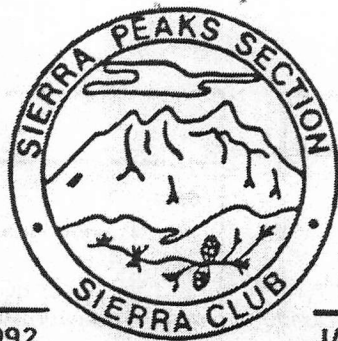


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**SPS MONTHLY PROGRAMS**

**FEBRUARY 12 WEDNESDAY**  
 "Kayaking in the Sea of Cortes". Andy Fried will tell us about his trips to Baja California's Eastern coast.

**MARCH 11 WEDNESDAY**  
 "Lake Baikal". Alex Kanevsky will describe his climbs in that region of the Soviet Union near Outer Mongolia.

**APRIL 8 WEDNESDAY**  
 "Climbing in Nepal". Dave Jurasevich speaks on his climb of the 20,000+ foot Mt. Mera in Nepal.

**MAY 13 WEDNESDAY**  
 "Mountaineering in the Canadian Rockies". Larry Tidball describes climbs north of the border.

**JUNE 10 WEDNESDAY**  
 "Climbing Mt Whitney - Classic Routes". Bill Oliver gives a presentation on the classic E Face and E Buttress routes.

Monthly meetings are held at the L.A. Dept of Water and Power Bldg at 111 N. Hope St in the L.A. Civic Center. Auditorium on Level A ( 1 floor below main lobby ). 7:30 PM. Newcomers welcome!

**COVER PHOTO:** "Banner Peak and Thousand Island Lake". Photo taken in May 1988 by Tom Ross.

**SPS SPRING TRIPS 1992**

**MARCH**

15 I: Navigation Woodle, local Bill T. Russell, Nancy Gordon

**APRIL**

25-26 I: Owens Pk, Lamont Pk Ron Jones, Bill Oliver  
 25-26 O: Shepherd Pass Trail Party Chuck Stein, Campy Camphausen, & R.J. Secor

**MAY**

9-10 I: Rockhouse Pk, Taylor Dome Barbara Cohen, Charlie Knapke  
 9-10 M: Spanish Needle + ? Dave Petzold, Virgil Talbott  
 23-25 I: Angora Mtn, Coyote Pk Patty Kline, Dave Petzold

**JUNE**

6-7 I: Olancha Pk Patty Kline, Frank Goodykoontz  
 6-7 I: Kern Pk Bob Sumner, Barbara Cohen  
 6-7 I: Cartago Pk, Mt Miah Igor Mamedalin, Suzanne Thomas-Mamedalin, Ron Jones

20-21 M: San Joaquin + ? Dave Dykeman, Dave Petzold  
 20-21 I: North Maggie, Moses Mtn Ron Jones, Maris Valkass

**JULY**

2-5 M: Emerald, Henry, McGee, Goethe Dave Dykeman, Nancy Gordon  
 3-5 M: Ruskin, Goodale, Striped Virgil Talbott, Dave Petzold

Some trips may be tentative depending on current snow conditions.

**NOTE:** It is not too late to schedule Spring trips to the Sierras. Send trip writeups to the SPS Outings Chair, Barbara Cohen. Spring writeups will then be published in the next ECHO.

**DEADLINE:** Writeups for the summer schedule are due to the Outings Chair by February 25!

**PEAK INDEX**

Black Giant	Kearsarge Pk
Charybdis	Mt McDuffie
Chocolate Pk	Mt Morrison
Gemini	Mt Ruskin
Mt Gould	San Joaquin Mtn
Hurd Pk	Seven Gables
Gross Glockner	

## ECHOES FROM THE CHAIR

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With the beginning of the new year, and the passing of the winter solstice, I can't help but feel optimistic about longer days and the upcoming climbing season. Over the past seven years my experiences with the Sierra Peaks Section have been the center of my spiritual existence with each year providing greater reward and satisfaction than the year before. As such, it is no small honor for me to be Chairman of the Section and I will do everything within my ability to assure the continued success of the organization that has meant so much to me.

Also elected to the Management Committee were Bob Sumner-Vice Chairman/Echo Editor, Bob Wyka-Secretary, Larry Tidball-Treasurer and Mario Gonzales-Banquet Chair. Appointed to positions on the Committee are Barbara Cohen-Outings Chair, Bill T Russell-Mountain Records, Mary Sue Miller-Conservation, Patty Kline-Council Representative, Rene Mevay-Programs Chair and Kathy Price-Echo Mailer. Bill Oliver has asked that the position of Section Historian be added to the Committee and he will be the first to serve in that capacity. This is a fine group and I look forward to working with all of them throughout the upcoming year.

As always, it's critical that the Section offer a full schedule of outings this upcoming season. There are still literally hundreds of fine Sierra climbs available to us in spite of the insurance restrictions that have caused some to speculate about the possible demise of the SPS. No way!! The SPS is here to stay with a continuing and aggressive outings program providing the cornerstone of our existence. I ask that leaders consider ways to provide a broader scope of climbing opportunities. I feel that Bill Oliver's suggestion that the Section offer "leisure trips" for those wishing a slower pace definitely has merit. Also, we should continue to offer SPS intro trips and trips with priority given to WTC graduates. Personally, I like a good old fashioned SPS "death march" and feel that there still is a place for them in the program. A little creativity regarding outings might provide some interesting leadership experiences.

I'm determined that 1992 will be a great year for the SPS. With the melting snow this spring will come new opportunity to climb, to achieve, to KNOW what the view is like from the top, to know the joy and freedom that comes when one climbs in the "Range of Light". Come, let us share together some time in the mountains we all love.

*David Gould*

## Mountain Records - 1/17/92

by Bill T Russell, Mtn Records Chair

### Peaks needing a container and book are:

Adams	Cotter	Gray	Muir	Silliman
Arrow	Dade	Henry	Powell	Tunemah
Brewer	Emerson	Jordan	Senger	Virginia
Clarence King	Genevra	McGee		

The changes from my report in Echo 35-5, Sep 91, are to delete Three Sisters, to which Dave Petzold carried a can and book in September and to add Adams per info from Pete Yamagato. A peak may have an inadequate container, as does Henry, if so please bring it down when you replace it. I have been told that Clyde Minaret now has several containers and needs corrective action.

Matterhorn has a SPS Al. cyl but it is not big enough for the traffic on that popular peak. Will someone please carry an ammo box up there. The same remarks go for Mt Tom.

### Peaks needing a book are:

Bear Creek Spire	Haeckel	Middle Pal	Rockhouse	Taylor Dome
Gabb	McAdie	North	Split	Tinker Knob

### Containers

About 40 of the SPS AL cyls have been cast and Charles Gerkens is now doing the machining. Many thanks to Gene Mauk for talking with Charles.

I have made up a number of containers that have 46 oz fruit juice cans fitting over 13 oz coffee cans. These are painted with a red primer coat and then a coat of red Rust-Oleum.

### Register Books

The books that we now recommend are side stiched Memo Books, trade mark "Boorum". The stock number is 6086 1/2. They are 5" by 3" ruled. They can be ordered through stationery stores. Price is about \$1.70 each.

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Bob Wyka

Congratulations and thank-you to the latest SUSTAINING MEMBERS: JIM FUJIMOTO, GAIL HANNA, DOUG MANTLE, GENE MAUK, DAVE PETZOLD, and LARRY TIDBALL (contributing at least \$25.00 to the section).

