponderance of resistance to change scuttled any action. Our banquet speaker was Fred Beckey who gave a memorable program titled, "Mountains of America."

1983 - Jim Murphy

1983 was a very good year. It seems that people had discovered the personal computer and letters were flying around with everyone's pet idea. There was turnover in two management committee positions. Our summer schedule had over fifty trips; enough for an organization our size. A combination of no-shows and wilderness permit limitations contributed to several trips not being full; it seems that some people sign up early for more than one trip, causing other applicants to be told the trip is full. Is a weekend with the SPS that important? The annual banquet menu was bold; do you remember the answer to, "Pass the dessert please"?

1985 - Dave Dykeman

The chairman's position drove a basic idea home to me: The SPS is a mountaineering organization...period. For continued SPS health and vitality, we

must maintain the interest of our existing members. As time progresses old members leave the scene, and an influx of the new is required. A well-rounded outings schedule provided by a variety of leaders, new and old, is seen as the best way to meet these needs. I strove to encourage a variety of outings; trying to be an example by leading several outings, including some each year for those who may be intimidated by the (sometimes notorious) SPS reputation. This meant my climbing calendar was in the schedule for section members, would-be new members and other participants.

1986 - Mary Sue Miller

The "deep-pocket" insurance issue hit the SPS hard by almost eliminating our "raison d'être". We were restricted from leading trips above 3rd class. Our schedule for the year was reduced numerically because of this, but we compensated by encouraging paid advertisements and announcements of privately-led trips to 4th and 5th class peaks. The denouement came unexpectedly with an official announcement from Eldon Hughes, L.A. Chapter Chairperson, that the national organization had lifted the insurance ban. As of October 1, 1986, the SPS was back to the climbing routes established by our previous 30 years.

A change in Department of Water and Power policy forced us to leave our meeting place of 10 years at the DWP. We found a new home at the Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium.

Echo editor, Pat Holleman, produced this anniversary edition of The Echo along with contributing members of the management committee and the general membership.

The management committee voted to have joint meetings with the Ski Mountaineers Section. The implementation of this policy begins in January of 1987.

Jerry Keating single handedly researched and organized a display of SPS history for the Chapter Diamond Jubilee.

Major concerns continue with Forest Service permit restrictions hampering the size of trips and the availability of trail heads. Other concerns still present involve a disagreement with political entanglements generated by national Sierra Club policy. The SPS remains outings oriented.

Concomitant with that orientation, this chairperson believes in a firm commitment to the conservation and preservation principles of the Sierra Club and that respect, love and care for nature starts with the wilderness etiquette of each entrant thereto.

My grateful thanks to all who assisted me this year; the membership at large, those who gave the programs and brought the refreshments, the contributors to this issue, the indispensable outings leaders, the management committee consisting of the following members: Ron Hudson, Vice Chairperson; Harold McFadden, Treasurer; Vieve Weldon, Secretary; Larry Machleder, Program Chairperson, and to those who served appointed positions.

A quote from Duane McRuer, 1976 Chairperson, expresses my feelings for the Sierra Peaks Section: *"The love affair is lasting"*.

Mary Sue Miller

SPS OFFICERS

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>CHAIR</u>	<u>VICE CHAIR</u>	<u>SECRETARY</u>	<u>TREASURER</u>	<u>ALTERNATE</u>
1956	F. Sanborn	B. Sheller	P. Meixner	L. Scotti	F. Bressel
1957	B. Bingham	J. Robinson	B. Lilley	P. Meixner	F. Sanborn
1958	C. Miller	B. Sanders	C. Parsons	B. Lilley	J. Robinson
1959	B. Sanders	T. Amneus	M. Eide	C. Parsons	C. Miller
1960	J. Keating	F. Sanborn	B. Sanders	G. Shinn	L. Kolbig
1961	G. Shinn	L. Kolbig	J. Keating	T. Amneus	B. Bingham
1962	M. Brubacher	G. Stephenson	G. Shinn	L. Kolbig	J. Robinson
1963	T. Maier	B. Lilley	D. Evans	B. Bingham	T. Amneus
1964	J. Robinson	F. Sanborn	B. Lilley	M. Brubacher	G. Shinn
1965	A. Erb	G. Macleod	A. Smatko	E. Stegal	S. Ossofsky
1966	R. Jali	D. Scruggs	K. McNutt	G. Stephenson	G. Shinn
1967	S. Davis	R. Jali	B. Hunt	T. Maier	L. Kolbig
1968	J. Thornton	J. Robinson	D. Sykes	B. Bingham	J. Keating
1969	B. Hunt	D. Sykes	R. Jones	R. Jali	R. Beach
1970	D. Sykes	R. Jones	F. Hoepfner	B. Mason	E. Schumacher
1971	B. Mason	F. Hoepfner	H. Ory	R. Beach	I. Lieberman
1972	H. Ory	A. Fowler	B. Magnuson	P. Lipsohn	R. Magnuson
1973	P. Lipsohn	A. DeGoede	D. Dee	R. Jones	A. Fowler
1974	D. Dee	D. Mantle	W.T. Russell	G. Toby	R. Jones
1975	D. Mantle	G. Toby	T. Cardina	D. McRuer	W.T. Russell
1976	D. McRuer	C. Ranschau	C. Ranschau	B. Shultz	M. Omberg
1977	W.T. Russell	M. Brandsma	R.J. Secor	C. Ranschau	B. Schultz
1978	G. Toby	R. Jones	G. Mauk	M. Omberg	M. Muehl
1979	B. Hicks	G. Mauk	J. Hellman	T. Pinson	B. Hicks
1980	G. Mauk	B. Bradley	H. McFadden	P. Holleman	B. Bradley
1981	B. Bradley	P. Holleman	J. Murphy	B. Emerick	D. Van Dalsem
1982	P. Holleman	J. Murphy	N. Gordon	R. Bartell	M. McMannes
1983	J. Murphy	N. Gordon	K. Sullivan	M. Valkass	B. Emerick
1984	N. Gordon	D. Dykeman	B. Emerick	R. Danta	D. Dykeman
1985	D. Dykeman	M. Valkass	M.S. Miller	V. Weldon	M. Valkass
1986	M.S. Miller	R. Hudson	R. Hudson	H. McFadden	M.S. Miller
			V. Weldon		L. Machleder

SPS COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ECHO PUBLICATION (Ed./Mailer)</u>	<u>MOUNTAIN RECORDS</u>	<u>OUTINGS</u>	<u>PROGRAMS</u>	<u>SAFETY AND TRAINING</u>	<u>BANQUET</u>	<u>CONSERVATION</u>	<u>PUBLIC RELATIONS</u>	<u>MEMBERSHIP RECORDS</u>
1957	J. Robinson	M. Brubacher	R. Gaefcke			F. Sanborn P. Gentry			
1958	J. Robinson	B. Bingham	R. Gnagy		B. Sanders	M. Eide		T. Anneus	
1959	J. Keating	B. Lilley	G. Shinno		Ch. Miller	B. Parkinson		T. Hunt	
1960	A. Smitko	R. Gnagy	F. Sanborn		G. Stephenson	Ma. Brubacher	R. Jall	C.&M. Myers	
1961	M. Wheelock	J. Robinson	C. Ballard		G. Stephenson	C. Parsons	C. Gerckens		
1962	B. Bingham	S. Ossosfsky	T. Maier						
1963	E. Ostrenga	V. Sissons	L. Kolbig	M. Colevins					
1964	E. Siegal/ I. Lieberman, M. Colevins	L. Kolbig	T. Anneus	G. MacLeod		G. MacLeod	T. Anneus		
1965	E. Siegal	L. Kolbig	B. Hunt	S. Davis					
1966	J. Thornton	G. MacLeod	A. Erb	T. McNicholas		J. Shull			
1967	E. Siegal/ G. Shinno, S. Davis	G. MacLeod	A. Erb	A. Hunt	K. McNutt	A. Hunt	E. Schumacher		
1968	S. Thornton	A. Erb	B. Hunt	B. Sykes	K. McNutt	B. Sykes	R. Jall	COUNCIL	
1969	S. Forrister	A. Erb	J. Keating		J. Thornton	F. Hoepfner	A. Hunt	REPRESENTATIVE	
1970	J. Hoepfner/ I. Lieberman	A. Wester	J. Keating	H. Ory	J. Thornton				
1971	J. Hoepfner/ I. Lieberman	J. Keating	J. Robinson	Ca. Miller	M. Henry	D. Anderson			
1972	B. Dessert/ G. White	D. Lantz	J. Robinson, G. MacLeod	G. Toby	M. Rohn	Ca. Miller	A. DeGoede	I. Lieberman	
1973	G. Dessert/ G. White	D. Lantz	G. Toby	J. Keating	M. Rohn	Ca. Miller	H. Brummer		
1974	P. Lipsohn/ M. Furst	D. Lantz	D. Mantle	P. Kallow	M. Rohn	P. Kellow	F. Hoepfner	M. Berger P. Russo	D. Dee
1975	P. Lipsohn/ A. Cavalleri	D. Lantz	G. Toby	J. Cervenka	M. Rohn	B. Kabler	H. Browder	P. Russo	D. Dee
1976	M. Omberg/ A. L. Pinson	P. Lipsohn	C. Ranschau	E. Omberg	M. Rohn	B. Kabler	H. Browder	P. Russo	D. Dee
1977	M. Omberg/ A. Pinson	C. Stein	M. Brandsma	P. Butler D. Mantle	D. McRuer	B. Kabler	D. Labrecque	M. Muell	D. Dee
1978	C. Ranschau/ A. Pinson	C. Stein	R. Jones	B. Reber	D. Mantle	J. McCosker	G. Vernon	B. Hicks	D. Dee B. Magnuson
1979	C. Ranschau/ P. Holleman	C. Stein	G. Mauk	B. Reber	D. Mantle	B. McCosker	S. Sullivan	B. Bradley	C. Byington
1980	C. Ranschau/ J. Murphy	M. Stein	B. Bradley	A. Conrad	D. McRuer	R.R. McDonald	M. McMannes	D. Van Dalsem	C. Byington
1981	C. Ranschau/ S. Harsh	M. Stein	P. Holleman	L. Walker	D. Mantle	S. Sullivan	B. Reber	M. McMannes	R. Bartell
1982	C. Ranschau/ C. Ranschau/ E. Heselton	R. Johnson R. Hudson L. Hoak	J. Murphy	B. Emerick	D. McRuer	R.R. McDonald M.S. Miller	A. Pinson	B. Bradley	R. Bartell
1983	C. Ranschau/ E. Heselton	L. Hoak	M. Gordon	D. Dykeman	B. Bradley	M.S. Miller	J. Roberts	P. Holleman	R. Bartell
1984	C. Ranschau/ E. Heselton	L. Hoak	D. Dykeman	M. Valkass	B. Bradley	R. Armentrout	H.T. Russell	J. Murphy	R. Bartell
1985	P. Holleman/ E. Heselton	J. Holshuh	M. Valkass	M.S. Miller	B. Bradley	R. Armentrout	H.T. Russell	N. Gordon	R. Bartell G. Holleman
1986	P. Holleman/ E. Heselton	R.R. McDonald	R. Hudson	L. Machleder	N. Gordon	V. Grasso	H.T. Russell	D. Dykeman	G. Holleman

NORMAN CLYDE - UNIQUE MEMBER RECEIVES EMBLEM

by Jerry Keating

One of the milestones in Sierra Peaks Section history occurred October 19, 1960, at the 48th annual Angeles Chapter Banquet. At that festive gathering in the Los Angeles Breakfast Club, Norman Clyde was presented the only honorary membership and emblem ever authorized by the section.

Jerry Keating, the SPS chairman in 1960, made the presentation to the 75-year-old mountaineer who was making one of his rare visits to Los Angeles. The rosy-cheeked Clyde, speaking softly before a crowd of more than 350 persons, graciously accepted. The award acknowledged Clyde's more than 200 first ascents and other climbs in the Sierra Nevada.

Although aging, Clyde remained active in the mountains for nearly a decade. His photo, taken by Susan Thornton April 27, 1968, on a Desert Peaks Section trip led by Arkel Erb, was featured in the June 1968 issue of The Sierra Echo. He died December 23, 1972, at the age of 87, and a sketch of his colorful life was published in the January-February 1973 issue of The Echo.

Big Pine, Inyo Co., Calif., Oct. 21-60

The Sierra Peaks Section

The Sierra Club,

Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

I feel that I owe you an apology for not having made a formal acknowledgment of the honor conferred upon me at last September's banquet in the form of a Sierra Peaks medal.

By way of apology I might say that for many years I have seldom addressed a public gathering and that necessarily my all heart reply is very a brief.

You may rest assured that I duly appreciate the honor conferred and that I shall treasure the medal received.

Yours Truly,

Norman Clyde

Clyde's appearance at the 1960 banquet was memorable for all in attendance, particularly SPS'ers. They included Graham Stephenson, banquet chairman; Peggy Sullivan, mistress of ceremonies; and Lothar Kolbig and John Wedburg, who presented parts of the program. Highlight of the program was Norman Dyhrenfurth's talk and motion picture on "Solo Khumbu." Dyhrenfurth was seeking support for his expedition to Mt. Everest, which at that time had yet to be conquered by an American.

Several days later Clyde wrote the letter reproduced here to acknowledge the presentation formally.

THE FIRST SPS SCHEDULE, 1956

ORIGINAL MEMBERS OF SPS

May	5-6	Deer - Sanborn, Robinson	Frank Sanborn (Chairman)
June	2-3	Gilbert - Wallerstein, Wilkie	Bud Bingham
	9-10	Trail Peak - Sanborn, Maier	Owen Blackburn
	23-24	Matterhorn - Clarke, Bingham	Frank Bressel
	30-1	Alta - Miller, Bressel	Miles Brubacher
July	7-8	Whitney - Brubacher, Meixner	Don Clarke
	24-25	Ritter - Lieberman, Brubacher	Roger Gaefcke
	28-29	Goat - Miller, Bressel	Izzy Lieberman
August	11-12	University - Miller, Sanborn	Barbara Lilley
	18-19	Lamark, Darwin - Sheller, Scotti	Ted Maier
	25-26	Irvine - Bressel, Meixner	Pat Meixner (Gentry)
September	1-3	Williamson, Barnard, Trojan - Meixner, Stephenson	Chuck Miller
	8-9	Silliman - Bressel, Meixner	Lee Owings
	15-16	Cardinal - Bingham, Clarke	John Robinson
	22-23	Morrison - Brubacher, Lieberman	Leo Scotti
	29-30	Tunnabora - Wallerstein, Bingham	Bob Sheller
October	6-7	Rixford - Robinson	George Wallerstein
November	11	Owens - Brubacher, Meixner	John Wedberg

REMINISCENCE FROM FIRST CHAIRMAN

Sept. 29, 1985

Dear Fellow Mountaineers:

This is to call the attention of the Management Committee and general membership to the fact that the month of October, 1985 is the 30th anniversary of the "birth" of the Sierra Peaks Section of the Sierra Club's Angeles Chapter. The Angeles Chapter itself, as such, was only 5 years old, as distinct from the Southern California Chapter, when a small group of us Sierra "outlaw trippers" made our initial bylaws presentation to the Chapter Executive Committee, which were approved and the S.P.S. "baby" was born! The concept of a new Sierra Peaks Section as distinct from the Desert Peaks and Hundred Peaks Sections had been extensively discussed by us around numerous campfires (yes, we had fires in those days prior to wilderness entry permits and quotas, parking quotas, etc.) earlier that year of 1955; enthusiasm for it spread rapidly!

Among the "midwives" of the fledgling S.P.S. were BOB SELLER - PAT MEIXNER - LEO SCOTTI - FRANK BRESSEL - BARBARA LILLEY - BUD AND BEP BINGHAM - CHUCK MILLER - JERRY AND NANCY KEATING - JOHN ROBINSON - FRANK SANBORN - and others. It is very gratifying to me that the S.P.S. is now a "healthy, active adult!"

SIERRALLY YOURS,

Frank D. Sanborn

Frank D. Sanborn

PEAKS LIST HISTORY

by Bill T. Russell

Ten years ago, Miles Brubacher, a founding member of the SPS and compiler of the first published PEAKS LIST, told the story of that list in the 20th anniversary edition of the ECHO. He recalled that Frank Sanborn suggested a list of 100 qualifying peaks with a designation of 12 emblem peaks, one of which was Needham Mtn. In late 1955, Brubacher as chairman of the Mountaineering Committee compiled and published a list of 200 qualifying peaks and a set of emblem peaks that did not include Needham. In 1955, the new 15 min, 1:62,500 maps based upon post World War II surveys were hardly available, so Brubacher used auto club maps and 1:125,000 USGS maps based upon turn of the century surveys to help select the peaks.

The PEAKS LIST history is continued here. The principal source of information is the SPS file which contains all the editions of the PEAKS LIST, a complete set of ECHOS and minutes of meetings. Jerry Keating was very helpful and useful information was obtained from Ron Jones, Barbara Lilley, Duane McRuer, and John Robinson. For convenience, an edition number has been assigned to each issue from the 1st in 1955 to the 14th in 1986.

1ST EDITION, Undated, 200 Peaks *Mimeograph - three pages, single sided, 3 columns per page, probably published in Nov 1955*

The heading of this list reads:

SIERRA PEAKS SECTION
200 Qualifying Peaks List (South to North)
Chosen for Elevation Dominance of an Area and Inaccessibility

Only the peak name and elevation are given; there are no area headings, climbing difficulty classes nor map references. The most southern peak is Owens and the most northern two are Mt Elwell and Dixie Mtn. The northern Sierra is well represented but there were few from the southern Sierra. The listed emblem peaks are: Olancha, Whitney, Kaweah, Brewer, Williamson, Goddard, Darwin, Sill, Abbot, Ritter, Lyell, Matterhorn.

An article in the Jan 1956 Southern Sierran by Frank Sanborn states, "As the new year of 1956 gets underway, I take this opportunity to introduce the readers of Southern Sierran to the Angeles Chapter's newest section...To join the SPS, you must be a member of the Sierra Club and have climbed six peaks from our qualifying list of 200...Pat Meixner will furnish the PEAKS LIST upon request...We also have an emblem: to wear it, one must have climbed 10 out of 12 Emblem Peaks set up by the SPS Mountaineering Committee."

2ND EDITION, Feb 4, 1957, 216 Peaks *Purple print (Ditto machine), format like 1st ed.*

<u>Added: (20)</u>					<u>Deleted: (4)</u>
Lamont	No. Maggie	Independence	Iron	Volunteer	Pilot Knob #2
Sawtooth #1	Angora	Gould	Red	Virginia	Mammoth
Crag	Coyote	Gayley	Gray	Tallac	Dunderberg
Moses	Cirque	Baldwin	North	Genoa	Trail

There is an indication in ECHOS and minutes of SPS meetings that someone in the Forest Service suggested that the Sierra Club conduct trips in the southern Sierra and help push for the creation of what became the Golden Trout Wilderness. The SPS seems to have done so and did add southern Sierra peaks to the List in 1957 and 1958.

