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SPS MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Sierra Peak Section meetings will be held in the Los Angeles room behind the cafeteria at the DWP, 7:30 pm on the second Wednesday of the month.

Dept. W&P, 111 N Hope St, LA, Free prkg on site.

DECEMBER 13

SPS Annual Banquet: Celebrating 40 Years of Sierra Climbing.

Our speakers this year will be SPS members telling their stories. Watch the coming Echoes for historical tales and brush off your old memories. Photo contest, Historical photo gallery. Location: La Canada Flintridge Country Club. Tickets \$25.00. Send SASE and a check made out to the SPS to Barbee Tidball, 3826 Weston Pl, Long Beach, CA 90807. Questions? Call 310/424-1556.

JANUARY 10

Joint Meeting of the SPS / DPS / HPS Climbing Sections.

A meeting to celebrate all the climbing sections. The evening will be a great time to meet old and make new climbing friends. General meeting followed by a multi-media slide presentation "San Bernardino Mtns." by Jim & Sylvia Gallagher.

FEBRUARY 14

Sierra Climbing Program or Equipment Practice Session.

Plans to be announced in future Echo.

MARCH 13

Adventuring in Tenaya Canyon
Yosemite's Most Gnarly Wilderness.
A slide narrative by Bill Oliver.

APRIL 10

Scrambles in the Canadian Rockies

Wayne Norman will present a photographic journey of his trip to Banff and Jasper.

FRONT COVER

The SPS Logo Peak

Mt. Williamson

Photo by MITCH MILLER

SPS 40th Anniversary T-SHIRTS

Celebrate 40 years of SPS climbing by ordering a 40th Anniversary T-Shirt. This special edition is in ash in 3 sizes: medium, large and extra large. 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.

PEAK INDEX

Aconcagua

Bloody Mtn.

Mt. Humpreys

Mt. Irvine

Mt. Mallory

Mt. Needham

Observation Peak

Polemonium Peak

Sawtooth Peak

Mt. Sill

Vandever Peak

In Memoriam

Dick Akawie

Art Blauvelt

Dale Van Dalsem

Vi Grasso

Joan Hack

Gene Olson

Bruce Parker

Steve Padgent

Norm Rohn

Ursula Slager

George Shinno

Chuck Wilts

About the 40th Anniversary ECHO

This anniversary ECHO is an update/supplement to the landmark 30th anniversary ECHO published in 1986. A conscious effort was made not to replicate all the information from the 30th anniversary ECHO into the 40th anniversary ECHO. Rather the 40th anniversary ECHO would focus on the last ten years of SPS history while still maintaining a link with the founding of the section. This issue also has many of the standard ECHO features (e.g., minutes, programs, etc.).

Numerous people have contributed articles and information for this edition. To them I offer my sincere thanks and appreciation, for without them this issue would not have been possible. A special thank you to the members of the 1995 Management Committee for their help in getting last minute information typed up and sent to me.

MOUNTAINEERING COVERAGE EXPANDED **Limited Traing now allowed**

The Club's insurance coverage has been renewed and expanded effective November 1st. We are pleased to report that we negotiated broader coverage for our domestic liability insurance while keeping the premium the same

Leaders have done an exemplary job of conducting outings and events where safety is of primary concern.

We're also pleased to report that limited training, which was previously excluded on rock-climbing and mountaineering trips, will now be allowed. This coverage extends to instruction courses designed to improve or certify climbing skills for leaders of such activities, or to instruction courses or training schools for participants who are Sierra Club members, designed to improve climbing skills. As in the past, all rock-climbing and mountaineering activities must be certified in advance by the Mountaineering Oversight Committee, (Cal French, Chair). For information or an application, contact Cathy Benton.

Participants on rock-climbing/mountaineering outings will no longer be assessed a \$10 per day fee for Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D) coverage, nor will the leaders have to pay for Workers Compensation coverage, though they will still be covered by the policy.

ECHOES FROM THE CHAIR

In this anniversary Echo we have the opportunity to celebrate our forty years of existence as a section. I want to thank all of you for letting me be your chair during this year. It has been a wonderful experience for me. I have gotten to know many more of you than I would have had you not selected me, and for that I am very grateful.

I am very happy to report to you that our ranks are growing with new members and subscribers. At each meeting we see new faces. This year we have seen three new list finishers in David Campbell, Michael Lorr and Nancy Gordon. We have begun a dialogue with the other climbing sections on common issues and are having a joint meeting of the SPS, DPS and HPS on January 10th. Our finances are in good order and we are already scheduling climbs for next spring.

I want to thank all the people who have served as elected and appointed members of the management committee. The elected positions were: myself as Chair, Membership and Archivist, Wayne Norman as Vice Chair, and ECHO Editor, Barbee Tidball as Programs,

Banquet, and Mailer, Mirna Roach as Secretary, and Patty Kline as Treasurer, and Sales. The appointed positions were: Greg Roach as Outings, Doug Mantle and Duane McRuer as Safety Co-Chairs, Tina Stough as Mountains Records, Julie Rush as Council Representative, Harry Freimanis as Outreach Coordinator, and Council Alternate, David Underwood as Conservation, Bill Oliver as Historian, and Ann Kramer as Special Projects.

In closing I would like to say that during the year, I have observed closely the forces of change that are effecting the SPS. The issues and club battles that have colored this year have reinforced in me the belief that what holds us together, and what is of real importance to us, is the climbing of our peaks. This great beauty we share in, this love of climbing is what remains after the clamor and din of our imperfect world is put aside.

May we climb together for forty more years.

Climb on!

Dan Richter 11/8/95

SPS Outings Report for 1995

by Greg Roach

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the leaders for the outings they lead for the Sierra Peaks Section.

We had a great year for outings. There was a total of 39 outings lead in 1995. Highlighting this year's SPS outings were seven mountaineering outings, one outing to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the section lead by Rich Gnagy, and one list finish on Alta Peak lead by Michael Lorr. Congratulations Mike!

A total of 47 leaders participated in this year's outings. The leaders who lead the most trips for the section were as follows:

Total	Leader	Leads	Asst. Leads
5	Beth Epstein	3	2
5	Barbee Tidball	2	3
4	Dave Dykeman	3	1
4	Doug Mantle	2	2
3	Duane McRuer	1	2
3	Sigrid Sexton	1	2
3	Patty Kline	1	2
3	Nancy Gordon	0	3
2	Larry Tidball	2	0
2	Ron Jones	1	1

All other leaders lead or assisted on one outing each.