### New Members

Carol Breyde	Jasper Colebank	Mitchell Helbrecht
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	310-670-5516	818-349-3279

Jennifer Lambelet  
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San Pedro, CA 90731  
310-832-7784

New ECHO Subscriber  
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Helen J. Moore  
1221 N. Orange Dr. #101  
Los Angeles, CA 90038  
213-871-0876

New Emblem  
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Scot Jamison  
(#511-Split)

### Address Changes

Joe Andrews	Patricia Christie	Daniel B. A. Richter
3871 Franklin Ave.	12642 Susan Lane	3601 W.Olive Av 8th Fl.
Los Angeles, CA	Garden Grove, CA	Burbank, CA
90027	92641	91505
213-662-4803	714-636-2707	310-393-3607

## The Bancroft Library

Bill Oliver

Peak Registers (O Lord, spare me.)

In the August '91 *ECHO*, Patty Kline wrote of her disappointment in not being able to view the original early registers on N. Pal and Junction Pk while atop these summits. She noted that N. Pal has a "difficult to read xerox copy," and concluded, "I wish the original registers were still on the peaks I have climbed or have yet to."

I suspect we would all agree with Patty's final statement. It would surely be more satisfying to read the original old register on the summit than as part of a collection in a library. The reality, of course, is that none of the Sierra registers is known to have come from the Planet Krypton. At some point, assuming it is not first stolen or vandalized, the register will either be lost to wear and tear or rescued from further wear and tear. On a climb of Devils Crag #1 last October, I detoured to ascend White Top, the peaklet just north of the Crag's ridge. Sheltered deep within the elaborate summit cairn, I spied what turned out to be a rusty old tobacco tin. There was no joy and no satisfaction and no sense of naturalness in having its paper contents partly crumble in my hands. Had I tried to unfold the small sheet, it would have disintegrated. I would rather have read something still legible in the Bancroft Library.

Summit registers have been rescued from mountains since soon after the advent of our alpine sport. This is not an activity that the Sierra Register Committee (SRC), or the Sierra Club, recently invented. The Club has been, at least haphazardly, removing old registers since before the turn of this century. Back in the '30's, during the "Golden Age of Sierra Club Mountaineering," there was, indeed, a concerted effort to bring in the then old registers, as well as to place new boxes and books on the major peaks.

In more recent times, deteriorating registers have been removed far less by plan than by unexpected discovery of their sad conditions. As noted in the July '77 *ECHO*, SPSer Jon Fredland rescued the old Calif. Alpine Club Mt. Brewer book (1925-1975) when he discovered it to be in a very poor state of repair. I've contacted Jon, who now lives in Idaho. He had sent the original to San Francisco, but he was able to send me a complete copy of the book (178 pages), which I have forwarded to our Mtn. Records Chair, Bill T. Russell.

Just this past August another SPSer, while on a CMC trip, unexpectedly removed the old Devils Crag #1 register when its badly deteriorated condition was revealed to him. The book was subsequently turned over to the SPS Mtn. Records Chair. A major portion of the first page (including the signatures of Jules Eichorn, Helen LeConte, and Lewis Clark) has already become detached and lost due to wear and tear. The poor condition of this book had previously been reported: *ECHO* 6/90 & 6/91. Bill T. patched the register as best he could and was able to make a pretty good copy. In October I returned a full-size copy, with a historical background sheet, to the summit. There had been no ascents since the prior removal. The SPS had the original book on display at our Dec. Banquet. The Management Committee must now decide on its ultimate placement. [Reduced-size copies of the DC#1 register were available free at the banquet. You didn't get one? Send me a sase (2 oz postage). After September 30, 1992, please enclose a dollar. Any ultimate profits will go to the SPS.]

Bill T. also has in his possession our collection of filled SPS-placed registers. It has not uncommonly been necessary for us to retrieve an older register in order to cram a new book into our cannister. He additionally has, from the SRC, complete copies of old registers from Temple Crag, Mt. Thompson and Clyde Minaret.

### Sierra Club Mountain Records Collection

The Sierra Club, over many decades of High Trips, had amassed a large Sierra Summit Records Collection at its "club house" in San Francisco. As early as 1958 the Club's BOD entered into discussions with the University of California's Bancroft Library regarding a future repository for its extensive archives. It was about 1972 that the "Sierra Club Mountain Records Collection" (SCMRC) was transferred to this Library. [Similarly, the Angeles Chapter annually sends important materials to the UCLA Library for preservation, cataloging and public access.] It remains official Club policy, as recently re-emphasized by the History Committee, that old rescued Sierra registers should be added to the SCMRC in the Bancroft Library. This policy has been affirmed by the last two Mountaineering Committee Chairs, Bruce Hope and Norman Kingsley, and is specifically endorsed by Sequoia/KC National Park.

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Begun by noted California historian Hubert Howe Bancroft, the Bancroft Library came to the UC Berkeley campus in 1906. It is renowned for its collection of documents relating to the history of Western North America, and it has its greatest emphasis on California and Mexico.

Regular hours are Mon - Fri, 9 am - 5 pm; Sat, 1 - 5 pm.

The Sierra Club archives, like most of the library's holdings, are safely stored in a special offsite facility. It is only necessary to phone ahead at least two days in advance of your visit in order to have requested materials available in the Library. (If you call one day ahead, the materials might be available late the next day.) Just call (510) 642-6481. It would be helpful if you could give the call number for the SCMRC: 71/293c. Identify this collection as being part of the Sierra Club Archives and specify which peaks you're interested in. You should also double-check the hours, which are reduced when school is not in session. [Similarly, at UCLA you need to arrange in advance to retrieve material from the Francis P. Farquhar Mountaineering Collection, which is stored in a separate remote facility. The Univ. Research Library's hours are also reduced when classes are out. Phone (310) 825-4879.]

In 1990 the Bancroft received a \$200,000 grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission for a joint project with the Sierra Club. Timed to the Club's centennial, this two-year project will greatly enhance the overall accessibility of the Club's Archives for research. The SCMRC will also benefit from this grant as the Library expands the storage of registers in individual acid-free folders and provides special conservation treatments so that damaged early books and fragments may be consulted and copied without further harm.

The Mtn. Records Chair and I have copies of the SCMRC Index, which identifies peaks and dates. It can be seen at SPS meetings. Want your very own copy? Just send me a sasc (2 oz postage) with \$1. Added bonus, the first 500 to respond get free details about the Library's procedures/rules, a campus map, and other archival trivia. Excess profits to the SPS.

I had hoped to visit the Bancroft Library again right after this past Christmas. However, due to slashed University budgets, the entire campus library system was closed from Dec. 23 until Jan. 2. Bummer! It is still my intent, nevertheless, to pursue the possibility of arranging for an inter-campus loan of the SCMRC from Berkeley to UCLA.

## LEISURE TRIPS

Bill Oliver

The following list identifies all those whom I recall as contacting me about their interest in Leisure Trips (rf. August '91 ECHO). No doubt a wider audience than this would be attracted to such excursions, e.g., our senior members and/or those willing to notice the wildflowers. As previously noted, although I would be willing to lead a leisure trip of interest to others, I am not available to organize or coordinate our Leisure Trip Program.

It would be very useful for someone, or persons, to be a central coordinating contact. Otherwise, you're on your own to get together with like-minded climbers. Remember, the trips don't have to be SPS sponsored, e.g., two rated leaders, etc., but can still be listed in the ECHO as "private trips." Alternatively/ additionally, a leader can simply submit a trip in the regular way to the Outings Chair and specify LEISURE - similar to our INTRO Trips.

