

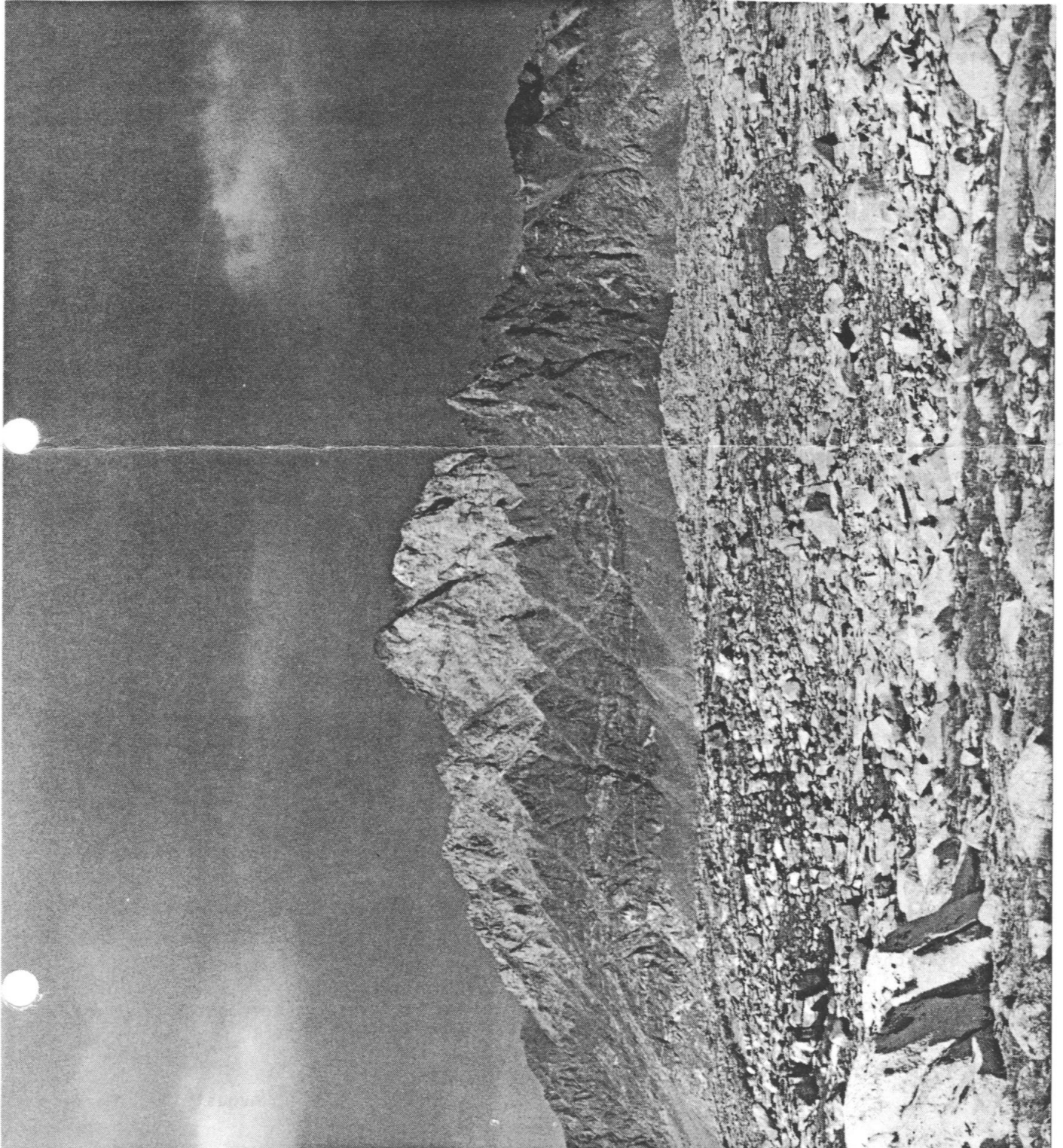
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ECHOES FROM THE CHAIR

We have been advised that starting in October 1988 no ice-ax instruction nor 4th, 5th, or 6th class rock climbing will be allowed by the Sierra Club. Our insurance for these activities has not been renewed. -- September 20, 1988.

From time to time we hear complaints, or we complain ourselves about how poorly some leader had conducted a specific trip. Well, we are not perfect, and we are bound to mess up. Here are some of my thoughts about leading, and following:

On leading:

1. In the schedule, be explicit of the demands of the trip on the participants.
2. The trip sheet, likewise, should restate the conditioning and the skills required for the trip.
3. Leaders should screen applicants on the basis of trip demands. This is not easy, because we can not always guess correctly, and we do not want to turn an unknown marginal person away.
4. Once a person has been accepted, the leader has an obligation to do everything reasonable to make the person successful on the trip.
5. The leader also has an obligation to the group to achieve the stated objectives. This may mean that anyone jeopardizing the objectives, in the leader's judgement, may have to sit at a campsite, and await the group's return.
6. The leader should lead according to the abilities of the group, and not to his or her desires.
7. Finally, all of this must be accomplished with the primary objective of the group's and individual's safety in mind.

On following:

1. Read and understand the trip requirements.
2. Don't sign up to go on a trip for which you are not qualified, or are not physically fit.
3. Provide accurate information about your conditioning and experience. Note that this information must be recent, and not what you could and did two years ago.
4. If in doubt, talk to the leader.
5. Be on time for departure and at other scheduled times. Don't make everyone wait for you.
6. Don't be a no-show!
7. Stay physically fit.

All of us should remember that we go in a group for safety, companionship, moral support, etc., and therefore we have to be considerate of each other.

Maris

15 August 1988, Maris

ECHOES TO OUR READERS

SPS ANNUAL BANQUET

WHERE: Escadrille Room
 PROUD BIRD
 11022 Aviation Blvd.
 Los Angeles, CA 90045
 (213) 670-3093

WHEN: Wednesday, December 14th
 6:00 PM No-host Cocktail Hour
 7:30 PM Dinner

COST: \$18.00 per mountaineer or guest

WHAT: Roast Half Chicken
 (Fish or Vegetable substitute
 with advance notice.)

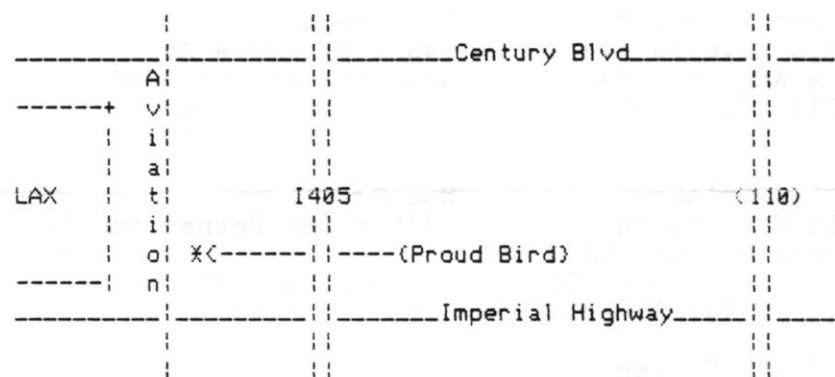
HOW: Reservations can be secured through
 any Management Committee Member or
 by sending a SASE to:

PROGRAM: "Yosemite Multi-Day Climbing"
 presented by Don Pies.