Thanks again to all the leaders for making our section great.

Mountain Records

Thank you, climbers, for your many register reports! The register database is growing well. All information, whether a peak needs a register or not, is helpful. Although books on the more easily accessible peaks fill quickly, many take years and years to fill. I'm especially trying to keep track of those long-standing registers as well as which peak needs what. My special thanks go to Doug Jones for his information on forty-seven summit registers this

season (!) and to R. J. Secor for his twenty-three reports. Jack Miller helped place ammo boxes on several northern peaks, and I took an ammo box to Mt. Tom (Vi wished to replace the cylinder with something with more room), a cylinder to Wheel, and an ammo box most recently to Cathedral, tied with webbing to the bolted bottom of the old Sierra Club aluminum register box (the top has been missing for quite some time). Several leaders have placed or will be placing new canisters and books: Al Conrad and Bob Wyka for Volunteer, Charlie Knapke and Barbara Cohen for Dade. I know it's a bother to lug the containers up the peaks, but we all appreciate the results of your effort. Thank you again.

Tina Stough

From the Editor

Background Noise:

Being ECHO editor has been a rewarding experience. For the past three years I've had the privilege of putting together the Sierra ECHO. Little did I realize when I took over this publication from Bob Sumner that I would still be editor three years later, much less be on the Management Committee.

In this anniversary ECHO I want to take a moment and acknowledge some very special people whom have made the ECHO possible the last three years.

Special Thanks to Bob Sumner who was there to help me get things going and was always there when I needed some advice. Over the past three years Bob has been a constant source of articles and encouragement. Special Thanks also to the previous three management committees. They have been great to work with and have given me the support I needed to get the job done.

Thanks to: Burton Falk for his fascinating series of High Point Articles, some of which I hope to use as guides this summer; Ron Jones for his series on the prehistory of the SPS and 'ECHOES From the Past' among many others; Bill Oliver for some great feature articles including one of Mt. Starr-King which was a tremendous help on my climb of the peak; Dan Richter, who as Secretary, Chair, Membership, Archivist, etc., has provided me with so much of the content of the ECHO and always on disk (and who, with me and our dates, skipped a SPS meeting to attend a concert across the street at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion); Tom Ross for his stock of pictures that have graced many of the front covers of the ECHO; Barbee Tidball for her tireless efforts with programs, banquet, conservation, mailer, among others, always in easy to use format, along with her warmth and friendship; All the people that have sent trip reports to me over the last three years. Thanks Again

In the January ECHO I asked members to send some inspirational poems/psalms/whatever that they took solace in when climbing. The following are some replies:

From Bob Sumner

Both Sides Now -*Joni Mitchell*

Bow and flows of angel hair, And ice-cream castles in the air, And feather canyons everywhere: I've looked at clouds that way.

But now they only block the sun; They rain and snow on everyone. So many things I would have done, But clouds got in my way.

I've looked at clouds from both sides now, From up and down, and still somehow It's cloud illusions I recall, I really don't know clouds at all.

Moons and Junes and ferris wheels, The dizzy dancing way you feel, As every fairy tale comes real: I've looked at love that way.

But now it's just another show; You leave 'em laughing when you go. And if you care don't let them know, Don't give yourself away.

I've looked at love from both sides now, From give and take, and still somehow It's love's illusions I recall, I really don't know love at all.

Tears and fears and feeling proud To say 'I love you' right out loud, Dreams and schemes and circus crowds: I've looked at life that way.

But now old friends are acting strange; They shake their heads, they say I've changed. But something's lost, but something's gained In living every day.

I've looked at life from both sides now, From win and lose, and still somehow It's life's illusions I recall, I really don't know life at all.

From Rick Jali

I give you thanks, O God! for you have freed my soul from the pit and drawn me up from the slough of hell unto the crest of the world.

And so walk I, on uplands unbounded, knowing that there is hope for that which You created out of dust to have consort with things eternal.

Book of Canticles

Dead Sea Scrolls

From the Editor

Psalm 121

I will lift mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber nor sleep.

The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.

The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

Excerpted from A Rolling Stone by Robert Service

To pitch my tent with no prosy plan,

To range and to change at will,

To mock at the mastership of man,

To seek adventures thrill.

Carefree to be as a bird that sings;

To go my own sweet way;

To reck not at all what may befall,

But to live and love each day.

Erik Siering found this ditty in a Sierra Peak Register.

(To the tune of the Lumberjack Song)

Oh, I'm a climber and I'm O.K.

I drink all night and I climb all day!

I pitch my tent

I eat my lunch

I piss behind a tree

On weekends I go camping

And go swim in nudity

Oh, I'm a climber and I'm O.K.

I drink all night and I climb all day!

I hike up hills

I lie on rocks

I stomp on wildflowers

I slug down Old Crow whiskey

And sing around the fire

Oh, I'm a climber and I'm O.K.

I drink all night and I climb all day!

I sing real bad

I have no voice

But really I don't care

I wish I had more whiskey

Or at least another beer

Oh, I'm a climber and I'm O.K.

I drink all night and I climb all day!

(Any Monty Python fans out there?)

WISHING EVERYONE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A JOYOUS NEW YEAR

Wayne Norman

Letter to the Editor:

The following letter was received by John Cheslick concerning the \$9 dollar charge for the Angeles Schedule of activities:

The Angeles Chapter is experiencing a reduction in revenue and rising expense. In order to achieve a balanced budget, ExComm took many actions over the past 9 months to reduce expense and increase revenue. These actions included reducing the staff from 4 full time positions to 3 at only 90% of pay and hours. In addition, the number of issues of the Southern Sierran were also reduced from 11 to 8.

ExComm also wanted to start charging for the Schedule to raise revenue. After getting numerous letters and negative feedback from some sections and groups the ExComm asked for help. A group of volunteers formed the Entity Fundraising Advisory Comm. to search for additional ways to raise revenue. This committee submitted their report to the Chapter Council and ExComm in late July, early August. The committee suggested many medium and long-term solutions, but few that would provide short-term assistance. Therefore, with reluctance, the ExComm voted to reinstate the subscription fee.

I voted for the subscription and I wish it wasn't necessary. However, I believe it is imperative to have a balanced budget and maintain the strength of the Chapter. This way the Chapter will have the resource to maintain and improve the local environment. Some have said this is a charge against outings and is to support conservation activities. I believe it is a charge to support both outings and conservation activities. Without conservation activities there might not be any place where one would want to do outings or be able to see wildlife in their native habitat. Without outings, conservationists would not be able to understand why the land and the environment are worth saving

So please, whether you believe this subscription charge is fair or not, subscribe to support the Angeles Chapter's local outings and conservation activities. Your check needs to come in before supplies of the Nov-Feb Schedule run out.

