

# The Sierra



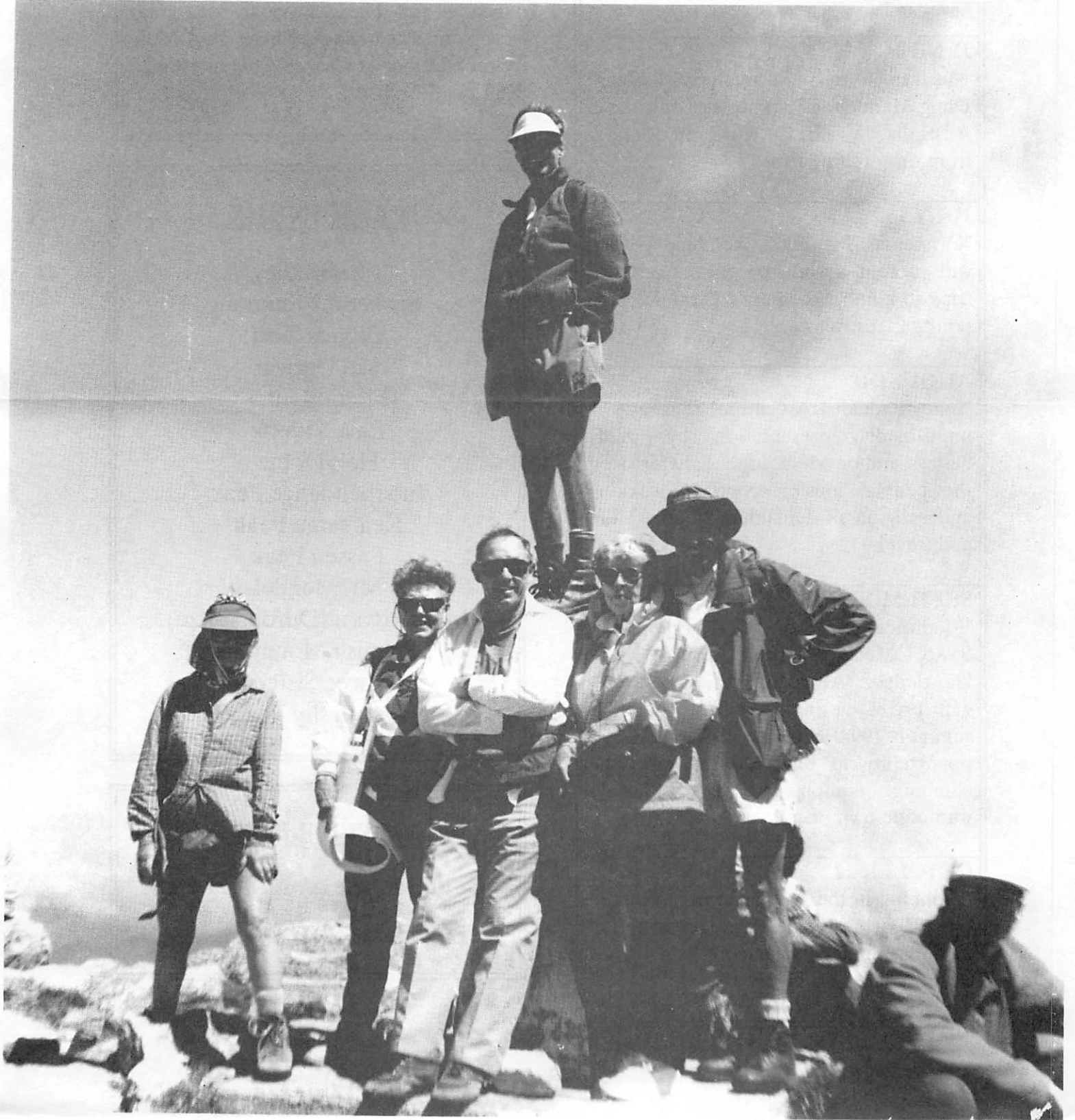
# ECHO

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## **SPS MONTHLY PROGRAMS**

### **NEW MEETING LOCATION**

Beginning in June we will be meeting in a new room behind the cafeteria still at the DWP. 7:30 pm Dept. W&P Meeting Room 1st flr/cafe., 111 N Hope St, LA, Free prkg on site.

#### **JUNE 8**

"Australia and Tasmania climbing" Doug Mantle's 7 Summits list finisher in Australia. Vi Grasso will present slides from this exciting trip.

#### **JULY 13**

"Carstensz's Pyramid" Reinhold Ullrich will present a slide program from two trips to climb Carstensz's Pyramid, high point of Australasia.

#### **AUGUST 10**

"Inner Ladakh - A Cultural Journey" A multi-media presentation by Andy Selters and/or Melbourne Taliaferro on the people, music, economy, trekking and religion of Ladakhi (Tibetan) life and travel.

#### **SEPTEMBER 14**

"Identification Contest - Equipment Swap Meet" Test your Sierra knowledge. An identification contest - with prizes - using slides from our SPS summer 1994 climbs. Then take an opportunity to buy, sell or trade the climbing equipment you've always wanted to own or sell.

#### **OCTOBER 12**

"Climbing in the Great Western Divide" Greg Roach will give a slide presentation on this summer's week long trip to this beautiful area of the Sierra.

#### **NOVEMBER 9**

To Be Announced

#### **DECEMBER 14**

"Highlights of Four Trips, Trango Tower, Shivling, K2 and Gasherbrum IV" Greg Childs is our 1994 banquet speaker and this promises to be a great program. The banquet will be held at the Greek Orthodox Church Committee hall in Long Beach.

### **PEAK INDEX**

Mt. Bradley  
Brokeoff Mountain  
Clouds Rest  
Mt. Darwin  
Mount Diller  
East Vidette  
Half Dome  
Independence Peak  
Kearsarge Peak  
Lassen Peak  
Mt. Mendel  
Monte Rosa (Dufourspitze)  
Spanish Mountain  
Three Sisters  
University Peak

### **COVER PHOTO**

*Doug Mantle atop Kosciusko*

Photo supplied by Vi Grasso

## 1994 Sierra Peaks Section Spring & Summer Schedule

|                  |           |  |  |
|------------------|-----------|--|--|
| <b>June</b>      |           |  |  |
| R                | 4-5       | M: Mt. Baxter  | Dave Dykeman, Nancy Gordon                   |
| R                | 11-12     | M: Mt. Langley   | Ali Aminian, Reiner Stenzel                  |
| R                | 18-19     | M: Bear Creek Spire, Mt. Dade  | Larry Tidball, Scot Jamison                  |
| R                | 18-19     | M: Mt. Corcoran  | Dave Dykeman, Nancy Gordon,<br>Barbara Cohen |
|                  | 18-19     | I: North Pk, Mt. Dana  | John Cheslick, Charlie Knapke                |
|                  | 24-26     | I: Angora Mtn, Coyote Pk.  | Barbara Cohen, Charlie Knapke                |
|                  | 25-26     | I: Moses Mtn, N. Maggie Mtn.   | George Toby, Patty Kline                     |
| <b>July</b>      |           |  |  |
|                  | 2-4       | M: Black Hawk Mtn, Dicks Pk, Mt. Tallac  | Dave Dykeman, Nancy Gordon                   |
|                  | 8-12      | I: Trail Maintenance Party: Cottonwood<br>Pass Trail, Mt. Langley                                    | Fred Camphausen, RJ Secor                    |
|                  | 8-10      | M: State, Goat   | Doug Mantle, Don Sparks                      |
|                  | 9-10      | I: Julius Ceasar, Royce, Merriam   | Keith Martin, Steve Thaw                     |
| R                | 15-17     | E: Norman Clyde Pk.  | Dan Richter, Larry Tidball                   |
|                  | 15-17     | I: Intro: Mallory, Irvine  | George Toby, Ron Young                       |
|                  | 16-17     | I: Red & White, Red Slate  | Ed Lubin & Darrell Lee                       |
|                  | 23-24     | I: Intro: Conness, North Pk.   | Larry Tidball, Barbara Cohen                 |
|                  | 30-31     | M: Mt. Wallace, Mt. Haeckel  | Dave Dykeman, Barbara Cohen                  |
| R                | 30-31     | M: Center Pk, Mt. Bradley  | Larry Tidball, Greg Roach                    |
| <b>August</b>    |           |  |  |
|                  | 6-7       | M: Recess  | Larry Tidball, Scot Jamison                  |
|                  | 6-7       | M: Kennedy, Harrington   | Barbee Tidball, Greg Roach                   |
|                  | 13-21     | M: Newcomb, Hitchcock, Joe Devel,<br>Chamberlin, Pickering, Guyot,<br>Young, Hale, Tunnabora & more. | Dave Dykeman, Nancy Gordon                   |
|                  | 19-24     | M: Triple Divide, Eagle Scout, Stewart,<br>Lion Rock, Lippincott, Eisen                              | Bob Wyka, Al Conrad                          |
|                  | 26-28     | I: Joe Devel, Pickering  | Jim Adler, Kathy Price                       |
|                  | 27-28     | M: Harrington, Kennedy   | David Underwood, Steve Thaw                  |
| <b>September</b> |           |  |  |
|                  | 1-4       | M: Merced, Red, Gray, Clark  | Barbara Cohen, Dave Dykeman                  |
|                  | 2-5       | M: Intro: Tower, Ehrenbeck Pk,<br>Hawksbeak Pk.  | Erick Schumacher, Gordon MacLeod             |
| R                | 9-11      | E: Palisade Crest  | Larry Tidball, Randall Danta                 |
|                  | 9-11      | I: Vogelsang, Florence   | Patty Kline, Ron Young                       |
|                  | 16-18     | M: Rogers, Electra, Davis  | Dave Dykeman, Nancy Gordon                   |
|                  | 17-18     | M: Mt. Mills, Morgan #1  | Henry Arnebold, Steve Thaw                   |
|                  | 17-18     | I: Sieretta, Smith Mtn.  | Jerry & Nancy Keating                        |
|                  | 17-18     | I: Striped Mtn, Goodale Mtn.   | Greg & Mirna Roach                           |
|                  | 24-25     | M: Clouds Rest, Mt. Dana   | Mary McMannes, Bob Hartunian                 |
|                  | 24-25     | I: Intro: Cloudripper  | Patty Kline, Jim Railford                    |
|                  | 24-25     | M: Matterhorn, Virginia, Twin  | Doug Mantle, Randall Danta                   |
|                  | 30-Oct. 2 | M: South Guard, North Guard, Brewer  | Dave Dykeman, Nancy Gordon                   |

