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SPS MONTHLY PROGRAMS

AUGUST 12 WEDNESDAY  
 "Marine & Mountain Wildlife of the Pacific Coast". Brian Smith's show includes glimpses of the Galapagos, whale watching, and Washington's Olympic mountains.

SEPTEMBER 9 WEDNESDAY  
 "Scrambles Amongst the Alps". Wayne Norman presents slides from his recent trip to the Zermatt area.

OCTOBER 14 WEDNESDAY  
 "Kamchatka Exploration". Jon Otter shows slides from a Soviet region closed to visitors until 1991.

NOVEMBER 11 WEDNESDAY  
 "Climbing in Nepal". Dave Jurasevich will tell us of his climb of Mt Mera (20 thou +) in Nepal.

DECEMBER 9 WEDNESDAY  
 SPS ANNUAL BANQUET. "Mt Everest: Peak-bagger's Delight". Randy Danta and Doug Mantle will share their expedition.

JANUARY 13 WEDNESDAY  
 "Broad Peak". R.J. Secor will show slides from this 26,400' peak in the Karakoram of Pakistan.

FEBRUARY 10 WEDNESDAY  
 "Mt Mera & Island Pk". Dave Petzold will present slides from his recent trip to Nepal.

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!

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SPS SUMMER/FALL TRIPS 1992

AUGUST

7-9	M: Harrington, Kennedy	George Toby, Ron Young
*8-9	I: Morrison	Ed Zdon, TBA
*14-16	M: Virginia, Whorl, Twin Pks	Larry Tidball, Scot Jamison
14-18	M: Florence, Vogelsang, Rodgers, Foerster, Electra, Davis	Dale Van Dalsem, Don Sparks
*15-16	I: Cedric Wright, Colosseum	Ron Jones, Maris Valkass
*15-16	I: Birch, The Thumb	Jim Adler, Paul Cooley
*15-16	I: Johnson	John Cheslick, Charlie Knapke
15-23	M: Goddard, McDuffie, Charybdis, Black Giant, Scylla, Fiske, Ruxley, Mendel	Dave Dykeman, Dave Petzold, Barbara Cohen

SEPTEMBER

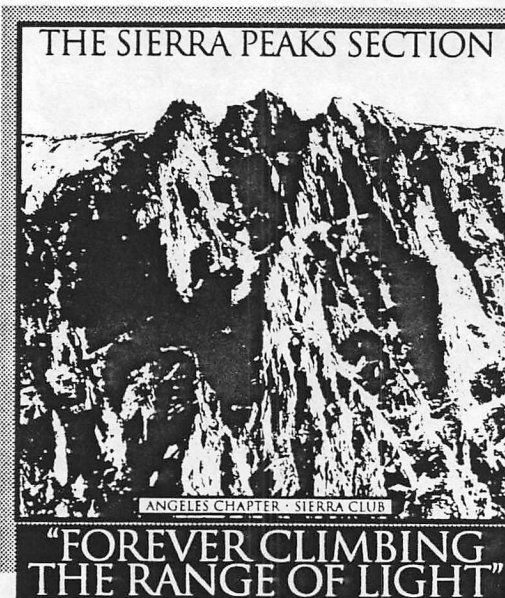
5-7	M: Peaks of Mystery	Dave Dykeman, Barbara Cohen
*5-7	M: Deerhorn, East & West Vidette	Larry Tidball, Bill Oliver
5-7	M: Warren, Gilchrist, Snowden	Gordon Macleod, Roy Magnuson
*11-13	M: Gabb, Hilgard, Julius Caesar	Scot Jamison, Larry Tidball
12-13	O: Sawtooth Pass Trail Party	Chuck Stein, Fred Camphausen, RJ Secor
18-20	M: Seven Gables, Gemini	Larry Tidball, Dave Petzold
19	O: Alta Pk List Finish	George Toby, Al Conrad
19-20	I: Smith, Siretta	Jerry & Nancy Keating
19-20	I: Striped, Goodale	Maris Valkass, Ron Jones
25-27	I: Arrow, Pyramid	Igor Mamedalin, Ron Jones
26-27	I: Basin Intro Trip	Ed Zdon, TBA
26-27	M: Kearsarge List Lead Finish	Dave Dykeman, Roy Magnuson

OCTOBER

3-4	M: Giraud	Larry Tidball, Scot Jamison
3-4	I: Guyot, Joe Devel, Pickering	Bill Oliver, Ron Jones
10	I: Goat	Bob Sumner, Barbara Cohen
10-11	I: Siretta List Finish	Dave Petzold, Dave Dykeman
16-18	I: Giraud, Observation	Dale Van Dalsem, Ron Jones

SOME TRIPS MAY BE TENTATIVE DEPENDING ON CURRENT SNOW CONDITIONS.

\* Trips with an "\*" next to them require the \$3 permit fee with the SASE. Contact the leaders for details.



The new SPS T-shirt (front)

# ECHOES FROM THE CHAIR

High summer is upon us, and in spite of the weird weather we have been having, the membership seems to be having great success climbing peaks. So, go for it. There is still a lot of climbing ahead for us this season. Once again I'd like to thank all of the leaders for creating a full schedule of opportunities for us.