Mario Gonzales, Banquet Chairperson
 117 South La Fayette Park Place #7
 Los Angeles, CA 90057
 (213) 612-3047

DETAILS: Make checks payable to the
 Sierra Peaks Section. Tables
 may be reserved for 8 to 10
 guests.

MAP: Directions to the PROUD BIRD are
 below. Get there early for parking.



FROM THE EDITOR ... I wish to thank everyone for their response to my plea for trip reports in the last issue of the Echo. We still need photographs. I would also like to apologize to Karen Leonard for failing to credit her with the trip report on Goodale and Striped published in the last Echo. This issue is primarily devoted to one of the ballot issues -- should Palisade Crest become a listed peak? One negative opinion expressed in a letter is published along with one trip report, one positive opinion statement and a reprint of Bill T. Russell's detailed trip report from last year. However, without Sierra Club insurance, this issue may become academic. Personally, I believe that Palisade Crest is a great climb, whether it is listed or not, but it is not a peak (pinnacle, maybe). So much for editorial comment.

PEAK INDEX	Black Giant	Henry	Lone Pine	Palisade Crest
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(SEP-OCT '88)	Emerald	Iron	McGee	Scylla

COVER PHOTO CREDIT: Jeff Solomon took this fine photograph of Mt. Humphreys, an emblem peak, from Humphreys Basin with a storm gathering above. Your photograph of the Sierra scenery or of an interesting climbing activity can also grace the cover of the Sierra Echo! We need photographs! Send your photos for consideration to Associate Editor: Jeff Solomon, 16 Silver Fir, Irvine CA 92714. (Baby Marcus has joined Jeff's family!)

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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88. Pete Yamagata
89. Tina Stough
90. Ruth Armentrout

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SPS MEMBERSHIP PROFILE

The list of current SPS members printed in the last Echo (members as of June 1988) can be broken down by sex and achievement level to show the proportions of men and women at different levels of mountaineering achievement in the section.

SPS Members by Sex and Achievement

	No. Women	No. Men	Total No.	% Women
Subscribers to Echo	6	32	38	16%
Beginning members	45	125	170	27%
Emblem holders	19	73	92	21%
Senior Emblem	9	34	43	21%
List Finishers	3	18	21	14%
TOTAL	82	282	364	23%

Source: Echo mailing list as of June 1988; I have not included 11 entries like "District Rangers" and "Angeles Chapter office."

Contrary to most predictions, women constitute a very respectable proportion of SPS members at every level. I do not know how their participation has changed over time, or whether their participation as leaders and as trip members would show the same profile. Some recordkeeper could give us those figures, perhaps.

Women are not a disproportionately large part of the "inactive" category either. More than a quarter of SPS members are so labelled (90), and 21 of them (23%) are women. Inactive members are those who, when renewing their membership, have not listed any hiking or other section activities during the last year (this inactive category may not be a meaningful or accurate one, since it includes many who seem to me to have been active).

Women list-finishers among the current SPS members are Vicki Hoover, Barbara Magnuson, and Barbara Lilley; those who hold Senior Emblems are Mary Bihl, Nancy Gordon, Vi Grasso, Delores Holladay, Pat Holleman, Gisela Klwin, Mary McMannes, Mary Sue Miller, and Barbara Reber.

But are there as many women in the SPS as in the other hiking sections? A comparative analysis of women in the HPS, DPS, and SPS will come out in the next issue of the DPS newsletter, The Desert Sage (September), so you better join the DPS and get that newsletter! Send your list of 6 desert peaks climbed to Randy Bernard, DPS Treasurer, with \$6.00, and you'll get the Sage automatically, or just subscribe (same thing without the list of 6 peaks).

Karen Leonard

OLD LEADERS, NEW LEADERS AND PROVISIONAL LEADERS:

START THINKING SPRING, GLISSADES, NO QUOTAS AND 4TH OF JULY. TRIP WRITE-UPS FOR THE MARCH 1 - JULY 4, 1989 SCHEDULE SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY THE OUTINGS CHAIR, BILL OLIVER, NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27. PLEASE FOLLOW THE FORMAT AS STATED IN THE CURRENT SCHEDULE ON PG. 23. LET'S TRY FOR A GOODMIX OF M, E AND INTRO TRIPS AND LET'S HOPE FOR A LOT OF SNOW!

FALL/WINTER SCHEDULE

NOV 5-6 SAT-SUN SPS/LTC

M: JOSHUA TREE. ROCK INSTRUCTION AND PRACTICE for beginners through advanced. LTP checkout available for M level leader candidates. Equipment fund donation - \$2. Send sase with carpool info, H & W phones to Leader: TOM DURYEY, Asst: BILL OLIVER.

DEC 17-18 SAT-SUN SPS/DPS/LTC

M: ROCK CHECKOFF AND INSRUCTION: Join us at Granite Cove near Granite Mtn #1 for rock climbing instruction, practice and leader checkoff. For information send a sase (leader checkoffs must be requested in writing at this time) to Leader: RON JONES. Asst: MARIS VALKASS.

OCT 29-30 SAT-SUN SPS/LTC

I/M: Navigational Noodle: Navigational noodle and check off somewhere in the Sierra (Southern, that is). Send SASE to Nancy Gordon.

OCT 15-16 SAT-SUN SIERRA PEAKS

M: Carillon (13,522'), Tunnabora Peak (13,565')

Satbackpack from Whitney Portal to Upper Boy Scout Lake (2,600' gain).

Sunday do both pks and out (3rd class, 4,000' gain). Send SASE with conditioning, climbing experience and H&W phones to

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ASPEN AUTUMN

Between the summer and the snow
There's a time of year that I love so
When aspen leaves can blaze entire
Mountainsides with yellow fire
'Tween summer's joy and winter's death
The mountains pause to catch their breath
A time for quiet reveries
On sweet and bitter memories
Of walking enchanted through trembling gold
With one whose love has since grown cold

Like a Brahms intermezzo, or a glass of old port
The high mountain autumn is deep, rich and short

