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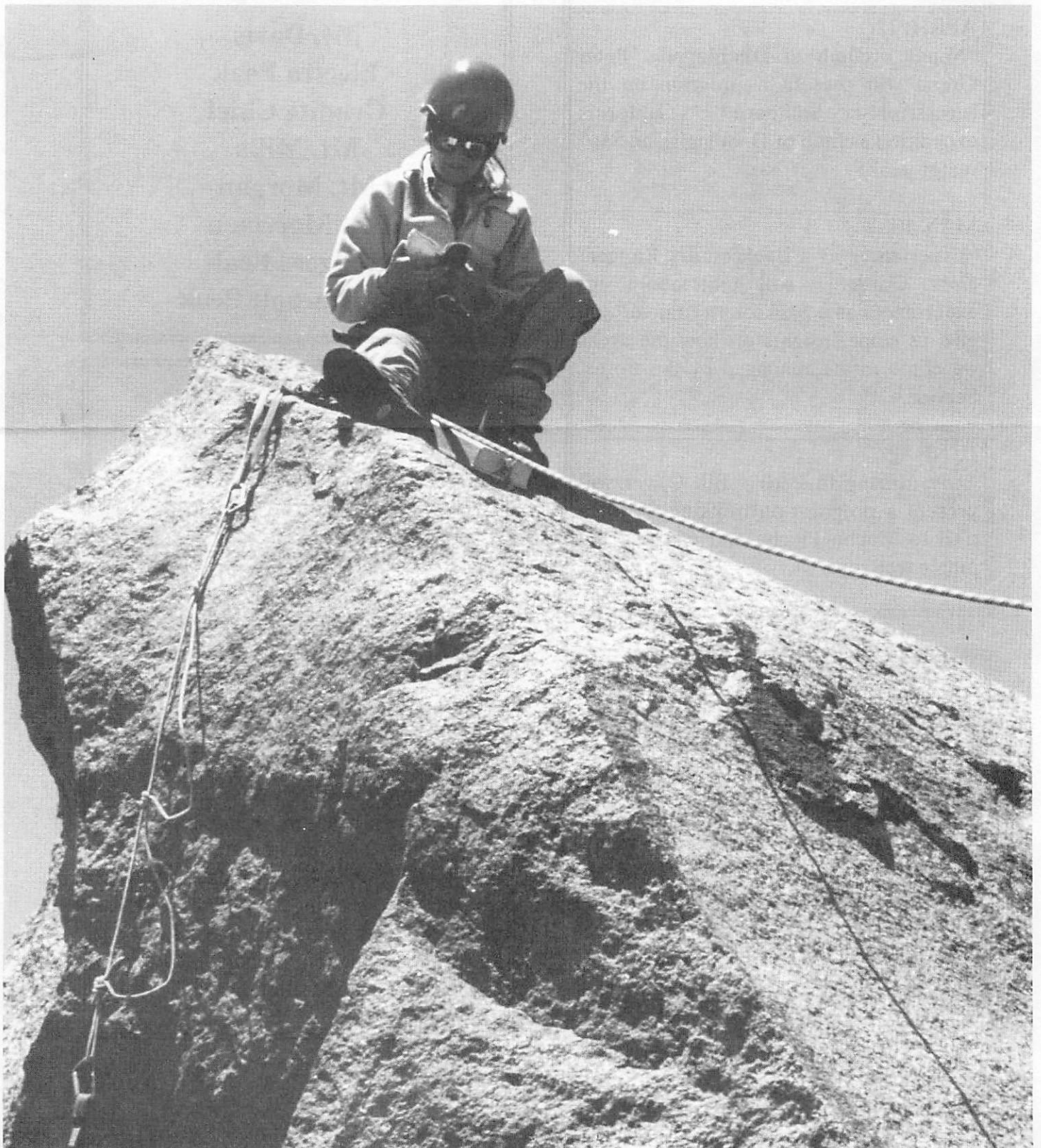
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SPS MONTHLY PROGRAMS

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.

APRIL 12

"Nepal - climb of Dhaulagiri" Peter Green will present a program on the successful Southern California expedition's climb of Dhaulagiri, an 8167 meter peak.

MAY 10

"Experiences as a Backcountry Ranger" Gary Guenther will talk about his experiences as a backcountry ranger and give us some insights on how the areas we climb in are managed by the Forest Service.

JUNE 12

"Adventuring in Peru" Bill Oliver will present a program on trekking the Inca trail to Machu Picchu and trekking the jungle tree tops.

YOSEMITE PERMIT UPDATE

In the last Echo Issue our Editor noted that Yosemite National Park now charges \$3.00 per person advance reservation fee through the mail with checks made out to the "Yosemite Association." Also of note is this new piece of news. There is a new address for mailing your permits to. Mail your permits to Wilderness Center, P.O. Box 545, Yosemite, CA 95389.
Patty Kline

**EARLY DEADLINE FOR MAY-
JUNE ECHO!!!**
**THE DEADLINE FOR THE MAY-
JUNE ECHO IS APRIL 29.**

PEAK INDEX

**Mt. Davis
Electra Peak
Granite Chief
Mt. Mills
Mt. Morgan
Mt. Morrison
Rodgers Peak
Thunderbolt Peak**

COVER PHOTO

**Patty Kline on top of
Thunderbolt Peak**

Photo supplied by Patty Kline

SPS T-SHIRTS

Don't miss out on ordering one of our great SPS T-Shirts. They come in 3 colors: Ash, Yellow and Fuchsia. They come in 3 sizes: Medium, Large and Extra Large. The design, beautifully done by Wynne Benti-Zdon, features North Palisade on the front and the SPS List on the back. Buy them for \$12 at an SPS meeting from Patty Kline, or order them through the mail, specifying color and size. Add \$2 for shipping, making a total of \$14 for mail order. Make a check payable to the Sierra Peaks Section. Send your order to Patty Kline, 20362 Callon Drive, Topanga Canyon, CA 90290.

ECHOES FROM THE CHAIR

As your membership chair I am the person who inputs all these new names into the SPS members database. Since my report for the last ECHO I already have 15 new subscribers, 4 reinstatements, and one new active member. That is an increase in membership of 6%. On the same report I also have added 49 more members who are current for 1995 as Sustaining Members. I think that it is clear that not only is our membership growing but also that many of us are chipping in that extra few dollars when we send in our dues. From my perspective the SPS is not only alive and well, it's growing in numbers with an active and committed membership.

Your Management Committee has been speaking with the Management Committees of both the DPS and the HPS on issues that the climbing sections have in common. The HPS has just made Harry Freimanis their Outreach Chair. Harry is now officially coordinating outreach for all three climbing sections. With the Angeles Chapter Schedule no longer being sent out for free, outreach has become much more important to the Sections. Another issue we have been discussing is the Permanent Archives of the Climbing Sections. With the help of Bill T. Russell and Charlie Knapke I have been looking into how to make them a secure and meaningful reality. We would appreciate any ideas and help you can give us.

Another example of the vitality of the Section is the interest that Duane McRuer's and Doug Mantle's Rock and Snow checkouts for the Mountaineers List have spawned. Many of you will be at Mt. Rubidoux on March 25th for the Rock and at Meysan Lake on April 22-23 for the Snow.

Thanks are due to Ron Jones and Bill Oliver who are helping us celebrate our 40th Anniversary Year with two trips. The first is a re-creation of a climb of Deer Mountain on April 22-23 which was the first SPS trip ever that appeared in the Angeles Chapter Schedule. The second is trek on the Theodore Solomons Trail from July 22nd through the 29th with climbs of peaks along the way.