(Editor's Comment:

While preparing this anniversary ECHO I found that the two issues, in the last ten years, that caused the most uproar in the Chapter were the loss of mountaineering insurance and charging for the Schedule. Both of these actions were perceived as attacks on the club outings programs. Thankfully mountaineering insurance was restored and hopefully, with the election of new members to the ExComm, the Schedule will again be free of charge.)

SPS Membership Report by Dan Richter 11/8/95
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Accomplishments.....Congratulations!!

List Finish plus Master Emblem #3: R. J. Secor on Mt. Morgan #1 9/24/95

List Finish plus Emblem #5: Tina Stough on Mt. Humphreys 9/16/95

(Tina is the first woman to achieve a list finish plus an emblem.)

List Finish #45: David Campbell on Observation 9/2/95

List Finish #46: Michael Lorr on Alta Peak 9/9/95

List Finish #47: Nancy Gordon on Bloody Mountain 9/23/95

Master Emblem #50: Frank Meyers on Mount Tallac 8/20/95

Master Emblem #52: Barbara Cohen on Mt. Lola 11/11/95

Senior Emblem #115: Jon Inskeep on Crag Peak 9/15/95

Emblem #540: John Dodds on Mt. Humphreys 9/2/95

Emblem #541: Matthias Selke on Mt. Humphreys 9/9/95

ECHOES FROM OUR MEETING

SPS Management Committee Minutes September 13, 1995

The meeting convened at 6:30 P.M.

Attendees: Dan Richter, Wayne Norman, Patty Kline, Tina Stough, Harry Freimanis, Duane McRuer, Greg Roach, and Mirna Roach

Dan handed out the agenda for the meeting this evening.

Old & New Business:

Secretary's Report: The committee approved the minutes of August 9, 1995.

Treasurer's Report: Patty reported the expenses for the month of August. The checking account has \$3923.32 and the savings account has \$304.97.

Outreach Coordinator: Harry Freimanis reported the upcoming LTC Schedule for those pursuing higher leadership ratings.

Outings Report: The committee approved the two rocks checkoffs trips coming up.

Nominating Committee: Barbara Cohen recruited 10 candidates to run for next year's management committee. The candidates are Harry Freimanis, Paul Graff, Patty Kline, Ann Kramer, Keith Martin, Wayne Norman, Dan Richter, Matthias Selke, Barbee Tidball, and Peter Zurla.

Editor: Wayne reported \$400 Echo expenditures more than expected. The committee members moved and passed a motion to allocate \$400 to cover this expense.

Archives: Tina reported regarding the new canisters; she will speak to Gene Mauk about getting them. She ordered 4 boxes of registers; 48 book's total at \$2.50 each. The committee approved \$125.00 to cover the purchase of these registers. She has found out that Robin Ingraham has copies of historic registers that he acquired from the Bancroft Library; Tina thought that our section should have a set too. She will try to speak with Robin Ingraham to see if she can get a set of these historic registers.

Joint Management Committee Meetings: The first joint management committee meeting of the three climbing sections (SPS, DPS, & HPS) will be held January 10, 1996, at the DWP building in Los Angeles. The purpose of this meeting is to inform each climbing section of what the other climbing sections do and hopefully increase membership of each one. There will be an informal get-together at Dan Richter's home in November to come up with an agenda for this first meeting.

Joint Climbing: Dan suggested that it would be a good idea to publish scheduled trips in each other section's newsletter.

E-mail Roster: The initiation of E-mail addresses on the internet is now available. Dan handed out applications for those interested in signing up. Erik and Ann are doing the input to the network.

Safety Committee: Duane presented Paul Graff's proficiency skills, and the management committee moved and approved to add him to the mountaineering list.

The management committee adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

General Meeting Summary

Dan conducted the general meeting and each member from the committee gave their status report. There was no speaker for the evening but members from the audience gave a brief talk about their private trips. Bill T. Russell brought some climbing items to auction.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

SPS Management Committee Minutes October 11, 1995

The meeting convened at 6:30 P.M.

Attendees: Dan Richter, Barbee Tidball, Wayne Norman, Patty Kline, Tina Stough, Harry Freimanis, Duane McRuer, Greg Roach, and Mirna Roach

Dan handed out the agenda for the meeting this evening.

Old & New Business:

Secretary's Report: The committee approved the minutes of September 13, 1995, with some corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Patty reported the expenses for the month of September. The checking account has \$3987 and the savings account has \$306.12. She presented a quarterly report. The summary showed a deficit of \$300 less than last year.

Council Report: Harry reported that the ExCom election will take place in November.

Outings Report: Greg reported that he sent out letters to leaders requesting trips for the next schedule.

Editor: The ballots were sent out for next year's Management Committee officers.

Banquet & 40 year Celebration Plans: Tickets are ready to go on sale for the SPS Banquet. This year's banquet will take place at the Flintridge Country Club December 13, 1995. The management committee members took 15 tickets to sell. Barbee has written letters requesting old timers to speak at the banquet. She needs volunteers to help call list finishers, past chairs, etc. Mirna and Wayne volunteered to help Barbee with the banquet. There will be a follow up meeting at Barbee's house to do the final arrangements for the banquet October 24, 1995.

New Safety Chair for Chapter: Bob Hicks is planning on retiring as safety chair. Bill Oliver wrote a letter to Bob Hicks requesting names of people he would recommend for this position.

The management committee adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

General Meeting Summary

Dan conducted the general meeting and each committee member gave a report. Greg reported that there were 9 outings during the month of September. Barbee and Dave Underwood spoke about conservation.

There are plans to build a big parking lot in Yosemite Valley. Everyone should write letters to their congress concerning this issue. There is a new Superintendent coming into office who is pro timber/logging.

Ann gave a brief talk about her role as a ExCom candidate. Barbee spoke about the Trees and Shrubs of the Sierra.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

EARLY DAYS OF SPS RECALLED BY FIRST CHAIRMAN

from Sierra Echo, Vol III, No 2, May-June 1959
by Frank Sanborn

The need for a separate section of the Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club devoted to hiking, camping and climbing in the Sierra was evident to many for several years. Base Campers, High Trippers and the Desert Peaks Section had for many years sponsored and scheduled trips into the Sierra, but it was apparent that the mountains which

inspired the birth of the Sierra Club deserved a section devoted exclusively to their exploration, protection, and enjoyment. The advent of modern paved highways and fast cars made it as practical to consider conducting weekend hikes into the Sierra as far north as Bridgeport as it was to hike into the Angeles Crest area.

