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## SPS MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Sierra Peak Section meetings will be held in the Los Angeles 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.

### DECEMBER 14

**SPS Annual Banquet. Speaker - Greg Child.**

Greg will present highlights of his trips to Trango Tower, Shivling, K2, Gaserbung 4 and Alaska. Location - the community hall of the Greek Orthodox church in Long Beach catered by Buon Gustos. Tickets \$25.00. Send check made out to SPS and SASE to Barbee Tidball, 4160 Del Mar Ave, Long Beach, CA 90807.

### JANUARY 11

**"Sierra Wilderness Planning - Update"**  
Joe Fontaine will discuss the progress the Public Involvement Team has made in planning the Sierra wilderness guidelines for the John Muir, Ansel Adams, Dinkey Lakes and the Monarch Wilderness areas. See Nov/Dec Echo for current PIT issues discussion. Come prepared to share your views.

### FEBRUARY 8

**"Climbs in the Palisades"** Larry Tidball will present a program on the peaks of this classic Sierra climbing area.

### MARCH 8

**"Cho Oyu"** R.J. Secor will present a program on his attempt to climb 26,900 foot Cho Oyu in in the Himalaya.

## SPS Spring Outings Schedule

April			
8-9	M:	Olancha Peak	Barbee Tidball, Bill Oliver
22-23	T:	Deer Mtn. SPS 40th Anniversary	Ron Jones, Bill Oliver
29	T:	Homers Nose	Erik Stiering, Asher Waxman
May			
13-14	M:	Mt. Bradley	Barbara Cohen, Dave Dykeman
21	T:	SPS-LTC Adv. Navigation Noodle	Hany Freimanis, Bob Taibert
20-21	M:	Mt. Malory, Mt. Irvine	Dan Richter, Asher Waxman
27-29	M:	Merced Pk, Red Pk, Gray Pk.	Larry Tidball, Scott Jamison
June			
3-4	M:	Birch Mtn., The Thumb	Ron Jones, Mark Valkass
3-4	T:	Moses Mtn., N. Maggie Mtn.	Dan Richter, Erik Stiering
17-18	T:	Florence Pk., Vandever Mtn.	Evelyn Reher, Ron Jones
17-18	M:	Perkins, Colosseum	Barbee Tidball, Greg Roach
July			
1-9	M:	Milestone Basin Peakout	Igor Mamedalin, Ron Jones

## PEAK INDEX

**Cloudripper**  
**Eagle Scout Peak**  
**Ehrenbeck Peak**  
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**Koip Peak**  
**Lion Rock**  
**Mt. Lippincott**  
**Sirretta Peak**  
**Smith Mountain**  
**Mt. Stewart**  
**Tower Peak**  
**Weldon Peak**

## COVER PHOTO

**North Palisade**  
**&**  
**Starlight Peak**  
 Photo by Tom Ross

IN MEMORIAM RE  
VI GRASSO

"So, you are the famous Vi Grasso?" With these words began twenty-three rewarding years of friendship with this remarkable woman.

Vi died of a heart attack Saturday, October 15, 1994, descending from Ken Point. She would have wanted it that way, to die climbing, still in her prime. "Too bad it was on a crud heap" she'd add.

The lady defies easy definition, there were so many aspects of her.

She was the engaging Latina with the perfectly-timed, zany outburst.

She was the sophisticate who with a withering snicker could destroy a mediocre opera performance, or who would sit enraptured through any performance by Placido Domingo.

She was the no-nonsense professional, the paralegal, drawing up complex pleadings or fixing the foibles of inexperienced attorneys.

She was the gritty endeavorer who soloed a host of tough climbs, bivouacs and all, did the East Face, Telescope from the bottom, and first Sierra Winter ascents.

She climbed all the SPS and DPS peaks and served those groups in many capacities. She ran numerous marathons and downhill skied over two continents. She topped other summits all over the West, in Africa, Europe, Australia, and Asia. She was a Gourmet Cook, Dog Show Presenter, Belly Dancer (yes) and Snow Angel.

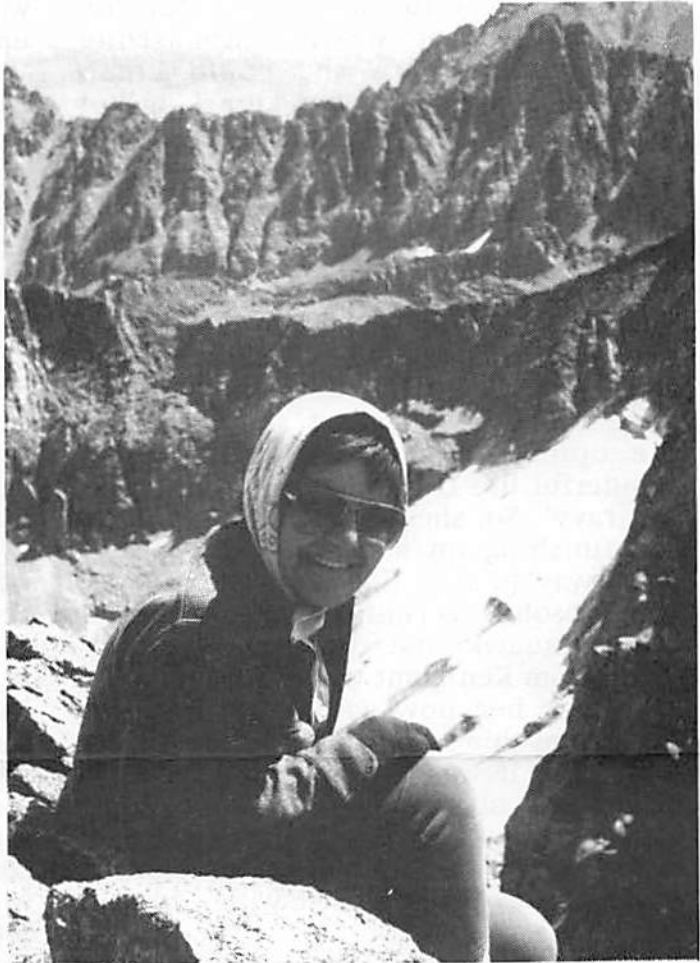
For a lucky few of us, she was the nurturing friend. Once Vi took you under her wing, she stuck by you (we once joked) like a faithful dog.

Vi was a perfectionist, who saved the highest standards for herself, and showed little tolerance for those who settle for less.

Vi used to joke that when she got old, she would just walk around the lakes. But that wasn't her style.

She left us at the perfect time, content with her accomplishments, still vigorous, and much loved.

-- Doug Mantle



Vi on Palisade Crest - 9/6/92  
Photo by Tina Stough

REMEMBRANCE OF VI GRASS

The sudden shock wave character of Vi's passing has been difficult for many

to accept. For several of us lucky ones Vi has been family, and her not being here

is only gradually being accommodated. Those who knew her well are aware that she felt, and often expressed, that she had had a very full and wonderful life. She traveled the world, emphasizing those places where she could climb something or expand her knowledge of other cultures; loved opera, especially Verdi; had a great passion for climbing and enjoyed skiing here and in Europe; got great pleasure from cooking and entertaining her friends in many different guises (belly dancer to Tina Turner look-alike) and surroundings -- outside and inside; and enjoyed being alone as well as the company of many close friends. For years she expressed the opinion that she'd had such a wonderful life that anything else would be gravy! So, she was mentally content, and finishing on a climb was a pretty good way to go. However, we can say with absolute certainty that she would really squawk that dying on the way down from Ken Point was lousy timing! I can hear her now with her complaint about that thing -- it would be something like "Mac, it was a really cruddy peak, dumb road, almost as bad as Santa Rosa!" I also know that she would grumble about not quite completing her current goal to finish the HPS list with three of her buddies.

She had a great love for the Sierra Nevada and our desert ranges. In the mountains she was a marvelous thing to behold -- I particularly recall her scampering about on Starr King,

Oblivious to the exposure; charging the final stretches on her Sierra Peaks list finisher; gamely chugging back Needle with a broken ankle; and dozens of other images, mostly joyful. As you all know, Vi had finished both the SPS and DPS lists. She had also climbed major peaks at home including all the high points of the contiguous western states (except Rainier; and aboard Mt. Blanc, Kilimanjaro, and even mighty Mt. Kosciusko as part of Doug's "finish of the seven continental summits.

Vi also had a very serious and committed side. She was a quintessential classic Sierra Club person -- loving the exploration and enjoyment, while also carrying essential responsibilities. She had been Chairperson and Secretary of both the SPS and the DPS, had also served as Secretary of the Chapter Council, and was the SPS Mountain Records Chair at the time of her death. With her exceptional organization and discipline she was superb in all these roles. She had also taken some responsibility for the future, for the Nature Conservancy was her primary beneficiary.

In these and many other things Vi was very important to us all; and we'll continue to celebrate her memory, and will really miss her perky stride and big smile, her friendship and companionship. But, we're all the better for having known her through the years.