Among the many and varied climbs and activities on this season's full schedule R. J. Secor and Fred Camphausen will again be putting together trail maintenance parties to work on the Shepards Pass Trail on May 20-21 and July 7-12. Harry Freimanis and Rob Talbert are conducting an advanced Navigation Noodle on May 21st sponsored jointly by the SPS and WTC.

Wayne Norman is planning for the November/December issue of the ECHO to be the 40th Anniversary issue so please help him out with articles, pictures, or whatever else you may have to share with the Section. Barbee Tiball is already making plans for the banquet so any relevant ideas, information or memorabilia should be sent to her.

Climb on.

Dan Richter 3/10/95

1995 SPS Outings Schedule

	Date	Rating	Trip	Leaders
	April			
R	8-9	M	Olancha Peak	Barbee Tidball, Bill Oliver
	22-23	I	Deer Mtn - SPS 40th Anniversary	Ron Jones, Bill Oliver
R	22-23	M,E	Snow Check-Out for Mountaineers List	Doug Mantle, Duane McRuer
	29	I	Homers Nose	Erik Siering, Asher Waxman
R	29-30	M	Dragon Peak	David Underwood, Harry Freimanis
	May			
R	13-14	M	Mt. Bradley	Barbara Cohen, Dave Dykeman
	21	I	SPS-LTC Adv. Navigation Noodle	Harry Freimanis, Bob Talbert
R	20-21	M	Mt. Mallory, Mt. Irvine	Dan Richter, Asher Waxman
	20-21	I	Trail Maintenance, Shepherd Pass	Fred Camphausen, RJ Secor
R	27-29	M	Merced Pk, Red Pk, Gray Pk.	Larry Tidball, Scot Jamison
	June			
R	3-4	M	Birch Mtn., The Thumb	Ron Jones, Maris Valkass
	3-4	I	Moses Mtn., N. Maggie Mtn.	Dan Richter, Erik Siering
	17-18	I	Florence Pk., Vandever Mtn.	Evelyn Reher, Ron Jones
R	17-18	M	Perkins, Colosseum	Barbee Tidball, Greg Roach
	24-25	I	Olancha Peak	Patty Kline, Julie Rush
	July			
R	1-9	M	Milestone Basin Peakout	Igor Mamedalin, Ron Jones
	7-12	I	Trail Maintenance, Shepherd Pass	Fred Camphausen, RJ Secor
	8-9	I	Striped, Goodale	Tom Sexton, Sigrid Hutto
R	15-16	E	* Mt. Whitney	Rich Gnagy, Greg Roach
R	15-16	M	Banner, Ritter	Dan Richter, Asher Waxman
	21-23	M	State & Goat	Barbee Tidball, Barbara Cohen
	22-23	M	Johnson, Gilbert	Beth Epstein, Herb Fiala
	22-29	I	* Theodore Solomons Trail	Ron Jones, Bill Oliver
	22-30	M	S. Guard, Brewer, N. Guard, Bago Deerhorn, W. Vidette, & Rixford	Dave Dykeman, Nancy Gordon
	29-30	I	Split, Prater, Tinemaha	Dan Richter, Erik Siering
	August			
	5-6	I	Merriam, Royce	Tom Sexton, Sigrid Hutto
R	12-13	E	Mt. Starr King	Maris Valkass, Igor Mamedalin
	12-13	M	Stanford, Morgan	Sigrid Hutto, Beth Epstein
	12-13	M	Mt. Gayley	Rob Talbert, Tony Pond
	12-17	M	Pyramid, Arrow, Striped, Goodale Cardinal, Ruskin, Marion	Dave Dykeman, Nancy Gordon
R	19-20	M	Dragon Peak, Kearsarge Peak	Barbee Tidball, Scot Jamison
	26-27	I	Iron Mtn.	Beth Epstein, Sigrid Hutto
	September			
	2-4	M	Tehipite Dome, Spanish Mtn.	Igor Mamedalin, Maris Valkass
	2-5	I	Piute, Volunteer, Pettit	Al Conrad, Bob Wyka
	8-10	I	Hale, Young, Picket Guard	Ron Hudson, T.B.A.

9-10	I	The Thumb	Joanne Andrew, Patty Kline
9-10	I	Sawtooth, Sirretta	N & J Keating, Wait Whisman
9-10	O	** Alta Peak	Michael Lorr, Dave Dykeman
9-10	M	Mt. Mills, Mt. Dade	Charlie Knapke, Barbara Cohen
16	I	Warren	Larry Tidball, Barbee Tidball
16-19	I	Iron Mtn Backpack	Gordon Macleod, Dave Underwood
16-17	M	Mt. Eisen	Dave Dykeman, Nancy Gordon
R 17	M	Cathedral Peak	Larry Tidball, Barbee Tidball
R 22-24	M	Mt. Lyell, Mt. McClure	Ali Aminian, Henry Arnebold
23-24	I	Mt. Morgan #2	Charlie Knapke, John Cheslick
23-24	I	Royce, Merriam	Patty Kline, Ron Hudson
23-24	I	Cloud's Rest, Mt. Dana	Mary McMannes, Bob Hartunian
23-24	I	Sawtooth Pk, Needham Mtn.	Jim Adler, Kathy Wood Price
23-24	I	Mt. Tom	Scot Jamison, Barbee Tidball
30-Oct 1	I	* Alta Peak, Mt. Silliman	Rich Gnagy, Greg Roach
30-Oct 1	I	Goat, State, and Marion	Al Conrad, Ali Aminian
30-Oct 1	I	Mt. Tyndall	Dave Endres, Randy Danta
30-Oct 1	I	Mt. Baldwin	Beth Epstein, Nick Moore

October

14-15	I	Sawtooth, Needham, Vandever	Evelyn Reher, Ron Jones
14-15	I	Sawtooth, Lamont	Asher Waxman, Rudi Beuermann
14-15	I	Koip, and more	Doug Mantle, Duane McRuer
21-22	I	Moses Mtn., N Maggie Mtn.	Tina Stough, Doug Mantle

R Denotes Restricted Outings: Open to Sierra Club Members Only. For Climbing Qualifications required and additional Insurance Provisions, contact the leader.

** = List Finish

* = SPS 40th Anniversary

New Peak Guide

New! The *NORTHERN SIERRA PEAKS GUIDE* by Pete Yamagata covers 71 peaks and 103 routes (with 16 SPS-listed peaks included). The peak guide gives driving and climbing directions along with round trips stats to 71 covered peaks. The guide has notes for winter ski ascents, a nice touch, and also includes a 'Notes' section which gives added information concerning the peaks. The *NORTHERN SIERRA PEAKS GUIDE* does not have topo maps. This was done to keep cost down and because many of the topos are out of date. All in all, the *NORTHERN SIERRA PEAKS GUIDE* is a good addition to the SPS members library. To order, send a check for \$10.00 with Sierra Club Number, or \$11.00 without, payable to Toiyabe Chapter, Sierra Club, Attn: George Churchill, Treasurer, P.O. Box 8096, Reno, NV 89507. All proceeds to benefit Nevada wilderness and conservation purposes

Treasurer's Note

A big thanks to everyone who renewed their Echo Subscription at the Sustaining Level. So many more of you have done that this year. Besides getting your Echo first class instead of third class, it helps the Section. As you know, we have had our insurance back for a year, and now do snow and rock climbs as SPS trips. It is a great feeling to have climbing back. It does take more funding though because insurance doesn't come easily these days. If you haven't already renewed, consider doing it at the Sustaining Level.