Campy Camphausen (rf. his letter in Oct. '91 ECHO), Martha Flores, Jack Robbins, Ron Young, Edna Erspamer, Jane Edginton and Rick Jali. So, GO FOR IT!

### DEADLINES

The following dates are the deadlines for submitting copy for the ECHO.

Friday	March 20,	1992	- March/April ECHO.
Wednesday	May 20,	1992	- May/June ECHO.
Monday	July 20,	1992	- July/August ECHO.
Sunday	September 20,	1992	- September/October ECHO.
Friday	November 20,	1992	- November/December ECHO.

## THE CHESTER VERSTEEG OUTINGS AWARD

Bill Oliver

Every year several Club members are honored by the Chapter with an Outings Service Award. In addition, typically one individual is selected for the Chapter's highest outings leadership honor - the Chester Versteeg Outings Award. The inception of this prestigious honor dates back to 1976 when Maureen Cates, then Banquet/Awards Chair, went to the Chapter Archives at UCLA to research past awards. This effort resulted in the ExCom adopting a standardized list of awards. Duane McRuer took this opportunity to suggest the creation of a special award for outings, which was whole-heartedly adopted. Duane and Betty McRuer followed up with a \$500 gift to pay for plaques for ensuing awards. The Chapter's first Outings Leadership Award (OLA) went to Jerry Keating in 1976.

By 1987 it was finally decided that the OLA deserved a name title, similar to the Weldon Heald Conservation Award and the Phil Bernays Service Award. Bob Cates, Chair of the History Committee, researched past outstanding leaders, and Chester Versteeg was selected from his list. Doug Mantle was the 1987 recipient of the new "Chester Versteeg Outings Award."

An excellent short biography of Mr. Versteeg (1887-1963) by John Robinson appeared in the DPS Desert Sage: Oct/Nov 1990 - #210; photo in #211. (Send me a sase for a copy of this article.) Mr. Versteeg, who is credited with naming many Sierra Nevada features, was honored in 1965 with the official designation of a 13,470-ft summit on the Sierra crest just SE of Mt. Tyndall as "Mount Versteeg." He is particularly renowned for his founding of the DPS in 1941.

I'm indebted to Maureen Cates, and have extracted liberally from her letter to me, regarding the origin of the Chester Versteeg Outings Award. She noted that three winners of the Phil Bernays Award prior to 1976 were cited for their outstanding leadership. Adding these names to those provided by current-Awards-Chair Gene Andreasen, we obtain the following list of honorees:

'70	John Wedberg	'79	John Backus	'86	Harry Goldstein
'72	Howard Stephens	'80	Chuck Wilts	'87	Doug Mantle
'73	Duane McRuer	'81	Duane McRuer	'88	Bob Thompson
'76	Jerry Keating	'82	Bill T. Russell	'89	Dick Ramirez
'77	Dick Akawie	'83	How Bailey	'90	Randy Bernard
'78	Sam Fink,	'84	Mark Goebel		
"	Paul Lipsohn	'85	Ron Jones		

The 1991 Award will go to Randy Danta, particularly for his sustained, exemplary work as Chair of the Leadership Training Committee. Outings Service Awards for '91 will be going to Jon Inskeep (for his Sierra Madre Search & Rescue coordination efforts), Patty Kline, Igor Mamedalin, Suzanne Thomas-Mamedalin and Bill Oliver. Please join the Chapter in honoring all our new recipients of various outings and conservation awards at the upcoming Annual Banquet.

**A Centennial Celebration:**

### **Angeles Chapter Annual Awards Banquet**

**Saturday, March 21, 1992**

**6:00 pm Reception**

**7:00 pm Dinner**

**Pickwick Banquet & Conference Center  
1001 Riverside Drive, Burbank**

**\$25.00**

**Reservationist: Adam Burk  
(310) 645-7473**

# CONSERVATION

## MUIR WILDERNESS

May 28, 1991

The results of this study will contribute to Forest Service understanding of wilderness recreation visitors nation-wide, to management of the Muir Wilderness, and to development of local visitor information programs. A complete report has been submitted to the Inyo and Sierra National Forests. The data summarized here were obtained through a systematic sample of those who acquired permits during 1990. A total of 645 questionnaires were delivered and 515 were returned for an 80% response rate.

(From an official US Forest Service report, contributed by Vi Grasso, graphics have been summarized. - Editor)

Type of Visitor Group: Hiker - 58.06% Stock user - 31.94%

Which best describes the length of visits in wilderness area?

Hiker: 1 or 2 nights - 23.93%	Stock: 1 or 2 nights - 7.14%
> 2 nights - 74.54%	> 2 nights - 91.56%
other - 1.53%	full day - 1.30%

Should there be a limit to size of parties visiting this wilderness?

Hiker: Yes - 81.19% No - 18.81% Stock: Yes - 65.19% No - 34.81%

Influence on wilderness experience quality - horse groups camping within sight or sound. Influence:

	Hiker	Stock		Hiker	Stock
Extreme amount	61.63%	35.22%	Somewhat	4.23%	7.55%
Very much	21.15%	27.67%	Slightly	3.02%	6.29%
Moderate amount	7.85%	11.95%	Not at all	2.11%	11.32%

What type of fuel did you use on this trip?

Hiker: Gas - 79.70%	Stock: Gas - 39.38%
Wood & Gas - 10.75%	Wood & Gas - 36.25%
Wood - 4.78%	Wood - 16.25%
Other - 4.78%	Chemical - 1.25%
	Other combo - 6.88%

Years ago first visited this wilderness?

	Hiker	Stock
Le 3 years ago:	43.99%	31.88%
4 - 10 years ago:	26.10%	23.13%
11 - 20 years ago:	19.06%	27.50%
Gt 20 years ago:	10.85%	17.50%

What grade would you give this trip into the wilderness?

Hiker: Very good - 64.09%  
Good - 26.71%  
Fair - 7.42%  
Other - 1.78%

Stock: Very good - 80.13%  
Good - 17.95%  
Other - 1.92%



## 1991 BANQUET REPORT

I arrived at the SPS annual banquet about 6:00 pm and was greeted at the reception table by the outgoing chair, Bill Oliver and the banquet chair, Delores Holladay. About 30 of the 102 members and guests had already arrived so both Bill and Delores were busy getting raffle tickets sold and name tags filled out. It was the beginning of what was going to be a very successful and enjoyable evening with good food, great friends, and an enjoyable program. Also, there were over 30 door and raffle prizes to give away.

After the cocktail hour we were called to dinner. The staff at the Pacifica Hotel in Culver City was efficient and attentive; the food was prepared well. At my table all three entrees had been ordered (consisting of Navajo chicken, Baby Salmon, and vegetarian) and all were enjoyed.

Following dinner Bill thanked everyone for coming and then began the drawings for the numerous prizes. Here I would like to thank the donors of the prizes given away this evening: Bob Rockwell & Al Green of Mountain High, Ltd., Ridgecrest donated two pair of polypro gloves and a copy of Mountaineering Essays by John Muir; Paul Tebbel of Patagonia, Ventura donated three synchilla snapneck tops and three synchilla pants; Steve Porcella donated a copy of his new book "California's Fourteeners"; from Geographia Map and Travel Book Store of Burbank five small world globes; REI donated a gift certificate good for five people for one hour instruction on their rock climbing wall; Pacifica Hotel donated brunch for two; from Raven Maps and Images of Medford, Oregon a wall map; A-16 donated a \$25.00 gift certificate; from the Section two ropes and numerous biners were donated; Adrienne Knute from Wide Horizons Press donated "Plants of the East Mojave". I want to thank Delores for an exceptional job of getting so many donations.