-- Duane McRuer

### TO ALL VI'S FRIENDS

I'm probably the last person who hiked with Vi. On October 8th and 9th we knocked off four peaks in the area south of Idyllwild: Apache, Spitler, Little Cahuilla, and Cahuilla, Vi's 252nd peak. Although she looked down her nose at HPS peaks (having done the DPS and SPS lists), she had only twenty-six more peaks to do in order to finish the list of 278. She was anxious to do them all before the end of the year so she could join her friends Doug Mantle (4th time) Duane McRuer (2nd time), and Bob Hicks

(1st time) on the ultimate super colossal Quadruple List Finishing Party.

On the way back to the city on Sunday evening we compared our genetic make-up and talked about things we could possibly die of (seem to do more and more of this type of thinking after hitting the Big 60). Vi remarked that she had lived a fantastic life up to then, done more than dozens of people rolled into one. "Anything from now on will be GRAVY," she said.

We shall all miss her very much; her

exuberance, energy and enthusiasm, her efficiency, and her wonderful cooking. It is comforting to know that she died doing what she liked to do best.

A hiking buddy and confidante,  
-- Edna Erspamer

## THE SEARCH FOR VI GRASSO

From: Jon Inskeep

A number of the volunteer mountain rescue teams in the California Region of the Mountain Rescue Association were involved in the search for well known HPS, DPS, and SPS member Vi Grasso on October 19th of this year. Climbers in these organizations may be interested in the story. Vi went climbing on Saturday, October 15th, without telling anyone where she was going. She has no family here and was not reported missing until Tuesday, October 18th, when people where she worked began calling her climbing friends. At about 8 am on Wednesday, October 19th, Doug Mantle, apparently following the "In Case Of Emergency" instructions published in every issue of the Angeles Chapter Schedule (see page 11 of the current issue), called me, Jon Inskeep, chapter liaison to the Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team. Since no one had any idea of where Vi had been climbing, the first objective was to find her car. Using a list of HPS peaks that she had yet to climb to finish the HPS List, supplied to me by her frequent climbing partner, Bob Hicks, the roadheads were identified, and the search was underway.

The initial search area included more than twenty roadheads in five Southern California counties. Calls were made on Wednesday morning to the Los Padres Search and Rescue Team (Santa Barbara County), China Lake Mountain Rescue Group (Kern County), Mt. Baldy Ranger District of the Angeles National Forest (Los Angeles County), Riverside Mountain Rescue Group (Riverside County), and the San Diego Mountain Rescue Team (San Diego County). The contacts at each of these teams, all experienced climbers, not only knew how to get the search for the car started

in their counties, but recognized and were familiar with both the roadheads and the peaks in question. In just four hours, by 2 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, Vi's car had been located by a deputy from the Riverside County Sheriffs Department where the Pacific Crest Trail crosses Highway 74, at the trailhead for Ken Point. The ground search could now begin.

Teams from the Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit were in the field by late Wednesday afternoon and began a careful search of the HPS-published route from the trailhead to the summit of Ken Point. Additional volunteer searchers from the Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team, the San Bernardino Sheriffs Search and Rescue Team, and the San Diego Mountain Rescue Team reported at first light Thursday morning.

Regrettably, Vi's body was found by a team from the Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit about 7 o'clock on Thursday morning. She was only a quarter of a mile below the summit of the peak, on her way back, after having signed the register on Saturday, the 15th. She had noted in the register: "rain, wind". It was evident from the location and position of her body, and the disarray of her pack and its contents that she had suffered the symptoms of hypothermia and it had led to her death.

It was difficult for me to believe that a climber with the breadth and extent of experience that Vi had could die on such an insignificant little bump as Ken Point. But at the same time, I could easily identify several mistakes she had made. The clothing she carried was not adequate for the conditions; she had no rain gear. Consequently, she was probably soaked to the skin, possibly

even before she reached the summit (on the higher but nearby San Jacinto plateau there was a heavy snowstorm that day). The search was delayed for at least 24, maybe 48 hours because she hadn't told anyone where she was going. Solo climbing is risky, but not leaving your itinerary with someone is downright foolish. It would not have saved Vi's life, however; she undoubtedly died on Saturday. Finally, fatally, she climbed alone. Hypothermia can be one of the greatest dangers in climbing by yourself. That's because it's so insidious. The signs of hypothermia are seldom noticed by its victims themselves; they

are only recognized by alert companions. If Vi had not chosen to go out alone, she would be alive today.

Think about it.

Editor's Note: The coroner's report states that Vi's death was caused by atherosclerosis of the left anterior descending coronary artery with 95% occlusion and clinical hypertension. Vi suffered from atherosclerotic coronary artery disease. Hypothermia may have contributed to her demise, but this was not stated in the coroner's report. (please forgive any medical term spelling errors Ed.)

## ECHOES FROM THE CHAIR

WOW! What a super year for the SPS. This ECHOES FROM THE CHAIR will be devoted to recognizing groups and individuals who did so much for us this year. I'll start with trip leaders. You make our section what it is and we thank you. Special thanks to those who led restricted trips. Now that insurance is back, we truly are the mountaineering section of the Sierra Club and I hope that next year's outings will feature even more trips with ice axe, crampons, and ropes.

To the appointed members of the management committee thanks to Bill Oliver, once again serving as historian, to Wayne Norman in his second year as Echo editor and doing an outstanding job, to Doug Mantle and Duane McRuer for serving as co-safety chairs and getting our mountaineer's list up to date, to the late Vi Grasso, mountain records chair, my dear friend and mentor, who was so encouraging and supportive of my efforts both as SPS chair and as a mountaineering woman. I will never forget her feistiness, independent spirit, and willingness to help me in any way she could.

To the elected members of the management committee: YOU ARE GREAT! It was a pleasure to work with such a harmonious group. Together we put in lots of hours and accomplished so much.

Revising the Policies & Procedures as well as the Safety Regulations was a major task--and we did it!

Larry Tidball did a superb job with outings this year. His organizational skills are outstanding and we appreciate the extra time he took to go to outings chair meetings as well as dealing with the extra paperwork for restricted trips. Thank you, Larry.

Dan Richter was incredibly efficient as secretary and archivist. It was his research that revealed the 40th anniversary of the SPS is next year and not 1996! He completely reorganized the membership list and Echo labels, and can now give you any SPS information within milliseconds. He also earned his E rating this year. Thank you, Dan.

Barbee Tidball is to be congratulated for doing the most jobs on the management committee. In addition to lining up interesting programs each month, as well as making preparations for the banquet, she also served as conservation rep when we needed someone. If that weren't enough, she typed up our new Policies & Procedures, Safety Regulations, formulated the new SPS brochure, served as Echo mailer, and prepared three superb meals when we met at her house. Thank you, Barbee.

Patty Kline did a great job as treasurer for the second year in a row.

This year, she had the extra task of paying National for restricted trip participants and leaders. She also took care of T-shirt sales, which again was a big money maker for us. Thank you, Patty.

Being chair of SPS is something that I will always remember. I've enjoyed it

### ECHOES FROM OUR MEETINGS

#### Minutes from the SPS Meeting at DWP 9-14-94

Barbara Cohen started the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also present were Dan Richter, Patty Kline, Barbara Tidball, and Duane McRuer. Bill Oliver arrived after the meeting had begun.

Dan read the minutes of the last meeting which were accepted. Patty reported that we had \$3670.81 in our checking account and \$2069.49 in the saving account. The committee voted to send China Lake, Inyo County, and Sierra Madre rescues each \$150.00. The Committee agreed to participate in a joint resolution with the DPS and the SPS to recommend to National that peak registers be considered objects of historical interest. Mountaineers list applications were discussed and voted upon. Duane recommended that the 1994 Management Committee should recommend to the 1995 Management Committee that the Outings Chair needs to be a qualified and appropriate person who is an experienced leader with an M or E rating. Duane also pointed out that there is ample precedent for the Outing Chair to be an appointed position and that the position could even be split between two people one handling restricted trips and the other regular ones. Duane also felt that we should encourage E leaders to lead restricted trips. Barbee reported that that the brochure will be ready by the November meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. and was immediately followed by the general meeting in the Los Angeles room. Following the minutes and treasurer's report, climbs and upcoming

immensely. My best wishes go to the 1995 management committee and I wish them much success in the 40th anniversary year. Happy New Year!

Barbara Cohen

climbs were discussed. This was followed by a "Name the Peak" contest which was won by R. J. Secor with Greg Roach second and Barbara Cohen third. The meeting was followed by a swap meet.

#### Minutes from the SPS Meeting at DWP 10-12-94

Barbara Cohen started the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Also present were Dan Richter, Patty Kline, Barbara Tidball, Bill T. Russell, Wayne Norman and Vi Grasso arrived after the meeting had begun.

Dan read the minutes of the last meeting which were accepted. Patty reported that we had \$3564.61 in our checking account and \$2073.32 in the saving account. The committee approved the purchase of 50 new emblem pins: 25 emblems, 15 senior emblems and 10 master emblems. The committee voted on additions to the Mountaineers List. The committee agreed that Bill T should prepare a new edition of the Peak List to coincide with the 40th anniversary. Bill will be asking for suggested changes in the Echo. It was also felt that the list should be made available on computer disk.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. and was followed at 7:40 p.m. by the general meeting in the Los Angeles room. Following the minutes and treasurer's report, climbs and upcoming climbs were discussed. After the break Greg Roach gave a slide show and discussion of the John Muir Trail in the Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Park. Respectfully submitted, Dan Richter

## Sierra Club National Awards

The **FRANCIS P. FARQUHAR AWARD** (established in 1970). Honors an individual's contribution to **mountaineering** and enhancement of the Club's prestige in this field. The Mountaineering Committee selects recipients.