Patty Kline - SPS Treasurer

SPS Membership Report *by Dan Richter 3/10/95*

New Member.....Welcome!

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Sustaining Members for 1995 Thank you!

Patty Kline, Owen Maloy, Steven Echert, Tom Randel, Mark Day, Rich Gnagy, Joseph Goss, Bill Gray and Keats Hayden, John Oakden, David Jensen, Jim Fujimoto, John Dodds, Bond R. Shands Jr., Scott Sullivan, Kathy Price and Jim Adler, Natilie Smith, Bruce Rorty, Duane McRuer, Chalie Knapke, Barry W. Holchen, Pat Christie, Bill Lawrence, Dave Endres, Pat Russell, Ken Olson, Don W. Holmes, Bill Sampson, Gordon MacLeod, David Hammond, Robert Patten, Vickie Hoover, Rick Jali, Igor and Suzanne Mamadalin, Henry Arnebold, Joe Andrews, Herb Bueler, Sigrid Hutto, Tom Sexton, Theresia Glover, Pete Yamagata, Chris Yager, Mark Frolli, Return Moore, Harry Freimanis, David Underwood, Melinda Bird.

SPS Management Committee Minutes

January 11, 1995

The meeting convened at 6:35 P.M. Attendees: Dan Richter, Barbee Tidball, Patty Kline, Wayne Norman, Larry Tidball, Duane McRuer, Tina Stough, Annie Kramer, Dave Underwood, Greg Roach, and Mirna Roach

Old Business:

Secretary's Report: The minutes of December 14, 1994, were reviewed, corrected, and approved by the Management Committee.

Treasurer's Report: Patty gave the treasurer's report. The checking account has \$307.05 as of 1/9/95. The Management Committee agreed to review the budget further on our next meeting when Patty will submit a comparison summary of previous years SPS budget.

SPS Safety Committee Co-Chair: Duane McRuer presented to the Management Committee the SPS Safety Committee Issues for the Forthcoming Checkouts. The following topics were discussed:

1. **The arrangements details**
 - a. Announcement
 - b. Notification to instructors/evaluators in writing
 - c. Approvals from SPS Management Committee, Outings Review Committee, Chapter Review Committee
 - d. Arrangements with Randy Danta, LTC Chairman, to use LTC equipment.
2. **Checkout Seminars**
 - a. Detailed summary of items to be checked in the field.
 - b. Refreshers, e.g., tie-ins, set-ups of belays' stations, getting into rappel, rigs, etc.
3. **Forms needed**
 - a. Official waiver forms
 - b. Mountaineer's list
 - c. Applications
4. **Insurance coverage**
 - a. The leaders are covered to the tune of \$11.50 each. SPS Management Committee will defray this.
 - b. Participants will have to provide checks for \$10.00 each.
5. **Publicity needed**
 - a. More announcement in the Schedule.
 - b. Word out to the people who need the checkout for "M" level.
 - c. Notified other leaders who need signoffs.

Duane also presented to the Management Committee the SPS Mountaineer's List for snow and rock checkouts. This is a guideline to the SPS Qualified Safety Instructor for restricted trips. The participants must be Sierra Club members, must sign a liability release form, will need to provide the \$10 supplementary insurance fee, will be asked to supply an experience resume appropriate to the checkout. The leaders have to be approved by the Chapter Outings Review Committee and subsequently by the National Mountaineering Oversight Committee.

The Management Committee approved to pay the insurance for the examiners. Since the budget is to be reviewed further, the Management Committee postponed voting as to whether or not the Section will continue to pay for the insurance for leaders of restricted trips.

Other Issues: The deadline for grand-fathering leaders to the Mountaineer's List has expired.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

General Meeting Summary

Barbee read the minutes and Dan presented the new Management Members. Patty reported the treasurer's status and Greg gave the outings report. Barbee presented the speaker for the evening after a 10 minute break. Joe Fontaine is a member of the PIT (Public Involvement Team) for the Parks and Forest Service. He represents the backpackers' group. He talked about the Sierra Wilderness Management Guidelines for the John Muir, Ansel Adams, Dinky Lakes and the Monarch Wilderness areas. The Forest Service has written a draft as to how to manage these areas. These areas have been categorized as four different opportunity classes (a-d) from the most pristine to the least pristine areas. He also mentioned that some of these areas are being used for scientific research studies (e.g., acid rain), recreational stock (whether to let horses, llamas or any other stock in the pristine areas), administrative uses, trails (management), watersheds (sensor devices), and fish and wild life preservation.

He presented maps of these areas with markings of the four opportunity classes.

The general meeting concluded at 9:30 P.M.

Note of Interest

The four opportunity classes are broken down in the following order:*

1. **Opportunity Class A**
Most pristine, no resource impact
No trail, no signs, but stock not prohibited and grazing allotments granted
Little evidence of past visitation
Example: Tinemaha Creek
2. **Opportunity Class B**
Pristine, minimum resource impact
Trails, but managed for light use, not suitable for stock
Trails signs, but with minimum information
Permanent improvements in emergency cases (resource protection)
Example: Sawmill Pass Trail corridor
3. **Opportunity Class C**
Less pristine, moderate resource damage
Evidence of past visitation apparent
Groups may reach patrols and contacts
Trails managed for moderate use, including stock
Example: Taboose Pass Trail corridor
4. **Opportunity Class D**
Least pristine, characterized by a modified natural environment
Heavy use, impact persist from year to year, but not irreversible
Low opportunity for solitude
Trails managed for high level of use
Permanent improvements and temporary structures permitted where necessary
Example: Kearsarge Pass Trail corridor

*Thanks to Jon Inskeep for letting me use his notes from the CMC meeting (1/18/95).

SPS Management Committee Minutes

February 8, 1995

The meeting convened at 6:35 P.M. Attendees: Dan Richter, Barbee Tidball, Patty Kline, Wayne Norman, Greg Roach, Ann Kramer, Tina Stough, and Mirna Roach

Old Business

Secretary's Report: The minutes of January 11, 1995, were reviewed, corrected, and approved by the committee.

Treasurer's Report: Patty reported that the expenses for January were down. The treasurer reported \$301.60 in the savings account and \$4,582.83 in the checking account.

There is a brighter side to the budget for '95. A. An anticipated increase of members. B. It was announced that the speaker for the banquet will be speaking at no charge.

Leaders' Insurance on Restricted Trips: The SPS budget has certain financial constraints; therefore, the committee moved and approved to put a cap of \$500.00 to pay for leaders' insurance on restricted trips. There are 8 restricted trips scheduled for the present Schedule and the committee realized that \$500.00 is not sufficient to cover leaders for the whole year, so the committee decided to make it optional for leaders to pay for their own insurance. On the other hand, if the budget situation improves, the committee will periodically review this policy and make some adjustments.

Council Report: Starting with Schedule #269, the Schedule of Activities will be distributed on a Subscription basis: \$9.00 for three issues. There will be a reduction of the Southern Sierran to 10 or fewer issues a year. The reason for these changes is due to the Angeles Chapter's financial shortfall.

Outreach Coordinator: Barbee spoke on behalf of Harry Freimanis. Harry would like the committee members to get involve and promote the SPS Section to the WTC students. The following members volunteered: Wayne will go to the Orange County group on 3/14, Greg and Mirna will go to the San Gabriel Valley group on 3/21, and Barbee and Tina will go to the Long Beach group on 3/29.