3RD EDITION, Mar 1957, 217 Peaks *Mimeograph, format like 1st and 2nd eds.*

An item in the April 1957 ECHO said that upon reaching the summit of Sirretta, the members of the Mountaineering Committee were so enthusiastic that they then and there added this peak to the List.

1957 EVENTS There was controversy within the SPS during the year concerning the criteria to be used in adding peaks to the List. An ECHO article labeled "EMBLEM PEAKS: REVISION OR STATUS QUO" had a forceful argument by John Robinson to make Humphreys and North Palisade emblem peaks, in part because they involved "semi-technical climbing". An argument by Frank Sanborn urged the contrary, "since our section is slanted toward those who prefer to hike or, at the most, scramble up low third class routes."

The issue was resolved by the membership in Nov 1957 when a bylaw change to make Humphreys and North Palisade emblem peaks was adopted. There were now 14 emblem peaks.

4TH EDITION, May 1958, 227 Peaks *Purple print, four pages, single sided, two columns per page*

<u>Added: (11)</u>				Deleted: (1) Donohue
Spanish Needle	Midway	Mammoth	Mt Florence	New Emblem Peaks: North Palisade Humphreys
Taylor Dome	Perkins	San Joaquin	Dunderberg	
Rockhouse	Norman Clyde	Starr King		

This edition was the first to arrange the List by region and subregion in the general scheme used in "A Climber's Guide to The High Sierra". The climbing difficulty classification was added. Some controversy can be inferred from the deletion of Mammoth and Dunderberg in 1957 and their readdition one year later. Dunderberg stayed on the List but Mammoth was again removed in 1972. Pilot Knob #2 was the only other peak that oscillated from on to off to on the List.

5TH EDITION, Jun 1959, 228 Peaks *Typeset in the June-Sept 1959 Angeles Chapter Schedule*

Added: (1) Clouds Rest

This List was also printed in the June-Sept 1961, June-Sept 1962 and July-Oct 1964 Schedules even though it had been superseded by later editions published by the SPS.

John Robinson reported in the May-June 1960 ECHO that among the 228 peaks were five that were Class 4: Thunderbolt, Humphreys, Clyde Minaret, Starr King, Cathedral

6TH EDITION, Feb 1961, 232 Peaks *Purple print, format like 4th ed., Distributed with Mar-Apr 1961 ECHO*

<u>Added: (8)</u>			Deleted: (4)
Pilot Knob #1	Johnson	Freel	Maggie
Kennedy	Three Sisters	Adams	Red Spur
Marion	Hooper		Jobs
			Dixie

7TH EDITION, Nov 1961, 234 Peaks *Mimeographed, three pages, double sided Distributed with Mar-Apr 1962 ECHO and Aug 1963 ECHO*

Added: (3) Smith, McDuffie, Rose

Deleted: (1) Genoa

8TH EDITION, May 1964, 240 Peaks *Mimeograph, format like 7th ed.*
Distributed with May-June 1964 ECHO and Apr-May 1966 ECHO

Added: (6) Cartago, Tehipite Dome, Muah, State, Homers Nose, Julius Caesar

In Jan 1964, Sunday was added to the list, according to an ECHO item, only to be deleted two months later because of severe criticism by those who promptly climbed it. The 8th edition was the first to contain some text explaining how to become an SPS member and how to attain an emblem.

Graham Stephenson in the July 1964 ECHO argued for more stability and consistency in selecting peaks and for upgrading class 1 peaks.

1965-1966-1967 EVENTS These three years were a low period for SPS record keeping. In 1965, only three issues of the ECHO were published.

In 1966, there was apparent pressure to improve the quality of the List, presumably by deleting the very easy hiking peaks and giving more emphasis to climbing. The Chairman's Corner (Dick Jali) in the Aug-Sept 1966 ECHO stated that those who had climbed 150 peaks or more were asked to:

- a. pick the best 15 peaks (which might lead to emblem peaks revision)
- b. pick 25 "Intermediate or Star Peaks which would be another class of peaks between the very large number of "ordinary" peaks and the relatively small number of Emblem Peaks"
- c. pick the best 100 peaks (which might be used to improve and curtail the list)

After receiving the lists, the Management Committee would review them to decide the next step.

In Nov 1966, the membership approved a bylaw change that deleted Sill as an emblem peak and added Split and Clarence King. The membership also rejected substituting Black Kaweah for Main Kaweah as an emblem so there was a compromise between the "climbers" and the "hikers". The 15 emblem peaks have not changed since.

In the Mar-Apr 1967 ECHO, chairman Sid Davis, announced that the outcome of the review of the best peaks was to designate 50 peaks as mountaineers peaks. The peaks that were named are the same as the present set except for substituting Charybdis for Scylla.

Sid Davis also stated that Whorl and Harrington were added to the List. He was searching for someone to type the revised list, a thing not done for another nine months.

9TH EDITION, Jan 1968, 242 Peaks *(Three versions: Jan 1968, Jan 1969, May 1971)*
Offset printing, seven pages, two sided, one column per page,
Distributed with Feb 1968 ECHO and Jun 1971 ECHO

Added: (2) Whorl, Harrington

Emblem Peaks;

Added: Split, Clarence King

Deleted: Sill

Mountaineers Peaks; Designated 50, including the 15 emblem peaks

This was the first List that gave the topo map on which each peak was located. All the maps were the 15 min, 1:62,500 series.

The Jan 1968 version erroneously omitted Black Mtn. The Jan 1969 version simply added Black to the 1968 typing.

1969 EVENT In Nov 1969, the membership changed the bylaw regarding emblem status to require 25 peaks total and one year as an SPS member. The May 1971 List stated this requirement. It was also a retyping and slight rearrangement of the Jan 1968 version.

10TH EDITION, Mar 1973, 241 Peaks *Typeset, six pages, two sided, one column, Distributed with Mar-Apr 1973 ECHO*

Added: (2) Foerster, Izaak Walton **Deleted:** (3) Haskell, Mammoth, Sherman

The 10th edition was a major improvement in visual quality. It defined the climbing difficulty classes and it also listed the classification of summit blocks when they differed from the main climb. It had two typo errors, omission of West Vidette and Cathedral.

1973 EVENT In Nov 1973, the membership changed the bylaws to require a vote of the membership to change the List. Before this time, the Management Committee controlled the List except for the emblem peaks which were named in the bylaws.

11th EDITION, Apr 1974, 242 Peaks *Like the 10th ed.*

Added: (1) Mokelumme

The errors in the 10th ed. were corrected and the new peak was added. The editor of the 10th and 11th eds. was probably Betty Dessert.

1974 AND 1975 EVENTS In Nov 1974, the membership added five peaks and deleted one and substituted Charybdis for Scylla as a mountaineers peak. It was intended to revise the published List in early 1975, but this did not get done.

In Nov 1975, the membership created the senior emblem and the peaks were regrouped into contiguous geographical areas of about equal size in order to serve the senior emblem criteria.

12TH EDITION, Jan 1976, 246 Peaks *Typeset, six pages, two sided, one column per page*

Added: (5) Whaleback, Glacier Ridge, Cotter, Pilot Knob#2, Gemini

Deleted: (1) Cross **Mountaineers Peaks:** Added: Charybdis, Deleted: Scylla

This edition regrouped the peaks into 24 geographical areas of roughly equal size. The editor for the 12th, 13th, and 14th editions was Bill T. Russell.

13TH EDITION, Jan 1981, 246 Peaks *Format like 12th ed., distributed with May-June 1981 ECHO*

New 7½ min maps that were recently issued are listed in this edition. UTM (Universal Transverse Mercator) grid coordinates are explained and given for some peaks. There was also a review and update of climbing difficulty ratings. Finally, the mountaineers peaks (35) and the emblem peaks (15) were made mutually exclusive instead of the former including the latter.

14TH EDITION, Oct 1986, 246 Peaks *Format like 13th ed., to be distributed with Jan Feb 1987 ECHO*

This edition lists many new maps and changes elevations accordingly. 91 of the peaks are now on 7½ min, 1:24,000 maps with elevation and contour intervals in meters. 80 of the peaks are on 7½ min, 1:24,000 maps with elevations and contour intervals in feet and 75 peaks remain on 15 min, 1:62,500 maps.

THE EMBLEM PEAKS

by Mary Gygax

OLANCHA PEAK (12,123')

Our southernmost emblem peak provides a technically easy climb and, as such, makes a good peak for winter ascents. The peak's name comes from a Shoshone Indian tribe which lived south of Owens Lake or possibly from a Yokut tribe called Youlanchi --- hence Olancha.

Olancha was first led May 4-5, 1957, by John Robinson. Fifty of sixty-one starters made the Class 2 summit, which lies nine and one-half miles from the roadhead.

MOUNT KAWEAH (13,802')

Mt. Kaweah was named in September 1881 when Judge William B. Wallace, Captain James Albert Wright, and Reverend F.H. Wales made the first ascent. Like Olancha, the name comes from a Yokut tribe, Kawia, who lived on the edge of the river which, like the peak, bears its name. The first ascent party named the other three peaks of the group Mt. Abert, Mt. Henry, and Mt. LeConte, but these are now known as Black, Red, and Gray Kaweah.

Bill Sanders' Echo writeup records a trip over the July Fourth Weekend, 1958.

SPLIT MOUNTAIN (14,058')

Originally, the Wheeler Survey dubbed Split Mountain Southeast Palisade. In 1895 Bolton Coit Brown renamed it: "To the north...the crest rises into a huge mountain with a double summit...which I called Split Mountain."

Bud Bingham led an SPS group on a climb of Split on September 14-15, 1957.

MOUNT GODDARD (13,568')

Mt. Goddard has dominated the history of the entire Evolution region. Early explorers were taken with the peak for a variety of reasons: it had one of the highest summits in the range; it was isolated; and its peak provided the necessary view and location conducive to triangulation in making topographic maps.

Members of the Whitney Survey viewed the peak from the south and in 1865 named it for George H. Goddard. A native of England, Goddard was a civil engineer who, in the 1850's, played an instrumental role in the geographical delineation of the state. His was the first reliable map of California which made use of all the official and private surveys executed in the first decade of American occupation.

George Wallerstein and Andy Smatko led a party of twenty-five to Goddard over the July Fourth weekend in 1957.

NORTH PALISADE (14,242')

The addition of this striking peak wrought changes in the original list of ten emblem peaks. The word "palisade" appropriately describes this striking, third highest, peak in the Sierra which dominates the rugged, awesome range that divides the Middle Fork of the Kings and the branches of the Big Pine Creek. The Palisade Glacier below its eastern rampart is the largest in the Sierra.

The California State Geological Survey originally named North Palisade in 1864. Four years later Lil A. Winchell was in the region and called it Dusy Peak, which failed to stick. Then in 1895 Professor Bolton Coit Brown renamed it

Mt. Jordan, but in the end the original North Palisade prevailed. Few approaches on this peak are easy, ranging from Class 3 to Class 5. Norman Clyde pioneered many of North Palisade's routes.

In 1959, over the Labor Day weekend, Bill Sanders and Chuck Miller led a party of nineteen to the top.

MOUNT DARWIN (13,830')

Mt. Darwin crowns the Evolution area. It was named in honor of Charles Darwin in 1895 by T. S. Solomons, who evidently admired the British exponents of evolution since he gave so many of the area's natural features related thematic names.

Darwin has long appealed to climbers because of its challenging ascent routes. John Muir probably climbed the peak in 1873, but the first ascent is credited to others in 1908. Its summit features a large plateau with a detached pinnacle on the southeast side which is the high point.

Bob Sheller and Leo Scotti led the first SPS climb from North Lake on August 18-19, 1956.

MOUNT HUMPHREYS (13,986')

Again the Whitney Survey was instrumental in naming this later addition to the emblem peaks list. The party christened this peak in honor of Andrew A. Humphreys (1810-83), who played an important role in the topographical survey of the western United States and distinguished himself as a general in the Civil War.

Although Humphreys is one of the more difficult peaks on the SPS list, with routes varying in technicality from easy 4th to good 5th class, climbers are frequently overheard to comment that Humphreys is not as bad as anticipated.

John Wedberg led the first SPS scheduled trip on June 6-7, 1959. All 15 climbers made the summit.

MOUNT ABBOT (13,715')

Abbot, accompanied by Bear Creek Spire, Dade, Gabb, and Mills, reigns over the Rock Creek area. It was named by the Whitney Survey in honor of Henry Abbot (1831-1927) who, like Humphreys, was a distinguished soldier and engineer. He was also a member of the Pacific Railroad Survey.

One of the first SPS parties to climb Abbot included Andy Smatko and Peggy Sullivan, who were on a private trip with Dr. Robert Wade and John Robinson during the last two weeks of July 1957.

MOUNT RITTER (13,157')

The Whitney Survey named this peak in honor of Karl Ritter (1779-1859), a progenitor of scientific geography. Ritter was one of the luminaries of the University of Berlin when Whitney was a student there in the 1840's. The Sierra Club's founding father, John Muir, made the first ascent in 1872 from Thousand Island Lake. His route went to the saddle between Ritter and Banner and ascended via snowfield and right-hand chute up Ritter's north wall.

On the weekend of July 14-15, 1956, Ritter fell to Miles Brubacher and Izzy Lieberman, who led a party of twenty-one SPS'ers.

MOUNT LYELL (13,114')

The highest peak in Yosemite National Park was described as an "inaccessible pinnacle" by the first party to attempt it, William H. Brewer and Charles F. Hoffmann. They named the mountain in 1863 for the English geologist, Charles

Lyeil (1797-1875). Brewer wrote that since they had previously named Mt. Dana for an eminent American geologist, the naming of a peak for a prominent English geologist was in order.

On August 31-September 2, 1957, John Robinson led a large party of forty-seven, forty-one of whom made the summit.

MATTERHORN PEAK (12,264')

Matterhorn Peak is distinguished in that it is the first emblem peak scheduled by the SPS. Originally, John Muir applied the European name to what is now Banner in 1877. However, the following year the Wheeler Survey attached the name to the present Matterhorn peak and canyon. L. Hutchinson felt that the choice of names was a poor one because there is only a faint resemblance to the original Swiss mountain.

Matterhorn was led June 23-24, 1956, by Don Clarke and Bud Bingham. Twenty-eight persons made the climb.

MOUNT CLARENCE KING (12,909')

This peak was named in 1864 by the Brewer party of the Whitney Survey for cohort Clarence King. King was drawn west by letters Brewer wrote colleagues at Yale where Clarence was a student. At the time King, a blue-blooded Rhode Islander, was twenty-one, a star athlete and outdoorsman, about to graduate and uncertain of his future career. Brewer's description fired him with enthusiasm, and he immediately packed to go west. Within three days of his arrival in San Francisco he was appointed Assistant Geologist of the Whitney Survey.

King's scientific career culminated in founding and directing the United States Geological Survey. He is also known for his Mountaineering in the Sierra Nevada, an experimental collection of essays written to see if natural history could be made into popular reading. The book was highly successful.

King's later years were unhappy ones. Because of the conventions of the times King, renowned scientist and member of exclusive clubs and learned societies, could not live openly with his wife, Ada, who was black and a former housemaid. She bore him five children, and both were seriously committed to the marriage which King's family found unacceptable. King was hit by a severe financial setback when he lost money in the Panic of 1893. Then King suffered from insanity and briefly committed himself to an asylum. Finally, he contracted tuberculosis and went west for treatment after sending his family to Canada where there was more racial tolerance.

An early SPS trip was led by Ray Van Aken and Vern Jones, September 3-5, 1960.

MOUNT BREWER (13,570')

Shouldered by North and South Guard, Brewer was first climbed on July 2, 1864, by William H. Brewer, for whom it was named, and Charles Hoffmann, a topographer. They were members of Whitney's California State Geological Survey Party. At the time, Brewer was a professor of natural sciences at the University of California.

Although Whitney headed the survey it was Brewer's authority in the field, gift for detail, and ability to organize data that contributed most to the survey's results. Among his field notes and drawings can be found little poetical aphorisms like:

*"Twixt women and wine, man's lot is to smart,
'Tis wine makes his head ache, women his heart."*

Brewer was a splendid climbing companion in that he enjoyed relaxing and sharing lager with his crew around the campfire (a true prototype SPS'er!). He was the survey's strongest member after King.

Evidently litter was a problem for California climbers a century ago as well as for modern-day mountain lovers. Brewer mentions in an address to the Appalachian Mountain Club that "When we got to the top of Shasta we found that people had been there before us. There was a liberal distribution of 'California conglomerate', a mixture of tin cans and broken bottles, a newspaper and a Methodist hymn book, a pack of cards, an empty bottle, and various other evidence of a bygone civilization." Brewer's later-day compatriots no doubt contended with the same problem when climbing the peak named in his honor.

The SPS scheduled an early trip to Brewer on August 30-September 1, 1958.

MOUNT WHITNEY (14,495')

Mt. Whitney is named for Josiah Dwight Whitney, Chief of the State Geological Survey, 1860-1874. Whitney had forbidden his subordinates to name for him what is now Mt. Hamilton. In July 1864, Whitney's assistants saw from Mt. Brewer what they correctly assumed to be the highest peak of the Sierra Nevada. On this occasion they took the privilege as discoverers and named it in honor of their chief. Clarence King in 1871 climbed the peak now named Mt. Langley, a few miles south, supposing it to be Mt. Whitney. His error was discovered two years later by W. A. Goodyear, a former member of the state survey team. King rushed west from the East Coast, but before he could get there John Lucas, Charles D. Begole, and A. H. Johnson, all of Inyo County, made the first ascent on August 18, 1873. There was an attempt to name it Fisherman's Peak in their honor (after their favorite pastime), but Mt. Whitney was firmly established in 1881 when Professor S. P. Langley occupied the summit for observations on solar heat.

The peak presents an exceptionally wide range of climbing difficulty, from Class 1 (Whitney Pass horse trail) to Class 5 (east face direct route). The first SPS scheduled trip used the Mountaineer's Route. Miles Brubacher and Pat Meixner Gentry led twenty-seven people up the snow-filled couloir on the weekend of July 7-8, 1956.

MOUNT WILLIAMSON (14,384')

Mt. Williamson was named in 1864 by Clarence King of the Whitney Survey for Robert S. Williamson of the Pacific Railroad Survey. W. L. Hunter and C. Mulholland made the first ascent via George Creek in 1884. It is reputed to have the largest base of any Sierra peak. Its northern profile graces the section's emblem. Williamson is second to Whitney in altitude in the Sierra Nevada and is one of the most imposing peaks to be seen from the Owens Valley.

Pat Meixner and Graham Stephenson led the first SPS trip of 20 up Williamson over Labor Day, 1956.

Once one climbs Williamson, the climber can always return for the Peak's "horns" or, at least, in hope of sighting bighorn sheep which range the area.

Now, go climb a mountain!