|         |    |                            |                              |
|---------|----|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| October |    |                            |                              |
| 1-2     | M: | Stanford #2, Mt. Morgan #2 | John Cheslick, Barbara Cohen |
| 1-2     | M: | Smith, Crag                | Barbee Tidball, Scot Jamison |
| 8-9     | O: | Fish Creek Hot Springs     | Erik Siering, Bob Sumner     |
| 8-9     | I: | Florence, Vogelsang        | Barbara Cohen, Dave Dykeman  |
| 15-16   | M: | Striped, Goodale           | Barbara Cohen, Nancy Gordon  |
| R 15-17 | M: | Tehipite Dome              | Asher Waxman, Beth Epstein   |

Trips marked: 'R' are restricted to Sierra Club Members. Additional climbing qualifications apply. Contact the trip leader for each trip's requirements.

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### ECHOES FROM THE CHAIR

By the time this ECHO goes to print, several of our restricted trips will have been successfully completed. It is a thrill for the SPS to be able to lead all of the peaks on our list after such a long delay. In an effort to promote goodwill and support for the new mountaineering insurance, the SPS management committee voted to cover the \$10 per person/per day fee for leaders of restricted trips and contribute half of the fee for trip participants. These fees apply only to restricted trips. As always, our non-restricted trips are either free or require reimbursement to the leader for the \$3 per person permit fee. It's the best deal in town!

Remember that our new meeting location as of the June meeting is the Los Angeles room of the DWP.

Thanks to Barbee Tidball who is filling in for Mary Sue Miller as conservation chair. Barbee is also banquet/programs chair and does the Echo mailings!!!

As the Sierra climbing season approaches, I'm sure that you feel as I do--the excitement as well as the tranquility of being in the mountains we love.

Safe and happy climbing to all!

*Barbara*

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A Quote:

*In the Mountains there is no sin in having limits, only in denying them.*

William Pilling

SPS Membership Report  
by Dan Richter 5/16/94

New Members Welcome!

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Accomplishments.....Congratulations!

Steve Nardi  
Emblem # 528  
Mt. Williamson  
May 14, 1994

.....and a big "thankyou" to all our 1994 sustaining members who didn't make the last  
ECHO

Kathy Price, Scott Sullivan, Owen Maloy, and Elaine O'Connell, Mel Daybell, Ed Zdon,  
Chuck Stein, Judy Richardson, Barbara and Howard Eyerly, Mark Frolli, Doug Mantle and  
Sylvia Sur, Tom Sexton

## **ECHOES FROM OUR MEETINGS**

### **Minutes from the SPS Meeting at DWP 3-9-94**

Barbara Cohen started the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Also present were Patty Kline, Dan Richter, Wayne Norman, Larry Tidball Barbara Tidball Vi Grasso and Asher Waxman.

**Old Business:** Dan read the minutes of the last meeting which were accepted. Patty reported that we had \$5,485.14 in our checking account and that as of March 1, 1994 \$2,046.16 in the saving account. Barbee said she had not been able to find a better location for our meetings. A motion was made and approved to recommend to the Board of Directors of the Sierra Club that Doug Mantle be awarded the Francis Farquar Mountaineering Award. Barbee discussed potential speakers for the banquet. Larry reported that 47 trips were scheduled for the new season.

**New Business:** A motion was made and passed unanimously to make Dan Richter Archivist to the Section.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. and was immediately followed by the general meeting in the auditorium. Following the minutes and treasurer's report Larry discussed the new trips and reported that before the meeting two new ones had been given to him. Sandra Johnson discussed her work on the Pacific Crest Trail and asked members to volunteer to help. Al Conrad encouraged the members to be involved in the National elections and asked them to consider supporting Jim Dodson. After the break Bob Michael presented a program on the Geology of the Sierra.

### **Minutes from the SPS Meeting at DWP 4-13-94**

Barbara Cohen started the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Also present were Patty Kline, Dan Richter, Wayne Norman, Larry Tidball, Barbara Tidball, Vi Grasso and Bill Oliver.

**Old Business:** Dan read the minutes of the last meeting which were accepted. Patty reported that we had \$5,071.62 in our checking account and \$2,050.07 in the saving account. Barbee reported that Greg Childs was available for the banquet.

**New Business:** Barbee accepted the position of Conservation Chair. A motion was made and passed unanimously to order new T shirts in the popular ash color. A motion was made and passed that the Section pay insurance costs for leaders of restricted trips. Another motion was made and passed that the Section pay half the insurance costs for Section members who go on restricted trips during 1994. Larry

reported that all thirteen restricted trips had been approved by National and he read a very encouraging letter from Cal French. The Committee agreed that the next Echo should include the membership list and the mountaineer's list

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. and was immediately followed by the general meeting in the auditorium. Following the minutes and treasurer's report Barbara announced that, in the future, meetings would be held in the Los Angeles room as of the June meeting and no longer in the auditorium. Larry reported that we have scheduled 49 trips, 13 of which are restricted. He also discussed the recent developments in the developing insurance policy noting that we could now schedule rock and snow check-offs. Bill Oliver reported that at the Chapter Banquet Patty Kline had received the Chester Veersteg Award and Barbara Cohen had received an Outing Award. Vi Grasso reported that she has new ammo boxes for the more popular peaks, and asked that leaders be sure to check with her prior to trips as to the register needs of the peaks they will be leading.

After a short break Bill Oliver gave an informative and interesting slide show on Mount Starr King.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Richter

MOUNTAIN RECORDS

Whether lead or private trips to the Sierra this Season, please note the summits listed below that need a register book -- or kit (consisting of register book, canister, pencil). Contact Mountain Records Chair, Vi Grasso for materials, other requirements and information. (W) (310)826-5202 (H) (310) 207-3875.

| <u>Peak</u>      | <u>Need as Noted</u>  | <u>Peak</u>  | <u>Need as Noted</u>              |
|------------------|---|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| Bago             | -Canister/Book  | Dundenberg   | -Book                             |
| Banner           | -Ammo Box needs<br>a hinge pin<br>(take 4" coat<br>hanger wire) | Gray         | -Canister/Book<br>-or Nesting Can |
| Bear Creek Spire | -Canister/Book  | Junction     | -Canister/Book                    |
| Baldwin          | -Book   | Koip         | -Nesting Can/<br>Book             |
| Cartago          | -Ammo Box   | Matterhorn   | -Canister/Book                    |
| Cathedral        | -Canister/Book  | North Peak   | -Book                             |
| Cirque           | -Ammo Box   | Red Slate    | -Canister only                    |
| Clarence King    | -Canister/Book  | Royce        | -Canister                         |
| Crag             | -Book   | Seven Gables | -Canister                         |
| Emerson          | -Canister/Book  | Smith        | -Book                             |
| Excelsior        | -Book   | Thor         | -Book                             |
|                  |   | Mt. Tom      | -Ammo Box                         |

Vi Grasso  
Mtn. Records Chair

## **CONSERVATION TWO LINERS**

Following are short "two liners" on current conservation issues that may be of interest to SPS members. Remember make your voice heard...write letters, call be active...some one else will not do it for you.