Robert C Michael

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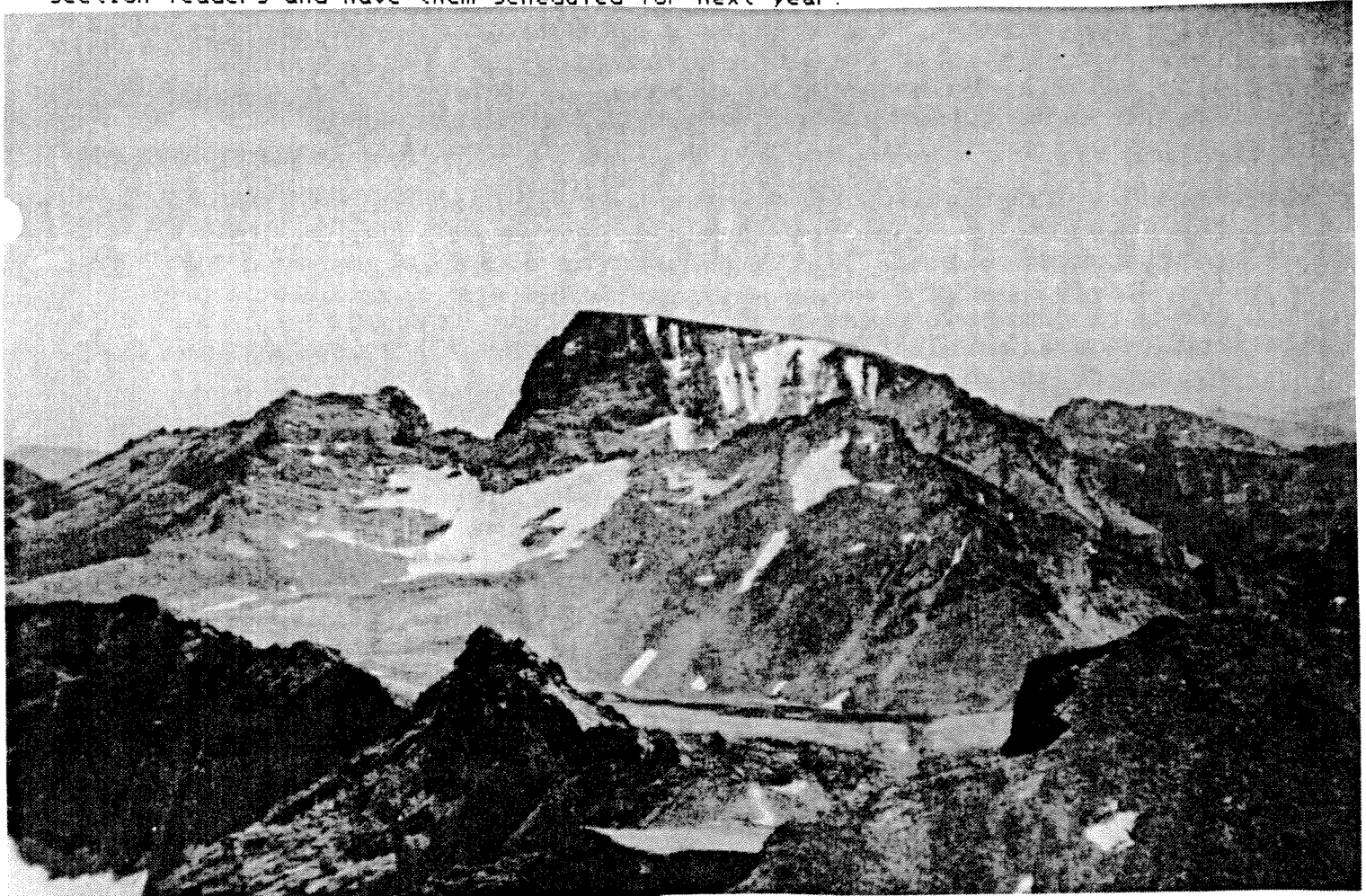
Thanks to those who have responded to the Echo. Mystery Peak #4 is Red Slate Mountain. Tina Stough, Pete Yamagata, and Bob Michael made the correct identification.

Peaks claimed as best view points by Echo readers are North Palisade, Mt. Goddard, Black Giant, Half Dome, Mt. Kaweah, and Mt. Gardner. The reasons for these choices varied. Mt. Goddard and Black Giant were rated highly for being remote enough from other high spots to offer a good sighting to other distant peaks. Half Dome and Black Giant, on the other hand, were appreciated for what could be seen near the Peak.

Why are new routes so seldom explored in SPS outings? Here are some of the reasons offered by Echo subscribers: shortage of time, safety, orientation toward the peak list, and skill level.

Regarding the numbering of Echo pages: readers voted YES. Now we must find out where the readers want the pages numbered: top or bottom, right, left or middle?

As this issue goes out to the readership, the summer climbing is drawing to a close. We hope your trips were satisfying ones. Did you meet your goals? Even if you did, there are bound to be a couple peaks you really want, but you will have to wait until next year to do them. While they are still fresh on your mind, jot them down on a post card and send them in to the editors so that we can exert our influence among the section leaders and have them scheduled for next year!



We would like to know something from you. What is the ugliest listed peak in the Sierra? We mean real ugly -- not just an average crud heap. We hope that Mystery Peak #5 shown above is not your choice. Anyway, drop us a post card and let us know about the Good (mystery peak identity), the Bad (the peaks that you've missed this year), and the Ugly. Send your responses to the Associate Editor, Jeff Solomon.

W. H. ...

ECHOES FROM OUR READERS

Editor: The Sierra Echo

August 1988

Palisade Crest has been recommended for addition to the SPS List and I note a very strong advocacy by the Management Committee and some List Finishers or Tigers to ensure that it is approved. I am not opposed to changing the List, either by addition or deletion, as long as it is for the benefit of the Section.

I am opposed to adding Palisade Crest for the following reasons:

Bill T. Russell has climbed the Crest twice and spent 11 hours on the first climb and 9 hours 40 minutes on the second. Using R.J. Secor's recent analysis of the most difficult peaks, the Crest would have to be rated in the same class as Devil's Crag and Norman Clyde at the top of the List.

Expanding on the above, Palisade Crest is a tough peak and should only be climbed by small parties with expert leaders. Only a few SPS members will be competent enough to complete this extended climb, but by adding it to the List, average climbers will be encouraged to make the attempt. The peak, just like Devil's Crag and Norman Clyde, will be scheduled rarely and almost all climbs will be by small private parties. This does not serve the Section very well.

The S. Fork Big Pine Creek basin is overused and only 16 daily entries are allowed. Fifty percent or 8 can be reserved but the maximum party size is only 6. There are excellent listed and more dominant peaks within this permit area and we should not encourage additional visits. The Forest Service obviously considers the area to be fragile.

Lastly, the enjoyment of a good climb is not dependent on being a listed peak. Some of my favorite trips have been to areas such as the Pioneer Basin climbing peaks not on the List. Adding such peaks to the List would not increase the enjoyment and I certainly do not recommend their inclusion. Likewise, Palisade Crest can be climbed and enjoyed by superior climbers without the peak being on the List.

In conclusion, adding Palisade Crest to the List does not benefit the Section. It is a technical peak requiring an extended climb. Although the insurance and liability problems that we had several years ago appear to be behind us, we should not add such a peak to the List.



Elton Fletcher
List Finisher, 1977

August 3-14, 1988

Doug's Private Trip

Artichoke Hearts and Helicopters

Doug ("The New Norman Clyde") Mantle, Yi Grasso, Bob Hicks, and Duane McRuer set off from Florence Lake on Wednesday, August 3, followed by boxes, bags, and jars of food coming in on John Cunningham's mule train. Their first day took them to Goddard Canyon to the junction of the Muir and Martha Lake trails. When they climbed Emerald from the Evolution Meadow area the next day, Mac hyperextended his ankle. While the other three climbed Henry and moved camp up Goddard Canyon Friday, Mac began hiking out. Saturday the three climbed McGee and moved to Martha Lake.

Saturday morning Randy Danta and I set off from Florence Lake, greatly surprised to meet Mac as we stepped off the 8:30 ferry. Meanwhile, Joe Stephens was starting his trek over Lamarck Col, bagging Lamarck on the way. Randy and I hoofed it to the Muir Trail/Martha Lake junction and climbed Henry.