THE SENIOR EMBLEM
by Bill T. Russell

In a Management Committee meeting in late 1974, someone commented that there was a big gap between achieving the SPS emblem and climbing all the peaks on the list. Having a penchant for goals, I suggested creating a senior emblem with a 125 peak requirement or half way to list completion. Others thought that 100 would be a better number and Duane McRuer suggested requiring two peaks from each of the list's geographic areas. We got membership support for the idea, and it was put on the 1975 ballot and adopted. I then plotted all of the listed peaks on 1:250,000 scale maps, juggled boundaries, and derived the list's present geographic structure.

We discussed various senior emblem designs and costs. I had the manufacturer fill in the outer ring of the emblem pin with burgundy enamel and after discussion with many SPS members, the Management Committee adopted this version.

List completion status was also recognized in the bylaws changes voted in 1975, but a list completion pin was not adopted until 1984.

THE SPS LIST FINISHER PIN
by Nancy Gordon

While reading through the SPS Bylaws, the question arose, what does the SPS List Finisher Pin look like? I had never seen one, yet there it was in black and white: "A two year member who has climbed all of the peaks on the Peaks List.....shall be entitled to wear the Section List Completion pin." It seemed marvelously mettlesome and resolutely venturous to embark on remedying such a deplorable discrepancy; and that is why the membership was solicited for SPS List Finisher Pin design ideas in the May-June 1984 Echo.

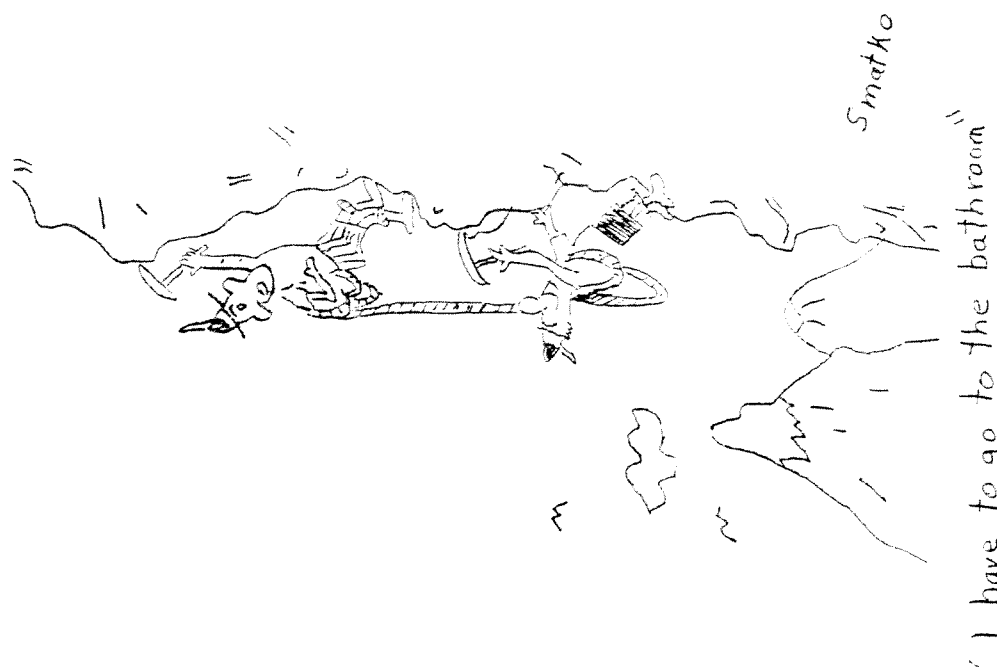
Many interesting ideas were presented along with caustic controversy and carborundum-like comments, as not every one embraced the creation of a List Finisher Pin. Undaunted and after much discussion, the SPS Management Committee ended up favoring a List Finisher Pin that consists of the Senior Emblem Pin encircled with a climbing rope and with an ice axe incorporated in the border. The decision was based primarily on the fact that the Senior Emblem Pin is very attractive and the desire to maintain a unifying appearance to all three pins---Emblem, Senior Emblem, and List Finisher Pins.



A prototype List Finisher Pin was displayed at the December 1984 SPS Banquet with space for all members attending in which to comment. Based on the enthusiastic reception with which the prototype was received, the Management Committee ordered the first pins.

175.	Isaac, John	11-10-68	232.	Lipson, Paul	9-08-71	289.	Vastlik, Joe	10-04-73
176.	Taylor, Ray	11-20-68	233.	Gladstone, Dave	9-12-71	290.	Pinson, Ted	10-73
177.	Boelers, Jay	68	234.	Hack, Joan	9-12-71	291.	Secor, R. J.	11-10-73
178.	Boelers, Donald	2	235.	Toby, George	9-14-71	292.	Lauria, Don	11-12-73
179.	Boelers, Gene	2	236.	King, Dave	9-20-71	293.	Searle, Dick	11-27-73
180.	Boelers, Jim	2	237.	Lantz, Dennis	9-20-71	294.	McKinley, John	6-18-74
181.	Hallett, Douglas	2	238.	Beach, Dick	10-01-71	295.	Machleder, Larry	7-08-74
182.	Hill, Lewis	2	239.	Benesch, Mlilosh	10-18-71	296.	Golden, Doris	8-26-74
183.	Jones, Ron	2	240.	Siemens, Helen	11-06-71	297.	McDermott, John	9-02-74
184.	Schuler, William	2	241.	Campbell, David	11-21-71	298.	Burdett, David	9-03-74
185.	Weitzul, James	2	242.	Grasso, V1	12-15-71	299.	Pinson, Anna Lou	9-05-74
186.	Riseley, Joni	6-02-69	243.	Hunt, Ann	71	300.	Erb, Jim	9-06-74
187.	Taylor, Todd	6	244.	Ellis, Kim	3-06-72	301.	Bloland, Paul	9-09-74
188.	Williams, Ray	6	245.	Mantle, Doug	3-10-72	302.	Stein, Dale	9-11-74
189.	Brubacher, Maureen	8	246.	Barnes, Ron	5-14-72	303.	Russell, Pat	9-15-74
190.	Wedberg, John	8	247.	Ramirez, Dick	6-15-72	304.	Hellman, John	9-24-74
191.	Atkman, Gerald	9-07-69	248.	Hammond, David	6-19-72	305.	Hoover, Frances	10-01-74
192.	Akawie, Carol	9-23-69	249.	Lake, Ron	7-07-72	306.	Moomaw, Sheldon	10-04-74
193.	Bausback, Brenden	9	250.	Harvey, Wilson	7-11-72	307.	Kesler, Earl	10-09-74
194.	Fleming, Ronald	9	251.	Sharp, Wes	7-11-72	308.	Baruch, John	12-12-74
195.	Erb, Ruth	10-16-69	252.	Magnuson, Barbara	7-15-72	309.	Moore, Return	12-12-74
196.	Melts, Harry	69	253.	McLean, Don	7-31-72	310.	MacIay, James	2
197.	Stephens, Howard	69	254.	Glassner, Geoffrey	8-01-72	311.	Davis, George	3
198.	Taylor, Wendy	7-05-70	255.	Hoover, Nathan	8-01-72	312.	Murphy, James	5-21-75
199.	Schnitzer, Ewald	7-06-70	256.	Beyer, Kurt	8-07-72	313.	Camphausen, Fred	6-30-75
200.	Smith, Carl	7-08-70	257.	Popper, Dan	8-28-72	314.	Hicks, Robert	7-01-75
201.	Pettijean, Bernie	7-13-70	258.	Sanford, David	8-28-72	315.	Endzins, Milda	7-30-75
202.	Pettijean, Lu	7-13-70	259.	Pedersen, Robert	9-08-72	316.	Butler, James	8-03-75
203.	White, N. P.	7-30-70	260.	Riseley, Pat	9-15-72	317.	Butler, Pat	8-03-75
204.	Cardina, Tom	8-31-70	261.	Russell, Bill T.	9-27-72	318.	Heusinkveld, Henry	8-06-75
205.	Hoover, Bill	8-31-70	262.	Young, Joe	10-08-72	319.	Nilsson, Eivor	8-17-75
206.	Neffson, Ben	8-31-70	263.	McDaniel, Frank	10-09-72	320.	Bihl, Mary	8-18-75
207.	Magnuson, Roy	8	264.	Walker, Claude	10-09-72	321.	Cervenka, James	9-02-75
208.	Riseley, Mike	9-04-70	265.	Feldmann, Bill	10	322.	Henry, Beth	9-02-75
209.	Backus, John	9-06-70	266.	Rich, Arthur	10	323.	Cavallieri, Ann	9-03-75
210.	Carlin, Rosemarie	9-07-70	267.	Riemer, Richard	11-06-72	324.	Lubin, Ed	9-03-75
211.	Goebel, Mark	9-08-70	268.	Pettijean, Jon	4-03-73	325.	Schroeder, Allen	9-07-75
212.	Snyder, Gerald	9-08-70	269.	LeClercq, Leon	7-01-73	326.	Shultz, Beverly	9-22-75
213.	Davis (Bernard), Joyce	9-13-70	270.	Brunner, Harry	7-07-73	327.	Bode, Fred	9-22-75
214.	McRuer, Duane	9-14-70	271.	Riseley, Mary	7-15-73	328.	Vasillik, Dorcas	9-22-75
215.	Keenan, Roy	9-18-70	272.	Davis, Kent	7-31-73	329.	Bruce, Phill	9-24-75
216.	Boyles, Bob	9-30-70	273.	Nathanson, Clifff	8-08-73	330.	Inskoop, Jon	9-28-75
217.	Kemper, Mary	9-30-70	274.	McCosker, Joe	8-20-73	331.	Staufner, William	9-30-75
218.	Dee, Diana	10	275.	Naves, Tom	8-25-73	332.	White, Guyneth	10-07-75
219.	Kiuth, Paul	10-13-70	276.	Ward, Roy	8-27-73	333.	Stein, Charles	10-17-75
220.	Linden, John	10-19-70	277.	Mauk, Gene	8-28-73	334.	Holladay, Delores	10-24-75
221.	Willey, Jay	11-03-70	278.	Rose, Ed	8-31-73	335.	Emerick, Robert	10-24-75
222.	Janecky, David	11-30-70	279.	Heishi, May	9-02-73	336.	Gabner, Don	5-23-76
223.	deGoede, Art	3-18-71	280.	Gedugas, J.	9-04-73	337.	Brandama, Maynard	5-30-76
224.	Treacy, Ed	6-30-71	281.	Reber, Barbara	9-05-73	338.	Olsen, Gene	7-05-76
225.	Smith, Natalie	6	282.	Akawie, Shirley	9-09-73	339.	Hurst, Mark A.	9-19-76
226.	Hubbard, George	8-15-71	283.	Gabner, Ralph	9-09-73	340.	Felderman, Keith	9-28-76
227.	Rowland, Chet	8-25-71	284.	Goetz, Larry	9-09-73	341.	Winnett, Jason	9-28-76
228.	Hoover, Vicky	9-01-71	285.	Hawkins (Nofestine), Attee	9-12-73	342.	Waggoner, John P.	10-22-76
229.	Hill, Ed	9-02-71	286.	Ranschau, Cuno	9-15-73	343.	Preyer, Ben	10-27-76
230.	Hayes, William	9-06-71	287.	Kabler, Betty	9-17-73	344.	Bartell, Ron	11-01-76
231.	Zemetra, Mike	9-07-71	288.	Kabler, Walton	9-17-73	345.		

346.	Cameron, Clifford	9/76	404.	Thompson, Robert	7/80	462.	Cook, Donn	4/85
347.	McFadden, Harold	3/77	405.	Hill, Al	7/80	463.	Koepke, Jeff	5/85
348.	Perkins, David L.	4/77	406.	Buehler, Herbert	7/80	464.	Limp, Norma	6/85
349.	Smith, George F.	5/77	407.	Yamagata, Pete	8/80	465.	Wyman, Sue	8/85
350.	Hardt, Jon	5/77	408.	Talbot, Virgil	8/80	466.	Meador, Bob	8/85
351.	Libby, Chris	6/77	409.	Vandervoet, Dave	8/80	467.	Chval, Rick	7/86
352.	Croley, Don	6/77	410.	McMannes, Mary	8/80	468.	Gerlach, Greg	6/86
353.	Marcus, David	6/77	411.	Benson, Al	8/80	469.	McDonald, Rob Roy	9/86
354.	Van Dalsem, Dale	7/77	412.	Godfrey, Geoff	9/80	470.	Lees, Melvin	9/86
355.	Abbott, Eric	7/77	413.	Winton, Hal	9/80	471.	Stephens, Joe	9/86
356.	Hellman, Mark	7/77	414.	Johnson, Ralph	10/80	472.	Santelman, Kent	10/86
357.	Lavengood, Pat	8/77	415.	Beverage, Nicky	10/80	473.	Guenther, Gary	10/86
358.	Martin, Phil	8/77	416.	Dykeman, Dave	2/81			
359.	Smith, Fran	8/77	417.	Palmer, Don	2/81			
360.	Muell, Meridee	8/77	418.	Powell, Steve	8/81			
361.	Johnson, Melvyn	8/77	419.	Rutherford, Theresa	8/81			
362.	Pospishil, Charles	8/77	420.	Gordon, Nancy	8/81			
363.	Compton, Hal	9/77	421.	Van Dalsem, Jackie	9/81			
364.	Wilkinson, Mike	9/77	422.	Miller, Jack	9/81			
365.	Holleman, Deanna	9/77	423.	Lane, June	9/81			
366.	Holleman, Gerald	9/77	424.	Lutz, Jon	9/81			
367.	Fredland, Jon	9/77	425.	Engs, Bill	9/81			
368.	Lorr, Michael	9/77	426.	Gonzales, Mario	9/81			
369.	Koshear, Jack	9/77	427.	Maloy, Owen	10/81			
370.	Vernon, Greg	10/77	428.	Jurasevich, Dave	11/81			
371.	Sparks, Don	5/78	429.	Hudson, Ron	5/82			
372.	Delano, Wendell	6/78	430.	Kluwin, Gisela	5/82			
373.	Edmondson, Jim	7/78	431.	Stough, Tina	6/82			
374.	Mauk, Steve	7/78	432.	Weiss, Don	6/82			
375.	Titus, Jay	7/78	433.	Wong, Vic	8/82			
376.	Frolli, Mark	8/78	434.	Harsh, Sherry	8/82			
377.	Fry, Tom	8/78	435.	Knute, Adrienne	9/82			
378.	Fry, Sally	8/78	436.	Armentrout, Ruth	9/82			
379.	Russell, Richard	9/78	437.	Fried, Andy	9/82			
380.	McMahon, Jane	9/78	438.	Valkass, Maris	9/82			
381.	Warner, Dan	9/78	439.	Borun, Ray	9/82			
382.	Miller, Darrell	10/78	440.	Bradley, Bill	9/82			
383.	Hoepfner, Fred	11/78	441.	Zeile, Jim	10/82			
384.	Miller, Mary Sue	12/78	442.	Mankum, Joe	10/82			
385.	Pesante, Roland	12/78	443.	Hoak, Larry	3/83			
386.	Bloland, Eric	12/78	444.	Tidball, Larry	4/83			
387.	Wheelock, Ed	5/79	445.	French, Calvin	8/83			
388.	Hill, Walt	6/79	446.	French, Louise	8/83			
389.	Sullivan, Sherry	6/79	447.	Blauvelt, Art	8/83			
390.	Sullivan, Kevin	6/79	448.	Young, Ron	9/83			
391.	Beverage, Don	8/79	449.	Farrar, Richard	8/83			
392.	Conrad, Allan	8/79	450.	Hoselton, Bob	8/83			
393.	Rosentreter, Diane	9/79	451.	Hoselton, Ella	8/83			
394.	Adams, Joe	9/79	452.	Irwin, John	8/83			
395.	Mauk, Robert	9/79	453.	Knudtsen, Bruce	9/83			
396.	Dixon, Lance	9/79	454.	Manchester, Mike	10/83			
397.	Langley, Steve	9/79	455.	Brown, Lloyd	1/84			
398.	Mihaljevich, Dan	10/79	456.	Edginton, Jane	6/84			
399.	Neuner, George	11/79	457.	Woodruff, Wayne	6/84			
400.	Anderson, Karen	11/79	458.	Erspamer, Edna	8/84			
401.	Davis, Tad	4/80	459.	Danta, Randy	8/84			
402.	Omberg, Mary	7/80	460.	Holmes, Don W.	10/84			
403.	Kutsch, Richard	7/80	461.	Henny, Vic	2/85			



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"I have to go to the bathroom"

Note: The order of names generally reflects the dates of emblem application - not necessarily the dates of the final qualifying climbs.