- HSHA is a group that actively follows many Sierra issues, memberships start at \$10.00. High Sierra Hikers Assoc., P.O. Box 8920, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96158-1920.
- The Senate has passed national park concession reform legislation. Concessionaire fees are increased; money will go to parks not the general fund and taxpayer contributions to concessionaire buildings is ended. Now the bill goes to the House.
- Emigrant Wilderness Planning effort. Unlike the PIT the Emigrant working group sends out an informative newsletter on their meetings. Current issue explored aquatic ecology (Frogs vs. fish in the Sierra). Researchers advocated min. 5% increase in fishless lakes. To select lakes with low recreational interest. Newsletter published by Summit Ranger District, #1 Pinecrest Lake Road, Pinecrest, CA 95364.
- HR 2153 introduced by G. Brown to establish a Giant Sequoia National Forest Preserve of over 442,00 acres in the Sequoia and Sierra Nat. Forest. Support/Against write your representative and Senator Boxer.
- Mountain Lion Foundation, protecting CA's wildlife. 916-442-2666
- California Wilderness Coalition, memberships \$20.00, 2655 Portage Bay East, Suite 5, Davis, CA 95616.
- Grazing and riparian habitat protection. The Administration will be accepting comments to reform grazing on public lands until July 28th. Ask Babbit to include 25% bank trampling standard and a provision for removing livestock from destroyed riparian areas until full restoration has occurred. Comments to: Rangeland Reform'94., P.O. Box 66300 Was. D.C. 20035-6300.
- Campfire ban proposed for John Muir Wilderness. More information call Keith Waterfall at the White Mtn. ranger office 619/873-2525.

If you want more information on any of these issues call - Barbee 310/424-1556.



SIERRA CLUB SIERRA PEAKS SECTION  
MOUNTAINEERING LIST

5/18/94

With the return of climbing insurance we are putting together a Mountaineering List to aid leaders when evaluating participants for technical or "Restricted" climbs. We are grandfathering in all active SPS members who are list finishers or who have M or E ratings. All must be current Sierra Club members. Ratings were taken from the 1994 Safety Committee Report and any additions since it was printed. Many of our members who are fine climbers may not have an M or E rating. Some of you may feel that you should also be included because of your experience, or for what ever reasons you did not appear on the report. This is the time to let us know and to supply us with your climbing resumés or credentials so that you can be grandfathered into the list.

Dan Richter

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|------------|---------------|----|------------|-------------|----|
| BARTELL    | RON           | LF | MEYERS     | FRANKLIN J. | E  |
| BEACH      | RICHARD       | E  | MOTHERAL   | MARY        | M  |
| BLOLAND    | PAUL A.       | E  | MURPHY     | JAMES       | LF |
| BORAD      | DON           | M  | NILSSON    | EIVOR       | M  |
| BROWN      | LLOYD         | LF | OLIVER     | BILL        | E  |
| CAMPHAUSEN | FRED          | E  | PETZOLD    | DAVE        | LF |
| CHESLICK   | JOHN          | M  | RAIFORD    | JIM         | M  |
| COHEN      | BARBARA       | M  | REBER      | BARBARA     | M  |
| CONRAD     | ALLAN         | M  | RICHTER    | DAN         | M  |
| DANTA      | RANDALL       | E  | ROACH      | GREG        | M  |
| DAVIS      | SID 'SAN JAC' | E  | ROSS       | TOM         | LF |
| DYKEMAN    | DAVE          | LF | RUSSELL    | BILL T.     | LF |
| ERSPAMER   | EDNA          | M  | RUSSELL    | PAT         | M  |
| GNAGY      | RICH          | LF | SECOR      | R. J.       | LF |
| GORDON     | NANCY         | E  | SEXTON     | TOM         | M  |
| GRASSO     | VI            | LF | SMITH      | R. STEVE    | E  |
| GUENTHER   | GARY          | M  | SPARKS     | DON         | M  |
| HARTUNIAN  | ROBERT T.     | E  | STEIN      | CHUCK       | E  |
| HOAK       | LARRY         | E  | STENZEL    | REINER      | M  |
| HOLLADAY   | DELORES       | M  | STEPHENS   | JOSEPH S.   | M  |
| HOLLEMAN   | DEANNA D.     | M  | STOUGH     | TINA        | LF |
| HOLLEMAN   | GERALD W.     | M  | TALBERT    | ROB         | M  |
| HUBBARD    | GEORGE W.     | LF | TALBOTT    | VIRGIL D.   | E  |
| HUTTO      | SIGRID        | M  | THAW       | STEVEN      | M  |
| INSKEEP    | JON           | E  | TIDBALL    | BARBARA     | M  |
| JAMISON    | SCOT          | M  | TIDBALL    | LARRY       | E  |
| JONES      | RONALD A.     | E  | TOBY       | GEORGE E.   | LF |
| KEATING    | JERRY         | LF | VANDERVOET | DAVID       | E  |
| KEATING    | NANCY         | M  | WRIGHT     | BOB         | M  |
| LILLEY     | BARBARA J.    | LF | WYKA       | ROBERT J.   | M  |
| LUBIN      | EDWARD        | E  | YOUNG      | RON         | M  |
| MACLEOD    | GORDON J.     | LF | ZDON       | ED          | M  |
| MAGNUSON   | ROY           | LF |            |             |    |
| MALOY      | J. OWEN       | M  |            |             |    |
| MANTLE     | DOUG          | LF |            |             |    |
| MAUK       | GENE R.       | LF |            |             |    |
| MCMANNES   | MARY          | M  |            |             |    |

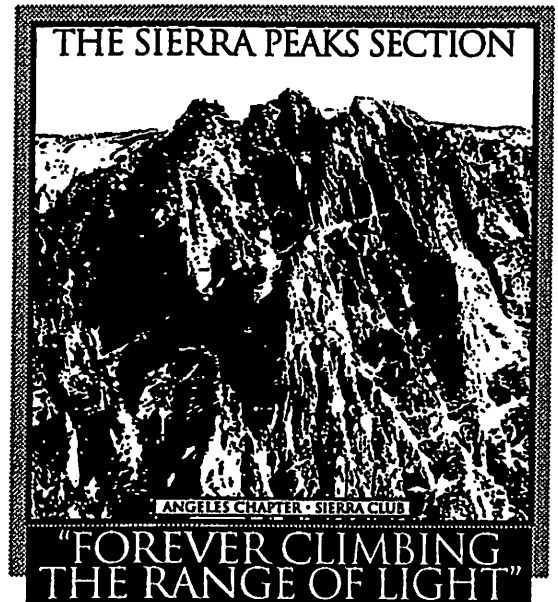
**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND  
SPS T-SHIRTS**

Don't miss out on ordering one of our great SPS T-Shirts. We reordered so now we have ash (sweat-shirt grey), the most popular color, available again. They also come in fuchsia and yellow. There are 3 sizes: medium, large and extra large.

Design is by Wynne Benti-Zdon and features North Palisade on the front and the entire SPS list by geographic area on the back.

Buy them at the SPS meeting. You can also mail order them through me specifying color and size and enclosing a check (payable to the Sierra Peaks Section) for \$14.00 (\$2.00 to cover shipping).

Patty Kline  
20362 Callon Drive  
Topanga Canyon, CA 90290



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**Hiking-climbing-fishing-vacation cabin** at 7000 ft. near Pagosa Springs, Colo. Fully furnished, 2 bedrms, sleeps up to 7, kitchen, electric heat & wood-stove. San Juans, Anasazi ruins, elk, bears, birds. Large lakes & rivers, creek in front with fish, 1/2 hr. to Continental Divide. 3 days \$180, 7 days \$300 incl. util.; monthly rates. Two easy driving days from LA. Inquire Campy, (619) 872-2338.