On Sunday Randy and I headed to Martha Lake for the rendezvous, dropped packs, and went from there cross country to climb McGee. Yi and Bob climbed Reinstein and Scylla, and Joe soloed Reinstein. Doug trekked all the way from Reinstein to Finger and was still back at the lake at 4:30. At dinner the jar then made its debut--3.8 pounds of artichoke hearts for marvelous salads.

I left early Monday morning to climb Reinstein while Yi and Bob headed back to Florence and home. Doug and Joe hiked to the edge of Ionian Basin and climbed Goddard, waiting till Randy and I (now cursing the jar) met them after some slow going and grumbling over talus and scree. We then traversed around various lakes; dropped packs at the second lake north of Scylla, marked 11,824' on the 15' map; and went up Scylla. We found a grassy area around a tarn just above the lake that gave us a reasonable camp--the rest of the shore is quite rocky. We had more great salad at dinner followed by some snow and rain.

Tuesday we moved camp to the lake just south of Black Giant Pass and climbed Charybdis. Back to camp early, we did laundry and bathed just before the clouds came in, then played catch after dinner. At the grand salad finale we finished the artichoke hearts, but carried the jar as a memento of the trip.

The next morning we moved camp toward Muir Pass and climbed Black Giant and McDuffie, where a rubber duck awaited us on the summit, leashed to the register box. We set up camp at the large lake south east of Muir Pass and had more rain and snow.

We stepped onto the Muir trail for a few steps on Thursday morning, but this was almost too much of a rush after all of the cross country with heavy packs. We quickly stepped off the trail to climb Fiske. Joe led us up this one, taking a heavy duty fourth class route just below the southwest ridge but descending by the easy sandy basin for an early lunch at Helen. Boy Scouts were swarming over Muir Hut as we roared over the pass and dropped packs to climb Huxley. As we climbed, wet snow began to fall and the thunder rumbled. On the summit ridge, things were beginning to buzz and our hair was crackling. We therefore went along just below the ridge, quickly signed in, and headed down. We marched along the trail to Evolution Lake and a wonderful site at the outlet with grand views of the Hermit and Evolution Valley.

Friday morning, August 12, we set off to scramble up the Hermit, following an easy diagonal chute that feeds into the main scree chute to the summit. The Hermit would have been Doug's thirteenth peak of the trip and his 199th the third time around. About one hundred yards from the summit, the whole nature of the trip changed. As Doug reached up for a five hundred pound oblong granite boulder about three and a half feet tall, it came down on him. After tumbling about thirty feet, he landed upright, sitting down hard on a jagged protruding rock, his right foot trapped between this rock and the main culprit as sand filled in from above. Randy quickly controlled the bleeding from a huge gash just below Doug's right knee. Once the bleeding was controlled on this wound, Randy was able to dig out Doug's foot and continue first aid to fingers and other scrapes,

checking for fractures. The injuries were the worst on Doug's right side, beginning with a big scrape below his ribs on his back towards the side, his right hip, and scrape on the right thigh, and the gash below his knee. There were scrapes liberally sprinkled over the remaining parts, including the tip and side of Doug's nose and over his left eye. He never lost consciousness. After Joe prepared a better place for Doug to rest, Doug hobbled to this more suitable position. Randy then filled out an emergency report form, marked a map with our location, and sent Joe off at 9:06 to the McClure Ranger Station.

We were fortunate to be in the sun and have very little wind. We helped Doug into his balaclava, a down jacket, and full-length zippered pants to combat shock. After Randy improved the platform, Doug could elevate his arms and legs a bit and lie in relative--very relative--comfort. Doug's synchilla jacket was under him, to control the bleeding, and another dark jacket was over his face and chest to help warm him. During the wait we fed Doug chocolates and water while he recited "The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock" and passages from The Music Man. What a trooper!

Just past noon, the first helicopter arrived. Joe had really zoomed to McClure, stopping all he met to check for radio help and the whereabouts of the ranger. Fortunately, the ranger, Em Scattaregia, was still at her cabin at McClure, about to head out on a four day trip. Helped by the emergency report form, she radioed for help and two people were flown to the flat-topped bump to the southeast of the peak that we had come over in the morning. Jim Miller, a park fireman and paramedic, hiked up to us, did his own total body survey, checked the bandaging and put on several additional wraps. His partner Bruce Edmonson relayed information from eight hundred feet below at the landing site.

A second helicopter, this one from Yosemite, brought in a litter. Once Doug was in the litter, Randy and I rigged the webbing for the connection to the helicopter cable since Jim trusted our knots more than his. The Yosemite 'copter returned about 3 p.m. but aborted the cable attempt because the winds, though slight, were variable. More people had to be brought in from Cedar Grove, totalling six Kings Canyon NPS staff. Meanwhile, Randy and I worked to clear loose rocks all the way down the diagonal ramp, so much of the way was a sandy freeway, and set up slings in two positions for possible belays. Joe rejoined us, carrying a sleeping bag for Doug. By nightfall the team was in place and Mark Magnuson took charge of directing the tension-lowering operation, helped by Tim Simonds, Randy Morgenson, Em, Bruce, and Jim, the medic who continued to monitor Doug's condition.

Thus we began the long task of carrying Doug down in the dark with six people guiding and carrying the belayed litter. The NPS cut up Randy's eighty foot rope to use for waist attachments to the litter. After Mark set up each belay (most off trees) not using those rigged by Randy, I belayed through the first three positions with a three hundred foot rope. Though Mark had insisted that those carrying the litter wear helmets, he curiously did not safeguard the belay with an end knot.

With Joe scouting the route, Doug braced himself while watching the peak of the Perseid meteor showers on this moonless, clear night. We were very fortunate that the afternoon rain did not materialize this day. The final belay of the night was finished before 1 a.m., which put us at the base of the Hermit at about 11,600'. Randy and Tim carried sleeping bags over to our site. After eating some C rations, Jim, Randy, and I bivouaced with Doug while the others went to the landing site to eat and huddle around a fire.

We awoke at 6 and belayed Doug in his litter a short way to the talus field and then carried him to a secondary landing site in a low area between the Hermit and the bump. It was now clear that Doug would be flown to Northern Inyo County Hospital in Bishop rather than out to Fresno. Since Joe had come in from the east, Randy argued convincingly that it would be best for the patient if Joe, his pack, and Doug's gear were flown out to North Lake so that Joe could help transport Doug home after he was released.

Randy, Joe, and I then said goodbye to Doug and the others and went back to camp to pack up. Joe waited with his gear and Doug's pack at the grazing sign at the lower end of Evolution Lake for helicopter pickup. Randy and I said goodbye at 10:30 and started the twenty-two mile hike out to

Florence Lake. As we hiked, we saw the helicopter transport Jim and Doug to Bishop, next ferrying the others to McClure before flying them back to Cedar Grove. We reached McClure Meadow just as the last ferrying flight was going on--the amount of equipment being flown out was staggering. Five helicopters had been used over the course of the rescue, and we did not have to pay a cent since we were in a National Park. Many thanks to the NPS for helping our pal Doug!