New Business

Dan presented to the committee a letter called "Innovative Solutions Questionnaire". The letter requested a list of the section membership for the purpose of marketing their products. No action was taken.

Upcoming Outings Schedule: Greg pointed out that it is time to submit outings for the next schedule (July through October).

Status of 40th Special Events: A great deal of time was spent on the Leaders' Insurance issues that time ran out to discuss the 40th special events.

Miscellaneous: Patty pointed out that there is a low supply of T-shirts and it would be good PR to order more T-shirts with a logo indicating the "40th Anniversary" to be incorporated into the present design. The committee moved and approved to buy 25-35 new T-shirts.

Special Projects Report: Ann Kramer briefly presented a memorandum regarding on "On-Line Capability". It will be reviewed next month.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

General Meeting Summary

The general meeting was conducted by Barbee Tidball and each member of the committee gave their current report. Patty brought refreshments and we had a good turn out since our speaker for this evening was our famous and knowledgeable leader Larry Tidball. He presented slides from the Palisades. He is an expert when it comes to climbing in any kind of terrain and conditions. The general meeting concluded at 9:30 P.M.

Council Report:

Angeles Chapter Meeting, January 23, 1995

It was Black Monday. The severity of the Angeles Chapter's \$100,000 financial shortfall dominate this meeting, and I'm sure reverberations will be long felt.

Jim Schoedler presented the Ex Comm's rationale and explanation for changes i.e. reductions in member services. A fairly thorough breakdown of the Chapter's budget was presented which incorporated most of the cost savings resolutions. Data from a random 93 member phone survey conducted in December polled Southern Sierran and Schedule use. Jim explained its value and importance for Ex Comm's determination to institute the following changes in Angeles Chapter member services:

1. Beginning with Schedule #269 (July thru October), the Schedule of Activities will be distributed on a Subscription basis: \$9 for three issues. There will be a label in Schedule #268 notifying you to send in payment. Its commercial price will remain at \$5.50, but non-Angeles Chapter members subscription will be \$18.
2. The April/May issues of the Southern Sierran will be consolidated bring its publication to 10 (or less ?) issues a year.

The Council members were appreciative of Jim's Schoedler's patient, receptive and sympathetic responses to our barrage of questions and dismay over the actions Ex Comm has initiated to become financially viable again.

Angeles Chapter Meeting, February 27, 1995

Not much to report this meeting. (See notes of January 23rd). Bonnie Sharp attended to here feedback and give rationale to Council entities who

were on the whole very unhappy with Ex Comm's previous actions, especially because its budget measures were enacted without ANY Council feedback. Sharp also intimated that if the monetary outlook improves, member services (i.e. free schedules) will not be a priority in the near future. Submitted by Julie Rush, SPS Council Representative

CONSERVATION TWO LINERS

Landowner's Relief Bill: On Friday, March 3rd. the environment was dealt the first of what could be many blows when the House passed the Landowner's Relief Bill. The bill is specifically designed to pay off landowner's who want to use their private land in a way the is impacted by the Endangered Species Act, Wetland's laws or Federal Water Rights. This entitlement program was passed, with no thought as to how it would be funded, on a 277 to 148 vote. As stands all funds would have to come from the agencies that impose the "restrictions" This would include Fish & Game etc. Write your congressperson to express your anger at passage of the bill that "Pays polluters to pollute"! Then write our Senator's expressing opposition to this takings type legislation. This type of legislation is misleading to the voters, expensive and an example of irresponsible politics.

Bolting Update: The Winter Access Fund newsletter carried an update on bolting in the wilderness...."there's still no word yet whether fixed anchors will be allowed in wilderness areas." The article went on to remind climber's to help save basic climbing freedoms by the following:

1) Don't use a power drill any where near a wilderness area.

2) Write letter's to influential land managers...keep the pressure on. Urge the following people to support climbing policy which allows fixed anchors in wilderness, and manages fixed anchor use so as to preserve wilderness values.

George Frampton, Asst. Secretary of Interior, Dept. of Interior, 1849 C St., NW, Washington DC 20240.

Keith Corrigan, Chief of Resources, BLM, 1849 C St., 204LS, Washington DC 20240-9998.

John Twiss, Wilderness Program Coordinator, US Forest Service, PO Box 96090, Washington DC, 20090-6090.

• **Grazing :** The California Native Plant Society and Sierra National Forest have reached a settlement in the law suit regarding grazing management and violations. Under the terms of the settlement Sierra NF will prepare National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analyses for a grazing Amendment to their Land and resource Plan by 2001. The NEPA process has begun. The NEPA gives users, scientists, conservationists and all interested parties a chance to participate in grazing management.. As a side affect of the settlement similar action is progressing for Tahoe NF and other National Forests. If you are interested in becoming active contact the California Grazing Reform Alliance (CalGRA), Emily Roberson, 510/649-0460.

• **High Sierra Hikers Association has filled suit against Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks:** The suit is due to the fact that the stock limit has been raised from 20 to 25 per party. Proper environmental impact reports were apparently not prepared. Donations are needed to help with legal costs. The lawyers are working pro-bono but do have expenses. Only Yellowstone and Sequoia/Kings have a stock limit as high as 25 for all trails.

• **Yosemite:** Yosemite has begun a wilderness plan revision. Now is the time to request proper Environmental Impact Statements be prepared and to encourage the park to include hikers and climbers in all action groups. Write: Wilderness Office, Yosemite National Park, P.O. Box 577, Yosemite CA 95389.

• **Sierra Nevada Spotted Owl:** Two years of protection for the owl in Sierra old growth areas are coming to and end. The Forest Service will soon release a new draft EIS for the owl. Write the U.S. Forest Service, 630 Sansome St. San Francisco, CA 94111 and the US Forest Service, EIS Team Leader, 2999 Fulton Ave. Sacramento, CA 95821. Urge the agency to provide permanent protection for the remaining Sierra ancient forests; prohibit logging in the last remaining old-growth stands or stream side corridors; halt road building in roadless areas; and retain existing interim guidelines until real scientific protections, not experiments, are developed to manage to remaining wildlands.

• **The War Against the Green: The Wise Use Movement, the New Right, and Anti-Environmental**

Violence, by David Helvarg and publish by Sierra Club Books is now available. The book explores the Wise Use movement in its various incarnations.

• **The Job Creation and Wage Enhancement Act:** Last issue we reported on this far reaching that is part of the Contract with America. With passage of the Landowner's Bill in the House opposition to this form of "takings legislation" is even more important. This act could harm wilderness areas, our national parks, state parks and even your own neighborhoods. "The cost/benefit section of the contract disregards the benefits of living in a clean and healthy environment. It would stop all public health and environmental regulations from being written if their combined costs exceed a certain amount. Consequently, regulating air, land, and water pollution could be weighted against what it would cost business not to pollute. As food for thought - this would probably mean that it is doubtful that the pesticide DDT would never have been regulated against or perhaps chloroforms could become un-regulated.