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Mario Gonzalez would be grateful for leadership to ascend the following peaks: Mt. Starr King, Mt. Darwin, Thunderbolt Peak, Mt. Gardiner, Norman Clyde Peak, Palisade Crest, Devil's Crags, Thunder Mtn., Glacier Ridge, The Hermit, Cathedral Peak. (213) 614-2344

## ECHOES FROM OUR CLIMBS

### **First Sierra Club Sponsored Mountaineering Trip Since 1988**

**By: Larry Tidball. Photos: Sigrid Hutto**

On April 17, 1994, a group of 10 climbers reached the summit of **University Peak** (13,632') in the Sierra Nevada. This 2 day trip marked the first trip to use ice axes, ropes & crampons since 1988 when insurance coverage for mountaineering trips was cancelled. With the return of insurance for these activities this year, the SPS outings leaders have planned 13 mountaineering trips to Sierra summits requiring proficiency in these climbing tools.

participants who had followed the suggestion to bring snowshoes were able to stay on top of the softening snow pack, while those without snowshoes plunged though to mid thigh. Once at the lake, camp was set up in the sheltering trees and a hole was cut into the lake to provide access to water.

After camp was set up, a planned Ice Ax refresher session was conducted on safe slopes above the end of the lake. Although all of the participants had prior training and experience climbing with an ice ax, a refresher at the beginning of the season is a good idea. We all spent an hour sliding down the

*SPS climbers approaching University Peak.*



The 10 carefully screened participants and leaders met on Saturday morning at the Onion Valley parking lot, at 9200' on the eastern side of the Sierra. An other drought year was in evident, with the snow fast disappearing from the south facing slopes. Just being able to drive to the end of the road was a surprise. At the trailhead the group completed the necessary paperwork to comply with new Sierra Club regulations for this special type of outing.

From Onion Valley the group backpacked up the snow covered North facing slopes leading to our campsite at the still frozen Robinson Lake. Those

hill and practicing ice axe arrests. This refreshing of the "muscle memory" helps one to instantly react to stop oneself in the event of a fall on steep snow slopes.

Saturday evening was spent relaxing in the "snow kitchen" as the group shared goodies and talk of past climbs. Sunday morning we were up early and left camp at 6:00 AM to catch the snow at its firmest. We had 3,000 feet of snow climbing to do to reach the summit of University Peak via the Robinson Creek drainage and the East slopes of the Peak. We reached the top of the NE ridge a short distance from the summit, and used the

climbing rope for a short belayed pitch up ice covered rocks just below the summit of the peak.

From this summit on the Sierra Crest we all enjoyed the great 360° view of snow covered peaks and valleys awakening with Spring. After lunch, we proceeded down the easy slopes of the SE ridge and then down the steep snow chute from University Pass to reach the head of Robinson Canyon. In the lower part of this chute and several times on the way back to camp we enjoyed sitting glissades to speed our return. The softness of the snow had made our climb a little longer than hoped for, and we speedily packed up camp and started the return to the cars. Here again those without snowshoes engaged in more "character building." We were all back to the cars and on the road home by 6:00 PM after an enthusiastic return to Sierra Club mountaineering trips.



*On the N.E. ridge, nearing the summit of University Peak.*

The participants on the trip included 3 members of the San Diego Chapter of the Sierra Club; Mark Adrian, Carol Snyder, Mark Bender. Angeles Chapter participants were; Sigrid Hutto, Beth Epstein, Phil Reher, Tom Sexton, and Mario Gonzalez. Assisting me on this lead was Barbee Tidball. Bill Oliver and I were the original scheduled leaders, but Bill had to cancel after

hurting his back before the trip. All of those on this first Sierra Club mountaineering trip are thankful to those who made this possible: Cathy Benton, John DeCock, John Edington, Vickie Thorpe, Jim Dodson, and Cal French were all instrumental at the National Club level. At the Angeles Chapter Bill Oliver, Ron Jones, and Duane McRuer all contributed to this successful return to the mountaineering tradition of the Sierra Club.

Participation in these trips is restricted to Sierra Club members. Participants must already have the technical skills necessary for the climbing activity planned as no training is allowed under current regulations. Participants also sign a waiver and pay \$10.00 per day to the Sierra Club to help reimburse the cost of the insurance that makes these trips possible. For SPS Members, this insurance is reduced to \$5.00 per day. The SPS is contributing the rest of the cost, as well as paying for the entire insurance cost for

the trip leaders.

We all had a great trip and look forward to more of these.

## Darwin and Mt. Mendel August 20-22, 1993

The weather was perfect for climbing and backpacking into Darwin Canyon. We all set out Friday morning (except Larry) for a pleasant, though long trudge into camp. Our plan was to camp on the benches above the lakes in upper Darwin Canyon. There was once a spring up near the first level sandy bench area just down from the pass, however after a fruitless search we had to give up and conclude that the draught years had dried up the upper spring. We headed down into Darwin Canyon and camped near the first lake.

Late Friday night Larry joined the group, although from the vantage point of our sleeping bags at 11pm, it seemed to take a long time for his head lamp to bob down the canyon to our camp. With Larry's arrival our group now included Greg & Mirna Roach, Jack Wickel, Jim Fujimoto, Scot Jamison, Brian Smith and myself, Barbee.

Saturday morning we headed out to climb both peaks. This was a good snow year and we put on our crampons by the Darwin Glacier. Our climb up Darwin was via the West Ridge. The route is fairly easy to follow. The glacier leads up to a obvious notch. From here it is best to follow R.J.'s route description. Remember to drop down to the right and do not try to follow the ridge. Once on the plateau head across it to the summit block. (If I have my geology lessons correct - the plateau rock is the old country Rock from before the granite batholith began to push up the Sierra). Once at the summit block climb down about 15 or 20 feet and then around the block to your right, from here head up 3 or 4 feet and then step over a thin rock edge and down 5 or 6 feet to a ledge. We roped up for this area and on up to the summit, although some people could climb un-roped. At the ledge turn an climb up an upper 3rd class

section to the summit (See the accompanying photo).

After summit photos and lunch we all returned to the glacier via the same route we ascended. Once on the glacier we headed over for Mt. Mendel. The standard route up the East face as described by R.J. and others works very well until right below the summit, at this point I was very grateful to Scot for bringing the following route description from Henry Arnebold.

Mendal: Up standard route "chute" right below summit. Said mostly class 3, but when you get to part that looks like class 4, go right around and out of sight of the chute to a type of

saddle. This gets you on ridge, then you have to drop down a bit to get back on route. When you come to a 15' "wall" that would call for a rope, crouch down and look to left for a keyhole that goes through and leads to summit.

Thanks Henry! This last bit of route description for Mendal helped us all to complete a very successful day peak bagging.

Sunday we headed back to the cars, with a few of our number stopping to climb Lamarck Col on the way home. Thank to every one for joining me on this CMC trip, Barbee.



*Scot Jamison near the summit of Darwin. Photo by Brian Smith*

**SPANISH MOUNTAIN, THREE SISTERS  
SEPTEMBER 25-26, 1993  
LEADERS: PATTY KLINE  
RON YOUNG**

We had a great weekend of Indian Summer weather. This was to be my last trip to my favorite mountain range until next June, so savored all the more.

After a 6:30am meeting time Saturday, we got under way at 6:55am. Originally 22 people signed up for the trip, but the almost 8 hour drive from LA to Shaver Lake and then beyond to Wishon Reservoir must have scared a lot of people off. We had a total of 7 for Saturday, with one no-show at the roadhead. Our roadhead was 6,700 feet.

Spanish Mountain was our peak for Saturday in 18 miles round trip and 3,500 feet of gain, mostly on trail. It took us 10 hours. Our route was slightly different than the one reported by Bob Sumner in the Echo from his 10-10-92 trip. Our route was as follows: At the first trail junction (under a mile) we stayed right in order to go on to Statham Meadow. At the very beginning of the meadow (we mistakenly went to the cabin and beyond before going back to the correct trail) go left up the trail which takes you SE towards Spanish Meadow. This trail has an intersection at the Spanish Lake Trail. Continue SE about a mile to where the trail turns south and continue 2/3 of a mile. Then go cross-country SW, then SE to Spanish Mountain. We were all having lunch on the peak by 12:30pm. We spent an hour there admiring the view. The Palisades looked like you could reach out and touch them, and was especially moving after having walked so many hours in deep forest. Spanish Mountain is at 10,051 feet and offers a spectacular drop off and view to Kings Canyon.

We were back at the cars at 5:00pm for an extended happy hour. The Spanish Mountain roadhead has a convenient, wide unpaved and dusty camping/parking area where we spent the night.

On Sunday morning we left the camp for a drive over to the Three Sisters roadhead at the west end of Courtright Reservoir at 8,400 feet. This day was 15 miles round trip, about 2500 feet of gain and took us 8 hours. We started at 7:45am, arriving at the peak at 11:45am. We hiked on a trail to Cliff Lake. There we headed west about 1½ miles cross-country to the peak. At the base of the peak we ascended a rocky gully, then north to the summit. The register is located on the most southerly and highest of the 3 sisters at 10,619 feet. At 12:30, after a great 45 minute lunch with great views of the Palisades, we retraced our steps to the cars, arriving at 3:45pm.