Randy and I camped at Aspen Meadow on Saturday and came out Sunday morning after over one hundred miles and nine remote peaks in nine days. At Shaver Lake we called Doug. He sounded great, and we were relieved to hear that the doctor gave a good prognosis for Doug's recovery.

Tina Stough

IRON MTN.

July 16-17

Private Trip

You say you want to do Iron from Anona Lake? You don't? You do? Who cares? If the Ashley Lake chute is cruddy in a low-snow year like the current one, and don't particularly want to carry an ice ax in July, then the approach from Anona is quite suitable. Moseing on up to Mojave just before taking the turn off from 14 to 395, I ran into Delores Holladay and Barbara Reber. Although I had other peaks in mind, the invitation to do Iron would do fine for the company.

Friday nite Barbara suggested we camp on the east side of 395 but at some offroad site. On approach, we thought we could make out in the night shadows the dead body of a cow. We drove on to where it seemed to be far enough away from the shadowy bulk, and although the grounds were sandy and comfortable to sleep on, now and then wafting breezes proved we didn't set up far enough to avoid the fragarance of the carcass. Early Sat. (before the busses become compulsory), we got our permit from the Ranger Sta. in Mammoth and by 7 a.m. were on our way to Devil's Postpile. Moseing along into camp at Fern Lake, we spent a leisurely afternoon and weathered a passing thunderstorm shower. Sun. morning, just before 8, we followed the trail to Anona L. and veered over to the right of the lake to gain access to and climbed the easy benching slopes and to the ridge. Then traversed left below the ridge (due south) until arrival at the last prominent knob that makes a wide notch between it and the second knob due north. By this time we were pretty sure we had gone beyond the Ashley chute. As we peeked around the corner of the next to last knob, the easy slopes to Iron opened up for a quick traverse on to the peak. Climbed the double summit - just to make sure . . . can't even tell which one has the "Toni"

Returning on the same route, we had the option to traverse back (due north) to the easy benches; instead, we descended (northeast) directly above the lake but keeping to the right of it. The moraine below looked as though it might meet nicely with the lake level. Well, sort of. Ran into some steep brush, a couple of detours here & there to avoid the sudden appearance of brush-covered short cliffs, then some zig-zagging over the small waterfall outlets down to the old debris-covered field caused by some past avalanche on the north side of the lake. Soon on trail, back to camp, and out to the cars around 5 p. Said our so-longs at Mammoth, then the long drive home.

APR 30-MAY 1, '88; LONE PINE, LeCONTE & MALLORY: DAVE DYKEMAN/ROY MAGNUSON

This was to be a fun spring climb with good, consolidated snow. Nature did not read the script. Light winter snows melted, then spring snow lacked time to consolidate. At Meysan Lakes trailhead 14 signed in. Conditions deteriorated as 11 climbed the chute up Lone Pine Pk. The temperature fell and wind blew spindrifts from peaks. Near the summit plateau, Roy headed down with a group of 4 who'd had enough. We had other leaders, so 7 who still wanted to bag the peak pressed on. On the summit plateau, I estimated the temperature at 15-to-20 degrees and the wind at 80 mph. Gusts tore the glasses from my face. I feared we might become over-extended and decided to turn the eager group back. Saying I might not make it did the trick. With the peak very near, we turned around. Going down, Ray Wolfe had an accident. The text of an attachment to the chapter accident/incident report follows:

Snow was one week old and temperature sub freezing, forming breakable crust with danger of injury on plunge-through. Most climbers preferred a low-speed glissade. We had no loss-of control incident until "ouch" was heard from Ray. With four climbers within 50 yards of Ray, no one saw the incident. Ray later said was having trouble moving, then was going too fast, lost control, lost his grip on his ice axe and tumbled on a rock.

Asked if he were OK, Ray said he was. The group went half a mile or less to camp. I waited as Ray glissaded cautiously to flat ground. On trying to walk, Ray's knee hurt. He felt it was wrenched or bruised. There was no very-sensitive area. He tied a pressure wrap at the knee. This didn't help. I asked if he wanted a tent and supplies to camp in-situ. Ray said he'd rather go to camp and see how it went in the a.m. Co-leader, Roy Magnuson and an other climber came to investigate. I went to organize a team. We used a backpack as a transport sled.

Sending for help was considered but ruled an extra risk. Ray got hot food & drink then rested. Next a.m., the leg was swollen & stiff. Two messengers went out, taking two cars to town. They were to dial 911 for the sheriff, then call the Sierra Madre Search & Rescue. At Ray's request, they asked for chopper transport. Our ETA was 12:30. It came at 12:17, left view, returned & circled in a slow decent...searching we thought. They were cautious of tricky winds. Ray was at the edge of a flat clearing. We had a space blanket for a wind sock, bright colors for easy spotting and a bulls eye for landing. Crew comment was "They must be pros, they've done too many many things right." The CHP chopper went to the hospital in Lone Pine. X-rays showed a hair-line fracture.

I'm evaluating the situation and response. I've polled participants. Response was: Risk of such incidents is involved. Little more can be done.

Things that might reduce the risk include:

- 1) Deny people with limited experience access to such trips.
Climbing conditions were outside those expected for the climb.
I feel strongly for encouraging wider participation.
- 2) Observation of all participant's glissade paths could show Ray's 20 feet too far east, near rocks: on steeper snow, routine.
- 3) More training sessions improve skills.
'Tis a noble goal which already had new impetus in the club.
- 4) Ray was wearing a type of boots with beveled heels. I've seen such heels cause others to slip on snow....I noted Ray's post-incident.

EARLY THIS YEAR, WHEN RON & I WERE PLANNING THIS FINE TRIP, WE FLIPPED A COIN. I LOST AND BECAME LEADER! THIS TRIP, HOWEVER, WAS SURELY OVER-LEAD: OF THE SEVEN OF US, WE HAD SIX E-RATED LEADERS AND ONE M (STEVE THAW). THERE WERE THREE LIST-FINISHERS (RICH GNAGY, NORM ROHN & RJ SECOR) - OUT TO PROTECT THEIR FINISHES, NO DOUBT - AND TWO WELL BEYOND SENIOR EMBLEM (RON & JIM MURPHY).

WE HAD A LITTLE RAIN AT THE TRAILHEAD FRI NIGHT BUT, UNDETERRED, WE DEPARTED FROM GLACIER LODGE AT 8:20 AM AND HEADED UP THE TRAILLESS EAST SIDE OF THE S. FORK. IT WASN'T MY IDEA OF FUN, BUT I WAS CURIOUS - IT MIGHT BE USEFUL IN A HIGH RUNOFF PERIOD TO AVOID THE TRAIL STREAM CROSSING. THERE'S A GOOD USE TRAIL UP THE CANYON TOWARD GAYLEY. IT BEGINS ABOUT 6-8 MINUTES S. OF THE WILLOW LAKE SIGNED TURNOFF, JUST ON THE N. SIDE OF A CREEK STEP-ACROSS. THE TRAIL CROSSES THE STREAM AND GOES TALUS AT THE FIRST SIDE CYN. THE SECOND CYN GOES X-C AMID AGONIZING SKREE TO ELINORE LAKE, WHICH WE REACHED AT 1:50, HAVING PICKED UP RJ & HIS DAD ENROUTE. AN EXCELLENT CAMPSITE WAS ESTABLISHED ON THE NNW KNOLL. IN THE AFTERNOON I DID A ROUTE RECONN AND STEVE DID TEMPLE CRAG (3:30 - 7:30PM). (THE SENIORS RESTED ON THEIR LAURELS.)