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

ECHOS FROM THE PAST

by RON JONES

Forty Years Ago in the Angeles Chapter

In the spring and early summer of 1955 there was the beginnings of some talk among Sierra hikers of a separate hiking section, similar to the Desert Peaks Section which began leading trips to climb desert peaks in 1941. More on this in a later installment of this column. The first spring climb I could find listed in the Chapter Schedule (which was then a 90 page booklet covering a 4 month period and was 3-1/4" X 6" in size) was climb sponsored by the Knapsack Committee and led on May 14-15 by Frank Sanborn and Owen Blackburn to Paradise Pk, with Reservations handled by Mary Goebel; Over the Memorial Day weekend Toni Gamero & Howard Hill scheduled Falcon Pk (11,700') and Frank Sanborn with Reuben Schreiner and June Kilbourne (one of the editors of *SUMMIT Magazine*) scheduled a climb of Olancho Pk.

Twenty years Ago

Ret Moore was announced as a new Emblem Holder. Dick Banner of Lancaster became a new member. Scheduled Trips in March included an ice ax practice led by Diana Dee & Jay Wiley, a

snow climb of Mt Goode & a party of 4 led by Roy Keenan & Bob Boyles which aborted at camp Saturday evening because a snow storm came in, Rock Practice at Rubidoux led by Dennis Lantz & Merridee Muell, and a rock seminar at Joshua Tree led by Dick Sykes & Lantz. April trips included another rock practice at Rubidoux led by Lantz & Uncle Tom Rosezweig at Rubidoux and in the end of April a snow climb of Alta on snow shoes led by Jim Murphy & Don Croley. For **SAFETY PURPOSES** IN 1995, I mention here an incident which occurred in early May on a climb of Smith & Crag with 27 participants led by Bill Bradley & John Klinepeter. The party had two ropes for assistance. The crossing of the South Fork of the Kern was about 100 feet wide and each person of the party tied themselves in to a fixed line for the crossing. One participant "tied them selves in" to the rope with a buckled nylon sleeping bag strap. The party stumbled in waist deep water during the crossing, struggled free of his backpack but the thin metal teeth of the sleeping bag strap failed and he was swept down stream until he grabbed a branch near the side where he was dragged to shore. He suffered no lasting ill effects and returned to the cars that afternoon. **LESSON:** Review the proper technique for crossing swift & deep streams and always tie in with a secure line or webbing with a knot.

Ten Years Ago

There were 3 SPS trips scheduled in March/April 1985: A snow camp & peak climb led by Gary Guenther & "Campy" with 7 participants conquered Hunchback Pk & an un-named Pk from out of Parchers Camp; a snow climb of Mt Bradley led by SPS Chair Dave Dykeman & Roy Magnuson; and a climb of Cartago with 9,000 ft of gain & Sawtooth led by Harold McFadden and RJ Secor. Pat Holleman was the new ECHO Editor. Vic Henney was announced as a new Emblem Holder from an earlier climb of Mt Darwin; mark Goebel & Lloyd Brown became new Senior Emblem holders; and Suzanne Thomas (Mamedalin), Lisa Freundlich & Don Borad were new members of the Section.

Five Years Ago in the SPS

There were 2 SPS climbs scheduled this period of 1990: a Sheperd Pass Trail Party with 7 participants led by RJ Secor & Rob Roy McDonald and a joint trip with the Ski Mountaineers led by Bill Oliver & Reiner Stenzel to San Joaquin Pk. The Section struggled with the imposition of restrictions of

technical climbs imposed by the Sierra Club Liability Insurance. The removal or non-removal of peak registers again occupied much space in the March/ April ECHO and Karen Leonard offered a questionnaire on the subject for the members. New SPS members announced included Joy Goebel, Rich Henke, Tom McNicholas & Ang Karma Sherpa.

HAPPY TRAILS, Ron Jones

Resounding *ECHOES*

by Bill Oliver

Golden List ?

This "Letter to the Editor" from Andy Smatko, and accompanying note from Barbara Lilley, appeared in the June-July 1966 *ECHO*.

Over the years, controversy has sprung up now and then regarding the SPS List of Qualifying Peaks. Comments from abolishment to putting on every named Sierra Nevada summit have been voiced. The ultimate outcome of all this wrangling may not be seen for years, and once a decision is made, it could be subject to future rescindment. Nevertheless, ideas from as many members as possible should be voiced, as the culling of various proposals may help in reaching some kind of settlement.

One proposal I have heard, and I wish it were original with me, is that we (the SPS) select the two hundred most outstanding peaks in the Range and these 200 are probably already on the SPS list. The "list" should be set at 200 and if a more worthy peak should happen to be found, then by the vote of the membership or an appropriate committee, one peak will be selected for deletion from the list. ... In order for a peak to qualify as a challenge to a peak on the "golden two hundred", it (the new peak) must be climbed on a scheduled trip and preferably by at least 10 or maybe 15 members, who could therefore render a worthy opinion.

The above is only one suggestion. Maybe the list could be shortened to a "golden one hundred". Emblem peaks could or could not be retained. In selecting the original "golden list", whether it be 100 or 200, difficulty of ascent need not be accorded priority. Beauty of form, relation to surrounding peaks, skyline profile, summit view, dominance of area, beauty of terrain are factors one might have as a guideline....

The above views, I'm sure will be accepted by some, rejected by others, applauded, ridiculed, scoffed at, admired, etc, etc, but I hope this will stimulate others to write their suggestions and proposals. Whether a list will be made, or a selected list, or no list at all is immaterial. What is material is that newcomers, oldcomers, hikers, car campers, young and old be encouraged to come into the Sierra and by seeing, become believers in the beauty of the mountains.

(Typist's note: It seems to me that having a long list of peaks is a harmless practice, and the more peaks on the list the more it will encourage people to visit the areas. How many of us would bother to visit, and thus appreciate what it does have to offer, the far northern Sierra unless we were "inspired" by the SPS list? Then, if a conservation issue arises concerning some of these remote or far away areas, we will be much better informed for their defense.

DENALI CLIMBING FEE TO BE \$150; CLIMBER INPUT IGNORED

by Sam Davidson (reprinted from Access Notes)

~~Alaska climbers be warned!~~ The climbing conditions in Denali National Park are about to get even more harsh especially on your wallet. On November 16, Denali formally implemented its new "mountaineering program." The 1995 climbing season is thus subject to its new rules. Of principal concern to climbers are the following elements: a \$150 per climber "Special Use Permit Fee," and a minimum 60-day advance registration requirement for climbs on McKinley and Foraker. A fee of \$25 must be submitted with registration forms, with the balance due upon arrival.

The Denali climbing management program was keenly watched and commented on during its drafting phase by climbers and groups such as the Access Fund, the American Alpine Club, and the Mountaineers. The primary objection was the program's discriminatory nature: only climbers among all Denali visitors would be required to pay a "special use" fee. Moreover, some legal experts suggested the fee could eliminate the Park Service's protection from liability for climber rescues (the Park Service currently has no "duty to rescue"), and could encourage climbers to seek rescue more

often; the fee could produce an "expectation of rescue."

Climbers, the State of Alaska, and other interested parties also submitted more than 200 comments on the new climbing program during the public comment period earlier this year. The Access Fund obtained the record of these comments through a Freedom of Information Act request. Unfortunately, a review of their content indicates that Denali listened selectively.

A vast majority of these comments stated the use fee would only be acceptable if applied to all Denali visitors equally. While the Park Service acknowledged "overwhelming opposition to paying for actual rescues" in advance, the new policy blurs the line between "administrative" and "rescue" costs. For example, when rangers work on rescues, their time and salaries are factored into the cost of that rescue. Other comments suggested that the Denali climbing fee would become "the camel's nose under the tent," leading other parks to impose similar fees even where costs associated with climbing management are small proportional to overall budgets. (In fact, climbers visiting Mt. Rainier National Park this summer were informed that a \$15-per climber fee would be implemented there next year.)