The lucky winners consisted of Doug Mantle and Dale Van Dalsem - ropes; Randy Danta, Kathy Price, Bill Gray, and R.J. Secor - biners; Don Croley - book; Sue Wyman and Mary Sue Miller - gloves; Andy Smatko, Rayne Motheral and Vic Henney - pants; Barbara Lilley, R. J. Secor, Dave Dykeman, and Scot Jamison - tops; Ron Young - "Calif. 14'ers"; Bob Sumner, Neko Colevins, John McCully, Don Croley, and Duane McCruer - world globes; Vi Grasso - wall climbing; Scot Jamison - brunch; Dale Van Dalsem - map; Ron Eckelmann - gift certificate. Congratulations to all the winners.

Following the prize drawings Bill introduced three new members who were present: Devra Wasserman, Paula Peterson, and Carol Breyde. Then several members were recognized for receiving chapter awards including Patty Kline, Bill Oliver, Igor and Suzanne Mamedalin - Outings; Jon Inskip - special service award for rescue; Randy Danta was honored with the prestigious Chester Versteeg Outing Service award. Also, recognition was given to the out-going management committee:

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Larry Tidball - Treasurer, Mario Gonzalez - Programs Chair, Karen Leonard - Vice Chair, and Bob Wyka - Secretary. In addition to Delores, Bill also thanked the people who served in the appointed positions: Vi Grasso - Chapter Council, Bill T. Russell - Mountain Records, Bob Sumner - Echo Editor, Mary Sue Miller - Conservation Chair, and Kathy Price - Echo Mailer. Recognition was also given to new and old list finishers and other earners of "high" Section honors.

Dave Petzold was then introduced as the new chair and he in turn introduced the rest of the new management committee: Larry Tidball and Bob Wyka kept their positions as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively, Mario Gonzalez became banquet chair and Bob Sumner was named Vice-Chair as well as retaining his position as Echo editor. It was noted by Bill that this was the youngest SPS management committee to ever serve. Of the appointed positions Patty Kline was announced as the new Council Rep, Barbara Cohen - Outings, Rene Mevay - Programs, and Bill Oliver will take on the new position of Section Historian. Bill T. Russell, Mary Sue Miller, and Kathy Price will retain their positions as Mountain Records, Conservation, and Echo Mailer, respectively.

Before the evening's program Bill acknowledged and thanked Fred Camphausen, R. J. Secor, and Chuck Stein for restoring the Section's efforts in 1992 for the successful Shepherd Pass Trail maintenance.

At 8:30 pm Delores introduced Bill Farr and Herb Laeger. Both Bill and Herb presented a most interesting show with great slides on "The Everest of Caving; In Search of the World's Deepest Cave." The place - Oaxaca, Mexico (in the Papalo region of northeastern part of the state of Oaxaca and in the tropics at about 9000 feet). The project - Proyecto Papalo; the cave - Sistema Cuicateco (after the local Indian tribe). Using ropes, lamps, inclinometers, and scuba equipment an international team of varying members over a five year period have discovered, explored, and mapped what could ultimately turn out to be the deepest cave in the world. At this date it is the deepest in the Americas at 1388 meters (just shy of the current 1500 meter record) and in about 22 kilometers! Thanks Bill and Herb for a superb presentation.

And a special thanks to Delores and all who helped make this a very successful banquet. According to Larry we even came out in the black making \$84.36 on the banquet and \$228.00 on the sale of raffle tickets!



Bob Wyka, Secretary

# ECHOES OF OUR CLIMBS

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**Mt. Gould**

**August 24, 1991**

**Leaders: Kathy Price and Tina Stephens**

There were few early sign-ups for this trip, but at the last minute we were turning prospective hikers away. The group that set out from Onion Valley included the leaders, SPS members Jim Adler, Larry Hoak, Hoda Shalaby, Wayne Norman, and Sierra Club members Lisa Van Horn, Robert Gould, Peter Kinman, Tom Sakowych, David Michels, Emma Burd and Nancy Bell. We hiked up the trail to Kearsarge Pass, making several stops to enjoy the scenery. From the pass we went northward along the crest. We stayed on the eastern side at first, then crossed to the west as we neared the summit block. A 3rd class route was found on the western side of the summit block. Due to space limitations on the summit, we shuttled up and down this route until everyone had successfully climbed the peak. We ate lunch basking in the sun and dreaming of climbs of all the peaks in view. The return route featured a fun run down the scree to the east of Kearsarge Pass. All were back at the cars around 4:00 P.M.

Special thanks to Tina who filled in as assistant leader on very short notice. The non-SPS members were a very capable group and I look forward to hiking with them on other SPS trips.

Happy climbing to all!

Kathy Price 11/3/91

**Kearsarge Peak**

**August 25, 1991**

**Leaders: Jim Adler and Randy Danta**

We set out from Onion Valley at about 7:00 am and took the trail towards Golden Trout Lake. At the fork we went towards the two unnamed lakes north of Golden Trout Lake. Just before we got to the lakes we left the trail and headed up a conspicuous wide chute to the northeast. About the only good thing that can be said about this loose scree filled chute is that it is not as bad as it looked from Gould on Saturday. After reaching the top of the chute, it was a pleasant climb across easy talus slopes to the summit, which we reached about noon. All twelve of the party made the summit. We returned via the same route and the vanguard reached the parking lot by about 3:30.

The route we took, in light of the above mentioned chute, may not be the route of choice but it was almost certainly more interesting and scenic.

It was a great group and special thanks are due to Randy who came to assist on Sunday even though he was detained by work and could not make it to Kathy's Mt. Gould trip on Saturday. Participants were: Keith Martin, Paula Peterson, Kathy Price, Peter Kinman, Tom Sakowych, Emma Burd, Alice Bannister, David Michels, Hoda Shalaby, Nancy Bell, and leaders.

Jim Adler 9/1991

## **7-GABLES (13,080'), GEMINI (12,880') PLUS**

July 27-29, 1990

Igor and Suzanne Thomas-Mamedalin

After securing a permit reservation for eight and a trip list of thirteen 'want-to-gos', we let time do its work. At 8:30 AM on Friday when the boat sailed across Florence Lake only four were onboard: the leaders, their daughter, Tanya, and Vi Grasso. Two other participants, Dale Van Dalsem and Nancy Gordon, went in a day early. Florence Lake was low that year, due to dam re-enforcement construction, and our boat ride was shorter than usual. On the boat I had a discussion with a leader for a Sierra Club National Outing about the prevailing restrictions on mountaineering activities within the club; he considered the Angeles Chapter's Sierra Peaks Section to be an 'outlaw' band sneaking around the Sierra with concealed ice-axes, crampons and ropes. Viva Zapata!

Our initial plan was to catch Mt. Hooper or Mt. Senger on the day in and the other peak on the day out with the middle day devoted to pursuing 7-Gables and Gemini. However, as we hiked up toward Senger Pass in the heat our energies ebbed and the pace slowed. We did not reach camp at the southwestern end of Marie Lake until around 5 PM. Nancy Gordon was there to greet us. That day Nancy and Dale summited Mt. Hooper before Dale marched off over great distances to bag Recess Peak. After setting up camp and enjoying happy hour with dramatic views of 7-Gables, we began to await Dale's return. As darkness began to set in we could discern the sound of a locomotive huffing its way around the lake; shortly Dale arrived in camp, exhausted but successful.