SENIOR EMBLEM HOLDERS

1.	Smatko, Andy	1964	51.	Petitjean, Lu	9/79
2.	Ross, Tom	1965	52.	Sanders, Bill	9/79
3.	Lilley, Barbara	1969	53.	Amnus, Tom	9/79
4.	Castel, John	8/70	54.	Davis, Sid	9/79
5.	Jones, Ron	8/71	55.	Rohn, Norman F.	9/79
6.	Keating, Jerry	9/71	56.	Machleder, Larry	9/79
7.	MacLeod, Gordon	7/72	57.	Mauk, Gene	10/79
8.	Erb, Arkel	1974	58.	Camphausen, Fred	10/79
9.	Mantle, Doug	1974	59.	Sparks, Don	6/80
10.	Treacy, Timothy	7/74	60.	Barnes, George	6/80
11.	Dee, Diana	8/74	61.	Erb, Jim	7/80
12.	Treacy, Ed	8/74	62.	Van Datssem, Dale	9/80
13.	Schuler, Bill	9/74	63.	Backus, John	1/81
14.	Magnuson, Barbara	11/74	64.	Hicks, Bob	7/81
15.	Magnuson, Roy	11/74	65.	Mcfadden, Harold	7/81
16.	Ranschau, Cuno	9/75	66.	Toby, George	8/81
17.	Cameron, Betty	6/76	67.	McKhanes, Mary	8/81
18.	Kabler, Walton	6/76	68.	Benson, Al	8/81
19.	Gnagy, Rich	8/76	69.	Hammond, David	9/81
20.	Riseley, Frank	8/76	70.	Palmer, Don	6/82
21.	Ward, Roy	9/76	71.	Dykeman, Dave	7/82
22.	Hoover, William	10/76	72.	Sullivan, Kevin	7/82
23.	Schumacher, Eric	10/76	73.	Sullivan, Sherry	7/82
24.	Hoover, Victoria	5/77	74.	Murphy, Jim	8/82
25.	Campbell, David	5/77	75.	Bradley, Bill	9/83
26.	Secor, R.J.	6/77	76.	Holladay, Delores	9/83
27.	Meyers, Frank	6/77	77.	Titus, Jay	9/83
28.	Riseley, Mike	6/77	78.	Miller, Mary Sue	7/83
29.	Hubbard, George	7/77	79.	Hudson, Ron	7/84
30.	Fletcher, Elton	7/77	80.	Dixon, Lance	8/84
31.	Hoover, Nathan	7/77	81.	Goebel, Mark	1/85
32.	Hellman, John	8/77	82.	Brown, Lloyd	1/85
33.	McRuer, Duane	8/77	83.	Pinson, Ted	9/85
34.	Akawie, Richard	9/77	84.	Gordon, Nancy	9/86
35.	Reber, Barbara	9/77			
36.	Bartell, Ron	11/77			
37.	Riseley, Jonie	6/78			
38.	Grams, Jack	7/78			
39.	Vasillik, Joe	8/78			
40.	Russell, Bill T.	9/78			
41.	Vernon, Greg	10/78			
42.	Jali, Dick	10/78			
43.	Lorr, Michael	10/78			
44.	Bihl, Mary	7/79			
45.	McDermott, John	8/79			
46.	Hollman, Deanna D.	8/79			
47.	Holleman, Gerald W.	8/79			
48.	Hoover, Frances	8/79			
49.	Petitjean, Jon	8/79			
50.	Petitjean, Bernie	8/79			

LIST FINISHERS

1.	Smatko, Andy	10/64
2.	Ross, Tom	1965
3.	Lilley, Barbara	1969
4.	Keating, Jerry	8/72
5.	MacLeod, Gordon	9/73
6.	Erb, Arkel	1974
7.	Mantle, Doug	1974
8.	Treacy, Ed	8/76
9.	Fletcher, Elton	7/77
10.	Magnuson, Roy	9/78
11.	Magnuson, Barbara	9/78
12.	Treacy, Timothy	8/79
13.	Sanders, Bill	9/79
14.	Ranschau, Cuno	10/79
15.	Schuler, Bill	7/80
16.	Vernon, Greg	6/80
17.	Grams, Jack	1981
18.	Hoover, Nathan	1981
19.	Hoover, Victoria	1981
20.	Hoover, William	1981
21.	Bartell, Ron	8/82
22.	Hoover, Frances	10/83
23.	Gnagy, Rich	8/85
24.	Rohn, Norman F.	8/85
25.	Brown, Lloyd	9/85
26.	McRuer, Duane	9/85
27.	Russell, Bill T.	9/85
28.	Secor, R.J.	10/86

SECOND TIME LIST FINISHER

1.	Mantle, Doug	9/82
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ECHOS AND RE-ECHOS FROM THIRTY YEARS
OF SIERRA CLIMBING
An Informal History of the SPS by Ron Jones

1955

The Sierra Peaks Section was organized during the summer of 1955 and officially recognized by the Angeles Chapter on October 16, 1955. Frank Sanborn, the founding father was chosen as first Chairman and Bob Sheller, Pat Meixner, Leo Scotti, Frank Bressel, Roger Gaefke, Lee Owings and John Robinson completed the first Management Committee. The first list of 200 qualifying peaks, reaching from Owens Pk in the south to peaks in the Lake Tahoe area, was selected by this committee. They also chose 12 emblem peaks ranging from Olancha to Matterhorn. Needham Mtn was considered as an emblem pk but never accepted. Monthly meetings were held in the Los Angeles Philharmonic Building near Pershing Square. By the end of 1955 the section had 38 members.

1956

The first scheduled SPS trip was led May 5-6 over Haiwee Pass to Deer Mtn with Frank Sanborn and John Robinson as co-leaders. The first emblem peak scheduled was Matterhorn on June 23-24, led by Bud Bingham and Don Clark. Other emblems scheduled that year were Whitney, Darwin, Ritter and Matterhorn. By the end of 1956 there were 6 emblem holders and 18 trips had been led, with 379 participants. Top attendance was on Owens Pk with 46 climbers, 32 of whom reached the summit. When it is remembered that the average number of trips scheduled by the Angeles Chapter into the Sierra (usually by the DPS) was only 3 prior to 1956, it can be appreciated that the SPS fulfilled its goal of opening up the Sierra. The emblem, featuring Mt Williamson, was designed by Bud Bingham. It was available early in 1957, either gold-plated (\$2.75) or gold filled (\$4.00)! In November it was decided to publish a Section newspaper, and Roger Gaefke suggested the name, SIERRA ECHO.

1957

The first Echo (Vol 1, No. 1) was issued in February 1957 with John Robinson as editor. The emblem depicted on the masthead of the first issue was individually hand colored by John in 5 colors. Also in February the Mountaineering Committee revised the peak list to 216. Peter Hunt became the youngest emblem holder at age 15, and Barbara Lilley was the first member to hold the Hundred Peaks, Desert Peaks and Sierra Peaks emblems. Sam Fink was one of the 13 new emblem holders. Eighteen trips were scheduled with 469 participants. During the year there was much discussion on the elimination of Class 3 climbs but ultimately they were retained. A special pin to be awarded for climbing all the 14,000 foot peaks in California was discussed but shelved. The SPS had members George Wallerstein, Don Clarke, Bud Bingham, and Barbara Lilley on St. Elias. In November, North Palisade and Mt. Humphreys were added as emblem peaks. The first SPS banquet was held December 4 at the Smokehouse Restaurant in Burbank (\$3.50 for prime rib). Forty-six members and guests attended to see color slides shown by George Wallerstein. Section membership rose to 69.

1958

The first SPS Safety Committee was formed with members Bill Sanders, George Wallerstein, Bob Bear, and Vern Jones setting up safety standards for SPS trips. The peak list was revised removing Donohue Pk. and adding 11 peaks including "Peak 13,956 in the Palisades" now known as Norman Clyde Peak. The new peak list total was 227. Tom Ross moved from Glendale to Independence. George Wallerstein jabbed an ice axe through his thigh during a glissade down Matterhorn in June. The first nutrition survey of Sierra restaurants was made by Mary Ann Eide. Twenty trips were led in 1958 with 446 participants. Section membership climbed to 135 with 30 emblem holders. Forty-two members and guests attended the Annual Banquet held at the Smokehouse Restaurant. Bill Dixon showed 3D slides of a mountain tour of the Andes, Canadian Rockies, and Wind River Range.

1959

In March monthly meetings were moved from the Sierra Club Headquarters downtown to the Silver Lake Playground. Chuck Miller led the first SPS-Red Cross Training Program resulting in 20 members receiving certificates. An unsuccessful attempt at forming an Angeles Chapter Mountain Rescue Group was spearheaded by SPS member John Biewener. A large SPS Bingham-roast campfire on the east side of Mt. Bradley was noticed by residents in Independence who notified the Sheriff's office. Members Bud Bingham, John Shinno, Wallerstein, Lilley, and Sy Ossofsky participated in a St. Elias climbing expedition. There were 22 scheduled trips with 477 participants. Maureen Myers climbed Mt. Williamson in street shoes because she brought 2 left boots to the roadhead. Nancy Keating accidentally broke a full wine bottle on Matterhorn after packing it 23 miles to celebrate her new emblem. Paul Cooley left his sleeping bag at the car and had to bivouac on a climb of Mt. Darwin. Section membership rose to 159 with 30 emblem holders. The Annual Banquet was held at the Silver Saddle Inn in Downey where Lothar Kolbig showed movies of climbing in the Canadian Rockies.

1960

In June monthly meetings were moved from the Silver Lake Playground to the Lemon Grove Playground where they continued to be held for 16 years. A number of members moved to Northern California this year, including Chuck and Mary Ann Miller, Frank Sanborn, and Rich Gnagy. They soon formed a Mother Lode Chapter SPS group. Sy Ossofsky, John Shinno, and Barbara Lilley climbed in British Columbia. Norman Clyde was awarded the only honorary SPS emblem yet given, at the Angeles Chapter Banquet in October. Twenty-one trips were led with 419 participants including 66 persons on a trip on the South Fork of the Kern River. The Mt. Givens trip had only one leader show up. Mt. Johnson was the only peak added to the list, and active membership totaled 116.

1961

The Mountaineering Committee revised the peak list, adding 3 peaks (Rose, McDuffie, and Smith) while deleting Genoa Pk. to bring the total to 234. Twenty-five ammunition boxes were bought from Izzy Lieberman at \$2.50 to serve as peak register containers. Arkel Erb and Mike McNicholas joined the SPS by

climbing McArdie, Irvine, Muir, Whitney, Mallory, and LeConte in one weekend. Arkel later joined Steve Rogero in climbing North Palisade and Mt. Sill in one day. Members Ossofsky, Gellerstein, and Lilley made a first ascent of Mt. McArthur in the St. Elias Range. There were 23 scheduled trips with 556 participants. The issue of keeping a climbing group together was thoroughly discussed, as some leaders seemed to have little control over their groups. Although the stronger and faster wished to go on ahead, it was noted that this was neither allowed or tolerated in other climbing clubs and was pointed out that a scheduled climb is a group activity and not a marathon race to the summit. Comradeship of the fast and the slow is one of the pleasures of an SPS outing. The Section had 144 active members with 51 emblem holders. Michael's Los Feliz Restaurant was the site of the banquet. Lothar Kolbig showed slides of his climbing in the Peruvian Andes.

1962

The ECHO started the year with a "new look" changing from a liquid duplicating or "ditto" process to mimeograph form printed on both sides of a page. A record setting 21 page issue was mailed. The idea of merging the ECHO and the DPS Newsletter was discussed with some support for the plan. A heavy snowpack from the 1961-62 winter forced cancellation of many spring trips. There was a move to make Tower Pk. the northernmost emblem peak. The price of emblem pins was \$4.50. Twenty-two trips were scheduled with 442 participants. Eighty members and guests attended the Annual Banquet at Rudi's Italian Restaurant. Leigh Ortenberger showed slides of climbing and research with the Hillary Himalaya expedition of 1961.

1963

Joint trips were held with 6 members of the Socorro Alpino de Mexico in the Palisades and Ritter areas. David Corona led the Mexican climbers. All SPS'ers were shocked by a fatality on a scheduled trip. Nonmember Don Coyle, climbing independently but near to the SPS-Mexican group, fell in the descent from Middle Palisade. A moratorium was called on all 4th class climbs and stricter safety rules were drawn up. These included the mandatory use of a sign-in sheet, a list of members approved for 3rd class climbs, and omission of meeting time and place from the writeup so that participants must contact the leader. John Wedberg initiated the use of Central Commissary on SPS trips in a climb of Triple Divide Pk. Twenty-two trips were led with 656 participants including the largest SPS turnout ever at the time, 102 people on a Labor Day trip in the Palisades Basin. Eleven ammo box registers were placed this year. Chester Versteeg, friend of the SPS and climber for more than 35 years, passed away. Mr. Versteeg ranked second to Norman Clyde in first ascents and named many Sierra Peaks including Trojan, Tunnabora, Carillon, and Thor. The Annual Banquet was held at Rudi's Italian Inn where 120 persons watched Norman Dyhrenfurth's slides on the successful American Everest expedition.

1964

An important incident occurred concerning leadership responsibility on a scheduled climb of Mt. Goddard. Several

climbers were allowed to fall several hours behind the leader. There was no sign-in sheet nor any assistant leader. As a result the Management Committee drew up a "List of Leadership Responsibilities." During the discussion a point from Freedom of the Hills was emphasized: "The larger the party and the larger the mountain, the more definite and explicit the leadership must be." The Management Committee, as a result of recent reports about one or two members unanimously passed a resolution "prohibiting the use of fireworks on all SPS trips." The SPS Mt. McKinley expedition comprising Barbara Lilley, Ed Lane, Arkel Erb, Sy Ossofsky, Mike McNicholas, and Mike Hiehle was successful. Ellen Siegal (Ossofsky) had acute appendicitis on a climb of Merriam-Royce-Julius Caesar, and Ron Jones and Arkel Erb descended 7 miles in just over an hour to summon a rescue helicopter. Twenty-five trips were scheduled with 732 participants. Seventy-one persons participated on the Hooper-Senger trip, while 68 were on the Julius Caesar trip. The list of qualifying peaks was revised to 240 with Julius Caesar, State, Muah, Cartago, Homer's Nose, Tehepite Dome, and Sunday Peak added; the last remained only a few months when it was discovered a climb of 45 minutes would reach the summit. Andy Smatko became the first climber to complete the SPS peak list. Fluorescent orange bumper stickers reading "Climb Mountains for Fun and Health" were given out by the SPS. The Annual Banquet, attended by 104 members and guests, was held at Rudi's Italian Inn. Sy Ossofsky showed slides of the SPS McKinley climb.

1965

A dedication climb of newly named Mt. Chester Versteeg was led by John Robinson. Tom Ross became the second member to finish all 240 peaks on the list. Neko Colevins, epicurean expert, prepared a climber's guide of 16 favorite restaurants en route to the Sierra.

1966

A list of qualified fourth class climbers was drawn up in the interest of safe climbing. A start was made on selecting a list of superior Sierra Peaks. The first SPS 4th class climbing trip was led by Arkel Erb to the Kearsarge Pinnacles. Mt. Sill was removed from the list of emblem peaks because of its proximity to North Pal, and Split Mountain was added.

1967

The Sierra was covered by a record snowpack in the winter of 1966-67. The SPS ECHO had a facelift and in July was printed by multilith process as it continues to the present. This process allows reproduction of photos. A list of the 50 best Mountaineer's Peaks was compiled from the votes of all members who had climbed 150 or more peaks. Fifteen members of the Socorro Alpino de Mexico, led by Guillermo Fuentes, joined an SPS group in July climbing Whitney and several other peaks. Six SPS'ers, Tom Cosgrove, Bill Hunt, Ed Lane, Tom McNicholas, Ruth and Arkel Erb, spent 3 weeks climbing in the Cordillera Blanca of Peru. Four SPS'ers, Dennis Burge, Carl Heller, Jim Nichols, and Russ Huse, climbed Mt. McKinley. Glen Lougee broke his neck in a car accident returning home from a climb of Mt. Langley. Gordon MacLeod broke his leg skiing at Mammoth.

1968

The first Woman's Backpack, led by Barbara Sykes, was held with 8 women climbing Thor Peak. Two hikers became separated from an SPS group on Mt. Williamson and descended separately down two canyons into the Owens Valley. Susan Thornton took over from Ellen Siegal as ECHO editor. Dr. W.H. Thomas, Univ. of California, enlisted the aid of the SPS in a study of "red snow" algae. Barbara Lilley presented a timesaving idea by which one can cook a foil-wrapped hot dog en route on a hot motor block of a car in 50 miles. A foil-wrapped 1/2 inch steak is done in about 100 miles. She reports that vegetables can be cooked in a pot attached to the engine manifold. Pete White and Dick Sykes showed movies of a Huascarán climb at the annual banquet held at Sir Michael's in Downey.

1969

The second annual Woman's Backpack, led by Ann Hunt, conquered Vandever Peak. Barbara Lilley became the third climber to complete the SPS peak list. Ken McNutt opened a school of climbing. Jim Jenkins saved the life of a 10-year-old girl bitten by two rattlesnakes in the Angeles National Forest. The SPS established a new category of members, called Mascots, for persons under 12 years of age. Joni and Mike Riseley were the first two Mascots, James Keating the third. The Annual Banquet was held at Sir Michael's with George Barnes showing slides of his climb of Noshaq, Afghanistan's high point.

1970

The SPS began limiting climbs in the Mt. Williamson-Mt. Baxter Bighorn Sheep Area. Three persons became separated from the SPS party on Mt. Perkins and descended the wrong canyon. ECHO subscriptions were raised from one to two dollars. Judy Hoeptner took over from Susan Forrister (Thornton) as ECHO editor. Good response was received on an SPS questionnaire. Questions receiving the highest affirmative votes from members were: Do you think the SPS should lead more exploratories--94%; should the SPS be more involved in conservation--88%; should the SPS schedule more 3rd class trips--82%; should the SPS lead more snow and ice climbs--81%. Member Bernard Hallet climbed Aconcagua. Al Fowler, Frank Riseley, Bernard Hallet, and Tim Treacy climbed Cerro Cuerno. Other party members were Roy Magnuson, Diana Dee, and Dan Austin. Andy Smatko and John Castel became the first to claim the requirements for the Senior Emblem.

1971

A 15th anniversary climb of the first scheduled SPS trip to Deer Mtn was led by Art DeGoede and Norm Rohn. The third Annual Woman's Backpack was led by Joan Hack to Smith and Crag. There was much interest in and discussion of the newly required Wilderness Permits. Also, a lengthy discussion was held on what constitutes the activity required for membership. The 3rd and 4th class climbing lists were eliminated in favor of a Mountaineer's List. Ron Jones and Jerry Keating became Senior Emblem holders #5 and 6. Bill Feldman, Rich Gnagy, Dick Beach, and Barbara Lilley were members of an expedition to Mt. Logan. The latter two made the summit. Former SPS Chairman Dick Sykes participated in a rescue on Mt. Kenya. Dick Beach and Barbara Lilley

showed slides of their Mt. Logan climb at the Annual Banquet held in the Encino Smokehouse.

1972

The Angeles Chapter Leadership Training Program had its start this year. Norman Clyde died in Big Pine at age 87. The Sierra Bighorn Sheep Area was finalized. Jerry Keating became the fourth person to complete the SPS list. Jerry finished on Table Mountain. Gordon MacLeod became Sr Emblem holder #7. Forester and Izaak Walton were added to the list; Maskel, Mammoth, and Sherman were deleted. Betty Dessert took over as ECHO editor from Judy Hoeptner. Mary Riseley was seriously injured on a private climb of Temple Crag. The Annual Banquet was held at Taix French Restaurant with Barbara Lilley and Bill Feldman showing a slide program of their climb of Mt. St. Elias.

1973

Gordon MacLeod finished the SPS peak list on a climb of Center Peak. Harvey Mudfoote recounted his memorable climb of Hogwash Mountain, the first in a series of spinetingling fiascos. The first new SPS cannister register was placed by Betty Dessert (Wallin) on Silver Peak. Mokelumne Peak was added to the list, bringing the total to 242. Barbara Lilley, Bill Feldman, and Tom Limp were members of an expedition which successfully climbed Aconcagua. Tom Frost presented an excellent program entitled "The South Face of Annapurna" to 142 members and guests at the Annual Banquet held at Taix.

1974

The winter of 1973-74 was a higher than normal snowfall year. Arkel Erb and Doug Mantle became the 6th and 7th finishers of the SPS list. Paul Lipsohn took over from Betty Dessert as ECHO editor. Tim and Ed Treacy and Barbara Lilley were among a group of California climbers ascending Mt Kilimanjaro. Roy and Barbara Magnuson, Tim and Ed Treacy and Diana Dee earned Sr Emblems, #10-15. Paul Lipsohn became the ECHO editor. The Annual Banquet was held at Taix with 120 persons seeing Dick Sykes's showing slides of climbing in the Grand Tetons and Wind River Range.

1975

Bill Russell determined that 313 SPS members had reached emblem status from 1956 to October 1974. At that time about 175 emblem holders were inactive. Section membership was 279, with 135 emblem holders. One new Sr Emblem holder this year. Tom Cardina, Diana Dee, Barbara Lilley, Horace Ory, Cuno Ranschau, Bill Sanders, Graham Stephenson, and Bill Stauffer were members of a Mt Chimborazo climbing team. Mary Omberg took over as editor of the ECHO from Paul Lipsohn. Taix Restaurant again served as the annual banquet site with 179 persons seeing Pete White and Peter Pilafian showing movies and slides of various climbs around the world.