Those joining us for Saturday and Sunday were Bob Michael, Donn Cook and Dan Ehrenfried. Brian Smith and Rhoda Gilson did Spanish Mountain with us on Saturday and went off to do Tehipite Dome privately on Sunday. Mary Motheral joined us for Sunday. It was a great weekend. Thank you to Ron Young for being an excellent co-leader.

*Patty*

# **Triple Peak Solo Saunter with a "warm-up" and a "cool-down" Steven Thaw**

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On Thursday, August 26, 1993, after the seven hour drive to Onion Valley, I embarked up the Kearsage Pass trail at 3:00 PM. For climbing Kearsage Peak take the Golden Trout Lakes - Dragon Pass trail. This rocky trail leads up the right bank of the waterfall via switchbacks and over to a level meadow area at 11,800'. With the creek running through the little valley, the southwest facing gully with a 30' tall rock pinnacle as sentry halfway up the talus and scree slope is the most direct passage to attain the 12,000' summit ridge. A noble peak to the west with Class 3 terrain offered an overview of the Golden Trout Lakes. Returning to the saddle, the Class 2 walk-up Kearsage Peak was a short gain of 598'. Retracing my route to the car by 8:00 PM, this "warm-up" climb of 3,468' was a splendid way to survey part of the next day's itinerary.

By 6:30 AM, Friday, August 27th, I strolled around to the Robinson Lake trail. About midway up, at 10,000' a sandy use trail draws straight up towards Independence Peak (11,744') with some Class 3 flavoring for the last 100' to the top, a gain of 2,642'. A pleasant morning!

Brief moments to ponder the central gully falling to the south east to Pinyon Creek for 3,744'! The Class 1 to Class 3 prance and dance among wild flowers, sand and loose rocks brought me to a meeting with a superb mountaineer, Mr. Odocoileus Hemionius. This swift climber was traversing the mountainside in mere seconds. He honored me with a fine climbing lesson, a true wilderness friend. His subsequent disclosure of the south by south-west ramping shelf at this 8,000' tree-dotted area over a small hill provided a look up the Pinyon Creek Canyon and the north-east crags, gullies and peaklets of Mt. Bradley. This summit is not seen until after arriving at the 12,000' northern sandy plateau from the valley south-east of Center Basin Crags. The west end of the Mt. Bradley summit ridge (13,289') holds the register, a gain of 5,289'. Gazing south, west and north, three possible gullies down to Center Basin presented some Class 4 starts. After contemplating and reviewing with scrutiny, I chose the center gully starting at the summit. The 2,114' descent to enchanting Golden Bear Lake was still sunny. Dark gray thunder sky mountains soon swarmed proudly to surround the south rim of this basin, then west, then north, and finally east. Glorious! Around the lakes, hopping granite stepping-stones, strolling along the meadows to the forest of the tree people, through the pristine flora, the John Muir Trail was met. The sight of East Vidette towered in the distance at 12,350'. Lightning and thunder from above signaled the rain comets along Bubbs Creek. Crossing this most eloquent music maker near the 10,320' mark, I climbed the hillside south-east of East Vidette to the South Cirque with meadow and talus friends. Shelter was taken for more than an hour next to a 12'x20'x10' deliberately place boulder of granite with a fine composition of compassion and texture.

At 4:30 PM, onward and upward! Summiting two smaller peaklets, a Class 3-4 traverse south to north, perches the climber at the top. At 6:00 PM, after a gain of 2,036, this mountaineer down climbed the eastside gully to the music of Bubbs Creek once more by 7:00 PM. The John Muir Trail brought me downwards to Vidette Meadow at the 8:00 PM sunset. The silvery moon smiling over peach colored Center Peak, the shining silver light guided the way through the shadows of the tree people and the trail to Kearsage Pass by 10:00 PM. The starry view of the mountain scene I knew by our own bright star was felt with respect, humility and wonder - a sublime holy land!

The gain of 2,223' from Vidette Meadow to Kearsage Pass (11,823') brought a view to the east, and switch back after switch back of a moonlit path to Onion Valley. Arriving at the car after 27 miles at 11:28 PM, it was orange drink and Chips Ahoy! This day totaled approximately 12,190' of gain, and about the same in descending - a total of at least 24,380'.

Sunday, August 29th, Don and Ursula Slager, and I climbed Mt. Gilbert, a "cool-down" gain of 3,250', concluding my mountain Saunter John Muir style.

## IN HIGH PLACES: SWITZERLAND

Burton A. Falk

Situated on the Swiss-Italian border, the Dufourspitze (15,200') is the high point of Switzerland and second only to France's Mont Blanc as the highest point in western Europe.

The rugged spire, the summit of the Monte Rosa massif, lies the Penine Alps just south-east of Zermatt. Nearby, there are many other noteworthy peaks to be climbed, including the all too popular Matterhorn, the formidable Dent Blanche, the Weisshorn and the twin peaks, Castor and Pollux.

While most visitors to Zermatt arrive by train (autos are verboten in the town), our band of eleven climbers, including Jim Scott, my two sons and myself, came by foot. It had taken us two days, hiking east from the French-speaking village of Arolla, via the Bertol Hut and the 12,215' Tete Blanche, to reach the German-speaking resort. Striding into the top of the elongated village on a fine July afternoon almost fourteen years ago, we emulated another traverser of the Alps--Hannibal (sans elephants)--by laying waste to the first sign of civilization we encountered--a gelata stand. We were so hungry, in fact, that we pillaged yet another gelata vendor at the bottom of the village, just in front of our accommodations for the evening, the Hotel Bahnhof, Zermatt's answer to Motel 6. Bedded down that night in the Bahnhof's super-cheap attic loft, after a long day and a big meal, another thrifty fellow-climber threatened to part my hair with his ice axe if I didn't turn over and stop my (alleged) snoring.

We left Zermatt early the following afternoon and rode the Gornergratt railroad to the Rotboden station, one stop below the upper terminus. Detraining there, we followed a footpath south across a saddle, and then made a long descending traverse to the Gorner glacier (8,715'). From there we crossed the crevasse-free glacier, unroped, heading for a moraine below and to the left of the Monte Rosa Hut (9,170'), a stone building that was difficult to spot among all the other rocks. That night we had an early dinner and retired at eight p.m., while sun shafts were still streaming through jagged peaks to the west.

At two a.m. the following morning, we arose and by three we were ready to begin our summit attempt. Using headlamps, we followed a footpath winding up an open valley behind the lateral moraine of the Grenz glacier, turned left at a group of large cairns, and then climbed mixed scree and snow beside the Monte Rosa glacier. When first light appeared in the east, we were working up a well-defined snow trail, climbing to a snow spur on the right side of the Monte Rosa glacier. As the first rays of the sun hit the tops of the surrounding mountains, we were climbing east and southeast through a crevassed zone, then up a small valley (or cwm, if you're Welsh). About 6:30 a.m., we reached the bergschrund (approx. 14,250'), which, that summer, was easy to cross.

Next we ascended a steep snow slope until we came to the rocky

summit ridge, which was packed with ice and snow. Because of the ice we didn't remove our crampons and thus we clattered over the ever-narrowing crest, where the exposure on either side was truly awesome. If you fell one way, you were dead meat in Switzerland; if you fell the other way, you were chopped liver in Italy. It was about that point that our leader helpfully suggested that if any one member of our four-man rope teams should slip, the others in the team would do well to leap over the opposite side to counter-balance the fall. Yeah, sure.

We gained the actual summit by descending a notch in the ridge, then climbing a steep chimney on the other side. Since it took us six hours to climb the peak, and because we were in no hurry to repeat the harrowing ridge, we sat on the top for almost an hour enjoying the wondrous alpine scenery.

On our way back to the Monte Rosa hut, we discovered once again why Alpine climbs should be made in the early morning, i.e., we had to posthole through the sun-softened snow, making our descent almost as strenuous as our ascent. The following day we hiked back to Zermatt, enjoying hillsides glowing with incredibly brilliant wild flowers and marvelous views of the Matterhorn.

In his book "Guide to the Worlds Mountains," Michael Kelsey states that it is possible to board an early morning Gornergratt train, "make the climb (of the Dufourspitze), and return to Zermatt on the last train." Although he modifies this claim by stating, "this would be a fast climb for the fittest climbers only," it must be noted that our group took forty-eight hours to do the climb. I like to think we took time to smell the edelweiss!