Beginning in 1952, nonscheduled trips into the Sierra were conducted with ever-increasing frequency by an ever-growing number of enthusiasts. Impetus was given this movement by the fact that the Desert Peaks Section scheduled an average of only three hikes per year into the Sierra. This was felt to be a waste of many fine weekends from May through October. By 1955, the nonscheduled trips outnumbered scheduled ones about six to one. Such long-time Sierra enthusiasts as Bob Sheller, Miles Brubacher, Barbara Lilley, Lee Owings, Owen Blackburn, Frank Bressel, Pat Meixner (Gentry), Chuck Miller, John Robinson, Bud Bingham, and Frank Sanborn decided that the time was ripe to organize the Sierra Peaks Section.

The most essential step, of course, was to draft a set of by-laws, a statement of purposes and a list of emblem and qualifying peaks. An interim slate of officers had to be selected to guide the affairs of the section until the first regular elections could be held. Finally, official recognition and approval by the Chapter Executive Committee had to be obtained.

Frank Sanborn was selected as the first chairman of the SPS, Bob Sheller the vice chairman, Pat Meixner the secretary, Leo Scotti the treasurer, and Miles Brubacher Mountaineering Committee, which was responsible for scheduling. Lee Owings, John Robinson and Roger Gaefcke also worked on the committee.

Late in July, 1955, Frank, Chuck, and Pat went before the Executive Committee, informed it of the intent to organize the section and requested official permission to form the SPS. After due deliberation, the Executive Committee granted official permission to organize within the framework of the Sierra Club. Thus the Sierra Peaks Section was formally launched on its highly successful career under the initial direction of the above-named people. The first list of emblem and qualifying peaks was drafted and approved by the Management Committee, and the previously drafted by-laws were approved and put in force.

By the end of 1955, the section had 38 members, and monthly business meetings were being held at the Sierra Club headquarters in downtown Los Angeles. These meetings have been well attended from the beginning and attest to the interest and activity of section members.

One of the main purposes of the section was, and is, to schedule weekend trips into the Sierra for the purpose of familiarizing Sierra Club members and others with California's premier mountains and fostering comradeship among those interested in this activity. Enjoyment of, as well as knowledge of, the trails, peaks, meadows, campsites, lakes, streams,

forests, valleys, and wildlife of the Sierra has been of primary interest.

The original list of 200 qualifying peaks reached from Owens Peak in the Walker Pass area to the Lake Tahoe area, a 600-mile stretch of the Sierra. More recently, the addition of peaks between Lake Tahoe and the Feather River area has expanded this list to the northern limits of the Sierra. The original 10 emblem peaks were (from south to north) Olancho Peak, Mt Needham, Kaweah Peak, Mt Whitney, Mt Williamson, Mt Brewer, Mt Goddard, Mt Darwin, Mt Lyell, and Matterhorn Peak. Early in 1956 it was decided that Mt Needham did not deserve emblem status and that Kaweah Peak adequately represented the Mineral King-Sequoia area. Accordingly Mt Needham was deleted from the list and Mt Ritter in the Minarets substituted for it.

The present emblem of the SPS was drawn up by Bud Bingham in March, 1956, and promptly adopted. A beautiful piece of work, it shows the distinctive emblem peak, Mt Williamson in profile, with white Sierra summer clouds floating overhead, snow on the flanks, and pine boughs intertwined underneath. The climbing of the 10 emblem peaks entitled a member to wear the emblem of the section. By the end of 1956 the section boasted 18 emblem holders.

By the late fall of 1956, the section was well established. Some by-law changes had been proposed and adopted by the membership, the monthly meetings were well attended and committees on social affairs and safety were being set up or discussed. Membership had more than doubled from the previous December with a total of 62 enrolled.

The officers who guided the affairs of the section through 1955 and 1956 felt that the time had now come for the first of what were to be annual elections. Candidates for the various management offices were listed, and balloting was conducted by mail. As a result of this first full election, the following persons were elected to guide the affairs of the section in 1957: Bud Bingham, chairman; John Robinson, vice chairman; Barbara Lilley, secretary; Pat Meixner, treasurer; and Frank Sanborn, alternate officer. This group officially took over the management of the section in January, 1957. It had been decided earlier that no officer could be reelected for a second consecutive year in the same post. Chuck Miller became head of the Mountaineering and Schedule Committee.

In 1956, the section began its main function, that of scheduling weekend trips into the Sierra. The first scheduled SPS trip was led by Frank Sanborn

and John Robinson to Deer Mountain, near the south fork of the Kern River, on May 5-6, 1956. On May 26-27, Frank Sanborn and Miles Brubacher took an SPS group to Maggie Mountain, in the Balch Park area east of Porterville. George Wallerstein and Steve Wilkie led a trip to Mt Gilbert, back of South Lake, on June 2-3. Frank Sanborn and Ted Maier took a group to Trail Peak in Cottonwood Basin on June 9-10. On June 23-24, Don Clarke and Bud Bingham led an assault on the northernmost emblem peak, 12,281-foot Matterhorn Peak, in northern Yosemite west of Bridgeport. It was a memorable climb of one of our most beautiful peaks and involved use of crampons, ice axes, and ropes. Twenty-eight persons made this climb.

On June 30-July 1, Chuck Miller led a large group (38 persons) to Alta Peak, back of Giant Forest in Sequoia National Park. On July 7-8, Miles Brubacher and Pat Meixner led a very interesting trip out of Whitney Portal up the north fork of Lone Pine Creek and the snow-filled Mountaineer's Route to the 14,495-foot summit of Mt Whitney, the highest emblem peak. On July 14-15, Izzy Lieberman and Miles Brubacher led a challenging climb of 13,157-foot Mt Ritter, the emblem peak dominating the Lake Ediza-Minarets region. Frank Bressel and Chuck Miller took an SPS group from Cedar Grove, in Kings Canyon, to Goat Mountain on July 28-29. On August 11-12, Chuck Miller tackled University Peak with a group from Onion Valley. One of the most impressive emblem peaks, Mt Darwin, fell to a group led by Bob Sheller and Leo Scotti, hiking from North Lake (out of Bishop) on August 18-19. This 13,841-foot peak, plus its neighbor, Mt Lamarck, provided this group with plenty of action. Frank Bressel led a trip to Mt Irvine, out of Whitney Portal in the Meysan Lake area on August 25-26.