1976

The SPS moved its meeting place from the Lemon Grove Playground to the DWP downtown in July. There was active discussion within and outside the Section on the merits of BMTC. Ed Treacy finished the SPS list on a climb of Finger Peak. Seven new Sr

Emblems this year. Graham Stevenson, Arkel Erb and John Baruck fell to their deaths in October while attempting 23,134 ft Dunagiri Pk in the Himalayas. Arkel's extensive collection of mountaineering literature (44 shelves of books plus a vast collection of journals and maps) was donated to the American Alpine Club and is now housed in the Malibu branch of the L.A. County Library. The "20th" annual banquet was celebrated at Taix Restaurant with 160 persons attending including 12 of the past 20 Chairs. Mike Graber showed slides of two summers of Alaskan climbing. A new record-sized 32 page special anniversary commemorative Echo was issued.

1977

Again there was a lot of discussion within the Section about additions to the peak list. Mt Shinn made the ballot but failed the vote. Elton Fletcher became list finisher #9, at 51, the oldest finisher to date. There were 13 new Sr Emblems including Vicky & Nate Hoover to join William from '76 and to be joined by Francis in 1979 -- 4 Senior Emblems in one family! The banquet was held at the Cockatoo Inn with 130 in attendance to hear Chris Jones give a show on The Classic Climbs.

1978

Seven to 15 climbers joined on an SPS Cascades trip with 2,350 miles of driving and 23,622 ft elevation gain to variously get Mts Shasta, Hood, Adams and St Helens. A marmot munched his way through McRuer's Cal Tech Tee shirt at camp while he was climbing Virginia Pk. Jim Erb fractured his wrist while catching a fall on a climb of Thunder. Sheldon Moomaw and Kes Teter died on the summit plateau of Noshaq in Afghanistan. Paul Lipsohn was awarded the Chapter Outings Leadership Award. Roy and Barbara Magnuson finished the list and 7 persons earned Sr Emblems. The banquet was held at the Cockatoo Inn with 143 persons watching Diana Dee show slides of climbing in the Pamirs of Russia.

1979

Cuno Ranschau finished all three climbing lists (SPS, DPS & NPS) on October 17 climbing Corcoran at 12:07am, N.Y. Butte at 1pm and Red Mtn at 9pm. Rick Jali was offering silk screen SPS tee shirts, a red logo on a white tee shirt for \$2. Mary McMannes broke her tibia and fibula but climbed Castle and Rose in a cast. The SPS recommended to the Angeles Chapter Excom that it refrain from responding to the Dept HEW concerning the composition of the L.A. County Health Services Agency. Jim Jenkins, author of Self-Propelled in the Southern Sierra, died in a highway accident in August. Tim Tracey, Bill Sanders also finished the List and there were 14 Sr Emblems awarded, the biggest year ever up to and including '86. The banquet location was moved to the Cal Tech Athenaeum where Pete White gave a film presentation on climbing in Nepal with an Everest Expedition.

1980

There was a very heavy snow pack from the winter of '79-80 with amounts up to nearly double normal. Bill Schuler and Greg "Yeti" Vernon became the 15th and 16th List finishers. There were 4 Sr Emblems awarded, bringing the total earned to 62. The

banquet was held again at the Athenaeum with 130 in attendance to see and hear Fred Beckey's program on the Mountains of America.

1981

The only ECHO ever printed on colored paper (Blue) was issued by Editor Cuno Ranschau in October. Steve Langley demonstrated the power of "masochistic persistence over acediastic self-destructiveness" in climbing Mt Dana on a Section trip while 'somewhat' out of condition. Bob Hicks sold SPS flags for \$5 and would print a tee shirt for \$3. William, Vicky and Nate Hoover finished the List (and were joined in '83 by Francis). Jack Grams, remembered for his long drives from San Diego, also finished. Seven members earned the Sr Emblem. Peter Brooks died on Mt Ranier. Many SPS members helped or attended the AAC meeting in LA. 120 people attended the annual banquet at the Athenaeum and saw Dave Beck's program on Adventure Skiing. Bob Hicks earned the Chapter Phil Bernay's award and McRuer, an outings leadership award.

1982

Doug Mantle completed the SPS list for the 2nd time in September. The revised Section bylaws were submitted to the Chapter bylaws committee for approval (in 1986 they have yet to approve them). The SPS made a strong response to the Angeles Chapter Excom against the its support of a Sierra Club endorsement of the Bilateral Nuclear Freeze Initiative. SPS members hosted 6 members of the Munich Section of the visiting German Alpine Club. Barbara Lilley and Gordon MacLeod completed the "list" of 54 Colorado Pks over 14,000 ft. A program on travel in Antarctica was given by Rick Ridgeway at our banquet at the Quiet Canon in Montebello. Bill Bradley was given an outings leadership award. Ron Bartell became list finisher #21 and 5 people got their Sr Emblems.

1983

Francis Hoover became list finisher #22 and there were 4 new Sr emblem finishers this year. A group comprised of Titus, Holmes, Bernhardt, Johnson, & Adams placed 4 persons on McKinley. Jackie van Dalsem died on a separate climb where 5 made that peak. Bad weather cancelled the first joint SPS-Forest Service picnic in Independence. John Harlin gave a program on the Tiger Direct at our banquet held at the Chevy Chase Country Club.

1984

Dick Akawie received the Sierra Club national Oliver Kehrlein award (named for the first SPS emblem holder) given for consistent high performance in the field of outings. How Bailey won the Chapter outings leadership award. Norm Rohn wore his altimeter to bed on Walt Kabler's Petit, Piute and Volunteer trip presumably to keep track of how 'high' he was that night. The design for the List Finisher pin was completed. Three people earned Sr Emblems with no list finishers. Edward Vaill gave the banquet program at the Sportsmen's Lodge, The 1st Ascent of Celestial Pk.

1985

Pat Holleman succeeded Cuno Ranchau as ECHO editor following his 7 years of punning and dedication. Rich Nagy became the oldest list finisher in June but was soon topped by Norm Rohn in August. Later that month Lloyd Brown finished. Norm joined Duane McRuer and Bill T Russell in a triple list finishers party in September with 64 attending. 3 persons earned Sr Emblems. U.S. Forestry Special Use Permits were required on Club trips in the Inyo and Sierra N.F. In October the Club was unable to find liability insurance for rock climbing and all SPS activity beyond 3rd class was cancelled. The SPS meeting place was changed to Griffith Park at the Ranger Auditorium after 8 1/2 yrs at the DWP building. October 16th was the 30th birthday of the SPS (1955-1985). Art Blauvelt and Ron Jones were given Chapter Outings awards. SPS tee shirts were being offered by Larry Machleder. Vladimir Lange presented the banquet program, A South American High at the Sportsmen's Lodge.

1986

Fourteen hikers led by Norm Rohn and Ron Jones joined in April on a repeat of the first scheduled SPS climb in 1956 of Deer Mtn. The SPS season was cut back by the lack of liability insurance by the Club for "E" rated climbs but insurance coverage was regained in October and we are looking forward to rock climbing training opportunities and "E" rated trips in the coming seasons. The Special Use Permit requirement for the Inyo National Forest was rescinded. Ruth Armentrout was hit by a rock while on Red Kaweah and sustained a broken right arm and left leg. R.J. Secor became list finisher #28 October 5 on Smith Mtn. The Section celebrated the completion of its 31st climbing season this year. The banquet was held at the Sportsman's Lodge with Burton Falk presenting a program on a Trek Around the Annapurna Massif and a Climb of Fluted Pk. A large special commemorative edition of the ECHO was issued. Happy Anniversary!

SPS MEMBERS WHO HAVE RECEIVED ANGELES CHAPTER AWARDS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Year</u>
Akowie, Dick	Special Service Award	1970	Knute, Adrienne	Special Service Award	1983
	Special Service Award	1974	Lantz, Dennis	Outings Service Award	1976
	Phil Bernays Service Award	1976	Lifsohn, Paul	Special Service Award	1974
	Outings Leadership Award	1977		Outings Leadership Award	1978
	Special Service Award	1979	Linden, John	Outings Service Award	1981
Ammeus, Tom	Special Service Award	1976	MacLeod, Gordon	Outings Service Award	1979
Andreassen, Gene	Outings Service Award	1977	Mantle, Doug	Outings Service Award	1981
Backus, John	Outings Leadership Award	1979	Mauk, Gene	Outings Service Award	1982
	Outings Service Award	1978	McCosker, Joe	Special Service Award	1980
	Outings Leadership Award	1983	McRuer, Duane	Phil Bernays Service Award	1980
Bailey, How	Special Service Award	1974		Outings Leadership Award	1973
Bernard, Randy	Outings Service Award	1985	Nilsson, Elyor	Outings Service Award	1981
Blauvelt, Art	Outings Service Award	1982	Olsen, Gene	Outings Service Award	1982
Bradley, Bill	Outings Service Award	1973	Ory, Horace	Special Service Award	1982
Campbell, Al	Special Service Award	1972	Powers, Jim	Special Service Award	1974
Carlin, Alan	Weldon Heald Conservation Award	1977	Ramirez, Dick	Special Service Award	1970
Cates, Maureen	Phil Bernays Service Award	1974	Ranschau, Cuno	Outings Service Award	1976
Collier, Bruce	Outings Service Award	1983	Reber, Barbara	Outings Service Award	1982
Crane, Bill	Special Service Award	1977	Ripley, John	Special Service Award	1983
Davis, Jay	Conservation Service Award	1976	Robinson, John	Media Award	1983
Denike, Doug	Special Service Award	1975	Rohn, Norm	Outings Service Award	1976
Dee, Diana	Outings Service Award	1985	Romero, Miriam & Ben	Conservation Service Award	1979
Dunite, Gerry	Outings Service Award	1985	Russell, Bill T.	Outings Service Award	1970
Erspamer, Edna	Outings Leadership Award	1978		Outings Leadership Award	1980
Fink, R.S. (Sam)	Outings Service Award	1982	Searle, Richard	Phil Bernays Service Award	1982
Fried, Andy	Special Service Award	1974	Shimo, George	Special Service Award	1971
Gerckens, Charles	Phil Bernays Service Award	1982	Smith, Carolyn & Ron	Special Service Award	1977
	Outings Leadership Award	1984	Sparks, Don	Conservation Service Award	1970
	Special Service Award	1977	Speik, Bob	Special Service Award	1981
Goebel, Mark	Phil Bernays Service Award	1981	Stein, Chuck	Outings Service Award	1984
Hicks, Bob	Conservation Service Award	1974	Stephens, Howard	Outings Service Award	1976
Hoepfner, Fred	Weldon Heald Conservation Award	1985		Special Award	1968
Ives, Robin	Weldon Heald Conservation Award	1968	Stockton, Les	Phil Bernays Service Award	1972
	Phil Bernays Service Award	1980	Thompson, Bob	Outings Service Award	1979
	Extraordinary Achievement Award	1984	Tidwell, Don	Outings Service Award	1980
Jeter, Tom	Special Service Award	1978	Toby, George	Special Service Award	1985
Jones, Ron	Conservation Service Award	1982	Van Cleave, Ron	Outings Service Award	1981
	Outings Service Award	1979	Wedberg, John	Outings Service Award	1983
	Outings Leadership Award	1985	Young, Joseph	Phil Bernays Service Award	1970
Keating, Jerry	Outings Leadership Award	1976		Special Service Award	1984

Note: The above list was compiled as best as possible from incomplete information. If you know of other SPS members who have received Chapter awards, please inform the SPS secretary.

FOREIGN CLIMBERS AND THE SPS

by R.J. Secor

There has been a long association of foreign mountaineers and the SPS. The most active association was between the SPS and the Socorro Alpino de Mexico, initiated in 1963 by the late Graham Stephenson. That year there were two joint trips in the Sierra; Middle Palisade on one weekend and Mt. Ritter and Banner Peak the next weekend. There was much flag waving by the six Socorro Alpino de Mexico on both of these trips. On top of Banner, they presented the SPS with an American flag, previously carried by them to the top of el Pico de Orizaba and Nevado de Toluca in Mexico. This flag and a hand-written scroll presented to the SPS at the July 1963 meeting have been entrusted to the Chair of the SPS ever since.

There was another joint trip in 1967, with SPS and Socorro Alpino de Mexico members climbing Balcony Peak, and Mt. Starr and Mt. Morgan in two separate groups. They then joined forces and climbed Mt. Whitney via the Mountaineer's Route. This last ascent is noteworthy because the party carried cement, cables and pieces of iron to the summit. There a cross was erected, dedicated to the brotherhood of mountaineers. The cross disappeared shortly afterwards; it is uncertain whether it fell victim to the elements, organized youth groups, or the National Park Service.

Later in the same year the Socorro Alpino de Mexico showed its hospitality to the SPS by hosting Sid "San Jac" Davis, Marlin Clark, and Bob Mason on the annual mass assault of Popocatepetl, held on the Sunday closest to Columbus Day. That year there were over a thousand climbers on Popocatepetl, with the flags of 57 nations. Sid carried the American flag.

The association continued through the years. In 1976, Benjamin Casasola of the Socorro Alpino de Mexico joined eight SPSers on an expedition to 23,184' Dunagiri in the Garwhal Himalaya of India. This expedition ended in tragedy when Casasola, Graham Stephenson, Arkel Erb, and John Baruch fell to their deaths returning from the summit. In the late 1970's the Vincente Guerrero Lodge was constructed at the foot of Popocatepetl, with an attached annex housing the Socorro Alpino de Mexico's rescue equipment. A plaque on the building is dedicated to the memory of these climbers.

In 1982 the DAV sent a group of youths to California to sample some of our mountains; they specifically asked the SPS to guide them up some "moderate" climbs. DAV does not necessarily stand for Disabled American Veterans, but in this case it stands for Deutschland Alpein Verein, the German Alpine Club. But "disabled" should not be completely discounted in this case, because Michael Buttner of the DAV led one member of the 1982 March of Dimes Climbing Team to the summit of Devil's Crag #1. I had fallen off of my skis earlier in the season, and I was unable to bend my left knee. But I had climbed the peak before, so I limped into and out of LeConte Canyon, providing route information to Buttner and Falk Janisch of the DAV, Mary Sue Miller and Don Hudson of the SPS. Mary Sue was the other half of the March of Dimes Climbing Team; I had accidentally rolled a boulder over her hand a few days previously. Mary Sue remained in camp while the rest of us set out for DC. Near the White Top, Falk appraised the situation and decided to remain there, providing moral support. Fortunately Michael was an excellent rock climber, and he led all of the pitches with the grace and skill that Munich rock climbers are famous for around the world. He even provided upper belays for the descent, and coiled and carried the ropes when he downclimbed the pitches.

Greg Vernon also led two other DAV members on an epic climb of the Northwest Ridge of North Palisade. But after these samplings of moderate climbs, the DAV found itself more at home in California's wine country.

Of course, there have been other foreign climbers who have participated in SPS climbs. Scott Harden of Australia climbed several Sierra peaks with the SPS in 1984. Perhaps the most famous foreign mountaineer to participate on SPS outings is Abu Jose Bani Sanchez. But a discussion of foreign climbers and the SPS would not be complete without mentioning Dave King, a Canadian.

Dave was very active in the SPS in the early 1970's. I remember that he and Doug Mantle were involved in a race to see who would finish the list first. I am not sure who won, but Dave did finish the list. Dave "joined" the SPS, but he wasn't a member of the Sierra Club, and being a member of the Club is a requirement for membership in the Section, let alone list completion status. The back room discovered this, so his name never did make it onto the honor roll. Shortly afterwards he was deported back to Canada; he never did obtain a green card, and I am not referring to a Sierra Club membership card here. But anyone who completes our list deserves our recognition. Here it is, Dave.

VARIOUS STATISTICS

EMBLEM HOLDERS

Total Number of Emblem Holders: 473

Oldest: Fred Bode, September 1975, Age 76

Youngest: Frances Hoover, October 1974, Age 11

Longest Times Between First and Last Peaks:

Rob Roy McDonald, 47+ years (Mt Ritter 31 August 1938 to Split Mtn 11 July 1986);

Daniel Popper, 40+ years (Mt. Whitney 1931 to Mt. Lyell 1972), 28 August 1972;

Three Emblems in One Day (SPS, DPS, HPS): Pat Russell, 15 September 1974

Largest Families of Emblem Holders: Riseleys (5); Akawies, Fletchers, and Hoovers (4 each)

Total Number of Senior Emblem Holders: 84

LIST FINISHERS

Total Number: 28

Shortest Time Period: Doug Mantle (1970-74)

Oldest: Norm Rohn, 66 yrs, 7 mos, 17 days

Youngest: Frances Hoover, 22 yrs, 10 mos

List Finisher Families: Hoovers (4): Bill, Vicki, Nathan, September 1981; Frances, October 1985. Magnusons (2): Barbara, Roy, September 1978

TRIPLES

Section Members Who Have Finished All Three Lists (SPS, DPS, HPS):

Andy Smatko	2/13/67	Cuno Ranschau	10/ 7/79
Arkel Erb	6/ 8/75	Doug Mantle	6/21/80
Gordon MacLeod	12/26/75	Jack Grams	9/ /81
Barbara Lilley	10/17/77	Doug Mantle	11/24/84
Jerry Keating	12/23/77	Norm Rohn	8/31/85
Roy Magnuson	9/28/78	Duane McRuer	9/20/85
Barbara Magnuson	9/28/78	Bill T. Russell	9/21/85

Three Lists in One Day : Cuno Ranschau, 7 Oct 1979

Double Triple List Finisher: Doug Mantle

THE LIST

Most Difficult Ten (as assessed by a random selection of list finishers):

Devils Crag	Mt Humphreys	Starr King
Norman Clyde Pk	North Palisade	Black Kaweah
Disappointment Pk	Thunderbolt	Clyde Minaret
	Clarence King	

Qualifying Peaks Breakdown:

Class 1	50	(1 with Class 3 summit block)
Class 2	139	(3 S-3, 2 S-4, 1 S-5)
Class 3	50	(3 S-4)
Class 4	6	(2 S-5)
Class 5	1	
	246	

SIERRA CLIMBS AND HAPPENINGS

Most Peaks:

One Day: 5 (Pickering, Joe Devel, Guyot, Chamberlin, Newcomb) by Wally Henry, Jerry Keating, Roy Michel, and Don Rappole, 4 July 1966;
by Cuno Ranschau, Bernard Hallet, Peter Brooks;
5 (Gould, Dragon, Black, Rixford, Bago) by Ron Jones, August 1966 (from the roadhead);

Season: 87, Greg Vernon. Also notable: 85, Arkel Erb; 84, Doug Mantle.