### THE MATTERHORN: A few personal observations

1. The Matterhorn, even during prime summer months, is often unclimbable due to bad weather or unfavorable conditions. After a snowstorm, several days of waiting may be necessary before an attempt can be made on its summit. This is why our party didn't climb it during my first trip to Zermatt in 1980 (we climbed Monte Rosa instead). Members of an unguided party who did attempt the Matterhorn during that same time all fell to their deaths.

When we returned to climb the peak in 1989, we were delayed a full day due to a religious holiday--which fell on Aug. 14 that year--upon which the guides

wouldn't climb.

2. On good climbing days, the traffic up and down the Matterhorn is brutal, reminiscent of freeway gridlock. The guides insist that their clients be out of the Hornli Hut early to avoid congestion at the bottlenecks enroute. My guide was so insistent on a 4:30 a.m. start that he clipped me in and pulled me out the hut door even while I was still munching a piece of toast at the breakfast table. At one particular choke point on our descent, we literally climbed over a group of ascending climbers. We were, however, back at the Hornli Hut by 11:30 a.m.

3. The guides are intolerant of unnecessary weight. All I wore on my climb was polypro underwear, a Gortex jacket and pants, boots (no crampons), a harness with a locking biner (no figure 8), light gloves and a hat. All I carried in my pack were two bottles of fruit juice, two candy bars and a camera.





## SPECTACULAR SPS DAY TRIPS

### Clouds Rest and Half Dome, and others?

Yesterday, 20 August, I just got back from a lovely day trip to one of the most spectacular view points in the entire Sierra. A friend and I hiked to the summit of Clouds Rest from Tenaya Lake, an easy day trip with 14 miles round trip and about 2000' gain. The weather was perfect and the views almost unbelievable. On both sides the sheer granite faces of Tenaya Creek and Little Yosemite were awesome, Half Dome was very close, and all around were other Sierra Peaks like Starr King, the Clark Range, Lyell and Maclure, and even Matterhorn and the Sawtooths. And all this without touching a backpack!

I remembered another trip I took years ago, which was one of the greatest one-day trips I have ever done. With Mike Raudenbush, whom some of you remember, I started out from Mirror Lake in Yosemite, and scrambled up to the base of the Great North Face, and stared up in awe at the overhanging summit so far above us. We then moved along under the face to the east, and around to the base of the cable. This is all Class 3. We went up the cable to the summit and enjoyed the view. We then returned the "normal" way, past Nevada and Vernal Falls to the valley floor, and back to Mirror Lake (not as far as it sounds).

Thinking about the sore ligament in my foot, which I got on a heavy backpack last summer and re-pulled on Iron Mountain a week ago, I find myself more and more interested in day trips (however long) from base camps instead. I have just described two Sierra Peaks which have great views, but which don't require packing in. I would be interested in knowing about others (for example, the five northern-most peaks on the SPS List are day trips). Is there anyone else interested in making up a list of SPS Peaks that can be done by SPS'ers who are of "average" fitness? {Note I didn't say "normal"; no SPS'ers are "normal".} At least at first, I'd like to keep it within limits; I know there are those who do Whitney in a day, or maybe even Coyote and Angora, but that leaves out most of us.

This could lead to a whole new class of SPS "Climbing Camps" with several peaks being done as day climbs out of a base camp. Some "Leisure Trips" are already being done this way, but this would be different. Any interest?

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## Peaks in Lassen Volcanic National Park

Want to hike up the easiest Cascade volcano? Then next time you're in northern California, consider stopping by Lassen Volcanic National Park.

**Lassen Peak**, the crown jewel of the park, is the southernmost peak in the Cascade Range. Starting here, the range extends northward culminating in altitude with Mt. Ranier at 14,411', and ending its northern thrust with the 8787' summit of Mt. Garibaldi in British Columbia. In May of 1914, Lassen Peak began a series of eruptions which climaxed a year later with a violent Mt. St. Helens-style eruption. A lateral blast and the resulting mud flows devastated the area to the northeast, though on a smaller scale than St. Helens. No humans were killed, but livestock and several farms were destroyed. Smaller eruptions continued until 1917.

To get to Lassen Volcanic National Park from Los Angeles, take I-5 north past Sacramento and on to city of **Red Bluff**. Here go northeast on State 36, and then north on State 89 to the park's southwest entrance. Alternatively, from the Mt. Shasta area, go south on State 89 to the park's northwest entrance. (Lassen Peak makes a good "warm down" after climbing Mt. Shasta.) Many other driving routes are available.

From the southwest entrance station, go north about 6.75 miles to the signed Lassen Peak parking lot. The trail begins here at 8450', and it is about 2000' gain and 5 miles round trip. The trail quickly emerges above timberline to provide an excellent view of nearby **Lake Helen** and many of the lower peaks in the park. This trail is a magnet for hikers - summer weekdays sometimes see 100-300 people per day making the ascent, and weekends are worse. Get an early start if you want to avoid the masses.

The 10,457' highpoint of Lassen Peak is a rocky outcrop at the northeast end of the summit area, and is an easy scramble. To the north Mt. Shasta towers over the northernmost realms of California. On a clear day it is possible to see as far south as the San Francisco Bay. Looking down the north slopes of the peak there is profuse rockfall, making that route safe only when covered in snow. There are two small craters remaining on top, and foot paths lead down into them. The summit fairly well reaks, as there are five prominent fumaroles spewing forth sulphur gas. The mountain is still considered active, and is expected to erupt again someday.

The trailhead for **Brokeoff Mountain** can be found at road marker 2, just south of the southwest entrance station. This trail is about 2600' gain and 7.5 miles round trip. It passes through areas of ferns and lush vegetation before entering an alpine forest. Above timberline, the route emerges onto the mountain's west ridge, which is then followed to the 9235' summit. It is an excellent vantage point for taking pictures of Lassen Peak. Like Lassen, this is a popular hiker's trail, but nowhere near as crowded.

About one mile north of the southwest entrance station is the **Sulphur Works** parking area and the **Ridge Lakes** trailhead. This is the starting point for the slightly more challenging **Mount Diller**. It is about 2000' gain and 3 miles r.t. for this one. Go up the rather steep trail for one mile to the largest of the Ridge Lakes. From here the summit of Diller is the prominent point to the north. It is steep loose cross-country with a touch of exposed scrambling to get to the very top. No crowds of people on this one. Views of Lassen to the north and Brokeoff to the south.

Upon returning to the trailhead, be sure to take the very short (0.1 mile) walk through the Sulphur Works. Hissing fumaroles and bubbling mudpots abound. Unfortunately so does the awful smell - leave your nose in the car. It is worth the effort though, for despite this volcanic nastiness, the area is vegetated and scenic. For more of the same, try the 3 mile round trip hike to **Bumpass Hell**, which starts up the road near Lake Helen. This is the park's largest hydrothermal area, and includes hot springs, steam vents, mudpots, and boiling pools.

There are many other peaks in the park in the 7000-9000 foot range, though many of them require cross-country travel and strenuous effort. Maps are available at the Lassen Chalet just north of the southwest entrance station. Despite the copious amounts of loose volcanic rock throughout the park, there are reportedly some good rock routes in the 5.6 to 5.10 range on some of the more solid volcanic tuff. In winter, State 89 through the park is closed at its higher altitudes, and becomes the domain of cross-country skiers. Wilderness permits are required for backcountry use, but there are no quotas at this time.

There are many campgrounds in the park, and fees range from \$5.00 to \$7.00 per night. Try the **Summit Campgrounds** near the road's highpoint - these are the coolest ones in the park, and friendly deer are common. Just south of the park, the burgs of **Mineral** and **Mill Creek** cater to those desiring a bed and a hot meal. And of course, **Red Bluff** is a large town offering all services. For those who desire the full scenic experience, try the drive on State 89 from Mt. Shasta to Truckee. It is definitely one of the best scenic drives in the entire state.

Bob Sumner

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## Tidbits from The Sierra

### **ECHOES from the past...**

130 years ago this year, the first ascents of Mt. Dana, Mt. Gibbs, Red Slate Mtn, Goat Mtn, Mt.

Silliman, Mt. Brewer, South Guard, and Mt. Tyndall.

110 years ago, the first ascent of Mt. Williamson.

100 years ago, the first ascent of Seven Gables.

80 years ago, the first ascents of Electra Pk and Foerster Pk.

75 years ago, the first ascent of Disappointment Pk.

70 years ago, the first ascents of The Hermit and Kern Point.