1970	<b>Norman Clyde,</b> Allen Steck	<i>Honorary SPS Member</i>
1971	Richard Leonard	
1972	<b>Jules Eichorn</b>	<i>Honorary SPS Member</i>
1973	<b>Glen Dawson</b>	<i>Honorary SPS Member</i>
1974	Nick Clinch, Marjorie Farquhar	
1977	Galen Rowell	
1979	William Siri	
1981	<b>Sam Fink</b>	<i>SPS Member</i>
1982	Arlene Blum	
1983	Steve Roper	
1985	Richard Hechtel	
1987	Lotte Kramer	
1988	Gordon "Gus" Benner	
1994	<b>Randall Danta,</b> <b>Doug Mantle</b>	<i>SPS Member</i> <i>SPS Member</i>

The **OLIVER KEHRLEIN AWARD** (authorized in 1969). Honors an individual who has done outstanding work in the Sierra Club's or a chapter's **outings program**. The Outings Committee makes the selection.

1973	Al Schmitz	
1975	John Blosser, Edwin Braun	
1976	Monroe "Cap" Agee	
1977	Carol Dienger	
1978	Walt Weyman	
1979	Norton Meyer	
1980	H. Stewart Kimball	
1981	William Busby	
1982	Mary Coffeen	
1983	Jim Watters	
1984	<b>Dick Akawie</b>	<i>Angeles Chapter</i>
1985	Otto & Vivian Spielbacher	
1986	Robert Howell	
1987	<b>Cal &amp; Louise French</b>	<i>San Gorgonio Chapter</i>
1988	Suzanne Ortiz	
1989	Walter Wells	
1990	Adolph Amster	
1991	Richard Monges	
1992	Gordon "Gus" Benner	
1993	William Deneen	
1994	<b>Ron Jones</b>	<i>Angeles Chapter</i>

The **presentation** of the 1994 Farquhar and Kehrlein Awards will take place at the **SPS Banquet**, 14 December 1994, Long Beach. Do come!



## SPS Membership Report

by Dan Richter 11/11/94

### New Members Welcome!

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### Accomplishments Congratulations!

Sue Wyman-Henney and Vic Henney are the first couple to climb every peak on the list together

Senior Emblem # 113: Mirna Roach on Striped Mtn 9/18/94

Senior Emblem # 114: Greg Roach on Striped Mtn 9/18/94

Additions to the Mountaineers List: Sue Wyman-Henney, Vic Henney

In Memorandum: Vi Grasso 10/15/94

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By Patty Kline

Now is the time of year to renew your subscription to the Echo. The regular subscription sent 3rd class mail is \$12.00 a year. The sustaining subscription is \$25.00. With this you get your Echo 1st class, usually about 3 weeks ahead of the bulk 3rd class mailing. Also 1st class is forwarded if you happen to move and don't get around to notifying the post office right away. I have enjoyed getting the Echo 1st class since the inception of the sustaining category in the fall of 1991.

We have our climbing insurance back, but it isn't free anymore. The National Sierra Club asked for \$10.00 a day per person. Our expenses were high this year, due in part from helping subsidize climbing insurance for our members. A total of 12 trips requiring ice axe and crampons and or ropes were led with a total of 97 participants and leaders. The SPS paid the National Sierra Club \$1345.00 for these trips. Participants paid \$5.00 each day and the SPS contributed \$5.00, bringing the total to the \$10.00 owed each day to the National Sierra Club.

The climbs were great this year with such summits as Norman Clyde, Palisade Crest, Bear Creek Spire and Tehipite Dome. Please consider renewing on a sustaining level to help support the SPS and get your Echo early!

Thank you to the 60 people who -were in the sustaining category for 1994. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Jim Adler  
Joe Andrews  
Henry Arnebold  
W.C. Bradley  
Hal Browder  
Herb Buehler  
Fred Camphausen  
Pat Christie  
Steve Corona  
Sid 'San Jac' Davis  
Mel Daybell  
John Dodds  
Peter Doggett  
Dave Dykeman  
Jane Edginton  
Barbara Eyerly  
Howard Eyerly  
Diann Fried  
Mark Frolli  
James Fujimoto

Mario Gonzalez  
David Hammond  
Gail Hanna  
Bob Henderson  
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Rick Jali  
Kenneth Jones  
Patty Kline  
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Doug Mantle  
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Tom Sexton  
Don Slager  
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*A Quote: Never trust the written word. At best it's a second-rate account of reality. How can you duplicate the enormity of a personal moment? How can you truthfully record the feelings or events when the intricacies of each second of thought would fry the circuits of a computer? And how can you honestly describe awe in the face of the event? No --- it's like rendering color memories into muddy monochrome negatives. It's vernacular butchery. It's slashing at reality. -- Greg Child - 1994 SPS Banquet speaker*

## Peak List Revision?

The current Peak List (16th edition) is dated October 1992 and it may be advisable to issue a revised edition. The editor, Bill T Russell, is soliciting suggestions for improvements, notice of errors and recommendations on climbing difficulty classifications. Page eight of the list gives the Lat/Long of the 7.5 min maps and a cross reference to the older 15 min maps. Is this useful to members? Should it be dropped in favor of notes for some of the peaks, e.g. the fact that the SPS recognized summit for Emerson and Powell is the high point and not the place that the 7.5 maps seem to designate.

## ECHOS FROM THE PAST

### Forty Years Ago in the Angeles Chapter

In December 1954 the Sierra Peaks Section did not exist. It was founded and recognized in October 1955. During 1954 and the following year climbing in the Sierra Nevada was sponsored by the Desert Peaks Section with only 3 or 4 trips scheduled each summer by the DPS. The by-laws of the DPS at that time stated, as their purpose, "To stimulate the interest of the Sierra Club membership in climbing the desert mountain ranges, and the High Sierra." Angeles Chapter knapsackers led quite a few trips in the Sierra and the RCS a few more. I counted 10 outings in total, ranging from 7/3-5, Frank Sanborn & Frank Bressel leading a "knapsack to Eagle Scout Pk.", & including Roy Gorin & Steve Wilkie leading Mt Humphrey, George Wallerstein and Walter Mitchell leading a Mt McAdie exploratory, Frank Sanborn, Owen Blackburn w/ Marjorie Goebel (Mark's mother) in charge of transportation leading Sawtooth & Vandever & Owens Pk led in October by John Delmonte & Roland Kent. Many of these people are still Angeles Chapter members. The San Diego Chapter listed their trips with the Angeles Chapter & in our schedule for May 8-9, 1954 San Diego lists Olancha Pk led by Barbara Lilley, assisted by Bryce Miller. There were a growing number of private trips into the Sierra by Angeles Chapter climbers. Among these climbers were Bud Bingham, Fred Bressel, Don Clark, Roger Gaefke (still leading for the Chapter),

Rich Gnagy, Vern Jones, Pat Meixner, Lee Owings, John Robinson, Frank Sanborn, Leo Scotti, Bob Sheller & Graham Stevenson.

### Twenty Years Ago

In December 1974 the 18th SPS banquet (they didn't start until 1957) was held at Taix Restaurant. There were 120 in attendance. The Section was coming off a successful season with about 81 trips (trips not peaks) scheduled including 15 "E" trips, 38 "M" trips, 27 "I" trips and 1 "O" trip. Several trips were led in November, even as late as Thanksgiving. Diana Dee was the outgoing Chair, Ron Jones the outgoing Alternate Officer. Other members elected or re-elected to serve on the 1975 Management Committee were Doug Mantle, Chair; George Toby, V. Chair; Tom Cardina, Sect; Duane McRuer, Treas & Bill T Russell, Alt. Officer. Doug opined, "our meetings, gad, they can be so boring....maybe we can cut out some of the business gab..." Diane announced at the banquet that the Board of Geographical Names had just approved the official name for Norman Clyde Pk. The membership voted to delete Cross Mtn (the government moved the peak to a very easy summit). They voted to add Cotter, Gemini, Glacier Ridge, Pilot Knob & Whaleback to the list and they turned down Palmer. Charybdis was exchanged for Scylla as a Mountaineer's Peak. Deanna Holleman & Cliff Cameron were the most recent members to join, John Baruch, John Hellman, Francis Hoover, Earl Kessler, Sheldon Moomaw & Pat

Russell were the most recent of the 15 emblemers during the year. Paul Lipsohn was doing a great job as ECHO Editor.

#### Ten Years Ago

In December 1984 there was a large group in attendance at the first of several banquets held at the Sportsmen's Lodge in Studio City.

The program on Celestial Peak and Chinese Tibet was given by Edward Vail. Cuno Ranschau retired after seven years of ECHO editing and punning and was replaced by Pat Holleman who did a great job as Editor but never turned a pun. Nancy Gordon turned over the Chairman's gavel to Dave Dykeman and Dave introduced Maris Valkass as V. Chair; Ron Hudson as Secty; Vieve Weldon as Treas and Mary Sue Miller as Alt. officer. There were no By-laws issues. In 1984 the outings program went on into December, with Smith & Crag being led, and in November & again in December, rock climbing practice was held at Fossil Falls & Stony Point. There were about 60 trips scheduled, 11 "E" rated, 22 "M" rated and 27 "I".