Career: 1,000+, including 200+ first ascents (from Baja to the Yukon), Norman Clyde

Most Gain in Day Hike: Dick May (& dog), 10,700', Cardinal, Striped, and Goodale;

Most Gain in Day with Backpack Segments: Ron Jones, 10,100', Whitney Portal to Whitney, to Whitney-Russell Col, up Russell, to Tunnabora, Carillon, and up Russell again to the Whitney-Russell Col.

Most Mileage, Weekend: Doug Mantle, 51 miles including ascents of Vandever, Florence, Angora, and Coyote

Largest Group: 124 participants for Smith and Crag, April 1964, Dick Jali, Head Keeper.

Most Different Names on Peak Sign-ins: Mary Sue (Meade, Jones, Miller)

Most Lost/Stolen Equipment (Trip): 2 bollards, 1 boot, 2 carabiner gates, 1 buddy, by H. Mudfoot, Mt. Pincher, 17-18 February 1973.

Most En-Route Traffic Tickets (Season): 3, Mark Goebel, 1974

Senior Emblem Without Ever Driving Own Car: Nancy Gordon, 1986

Most Expensive Items Left on Peak: Hasselblad camera system with moonviewing telephoto attachment, by Ab Seiler on Caltech Peak, 20 July 1969.

Duane McRuer, October 1986

MOUNTAIN RECORDS — 1982 THROUGH 1986

By Rob Roy McDonald

The partial results of an analysis of SPS mountain records are given below for your amusement, for your amazement, for help in planning trips or for your boredom. The period 1982 through 1986 has been chosen because the records prior to 1982 have not been located. In some instances where no trip sign-in sheet was returned and no Echo trip report was submitted, an attempt has been made to contact trip leaders or participants. If the attempt was unsuccessful, the trip is counted as "cancelled or otherwise unsuccessful". Because of the passage of time there is probably a bias for greater accuracy in the latter part of the period. Only SPS trips to listed SPS peaks have been included.

During the 1982-1986 period 339 trips were scheduled to climb 806 peaks. 581 peaks were climbed, a 72% success ratio. If each person reaching the top of each peak is counted as one ascent, 3971 ascents were made. 1982 has the distinction of having the most trips scheduled (79), but the most peaks (196) were scheduled in 1984. Also in 1984 the most peaks (157) were climbed although the most ascents (894) occurred in 1982.

PEAKS SCHEDULED

Peaks most often scheduled and the number of times they were scheduled:

<i>**North Palisade</i>	8	<i>*Mt. McAdie</i>	7
<i>Mt. Perkins</i>	8	<i>*Norman Clyde Peak</i>	7
<i>Taylor Dome</i>	8	<i>Recess Peak</i>	7
<i>*Clyde Minaret</i>	7	<i>Thor Peak</i>	7
<i>Mt. Corcoran</i>	7	<i>Mt. Wallace</i>	7
<i>Mt. Haeckel</i>	7	<i>West Vidette</i>	7
<i>*Mt. LeConte</i>	7		

11 peaks were not scheduled during this period including 5 northern peaks - *Dicks peak, Granite Chief, Mt. Tallac, Tinker Knob and Mt. Warren*; as well as *Mt. Goethe, Kern Peak, Mt. Prater, Three Sisters* and two mountaineer's peaks - *The Hermit and Mt. Morrison*.

PEAKS CLIMBED

Peaks climbed most frequently include *Mt. Haeckel* and *Mt. Wallace* with 7 each, and *Clyde Minaret, Mt. Corcoran, Mt. LeConte*, and *Mt. Whitney* with 5 each.

At the other end of the scale, 8 peaks were scheduled but not climbed including an emblem peak, *Mt. Goddard*, and 3 peaks that were scheduled two or more times - *Kearsarge Peak, Pilot Knob #1 and Pilot Knob #2*.

LARGEST NUMBER OF ASCENTS

Peaks climbed by the most people during the period are listed below with the total number of ascents for each:

<i>Taylor Dome</i>	100	<i>Moses Mountain</i>	54
<i>Mt. Haeckel</i>	65	<i>North Maggie</i>	52
<i>Mt. Wallace</i>	65	<i>*Mt. LeConte</i>	51
<i>**Mt. Whitney</i>	61	<i>Crag Peak</i>	49
<i>Smith Mountain</i>	60	<i>The Thumb</i>	42
<i>Mt. Goode</i>	55	<i>**Hatterhorn Peak</i>	41

MOST PEOPLE REACHING SUMMIT ON A SINGLE TRIP

Peaks which had the most people on top during a single trip are shown below along with the number of climbers, the date of the trip and the leaders:

- <i>Smith Mountain</i>	45	10/5/86	Dave Dykeman/Don Borad
<i>Mt. Goode</i>	41	9/21/85	Bill T. Russell/Pat Russell
<i>Taylor Dome</i>	35	10/26/86	Igor Mamedalin/Ron Jones
<i>Crag Peak</i>	31	10/4/86	Dave Dykeman/Don Borad
<i>Florence Peak</i>	26	10/29/83	Ron Jones/Maris Valkass
<i>Alta Peak</i>	23	9/27/86	Dave Dykeman/Sherry Harsh
* <i>Mt. McAdie</i>	23	5/17-18/86	Dave Dykeman/Nancy Gordan
<i>Owens Peak</i>	20	10/29/83	Bill Bradley/Barbara Reber
<i>Rockhouse Peak</i>	20	6/15/85	Sherry Harsh/Owen Maloy
** <i>Mt. Whitney</i>	20	8/23/86	Frank Dobos/Gerry Dunie

(Note 1: 16 climbed *Mt. McAdie* on 5/17/86 and 7 climbed it on 5/18/86)

(Note 2: R.J.Secor finished the list on *Smith* and Bill T.Russell on *Goode*)

ACTIVITY ON EMBLEM PEAKS

Emblem peaks most scheduled and the number of times scheduled were:

<i>North Palisade</i>	8	<i>Mt. Williamson</i>	6
<i>Mt. Whitney</i>	7	<i>Mt. Abbot</i>	6

Emblem peaks least often scheduled were:

<i>Mt. Goddard</i>	1	<i>Mt. Kaweah</i>	2
<i>Mt. Humphreys</i>	2		

Emblem Peaks most often climbed were:

<i>Mt. Whitney</i>	6	<i>Matterhorn Peak</i>	4
<i>Mt. Williamson</i>	5	<i>Mt. Abbot</i>	4

Least number of successful trips:

<i>Mt. Goddard</i>	0	<i>Mt. Brewer</i>	1
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Most on top during one trip:

<i>Mt. Whitney</i>	20	8/23/86	Frank Dobos/Gerry Dunie
<i>Olancho Peak</i>	17	5/23/82	Jerry Keating/Walt Whisman
<i>Matterhorn Peak</i>	15	8/14/82	Jay Suehiro/Art Blauvelt

Most people on top during 5 year period:

<i>Mt. Whitney</i>	61	<i>Olancho Peak</i>	40
<i>Matterhorn Peak</i>	41	<i>Mt. Williamson</i>	34

ACTIVITY ON MOUNTAINEER'S PEAKS

Mountaineer's Peaks most often scheduled and the number of times scheduled were:

<i>Clyde Minaret</i>	7	<i>Norman Clyde Peak</i>	7
<i>Mt. LeConte</i>	7	<i>Junction Peak</i>	5
<i>Mt. McAdie</i>	7	<i>Tower Peak</i>	6

Those least often scheduled were:

<i>The Hermit</i>	0	<i>Devils Crag</i>	2
<i>Mt. Morrison</i>	0	<i>Mt. McDuffie</i>	2

<i>Tehipite Dome</i>	1	<i>Milestone Mountain</i>	2
<i>Cathedral Peak</i>	2	<i>Table Mountain</i>	2
<i>Charybdis</i>	2	<i>Thunder Mountain</i>	2

Most often climbed were:

<i>Clyde Minaret</i>	6	<i>Junction Peak</i>	4
<i>Mt. LeConte</i>	6	<i>Norman Clyde Peak</i>	4

Least number of successful trips:

<i>Charybdis</i>	1	<i>Tehipite Dome</i>	1
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Most on top during one trip:

<i>Mt. McAdie</i>	23	5/17-18/86	Dave Dykeman/Nancy Gordan
<i>Cathedral Peak</i>	18	5/31/82	Ron Jones/Bill Bradley
<i>Mt. LeConte</i>	18	9/16/84	Mark Goebel/Kathy Crandall
<i>Red Slate</i>	15	8/19/84	Chuck Stein/Al Conrad
<i>Bear Creek Spire</i>	12	8/14/82	Vic Wong/Nancy Gordan
<i>Mt. Starr King</i>	11	10/6/84	Maris Valkass/Bruce Knudtson
<i>Tower Peak</i>	10	7/5/86	Dave Dykeman/Nancy Gordan

Mountaineer's peaks with most people on top throughout the period:

<i>Mt. LeConte</i>	51	<i>Mt. McAdie</i>	30
<i>Red Slate</i>	37	<i>Clyde Minaret</i>	30

GEE WHIZ DEPARTMENT

Did you know that although *North Palisade* was scheduled 8 times during the period (only a 4 year period as 4th class peaks could not be scheduled during 1986), it was climbed successfully only twice?

On August 25, 1984 Bruce Gubersky and Randy Danta led a party to the top of *North Palisade*. Eight people made the peak.

Then on August 10, 1985 Ron Jones and Maris Valkass led a group to the summit. Nine persons made it to the top this time.

COMMENTS

You may read this and say "That isn't right!" Quite possible. For some trips no data are available because of no Echo write-up and no sign-in sheet. If you find any errors or omissions for any trips for which you have knowledge, please let me know and I'll correct the records.

I take full responsibility for any errors due the number crunching.

My thanks to all the leaders who conscientiously reported the results of their trips, the conditions of the summit registers and to those who carried new canisters and notebooks when asked. My apologies to those who carried a heavy canister all the way up only to find that it wasn't needed. (Please report placement of any canister or notebook promptly to avoid this problem in the future).

My special thanks to the Mountain Records Keepers for 1982 through 1985 - Ralph Johnson, Ron Hudson, Larry Hoak and Jay Holshuh for organizing and maintaining our SPS Mountain Records.

But remember one thing about all these numbers and records - the quality and enjoyment of any climb is determined by the rock, the snow, the weather and especially by the people and not by records.

"The Legend and Lore of the SPS" by Mary McMannes

One starry, starry night in the shadows of the Great Kaweahs, climbing comrade, Don-the-Ridge-Comber Sparks and I shared a campfire with a convivial group of growing-older-but-no-less spunky Senior Citizens. Telling us first that they and their donkey-band were a Sierra Club National Trip, they then cordially invited us to a dinner that made our freeze-dried lasagna crawl to a deeper corner of our backpacks in shame. And in the ancient tradition of visitors invited to gala banquets, Don and I regaled them with stories of our great Sierra and the climbers who peopled the massif granites. We not only told the legends of Norman Clyde, Clarence King, Joseph LeConte..but even wilder tales of the likes of Mantle, Ranschau, Gyax, Secor, Lilley, MacLeod and so on.

I told Don we needed to have an accompanying guitar to sing our epic legends, but he said it would have been an over-kill. Nevertheless, our listeners' eyes sparkled, their eyes rolled, they gasped, they laughed as we unraveled episode upon episode of you, my fellow climbers, the SPS legendary heroes and heroines.

And so, my dear climbers, leave the confines of your living-rooms and the busyness of your offices. Come with me, once again, as we kick snowy steps, sink into sun cups, sweat and swear together, joke and rope together..just once again. And in the cold nights of the high country, we'll swig some SHERRY HARSH YUKON JACK or DOUG MANTLE 1979 Chardonnay, and our list of mountain mortals will become the rollcall of the gods.

My first toast is to BEARS 'n BULLS 'n FURRY CREATURES who kept us entertained, humbled, angry and oft-amused. I applaud the note found on a bearily-survived backpack by the MAGNUSONS, "Beware of the bears, they are bold and unscrupulous!" I toast BARBARA REBER and her car with strange prints--of bear noses just window-shopping..and to VIEVE WELDON'S marmot who drank her booze and left a deposit..to the FRYS' WHITE RABBIT VW that was licked clean by disappointed cows wondering where the salt taste went...to MARY MCMANNES' pocket hotel that extends like a giant banana and was enticing to a huge, cinnamon bear to nose around her feet for over an hour debating if there was a possible snack or not..to GENE OLSEN'S bull on Spanish Peak who terrorizes everyone (could be a reincarnated BMT drop-out who wants to intimidate SPSers); to GEORGE TOBY'S Brother Bruin who ate George's sun goggles and returned to experience one mad, mountain man. George threw enough rocks that caused the bear to think he had been caught in the Big Rock Avalanche of '02. Later, when George asked his fellow climbers why they hadn't helped him, they said, "You were like a human windmill with one rock bouncing near the bear, one in the air, and two more in your hands." George saved them all but remarked that sleeping bags were placed so close to the campfire that you could smell the down steaming. To RON JONES who proudly and emphatically announced at Donohue Pass, "There are no bears, here." Later, Ron's sixty pound pack was seen in the jaws of a mighty big bear. The bear had his fill and was courteous enough to leave the pack at the stream. AND so to all of you who outwitted the creatures of the mountains, one more time, I toast you.

I raise my cup again to sayers of OUTRAGEOUS STATEMENTS. To TIM TREACY on Devil's Crag, "If we don't forget about all this safety s- - -, we'll never get the peak." To the many, many climbers who ended horrendous stories of helicopter rescues, broken bones all over the mountain, "But we got the peak!" To MAE HEISHI who watched a group of fishermen go by on horses, she yelled, "PUSSIES!" To CUNO RANSCHAU, after throwing a penny into the San Andreas Fault, "I'm generous to a fault." To TIM TREACY, after Whaleback and Glacier Ridge, when asked to accompany the group to a Basque Restaurant, complained, "I don't want to go there and eat with a bunch of people." To JIM MURPHY when asked how he managed to carry a gallon of wine into base camp, "No problem, I just left my crampon protectors at the car." And who can forget LOU BRECHEEN's quip when meeting Cuno, "Ranch How? Sounds more like a place than a name!" (Doug laughed non-stop all weekend.) To more-than-tolerant VI GRASSO in a lively discussion on religion, "Everyone is entitled to his own opinion, but McMannes you are talking out of your ass!" And JACKIE VAN DALSEM'S unforgettable comment when first seeing another male climber in a very small hot spring, "My gosh, I didn't know it was so small!" (EDNA's comment to this one was unprintable, but ask her!)

And then we proceed to even more toasts to the favorite REGISTER ENTRIES. GEORGE 'CASANOVA' DAVIS dedicated peaks to girlfriends of various names, "Wish you were here," and then had to reascend peaks and explain to his female companion that it must have been another George Davis. (WALT KABLER said he always wrote his signature, illegibly..and well, he should!) BARBARA REBER recalls an August 19 entry on Pilot Knob that read, "Richard Nixon resigns from office, today." A poignant entry from a gentleman who resides in Lone Pine, I have yet to meet.. "No longer to climb the high peaks and the country I loved and helped to protect. This is my last peak. Old friends, stop in and see me in Lone Pine, where I sit in my rocking chair. Vern B." And what about the on-going soap operas that were fueled with interesting register entries (or should I say "combinations"?) Muah was climbed one day by Mr. X. and a female companion, and Mr. X's wife climbed the same peak the following weekend with the family dog! And here's the winner!

Ed Treacy found this poem in an abandoned Kelty on the wrong side of the creek.

Got this map from U.S.G. and G.
Thought with that we'd be home free.
And yes, on the John Muir Trail,
it worked real well.
And when we turned off, things
went to hell.
Forgot the compass when we stopped
to rest.
Thought we headed east, but it
was maybe west?
Climbed to a saddle with a lake below,
But on the map, it didn't show.
To the left a ridge, to the right
some mines.
But on this topo, only lines.
Lines concentric, lines converging,
Out of which one fact's emerging.
We've no idea as to where we are
Or where to go--or how far.
Sure these maps are great.
They're just the thing,

If you're Norman Clyde or
Clarence King.
They carry a message
albeit arcane.
That describes in detail,
this terrain.
Complete with symbols, esoteric
That would test the patience
of the most pious cleric.
We're confused, we're lost
but in no danger.
There's one sure way
to attract a ranger.
We'll burn our permit
become illegal.
Then he'll seek us out,
like a well-trained beagle.
Meanwhile, this topo
is driving me loco!

I am grateful for seeing Walter Starr's name (in blood) on Black Kaweah and Norman Clyde's on the same peak. Norman wrote, "A beautiful day and a bully climb." Indeed it was, Norman. All those names in those old, old registers that are immortalized on peaks with the same names..we are proud to be a part of an experience where the past and present are truly one.

SALUDOS to all you tender-hearted climbers who participated in POETICS of the climb. To MARIO GONZALES and your sonnets.. to MARIS VALKASS and your flower books..to CUNO RANSCHAU's inimitable "Rindercella". LOU BRECHEEN recalls the most moving recitation by the same Cuno of Mary Austin's "Land of Little Rain". Lou says, "When Cuno got to the part at the end, 'And the word will wake in Inyo', gooseflesh was standing all across my shoulders, up and down my arms, and every hair on the nape of my neck was erect. I'm sure that others were also affected as well." Thanks, Doug, for 'Rime of the Ancient Mariner' (all of it), and SHERRY HARSH for 'Sam McGee' and to all you others who have secret poems in the nooks and crannies of your souls. SID DAVIS shares his feelings about one special mountain in this way...

Sid Davis "San Jac"

My ashes will be cast atop San Jac
In the holes and in the crack.
The pine tree will say, "Sid, you are mine"
As I climb through the roots into the limber pine.
The thunder cracks when the lightning streaks,
The coyote howls and the owl shrieks.
The clouds pour rain
And into the canyons they drain.
Then the sun comes out
And the flowers sprout.
The eagle soars high
Way up in the sky.
And as I rest beneath the tree,
Drinking wine and eating cheese.
I then lie down and take a rest.
With my head on the Mountain breast.
Then in the winter when it snows
That's the time for my winter clothes.
And, oh my! Isn't this really nice,
Wearing crampons on the ice.
In the spring when the snow is low
In the evening watching the Alpenglow.
And when the birds all go to sleep.
In my bag, I slowly creep.
Just me! Just I!
I'm so happy I could cry.
Then in the morning at the break of dawn.
I eat some breakfast, and then I'm gone.
Climbing, climbing even higher--
Reaching, reaching to my heart's desire.
And the thrill that I seek
Is to stand atop my Mountain Peak.
And if you ask me how or why
All this happens beneath the sky.
I don't know the reason why;
But as a mountaineer, I'll never die.