Saturday morning we skirted the southern end of Marie Lake, cut over a short ridge and then proceeded to the meadows at the inlet to Medley Lakes. From here we headed primarily east up a canyon that led to the saddle/ridge between 7-Gables and Gemini. Exiting the canyon prematurely we rewarded ourselves with a bonus bump before reaching Gemini. We were graced with another clear and warm day in the great Sierra! From Gemini we retraced our steps, minus the bump, to the low point on the ridge leading to 7-Gables where we decided to have lunch. After lunch we contoured across the southern slopes of 7-Gables and then up a series of shallow chutes to within shouting distance of the summit. Here, following a compendium of route descriptions drawn from Bill T. Russell, Jim Murphy, Fred Camphausen, Norm Rohn and Dave Dykeman, we found the 'key' chimney which was led by Dale to the summit. After duly registering our accomplishment in the summit register, we departed from this fine peak by way of the easy class 2 slopes to northwest. The slopes promptly dropped us at the lower of the Medley Lakes from which we contoured around west toward our camp at Marie Lake. That evening everyone was a bit tired but satisfied with the day's accomplishments.

Sunday morning Dale signed out to claim Mt. Senger on his own. Nancy and Vi headed out early for the boat while the leaders dallied around camp into the late morning before hitting the trail back. On the way back we spent some time trying to find the Blaney Hot Springs at the southern end of Blaney Meadows; when found, they proved to be disappointing -- muddy. Getting back to Florence Lake we waited for the boat for a long time -- long enough for Dale to catch up with Mt. Senger's summit under his hat. During our wait an impatient backpacker jump started a beached motor boat and set off to find the Sierra Queen meeting her halfway across the lake. Everyone was back at the cars by 4:30 PM preparing for the long drive home. Many thanks to everyone for a great trip and to Suzanne and Dale for a great assist.

14-15 September 1991

**Mt. Morrison and San Joaquin**  
**Bob Hartunian/Patty Kline**

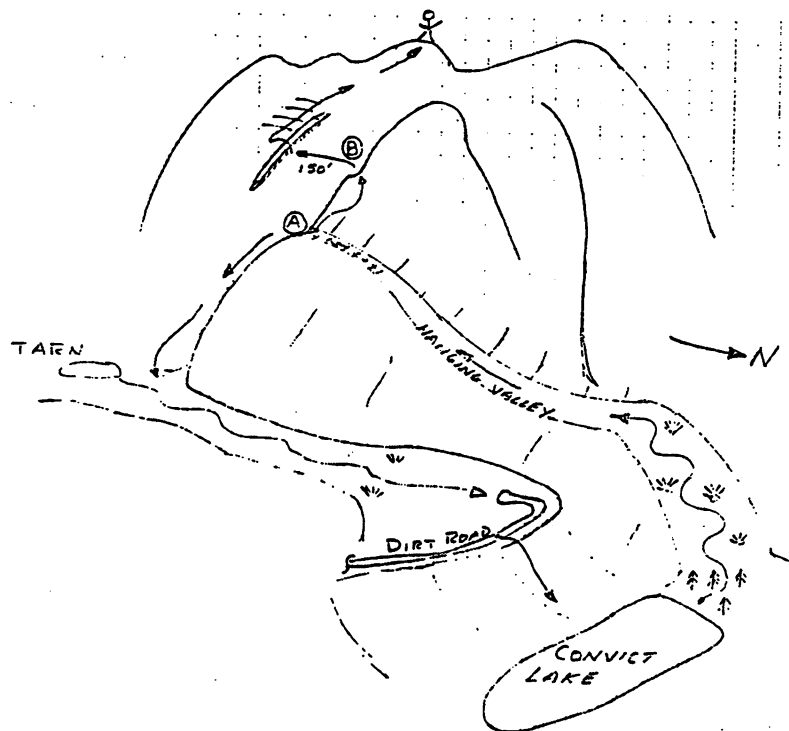
Patty Kline gathered a dozen ambitious climbers at Convict Lake and said "Take 'em up, Bob", but she didn't specify which mountain. So we ambled around to the west end of the lake and surveyed the best route to Morrison, only I was looking at the wrong peak until members of the party questioned our potential direction. With objective changes made, we followed the route shown on the diagram.

It proceeds south up a long sage-slope to the hanging valley, then up talus/scree to notch A (10,800). Next step was up to notch B, where the route then traversed 150 feet across loose talus over a brown rock rib. From here up, we followed the slope on class 2 ledges/talus to the skyline and summit register. On the way down, at places where rocks could be kicked down, I had the group descend one at a time; it took longer but avoided problems.

As a variation on the route, we returned to notch A and came down the east side into a long, left-sweeping "sagey" valley that terminates on a dirt road above Convict Lake and the campground. This was a longer return but avoided talus throughout the hanging valley and added scenic variety, probably 11-12 miles for the day.

Deer hunters were stalking through the woods at Minaret Summit on Sunday as we headed for San Joaquin, so we made loud, unappreciated noises to distinguish ourselves from a deer herd. There is a fine dirt road just below and east of the summit parking lot that follows the long ridge line to bump 9707. It would be advantageous to drive the road and save over a mile each way.

A good use trail extends most of the way to San Joaquin, staying on the ridge line as it undulates to the summit. As we dropped down a sandy slope to Deadman Pass, I spotted cougar tracks from the previous night traveling along the trail. After 20 years in the mountains, I have yet to see a cougar in the wild.



MT. MORRISON

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The scenic panorama to the west provides outstanding views of the Minarets and Ritter/Banner, with rock benches and blue lakes in the foreground. You can't help stopping often to look, especially with the ideal weather we had. This hike to San Joaquin made a perfect conclusion to a really enjoyable, fall weekend. Much thanks to the following climbers--Cyril Weaver, Carol Brede, Tom Neely, Steve Nardi, Bob Wyka, Mike Kelley, Wayne Norman, Carolyn West, Dave Michaels and Doug Hatfield for their participation and to Patty Kline for organizing all the details of the trip.

*Bob*

## CHARYBDIS, MT. McDUFFIE, BLACK GIANT

August 2, 1991 Tidball / Petzold

Dave and I split off from the latter part of R.J.'s week long CMC trip to Devil's Crag and the Palisades to pursue some "needed" peaks in the Ionian Basin. We had hoped to get an early start from our Helen Lake campsite to try to climb these 3 peaks in one day. The previous 4 days of storms made us wary of having enough time to attempt them all before the daily thunderstorm drove us for cover. A check of the pre-dawn sky looked ominous, more sleep was in order. Later we arose to a clearing sky and in spite of the late hour decided to "go for it".

8:30 saw us leave Helen Lake and start the hike over Black Giant Pass. We dropped down from the pass to Lake 11,828', crossed at the outlet and started the ascent of Charybdis via the NNE ridge route. We stayed East of the ridge crest on mostly class 2 until near the summit. We gained the ridge just below the false summit and followed the crest over the false summit, down into the notch, and then out onto the East face before scrambling up to the summit. We picked up the SRC register box that had been left on the ridge below the false summit and carried it to the summit to join the historic nested Vagmarken tin cans.