Climbers should make every effort to minimize their impacts on public lands, including rescue costs absorbed by the government. For this reason, the educational components of the Denali climbing program are laudable, and more effective outreach efforts to foreign climbers are clearly needed. But according to the Access Fund's Elden Altizer, who has served as the principal climber contact on this issue, the climbing fee could delay or scrap the entire program by discouraging climber compliance and leading to lawsuits.

The Access Fund, in cooperation with national and regional climber organizations such as the American Alpine Club and the American Mountain Guides Association, is currently considering legal options to ensure that Denali's climbing management policy is fair and effective. Call the Talkeetna Ranger Station at 907-733-2231 for information on how to register for Denali climbs.

ECHOES FROM OUR CLIMBS

THUNDERBOLT PEAK

JULY 9-11, 1994

by Patty Kline

Jane Edginton, an SPS Senior Emblem holder, and I hired a guide to take us up this beautiful peak, rated the 3rd hardest on the SPS list by R.J. Secor. I was to become a senior Emblem holder the following month, this "Mountaineers Peak" being one in my count. Originally Donn Cook and Ron Young were to come along but they had to cancel. We did it from the west, the easy side.

I met John Fischer, our guide, at 6:00 am on Saturday morning July 9th at the South Lake parking lot. We hiked out together, meeting Jane en route just north and below the top of the 11,972' Bishop Pass. She had come in a day earlier. The three of us then hiked over Bishop Pass, leaving the trail down just a little from the top of the pass. We proceeded cross country to the east end of Dusy Basin, where we set up camp that afternoon. Our 12,000' campsite had everything. It was in a large, flat, sandy area above an alpine meadow near a swiftly flowing stream. My day hike in was an easy 8 miles with 2000' of gain.

We set out early the next morning about 5:30 am to go over Thunderbolt Pass (12,320') located less than a mile to the southeast. After Thunderbolt Pass we were right in line for the southwest chute #1 as described in R.J.'s book "The High Sierra: Peaks, Passes and Trails." This was an ideal day for the climb. The temperature was the best the Sierra can offer in the summer. There was no wind and no clouds. In fact, I don't remember any clouds to speak of the entire day.

Our guide had us on belay about one-third of the way up the chute on a traverse over narrow scree covered ledges to avoid the large chockstones blocking the main chute. Near the top and on our second belay consisting of a 50' class 4-5 wall, a man appeared out of nowhere. He was "walking up" to the top of the wall to give a belay to his climbing

friend. The 2 men beat us to the summit. The guy who walked up the wall proceeded to lasso the summit block with their rope in order to climb that famous, awkward, short and steep monolith of the 14,003' T-Bolt summit block. What was amazing was that these two men were day hiking T-Bolt from South Lake. They were from Carson City, Nevada. I didn't get their names, but one of them was day hiking all the 14,000 footers of California. John used their rope to get himself up the summit block, then set up a rope for us.

Jane and I used etriers on the 5.9 side (according to R.J.) on the summit block. Roper rates this as 5.8. When ones uses etriers it doesn't really matter. It was a great moment for me to sit on top of the summit block on the first try of a peak I have wanted to do for the last 7 years. I hammed it up while Jane took pictures on my camera. Just as Jane got on the tip top, another party arrived. They were from San Diego and included our friend and Senior Emblem holder, Judi Richardson. They used our rope to get to the top, and set up their own equipment. I spent about 1 hour at the summit area, climbing, snacking, watching others climb and taking over a roll of pictures. Way to go, only the first of three parties needed to do the sometimes problematical lasso of the top.

Judi's group later joined us below the 50 wall for lunch before heading our separate ways. We got back to our camp in the late day sun to enjoy the views of beautiful rounded granite rocks and many lakes of Dusy Basin. John left for South Lake that day and Jane and I packed up the following day. I said goodbye to Jane at Bishop Pass because she was climbing Mt. Goode, and I hiked out and drove home I had a great 3 day trip, and got another 14,000 footer.

Granite Chief and Ms. Bubba

July 17, 1994:

Climbed Granite Chief on a solo day hike from Squaw Valley fire station.

Rolling from Walnut Creek at 0611, I was hiking at 0912. An uneventful climb, punctuated only by three mountain bikers who startled me

nearly out of my skin as they came over a rise behind me. They make a weird sound if you're not expecting it.

It was trail all the way, with the top of a chair lift in a saddle a couple of hundred feet below the

peak. This would be an easy ski climb. I summited at 1248 and spent an hour admiring the rather hazy view and doctoring some old blisters. The view to the south included Freel and Pyramid Peaks, with Sierra Buttes and mighty Lola to the north. The view to the east was dominated by Mt. Rose. Lake Tahoe's deep blue riveted my attention like the proverbial moth to a magnet. Only valley haze to the west.

The register was under a four foot black boulder--of different substance than the granite summit "block." The SPS canister was stuffed full of books and scraps of paper, all full. I didn't think to carry an empty book with me. I found a blank space on the back of a book placed by RJ Secor in 1986, and signed that.

I started down at 1351 and reached the car around 1615, but not before a little excitement: two dogs and two bears. First was a runt of a dog who expressed a distaste for my hat, as translated by her owner. She, the dog that is, refused to be friendly, and as I turned to leave, leapt and bit me. I have since thought of a few alternative messages I might have passed to the owner...

Next was a fuzzy little black dog who was so excited to be in the wilderness that he ran right past without stopping to say hello. Being now gossy about dogs, I didn't mind.

So I continued down the hill. In a few hundred yards, I encountered a black bear ripping up a log next to the trail. Wishing to take no chances with

this one, I requested she please stand aside, at the top of my lungs. She immediately complied. As she bowled up the hill, I noticed two miniature black ears following like periscopes through the underbrush. Mama stopped at the first tree and sent her cub about six feet up. He was quite small, not more than a foot and a half at the shoulder. His tree was too close for my comfort (probably mama's, too). We all stood there staring at each other. More conversation by me caused the cub to climb even higher in his tree and mama to retreat very little; and I thought: "hmm, this is not working..." It occurred to me that if I stood very still and said nothing, perhaps the cub would rejoin mama. That worked! As soon as he did, I suggested to mama that she might be happier farther up the hill. She agreed. Last I saw them, mama was charging up the hill through the underbrush with cubster close on her heels. As I passed her log, I sincerely hoped that she had only one cub. All of this probably 500 feet in elevation above Squaw Valley.

Back to the car around 1615; rolling from Squaw at 1705; home at 1955, happy to check another peak off three lists. Another great day hike. Good views, interesting wildlife. Why didn't I take a picture of the bears? a chance of a lifetime. Did I mention the Golden Eagle riding the air currents above the Granite Chief Wilderness? or the profusion of wildflowers?

Respectfully submitted John T. Dodds.

Mills and Morgan September 17-18, 1994 by Henry Arnebold

This trip was scheduled as an SPS day hike introductory trip and 13 climbers showed up - some new and some old (not old in years but in experience). We all met at the trailhead at 7:30 a.m. to get an early start. Our route took us past Ruby Lake and up the drainage toward Abbot and Mills, at the base of Mills we climbed the scree slope toward the east Couloir route. The chockstone at the bottom of the route did slow us down quite a bit because of the group size and the belaying required for some climbers. At the very top of the Couloir we encountered snow and had to be extra careful until we reached the summit plateau. Eleven summited and several calls were made to loved ones via cellular telephone. Mary Motheral really enjoyed her call to her husband

explaining what she thought of Mills. (A pile of --it four letter word ending in I-T and found at the bottom of bird cages. *Answer below) The return trip was uneventful and I must admit I did breath a sign of relief after everyone descended the Couloir safely.