As we toast and salute our gallant comrades, we must not forget that there are always the tricksters who dwell amongst us. Remember, Coyote lurks in the corners where we least expect him. The NO THANKS TO YOU!! toasts go to various SPSers such as WALTON KABLER who thought he had rigged a full belay for MARY MCMANNES when she climbed Castle Peak with a full leg cast. On the worst part of the pitch, Mary's belay fell to her ankles. NO THANKS, Walt! WALTON tells a story on DOUG MANTLE. Just below Keith and Junction peaks, Doug announced, "Does everyone here know about ice axes and crampons?" Two newcomers said, "Huh?" Doug's comment was, "Walt Kabler will show you what to do." Walt ended up carrying three ice axes when climbing the rock. And how about ROY WARD who burned his wool pants in the campfire below Devil's Crag, so everyone had to move away and got very cold. And NO THANKS to AL BENSON who allowed us to make gluttons out of ourselves in gourmet feasting at Convict Lake (thinking we were done for the day)...Al announced, "We'd better pack up and climb up near Bloody." What was the heaviest, MARIS, and DONN COOK... our backpacks or our stomachs??? And to BOB EMERICK who just happened to bag Mendel while the rest of us were looking for old-what's-his-name lost and supposedly scouting the peak. And especially NO THANKS toasts to GREG VERNON and his excruciating Death Marches. LARRY MACHLEDER is still complaining. At least, BILL BANKS has the decency to do Death Marches, solo! And back to LARRY, Larry says, "NO THANKS!" to Piute Peak. Has it been three times to capture this elusive peak? Among our legends and myths, it is written that an ancient Piute curse is still in effect, because Larry's great-great grandfather pitched his pup tent on ancient burial grounds near Piute Peak. And NO THANKS to GEORGE HUBBARD and DOUG MANTLE who offered each wearied, hungry, returning climber some Kentucky Fried Chicken (extra crispy). Yes, my friends, right there in the middle of the wilderness, Colonel Sanders finger-lickin' good. As we grabbed for the chicken leg, much to our dismay we saw it was a pine cone vaguely resembling a crispy chicken leg. Boy, did they laugh! The only person who didn't fall for the old chicken leg trick was DUANE MC RUER. That's what a degree from Cal Tech will do for you. AND DELORES HOLLADY says, "NO THANKS, JIM MURPHY!" for his comment at an SPS Meeting (yes, a formal SPS Meeting). Dolores reported, When I got to the roadhead, there was only one man there." Jim's droll comment was, "Well, Dolores, isn't one man enough?????"

Climbers and Compatriots, what do you think about when you've reached one of those truly high, high places? Is it something prosaic, poetic and admirable that we may quote you for generations to come? Do you think of past loves, things that might have been, or do you just lose yourself in becoming mystically absorbed in being one with the peak and the panorama? Because you were there, I toast HIGHER THOUGHTS ON HIGHER PEAKS. To STEVE LANGLEY and STAN ICEN who were quite disturbed in seeing a ghost on Cirque (Why would a ghost be on Cirque, when "it" could be on a much more impressive peak?) MEL LEES shed tears on the Mexican volcanoes when the thought of Ingrid Bergman and "Casablanca" came into his mind. WALTON KABLER (also high in Mexico) thought about buying a new leather couch for his living room..which he did immediately upon returning to the states. WELL, each to his own...but MEL, you're our kind of guy.

FANCY FOOTWORK toasts and cheers are due those climbers known for being nimble of boot. To BILL BRADLEY on Russell who heard the cry of "Rock!" as a boulder came plummeting, Bill traveled across the snow leaving no visible footprints. To ERIC SCHUMACHER whose name is synonymous with T-Bolt and the Schumacher Leap Across. Eric is also credited with plunge-stepping down the U-Notch of North Pal., a place where most of us held our breath with each move of descension. And to RANDY DANTA, Eric's friend, who is guilty of some very fancy footwork in Europe and the Sierras.

DOUBLE and TRIPLE CHEERS to our CARS, VANS, TRUCKS that faithfully waited for us at the roadheads..sometimes the prettiest sight to our blistering feet and rain-soaked bodies was to see those grinning grillworks of our beloved vehicles. Fidelity awards go to our favorite VW's of DICK AKAWIE and LOU BRECHEEN; those little bugs that went where angels feared to tread. And we'll never forget R.J.'s notorious, infamous van...a van of many lives. MARY SUE MILLER recalls an exciting trip down Whitney Portal when nothing worked in R.J.'s van except the brakes. Mary Sue says, "It was the most terrifying experience in the mountains!" Mary Sue, be glad the brakes were working! M.S.M. remembers another R.J. trip down 395 sans lights. Some of us got to know the quaint little town of Pixley quite well when looking for spare tires. Even praying to Our Lady of Perpetual Flat Tires didn't help...they came one right after the other. JAY TITUS and JACK KOSHEAR had just enough time for a shower and then straight to work that Monday morning. But they were still happy, because it was part of the adventure, and, "We got the peaks!"

OUR SPS TRUE GRIT STORIES could fill up volumes of mountaineering literature, and some of you sent your favorites. Special recognition to RON YOUNG who kept RENEE SPARGER and EDNA ERSPAMER alive one long afternoon and night, as they all huddled in a wet tent under an even wetter sleeping bag. The skies did not stop pouring, and Ron kept their spirits and body temps up until the crisis passed. The MOST RECENT TRUE GRIT TOAST goes to RUTH ARMENTROUT, lying in the shadow of Red Kaweah with a cracked arm and broken femur, held a tourniquet in her teeth. It was a long day and a longer night, but Ruth is the kind who doesn't give up easily. The latest word is that she's planning to conquer those darned peaks next summer, and I know she will! Now, that's an example of a Big Mountain Tuff Chick. GREG VERNON said, "you're not serious unless you leave a little blood on the rock." So to members of the exclusive Club of Wilderness Broken Bones and Air Lifts, I toast your resiliency for lacing up those boots and going back again, because you've lived what John Muir said, "I have gone hungry and cold--I have left bloody trails on sharp ice peaks to see the wonders of the earth." I hope your future troubles are as miniscule as the mosquitos awaiting you, because if it's okay for John Muir, it's okay for us!

FURTHER TOASTS should be made to FAMOUS CLIMBING COUPLES.. ROY and BARBARA MAGNUSON re climbed many peaks together in order to finish the list; but when Roy asked Barbara to re climb Lone Pine...

...she answered, "I love you, Baby, but not that much." To the MCCOSKERS, the HOLLEMANS, the PINSONS, the BEVERIDGES, JIM ERB and THERESA RUTHERFORD, you are the lucky teams who get to share the rare privilege of Sierra-ing, together.

To the families in climbing, you had it all and more, too. Talk about TEAM SPIRIT! We toast the MAUKS, the PETITJEANS, the HOOVERS, the RUSSELLS and other families who added to "the family that prays together stays together" another line, "the family that climbs together, whines together" "and signs together" (the register, that is). How great to share a peak-top experience with Mom or Dad, sons, and daughters.

THE MA BELL TOAST or REACH OUT AND TOUCH SOMEONE (even when deep within the wilderness) goes to RON HUDSON and BOB HARTUNIAN. Ron left the HOLLEMANS and Milestone Basin at two a.m. to make a phonecall about a job. Bob H., on the other hand, climbed Williamson, descended down Bairs Creek to highway 395, called his wife, hiked back up George Creek to join the climbers. He met a search party who wondered why Bob had traveled halfway around the world to return to his tent.

As the campfire embers burn low, there are many, many more stories, but it's getting time to turn in. But before we sleep, there are many familiar, friendly faces that run through our memories.

To the SPS WOMEN CLIMBERS, I toast your friendships. And I toast your ability and tenacity to keep up with the men and yet not lose your femininity. To BARBARA LILLEY, world-famous climber, who inspired us all. And DIANA DEE, so enthusiastic, she even convinced her dog to join the section. To BETTY CAMERON who always looked as neatly groomed after a climb, as she did at the beginning. To JUNE LANE, a salute (even Superman would have preferred June over Lois Lane!); to MARY GYGAX, sensitive and often worried that she hasn't done enough conditioning (and always hikes circles around us all); to MARY SUE MILLER, first woman to chair both SPS and DPS; VI GRASSO, tough, competent, and added real pizzazz to campfires with bellydancing; EIVOR NILSSON who keeps at us to condition on lazy weekends; PAT HOLLEMAN, bold and patient whether it's in climbing or Echo editing; and NANCY GORDON who seemed to hop overnight from BMTC to E Leadership Rating (and well-deserving, too.)

I toast the GENTLE MEN of the SPS SECTION, too... to DUANE MC RUER (and BETTY, a gentle lady), a man who can discuss Italian Cathedrals as easily as routes up peaks; to NORM ROHN, fisherman, avid conservancy worker, orchid-grower; BILL T. RUSSELL, grand marshall and navigator par excellent, (but will he ever get that register out of the Hermit crack?); to his friend, GEORGE SMITH; to BOB HICKS and his good sense of humor (and his chile relleno casserole); to ROY WARD, a Texas boy and complete SPSer, generous with leads, rides, and an all around good mountain man. To CHUCK STEIN and ART BLAUVELT for all your generous time and good hearts. To RETURN MOORE who still keeps us in mystery about his name; to HAROLD MCFADDEN, quiet and very fussy about the best rock moves, he is one of our best leaders. To GENE OLSEN, one of nature's noblemen..when Gene first climbed Whitney, he stopped at every switchback and had a smoke. "Lord, it was the hardest climb of my life!"

FURTHER TOASTS TO SPS GENTLE MEN... to DICK AKAWIE and his copious notes on topo maps and our Bible of activities, "The Schedule"; to R.J. SECOR for all the leads on Devil's Crag and the mountaineering books (and your van!); GEORGE TOBY, a young 61, who never loses his zest for life whether it's peak bagging, peak-partying, or becoming bilingual. And the excessive enthusiasm of CUNO RANSCHAU who finished the three lists on the same night. To SID DAVIS and his 614 ascents of San Jac..ANDY SMATKO..to RON JONES and DALE VAN DALSEM who opened the mountains up to many newcomers, because they believed that a newcomer deserves to succeed, too. To MARK GOEBEL who always was there in a pinch... finding the right "needle" in the Spanish Needle haystack..or leading Starr King, because you brought the right shoes (and the right stuff!), and because you just happened to be there on Cathedral with a rope...Thanks, Mark. To DAVE PERKINS, one of life's cheeriest climbers, and a perfect leader of Starr King (you made Emblem Day, the best!)..Dave was a good enough friend to the MAGNUSONS to celebrate their list-finishing day by carrying a watermelon to the top of Roundtop..yeah, Dave! And to DAVE DYKEMAN and ROB ROY MCDONALD, thanks for putting your heart into the mountains and into the section, as well. And let's not forget MIKE MANCHESTER, your future toasts will be poured into spill-proof Arco cups, so there'll be no more hot-footing from spilled coffee water. But as Doug reported, "We still got the peak!"

As with all great and long sagas of memorable heroes, this one must also end for the evening...a temporary pause in the legends yet to be told. There are many sagas that might have been sung, but this humble poet asks for your kind indulgences if any worthy names were not mentioned in this honorary rollcall.

Before I go, I offer thanksgiving for you, my climbing friends, my frenzied peakbaggers--you led me to a life that demanded strength, endurance, intelligence, commitment and the payoff was the greatest joy that life had to offer--a development of soul-life as well as limb-life. I learned a lot about myself and in looking for a hero, sometimes I found it was me.

There were tears, too, when the footprints of our friends went up the mountain and didn't return. Jackie, I'll never forget your floppy gardener's hat as you came around the bend at the Rae Lakes; and the Pennyroyal flowers will always be for you. Peter, I got one more peak that day, thanks to you and your fig newtons. Lou B. remembered Peter's words (after a fun climb of Thor), "That climb of Thor was fun. I wish all of life could be just one, long 3rd class ridge." I wish so, too, Peter.

I'm glad we were friends, and I'm even more glad that it was a friendship of mountain days.

When does an SPS TRIP end? With the last great peak or the last long trail? Or the final camp and the farewells? Surely, it does not end with anyone of these; surely in the years to come, it does not end.

"From time to time we shall live again
the hours when from the circling faces,
veils pass, and laughing friendship grows
warm. We shall hear again that mountain
bell-note ringing to the touch of the last
ray of the sun; see meadows stroked with
silver, peaks terrible yet wonderful thrown
against the sky." (B. POPE, 1929)

Whether we are Norman Clyde spending last days in Tonopah or
burning brightly in one last reach like a Walter Starr or
Vern B. waving from his front porch of Lone Pine...active
climbers, yearning climbers, or remembering climbers, we'll
never be far from the mountains, because we brought the
mountains home with us..and like John Muir we'll throw
our hats high in the air in one final toast that we live a
life ..."hopelessly and forever mountaineers"!

Mary McMannes
Autumn, 1986

MY SIERRA LIST FINISHER
by Harvey Mudfoote

My contribution to the SPS 30th anniversary was to be the carefully orchestrated culmination of my Sierra climbs leading to a list finisher. Despite my useless female friend, Harriet Hangbacke, who sometimes carries my Alpenheavy pack and then expects me to share space in my tent and sometimes my sleeping bag--despite her--and despite my habitually injured and bandaged left knee, and despite my unbelievable string of bad luck these past 14 years, I have persevered. Starting with my climbs of Hogwash Mountain in the fall of 1972, followed by my fateful winter ascent of Mt. Pincher on which I lost a crampon and my climbing buddy, recounted in ECHOs during 1973--I have persevered. I kept on climbing until September of 1985 when I reached my next to last peak--my 245th--Mt. Goode, where I joined a large group of Sierra Peak climbers who were there celebrating some event or another. Someone thrust a bottle of champagne at me and I awoke behind a big rock hours later after the group had headed down.

I chose Devil's Crag for my list finisher as it was the last peak I had left to do. I heard that it had a roomy summit block, suitable for parties and I sent cards to all my SPS friends like R.J. Secure, Bill T. Rouseau, Duane McRoar, Floyd Red, Norm Groan, Rich Gnaty, the Hoofers--Vicky, Francis, Nate & Bill--Jack Grims, Gregi Yeti, Cuno Ranchouse, Coleman Mantle, and Betty Wallin, the person who first recognized my sterling qualities as a climber and raconteur, and invited them all to meet me on the peak for the celebration.

Throwing my climbing rack, hard hat, ascenders, descenders, suspenders, bandages, granola, top ramen, three cases of champagne, a bottle of calomine lotion for Harriet, and an old rope in the side car of my Harley-Davidson hardly left room for Harriet and Justin, my St. Bernard. Justin goes everywhere with me, carrying my first aid around his neck. With Harriet sitting on two cases of champagne and with the other case of champagne on one knee and Justin on the other, we were ready. We took the Angeles Crest Highway out of Pasadena to beat the Friday night traffic on the Golden State Freeway and as I breezed around the sharp turns I heard an occasional whimper from either Justin or Harriet--I think it was Harriet--as the cargo shifted from side to side.

On and on we sped, through Mojave, the Owens Valley, to Bishop where I picked up a wilderness permit and up to South Lake. I packed the Alpenheavy for Harriet to carry, gave Justin the first aid supplies and we started out. Justin and I made it to Bishop Pass in two hours but we had to wait another three hours for Harriet with the champagne. Her pack seemed curiously lighter than before. We camped that night in the Dusy Basin and I hung our pack to keep the food from the bears and the party supplies from Harriet.

The next morning it was down to LaConte Canyon, over the Kings River and up to Rambaud Lakes for our second night's camp. It seemed strange that none of my friends were there yet but I thought maybe they would be coming in later from a west side roadhead. We made a comfortable camp, rehung our pack, and prepared for the dawn and my entry the next day on the list of SPS climbing immortals. During the night I heard some spine-chilling ravenous noises and in the morning discovered my pack

on the ground, disheveled, most of the champagne and food gone, and Harriet with granola on her breath. I was reduced to living off the land for the remainder of the climb.

I grabbed the one remaining bottle of champagne and we started the climb. Our route was via the northwest arete. Passing "White Top" Harriet was feeling uncomfortable on the rock--she had been stumbling disjointedly most of the day--so I unlimbered the rope. I led each pitch and went ahead leaving Harriet to belay Justin. The poor dog was having big problems but he was a part of our group and it didn't look like there was any one but us to celebrate. We would stick together. Finally the summit. We had arrived.

But could this be the top? Where was the roomy summit block? Where was R.J.? Betty? Gregi? Oh well, there wasn't room nor champagne for them all anyway.

Quickly downing the champagne, I hurried back to help Harriet and Justin. I must have taken a slightly different route--you know how confusing a route can be--because I was back at camp before I heard a faint call, "On belay," in the distance. I slept well that night knowing my best friend had a good supply of first aid equipment. Best wishes to the SPS on their anniversary. -- Harvey.

THE INDESTRUCTABLE KELTY
by George Toby

I believe I have the oldest backpack in continuous service. It is a 1963 model Kelty purchased by mail order from Kelty's garage operation before the original store was opened in Glendale. It went into use immediately and has just completed 24 years of continuous backpacking service. It has survived rain, hail, lightning, snow, ice, bears, rocks, and most of all, people. It has been aboard airplanes, ships, boats, trains, busses, trucks, and a zillion cars. This Kelty has traveled far and wide. It has been in Alaska, Canada, Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Arizona, and in Mexico as far South as the summit of Popocatepetl Volcano, elevation 17,883 feet.

All of this did not happen without some wear and tear. After all, backpacks get rough treatment. It went back to Kelty, on their lifetime warranty, twice for overhaul and repair. Every pocket except one and every zipper has been replaced, plus some sewing and patching. The last time back to Kelty it got a new frame, due to cracked welds. Kelty really stands behind their products. Waistbands and straps I replaced myself.

One of the pleasures this Kelty pack has given me is to watch the expressions on the faces of young people on my SPS trips when they discover that my Kelty is older than they are. I love my Kelty. It is like an old friend. It fits me well and I hope it lasts as long as I do. There may be older backpacks in garages or in dusty attics, but I challenge you SPS'ers to beat this record of 24 years of continuous service, for the same backpack.

A LETTER FROM RICK JALI

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I have not been on an SPS climb for a number of years. but I do remember the many climbs I did go on over very many years with the Section very fondly. I don't have strong favorites, except perhaps Mt. Lyell, which I did three times; they were (almost) all good. I also remember the many people I met, and am happy to still see their names in the annual Membership Lists. I am proud to have been your SPS Chairman in 1966; it gave me a chance to repay the Section for all it had given me. And above all I remember the Sierra Nevada, the Range of Light, and very much look forward to getting back into it again.

I am still climbing, now mostly in the Cascades and the Olympics. I have bagged most of the major volcanoes, though St. Helens blew up and got away before I got it (suppose to open again in 1987, but many now climb it illegally). I think of the Sierra when I am in far-too-common Cascades foul weather and brush. And I am still meeting new people; one of the latest is Burt Falk, the 1986 SPS Banquet speaker, whom I met on Ojos del Salado last spring (his luck was better than mine). So, the adventure goes on. Somebody at the Banquet say Hi! to Burt for me.

Sierrally,



Rick Jali

"You cannot stay on the summit forever; you have to come down again. So why bother in the first place? Just this: What is above knows what is below, but what is below does not know what is above. One climbs, one sees, one descends, one sees no longer, but one has seen."