From the top of Charybdis we headed for McDuffie by climbing back down the 3rd class portion of the NNE ridge and then dropping straight down a likely gully heading due East to the highest of 4 lakes at the head of the NE fork of Disappearing Creek. From the lowest of 4 lakes we climbed up about 40' to a ledge system at 11,800' that we followed above Lake 11,600'+ (below the "Y" in "CANYON" on the map) to a saddle at 11,800'. Walking past the 4 small lakes and traversing into the basin NW of McDuffie is a walk in a very special place; incredible beauty and isolation, and a geologists nightmare of rock types and colors.

At the 11,800' saddle we took a lunch break while examining the NW face of McDuffie. Our planned loop trip was based on finding an alternate to the standard North Ridge route on this peak. Roper, Voge, and previous trip write-ups had provided no known route. However, directly opposite us a West "spur" off of the SW ridge looked "do-able". An ice axe equipped party could try the remnant snow/ice gully on the northwest face.

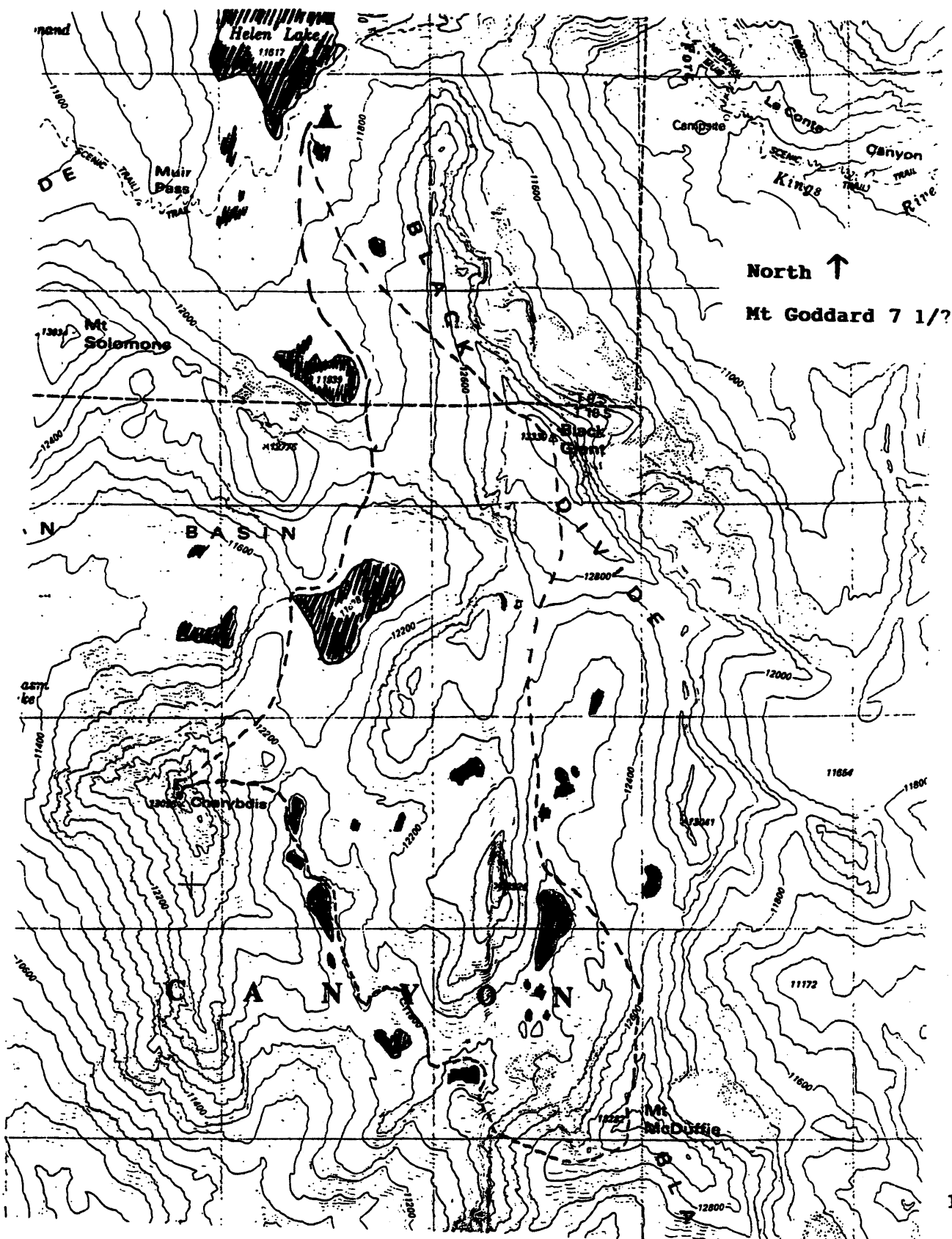
From our lunch saddle, we climbed down 60' to Lake 11,720'+ and walked up the gully separating the West Spur of McDuffie from a glacial exposed bedrock hill due south of Lake 11,720'. Above this gully 100' of talus slope put us onto good solid 3rd class. We stayed just left of the crest of this spur ridge. About 300' of straightforward 3rd class put us onto class 2 boulders that soon merged with the broad class 2 slopes of the SW ridge which we followed, staying right of several false summits.

It is interesting to note that this peak was not first climbed until 1951. A check of the register did not indicate any other ascents from our direction. After descending the North Ridge Route we decided that our ascent route to be much more straightforward, to have less loose rock, and no routefinding difficulties in comparison to the North Ridge. I recommend our route, especially if doing this 3 peak loop.

From the base of the North Ridge Route we went past Lake 12,000' and up a great ramp to the saddle at 12,600' south of Black Giant. The

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climb of B.G. was up easy slopes as was the descending traverse back to camp at Helen Lake. Round trip time 12 hours. This loop certainly is within reason for an average paced group. I have marked our route on the map. Larry Tidball



## Mount Ruskin

David L. Underwood

During the week of July 20, through the 26th I climbed in the area west of Taboose Pass. Of the peaks that I climbed I felt that Mt. Ruskin was the most interesting and challenging.

The route that I took is fairly direct and makes the approach quick and easy. Going north on the Muir trail you come to the creek that is part of the drainage of the east side of Mt. Ruskin. This creek derives partly from the lake that is almost due south of the east ridge. Just up the trail as I was going north I found a fairly easy route through the trees. This area is easy to recognize as there has been an avalanche here and many of the trees have been knocked down. As you go up the slope from here cutting back toward the drainage the area becomes quite open and almost level. A few hundred meters up the drainage you will come to an area that has been used as a campsite before. There are a couple of sawed off logs that can be used as chairs and room for several tents in this area. Just pass this area the drainage from the previously mentioned lake enters the stream that you are following. The creek is small at this point and you can step across it.

Follow this creek staying to the left of it until you come to an open area below a steep granite slope. Again, take the left branch and follow it up to the lake which is just to the south of the East Buttress of Mt. Ruskin. Rather than endure the mosquitoes lower down I packed in to this lake and camped there. This was a wise decision as there were no mosquitos and there is also room for a few tents here. There is a nice sandy beach and you are only a few minutes from the buttress itself.

Approach the buttress from the south and you will see what looks like a crack system on the left side. I left a pretty good duc at this point so it should be easy to find. Climbing the crack puts you on the first ledge. Go right until you find a spot to climb to the next ledge, this is also easy to find and is pretty self evident. The next move is a sloping slab that takes you to the third ledge. From here go back to the left a few feet and you will see a large crack with good stepping rocks to the fourth ledge. Then go right again and just as the ledge looks as if it is going to run out, step around the corner. Here the ledge is quite narrow, but if you look up you will see that there is a series of small ledges that can be climbed. This is the third class portion of the route but it is close to fourth class and there is good exposure at this point. You will find several ducs here so you will know that you are on route.