Due to the lack of response regarding revisions to the list, there will be no proposed changes on the upcoming ballot. Perhaps this is just as well as the current list is the result of many years of previous revisions. Perhaps there will be more suggestions next year.

Many thanks to Patty Kline for her efforts in bringing new T-shirts to the section. The shirts look great. Also, thanks to Wynne Benti-Zdon for her design.

Anyone interested in running for the management committee, or in nominating someone for the management committee, please contact Nominations Chair Vi Grasso.

That's all for now. Keep climbing and see you at the next meeting.

Dave Petzold

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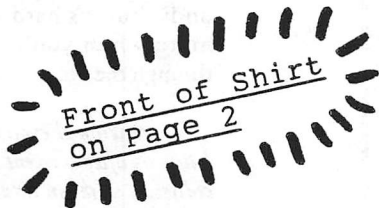
## NEW SPS T-SHIRTS

About half of our 100 T-shirts sold out at the July 8th SPS meeting! Thank you for the wonderful response. Wynne Benti did a great job of designing the front and back. The front has a view of North Palisade and the back has the entire SPS list by geographic area.

I have ordered more T-shirts to be available for the August meeting to accommodate all of you who need large. We ran out of large at the July meeting.

They are priced at \$12.00 in 3 colors: ash (sweat-shirt grey), fuchsia, and yellow. There are 3 sizes: medium, large, and extra large.

Buy them at an SPS meeting for \$12.00. Mail order them through me specifying color and size and enclosing a check (payable to Sierra Peaks Section) for \$14.00 (\$2.00 to cover shipping).



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## COVER PHOTO:

Clyde Minaret, by Tom Ross.

## ECHOES FROM OUR READERS

July 11, 1992

Dear Editor,

The reference to Barbara Lilley's climb of Mt. LeConte in 1952, contained in Bill Oliver and Larry Tidball's account of an SPS trip in July, 1991 (Sierra Echo, May-June), reminds me.....

In August 1952, my wife, 11-year old son, and I went on a two-week Sierra Club national burro trip, starting at Whitney Portal and ending on the floor of Owens Valley below Army Pass. Another participant on that trip was teen-ager Joe Fitchen, a name most likely familiar to some of your readers. Peaks, incidental to the trip, were Muir (solo), Whitney (the whole group), Tyndall, and Milestone (on both of which I led small groups).

The leader of the trip was Bob Braun, from the Bay area. This was, in fact, his honeymoon trip. He had married Eloel (sp?) in between leading two trips for the Club, the earlier one a knapsack trip in the same general area. Participating on both trips was a young Belgian woman. Perhaps because of jealous memories of the earlier trip, or maybe teased by Bob and Eloel, every so often she would pout, "Poo on Barbara Lilley." Whether it was Barbara's mountaineering prowess or her feminine charms that irritated the Belgian girl, I did not know. That was the first time the name Barbara Lilley became known to me, the first of very many. When I first met her a few years later, I concluded that it could well have been both attributes that brought on the outbursts.

According to the Climbers Guide, the climb of LeConte referred to was in September, 1952, and hence was not associated with the national Club knapsack trip, as I had supposed.

Sincerely yours,

  
Dan Popper

# MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Bob Wyka

Congratulations and thank-you to the latest SUSTAINING MEMBERS AND SUBSCRIBERS: MARK ADRIAN, JANE EDGINTON, DIANN FRIED, SIGRID HUTTO, MIKE KELLEY, RET MOORE, and VIRGIL TALBOTT (contributing at least \$25.00 to the section).

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Contact Dave Petzold or Bob Summer if you are interested in  
this coveted position.