#### Five Years Ago in the SPS

Bill Oliver, the outgoing Chair, presided over the 1989 banquet held at the Proud Bird Restaurant in El Segundo.

We had 195 in attendance, our largest number to date, and they came to hear Glen Dawson and Jules Eichorn talk about California climbing in 1931-37. Mr Dawson & Mr Eichorn were made honorary members of the Section. The only previous Honorary Member had been Norman Clyde. Bill introduced the new Chair, Vi Grasso, and she in turn re-introduced Bill Oliver as V. Chair; Mario Gonzales as Treas; Karen Leonard as Sectry and Graham Breakwell as Alt. Officer. Igor Mamedalin & Jeff Solomon served as Echo Editors. The Sierra Club has completed one year of climbing insurance restrictions without using ropes or ice axes. The SPS was not able to schedule any rock or ice axe practices, They did schedule about 49 trips: Three Shepherd Pass Trail Maintenances, several fishing trips, 9 "M" trips and 37 "I" trips. The raging controversy at this time was whether National or the SPS should be responsible for the preservation of climbing registers. Two well-known SPS climbers passed away a few months before, Dick Akawie on 8/17 and Norm Rohn on 8/20. Tom Cardina died in December. Wayne Norman and Richard Henke were the most recent new members, Bobby Dubeau the most recent emblem holder.

— RON JONES

#### Book Review

### Aconcagua - The Stone Sentinel

by Thomas E. Taplin

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As one of the Seven Summits, Aconcagua is a much-desired peak. Every year, peakbaggers and hard-core climbers alike converge upon it hoping to put another "notch in their gun." Many people climb the 22,841' mountain with the numerous commercial companies that operate there, while others prefer to organize private trips. There is an abundance of information available about the peak, but no one has bothered to put all the data together into a guidebook. (Though rumor has it R.J. is working on one.) (See Note Below)

*Aconcagua, The Stone Sentinel* is the story of one commercial expedition which attempts the mountain via the Normal Route. The author decides to try a different format for the book: it is an assembly of the recollections of the 18 team members as the adventure progresses. The format works well, as we are given each person's unique perspective of the events as they unfold. The participant's actual names are used throughout the book, but the names of the Argentine guides have been

changed (undoubtedly to avoid a lawsuit.)

The book has a couple of good maps and a spread of color pictures. The appendices contain information about the camp sites along the route, suggestions for the solo mountaineer, and a brief history of Aconcagua's routes and important ascents. An insignificant bit of information on conditioning also.

Their adventure is doomed right from the start. Many of the participants are inexperienced or out-of-shape. The head guide, Enrique, cares more about the free clothing he can scrounge from them than about their welfare. The trip is overbooked and understaffed. There isn't enough food. And no sooner do they reach base camp, than the author walks off and falls into a glacial moulin (similar to a crevasse.) He is rescued and sent off the mountain with a broken arm. As soon as he is gone, the others kipe his food and devour it.

The trip continues (minus the author) and people drop like flies. Enrique rushes the group up the mountain with no acclimatization or rest days. People become sick and are sent down alone. Heated arguments ensue. People become demoralized. On summit day, the three guides blaze up to the top, leaving many of the others far behind.

Only four of the eighteen participants make the top. Meanwhile, one altitude-dazed person falls 1000 feet down a snowfield and must be helped by other team members, who must give up their own summit bid. The guides eventually descend and help the injured guy down to base camp. Oh, and those same guides told everyone not to bring ice axes.

Of course, the guides abandon the guy at base camp, and leave him with a horseman. (The horseman took better care of him than the guides did.) Back at Puente del Inca, some of the participants feel robbed and try to get Enrique in trouble with the police. And talk of lawsuits fill the air. The only people who weren't upset were the 4 summitteers.

This is a classic story of how everything can possibly go wrong on a poorly guided trip. It is a testament to why people should choose outfitters *very carefully*. Though it contains helpful information on planning a trip, it doesn't take the place of a guidebook.

So if you want to read up on the Normal Route on Aconcagua, this is a good place to start. Just don't let this misadventure dissuade you from your own attempt. Bob

Sumner

NEW RELEASE

Aconcagua, A Climbing Guide  
by R.J. Secor

R.J. Secor has a new authored a new guidebook - Aconcagua, A Climbing Guide. This is the only English language guidebook to Aconcagua. It details both popular and less traveled routes plus suggestions on equipment, lodging, permits and more. The book is in paperback and costs \$15.95. The book is available from The Mountaineers Books 1-800-553-4453 and should also be available at local book stores.

**This Obsession With Lists**  
by Wayne Norman

*"I must admit that I find the obsession with ticking off lists of peaks to be a pointless sheeplike occupation; in itself a barren*

*unimaginative quest..." - Joe Simpson, author of Touching the Void, The Water People, and This Game of Ghosts.*

I came across this thought provoking quote while reading High Magazine, a fine British climbing publication. Simpson's disdain of lists, eloquently expressed in the above quote is, to some SPS members, blasphemous. The LIST is the reason we climb, right? If a peak isn't on THE LIST (or at least on a 'List') the mountain isn't worth climbing (neglecting the fact that numerous peaks on many lists aren't really worth the effort). If by chance we climb a mountain not on a list, and it was a fun climb with good views, we then try to add it to a list to somehow give our climb more merit; as though the mountain, which was there before us and will be there long after we are dust, cares.

Rereading the quote, I realized that it was not a condemnation of lists per se, lists are themselves neither good or bad, rather it was a sad commentary on the rut one can fall into blindly following an arbitrarily list of peaks. How many times have we dutifully climbed some crud heap just so we could "finish the list". Have you ever heard yourself saying: "I need this peak"? When the joy and freedom of mountaineering is replaced with the burden of manmade goals it is then that we have truly lost our climbing roots.

This obsession with lists is probably a product of our goal oriented, materialistic society. Few, if any, of us were aware of the existence of a list when we started to climb. We climbed because that is what we wanted to do. Climbing was a way to free our spirits from the burdens of daily living. It was only when we had been climbing for a while that we become aware of lists. I've met many other mountaineers during my climbs and few were aware of the SPS DPS or HPS lists. Most were out there because the mountain was and they felt the urge to climb it, unencumbered with the obsession of some sort of emblem status or finishing a list.

Simpson's reference to sheeplike applies equally well to his native England and many Sierra Club climbs. The Lake District, during the summer months of July and August are inundated

by hordes of hikers which seem to outnumber the local sheep population. Many of these climbers are out and about ticking off Munro's and, on some of the more popular peaks, there is a queue of climbers waiting for their turn on the summit.

Many Sierra Club outings are also sheeplike with a shepherd (leader) in front and one in the rear. The sheep (participants) stay between the two shepherds obediently following them, trusting the shepherd to lead them up and down the mountain.

Completing a list can be a barren, unimaginative quest. A climber who follows a list of peaks is letting someone else set their itinerary. There is little thought required when we allow someone else to set our climbing agenda; imagination is not needed to use a list as our guide. Yet with a little thought and some research each one of us could establish our own personal set of climbing goals, tailored to our individual capabilities and desires.

In defense of lists, there is nothing wrong with a list in and of itself. List can be useful tools in exploring new and beautiful areas we may have never have otherwise visited. Many are the days I was surprised to find a wonderful area I had never seen before, and it was only because the peak was on some list that I ever went there. There have also been many days spent slogging up some crud heap where the only thoughts going through my otherwise numb brain was wondering what could have possessed anyone to suggest, must less approve this worthless pile of rubble for inclusion on any list. Having done some of these peaks once was once too many.

One last thought to ponder before getting caught up in climbing a list is how much quality climbing time could be better used on interesting climbs rather than on undistinguished or "worthless" peaks? Bill Oliver, in his article on 'Climbing Mt. Starr King', said it well when he said "Granted but one lifetime, however, I'm far more inclined to revisit the fun peaks than, say, finish the List".

(The following article was written by Xavier Eguskiza and submitted for publication in the ECHO by Doug Mantle. The article has been edited for publication in the ECHO)

## THE QUEST FOR THE SEVEN SUMMITS

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### I) HIGHEST POINTS OF FIVE CONTINENTS:

Major William D. Hackett (b. 12 Oct. 1918), from Portland, Oregon, a veteran from W.W.II and the Korean War, was probably the first person to stand on the highest points of five different continents.

By the time of his fifth ascent -in 1956-, Everest had only been climbed by six people and so, Asia was, understandingly, missing from his list. Instead, he included Mt. Kosciusko for Australia, and Mont Blanc, then generally regarded as the apex of Europe. The dates of his ascents were as follows:

- 1.- N. America: McKinley 6 Jun. 1947 (AAJ 20, p 42)
- 2.- S. America: Aconcagua 19 Feb. 1949 (AAJ 23, p 355)
- 3.- Africa: Kilimanjaro 10 Feb. 1950 (AAJ 25, p 184)
- 4.- Australia: Kosciusko 11 Feb. 1956 (AAJ 45, p 489)
- 5.- Europe: Mont Blanc 30 Sep. 1956 (AAJ 45, p 489)

On McKinley, Bill Hackett had been a member of the Bradford Washburn's party that made the fourth ascent of the mountain, by the traditional Muldrow glacier route. Four years later, and with another Washburn team, he made the first ascent of the West Buttress of McKinley, from the Kahlitna glacier, that would eventually become the standard route for thousands of climbers (AAJ 26, p 215). He also climbed the mountain several more times.