You should now be on the ridge and at this point crest is nice and wide and the walking is easy. A few hundred meters up this ridge and it narrows down with good exposure but footing is good and solid. There are a couple of places that require going around

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but they do not present any real problem until you get to within about one hundred meters from the summit. There is a rock that projects directly over the ridge at this point and the sides of the ridge are steep with very little protection. You have to go right at this point and then climb up to get above this. I would rate this move as fourth class. From here the summit is a breeze. The view is great and the log book has not been snatched by some Cretin who thinks that he is saving it for some moles in the U.C. library.

The previously mentioned projecting rock presents a problem on the way down also. I did not like the down climbing at this point so I went to the end of the ledge and swung over the ledge. This meant a drop of a foot or two but it seemed easier than climbing down. Those of you who have been on climbs with me know that while being a bit slow I am reasonably sure footed, however, I must say that on this particular area of the ridge I felt a bit uneasy as there is the potential for a slip. There is pretty good exposure here and concentration is a must. After passing this portion of the ridge however the rest of the descent is a breeze. This is certainly one of the fun peaks to climb. There is virtually no scree and the granite is solid. The creek is pristine and I personally did not feel the need to filter the water, however I must stress this was a personal decision, but I have not developed any ill effects from this trip. There is quite a bit of the black Lichen on the route and should not be attempted if it is raining. Rain or snow could make this climb quite dangerous as it is steep and the exposure is high in a couple of places.

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#### "FIVE EASY PEAKSES"

SEPTEMBER 27-29, 1991

While buddy Steve Thaw and company were busy scrambling up Goode, Johnson, and Cloudripper, I took this early fall opportunity to climb a number of unlisted peaks in the South Lake area.

First to be climbed was easy Chocolate Peak (11,658'), a class 1-2 saunter from the saddle on the southeast. I didn't see the Ruwau Lake trail, so I passed it and headed from the south side of Ruwau Lake and then around to the undistinguished summit. There was a register as well as a nice view of the imposing west side of Cloudripper. I completed a loop by descending the trail through Chocolate Lakes.

Next came Hurd Peak (12,219'). Roper's guide doesn't mention the loose, steep, class 2-3 gully that I took up the east side of the peak, starting from Long Lake, but seems to be easier than the "class 3" route mentioned from Treasure Lakes. The famous Norman Clyde register was gone, reported missing in 1984 by a person revisiting the summit from 1978. There was a book going back to 1966, but it was full, so I placed a new book. Time up was 3 hours, down in 2.

Finally, I climbed "Notre Dame," christened in a register left by a SPS group led by Gordon McLeod (Peak 12,307'). This was easy cl. 1-2, gained from the Green Lake trail. I checked the ridge's three major bumps, looking for "Esmeralda (?) Peak," but found no other registers. I had to place a book and can on the Hunchback, where it appears that the glass jar had been destroyed. Time back was 2 hours.

Thanks go to Larry Tidball and group for their excellent support in providing the happy hour and food for Saturday night, including plenty of chips, fresh salsa, butter sautéed cheese quesadillas, guacamole, crab with tomato sauce and cream cheese, avocado dip, chicken salad, pot stickers, spicy refried beans, Pollo Loco chicken, and various cookies along with drink.

Pete Yamagata

## IN HIGH PLACES: AUSTRIA

Burton A. Falk

*Austria's Hohe Tauern National Park lies astride a rugged portion of the eastern Alps, sixty air miles east of Innsbruck. The commanding feature of this mountain preserve is the icy cone of 12,455' Gross Glockner, the highest peak in the country. Most mountaineers start their climbs of the Glockner from the summer resort village of Franz Josefhöhe, which can be reached via the toll road, Grossglockner Hochalpen (High Alpine) Strasse, traversing the range from Bruck in the north to Leinz in the south.*

Frau Sauper, the attractive proprietress of the Emperor Franz Josef Hotel, came up to the dinner table where Charlie Winger and I were just ready to dip into our liver dumpling soup. "There are two Poles in the bar who plan to climb Gross Glockner tomorrow," she said. "I told them about your plans, and they wondered if you would like to join them."

After we finished off a mouth-watering meal of escalloped turkey and spatzle, topped off by generous portion of apple strudel from another world, Charlie and I waddled into to the bar where we met the Poles, Mark and Miroslav. Both men were in their mid-thirties, both seemed fit and, fortuitously, Mark could speak English. Over a round of tasty Austrian lager, Mark told us that they had been car camping in a nearby concrete parking structure for four days, waiting for the weather to clear. He said that they had studied the route and that it was easy. Particularly appealing was his assurance that the 5 a.m. departure that Charlie and I had planned was much too early. They were planning a 7 a.m. start, as the hike to the 11,300' Erzherzog Johann Hut would take, at most, five hours. He reiterated that they would like to have us join them. Draining our steins, we said it would be our pleasure.

Next morning, when we met Mark and Miroslav, we found there would be an addition to our climbing party. Their friend, Janusz, had also decided to attempt the ascent. Unlike Mark and Miroslav, however, Janusz seemed heavy and ponderous. Oh well, we thought. *One more can't hurt.*

We began by downclimbing a steep 1000' slope to the Pasterze Glacier at 7200', where we started our crossing of the broad ice field. We were heading WNW toward a rock nose, the beginning of the standard route to the hut. Ominously, early on, Janusz began to lag behind. When we reached the far side of the glacier, Mark said, "My knee hurts...an old skiing accident. Sorry, but I'm going to have to turn back." And that was the last conversation between the two language groups for the next eight hours.

After Mark left, Miroslav began leading straight up the Ausseres Glocknerkar, an ancillary glacier that falls directly from the summit block of the Gross Glockner. To our left was the rock nose upon which Charlie and I understood the standard route to lay. We stopped Miroslav and gestured toward the nose. He shook his head and pointed up the glacier, then to his watch. He seemed to be indicating that his route would be faster. Well, he's been here for four days, we thought. *He probably knows something that we don't.*

In retrospect, we shouldn't have been so agreeable. During the next few hours, we climbed through a narrow avalanche chute; scrambled over a long, exposed section of ice-glazed rock; crossed a steep, avalanche-prone field of new fallen snow; hauled Janusz, an out-of-shape office worker with almost zero climbing experience, up 200' of near-vertical ice, front-pointing all the

way, and, finally, about 4:30 p.m., found ourselves surrounded by clouds, unable to see more than twenty feet in any direction.

After stumbling on for another half hour--the disparaging specter of a frozen bivouac beginning to loom large in my mind--I was relieved from the top of my frosted hood to the tips of my icy toes, when, through a break in the wind-whipped clouds, the hut came into view. Upon entering the shelter's warm, friendly confines and discovering that hot goulash and cold beer were available for purchase, my feeling of well-being positively overflowed. When Miroslav found that a woman working at the hut hailed from his small hometown in Poland, he, too, became all smiles. Through her--she spoke English--he apologized for subjecting us to our day of agony; in spite of our protests, he insisted on treating us to a beer. It was a pleasure to quaff the ale and watch the two Poles laugh and compare notes on old friends and acquaintances. Out in the hut's foyer, meanwhile, Janusz was cooking himself an enormous dinner, making himself even more ponderous for our summit attempt the following morning.