# SIERRA PEAKS SECTION ANNUAL BANQUET

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1992

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RANDY DANTA and DOUG MANTLE

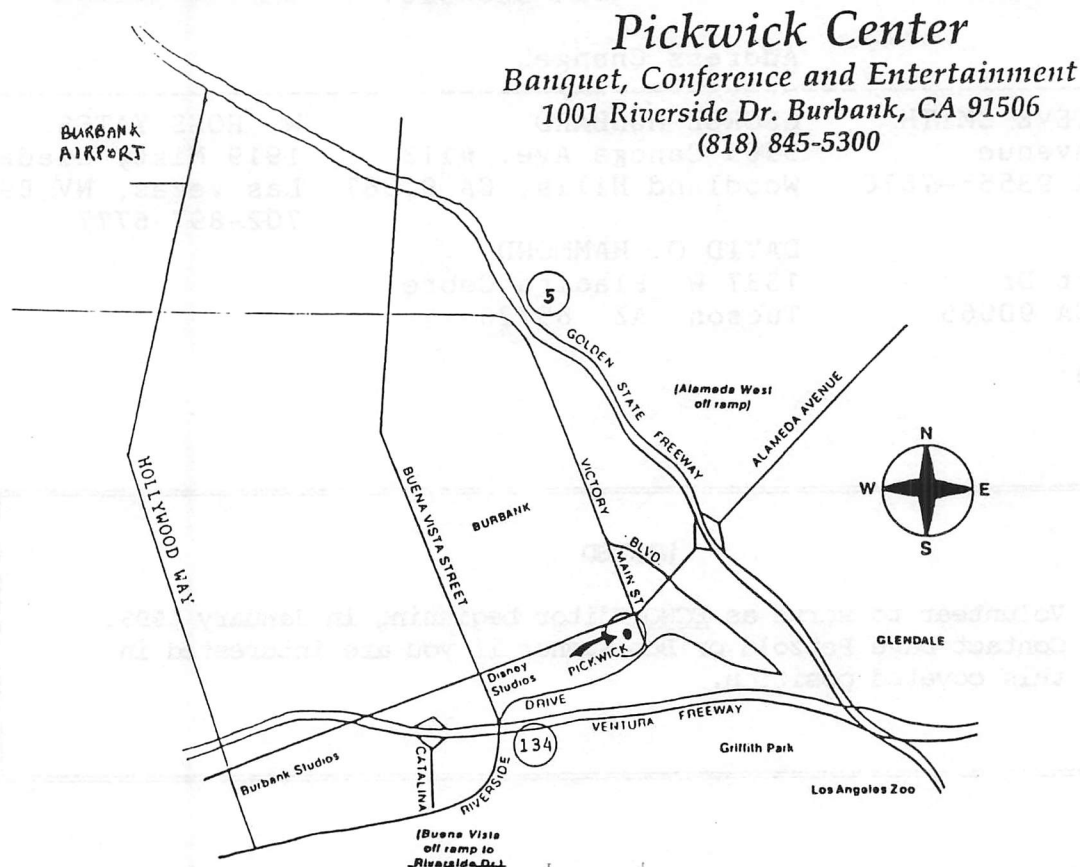
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# CONSERVATION

by Mary Sue Miller

Is a bookie parlor next? The Forest Service is considering a proposal by stock enthusiasts to allow a horseback endurance race on a popular hiking trail in the Twin Lakes and Buckeye Canyon areas of Toiyabe National Forest. The Forest Service preliminary analysis admits that portions of the chosen route traverse steep slopes and highly erodible soils. The trail would have to be widened for the safety of the horses, but there would still be potential dangers of high-speed encounters with hikers. The High Sierra Hikers Association has asked the Forest Service to deny this permit. They have asked that competitive riding events be restricted to existing roads. If you agree, please write a letter to Randall Sewick, District Ranger, P.O. Box 595, Bridgeport, CA 93517. State in your own words how you feel about competitive horse racing on hiking trails. Ask that your letter be included in the record for the Eastern Equestrian High Sierra Endurance event.

At this moment, the Forest Service has scrapped the 1979 Emigrant Wilderness plan. This plan had served as a model in that it made the Emigrant the first Forest Service Wilderness to prohibit campfires above 9,000 feet, and to restrict group size to 15 persons and stock animals to 20 animals per party. Wilderness Watch and the California Wilderness Coalition supported an appeal by the HSHA urging the Forest Service to keep the plan intact. The Forest Service has rejected the appeal on the grounds that they have to draft an entirely new plan according to the Stanislaus "Forest Plan" adopted in October, 1991. HSHA fears that the vacuum left with the scrapping of the 1979 plan will leave this wilderness wide open to harmful practices while the Service takes several years to make a new plan. In fact as of this writing, the Forest Service has already raised the stock limit to 25, and they have rejected HSHA's appeal.

There is some evidence that a new interpretation is shaping up regarding the extent of grazing permitted by the Wilderness Act of 1964. A recent decision by Deputy Regional Forester Joyce Muraoka affirms that the Forest Service has the authority to curtail wilderness grazing where conflicts with specific resources are identified. This decision is expected to moderate the current levels of grazing that have been allowed in the South Sierra under the existing management plan.

PLEASE get in on the draft for the Forest Service management plan for the nearly one million acres of High Sierra that comprise the John Muir, Ansel Adams, Monarch, and Dinkey Lakes Wilderness Areas. How do you feel about the stock issues that have been discussed in this column? What other concerns do you have? Write: Recreation Planner, Inyo National Forest, 873 North Main Street, Bishop, CA 93514.

If you did not read the May, 1992 issue of SUNSET magazine, rush to the library or borrow a friend's copy, turn to page 88 and glory in the descriptions of the Sierra Nevada treasures that you so well know, but also find there, codified into a well-organized but frightening litany, a convenient reference to the many threats that tear at its magnificent ecosystem. The article extends through page 114. Hopefully, the Sierra Now conference of August 7-9 to be held in Sacramento will establish guidelines that will begin to treat the Sierra as a bioregion. I hope that I can report this as an accomplished fact in the next column.

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## Yosemite closes Tenaya Campground

The Tenaya Lake Walk-in Campground located at the west end of Tenaya Lake along the Tioga Road in Yosemite National Park has been closed due to damage to fragile wetlands.

The decision was made to permanently close the campground due to the sensitivity of lakeshore resources and the impacts of campers on soils, vegetation, wildlife and water quality — particularly along the

shoreline, at the creek outlet, and in low, wet areas outside the campground.