Rene Daumal
Mount Analog

"For Jackie"

It was one afternoon, high above the valley,
Long absent from the city,
We sat beneath peaks in a green/yellow grove,
Drinking Penny Royal tea...just Jackie and me.
It had been that same morning, near Baldwin Peak,
She pointed out the flowers and exuberantly spoke,
"Ah..Penny Royal tea!"
I thought she'd said, "Penny Royalty."
And had no idea that flowers made tea.
But later she'd show me..with the greatest delight,
Boiling purple posies and stems of dark green
In one smallish grey pot...and with even greater glee,
She poured me one generous, steaming cup
Of Penny Royal tea.
And it was everything she said it t'would be and more...
A minty surprise, yet sweet -- that Penny Royal tea.
And we talked of husbands and children and loves of our lives.
And dreams that came true and dreams that passed by --
Her eyes were wide and wise and with intensity she'd speak.
Then like a surprise, of flowers in tea, she'd
Throw back her head and laugh the heartiest laugh -- with me.
Like ladies of yore, from a not-far-off ancestry,
Who held fine china tea cups and delicate petitfours,
We drank from tin cups and munched banana chips and cheese.
And it was the finest of tea parties -- with Penny Royal tea.
Just Jackie and me.

When days in the Sierra will call me again,
I'll climb grey, granite staircases past
Green, grassy glens..
But Penny Royal purples, and Penny Royal tea
Will tell of a friend...
I wish
I could see.

With thanksgiving,
mary m. mcmannes

REFLECTIONS

*"So ends a day that will never end..Another big day..enough for a lifetime.
No longing for anything, now or hereafter as we go home into the mountainheart."
jn muir*

Mary McMannes wrote this classical trip report following July, 1980, climbs in Evolution Valley with Greg Vernon and Don Sparks about one of those mountain days so often eulogized by John Muir.

On the eve of July 18, a setting sun and a rising moon found two pacing climbers wearing out a trench in a Northridge lawn, as they waited for the third elusive climber to return from a Physics conference. Gregie, known in some circles as "Lone Yeti", and Mary, known in other circles as "I'm-not-ready-yetti-yeti" FINALLY welcomed the 7:30 p.m. arrival of Don the Ridge Comber who frantically exchanged his slide rule for an ice axe; and the three mounted the faithful steed, Rocinante-Courier-Truck and set off for the lonnnnnnnnnnnng ride to Florence Lake roadhead and THE QUEST OF THE HERMIT.

Classical music...a 3 a.m. bedding...a breakfast of Snickers (due to Don's jokes) and pop...a 20 min. ferry ride across la Florence, and the three adventurers were on their ways. The trail careened through lush greenery, a dude ranch, grazing horses until later in the day the three came to a quite civilized bridge where John Muir Trail went left and the Goddard Creek trail went to the right. Luigi Vernon cooked spaghetti, and the three slept peacefully dreaming dreams of hermits, emeralds, and reinstains. Sunday morn, the 3 recrossed the bridge and started up John Muir Trail (raging stream on left), and at the trail's top they climbed the obvious chute to the obvious scree traverse that led them to Emerald. Monday: Lone Yeti and Not-Ready-Yeti rose early...crossed log on stream (west of campsite) and began working a water fall to the summit of Henry. Lots of snow..but rock ridge to right of summit was clean; returned to camp quickly and proceeded down Goddard Canyon trail. Camped beyond sign that read "Hell for Sure Pass" (early sign-placers must have experienced the same mosquito-toes). First Tiff of the Trip: Gregie loves BONFIRES. Arch-conservationist Sparks says, "little is better". Gregie calms everyone down by pulling out treats from magic-bag...cockie leekie soup and French Apple Capote.

CLIMAX OF STORY: Suddenly, the adventurers look before them and GASP. What is this Mammoth before them that dominates the entire area? It is a mountain of mountains. It shares no rises or ridges with any other. Gregie looks stricken. Sparks looks dazed. It is alone..silent...yes, there is no question..it is the reason they are here. It is THE HERMIT. Saturday: an early rise...the threesome are camped at the base of the Giant. They cross the rather precarious Evolution Creek. Sparks finds an obvious route up a water fall...3 peaklets on top..Hermit summit is on far north end. Whadda summit block! Register box is found deep within a crevice. Sparks and Vernon grab McMannes and stuff her in the crevice. She feels that she is between a rock and a hard place. She hooks register box with ice axe. It won't budge. She tries to get out of crevice. She won't budge. (They decide to leave summit-register-box-problem to Mr. Wizard, Bill T. Russell, next month.) (P.S. It still is entombed.) Ropework.. Gregie is on Summit Block. He holds his ice axe high in triumph. Lone Yeti completes the Sierra Peaks List on THE HERMIT. Finis...Sparks and McMannes hum in the background..."We've only just begun...." mcm

A BOOK REVIEW by Bob Kanne

PLACE NAMES OF THE SIERRA NEVADA, from Abbot to Zumwalt
by Peter Browning

Anyone who has ever wondered how the peaks, lakes, passes, meadows, and streams of the Sierra Nevada got their names will want to put this book on their reading list. This recently published book (Wilderness Press, 1986, softcover - \$11.95, hardback - \$19.95) contains nearly 3000 place names, and the fascinating history associated with each one of them.

Since its earliest days, the Sierra Club has been intimately involved not only with the exploration of the Sierra Nevada, but also with the naming of its geographic features. Francis Farquhar's 1926 book PLACE NAMES OF THE HIGH SIERRA, published by the Sierra Club, has been the standard reference. Browning's new book doubles the number of listings and includes many materials that Farquhar had collected for a never-completed updating of his book.

Many Club members (especially Theodore Solomons, Joseph N. LeConte, and Chester Versteeg) are responsible for the naming of dozens of Sierra Peaks. Some of those Club members who named features in the Thirties are still active. Lewis Clark named Ionian Basin, Chasm Lake, Wheel Mtn., and, together with his brother Nate, Isosceles Peak. Lewis and Nate are both past Presidents of the Club. Lewis has been Inspector of Elections for each Club Board of Directors election for many years, and Nate is Chairman of the Pasadena group. Nate was also with the group of 15 that unofficially dedicated Mt. Ansel Adams on July 13, 1934.

There are also many peaks and mountains that have been named after prominent Sierra Club members, including: Ansel Adams, Bolton Brown, Cornelius Bradley, Norman Clyde, Gustavus Eisen, Willis Jepson, David Starr Jordan, Joseph LeConte, Duncan McDuffie, Ernest Mott, John Muir, Edward Parsons, Jacob Reinstein, Joachim Senger, Charles Shinn, Theodore Solomons, Walter Starr, Jr., Chester Versteeg, and Cedric Wright. Colby Pass, Colby Lake, and Rae Lakes were named for Will Colby and his wife Rachel. LeConte Canyon was named for J.N. LeConte.

Many peaks were named after scientists, such as: the Evolution Group (Darwin, Mendel, Spencer, Huxley, Fiske, Haeckel, Wallace), Dana, Agassiz, LaMarck, Lyell, Langley, Merriam, Maclure, and Silliman. Even politicians got into the act, but, in the instance of John Conness and William Vandever, they richly deserved the honor. In 1864, Conness introduced the legislation that granted Yosemite Valley to California for use as a State Park. In 1890, Vandever introduced the bills establishing Yosemite, Sequoia, and General Grant National Parks.

Most of the names, however, do not involve lofty ideals or honors. Crazy Lake was so named because "anyone visiting this lake is crazy". Tunemah Peak was named for one of the most forceful epithets used by Chinese shepherders as they forced their sheep down a nearby trail that was difficult and precipitous. Shell Lake was named after the brand of gasoline sold at a nearby lodge. And Dingleberry Lake was named for the dingleberries on the hind ends of John Schober's sheep.

LA CUISINE EN ROUTE TO THE SIERRA NEVADA

by Nancy Gordon

*"Tell me what you eat and I will tell you who you are."
Anthelme Brillat-Savarin, Physiologie du gout (1825)*

The tradition of good living and good eating goes far back into our history. As early as 1770, the first vineyard was established by the Franciscan fathers at Mission San Diego. It is probably the reason so many climbers gravitated to California. The Gold Rush attracted restaurateurs from all countries, eager to share in the quick profits to be made from the free-spending miners who drank champagne like water. These fine restaurateurs have almost become extinct on the routes taken by the more tightfisted Sierra peak climbers. Chinese came to work on the railroads and introduced us to the delights of Oriental food; Italians and Greeks came and built our fishing industry; Frenchmen, Hungarians, and Germans brought their cuttings to our vineyards and orchards. All this is part of our California tradition. Most of this marvelous heritage is lost in the great stretches of highway from Los Angeles to the Sierra, leaving us peakbaggers in a neverending search for the perfect restaurant for our palates, pocketbooks, and personalities. *"One cannot think well, love well, sleep well, if one has not dined well."* -Virginia Woolf.

The following restaurant descriptions have been submitted for this review because someone liked or disliked them for one reason or another or it may only have been that someone was there and hungry.

A word about attire: Thank goodness in most of California anything goes anywhere, but a true gourmand considers herself or himself part of the restaurant decoration and dresses accordingly. Many of us have taken this to extreme, especially returning from extended trips where our very presence in some of these eateries has had a noteworthy and esoteric environmental impact.

*"Seeing is deceiving.
"It's eating that's believing."* -James Thurber

SIERRA, EAST SIDE

LANCASTER

SWEDISH KITCHEN: A fine smorgasboard at a moderate price.

MOJAVE

GRACE'S OASIS at the corner of Hwys 58 and 14 (805-824-2467). A variety of small fast food shops. Hamburgers, sandwiches, pizza, salad bar, doughnuts, ice cream. Good for vegetarians since they have a salad bar and vegetarian pizza. Open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Their bakery is open 24 hours.

GRAZIANO'S PIZZA RESTAURANT at the north end of town is fast and filling. A spaghetti dinner which includes salad and garlic bread is about \$5.50. Vegetarians can try a combo of tomato, black olive, and mushroom on pizza or order other pasta dishes. Beer and wine are available. (805-824-4041)

RENO'S, a long time restaurant with excellent spaghetti, moderate prices and good service.

TOKIWA'S is 16 miles north of Mojave. The Tendon (tempura fried shrimp and vegetables served with rice) is quite good and reasonably priced at \$5.50. Sorry, no sushi. Interesting collection of T-shirts.

INDIAN WELLS

INDIAN WELLS RESTAURANT, still a standard and satisfactory stop for many climbers. Has good steaks, salad, wine. Service is gracious, leisurely.

LONE PINE

MARGIE'S MERRY GO ROUND has excellent food, nicely served, genteel. Reservations advised.

SMOKE SIGNALS has good barbecued ribs and chicken. Rustic with no restrooms.

SIERRA CANTINA on the west side of 395 just north of Whitney Portal Road (123 N. Main St., 619-876-5740) serves a generous tostada reasonably priced. Good for vegetarians. They do not use lard! (Ask waitress for more details. The menu states that deep fryer uses vegetable oil...but some meat items are cooked in the fryer.) Friendly and fast. Hours 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays/12 N. to 9 p.m. weekends.

SPORTSMAN'S CAFE is very satisfactory.

INDEPENDENCE

PINES CAFE is on the corner next to Austin's. It has a super efficient waitress, a fast kitchen, generous portions, and reasonable prices. The ground round, liver, and chicken-fried steak provide especially good values. The high backed booths provide a window view of the Sierra.

BISHOP

BAR-B QUE BILLS is on Main Street, south end of town. Great barbecued chicken and ribs, baked beans, salads, good desserts. Cold, cold beer. Reasonable prices.

BISHOP GRILL is an old standby. Located at 281 N. Main. Breakfast here is the best in town. Low-priced home-cooked meals in a rustic setting. Often crowded.

LA CASITA at 175 S. Main (619-873-4828) serves cocktails and reasonably good Mexican food. Good for vegetarians. They do not use lard or animal fat in cooking. No lard in the beans. Open 11:30 AM to 9:30 PM on Fri and Sat, until 9:00 PM Sun-Thurs.

COPPER KETTLE COFFEE SHOP on the east side of 395 has a large selection of foods well-prepared and very pleasant service. Its neighbor, WHISKEY CREEK is a real restaurant with steeper prices, but excellent food and service.

PATTI-KAYS YUM YUM FACTORY on the NW corner of Main and Line serves good sandwiches, soups, salads, and ice cream.

PERRY'S PIZZA: loud TV, video games, noisy kids. The pizza is dry and a bit tough.

PYRENEES DELICATESSEN on Main between Wheelers and Line Street. Open Mon thru Sat 9 AM to 5 PM. Excellent homemade soup, sandwiches, and desserts.

SIZZLER (871 N. Main, Bishop. 619-873-6821) An excellent salad bar, good for vegetarians.

MAMMOTH

CASK AND CLEAVER: Good place, salad bar, American food.

CHART HOUSE: Fine salad bar, American cuisine, moderate prices.

GIOVANNI'S in the Minaret Shopping Center by the Safeway (619-934-7563): Good pizza and Italian food with a salad bar. Vegetarian pizza for vegetarians.

RAFTERS: An excellent restaurant, American style, good service.

ROGET: One of Mammoth's finest, a great wine list, French cooking, on the expensive side.

THE STOVE on Old Mammoth Road: Good place for breakfast. Huge blueberry pancakes, omelets.

SWISS CAFE on Old Mammoth Road: Especially good breakfasts.

WHISKEY CREEK: Good food, very popular.

BRIDGEPORT

Mexican-American restaurant is on the SE corner of 395 and the road to Twin Lakes: Excellent food and homemade desserts. Reasonable.

SIERRA, WEST SIDE

BAKERSFIELD

CASK AND CLEAVER has good food and good service.

CHATEAU BASQUE at 101 Union Ave. (805-325-1316). Take 99 N. then E. on 58 to Union. One or two blocks N. of 58. A great place for both vegies and meat eaters. A real "Pig-Out". Dinners from \$7.50 to \$14.00. Food is served family style. When you order your main meat course you also get the following: vegetable soup, bread, pinto beans, spaghetti, salad, marinated shoestring carrots, pickled tongue. Vegetarians can just order the "set-up" which included all the sides for \$7.50, and be sure to ask the waitress for spaghetti sauce without meat (no problem if you let her know when she takes the order). Hours 5:30 to 9:30.

EL SOMBRERO is at 2731 M Street. The service is fast and pleasant. The tostada and salsa are quite good. Good prices.

MAITIA'S: Bakersfield is considered Basque country for the roadwise restaurant scene. The group of Basque restaurants in old northeast Bakersfield always seem to be closed and one or two may have gone out of business. Not to worry, Maitia's has opened up in a new location, closer to Highway 99, seemingly never closed, and very spacious. It is located on Union, just a few doors north of 34th Street in North Bakersfield. Heading south, get off Hwy 99 at the 204 Frwy (Chester Ave. is the unmarked turnoff); heading north, get off Hwy 99 at the Hwy 178 turnoff and go right (east), then turn left (north) at Union. The menu is typical Basque. The set-up comprises soup, beans, salsa, salad, tongue, bread, \$7 to \$14. The generous and fresh portions are worth the fare.

VISALIA

CASK AND CLEAVER: Good place like others in this chain.

FINNIS ITALIAN RESTAURANT: Excellent full dinners with a fantastic salad bar. Located on the east side, Hwy 198.

EXETER

Have you ever taken the route 65 alternative to Mineral King or Sequoia and then wondered where to stop and eat? If you'd like something different, take a chance on CAROLE'S in Exeter. The food is of reasonable quality, the prices are relatively low, and the place is pleasant.

THREE RIVERS

CORKY'S is near the Mineral King turn off. The Seafood Combination (\$6.95) is excellent. The Chicken Fried Steak (\$6.50) is good. Excellent service, very clean, and the food is well prepared and presented. Sorry, no alcohol.

SELMA

Looking for a restaurant on the west side of the Sierra? It's Pancho's for Chicken Curry! TIO PANCHO'S in Selma, run by Francisco (Frank/Pancho) Singh and his wife, offers wonderful Mexican food plus something extra--chicken curry. And like the delicious chile relleno and chile verde burrito, chicken curry is an old family recipe. Frank's father (from India's Punjab province) and mother (from Mexico) met and married in El Paso, Texas, and settled in California's Imperial Valley in the 1920's, making a living in farming like most of the so-called "Mexican-Hindu" couples. So far as this historian of the Mexican-Hindu community knows, your only other chance to eat chicken curry and roti in a Mexican restaurant is in Yuba City, in Ali Rasul's EL RANCHERO (Ali is also an Imperial Valley boy). But Yuba City is far from most of our trailheads, so it's Pancho's for SPSers--Selma is small, you'll find it easily.

SHAVER LAKE

BONITA MOUNTAIN LODGE (42135 Tollhouse Road) is just the place after a long hike out of Goddard Canyon. Cute young waitresses serve steaks, beef bordelaise, beef marsala, chicken in mushroom sauce, etc. with homemade rolls and pies for dessert. The special of the day was barbecued beef ribs, all you could eat for \$10.00. Prices average about \$10.00.

OAKDALE

Although there may be little occasion for Southlanders to venture into Yosemite from the west, the route through Oakdale has an eating place worth mentioning. FARICCIE'S ITALIAN DELI on Rt 120 next to Brawley's is friendly, low priced and has a good selection of excellent hot and cold dishes. Try the grilled cheese and mushroom sandwich!

YOSEMITE PARK

WAWONA HOTEL: After a dayhike of Starr-King on Sat., Wawona is the place for a delicious Sunday Brunch, as much as you can eat. A buffet of fresh fruits prepared in different manners, eggs benedict, scrambled eggs, ham, sausage, cheese blintzes, fresh sweet rolls, orange juice and champagne for about \$8.00.

Restaurant Reporters: Dave Dykeman, Nancy Gordon, Pat Holleman, Karen Leonard, Norma Limp, Larry Machleder, Rob Roy McDonald, Harold McFadden, Tom McNicholas, Jim Murphy, and Bill T. Russell, all of whom agree that it is foolish to eat badly---especially at present prices.

10 YEAR SIERRA CLIMBING ROUTE INDEX--1976 TO 1986

Through ECHO Vol. 30-6

Ron Jones

I last compiled an index for base camp and climbing routes of Sierra Peaks for ECHOS through Volume 29-7 in 1985. It is now being updated through the ECHO of October 1986. I have omitted many interesting writeups when they seemed not to include significant descriptions of the route. Also, routes on un-named peaks are not included as they are difficult to classify in a conventional index format. I would appreciate receiving any corrections or additions to this index for future updating. Future maintenance of the index is easy as it is now on floppy disk.

I have indexed all write-ups since 1976. Peaks without write-ups during this period will show the last route information listed prior to 1976. Earlier indexes will be found in ECHO Vols 30-1, 28-2, 20-8 and Vol 14-2. There may be writeups which I have overlooked, and for these omissions I apologize. Following the name of the peak there will be a series of several numbers; for instance: Balcony 22-1/29-2. These figures mean that route information for this peak can be found in Vol. 22 issue #1 and Vol. 29 issue #2 of the ECHO.

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