The climax of this very active summer came on the long Labor Day weekend of September 1-3, when John Robinson led a large group up George Creek to the 14,385-foot summit of Mt Williamson. This trip, to the most distinctive emblem peak east of the Sierra crest near Independence, was a great success, although it involved a gain of 10,000 feet from the cars in rugged, trail-less country. Mt Barnard and Trojan Peak were also climbed on the trip.

Frank Bressel and Pat Meixner took a group to Mt Silliman, between Giant Forest and Kings Canyon, on September 8-9. Bud Bingham and Don Clarke, leading a rugged trip over Taboose Pass to Cardinal Mountain on September 15-16, were clobbered by an early-season snowstorm, but made the peak anyway under very adverse conditions. Mt

Morrison, overlooking Convict Lake, is one of the few Sierra peaks that can be done in one day without knapsacking. Miles Brubacher and Izzy Lieberman led a pleasant but steep climb of it on September 22-23. George Wallerstein and Bud Bingham led a group from Whitney Portal around Tulainyo Lake (highest in North America) to Tunabora Peak on September 29-30. John Robinson was to lead a group from Onion Valley over Kearsarge Pass to Mt Rixford on October 6 - 7. Heavy snow prevented this, but an attempt was made on University Peak. A severe blizzard forced six intrepid climbers off the steep northeast ridge of University, so that weekend was a loss.

On October 20-21, the section joined the Desert Peakers in a joint climb of strenuous Peak 11,107 north of Mt Keynot on the crest of the Inyo Range. John Robinson, Bud Bingham and Bob Bear spearheaded this group, which named the peak Mt Inyo. This name has since become official. The final SPS-scheduled trip of 1956 was to the southernmost qualifying peak, 8,475-foot Owens Peak. It was led by Miles Brubacher and Pat Meixner on November 11. Here again, no knapsacking was necessary.

All of the mentioned trips into the Sierra were officially scheduled activities, entered in the schedule books of the Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club. When it is remembered that the average number of trips scheduled by the Angeles Chapter (usually by the Desert Peaks Section) into the Sierra used to be only three annually, it can readily be appreciated that the SPS, in 1956, fulfilled its mission of scheduling many trips. This set the pattern for succeeding years. In addition, the trips extended from early May to early November, putting to rest the old notion that the Sierra was accessible only from the Fourth of July to the end of September. Now Sierra Peaks groups are active virtually all year in the Sierra, falling back upon the southern areas in the winter.

It was decided at the November 1956 meeting to begin publication of a newspaper for the section, keeping its members informed of what each was doing, providing information on future trips, and giving writeups of past trips, both scheduled and nonscheduled. Roger Gaefcke suggested the name Sierra Echo for the paper, and this was unanimously adopted. Its editorship was undertaken by John Robinson, who turned out the Echo every three months in Mimeograph form. With the appearance of the first Echo in February 1957, this history is terminated. The Echo carries the SPS record beyond that point.

ECHOS AND RE-ECHOS FROM FORTY YEARS OF SIERRA CLIMBING

An Informal History of the SPS by Ron Jones

(continued from Volume 30 number 7)

1986

Fourteen hikers led by Norm Rohn and Ron Jones joined in April on a repeat of the first scheduled SPS climb in 1956 of Deer Mtn. The SPS season was cut back by the National Club's loss of liability insurance for technical "E" rated climbs. Insurance coverage was regained in October for 3rd class trips not requiring the use of ropes and ice axes, crampons and the like. The Special Use Permit requirement for the Inyo National Forest was rescinded. The Section had 232 active members on its roster. 58 trips were scheduled during the year to climb 134 listed peaks and 3 unlisted for a total of 760 participants. There were no 4th or 5th class peaks led. Ruth Armentrout was hit by a rock on Red Kaweah and sustained a broken right arm and left leg. R.J. Secor became list finisher #28 October 5 on Smith Mtn. Nancy Gordon earned her Senior Emblem. The banquet was held for the last time at the Sportsman's Lodge with Burton Falk presenting a program on a Trek Around the Annapurna Massif and a climb of Fluted Peak. A special 62 page commemorative edition of the ECHO was issued by Editor Pat Holleman. Chair, Mary Sue Miller, introduced the in-coming Chair, Ron Jones.

1987

Sierra Club insurance again allowed us to make roped ascents of our peaks. The Ski Mountaineers asked to join with the SPS for their monthly winter meetings at the DWP. Art Blauvelt died in February. Donna O'Shaughnessy was injured on a climb of Mt Abbot and was helicoptered from the 13,700 ft summit. Rob Langsdorf broke a hand on Middle Pal. Ruth Armentrout, after 7 months, was nearly recovered from last year's accident on Red Kaweah. Her medical bill was more than \$54,000. Dave Dykeman finished the list on a scheduled climb of Mt Muah with a record number of 64 on the summit at one time. Gisela Kluwin and Vi Grasso became Senior Emblem holders # 85 & 86. RJ Secor was appointed Trail Maintenance Chair and Shepherd Pass was chosen as our project. There were 204 active members listed in the annual July roster. A record number of 86 trips were scheduled to climb 220 peaks. Several things were done to bolster the Section's sagging treasury. Chair Ron proposed a new \$20 class of Section membership, the Sustaining Member; the 21 year Lilley collection of ECHOs was auctioned for \$125, ECHO subscriptions were raised from \$6 to \$8. RJ was the banquet speaker with a

program on the 10 Toughest SPS peaks. This listing was made before Palisade Crest was added to the list which probably would be placed in the top 3. RJ's were: #1 Norman Clyde, #2 Devils Crag, #3 Thunderbolt, #4 No Palisade, #5 Black Kaweah, #6 Deerhorn, #7 Clyde Minaret, #8 Disappointment, #9 Middle Pal, #10 a 5-way tie, RJ chose Whorl Mtn over Abbott, Mills, Darwin or Mendel. Chair Ron Jones introduced the in-coming Chair, Maris Valkass.