In addition, the existing water system has experienced major problems and would be very costly to replace. Water and facilities at the picnic area at the east end of Tenaya Lake will remain open for visitor use.

The 50 campsites lost as a result of this closure will be offset at other locations along the Tioga Road corridor.

from The Southern Sierran, July 1992



This is the first of a series of newsletters which will be coming to you periodically. Our purpose in sending them is to keep you updated on the progress of the wilderness planning effort for the John Muir, Ansel Adams, Dinkey Lakes, and Monarch Wildernesses.

In March, 1992, more than 3000 letters were sent to individuals, agencies, and groups who we thought might have an interest in the wilderness planning process. We asked you to tell us of issues and concerns that should be analyzed during the planning, and to let us know if you wanted to remain on the mailing list. This newsletter is going to more than 700 of you who indicated a desire to remain on the list. Just a reminder...names can be added to the list at any time.

To date, 70 of you have written us with your "issues". Although we have not yet identified the "key" issues, it is obvious that there is great interest in administrative use/facilities, non-conforming uses, trail system/trailheads, the use of recreation stock, grazing of cattle/sheep, fire management, recreational use/impacts, and quotas/permit system.

The Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) has been selected by the Forest Supervisors. team members are Dick Warren (Inyo National Forest, co-team leader, recreation); Wally McCray (Sierra National Forest, co-team leader,); Mike Lefevre (Sierra National Forest, wildlife, fish, wilderness); Luci McKee (Inyo National Forest, air, water); Dave Smallwood (Sierra National Forest, fire); , and Nancy Schlachter, Sequoia National Forest representative). This group will be responsible for the preparation of the environmental documents and will recommend the management direction to the decision makers.

There will be additional opportunities for you to be involved in this planning effort. We will be working with a representative group of people to share in the preparation of the management direction. We are working out the details now and will share them with you at the public meetings. Our next newsletter will also have information on the organization and purpose of the "public involvement group".

If you have questions, please contact Wally McCray, Sierra National Forest, 1600 Tollhouse Rd, Clovis, CA 93611-0532; Nancy Schlachter, Hume Lake Ranger District, 35860 East Kings Canyon, Dunlap, CA 93621; or Dick Warren, Inyo National Forest, 873 N. Main, Bishop, CA 93514.

Contributed by Ron Jones

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# ECHOES OF OUR CLIMBS

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OLANCHA PEAK  
June 6-7, 1992

Leaders: Patty Kline & Frank Goodykoontz

We met at 6:30 AM at the roadhead for Olancha Peak, Sage Flat. Our group of 11 left about the same time as the Wilderness Travel group led by Herb Fiala and Virgil Bayless.

The roadhead is as follows: Drive north on Hwy 395 to Little Lake. From there note your odometer and go 19.5 miles north to Sage Flat Road. Turn left (west) and go on this small road, keeping right at the road forks on the most heavily used roads to the end at 5.5 miles. There is a sign "Pavement Ends" at 3.2 miles. The end of the road is a large bulldozed area of reddish dirt. There is no water or trees, but it is very level for camping. The elevation is 5,800 feet.

We hiked 7 miles to our camp at 9,500 feet, arriving about 12:30 PM. There was no trouble accommodating our group as well as the Wilderness Travel group. The camp is within sight of the trail. A nice stream runs between the camp and the trail. This dries up early in the season, although there may be small pockets of water which are spring-fed uphill later on in the season.

Olancha is far enough from other SPS peaks to make it hard to climb another one on the same weekend. There seemed to be a lot of thunderstorms going on in the distance, but we were spared. Our extended community happy hour started about 3:30 PM with such delicacies as cream cheese topped with jalapeno jelly from Ron Matson and homemade chocolate chip cookies from Terry Flood. The temperatures were cool and windy and Bahram Manahedgi built a big fire for us.

At 6:15 AM we departed for Olancha Peak, the most southerly of the emblem peaks. Here is the route description from the Pacific Crest Trail. From the highest point of the trail before it drops into Gomez Meadow, turn east towards the peak. It is about 1,500 feet of gain. Make sure to angle in a northerly direction over the large class 2 boulders.

Nine of us got the peak. This was a first ascent for everyone but me. It was my 6th. About 1 hour was spent on top posing for pictures and admiring the great view. Mark Adrian became a member of the SPS on this peak as I had done 6 years before in 1986. There is a sheer 3,000 to 4,000 foot drop off from the east facing chute right below the summit. The lower part of Owens Valley stretched out below the bottom of the peak. We could see as far south as Telescope Peak. It is interesting to note the top of Olancha Peak (12,123') is part of the original erosional plain of the ancient High Sierra range. It has a flat top like Mt Whitney, Mt Darwin, Mt Abbot, and others. The glaciers were never here. Olancha may have been named after the Olanches Indians (from Peter Browning's Place Names of the Sierra Nevada).

The group got back to the cars by 4:30 PM. We all had a nice weekend. Those in the group not already mentioned in the write-up were Erik Siering, Rich Gnagy, John Kurnick, and Howard and Barb Eyerly.