In 1960, Hackett led an expedition to the Abruzzi Ridge of K2, that failed on account of some atrocious weather (AAJ 1961, pp 263-267). On his return home, he learned that he had been granted permission by the Nepalese Government for an expedition to Everest in the spring of 1961. Since he had made his application for 1962, and not 1961, he found himself lacking sufficient time to get the expedition organized in the few months left. Thus, regretfully, he was forced to cancel his plans for reaching the highest of Asia, which would have meant his sixth continent.

Many years later, in November 1985 and at the mature age of 67, Bill Hackett went into action again. This time, he joined an expedition, led by Pat Morrow, to Mt. Vinson, the highest point of Antarctica. Unfortunately, he suffered from frostbite, just before the final assault on the summit, and had to give up his attempt while his companions succeeded (AAJ 1986, p 207).

But this is not, by any means, the end of the story. Bill Hackett is ready to go to Everest in the spring of 1995 - when he will be age 76 - as a member of an all-over-50 group of veterans, which will include Dick Bass (by then, 65). They are planning an attempt on the traditional North Col route, from Tibet. Should Hackett succeed, he

would surely reconsider a return trip to Antarctica...

Dolf Reist (b. 1921), a Swiss mountaineer and photographer who had climbed Everest in 1956, envisaged the idea that he could easily climb the highest points of five continents and, possibly, become the first man to achieve this -with the inclusion of Asia as one of them- since only six people had climbed Everest at the time. Without the pressure of competition, he proceeded towards his objective at a leisurely pace.

Next to appear on the scene was Japanese climber and adventurer Naomi Uemura (b. 1941), with his ascent of Everest in 1970. Having previously climbed three of the five summits, he proceeded to complete them all by climbing McKinley a few months later, thus becoming the first person to achieve this record. His ascents -with the exception of Everest, all solo performances- were as follows:

EUROPE:	Mont Blanc	(4807 m)	1966
AFRICA:	Kilimanjaro	(5895 m)	1966
S. AMERICA:	Aconcagua	(6959 m)	1968 (in 15 hours)
ASIA:	Everest	(8848 m)	11 May 1970 (first Japanese ascent)
N. AMERICA:	McKinley	(6194 m)	26 Aug. 1970 (first solo ascent)

(Ref.: Naomi Uemura's Obituary, by Hiroyoshi Ohtsuka, HJ 41, p 225).

Uemura himself left an account of his ascents in two books written in Japanese language (see Bibliography, books 1 and 2).

Years later, Uemura, who had already acquired a great deal of practice on polar walks, including the first solo trek to the North Pole in 1978, set himself the task of achieving winter ascents on some of his previous summits. First, he led an unsuccessful expedition to Everest in January 1981. Finally, in February 1984, having achieved the first solo winter ascent of McKinley, he disappeared for ever during the descent. His death caused an impact in the whole world of mountaineering, particularly in his country, Japan, where he had become a very popular figure.

Only six months after Naomi Uemura had completed his five summits, the previously mentioned Dolf Reist managed to become the second man to do the same. His personal record reads as follows:

Mont Blanc: Summer 1955  
Everest: 24 May 1956  
McKinley: 11 May 1961  
Kilimanjaro: Feb. 1969  
Aconcagua: 18 Feb. 1971

A beautifully illustrated book about these ascents was published in 1973, followed by another one, years later (Books 3 and 4).

## II ) HIGHEST POINTS OF SIX CONTINENTS

With his celebrated oxygenless ascent of Everest in 1978, Reinhold Messner announced that he was the first man to climb the highest points of six continents. His list of summits included the five achieved by Uemura and Reist plus Carstensz Pyramid, in New Guinea, which he had climbed back in 1971. This summit, he



alleged, was the highest point of Australasia, a continent not previously considered to this effect. His ascents were:

EUROPE: Mont Blanc (4807 m)	July 1969
AUSTRALASIA: Carstensz (4884 m)	Sept. 1971
S. AMERICA: Aconcagua (6959 m)	23 Jan. 1974
N. AMERICA: McKinley (6194 m)	12 Jun. 1976
AFRICA: Kilimanjaro (5895 m)	Feb. 1978
ASIA: Everest (8848 m)	8 May 1978

The first five of these ascents were made by new routes, and on Everest Messner and Peter Habeler had made the first ascent without oxygen. Later, in 1980, he opened up a new route on Everest too, while achieving the first solo ascent of the mountain.

In 1983, and while Americans Bass and Wells were engaged in their quest for the seven summits, Messner corrected his highest point of Europe by climbing Elbrus (5642 m), in the Caucasus. Geographers had long considered Elbrus as the apex of Europe since it not only belongs to the Caucasus Range, which separates Europe from Asia, but does actually lie 11 Km to the North of the water divider and, therefore, entirely within Europe, geographically speaking.

Later the same year, Messner was invited by the two Americans to join their expedition to Mt. Vinson, in Antarctica, which would have made him, indisputably, the first person to reach the highest points of seven continents. However, once his credentials were looked at in detail by Bass and Wells, his invitation was, understandingly, withdrawn.

Three years later, in 1986, Messner, finally, went to Antarctica and climbed Mt. Vinson, only narrowly missing his chance of becoming the first to climb the seven summits, including Carstensz and not Kosciusko (although he had also rambled over this summit in 1983).

### III) HIGHEST POINTS OF SEVEN CONTINENTS (WITH KOSCIUSKO):

The credit for widely spreading the idea of the "Seven Summits" goes, indisputably, to the Americans Dick Bass and Frank Wells with their well publicized plans for climbing them all during the year 1983. Their seventh continent was Antarctica, not included in the lists of previous collectors. As for Australasia, they chose count Kosciusko, the highest point of mainland Australia, as opposed to Carstensz Pyramid, in New Guinea, Messner's old choice.

Bass and Wells managed to climb six of these summits in 1983, as they had planned, but had to give up Everest after a dogged struggle. Through family pressure, Wells withdrew from the game, but Bass persisted and finally managed to reach the top of Everest in 1985, as a guest of a Norwegian expedition. At 55 years of age, he became the oldest man to climb the mountain, a record that was to stand for over eight years. The dates of his ascents were:

1. SOUTH AMERICA:	Aconcagua (6959 m)	January 1983
2. NORTH AMERICA:	McKinley (6194 m)	5 July 1983
3. AFRICA:	Kilimanjaro (5895 m)	1 Sep. 1983
4. EUROPE:	Elbrus (5642 m)	13 Sep. 1983

5. ANTARCTICA :	Mt. Vinson (4897 m)	30 Nov. 1983
6. AUSTRALIA :	Kosciusko (2228 m)	December 1983
7. ASIA :	Everest (8848 m)	30 April 1985

Although many climbers of the Seven Summits favor nowadays Carstensz -and not Kosciusko- as the highest point of Australasia, some of them have in fact climbed both summits, while others still adhere to Dick Bass' rules. They form the following list :

NUM	CLIMBER	Birthdate	Nationality	Last Summit	Ascent Date	Reference
1	Dick BASS	21-12-29	American	Everest	30 Apr. '85	Book 5
2	Gerry ROACH*	8-9-43	American	Mt. Vinson	13 Dec. '85	AAJ 1986, p207
3	Pat MORROW*	18-10-52	Canadian	Elbrus	5 Aug. '86	Book 6
4	Gerhard SCHMATZ*	5-6-29	German	Mt. Vinson	2 Dec. '86	Personal
5	Reinhold MESSNER	17-9-44	Italian	Mt. Vinson	3 Dec. '86	Books 7 & 22
6	Oswald OELZ*	6-2-43	Austro-Swiss	Elbrus	20 Apr. '89	AAJ 1991,p212
7	Phil ERSHLER	7-5-51	American	Kosciusko	25 Dec. '89	Personal
8	Geoff TABIN*	3-7-56	American	Elbrus	22 Jun. '90	Book 8
9	Rob HALL	14-1-61	New Zealand	Aconcagua	21 Nov. '90	Personal
10	Gary BALL+	6-4-53	New Zealand	Mt. Vinson	12 Dec. '90	Personal
11	Chris KOPCZYNSKI*	24-2-48	American	Kilimanjaro	10 May '91	Personal
12	Glenn PORZAK*	22-8-48	American	Kosciusko	Mar. '92	Personal
13	Vernon TEJAS	16-3-53	American	Everest	12 May '92	Book 18
14	Junko Tabei (f)*	22-9-39	Japanese	Elbrus	Sep. '92	Book 13
15	Doug MANTLE	13-3-50	American	Kosciusko	16 Feb. '94	Personal
16	Dolly LEFEVER (f)	19-4-46	American	Kosciusko	11 Mar. '94	Personal

Notes to the previous list:

- Pat Morrow had previously climbed the -lower- East summit (5621 m) of Elbrus, on 25 Jul. '83. He corrected this when he climbed the Main summit (5642 m) on 5 Aug. '86, thus completing the Seven Summits by either version (with Kosciusko or with Carstensz).