*The standard route to the Erzherzog Johann Hut is straight forward for those wise enough to purchase a topo map at the hotel, then stay on the well-marked trail. After crossing the Pasterze Glacier, ascend the rock nose, Glocknerkarkamp, following the red and white bullseyes painted on prominent rocks. Reaching the NE edge of the Hofmanns Glacier, rope up and climb diagonally SW across the ice field toward the shattered rocks of the Salmhohe. Complete the route to the hut by hiking NW along the Salmkamp ridge. Most climbers should be able to complete the trip in about five hours.*



We had breakfast in the hut at 7:00 a.m. the following morning and were out on the well-defined snow trail to the summit before 8:00 a.m. The upper portions of the route were steep and exposed, but we found sturdy steel belay rings and sections of cable in place where needed for protection. After our experiences of the previous day, the climb seemed like a cakewalk. We reached the large crucifix on the summit at 11:30 a.m., and were properly awed by the panoramic view of mountains stretching away in every direction. What a beautiful country Austria is! We took a slew of photos and began our descent, reaching the hut by 1:00 p.m.

Not stopping for lunch, we continued down the standard route toward the broad Pasterze Glacier stretched out below. It was a sunny day, perfect for climbing, and we encountered several upward-bound mountaineers, most of whom would surely arrive at the hut by the mid-afternoon. The only real hurdle we encountered on our return--besides Janusz' incredibly slow pace, that is--was the final 1,000' ascent between the glacier and Franz Josefhöhe village. Although a funicular is available (from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.) to whisk you up this steep slope, it is pricy. We decided to climb the slope on foot in order to save our money for another mouth-watering dinner at the Emperor Franz Josef Hotel. And Frau Sauper and her kitchen staff didn't disappoint us, either.

Slipping under my fluffy down comforter that night, I drifted off to sleep savoring a glow that comes after the completion of a hard climb and the contentment that follows a wonderful meal.

**ODDS AND ENDS** In 1989, the cost of a double room at the eighty year-old Emperor Franz Josef Hotel was approximately U.S. \$100. At the Erzherzog Johann Hut, a bed cost U.S.\$5.50; a dinner of bratwurst and sauerkraut, \$3.50; a stein of beer, \$4.00.

Weather conditions can and do change rapidly in the Alps; besides a topo map, a compass and foul weather gear are absolutely essential.

## UPDATE TOPO MAPS - HOW TO FIND THEM UPDATE

Bill Oliver

Recall, the original exposé appeared in the Feb. '91 ECHO. First, the bad news: the USGS Earth Science Information Center in the downtown Federal Bldg. was permanently closed last fall. This was a truly irreplaceable treasure. Bummer! I understand that the San Francisco and Menlo Park (largest) facilities are still open.

Another local alternative - Larry Tidball gets all his SPS, HPS and DPS (Calif.) maps at:

**A.L.S. Maps (Air-Land-Sea), 610 N. Azusa Ave., West Covina (1 mi N of I-10). (818) 915-5165.**

Mon - Sat, 9 am - 6 pm. Topos (7.5/15') go for \$3.23 each (+ tax = \$3.50).

As noted by Barbara Lilley, the USGS mail order operation out of Denver is currently taking 2-3 months in delivery (worse than the ECHO - unless you're a Sustaining Member!). This time should improve as a new computer system takes hold (or it may get worse!). Consider:

**Timely Discount Topos, Inc., 9769 W. 119th Drive, Suite 9, Broomfield, CO 80021. (800) 821-7609.**

Mon - Fri, 8 am - 4:30 pm (Mtn time). Their Regular Service offers 7.5/15' topos for only \$2.25 (a quarter off the USGS rate) + P&H. Delivery will still take as long as your direct mail order, however. Their ASAP Service, on the other hand, provides next day map shipment: \$3.50 each + P&H. (They basically stand in line for you at the USGS window.) I have only recently learned of this firm, and I have no personal experience with it.

Now that you, again, have your topo in hand - GO FOR IT!

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### FORMATION OF WORLD HIGH POINTS CLUB

Assuming that you are an eager and adventurous high pointer, you may now want to expand your horizons and join the about-to-be-created World High Points Club.

The purpose of the WHPC is to provide a forum for people with similar interests and ambitions to share their knowledge, and to provide a means of getting together for High Point (HP) expeditions and meetings.

We hope to publish a newsletter giving (1) information about each member: name, address, telephone, age, occupation, other interests, past HP accomplishments, future HP plans, problems encountered, etc., and (2) publishing short stories of their adventures.

We hope that as membership grows, the newsletter will be published at least four times per year.

We are presently suggesting a membership fee, including the newsletter, of US \$20.00 per annum, mainly because of the high cost of postage in Canada.

We are now soliciting volunteers for various positions.

There is a need to create a book giving a list of all the country High Points of the world and giving the statistics of each HP: name, altitude, location, various routes and starting points, potential problems, map information, guides, accommodation, visa requirements, medical problems, etc.

However, we think that doing research for a HP is half the fun of an expedition to that HP. For this reason, we suggest that members try to do their own research before getting information from the club.

Country High Points of the world. As far as we know, no one has accomplished the country HP's of the world on the various continents such as Europe, Asia, North and South America, Africa, Pacific Islands, etc.

We realize several people have climbed the HP's of the seven continents. Hopefully the WHPC will be able to recruit and encourage them and anyone who is interested in visiting HP's to expand their activities to include the entire world.

State (Province, Republic) High Points of each country. For the larger countries such as Canada, USSR, Australia, etc., we suggest that the state HP's of these countries should be a legitimate and worthwhile endeavor of the WHPC members.

County High Points of each state. To encourage participation of younger people and the general public, we also suggest that county HP's of each state of each country should also be an encouraged objective. This will teach people about local geography, will often give a fairly easy project to commence their HP activities, and will encourage meetings with local people.

There is a need to compile a list of all country, state, and county HP's in the world and to create guide books describing all these HP's. How many are there?

Any volunteers? All contributions will be appreciated and used to compile (and check) these books.

If we consider all the countries, their states, and their counties, then there are a lot of HP's to keep us enthusiastic, challenged, and busy for a long, long time.

We hope you will join the World High Points Club.

Thank you for your interest,

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FROM THE EDITOR

RENEW! RENEW! RENEW! RENEW! RENEW! RENEW! RENEW! RENEW!

The 1992 ECHO renewal form on the opposite page needs to be turned in (with check) to Treasurer Larry Tidball by March 31st. Members renewing after this date must apply for reinstatement.

This form must be turned in with ALL renewals. Persons who renew without this form will be considered INACTIVE since there is no way to determine their section activity for the past year. If you have already renewed but haven't used the form, just fill out sections I and II and send it to Larry.

The management committee has decided to allow multiple year renewals. Regular members may renew for two consecutive years and sustaining members may renew for four consecutive years.

Your renewal as a sustaining member really helps the section. Newly appointed Merchandise Chair Patty Kline will soon have our emblem pins restocked, and redesigned SPS T-shirts are not far off. Let's keep the momentum going and get those renewals in early.

*Bob*

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I wish only to subscribe to the ECHO; I am not an SPS member.

After March 31st or a lapse in membership, I wish to be reinstated as an active member. My last year as an SPS member was \_\_\_\_\_. I have done the following activities to qualify me for reinstatement:

I hereby apply for membership in the SPS. The six peaks that qualify me for membership and the dates climbed are listed below. At least two of the peaks climbed were with the SPS. My Sierra Club membership number is listed above.

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