60 years ago, the first ascents of Virginia Pk, Pettit Pk, Mt. Morgan (N), Scylla, and Mt. Hale.

For people who are interested in finding rare or out-of-print mountaineering books, there is an excellent catalog available. Chessler Books Catalog 52 contains hundreds of titles, including out-of-print books by people such as John Muir, Francis Farquhar, Clarence King, and Galen Rowell. Also rare books by Reinhold Messner, Chris Bonnington, Maurice Herzog, and many others. One rare book by Clarence King was recently listed at \$200, and only two copies were available. For more information, write to Chessler Books, 26030 Highway 74, P.O. Box 399, Kittredge, CO, 80457, or call 800-654-8502.

A follow-up on the last issue's item about rescue insurance possibly being required on Denali. The National Park Service has announced that starting in January 1995, all persons climbing Denali will be required to pay a \$500 "special-use permit fee". This also includes climbs of nearby Mt. Foraker. This fee will supposedly cover the cost of rescues on Denali, and was based on the average number of \$607 per climber spent on rescues over the last three years. A mandatory 60-day advance registration rule will also go into effect for both peaks.

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**SIERRA PEAKS SECTION  
ANGELES CHAPTER  
SIERRA CLUB**

**SPS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

May 1994

Each newly elected SPS Chairperson shall ensure that every member of the SPS Management Committee reviews these Policies and Procedures annually. The SPS Secretary shall maintain a listing of the policies of the SPS Management Committee. The purpose of this outline is to provide continuity between successive management committees. Within the constraints of the Chapter policies and the Sierra Peaks Section (SPS) Bylaws, each management committee may set its own policies and procedures.

**1.0 TRIPS AND LEADERS**

- 1.1 \*All SPS trips will be conducted pursuant to the Angeles Chapter Outings Impact Rules, Angeles Chapter Safety Policy and the SPS Safety Regulations.
- 1.2 SPS trips:
- a) \*must be announced in either the Chapter Schedule, Southern Sierran or the Echo.
  - b) \*must be rated as to technical difficulty.
  - c) \*must have two certified leaders, each with a Chapter rating to at least the level of the trip. Under certain circumstances, the leader may be a provisionally rated leader.
  - d) One of the leaders may have a one-time rating granted by the Chapter Safety Chair (typically a person who is judged to be qualified for the trip, but is not certified at the trip level).
  - e) \*If two rated leaders are not available at the start of the outing, the event must be canceled. Trips canceled for this reason may not be lead as "private" outings unless participants are notified of the cancellation prior to leaving for the event.
  - f) must have leaders who are capable of leading the trip, (i.e., must have experience commensurate with the nature of the trip).
  - g) must be led by a member of the SPS (assistant leader may be a non-member of the SPS, but must be a Sierra Club member).
  - h) will be scheduled to peaks of the SPS list and to other peaks of interest within and outside the Sierra Nevada.
  - i) will not be scheduled to peaks on the HPS or DPS lists (except for joint sponsorship) unless for the specific purpose of rock or ice axe practice or certification for the Mountaineer's List.
  - j) will require participants to sign a "Release and Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement" adopted by the SPS Management Committee.

- k) will restrict participation on trips involving the use of ropes and/or ice axes to Sierra Club members whose names are on the Mountaineers' List or who have received the special permission of the leader. These are referred to as Restricted Trips.

### 1.3 Proposed trip write-ups:

- a) must be submitted to the SPS Outings Chair
- b) will be submitted by the SPS Outings Chair to the SPS Management Committee with a recommendation for approval or non-approval.
- c) will be announced after approval by the SPS Management Committee.
- d) for Restricted Trips may need approval at the Angeles Chapter and/or Sierra Club National levels. For these trips supplementary write-ups, including information about leaders' qualifications, proposed routes, etc. may, from time to time, be required for review by the SPS Management Committee and at these higher levels. Current requirements for such information may be obtained from the SPS Outings Chair.

1.4 The SPS Outings Chair will mail copies of Sections 1.0, and 2.0 of these Safety Regulations to prospective leaders of SPS trips as part of a Leader Kit.

1.5 Changes in trip leadership may occur if a leader of an approved trip is unable to go on the trip. That leader and/or the remaining leader should contact the SPS Outings Chair or the SPS Chairperson, if time permits, for assistance in obtaining a replacement and for approval of a substitute leader.

## 2.0 RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRIP LEADERS

2.1 Prior to the trip the leader is responsible for preparing write-ups of the proposed trip for the schedule or Echo and for potential trip participants. The latter should describe the trip, equipment needs, requests for participant information (e.g. experience resumes, Sierra Club membership certification, etc.), and other information the leader feels is needed for trip-screening purposes. Obtain parental medical releases for any minor unaccompanied by an adult. Inquire and determine whether any participants have medical conditions of which a leader should be informed. A leader prerogative is to screen potential participants before acceptance. This is a requirement for Restricted Trips and is encouraged for all SPS trips. The leader may also have to submit supplementary information needed by Angeles Chapter and/or National for Restricted Trips.

2.2 At the roadhead, at the beginning of the trip, the leader will brief all participants on plans for the outing. Inform everyone of his/her responsibilities. Ensure that names, addresses and phone numbers of all participants are entered on the sign-in sheet and that the entries are legible, and that waivers for all participants are in order. Ensure that all participants are aware of the technical requirements of the trip and have the equipment necessary for the trip. It is the leader's prerogative to refuse anyone who, in the opinion of the leader, does not meet the qualifications of the outing (even though the participant is on the Mountaineer's List).

- 2.3 Liability waivers are required to be signed by all participants and leaders and to be returned to the leader when signing in at the trailhead. The leader must safe-guard the collected waivers (preferably left in the car) and should not dispose of them until, at least 12-months after the trip. In the event of an incident, the waivers should be turned over to the SPS Safety Chair. Anyone unwilling to sign the waiver **CANNOT** join the trip. A waiver must be signed for each trip. The leader should bring along spare copies.
- 2.4 Leaders are encouraged to carry a first aid kit suitable for handling situations likely to be encountered on the trip.
- 2.5 Discipline - maintain effective control over the group during the trip. Make decisions based on the welfare of the group and enforce them. Report incidents and refusals to cooperate to the Management Committee when returning the sign-in sheets.
- 2.6 Pace - set a reasonable pace geared to the abilities of the group.
- 2.7 Rear leader will remain with the slow members of the group. The rear leader's responsibility for the slow participants takes precedence over making the peak. However, it is the prerogative of any leader to turn back participants who might not reach the trip's destination without seriously hampering the rest of the party.
- 2.8 Leaving the group - ensure that those who wish to leave the main group are qualified for what they plan to do. Such a group, if it does not have two qualified and certified leaders, will no longer be considered part of the official party and its members must check off their names on the sign-in sheet.
- 2.9 Base camp - never abandon participants under any circumstances on a trip. Do not leave base camp until all participants have returned from the mountain. Do not leave the roadhead until all participants have returned. Make sure that all cars start.
- 2.10 Conservation - ensure that good conservation practices are followed. Stress that litter must be carried out of the wilderness. Enforce Chapter policy with regard to campfires and use of stoves. In every way, set an example of which the SPS can be proud.
- 2.11 Additional responsibilities:
- a) on 3rd and 4th class trips make certain of the route before the scheduled ascent, limit the group size and have equipment suitable for the trip.
  - b) on snow and ice trips exercise extreme caution to avoid avalanche areas and dangerously steep, icy slopes. Do not hesitate to turn back or change route if conditions are judged to involve too great a risk. Remember that belays can be used on snow and ice as well as rock.

- c) if an accident or an emergency should occur, where additional aid beyond the capability of the party is required, the leader must do the following:
- 1) Contact the Sheriff in the county where the accident has occurred, or the Park Ranger if in a National Park or Monument. If possible, send two people for help with **COMPLETE, WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS**, use **EMERGENCY REPORT** form (send one copy, keep one copy).
  - 2) Contact the Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team at 818/355-1414 (24 hour service) for Sierra Club Search and Rescue Coordination.
  - 3) \* All accidents, illnesses, or other serious incidents that require medical treatment, evacuation, other emergency response, or that compromise outings objectives shall be reported to the SPS Outings Chair and the chairperson of the Chapter Safety Committee as soon as possible, using the Angeles Chapter Accident/Incident form. A copy of the Emergency Report (if used) should be attached.
  - 4) Contact the SPS Chairperson and/or the SPS Safety Chair.
  - 5) Keep notes and do not release information to other than the authorities listed above.
  - 6) If further assistance is needed contact Angeles Chapter Mountain Rescue Committee.