Sunday proved interesting in that only 4 climbers started for Morgan and 3 succeeded. The rest either went home Saturday night after celebrating Steve Thaw's birthday, or opted to sleep in and have breakfast at Tom's Place. Thanks to all the participants for a great trip, Steve Thaw, Linda James, Ali Aminian, Mike Daugherty, Keith Martin, Gwen Hembrock, Steve Lear, Cathy Bianca, John Dodds, Howard Eyerly, Eddie Sudal, and Mary Motheral. *Answer: grit

Triple List Finish

Mt. Morrison, September 17, 1994

Vic Henney / Sue Wyman-Henney (Private Trip)

We met at approximately 6:30 at the trailhead parking lot at Convict Lake. Tom Sumner took one look at the peak, got in his truck and headed south (mumbling something about having left his boots somewhere, and besides, it wasn't a desert peak anyway). We proceeded to drive over to the day use parking lot at the southeast end of Convict Lake.

We began hiking at a few minutes after 7, angling up the slope on the south side of Convict Lake toward the upper end of Tobacco Flat. Here we met a 4WD road that comes in from Highway 395. We had driven this road a number of years previously. It's passable by 4WD but in light of the anticipated size of the group, we felt that it was just as easy to walk up the hill from Convict Lake.

From our point of intersection with the road, the road continues for only about another 100 yards. From the end of the road a fair use trail can be followed most of the rest of the way to the summit. We did encounter several hunters near the road, but none once we were a few minutes above the road. We reached the tarn (which was dry) located at the of the peak and began our ascent up a long slope,



Sierra Peaks List Finish: Vic and Sue Henney atop Mt. Morrison Sept 17, 1994

essentially following Bob Hartunian's 1991 write-up. The route went quite well and we were on the summit by 11:30. Of the 21 climbers that started, 19 reached the summit.

In addition to ourselves, there were 6 other SPS list finishers on the summit: Vi Grasso, Tina Stough, Gene Mauk, George Toby, Roy Magnuson and Ron Bartel. After appropriate celebration we began our descent to Convict Lake. Mike Lorr's watch, lost on the ascent, was discovered on a bush near where we took a break on the way up. There are a couple of areas of loose rock that require some care, but the group did well and the descent was relatively uneventful other than the complaints of a few knees.

Participants other than those noted above were: Igor and Suzanne Mamedalin, Christine Mitchell, Maris and Anna Valkass, J Holshuh, Sue Leverton, Kathy Price, Jim Adler, Ron Hudson, Mike Lorr, Tom Bowman and Ron Young. Thanks to all who assisted and gave advice on the route for a very successful climb! Also thanks to Dan Richter for his research indicating that we appear to be the first couple to have completed the SPS list having climbed all of the peaks on the list together.

We all convened at the South Crowley Lake Campground (BLM) for an outstanding party that included some 48 people and 2 dogs and some great live entertainment. (See write in the DPS Sage regarding other events of the weekend.)



Sue Wyman - Vic Heney Sierra Peaks List Finish. Mt. Morrison - Sept 17, 1994. Back: Igor Mamedalin, Maris & Anna Valkass. Next: Ron-Ron Young, Vi Grasso, Sue & Vic, Roy Magnuson, Mike Lorr, Ron Bartel. Others on Left Front: Tina Stough, Gene Mauk, Suzanne Mamedalin. Others on Right Front: George Toby, Ron Hudson, Kathy Price, Christine Mitchell. Not Shown: Tom Bowman, Jim Adler

Davis, Electra and Rodgers - a Death March in the Yosemite Backcountry

September 16 - 18, 1994

by Matthias Selke

The seven lucky participants - leader Dave Dykeman and co-leader Nancy Gordon, R.J. Secor, Barbara Cohen, Erik Siering, Al Conrad and Matthias Selke, - met at 7 am on Friday, Sept. 16 at the trailhead at Agnew Meadows. The "High Trail" was chosen as the route to Thousand Island Lake, and quickly the group marched northward on the trail contouring along the slopes of San Joaquin Mountain. After just an hour, a squirrel high up in a fir tree tried very hard to hit the author of this article with a huge cone and missed only by a few inches. Undeterred by this, the group hiked on, enjoying the views of Mt. Ritter, Banner Pk. and the Minarets along the way. After meeting a cute owl on a tree branch near the trail, the group reached Thousand Island Lake by noon; a lunch-break was called. It was then decided to hike on to Thousand Island Pass and to try to climb Mt. Davis from there. Packs were dropped at the small lakes near the pass two hours later, and the group started to ascend the long but rather gentle slope extending all the way from the northeastern cliffs of Mt. Davis to Thousand Island Pass. A couloir leads to the summit plateau from where the slope ends at the cliffs of the northeast face. In spring this couloir is probably a fine moderate snow climb, but this late in the season, it turned out to be bare ice. Undeterred, the group tried to climb along the rock to the left (south) of the couloir. At first, class 3 ledges with lots and lots of loose rock led up toward the summit plateau, but eventually, steep rock stopped progress. Climbing to the top of the buttress to the left of the rock also did not help: a deep notch less than half-way up the buttress ended the attempt Mt. Davis for the day. The weather looked threatening and about eight or nine snow flakes were counted by the group. We climbed almost 2000 ft. back down to Thousand Island Pass and made camp there. We would hence try to do all peaks the next day.

The wake-up call sounded at 5 am the next morning, and at 6 am, before sunrise, the group started to move across the easy slopes north of Thousand Island Lake to North Glacier Pass. The weather looked a bit better than the previous day, although there were still lots of high clouds. From North Glacier Pass, we moved northward, across the easy southwest slope of Mt. Davis, with Erik

and the author dashing ahead. The summit of Mt. Davis was reached by 9:30. From this summit, we could see what was ahead of us: several miles to the west is Electra Peak; connected to this by a long ridge is Rodgers Peak to the northwest. Between us and Electra Peak, there was a valley over 2000 ft. lower than our elevation. Luck was on our side, as we discovered a direct route to the floor of the valley: the first chute on the west face south of the summit of Mt. Davis is loose class 2 (the chutes further south on the west face appear to be blocked by cliffs). This chute led to talus, and then steep slabs and grass led to the floor of the valley, at the south end of Lake 3119 m., above Twin Island Lakes. We then hiked almost due west, up a broad slope north of the east ridge of Electra Peak. Slabs led to the cirque immediately northeast of Electra Peak. We climbed up over class 2 talus to the east ridge of Electra Peak and hiked up a few hundred feet to the top. We summited by 2:30 pm. We admired the unusual view toward the west side of Mt. Ritter from the summit, but quickly had to move on to get the next peak. We down climbed to the same cirque northeast of the summit of Electra Peak, and then contoured north (at an elevation between 11,800-12,000 ft.) below the ridge connecting Electra Peak, Peak 12,573' and Rodgers Peak. Eventually we had to drop down to 11,600 ft. just south of the east ridge of Rodgers Peak. This descent was over very unpleasant loose gravel and scree; the author actually took a short involuntary slide down this slope, together with lots of gravel. The climb up toward the east ridge of Rodgers was a bit more pleasant. This ridge was reached a few hundred feet east of the summit. An easy talus slope leads to the top from there. There is no class 3 rock encountered on this route. This peak sees very few ascents each year; however, there is a nice view from the summit. Everyone got all three peaks, and for the author, it was the first time that he did three SPS peaks in one day.