- Similarly, Junko Tabei had climbed the East summit of Elbrus on 8 Aug. '89 and the Main summit in Sep. '92. She had also been to Kilimanjaro in Jan. '81, but did not reach the main summit. This she corrected four years later.

\_ All six climbers marked With an asterisk (\*) have also climbed CARSTENSZ and consequently their names appear also listed in the other version of the 7 Summits.

- Gerry Roach, Chris Kopczynski and Glenn Porzak reached the summit of Carstensz in May 1994. Rob Hall and Doug Mantle have the same target for Nov. '94.

- Rob Hall and Gary Ball climbed together these seven Summits in seven months, from May to Dec. 1990. Hall had previously climbed Mt. Vinson in 1989, and for this

reason completed his Seven summits before his companion. He is the youngest person to achieve a set of seven summits, at 29 years, 311 days of age.

- Gary Ball died on Dhaulagiri, 6 Oct. 1993.

#### IV) HIGHEST POINTS OF SEVEN SUMMITS (WITH CARSTENSZ):

In 1986, Canadian Pat Morrow rewrote again the rules for the Seven Summits with the inclusion of Carstensz Pyramid, instead of insignificant Kosciusko, as the highest point of Australasia. Carstensz had already been chosen by Reinhold Messner, back in 1971, and geographers tend to agree with this view.

The continent of Australia extends its continental platform northwards, across the shallow waters of the Arafura Sea, to embrace the island of New Guinea; just as it also extends southwards to enclose the island of Tasmania. Thus, although the Western half of New Guinea belongs politically to Indonesia, geographically it forms part of the Australian continental platform. By contrast, the big Indonesian islands of Sumatra, Java and Borneo form part of the continental mass of Asia, of which they are separated by the shallow waters of the South China Sea. And the rest of the islands, between these three and New Guinea, emerge from deeper waters.

In a broader sense, geographers also consider the continent of Australasia, previously called Oceania, in which they include Australia and all the many islands of the South Pacific, including New Guinea as its northwestern corner.

Pat Morrow had been competing with Dick Bass and Frank Wells for the race of the Seven Summits, during 1983. Having climbed Everest the previous year, Morrow was in a stronger position. However, he found himself unable to organize a trip to Antarctica that year in order to climb Mt. Vinson. Then, in 1984, he managed to go to Antarctica, but was prevented from reaching the foot of Mt. Vinson by a series of mishaps concerning the refueling and air-worthiness of the aeroplane he was traveling in.

Finally, in 1985, Morrow managed to climb Mt. Vinson, just seven months after Dick Bass had completed his Seven Summits target with his notorious ascent of Everest .

But Morrow had not quite finished his race. On the one hand, he knew he had not reached the main summit of Elbrus, but its lower eastern summit. On the other hand, he wanted to upgrade Bass' list by introducing Carstensz Pyramid as the highest point of Australasia, instead of Kosciusko (which he had already climbed, all the same) . This he achieved in May 1986, virtually completing his own set of Seven Summits. Then, a couple of months later, he quietly climbed the main summit of Elbrus, thus effectively ending his personal quest for the Seven Summits, and becoming the first man to do it with the Carstensz choice. Only four months later, Messner would become the second.

#### V) FIRST ASCENTS OF EACH OF THE SEVEN SUMMITS:

1st.- ELBRUS (5642 m): 28 July 1874, by Florence C. Grove, Frederick Gardiner and Horace Walker (British) and Peter Knobel (Swiss).

2nd.- KILIMANJARO (5895 m) : 6 October 1889, by Hans Meyer (German) and Ludwig

Purtscheller (Austrian) and a native.

3rd.- ACONCAGUA (6959 m) : 14 January 1897, by Matthias Zurbriggen (Swiss).

4th.- McKINLEY (6194 m) : 7 June 1913, by Hudson Stuck, Harry Karstens, Walter Harper and Robert Tatum (Americans).

5th.- EVEREST (8348 m) : 29 May 1953, by Edmund Hillary (New Zealand) and Tenzing Norgay (Indian Sherpa).

6th.- CARSTENSZ PYRAMID (4884 m) : 13 February 1962, by Heinrich Harrer (Austrian; Philip Temple (Anglo-NZ), Russell Kippax (Australian) and Albert Huizenga (Dutch).

7th. - MT VINSON (4897m) : 18 December 1966, by Pete Schoening & Bill Long (Americans)

### The World's 60 Highest Mountains

Mountain	Height	Country	Mountain	Height	Country
1. Everest	8848m	N/C	31. Kanjut Sar	7760m	P
2. K2	8611m	P	32. Kamet	7756m	I
3. Kangchenjunga	8565m	N/S	33. Dhaulagiri II	7751m	N
4. Lhotse	8516m	N/C	34. Saltoro Kangri	7742m	I
5. Makalu	8463m	N/C	35. Trivor	7728m	P
6. Cho Oyu	8201m	N/C	36. Gurla Mandhata	7728m	C
7. Dhaulagiri	8167m	N	37. Kongur	7719m	C
8. Manaslu	8163m	N	38. Kumbhakarna	7710m	N
9. Nanga Parbat	8125m	P	39. Tirich Mir	7706m	P
10. Annapurna I	8091m	N	40. Kangchungtse	7678m	N/C
11. Gasherbrum I	8068m	P/C	41. Saser Kangri I	7672m	I
12. Broad Peak	8047m	P/C	42. Chogolisa	7665m	P
13. Xixabangma	8046m	C	43. Dhaulagiri IV	7661m	N
14. Gasherbrum II	8035m	P/C	44. Dhaulagiri V	7618m	N
15. Gasherbrum III	7980m	P	45. Shispare	7611m	P
16. Gyachung Kang	7952m	N/C	46. Konger Tiube	7595m	C
17. Annapurna II	7937m	N	47. Minya Konka	7556m	C
18. Gasherbrum IV	7925m	P/C	48. Annapurna III	7555m	N
19. Kangbachen	7903m	N	49. Kula Kangri	7554m	C
20. Himalchuli	7893m	N	50. Changtse	7553m	C
21. Disteghil Sar	7885m	P	51. MustaghAta	7546m	C
22. Ngadi Chuli	7871m	N	52. Skyang Kangri	7544m	P/C
23. Nuptse	7855m	N	53. Gankar Punsum	7541m	B
24. Khunyang Khish	7852m	P	54. Yukshin Gardan	7530m	P
25. Masherbrum	7821m	P	55. Annapurna IV	7525m	N
26. Nanda Devi	7816m	I	56. Saser Kangri II	7518m	I
27. Batura I	7795m	P	57. Mamostong Kangri	7516m	I
28. Chomo Lonzo	7790m	C	58. PicCommunism	7495m	T
29. Rakaposhi	7788m	P	59. Saser Kangri III	7495m	I
30. Namcha Barwa	7782m	C	60. Pumarikish	7492m	P

Countries: S=Sikkim, N=Nepal, I=India, C=China, P=Pakistan, B=Bhutan, T=Tadzhikistan.  
Source: *High* magazine, May 1993.

## ECHOES FROM OUR CLIMBS

### MT. STEWART, MT. EISEN, MT. LIPPINCOTT, LION ROCK, EAGLE SCOUT PK.

19-24 August 1994

Bob Wyka, Allan Conrad

666...That's what this trip was turning out to be one week before the scheduled start: 6 days, 6 peaks, and 6 people. Fortunately, with two people dropping out the next week I could breath a little easier, or could I? The four of us, the leaders, R. J. Secor and Matthias Selke (Matt) met at 07:30 at the Mineral King Ranger Station. We quickly found out that the localized fire, now 3 weeks old, had descended onto the trail to Glacier Pass and no permits were to be had. The ranger apologized for not calling (all the other groups going over Sawtooth were called) and helped us to secure an alternate permit for Bearpaw Mdw. (We calculated that this diversion added another 20 miles to the trip.) She also warned us (repeatedly) about the bears in 9 Lake Basin and convinced us to rent a portable bear canister from her. We reconvened at Crescent Mdw and started hiking toward Bearpaw C.G. at 11:20. The trail was quite scenic, but warm due to the south facing slopes it traverses. Streams were plentiful as was shade. We made camp at 17:20.

Day 2 saw us reach 9 Lake Basin in under 7 hours where we set up camp just NW of the lake at 10,400+'. We climbed Mt. Stewart that afternoon (3 hrs r.t.) using the SW sloping ramp noticeable on the 7.5' topo that tops out near the south ridge of Stewart. The gain is about 500' on this ramp.

Matt took off on his own to climb Big Kaweah the next day (06:30) while the rest of us headed for the Big Arroyo and Eisen, Lippincott. We followed R. J.'s guide for Eisen which went well until the leader didn't heed to Al's concern about climbing the wrong headwall and we found ourselves too far south on the south ridge. We lost at least an hour recovering by running the ridge (some easy 4th class in spots) to where the

"diagonal, right ascending traverse to the south ridge" intersects. To avoid confusion the words "located above the small upper tarn" should be added to the following route description: "Go up and left of a water- stained headwall, *located above the small upper tarn*, and make a diagonal, right-ascending traverse to the south ridge of the peak." We summited at 13:00.