A WEEK OF BAD WEATHER APPEARED BEHIND US AS WE GOT UP AT 5:20 AND DEPARTED AT 6:35 (THE LATE START A CONCESSION TO INTENSE LOBBYING). BILL T. RUSSELL HAS A VERY THOROUGH ROUTE DESCRIPTION IN HIS TRIP REPORT: ECHO 31-7, NOV-DEC/87. PLEASE REFER ALSO TO BOB HARTUNIAN'S EXCELLENT DRAWING: 28-6, SEPT-OCT/84. THE SUMMIT & RAMP APPEAR IN AN ECHO COVER PHOTO: 26-7, NOV-DEC/82. ON THE APPROACH, INSTEAD OF TAKING THE DIRECT S. ROUTE OVER THE RIDGE, WE TOOK JIM'S ROUTE AROUND THE RIDGE ABOVE THE SMALL LAKE. MOST OF US CHOSE THE FORMER ON THE RETURN, BEING MORE DIRECT THOUGH WITH SOME MINOR CLASS 3. WATER WAS EASILY OBTAINED AT THE FOOT OF THE SNOW-FIELD. THE SNOW WAS EASILY ASCENDED W/O ICE AXE OR CRAMPONS AND WE REACHED THE CAIRNED RIDGE AT 9:40.

WE HAD A VERY AIRY (READ THAT EXHILERATING) CLIMB UP, ALONG AND DOWN THE RIDGE TO THE LARGE CHOCKSTONE (VISIBLE FROM THE TRAILHEAD) BRIDGING THE NOTCH TO "THE RAMP." BILL T'S DESCRIPTION IS PERHAPS TOO DETAILED; JUST KEEP IT 3rd CLASS (OR "LOW" 4th) AND FOLLOW DUCKS DOWN TO THE NOTCH, WHICH WE REACHED AT 11:15. WE HAD A 150' AND A 165' ROPE, BOTH 8-9mm. WE SHOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TOP THE RAMP IN ONE PITCH WITH THE LONGER ROPE. IT TURNED OUT THAT TOO MUCH OF IT WAS USED IN THE BELAY ANCHOR INSTEAD OF WEBBING, HOWEVER, SO I HAD TO ESTABLISH A BELAY STANCE ABOUT 15 FEET SHORT OF THE TOP AND JUST CONTINUED TO BELAY ABOVE ME. (THIS DID HAPPEN TO ALLOW US, HOWEVER, TO TRAIL THE SHORTER ROPE BEHIND EACH CLIMBER. THE NEXT PERSON UP COULD THEN PULL THE BELAY ROPE BACK TO HIM INSTEAD OF ME HAVING TO COIL AND THROW IT DOWN.) I PLACED A FEW SMALL TO MEDIUM STOPPERS/HEXES ON THE LEAD. THE VERY LOW 5th CLASS "CRUX" IS NEAR THE BEGINNING. KEEP NEAR THE RIGHT EDGE AND IT'S BASICALLY EASY 4th; MTN BOOTS DO FINE, BUT DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT YOUR HARDHAT.

THE SUMMIT IS THEN READILY ATTAINED IN ABOUT 8-10 MIN. OF 3rd CLASS. WITH SEVEN CLIMBERS, THE BELAY DEVOURS TIME - OVER 20 MIN. EACH - AND ABOUT THAT MUCH AGAIN FOR THE RAPP. THE 150' ROPE STRETCHED LONG ENOUGH TO REACH OUR STARTING POINT NEAR THE BOTTOM OF THE RAMP. THIS ALLOWED US TO KEEP THE DOUBLE-ROPE KNOT AT THE TOP OF THE RAPP. WE WERE OFF RAPP BY 3:15, BACK TO THE CAIRN AT 4:45, AND MOSTLY AT CAMP BY 6:30. WE WERE VERY LUCKY THAT AFTERNOON STORMS WERE A DISTANT THREAT.

MONDAY WE WERE MOSTLY UP AT 6:30 AND MADE THE CARS ABOUT 11:20. (SOME MADE A MORE LEISURELY EXIT.) THIS TRIP BENEFITTED FROM: FINE WEATHER, THE EXPERIENCES THOUGHTFULLY SHARED BY MANY PREVIOUS SUMMITTEERS (KUDOS TO NANCY GORDON FOR A LAST MINUTE UPDATE), RON WITH HIS GREAT ASSIST, AND ALL THE PARTICIPANTS WHO SHARED THE LEAD THROUGHOUT THE CLIMB. I URGE THAT IT BE LEAD IN THE FUTURE AS A LISTED PEAK - WE HAVE SEVERAL MORE DIFFICULT ONES IN THE AREA, IT IS VERY SOUND ROCK, AND IT BECKONS A CHALLENGE THAT OUGHT NOT BE IGNORED. WE ENNOBLE OUR LIST WITH ITS ADDITION.

Bill

A FOOTNOTE TO PALISADE CREST

I assisted Bill on this climb and I looked very critically at the possibilities of this peak being added to our list. My opinion is that Palisade Crest is a high quality peak, a definite high-point on the Sierra Crest, standing quite apart from Mt Jepsom to the north and Norman Clyde to the south. The view from the top, both of the surrounding Palisade area and distant views to the west and north make it a good candidate to Jeff Solomon's question of the Sierra Peak with the best view. The route is straight forward and the quality of rock very good. It is not a peak that all SPSers could do easily but neither are several of our Emblem and Mountaineer's Peaks. I judge it second to Devils Crag in difficulty because of sustained third class rock but safer the D.C. because of better rock. I believe this peak is a worthy addition to the SPS list.

----- Ron Jones.

SHEPHERD PASS TRAIL PARTY, July 9-17, 1988 Secor, Rohn & Stein

The leader spent more hours planning this trip (96 hours!) than he spent planning an expedition to Aconcagua. The leader lost control of the outing before it even began, due to a conflict over mules. Fortunately, everything came together, and the result was the most satisfying Sierra Peaks Section outing that the leader has had the pleasure of leading.

Mark Berry of the Rainbow Pack Outfit packed in our food, equipment, and tools on Saturday, July 9 to Anvil Camp. (In the middle of the week, another packer from Rainbow Pack Outfit dropped two backpackers off at Anvil Camp, and then packed out our rubbish for us). On Sunday, everyone was too beat from the hike-in to bag a peak, so we started work on the 60' causeway below Anvil Camp, where a spring was flooding the trail. It was amazing to watch the transformation of the muddy bog into a firm, dry trail as everyone gradually discovered their unique, individual talents. Marty Hornick of the USFS said that the causeway would last a hundred years. Everyone was proud of the causeway, and of their participation in its construction. In true SPS fashion, a list of the workers and the date of construction was placed in two cans and buried at the foot of the causeway. Trail volunteers of the future are requested to add their names to ours, a hundred years from now.