By 6 PM, we were descending down the east slope; over 6,000' gain were behind us, but there was still a long way to camp, and only 90 minutes of daylight. Less than halfway down the broad east slope of Rodgers, we moved left (north) and discovered a chute that leads down and left (west) diagonally across the north face of the peak. This

chute, which is not visible from below, led to some class 2-3 slabs covered with loose rock which led to the unnamed lake northeast of the peak. From this lake, we descended eastward, past some icy snow fields to the upper Marie Lake which was reached in complete darkness by 8 pm. Luckily there was a bright full moon. But the south side of Marie Lake is blocked by steep snow and vertical rock. So we had to contour over to the north side of this rather large lake. The north side of the lake is also blocked by cliffs, but ramps and ledges above the shore provided a route. A rib descending across the face to the lake was surmounted, and eventually, the top of the hill north of the lake was reached. Ugh! From there, talus and slabs led to the north shore of the lower Marie Lake - a sigh of relief was breathed by everyone. The night was not particularly cold, but a bivouac would not have been something to look forward to. The east end of lower Marie Lake was reached by 10 pm, and a brief search along the southeast corner of this lake

finally led us to the trail leading to the John Muir Trail which would lead to camp. Camp was reached by Erik by 12:20 am, 15 min. later by R.J. Secor and the author, and another 20 min. Later by the rest of the group. Ugh! Ugh! But of course getting these three remote summits was worth the effort of this almost 19-hour-hike!

The next morning, by the time most of the group was still in the sleeping bags, Erik signed out and dashed off to Agnew Meadows (or to climb more peaks??). The rest left by 9:30 am, hiked down the River Trail (considerably shorter than the High Trail, and more shade), and made it to the cars by 2 pm.

All in all a great death march, with a great group of intrepid climbers: Special thanks are due to Dave who did a tremendous job leading this difficult cross-country route, especially the hike down from Rodgers Peak and back to camp in the dark.

Mountain Records

Fellow SPSers, I need some help from you as I take over as Mountain Records Chair. If you took a container and/or register book to any of the peaks listed below, could you please let me know? If the container was other than an SPS aluminum canister or the book other than the SPS bound book, please let me know also. If you climbed a peak not on this list that was missing a container or register or that had a full book, please give me those details as well. Did anyone repair the hinge pin on the ammo box on Banner?

Bago	Crag	North
Bear Creek Spire	Emerson	Red Slate
Baldwin	Excelsior	Royce
Cartago	Dunderberg	Seven Gables
Cathedral	Gray	Smith
Cirque	Junction	Thor
Clarence King	Koip	Tom

Please call me at home at 310 438-3809 (message machine if I'm not in) or drop me a note at 4832 E. Third St., Long Beach 90814.

Thanks!
Tina Stough

MARIO GONZALEZ WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR LEADERSHIP TO ASCEND THE FOLLOWING PEAKS: MT. STARR KING, DARWIN, THUNDERBOLT, GARDINER, NORMAN CLYDE, PALISADE CREST, DEVILS CRAG, THUNDER, GLACIER RIDGE, HERMIT, CATHEDRAL. (213) 614-2344

EARLY DEADLINE FOR MAY- JUNE ECHO!!!
THE DEADLINE FOR THE MAY-JUNE ECHO IS APRIL 29.

ACTION ALERT--Help Save Utah Wild Lands!

YOUR LETTERS NEEDED -- PLEASE WRITE NOW!

With the 104th Congress openly hostile to environmental protection, it doesn't seem likely--or even possible--to pass a Utah *wilderness* bill in the next two years, right?

Wrong! If we're not *ultra* careful--if we don't act immediately--a really bad Utah Wilderness Destruction bill could pass easily--pushed by a united Congressional delegation and masking as wilderness protection.

In January, Utah's Governor Mike Leavitt and Utah's entire Congressional delegation (Sens. Orrin Hatch and Bob Bennett, Reps. Bill Orton, Jim Hansen, and Enid Greene Waldholtz) announced their "wilderness" plans for this Congress--a wilderness bill of around 1.4 million acres--to be introduced in both houses of Congress by June. Based on their announced intentions and on previous proposals from members of the delegation, we anticipate that ***this bill would open to irreversible industrial development more than 4 million acres of exquisite wild lands--lands that Sierra Club and other members of the Utah Wilderness Coalition are fighting to protect.***



Escalante River at Haines Wash

HELP SAVE WILD LANDS IN JEOPARDY BY WRITING YOUR REPRESENTATIVES NOW!

WHY IS IT ESSENTIAL TO EDUCATE LEGISLATORS NOW? Even good-hearted, well-meaning representatives may not see that it's a *PHONY* wilderness bill--it will pose as a moderate, innocent wilderness bill with some protection for about 1.4 million acres. The zoning for industrial development--the destruction of an irreplaceable natural resource--will not be obvious. If we wait until June when the delegation actually introduces its bill, ***IT WILL BE TOO LATE!*** Due to the political power of the Utah delegation, especially Rep. Jim Hansen on the resources committee, the bill will immediately be on a fast track, will fly through committee, and then suddenly be on the House floor. Too late--too late to start mobilizing then! It's up to us to warn our representatives now that the Utah delegation's bill will devastate wildlands.

Let's use the window of opportunity till June! --

PLEASE WRITE TWO LETTERS NOW:

- One letter to send to three separate legislators: your Congressional representative and your two Senators, with a simple, two-part message:
 - * Urge ***strong opposition*** to any bill for Utah wilderness that members of the Utah delegation may introduce.
 - * Ask for vigorous support--by *cosponsorship*--for Rep. Maurice Hinchey's excellent wilderness bill--H.R. 1500--now titled *America's Redrock Wilderness Act*. This is the Utah Wilderness Coalition's 5.7 million acre proposal.

- One letter to President Bill Clinton, who has so far seemed too accomodating to this anti-environmental Congress: tell him Utah's incomparable wild lands have a nationwide constituency of passionate admirers and deserve his enthusiastic help. He must ***draw the line in the red sand of Utah!*** A commitment from him to veto an industrial zoning bill being prepared by the wilderness-hating Utah delegation will do much to slow down their destructive plans.

Contact all Representatives at: House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515

Contact all Senators at: Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510

Write President Clinton at: The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. Washington DC 20500

**Sierra Peaks Section, Angeles Chapter, Sierra Club
SPS Mountain Register Report**

Members! Please use this form on your private trips!

You can help maintain register books and containers on SPS peaks by supplying the following information to the SPS Mountain Records Chair. It is suggested that you use this report form and that you fill it out on the summit. The SPS recommends that full books be left on the peaks for future climbers to enjoy. A list of peaks needing containers or books is published in the SPS newsletter, The Sierra Echo. Containers and side stitched memo books are available from the Mountain Records Chair at SPS meetings or by arrangement. Comments and suggestions are welcome. Your help is essential and greatly appreciated.

Person making the report:

Date of the report:

Name of peak:

Date of climb:

Describe the type of container, its condition, and need for a larger container (e.g., Sierra Club rectangular box, SPS cast aluminum cylinder, ammo box, brass pipe, nested tin cans, Sierra Register Committee aluminum box):

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