1988

The year started out with Igor Mamedalin taking over from Pat Holleman as ECHO Editor and Jeff Solomon as Associate Editor. Jeff kept us guessing during the year with his photos of "Mystery Pks". RJ led 4 Trail Maintenance trips to work on Shepherd Pass. There were 219 active members listed in the July roster and Karen Leonard did an interesting profile regarding emblem holders, list finishers, inactive members and sex. The SPS is made up of 23% females and 77% males. Mike Mhalka loaned Ron Jones his right boot for a climb of Mt Muriel when Ron's boot fell apart and Mike checked out because of blisters. Bill Oliver and Ron led the final scouting trip of Palisade Crest. There were 7 participants, 6 "E" rated leaders and 1 "M", 3 list finishers and 2 Senior Emblems. Palisade Crest failed as an addition to our list later in the year. Don Palmer became list finisher #30 and Ret Moore, Pete Yamagata, Tina Stough, Ruth Armentrout, Jack Miller, Wilson Harvey and Larry Tidball earned Sr Emblems #87-93. There were 84 scheduled trips with 388 participants. Doug Mantle was injured with serious scrapes and deep gashes from a rock fall on the Hermit. Five helicopters were used during his evacuation. Ray Wolfe broke his leg on a slip after a scheduled attempt on Lone Pine Pk in a blizzard. The Sierra Club lost its mountaineering insurance again in October. SPSers Barbara Reber, RJ Secor & Bruce Knudtson unsuccessfully ran for election to the National BOD on the insurance issue. John Rosendahl completed a backpack of the John Muir trail in 127 hrs and 50 minutes. Chair Maris Valkass introduced Bill Oliver as incoming Chair.

1989

Several winter mountaineering and training trips had to be canceled with the loss of the Club's mountaineering insurance. The SPS did not schedule any class 3 peaks and the ECHO facilitated arranging of private climbs by printing peak lists and

interested parties. The Inyo National Forest began charging a \$3 per person use fee. Robert Ingraham of No Cal replaced Paul Lipsohn as Sierra Club Summit register Committee Chair and instituted a program of removing historic registers and storing them at the Bancroft Library. Many in the SPS objected and the controversy of whether or not to retain registers or remove and conserve them raged on through the year. Ruth Armentrout announced final recovery after \$71,000 of medical bills. She earned her Sr Emblem last year and continues to climb. Vieve Weldon received a titanium knee joint and has tried it out on Sierra trails. The July roster showed 221 active members. Dick Akawie and Norman Rohn died in August, Tom Cardina in December. Joe Stephens, Mark Frolli, Vic Henney, Sue Wyman, Rich Fritsen and Dave Petzold earned Senior Emblems 94 to 99. Bob Emerick quadruple list finished, solo, on September 16 climbing Mt Morgan #1 at 12:07am, then finished the HPS list on Black #6, descended and re-climbed it from the car for HPS #2, then finished the DPS list on East Ord at 4:15pm. Palisade Crest was voted onto the SPS list. Bill said "We will ennoble our list with this addition". A new record of 183 people attended the SPS banquet to see Glen Dawson and Jules Eichorn receive honorary SPS memberships and Glen gave the program of early California climbs. Bill Oliver introduced Vi Grasso as the new Chair.

1990

Vi Grasso became lost on a private climb of Davis and Rodgers and had to be helicoptered out. Greg Gerlach and Al Conrad became Senior Emblem holders # 100 & 101. Nancy Gordon climbed Denali and also became Master Emblem holder #5. Sue Wyman, Vic Henney, Dave Petzold and Barbara Reber earned Master Emblems # 5-9. As SPS activity slows down senior members increase their activity to finish the list. Bob Hicks, George Hubbard, Gene Mauk became list finishers #32-35 and Doug Mantle finished the list for the 5th time, all in September. There were only 150 active SPS members in the July roster. Hervey Voge who authored the first Climbers Guide to the High Sierra died. Early SPSer George Shinno died of a skiing accident. The Register controversy continues and the Sierra Club Mountaineering Committee realizes they have too low a profile. They will attend more meetings and become more visible. Their new definition of a "historic" register is more than 40 years or older and full. ECHO Editor Igor wrote before he stepped down from his job, that he "does not censor the ECHO input. He does not have the time. He only introduces errors and reduces the copy

until it is barely readable." Dick Bass spoke about climbing the Seven Summits to a new record crowd of 196 at the banquet. Chair Vi introduced Bill Oliver as the first full-term repeating Chair in the history of the SPS.

1991

SPS active membership rose from 31 to 181 in the July roster. The Section promoted trips aimed at leisure peak bagging and the ECHO editor, Bob Sumner, filled the ECHO with private climbs and articles on the high points of National Forests and Europe. Echo subscriptions rose to \$12. Bob Hicks, Larry Tidball and Dale Van Dalsem earned Chapter Outings Service Awards and Maris Valkass garnered a Chapter Special Service Award. Jim Murphy and Vi Grasso became list finishers #35 and #36; Tina and Joe Stephens earned Master Emblems #10 and #11 while Ursula Slager, Bobby Dubeau, Steve Thaw and Scott Sullivan earned Senior Emblems #102-#105. Bruce Parker died on a private climb of Clyde Minaret, Joan Hack and Chuck Wilts died. The USGS map office in L.A. closed, resulting in no more inexpensive and fast map purchases. Ranger Marty Hornick who helped with the Shepherd Pass Trail maintenance trips claimed a new record for climbing Mt Whitney (via the mountaineer's route) in 2 hours 8-1/2 minutes up and round trip in 3 hours 23 minutes. Outgoing chair Bill introduced Dave Petzold as the new Chair at our annual banquet at the Pacifica Hotel.

1992

Randall Danta was presented with the Chapter Chester Versteeg Outings leadership award in March. The SPS announced a new order of silk screened tee shirts. A new order of Emblem pins are now back in stock and the cost is \$16.50 (up from \$2.75 in 1956). Doug Mantle and Randall Danta climbed Mt Everest on May 10. There were 146 active Section members in July and during the year 42 trips were scheduled. Chuck Stein and Fred Camphausen now Co-chaired the Shepherd Pass trail maintenance project. There was some discussion on revising the SPS mountaineers list of peaks. RJ Secor had his new book, The High Sierra, Peaks, Passes and Trails published. In October Rick Jali and Campy led the first SPS leisure trip to climb peaks in the northern Sierra. George Toby became list finisher #37 on Alta Pk in September. He became the oldest list finisher at age 71 years and a day beating Norm Rohn's record of 68 years. (Ron Jones at 63 is in a holding pattern with 3 peaks to go until 2004) Dave Petzold and Eric Schumacher finished as #37 and #38. RJ Secor became a double Senior Emblem holder, Jane Edgington earned Sr.