The other major objective of this trip was to eliminate and restore some of Anvil Camp's campsites. Those sites too close to water were destroyed. The other sites had their campfire rings eliminated and then replaced with large, keyhole-shaped fireplaces, surrounded by flat rocks. These fireplaces will be easier to clean, and easier to use for cooking and entertainment. This was another moment of pride for the participants.

Our third objective was light rock and tread work on the trail itself. A landslide had wiped out about 40' of the trail at the 9,000' level beyond the second saddle. Marty Hornick and R.J. Secor dashed up to this site the day before the trip started to rebuild this section. This was critical to the success of this trip. Otherwise, it was uncertain if the packer would be able to get his animals across this section. This was a great success, because on the next day, the participants were unable to tell exactly where the trail had disappeared. In the latter part of the week, we succeeded in opening the trail to the 11,000' level.

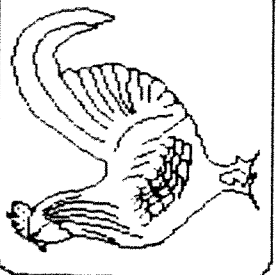
The fourth objective was to climb Mt. Williamson, Mt. Tyndall, Junction Peak, and Mt. Keith. All four were climbed. But the significant climbs went to Marty Hornick. After putting in a half-day of gravel making on the causeway (with an 8 lb. sledge hammer), he climbed Mt. Williamson and Mt. Tyndall that afternoon. This makes it a 6,000' afternoon.

The participants were:

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| R.J. Secor | Bill T. Russell | Brian McLaughlin | Friso Hermans |
| John Secor | Pat Russell | Kathleen O'Rourke | Eivor Nilson |
| Rich Abele | Rick Beatty | Dave Underwood | Jack Miller |
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| Joanne Profit | Rene McVay | Chuck Stein | |



Remember to get your tickets for the SPS Annual Banquet on December 14th, 1988!



LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN TO THE SIERRA CLUB NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AS MANY OF YOU MAY KNOW BY NOW, THE SIERRA CLUB HAS BEEN WITHOUT EFFECTIVE MOUNTAINEERING INSURANCE SINCE 1 OCTOBER. PRESENTED WITH A SOLE BID OF \$325K TO PURCHASE \$1M IN LIABILITY INSURANCE TO BENEFIT, SAY, "1,000 - 2,000" MEMBERS, THE BOARD CHOSE NOT TO BUY. THE LARGE PREMIUM IS IN REACTION TO RECENT LARGE CLAIM SETTLEMENTS FOR ACCIDENTS THAT OCCURRED 2 TO 8 YEARS AGO. WE ARE NOW LEFT WITH INSURANCE THAT PROHIBITS OUR TEACHING, USING, OR EVEN BRINGING ALONG ON A TRIP ANY ROPE, CLIMBING HARDWARE OR ICE AXE. SUCH SEVERE RESTRICTIONS SHUT DOWN THE ROCK CLIMBING SECTION (AGAIN), TOTALLY EMASCULATE MOUNTAINEERING TRAINING COMMITTEE (BMT) AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING COMMITTEE, AND LIMIT THE SIERRA PEAKS SECTION TO ITS EASY PEAKS IN LATE SUMMER.

WHAT CAN YOU DO NOW? WRITE TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SIERRA CLUB BOARD, RICHARD CELLARIUS, COPYING AS MANY OTHER MEMBERS AS YOU HAVE STAMPS, AND TELL HIM HOW YOU FEEL IMPACTED BY THIS SITUATION AND HOW YOU BELIEVE IT IMPACTS THE SIERRA CLUB. WE DO NOT WANT TO PROVIDE A FORM LETTER FOR YOU TO SIMPLY SIGN. FAR MORE IMPACT WOULD RESULT FROM A PERSONAL NOTE, HOWEVER BRIEF. BELOW ARE MENTIONED SOME POINTS OR IDEAS YOU MAY WISH TO EXPRESS IN YOUR LETTER. IT IS CRUCIAL THAT WE URGE THE DIRECTORS TO PURSUE THIS MATTER EVEN BEFORE THEIR NEXT REGULAR MEETING IN NOVEMBER.

- ++ IF APPROPRIATE, PLEASE NOTE YOUR SIERRA CLUB MEMBERSHIP NUMBER ON YOUR LETTER. THE NUMBER APPEARS ON YOUR ADDRESS LABELS FROM THE CLUB.
- ++ A GREATER EFFORT NEEDS TO BE MADE TO SEEK OUT MORE AFFORDABLE AND/OR LESS RESTRICTIVE INSURANCE. THE MTC INSURANCE COMMITTEE (BRUCE KNUDTSON) HAS FOUND SUITABLE COVERAGE IN THE \$150-200K RANGE. CONSIDER A SURCHARGE FOR THIS PURPOSE ON NATIONAL DUES OR TO THE USERS.
- ++ THERE IS APPROXIMATELY A 30% TURNOVER IN NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP EVERY YEAR. MANY OF THE NEW MEMBERSHIPS ARE THE DIRECT RESULT OF OUR MOUNTAINEERING AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMS.
- ++ THE MOUNTAINEERING AND PEAKS SECTIONS (SPS, DPS, HPS, RCS) OFFER A STABLE AND RELIABLE LEVEL OF RETENTION, AS WELL AS ATTRACTING NEW MEMBERS. THEIR MEMBERS ARE TYPICALLY AMONG THOSE MOST STRONGLY EMBRACING CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES.
- ++ OUR TRAINING PROGRAMS, ESPECIALLY BMT, ARE A PRIMARY SOURCE OF NEW BLOOD INTO THE CLUB. MANY OF THESE PEOPLE GO ON TO LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AND/OR BECOME ACTIVE IN MULTIPLE SECTIONS/GROUPS.
- ++ THOSE STUDENTS WHO DO NOT REMAIN ACTIVE, NEVERTHELESS, HAVE HAD A VERY FAVORABLE EXPOSURE TO THE SIERRA CLUB AND MANY WILL CONTINUE AS SUPPORTERS OF ITS OUTINGS AND CONSERVATION EFFORTS.
- ++ MOST PEOPLE PERCEIVE THE CLUB AS BOTH VERY OUTINGS/MOUNTAINEERING AND VERY CONSERVATION ORIENTED - IN THE RICH TRADITION OF JOHN MUIR. THIS IS WHAT HELPS MAKE THE SIERRA CLUB SPECIAL. FOR IT TO VIRTUALLY ABANDON ITS MOUNTAINEERING PROGRAMS AND TRADITION, PRESENTS AN IMAGE FAR DIFFERENT FROM WHAT IT HAS ALWAYS STOOD FOR AND SUPPORTED. IN RELINQUISHING ITS OUTINGS IMAGE, THE CLUB SIMPLY BECOMES ONE AMONG MANY CONSERVATION-CENTERED GROUPS (E.G., THE WILDERNESS SOCIETY, THE NATURE CONSERVANCY, THE CALIF. LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS, ETC.).
- ++ JOHN MUIR FOUNDED THE SIERRA CLUB WITH THE CHARTER: ... TO EXPLORE, ENJOY AND RENDER ACCESSIBLE THE MOUNTAIN REGIONS OF THE PACIFIC COAST.