I want to thank Frank Goodykoontz for his usual great job of assisting me on this trip. Also thank you to everyone who came on the trip. It was a very enjoyable weekend.

Patty Kline

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KERN PK  
June 6-7, 1992  
Bob Sumner/Barbara Cohen

The seven participants met at 6:15 AM Saturday morning at the Black Rock Gap trailhead: Liz Kennedy, Mark Colopy, Wayne Norman, Don Westland, Randy Ragland, and the leaders. We were soon on our way to our campsite at Redrock Meadows.

The backpack in provided us with the expected spring Southern Sierra scenery: lush green meadows, blooming flowers, towering pine trees, and refreshing clean air. Only one thing was missing - blue sky. Grey swirling clouds accompanied us to camp, and continued to build as the day grew older.

By 11:30 AM camp was established and we were off to conquer Kern by the south ridge. Pine-needled slopes were underfoot and sweat was on our brows as we paused for a rest atop the ridge. The darkening and lowering sky hastened us northward towards our objective.

The thunder began a half mile from the peak. The sky overhead still looked reasonably stable so we spread out and continued. Soon we congregated near the 11,510' summit but took turns signing in: a metal structure on the very top deemed this wise. Quickly now we retreated southward but not quick enough: an enormous dark cloud was moving up the ridge towards us. Minutes later all hell broke loose. Thunder roared and lightning struck the ridge ahead of us and behind us, and also on the ridges on either side of us. Simultaneously a ferocious hailstorm ensued and in just minutes 2-3 inches of hail had accumulated underfoot. Our rain gear protected us from the pelting as we slid and sloshed our way downward.

The lightning and hail continued for the next two hours as we made our way back to camp. We traversed just below ridgeline to avoid the lightning, but had to stick close together due to poor visibility. The compass did its job and guided us right back to camp. We fairly well dove into our tents even though we were soaked. At this lower elevation (8600'), the once firm hail had degenerated into rain and slushballs. The rain and lightning continued, including one strike so close it shook the ground beneath us.

By 6:00 PM the clouds were breaking up, the rain had stopped, and seven heads cautiously poked out from their tents. John & Wendy McCully (& Chessie) had arrived during the day and joined us for our happy/dinner hour. Darn if that dog didn't find some dry wood for us! Good job Chessie. We dried our clothes and filled our bellies, and later snoozed with thunderbolts dancing in only our dreams.

The next morning the blue sky was back, the big yellow face shone upon us, and the (oh blah!) mosquitoes were back. We were back to the cars by 11:30 AM. Congratulations to WTC students, Liz, Mark, and Don for completing a real experience trip. And of course, thanks to Barbara for assisting on this, my second "I" provisional lead.

Bob

CORRECTION

The article on page 3 on the May/June Echo stated that Doug Mantle and Randy Danta were there first SPS members to climb Mt Everest. We must also note that Ang Karma Sherpa of Nepal, also an SPS member, climbed Mt Everest in 1985.

# Mount Tom

Sat, July 11, 1992

WTR  
Bill T Russell  
Duane Mc Ruer

Eighteen of us met at 0700 at the aspen grove that is about 0.5 mi below the locked gate on the old mining road to Horton Lakes. We drove most of the cars to the gate and then hiked to Horton Lake by 1000 and made camp. We had planned to climb Basin Mtn on Sat and Mt Tom on Sun but because the weather looked somewhat threatening, Duane suggested and all agreed that doing Mt Tom first was better. One person remained in camp and the rest of us hiked up the old road to Hanging Valley and then up the SW ridge to the summit. We descended by the western scree chute to the Tungstar mine and then by the road back to camp. Bill Banks signed out to do his usual high speed climb and we then split into a fast group of eight and a slower group of eight. In the late afternoon, the weather deteriorated and we had some rain and very strong wind gusts.

There was some rain during the night and Sun morning, as we emerged from our tents, the clouds were low and threatening. All agreed that attempting Basin would be unwise so we packed up and hiked out with sprinkles on the way. The weather was part of tropical storm *Darby* that brought rain to Los Angeles. It rained heavily from time to time on the drive home.

Mt Tom has a SPS cyl container and a good SPS register book left in 8/87 that is 80% full. We left an additional new SPS book. Recently it was reported that there were several old full books and that the container could hold no more. I carried a large can to correct this situation but someone has removed the old books. I hope that they show up and are carried back to Mt Tom where they belong. Participants were:

Bill T Russell	Patty Kline	Devra Wasserman	Gustave Stroes
Duane McRuer	Pete Dogget	Dan Richter	Steve Hiebert
David Russell	Paula Peterson	Greg Gerlach	Tom Rholoff
Steve Nardi	Bruce Peterson	Eric Siering	Don Croley
		Bill Banks	Asher Waxman