We took the correct route down back to Little Five Lakes contouring at 10,400' to the basin SE of Lippincott. Following the East Ridge from 11,600' found us in 3rd and some 4th class especially as we approached the summit. The SE slope is a better class 2 route. We only stayed a few minutes on the summit as by now it was 18:30 and we still had to get back to 9 Lake Basin. We passed by the lake at 10,295', made the trail by dark and camp at 22:15. So far no bears.

Matt describes his day as follows: *On Sunday morning, I hiked down the Big Arroyo to climb Big Kaweah. After the junction near the cabin, I went up the High Sierra Trail to the highest point of the trail south of BK, near a dry pond. From there, the peak is clearly visible. The seemingly interminable talus slopes were climbed in a little less than three hours from the trail. After spending 1.5 hours on the summit, looking at the Sierra Crest with Mt. Whitney, Mt. Williamson, the Palisades and even Mt. Ritter on the horizon, I decided that I had not climbed enough talus for the day, and so I dropped down nearly 1000' along the west side of the ridge connecting BK with Second Kaweah, and then scrambled up nearly 1000' to the summit. The register on 2ndK turned out to be a rusty can, with a business card from a Santa Fe employee named E. C. Pierre who climbed the peak in 1924. A notebook had been placed by Carl Heller*

in 1961; about 45 people have visited the summit since then, often on traverses from Bilko Pinnacle. I was back to 9 Lake Basin camp by 18:30. By the time the rest of the group was back from Lippincott and Eisen I was already asleep, dreaming of large quantities of meat, cold beers, etc.

The fourth day R. J. left us to climb Black Kaweah. Ugh-another trip to the Big Arroyo. Matt rejoined the leaders to climb Lion Rock. By now we pretty much decided that the extra 20 miles was going to impact our goals and it was apparent that Triple Divide was going to be the sacrifice. R. J. and I didn't need it, Al also needed Glacier Ridge and Matt needed everything in Cloud Canyon so it was an easy decision. We had a leisurely start at 09:45 and headed for the west Lion Rock Pass. We entered the NE Chute and not finding a Class 3 exit we kept following the chute until its end at 12,200'. Al scouted ahead and found an entrance into the broad slope near the summit described in the *South-Southwest Slope* route. The following changes to the *Northeast Chute* route in R. J.'s book describes our course: *Enter the NE chute and continue up the class 2 until it tops out (this is the same elevation as the saddle between the two peaks of Lion Rock, noticeable to the SE). Contour around to the right, traversing a rib, and enter the broad SSW slope. Climb up the Class 2 slabs until the S ridge is attained*

and an easy up to the summit. We summited at 13:15 and were back to camp by 16:00 (with an hour on the summit). Still no bears.

The last morning in 9 Lake Basin we packed up and dropped our backpacks near Kaweah Gap while we climbed Eagle Scout. Eagle Scout was a fitting peak for our last one of the trip as it has one of the most impressive views of all the peaks in the Big Arroyo. We spent over an hour on the summit before descending and reclaiming our packs for the afternoon hike back to Bearpaw Mdw. The cameras came out again as we passed by Precipice Lake, one of the most beautiful lakes in the Sierra. This section of the High Sierra Trail is also quite impressive. it was evident that a lot of work and dynamite went into constructing the trail some 60 years ago. That afternoon we made camp at Bearpaw and this time we actually saw a bear wandering around the unattended campsites. With the food in the plentiful bear boxes we had no problems that night.

We got an early start the next morning. Being first on the trail I saw plenty of bear tracks along the trail almost all the way to Crescent Mdw. We all made it back to the cars by noon. We had great weather, minimal mosquitoes (none at 9 Lake Basin), and a great congenial group of intrepid climbers.

## NORTHWESTERN YOSEMITE PEAKS - SPS INTRODUCTORY TRIP

Sept. 2-5, 1994

Leaders: Gordon MacLeod Erick Schumacher

Eleven participants met at the Buckeye Pass trailhead on Friday morning on a cool, windy and partly cloudy day. There is a choice of following a newer, shorter trail on the south side of Buckeye Creek, which involves a stream crossing, or using the older trail on the north side which is longer and sometimes obscure but has the advantage of crossing the creek on a bridge near the trailhead parking area. The latter was chosen, and after 9 miles

camp was set up in late afternoon at about 9600' on the east side of the pass at the head of the north fork of Buckeye Creek. Abundant firewood provided welcome campfires for the evening and the following morning, when 1/3' of ice was found on water containers.

Sat. we backpacked over "North Fork" pass and down to a campsite at 9100', from which, in mid-morning, 10 departed for the climb of Tower Peak. After ascending and descending a low

ridge (involving a 200' gain and loss), we climbed up grassy slopes, huge talus blocks, snowfields and finally the Class 3 ledges to the summit, reached by all. Return to camp was accomplished about an hour before dark. The evening campfire was welcomed for both its warmth and light!

On Sunday, 9 trudged back uphill to "North Fork" pass For the climbs of Hawksbeak Pk. (by 9) and Ehrenbeck Pk. (by 7) on an especially beautiful Sierra day. This involved a drop to about 10'000 feet between the two peaks and a climb over a 10,500' pass at the head of Thompson Canyon on the return to "North Fork" pass. Two participants were disappointed to learn that these peaks were not on the SPS list! Return to camp was accomplished in good time, and a social evening around the campfire

was enjoyed by all.

On Monday 8 participants elected to backpack the 11 miles directly out to the cars for the drive home. Three--Gordon, Barbara Lilley and Bill Sanders (all retirees)--climbed Grouse Mountain en route. Buckeye Hot Springs provided a welcome relief for tired muscles and sore feet for those who selected that option.

Although this was an Introductory trip, only two participants were on their first SPS trip and all were strong, experienced peak: climbers, including 4 SPS list Finishers! Participants (in addition to the leaders and those previously mentioned) were John Neff, Cindi and Mike Runyan, Ellen Lady, Patty Kline, Dave Buchanan and Rick Jali. (No-shows without any explanation were John Alvord and Peter Zurla.)

## KOIP AND GIBBS - A LEISURE TRIP

September 15-18,  
Bob and Anne Wright

We found the register on Koip wrapped in a Russian doll puzzle of plastic bags. After peeling away four or five we signed in and sat in the sun, eating our lunch, reading earlier entries. An SPS's mountain symbol with the number (105) inside caught my eye. It was from the previous month. "Climbed Koip from Tuolumne meadows - reached the summit at noon - plan to get Gibbs on the way out."

Bob and I started our four day backpack on Thursday September 15, from Dana meadows. After picking up a back-country permit at the ranger's kiosk and learning that there had been no bear sightings in the Mono Pass area, we drove back up the rode to the Dana meadows parking area and were on the trail, fully loaded, at 9:30. A road dissipates after a few dozen feet into a good trail that circles under the Dana / Gibbs ridge on the left. It had snowed at the higher elevations two days prior, and the air was crisp with the first hint of fall. We continued left at the Spillway Lake junction to Mono Pass - 4.75 miles.

The climb was gentle and inspired us take notes for a winter backcountry ski. We reached Summit Lake in time for an early lunch and enjoyed exploring the Clark mining area where there are three well preserved pioneer cabins. We had originally thought this would be our first camp, but decided to continue on to get a head start on Koip. From Summit Lake we walked westward cross country until we picked up the Parker Pass trailhead, which branches off from the Mono Pass trail which drops down into Bloody Canyon and the Sardine Lakes.

The Parker Pass trail climbs into a bare Alpine environment with interesting formations of red and gold "country rock" shaped and sculpted by glaciers ten million years ago. At the second of a chain of small turquoise lakes, we set up camp behind the shelter of a rock outcropping. Twelve hundred ft. above us to the south rose a formidable ice field and the barren Koip ridge.

We were fortunate to have hit a window in a pattern of thunder showers.

Good thing because the long zigzagging switch backs of the trail were already covered with snow. Koip pass, one of the Sierra's highest is seldom open before August.

The going was slow and our packs were heavy, but there was a reward -- great food. We enjoyed a sumptuous meal that included a real orange for dessert and watch our neighbors -- two water ouzels -- that I flushed from under a ledge at the lakeshore when I went for water. They must have been unhappy with our intrusion but they serenaded us, none the less, with their song.

In the morning we were rested and eager to attempt the pass, though Bob thought the steep terrain and snow might turn us back - we were without ice axes. It was a miracle; someone (Bigfoot) had come down the trail very recently and his footprints melted into firm steps. The trail turned out to be clear and very safe and we were at the saddle in an hour. From the saddle we headed to the bergschrund so that we could look inside. This took us a little off the usual route which is better further across the pass -- some Sierra scree, but a good climb. Koip, at 12,962 ft., looks out over Mono Lake to the East, the Kuna Crest to the West, Alger Lakes to the South, and the granite peaks of Yosemite where we came from. This was a five hour day, we stayed at the same camp and celebrated

our anniversary.