CONSIDER ALL OF THE ABOVE OR NONE OF THE ABOVE; MAKE IT A LONG LETTER OR A VERY SHORT ONE; BE EMOTIONAL (BUT CIVIL) OR UNEMOTIONAL. LET'S FACE IT: LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGNS ARE A PERSONAL PAIN IN THE NECK AND OFTEN SEEM FUTILE. WE HAVE A LOT AT STAKE HERE AND SO DOES THE CLUB. LET'S TRY TO FIRST WORK WITHIN THE CLUB. THE DIRECTORS NEED TO KNOW HOW WE FEEL ABOUT THIS AND THAT WE REPRESENT A SIZABLE AND POTENT PORTION OF THE CLUB. THEY'LL ONLY KNOW THIS AFTER YOU WRITE!

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— A Sierra Club member

Palisade Crest Route Description

PALISADE CREST

Aug 1 & Aug 15, 1987

BILL T RUSSELL

On Saturday, Aug 1, Bob Hicks and I climbed Palisade Crest after climbing Gayley and Sill on Friday. Two weeks later, on Aug 15, I led a scheduled SPS exploratory trip to the same peak using the same route via Elinore Lake. Roy Magnuson was the vice leader in place of Bob Hicks, who went to Killmanjaro, and we were glad to have good climber Joe Stephens as a participant.

The route has several segments. The part from the roadhead at Big Pine Creek to Elinore Lake is described in my report on our Gayley/Sill climb. The part from the lake to the main crest, about 1/4 mi north of the peak, is ordinary 2nd class. After the first 150m, the traverse south along the ridge is like running a maze. There are many decisions to make as to whether to go along the crest, down on one side or the other, or back up to the crest. There is a solid 3rd class path with a few hard moves and there are many alternates that come to 4th or 5th class. On our first trip we explored several of these no goes and we were so busy that we did not set ducks nor make notes. On the second trip, I forgot the detail in one place and consequently found another 4th class alternate. Of course the route looks different coming back than it does going, so one has two chances to wander. On the second trip we placed some ducks and I give some climbing notes below.

The traverse ends at a deep notch (150' elev) that separates the summit spine from the crest to the north. On the west side of this spine is a plane surface tilting up at about 45°. It is about 15' wide and 160' long and has very good hand and foot holds. Because it is quite exposed it is rated 4th class. This ramp is followed by 2nd and 3rd class to the summit.

On the first trip we carried a 120' and a 80' rope which led to a rappel in three steps. On the second trip we had two 120' ropes which allowed us to reach the intermediate platform. It holds three people easily. With five or more in the party, one could take two light weight ropes, each 165' long. Eric Schumacher suggested to me that they could be bought at a marine supply store which I found to be true.

The first trip took from 0630 to 1730 and the second from 0650 to 1630. The summit register is a spiral bound notebook in a 3" dia tube with a plastic cap. It was left by Greg Vernon in Aug 1980. I give a listing of the entries later. There are four previous reports in the Echo and quotes from each are interesting.

- 25-3 Ranschau "this is perhaps the best, named, mountain-eering quality peak which is not on the list"
 - 26-2 MacLeod "it is a fine challenging climb -- it is the only major named peak along the entire main crest of the Sierra not on the list!"
 - 28-6 Hartunian "This Peak we will climb again"
 - 30-3 Holleman, F "Palisade Crest is an outstanding peak and certainly should be on the SPS list"
- We thank these authors for their useful reports. We agree with them that this peak should be added to the PEAKS LIST and I have written a letter to the SPS Management Committee recommending that it be placed on the ballot.

PALISADE CREST cont'd

Climbing Route

From Elinore Lake go up to the south over pleasant terrain to the horizontal spot on the ridge at 6800'±. Descend a few feet, traverse southward, climb up to the SW and reach the flat snowfield at 6800'±. Ascend this snowfield to the west and northwest to the Sierra crest, 6750'±, which is about 400m (1/4 mi) north of the summit. Go south up the ridge on the west side for about 170' elev and 150m to the end of easy 2nd class climbing. My notes for the rest of the traverse to the big notch may have errors or inaccuracies; I would appreciate comments.

Traverse the ridge top for about 100' dist to a 30' high pyramid that has an apparent class 2/3 face that is facing north. In this traverse, go over an exposed notch and around a 7' high lonesome rock standing on the solid ridge top. Go around the 30' pyramid on the right and back to the ridge crest.

Go along the crest for perhaps 30', passing over a flat slab of nice old granite that slopes gently to the south.

Go down on the right (west) of the crest thru a 14 inch wide notch in the rocks. Descend about 18', then horizontal for 20' to the near side of a 12' square platform, then go back up to the crest.

Pass over an exposed notch, then up a 4th class move and thru a slanted slot under a tipped and overhanging rock on the crest.

Go down on the left (east) for about 30' elev, then horizontal thru an 8 inch notch behind a rock and then back to the crest.

Make a 7' let down move on the 50' slanted and rounded nose of a rock that is right on the crest. Some people may need help in scrambling back up this thing on the return. Continue south and down along the crest over two more exposed rocks.

Go down on the left perhaps 10', then horizontal 20' along the side of some vertical rocks

Descend a steep ledge/trough with little exposure toward the big notch. Go out to the crest, around a rock and down 20' elev and 30' horiz back to the north. Turn again and go down and then horizontal to the big notch.

Go over the chockstone in the notch and up the other side for about 20' elev to an alcove which is a good start and end for climbing the inclined slab.

Climbing the slab is easy. Protection can be placed with slings or small stoppers and there is an old fixed pin about 15' from the start. The halfway platform, which is on the right, holds three or perhaps four people. It has a good horn for anchors. There is a good solid anchor at the top of the slab.

From the top of the slab go down about 15' and around the summit spine into a chute. Then climb the 100' elev to the summit. There are a few high 3rd class moves near the top.

Register Data

- 1980 Aug 31 : Greg Vernon, Cuno Ranschau, Dick Banner
- 1981 Sep 7 : Cuno Ranschau, Ron Bartel, Jack Gramms
- 1981 Sep 13 : (SPS scheduled) Bill Sanders, Laura Leventhal, Ernie Tempelmeier, Eric Schumacher, Barbara Lilley, Gordon MacLeod
- 1984 Jul 28 : Bob Hartunian, Dave Vandervoet
- 1984 Aug 17 : Kyle Atkins, Greg Jenagene
- 1985 Jul 21 : Don Palmer, Elliot Page
- 1985 Aug 11 : Gerry Holleman, Larry Nachleder, Pat Holleman, Harold McFadden
- 1986 Aug 16 : Pat Michajewich, Bob Holleman, Tom Roseman, Le Desma
- 1986 Aug 24 : Gene Mauk, Al Conrad, Steve Mauk, Rob Mauk
- 1987 Jul 4 : Igor Mamedalin, Jim Farkas
- 1987 Aug 1 : Bob Hicks, Bill T Russell
- 1987 Aug 8 : Daryl Hinsman, Paul Oersiter, Tom Roseman
- 1987 Aug 15 : Bill T Russell, Roy Magnuson, Joe Stephens (SPS scheduled exploratory)

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