### **3.0 SAFETY AND TRAINING**

- 3.1 Under the overall supervision of the SPS Management Committee, the SPS Safety Chair, an "E" rated leader appointed by the SPS Management Committee, establishes and enforces safety standards for the climbing activities of the Section and formulates training and testing procedures to implement them.
- 3.2 The qualified safety instructors list is established by the SPS Management Committee upon recommendation of the SPS Safety Chair. It is reviewed periodically by the SPS Safety Chair.
- 3.3 The SPS, sponsors rock and ice axe practice seminars and Mountaineer's List certification sessions which are limited to Sierra Club Members only. The seminars are specifically for the purpose of testing Mountaineer's List candidates. These activities may be conducted in conjunction with the Leadership Training Committee.
- 3.4 Training equipment (ropes, etc.) belong to the Section is in the custody of the SPS Safety Chair.

## **4.0 PARTICIPANT QUALIFICATION AND TRAINING FOR RESTRICTED TRIPS**

- 4.1 Restricted Trips are those requiring the use of ropes and/or ice axes for safety. Participants on these trips must be qualified technically, and must be members of the Sierra Club. Potential participants can formally satisfy the technical requirement by:
- a) Being on the SPS Mountaineers' List
  - b) Be qualified "M" or "E" Angeles Chapter Leader
  - c) Sign off for items I (Climbing on Rock) and II (Snow and Ice Climbing) on the SPS Mountaineer's List
  - d) Sign off for the rock and snow requirements for "M" level leader
- 4.2 The potential participant may also be accepted for the trip if, in the opinion of the leader, the participant's experience and skill level is adequate to meet the requirements of the trip.
- 4.3 A Mountaineer's List Application Form is attached. In addition to obtaining "sign off" in the three skills areas indicated, the Mountaineer candidate must pass the subjective evaluation of both the SPS Safety Committee Chair and the SPS Management Committee as to judgment, maturity, and overall mountaineering capability. Mountaineering application forms may be obtained from the SPS Outings Chair, SPS Safety Chair, or the SPS Secretary, either at a Section meeting or by mail. Mail requests will be answered only if a self-addressed, stamped envelope is included with the request.
- 4.4 Testing of applicants for Mountaineer's List status may be performed on a scheduled Section trip, providing the tester is a qualified instructor and/or evaluator. Applicants must be active members of the SPS. Those persons qualified to test applicants and sign Mountaineers' List forms are "SPS Qualified Safety Instructors and/or Evaluator", recommended by the SPS Safety Chair and established by the SPS Management Committee.

## **5.0 MOUNTAIN RECORDS**

- 5.1 The SPS Mountain Records Chair maintains:
- a) a list of qualifying peaks;
  - b) a record of peaks scheduled and climbed by the Section;
  - c) a record of persons participating in the Section's mountaineering activities; and
  - d) a record of the condition of summit registers and register containers on qualifying peaks.
- 5.2 The SPS Mountain Records Chair maintains and preserves, as required, registers and register containers on summits of qualifying peaks.
- 5.3 From time to time, SPS Mountain Records Chair reminds leaders and/or outings participants to report via the Echo or at membership meetings, on the condition of the summit registers.



## **6.0 MEMBERSHIP**

- 6.1 the SPS secretary shall acknowledge new members by letter. The original member application forms and letters should be filed. It is not necessary to keep copies of the acknowledgment letters.
- 6.2 New membership applications received after October 1st are credited for Echo subscriptions for the next calendar year. A maximum of two years of renewals will be accepted in any given year.
- 6.3 The SPS Membership Records keeper gathers all membership information and prepares the Membership Report which is published in the Echo after March 31st of each year.
- 6.4 Information regarding new members and new emblem holders, name and address changes and reinstated member applications are to be sent to the SPS Secretary. Renewals and Echo-only subscriptions are to be sent to the SPS Treasurer.
- 6.5 Members who wish to provide additional support to the Section may become Sustaining Members. A Sustaining Membership costs \$25.00 per year, receives the benefits of a regular member, and will be specially recognized in the Echo. Sustaining Members will also receive their Echo via first-class mail. A sustaining Member may renew for a maximum of four years in any given year.

## **7.0 PEAK LIST CHANGES**

- 7.1 Peak Addition Criteria - peaks considered for addition to the list will be evaluated with respect to elevation, dominance of an area, view, climbing interest, proximity to other listed peaks, and other factors as deemed appropriate.
- 7.2 Exploratory Climbs - as required by the SPS Bylaws, a peak must be scheduled and climbed by the SPS before it can be considered for Peak List addition. Such a climb is termed an "exploratory climb", with the understanding that the peak may be recommended for addition to the list. The SPS Management Committee must grant approval for the scheduling of an exploratory climb.
- 7.3 Peak Additions - After an exploratory climb, a member may recommend addition of a peak in, in writing, to the SPS Management Committee and furnish an evaluation of the peak in terms of the peak-addition criteria. A letter or an abstract will be published in the Echo. The SPS Management Committee will consider the recommendation and decide whether to place the question on the September/October ballot. Pro and Con statements will be printed in the Echo, if any are submitted.
- 7.4 Timing - Sufficient time must be provided for members to climb a peak considered for addition before a vote is taken. Therefore, the Echo write-up describing the exploratory climb must be received by members before September 15th, or the vote will be carried over to the next year.

7.5 Deletion - A member wishing to delete a peak, or to change the designation of emblem peaks or mountaineer peaks, will furnish the SPS Management Committee with a recommendation and reasons. A letter or an abstract will be printed in the Echo. The SPS Management Committee will consider the recommendation and will decide on bringing it to the members for decision on the September/October on ballot. To be on the ballot then, the Echo must have been received by the members before September 15th or the vote is carried over to the next year.

7.6 SPS Management Committee - In other paragraphs of this section, submission of a recommendation to the SPS Management Committee included a review and recommendation by the SPS Mountain records Chair and by the SPS Outings Chair. The letters of recommendation should be addressed to the SPS Management Committee.

## 8.0 PEAK REGISTERS

A register should not be removed, even if full, when less than 40 years old, unless it is seriously weather damaged and in danger of loss. A register may be removed for preservation if it is 40 years old or older and full. Illegible scraps of paper, business cards, etc. may be removed from a register container if, in the judgment of the leader, they have no particular significance. However, if such notes are records of early Sierra Club climbs or SPS climbs, they should be left. Scraps removed should be returned to the SPS Mountain Records Chair. Notebooks with historical significance shall be preserved by copying. The original should be returned to the peak within one year. Another notebook must be left on the peak when the original is removed. Removal should be coordinated with the SPS Mountain Records Chair. Copies thus made will be retained by the SPS Mountain Records Chair.

## 9.0 ECHO ANNOUNCEMENT AND ADVERTISING

A fee of \$1.00 will be charged for private trip announcements up to four lines. An additional charge of \$1.00 per line will apply to all lines in excess of four. A fee of \$1.00 per line will be charged for advertisements.

## 10.0 MEMBER RECOGNITION

9.1 In accordance with the SPS Bylaws, recognition will be given to members who have achieved emblem status, senior emblem status, master emblem status, and list completion status. Such recognition will be published in the Echo.

9.2 Members who have achieved list completion status will be recognized in the Echo and at an SPS meeting for achievement of emblem status, senior emblem status, master emblem status, and list completion status after their initial completion of the list.

#### **11.0 SHEPHERD PASS TRAIL MAINTENANCE**

In accordance with the SPS Bylaws, which state that it is one of the purposes of the SPS to aid in the maintenance of good trails, the SPS will cooperate with the U.S. Forest Service in the maintenance of the Shepherd Pass Trail.

The SPS Trail Maintenance Chair will be responsible for the trail maintenance program and will be assisted by the SPS Conservation Chair and the SPS Outings Chair.

#### **12.0 RESCUE ORGANIZATION DONATIONS**

Annual donations will be made to the China Lake Mountain Rescue Group, the Inyo County Sheriff's Posse, and Sierra Madre Search and Rescue in recognition of and appreciation for the service they make available to SPS members. The exact amount and date of the donation will be determined each year by the SPS Management Committee after considering the Section's budget.

#### **13.0 BANQUET SPEAKER PAYMENT**

The banquet speaker will be paid a minimum honorarium of \$100.00 and be given two banquet tickets.

#### **14.0 MERCHANDISE**

The SPS Merchandise Chair will be appointed by the SPS Chair and is responsible for fund raising through the sale of items such as T-shirts, pins, hats, books, etc. All proposals must be approved by the SPS Management Committee prior to placing any orders for merchandise. All merchandise is the property of the SPS until sold. No gifts of merchandise may be made without approval of the SPS Management Committee.

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