## UPDATE ON FREEL PEAK (10,881')

With the building of the Tahoe Rim Trail (TRT), it is now possible to do Freel by good trail and use trail. One begins by driving to U.S. 50 and the junction with Pioneer Trail, first stoplight approaching from Meyers Junction (U.S. 50 and Hwy. 89). Drive east on Pioneer Trail 0.9 mile to Oneidas Street, turn right and take the main, paved road 4.1 miles to the USFS gate with its "Private Property" sign. I am told that it is permissible to hike through. Stay on the main dirt road, ignoring the right fork that descends, and a left fork that cuts sharply up to the NE and shortly deadends. One will come to a meadow, where one follows a boggy track across, then crosses the main creek, and then resumes on a good trail up the right (west) side of the creek. About ½-1 mile from Armstrong Pass, one may wish to cut straight up through sagey slopes to intersect the TRT that contours along the west slopes of the Freel massif. One will certainly want to shortcut on the descent. Otherwise, stay on the trail which intersects the TRT at Armstrong Pass. Go left (NE) and one walks awhile above the canyon, then climbs and does two switchbacks to arrive at a col at 9680'. A use trail follows the right side of a small ridge that climbs to the west of the summit, and then crosses a bowl and climbs to the facility on the summit. This is about 10 miles and 3,000' gain round trip.

Pete Yamagata

COYOTE PEAK & ANGORA MTN  
May 23-25, 1992

Leaders: Dave Petzold & Patty Kline

Twelve people met at 7:00 AM at the roadhead for Jerkey Creek Trail (Trail #32E12). We did a twelve mile rollercoaster hike with 4,000 feet of gain and 2,000 feet of loss to Deep Creek Meadow on Saturday. The drive in the night before was long, about 4-1/2 hours. It can be done via Bakersfield, which is shorter, unless you are with the Memorial Day crowd on Hwy 58 the way I was coming from Bakersfield. Regardless if you come via Mojave or Bakersfield, head north to Johnsondale. At Johnsondale take 22S82 (the Lloyd Meadow Road) to its end at the roadhead for the Jerkey Creek Trail.

Here is the sequence of trails shown on the 1986 west half of the Golden Trout Wilderness Forest Service map. From the end of 22S82 (the Lloyd Meadow Road), take trail #32E12, the Jerkey Creek Trail north to the intersection of 33E01 and go right on this trail NE to the Little Kern River bridge. At the bridge go S on the Willow Meadow Cutoff trail for one third mile. Then go left on the Willow Meadow Trail where you are again heading NE for 1-1/2 miles to a 4-way intersection. Here turn left and head NW to the Deep Creek Trail. Go right on the Deep Creek Trail. We camped at the meadow on Deep Creek about 1 mile below the Coyote Lakes Trail. These junctions are pretty well signed.

We arrived hot, dusty, and dirty, at Deep Creek Meadow at 3:30 PM. Since there was water only on the middle third of our hike we were pleased to discover what Ron Zappen labeled "the cesspool" as our most conveniently located water source 300 feet below camp. The water didn't seem to flow in or out of it, but the water was good enough to filter if you skimmed the bugs, sticks, and algae off. This is a season with 70% normal snow fall in the Sierra. Ten minutes below camp was a small stream a few inches deep which provided a cleaner source of water.

The next day it was a long project to get Coyote and Angora. It took about 12 hours with 15 miles and 4,500 feet of gain. Coyote at 10,892 feet seemed more like a real SPS peak with nice views to the north. There was a slight amount of snow on the ridge leading to the summit. The peak is on the boundary of Sequoia National Park and Sequoia National Forest. Coyote Lakes located to the east of the trail about 800 feet down looked great.

After climbing Coyote Peak and getting to the trail again, we took the ridge which went from the saddle on the trail above Coyote Lakes. We took this ridge south. This intersects the Coyote Lakes trail again, thereby cutting off 2 legs of a triangle and saving time. From here we were on the trail briefly before cutting off cross-country to Angora Mtn at 10,202 feet. This small talus covered summit didn't have much view. It was named after a sheepman who had an Angora goat leading his flock according to Peter Browning's book Place Names of the Sierra Nevada.

After the trip was over about 2 PM on Monday, Dave Petzold said "This was a class B death march". I asked him to clarify and he said "A class A death march is where only the leader goes, and only the leader gets the peak". The participants were: Jennifer Lambelet, Erik Siering, Carolyn West, Ali Aminian, Kathy Pric, Jim Adler, Don Westland, Vi Grasso, Gene Mauk, and Ron Zappen. Anyway, the trip was a lot of fun and a success with every participant getting both peaks. Thank you Dave Petzold for the route finding while I swept.

Patty Kline

LIST FINISHING TRIP

Aug. 18-23, 1991

Keith, Barnard, Trojan, Junction, Stanford(S) & Cal Tech  
Charlie Winger, Jim Scott, Burt Falk

Jim Scott and I met Charlie Winger, a climber from Littleton, CO, during a 1982 mountaineering expedition to Ecuador. Each summer since then, Charlie has come to California to climb with us in the Sierra. In 1986, by climbing the east face of Mt. Whitney, he finished the list of the sixty-eight fourteen-thousand footers in the 48 contiguous United States (fifty-four in Colorado, thirteen in California, plus Washington's Mt. Rainier). This summer, by ascending Mt. Stanford (south), he finished a list of the one hundred highest peaks in the contiguous United States--a significant effort, especially since he may be the first person to have done so. The following is a description of our list-finishing trip:

Day One, Aug. 18: Grunted up the Shepherd Pass trail to the last flat area below the Potholes. Collapsed. Got to bed real late--7:15 p.m.