Emblem #106. Dave Dykeman was honored at the banquet for leading all the peaks on the entire list. Bob Sumner stepped down as ECHO Editor. Randall Danta presented the banquet program of Climbing Everest and outgoing Chair Dave Petzold introduced new Chair, Larry Tidball.

1993

Wayne Norman volunteered to serve as ECHO Editor. Doug Mantle climbed the Vinson Massif in Antarctica and now lacks only the Australian high point for The Seven Summits. Rick Jali and Campy led a July leisure trip into Horseshoe Meadow and another in October to an area near Mammoth. Bill Oliver fell while rock climbing in JTree and had a medical bill of \$6,251. Guest climber Gary Vance broke his ankle on a scheduled climb of Mt Baxter and was helicoptered out. On July 28 SPSer Gary Suttle became the first person to reach the high point of all 58 counties of California when he climbed north Palisade. Seven county high points are on the SPS list. The July Section roster was printed in a new easy-to-read format and we now have 154 active members. There were about 50 SPS scheduled outings this year. Barbara Cohen and Judi Richardson became Senior Emblem holders #108 and 109 on an all woman trip to Red Slate. Jim Edmonson earned Senior Emblem #110. Steve Thaw became Master Emblem holder # 13. The REALLY BIG NEWS was that Sierra Club Mountaineering Insurance for restricted trips was reinstated in October. Kitty Grissom presented the program at our annual banquet and Larry Tidball turned over the SPS Chair to Barbara Cohen.

1994

Barbara Cohen, Harry Freimanis and Scott Jamison were given outings service awards and Patty Kline, the Chester Versteeg Outings Leadership award at the Chapter banquet in March. Dale Van Dalsem died in March. Ursula Slager died in August on a private climb of Clyde Minaret and Vi Grasso died in October. In February Doug Mantle completed his quest for the Seven Summits with a climb of Mt Kosciusko. With mountaineering insurance a reality, formal rock and snow checkouts for the mountaineers list were resumed. Duane McRuer was named to National Mountaineering Oversight Committee and Ron Jones was the Angeles Chapter

Chair of this committee. The SPS scheduled 16 "Restricted" outings using ropes and ice axes. The first Restricted trip was University Pk in April successfully led by Larry and Barbee Tidball with a party of 10. Dave Dykeman finished the list for a second time, Joe Stephens, Sue Wyman-Henney and Vic Henney became list finishers #42-44. Patty Kline, Mirna and Greg Roach, senior emblems #112-114. Campy and RJ led a trail maintenance trip with 8 SPSers of a section of PCT. RJ Secor had his third book published by The Mountaineers, Aconcagua. Ron Jones began a 6-part series on the pre-history and formation of the SPS in the ECHO. Doug Mantle and Randall Danta were awarded the National Francis Farquhar Mountaineering Award and Ron Jones the National Oliver Kehrlin Leadership Award at the SPS banquet in Long Beach. Barbara Cohen turned over the Chairman's gavel to Dan Richter.

1995

Pete Yamagata authored The Northern Sierra Peaks Guide which is published by the Toiyabe Chapter of the Club. There were 18 Restricted Trips scheduled by the SPS but, after Rock and Snow checkoffs early in the year, the heavy Sierra snowfall of the winter of 1994-95 caused a number of Restricted climbs to be canceled. In August they were resumed. There is serious concern that after the 1996 season the National Club may let mountaineering insurance lapse because of the high cost-to-participant ratio. During the year, a fiscal crisis within the National Club and our Chapter caused the Chapter to make the first charge ever in the history of the 269 Activity Schedules printed since about 1914. Because of the on-going measures of several past & the present Management Committee, the use of post card renewal reminders, the resumption of mountaineering insurance and the work of Harry Freimanis as Outreach Coordinator, the July roster climbed to 184 active SPS members.

The October ECHO reproduced on the cover the front page of the first ECHO of February 1957. The 1995 banquet was to be held at the La Canada-Flintridge Country Club. The program included a photo contest, a display of historical memorabilia of the last 40 years and anecdotes and historical recollections by several SPS old-timers.

Memories From Past Chairs

1987 - Ron Jones

Mountaineering liability insurance was reinstated and section leaders responded with a record 86 scheduled trips to 220 summits. We had 155 leaders

in our active roster and an active Schedule Chair in Rob Roy McDonald. There were a lot of Sierra snow climbs, rock climbs, check-offs for leaders and the mountaineers list. We began the SPS introductory

trips to bring in new members and we chose Shephard Pass as a part of the USFS adpot-a-trail program. Our meetings at the Griffith Park Auditorium were well attended, and the winter and spring meetings were shared with the Ski Mountaineers. I had joined the SPS 23 years before, and served on the Management Committee as far back as 1969, and I felt that this year the enthusiasm and support for our Section were at an all-time high. It was a pleasure to chair this active climbing section. The credit for our success in 1987 goes to our climbing leaders and our Management Committee of Rob Roy, Maris Valkass, Vi Grasso, Al Conrad, Norm Rohn, Pat Holleman, Bill T, Carolyn West and Bill Oliver. May the support and enthusiasm of our members reach out into our 5th decade and may I hold together until the spring of 2003 when I plan to finish the list on San Joaquin Peak. You're all invited. Happy Trails.

1988 - Maris Valkass

The SPS under the leadership of R.J. Secor started trail work on the Shephard Pass Trail. Doug Mantle was rescued by helicopter from the Hermit. At the end of the year we found out that there would be no mountaineering insurance for the next year.

1989 - Bill Oliver

This year we felt the full impact of the loss of "climbing" insurance. The loss resulted from a skyrocketing premium following costly claim settlements. Rob Roy McDonald valiantly headed a private effort (GROPE) to elect three SPS members to the Club's Board of Directors. We lost. Many of us participated in the founding of the XYZ Mountaineering Club (later CMC) to lead the disallowed peaks. In spite of dire predictions, we held together and continued to seek out the airy heights to earn our patches and finish the List.

Norm Rohn, an exceptional gentleman and triple list finisher, left us while backpacking up Taboose Pass. The matter of summit register preservation became a hot button for awhile.

Honorary SPS Memberships were extended to Sierra Club mountaineering legends Jules Eichorn and Glen Dawson, the latter headlining our banquet.