On Saturday morning we broke camp and retraced our route back to the Summit Lake campsite that we had scouted on the way in. We set up camp and started out for Gibbs with a day pack. From the Mono Pass sign we immediately began climbing and traversing north toward where the mountain scree meets grass and trees. Higher up we were committed to scree. Bob persevered at the same angle, but I was sick of slipping and sliding so took a horizontal line to the north saddle where I found a firmer use-trail. The summit is an easy 12,773 ft. but it still turned out to be another five hours up and back. We finished off the beans and rice and fresh vegetables -- no pounds lost on this trip -- and settled back to watch the glowing ring of sunset back light the surrounding peaks. Everything else was darkening clouds.

We were back at our car Sunday morning at 10:00 am in plenty of time to buy an "L.A. Times" and end our leisure trip with lunch at Berger's in Mammoth Lakes. It was raining.

One caution: I found a dead deer mouse at the Summit Lake camp. The Lee Vining ranger said, "Those little guys are everywhere." Yes, but dead ones? "Well, they are testing the deer mice in Bloody Canyon for hantavirus". We will keep you posted; one mouse an epidemic does not make.

### Smith Mtn. (9515'), Sirretta Pk. (9977')

Sept. 17-18, 1994

Scheduled SPS Trip

Jerry and Nancy Keating

After a fruitless half-hour wait at Troy Meadows Campground for three no-shows, the four climbers present opted to climb Smith Mtn. first, then exit the Kern Plateau via Lake Isabella after climbing Sirretta Pk.

Smith was climbed uneventfully in the morning from the normal north ridge approach, and a new booklet was placed in the register cylinder. Sirretta, however, was climbed that afternoon from an unconventional route that

should suit those not wanting to start at Big Meadow. The Sirretta route description follows:

Turn off the Sherman Pass road less than a mile west of the pass, and drive south 2.9 miles on the paved Mosquito Meadow road to its cul-de-sac (8920'), a fire safe area where camping is allowed for persons with campfire permits. Continue south on trail for about 0.8 mile to just before a saddle (9390'). Turn east and proceed up the open slope, passing



to the west of Point 9860 before dropping to a open saddle beyond (9600'). From there, seek open areas high on the long ridge leading to Sirretta Peak, passing to the immediate west of Point 9978 before walking along the broad summit plateau to its far south outcrop, which is the designated summit. A three-foot cairn

stands atop the designated summit. The round-trip distance is about 7-8 miles.

The trip left Peter Zurla of Marina del Rey with only one summit climb remaining to qualify for SPS membership. Soheil Zohary, meanwhile, satisfied one of his remaining WTC requirements.

## CLOUDRIPPER PEAK

September 24-25, 1994

by Patty Kline

With the rain and snow at higher elevations on Friday, I wondered if the peak would be a go. It cleared on Saturday giving us a cool crisp day with no dust on the trail. Jim Raiford, my assistant developed leg trouble a couple of miles into the trip and had to turn back. I appointed the very capable Joanne Andrew to assist me.

The group met at 7:30 am at Glacier Lodge. We were finally under way at 8:15 am due to late arrivals and car parking arrangements. Of the 11 participants, 7 were 1994 WTC students. 3 were from Barbara Cohen's WTC Group. Way to go Barbara. She really promotes our section.

We backpacked via the North Fork of Big Pine Creek 8 miles and 3300' of gain to Sixth Lake. We stopped on the way to see the beautiful stone cabin built by Actor Lon Chaney at Cienage Mirth. This cabin was built in the 1920's and has been spared in the wilderness as an historic site.

Our camp was at the south end of Sixth Lake among the trees. The meadows were turning a pretty yellow-green. Mt. Robinson and Two Eagle Peak towered above us with a fresh covering of snow. By 4:00 pm our community happy hour was under way. The munchies served were so nice, dinner became an after thought. John Alford brought salsa burritos. Peter Petzold had some great French Brandy. Originally this was to be for the pre-celebration of my Senior Emblem on Clouddripper the following day. It was instead the post celebration of my Senior Emblem on

Table Mountain on August 3rd.

The next morning when we left at 7:30 am the weather was perfectly clear with no wind, therefore making it easy to do the peak. We encountered patches of light snow on the north side of the peak at 13,000'. Lunch was on top with majestic views south of the Palisade Glacier with Sill, North Palisade and Thunder Bolt. The new dusting of snow made them look like part of a winter scene. Our class 2 route was very straight forward. From the Sixth Lake go around the south shore (north shore is talus like) up to the Seventh Lake, crossing over to the north shore at the Seventh Lake. Ascend the saddle north and very slightly west of Seventh Lake to the east ridge of Clouddripper. We headed west on the ridge, going slightly below the ridge line on the north side of the ridge in easy class 2 terrain. We left the ridge as it turned SW in a flat area just north of the peak. After crossing the flat area we turned south to the summit ( the second bump). It was 2500' of gain from camp and 3 miles round trip. Lunch was eaten on the 13,501' summit. The third class at the top was extremely easy third class, only 2 moves. We got back to camp at 3:15 pm to pack, leaving at 4:00 pm. The aspen trees on the way down were orange and yellow. This is the type of fall color you hope to see each year, but usually don't. We got to the cars at 7:30 pm.

This was a great "Intro Trip". Thank you very much to Joanne Andrew for being my assistant. Everyone had a good time. 3 WTC students got signed off for

their final graduation requirements. 7 people did the peak. The participants were: Suzanne Williams, Bill Lawrence,

Sarah Brink, John Alford, Ray Soucy, Peter Petzold, Derrick Petzold, Elizabeth Lanski and Margaret Hom.

## The Real Weldon Peak

10-30-94

by Bob Sumner

Erik Siering and I visited Weldon Peak not so much with the idea of "bagging" a peak as climbing to the true summit. I had signed in on Weldon once before but not climbed to the very top; the slippery lichen-encrusted rock deemed this unwise.

But now we had rope and rack and were determined to experience the real Weldon Peak. Upon reaching the register, we discovered that the last person to have signed in was Vi Grasso. She had hiked the peak in September with Duane McRuer and Bob Hicks; it must have been one of her last HPS ascents before she perished on Ken Point.

The route we chose begins near the HPS register; a 20-foot steeply slanting slab leads to the top. A diagonal crack runs across this south-facing rock and eagerly accepts small stoppers, two of which I placed on lead. The rock is solid but is truly lichen-laden thus requiring delicate finger and foot placements. The lichen is also dry and sharp; we both wore gloves to climb it. Abundant cracks at the base make for easy anchor setup.

Fortunately, the top has a crack which allowed a large runner to be slung over it for a belay/rappel anchor. The crack also accepts #2 and #3 camalots for backup. Once the anchor was set, Erik followed and cleaned the pitch. He then elected to downclimb (on belay) the northeast side of the summit block which is mostly lichen-class 3. I rappled off after Erik was down, but the rope was uncooperative and got stuck in a crack after we pulled it. With a knee stand from Erik, I was able to surmount a squeeze chimney and scramble up to retrieve the rope.

Another route seemed tempting but is probably unwise. The adjacent (and slightly lower) summit block appears to be lichen-class 3 on its eastern margin. However, one would still have to jump over to the main summit block. Not recommended.

Both blocks appear to have several feasible 5th class routes. We rated our route on the south side of the main block at 5.0. In remembrance of our friend, we have named it *Short And Sweet Just Like Vi*.

From the Editor

## Background Noise:

Winter is upon us. For all the joy this season brings to the mountain traveler, there is one drawback (besides the cold) - less daylight. Included in the ECHO is a Flashlight and Headlamp comparison guide, provided by R. J. Secor, to help in the selection of an alternative light source.

**NEEDED:** Someone to continue the TIDBITS column. Bob Sumner, who has been a great source of articles and information, can no longer continue with this effort and is hoping someone will take over the column.

A big **THANK YOU** to all those who have sent in articles and trip write-ups. Without your input the ECHO wouldn't be possible. And a special *Thank You* to the people who have sent their contributions on disks. It really make my job easier.

Next year is the 40th anniversary of the SPS and there will be some special features starting in the next ECHO to commemorate this event.

The past two years as ECHO editor have been very rewarding. I'm really looking forward to next year and hope to keep improving the quality of our newsletter.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. -- Wayne

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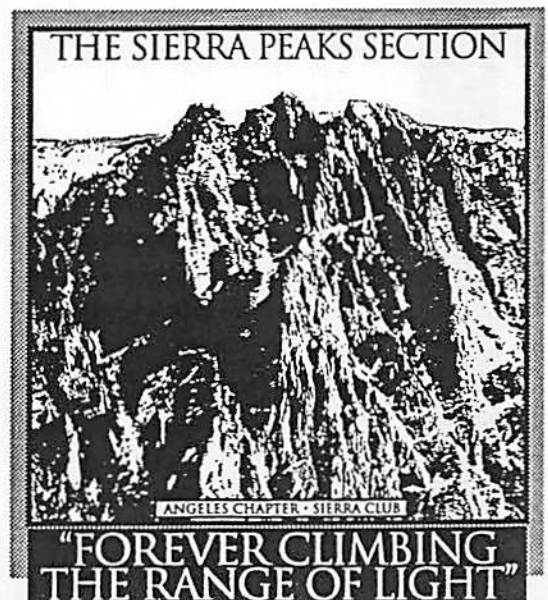
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