Day Two, Aug 19: Started off at 6:30 a.m. by contouring north toward nearby Mt. Keith. Reaching the southern slopes of the peak, we climbed the prominent right-sloping couloir, a route which leads almost directly to the summit block on the right (east) end of the crest. Back at camp by 1:30 p.m., we re-packed then hiked over Shepherd Pass to an unprotected campsite equidistance between Diamond Mesa and the low point on the ridge between Tawny Point and Mt. Tyndall. Caroused until the wee hours tonight--7:30 p.m.

Day Three, Aug. 20: This morning, we found and followed a use trail leading over the above-mentioned low point to the Wright Lakes Basin. Since we weren't sure about the feasibility of climbing the headwall located at the eastern end of the Basin between Barnard and Trojan (Roper doesn't mention it), and because we couldn't see it clearly (the sun was in our eyes), we opted to climb Barnard from the easy but out-of-the-way western slopes. We arrived on the summit around 11:30, signed the register--which dates back to the 1930's, then, dropping down on the gentle east side of the crest between the two peaks, made our way toward the summit of Trojan Peak, arriving there an hour later. Looking for a less time-consuming route back to camp (we didn't want to re-climb Mt. Barnard), we descended the steep, loose slope to the west of the saddle between the two peaks. This dicey shortcut works fine on descent., but I'm not sure I'd recommend it as a means of ascent. We arrived back at camp about 5:15 p.m.

Day Four, Aug. 21: Late start--6:45 a.m. Climbed the east corner of Diamond Mesa and proceeded on to its north corner, at which

point, according to Roper, the route to Junction Peak's summit involves following a "knife-edge ridge." In fact, however, after crossing the connecting ridge and climbing a couple hundred feet on the peak, Charlie and Jim found a ramp-like passage on the west slopes, below the ridge, leading directly (though not apparently) to the top. If, as I did, you stay on ridge, you'll find it broadens tantalizingly, then narrows down to a sharp fifth class ridge leading to the summit, a route which would be a pain even for a rope team. Eventually, I had to swallow my pride and drop down to the ramp to follow Charlie and Jim. After a pleasant half hour on the summit which we spent leafing through another 1930's era register, we returned to camp by means of a shortcut, descending SSE to lake WL3806T, thus avoiding the re-crossing of Diamond Mesa. In early afternoon we broke camp and hiked to a small, unnamed lake just south of Lake South America.

Day Five, Aug. 22: 6:15 a.m. start. The 7-1/2' Mt. Brewer quad shows a trail leading from Lake South America to Harrison Pass. Hah! After ten or fifteen minutes spent searching, like hounds on a hunt, we gave up and cross-countried to a point just below the south side of the pass, where we started an easy climb, leading first east, then bending north, toward Gregory's Monument. Arriving on top of the Monument, we began our search for the purported 3rd class route leading toward the true, northern summit of Mt. Stanford. At this point, I'm sure that more than one party has turned back, as the first move to traverse the connecting knife-edge ridge requires dropping some seven feet from one smooth-face block to another, with plenty of heart-stopping exposure on either side. This obstacle wouldn't be so bad if you knew there was nothing more difficult beyond, which is true, and that you wouldn't have any real trouble in re-climbing the drop-off, which is also true. Unfortunately, psychologically, it comes at just the wrong time. We had a sixty-foot, nine mm rope and seat harnesses however, so we belayed each other down the drop, then began the traverse, mostly on the east side of the ridge, toward the true summit. Going, the crossing took us an hour and a half; coming back, because we were familiar with the route, we cut our time by two-thirds. The peak's register, again dating back to the thirties, makes the effort and adrenalin flow worthwhile, in my opinion. Two of the earliest entries were logged in by Sierra climbing pioneer, Norman Clyde, one of my all-time heros. What a thrill!

On our return, we attempted to traverse from the south side of Gregory's Monument to Cal Tech Peak, but discovered that it wouldn't go. Instead, we retraced our footsteps to Harrison Pass, then contoured along the west face of Cal Tech until we found a likely-looking couloir leading to the crest just south of the summit. We started our climb about 3:00 p.m., and arrived on top by 4:30 p.m. Cal Tech, 13,832', the 117th highest peak in the contiguous United States would, in my opinion, make a worthwhile addition to the S.P.S. list. Granted the south-eastern slopes are gentle, but the peak is well-placed and holds special significance for many local C.I.T. students and alumni. A handsome plaque commemorating the centennial year (1991) of the University has been

installed on the summit this summer. There is also a cache containing many items of Cal Tech memorabilia, including a deck of playing cards (Gin, anyone?), plus sheet music for the Alma Mater. Because it was a beautiful afternoon and because it was our last peak of the trip, we departed the summit rather reluctantly. Our return route took us south along the ridge until we were almost directly above our campsite, at which point we began our descent.

Day six, Aug. 22: Started off at 6:30 a.m., and reached the Shepherd Pass trailhead at 2:30 p.m. On the way, we met and talked to a National Park Ranger stationed at Tyndall Creek regarding the obvious difference in trail quality between the National Forest section (terrific from trailhead to top of pass) and the National Park section (crummy beyond the pass). He had no excuse, but stated that the opposite was true on the Whitney Portal trail, where the National Park section from Trail Crest to Crabtree Meadows is very good, while the east, National Forest side, leaves much to be desired. Sounds like there's a little rivalry between the two departments.

The following is Charlie's list of the fifty highest peaks in the contiguous United States:

--Burt Falk

50 HIGHEST PEAKS IN THE 48 STATES

RANK	PEAK	FEET	STATE	QUAD
1	Mount Whitney	14496	CA	Mount Whitney
2	Mount Elbert	14433	CO	Mount Elbert
3	Mount Massive	14421	CO	Mount Massive
4	Mount Harvard	14420	CO	Mount Harvard
5	Mount Ranier	14410	WA	Mount Ranier
6	Mount Williamson	14375	CA	Mount Williamson
7	Blanca Peak	14345	CO	Blanca Peak
8	La Plata Peak	14336	CO	Mount Elbert
9	Uncompangre Peak	14309	CO	Uncompangre Peak
10	Crestone Peak	14294	CO	Crestone Pk
11	Mount Lincoln	14286	CO	Alma
12	Grays Peak	14270	CO	Grays Peak
13	Mount Antero	14269	CO	Mount Antero
14	Torreys Peak	14267	CO	Grays Peak
15	Castle Peak	14265	CO	Hayden Peak
16	Quandary Peak	14265	CO	Breckenridge
17	Mount Evans	14264	CO	Mount Evans
18	Longs Peak	14255	CO	Longs Peaks
19	Mount Wilson	14246	CO	Mount Wilson
20	White Mountain Peak	14246	CA	White Mountain Peak
21	North Palisade	14242	CA	North Palisade
22	Mount Shavano	14229	CO	Maysville
23	Crestone Needle	14197	CO	Crestone Peak
24	Mount Balford	14197	CO	Mount Harvard
25	Mount Princeton	14197	CO	Mount Antero
26	Mount Yale	14196	CO	Mount Yale
27	Mount Cross	14172	CO	Alma
28	Kit Carson Peak	14165	CO	Crestone Peak
29	Mount Shasta	14162	CA	Mount Shasta
30	El Diente Peak	14159	CO	Dolores Peak
31	North Maroon Peak	14156	CO	Maroon Bells
32	Tabeguache Mountain	14155	CO	Saint Elmo
33	Mount Oxford	14153	CO	Mount Harvard
34	Mount Sill	14153	CA	North Palisade
35	Mount Sneffels	14150	CO	Mount Sneffels
36	Mount Democrat	14148	CO	Climax
37	Capitol Peak	14130	CO	Capitol Peak
38	Pikes Peak	14109	CO	Pikes Peak
39	Snowmass Mountain	14092	CO	Snowmass Mountain
40	Mount Russell	14087	CA	Mount Whitney
41	Mount Bolus	14083	CO	Columbine Pass
42	Windem Peak	14082	CO	Columbine Pass
43	Challenger Point	14081	CO	Crestone Peak
44	Missouri Mountain	14073	CO	Mount Harvard
45	Missouri Mountain	14067	CO	Winfield
46	Humboldt Peak	14064	CO	Crestone Peak
47	Mount Bierstadt	14060	CO	Mount Evans
48	Sunlight Peak	14059	CO	Storm King Peak
49	Split Mountain	14058	CA	Split Mountain
50	Handies Peak	14048	CO	Handies Peak

## RESOUNDING ECHOES

Bill Oliver

### HPS CROSSES THE LINE

[The following news item, by then-chair John Robinson, first appeared in the April '64 ECHO.]

The extreme southern part of the Sierra Nevada, the relatively low section between Tehachapi and Walker Passes, is an area of rounded mountains, forested plateaus, and farmland valleys. Although geographically a part of the Sierra, it resembles the Range of Light only its granitic rock structure. The SPS has occasionally scheduled early-season beginners' trips into this pleasant area, but no peaks have been found that merit qualifying status.

The Hundred Peaks Section of the Angeles Chapter has exhibited an interest in this area, and it is considering adding the 28 named summits over 5000 feet to their list of peaks. This would place the boundary between the SPS and the 100 PS at Highway 178, roughly a line stretching from Bakersfield through Lake Isabella to Walker Pass.

The SPS Management Committee has considered the request and welcomes the Hundred Peakers as prospective neighbors. We will gladly share this southern Sierra area with a sister section that relishes the easy, pleasant peaks of the type found in the region. - - JWR - -

[Evidently not content, the HPS now lays claim to ten summits north of Hwy 178, including two on the SPS list: Pilot Knob (S), our lowest, and Owens Peak, the high point of Kern County. Perhaps the HPS would consider adding some fine easy peaks at the northern end of the Sierra. Let's talk.]

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