1991 - Bill Oliver

This year's Management Committee benefited from the rare celestial convergence of four past chairs: Vi Grasso ('90), myself ('89), Mary Sue Miller ('86) and Bill T. Russell ('77). In July the monthly meeting was relocated from Studio City to the Dept. of Water & Power Bldg, Downtown. We began paying \$3/person for Sierra permit reservations, but still had forty trips scheduled for the summer. Vi Grasso

finished the list, only the fifth woman to do so. Leisure trips, as distinct from Intro, were introduced. The prospects for restoration of climbing insurance only got dimmer. What do we do - we climb!

1992 - Dave Petzold

1992 was a banner climbing year for me personally, my year as Management Committee Chairman was relatively uneventful. I credit the members of the committee for the distinct lack of ego trips and political nonsense which had hindered previous management committees. Barbara Cohen coordinated a full schedule of outings, in spite of the lack of climbing insurance. Patty Kline coordinated the design, production and sale of the New SPS T-shirts with great success. The committee worked together to revise the by-laws which took far too many drafts. There were significant climbing achievements during 1992, Doug Mantle and Randall Danta reached the summit of Mt Everest. Ten SPS members traveled to Nepal for successful climbs of Mera and Island Peak. R.J. Secor climbed to 24,000' on Broad Peak before the climb had to be abandoned due to deep and unstable snow conditions. Finally, George Toby, Tina Stevens and I finished the SPS list which was, for me, the highlight of my year as SPS Chairman.

1993 - Larry Tidball

1993 started off as a wet year with above average snowfall in the Sierra. Since insurance restrictions were still in effect, spring snow climbs were out of bounds for official club trips. Overall for the year we still managed to have 50 trips led in the Sierra, including a leisure trip led by Rick Jali and Fred Camphausen. Campy also led the successful Sheperd Pass Trail Maintenance Trip. Patty Kline arranged for the SPS to donate the purchase and placement of a Bear Box in the Sequoia backcountry. List Finishers for the year were Dale van Dalsem, Doug Mantle for the 4th time.

During the year the Forest Service began the process of rewriting the rules for Sierra wilderness management. The SPS participated by having Joe Fontaine speak at the August meeting. The SPS provided lengthy comments to the Forest Service regarding issues such as party size, permit and quota restrictions and trailhead facilities. Kitty Calhoun Grissom was the guest speaker at the December Banquet. Late in the year it was announced that the club had once again obtained insurance for mountaineering trips. It would be left to 1994 management committee and trip leaders to reinstate the climbing tradition of the SPS.

1994 - Barbara Cohen

1994 was a great year for the SPS. New interest in the section was sparked by the return of insurance for mountaineering trips. The mountaineers list was reinstated, the Policies and Procedures were revised, as well as the Safety Regulations. We developed a new pin for the Master Emblem as well as a

brochure giving information about the SPS which appears in the sporting goods stores.

1994 saw Vic and Sue Heney as the first couple to climb every peak on the list together. 1994 also saw three of our most accomplished climbers pass on - Dale Van Dalsem, Ursula Slager, and Vi Grasso. As 1994 Chair, it was a year I will always remember.

Perspective

by R.J. Secor

I joined the SPS in 1971, and as it seems that most SPSers last about three years, my twenty-four years of membership may qualify me as a "dinosaur." I've seen some subtle changes in attitudes among the membership over the years, and while our other dinosaurs may not have the same recollections, I hope that my thoughts will provide a stimulus for discussions on the past, present, and future of our Section.

I learned very early on that an unwritten rule in our Section was: Don't ever get rescued. One of our members had appendicitis and was helicoptered out of the mountains in the 1960s, but this was forgivable because it was due to an illness, not an accident. I know of a few SPSers who walked out of the mountains with severe sprains and broken bones (including myself) rather than suffer the implicit shame associated with being rescued. Sometime in the 1980s the stigma of being rescued disappeared, and the attitude of the membership following a rescue became "How unfortunate!" rather than "How foolish!"

Another change in attitude has been in the use of equipment. Typical SPS pack weights in the 1970s were a lot lighter than now. The national Sierra Club trips have also followed this trend: in the 1940s only 15 lbs of personal equipment was allowed on knapsack trips, in 1968 the allowance was 20 lbs, and today it may be as high as 35 lbs. It seems that as modern equipment has become lighter, the packs are heavier than ever!

What are in these packs? Crampons, stoves, and Friends. Crampons seem to have become mandatory on all snow and ice climbs since the mid-1970s. My first SPS trip was an early season climb of Basin Mountain, and while an ice axe was required, crampons were optional. And it seems as if everyone carries and uses his or her own personal stove. We don't share stoves anymore. Spring-loaded camming devices, aka Friends, apparently are now deemed essential for anything class 4 or above. A typical SPS rack in the 1970s consisted of 6 to 8 runners and carabiners. I have always led Devil's Crag #1 using runners only, and was surprised to read in the

Echo a few years ago that Friends were needed to climb it.

One thing that hasn't changed over the years is the skill of the membership. I am not saying that the ability is low, but rather, the typical SPSer is a much better climber than he or she knows or admits! For example, on a restricted SPS trip it is common for everyone to climb snow slopes up to 40° without roping up. In contrast, The Mountaineers in Washington state have everyone roped up on any steep slope, and their definition of "steep" is around 15°, or a Blue Square slope at a downhill ski area. After Jack Miller climbed the Polish Glacier on Aconcagua, he described it as "hard hiking." I have seen our members casually solo moves that would be rated as 5.6 in Yosemite. While the level of expertise may be low in the more technical aspects of mountaineering (knots, anchors, belays, rappels, etc.) a typical SPSer is very good at movement, which, after all, is the essence of skilled climbing.

We now have 47 members who have attained List Completion. One is 4X, and two are approaching 2X. One of these latter two has lead a scheduled trip to every single peak on The List. These numbers were inconceivable to me twenty years ago, and I can barely believe them now. It may be time that we change the rules. I don't think that the answer is to increase the number of peaks on The List (though, there are some swell unlisted peaks out there), but to have more emblems or more lists. Perhaps we should have a Winter Emblem, a Winter Senior Emblem, and so on. Winter in the High Sierra is mild compared to the rest of the high mountains in the United States; winter in the High Sierra is like summer in the North Cascades. A winter emblem would encourage our members to get into the wilderness outside of the quota season, and increase our skills and experiences. Maybe we should have an oxymoron list, i.e. a list of unlisted peaks? The Obelisk is a fantastic rock, and I believe that its easiest route has not yet been discovered. The SPS climbs Clyde Minaret with distressing regularity; what about the other Minarets? Mt. Hoffman is a popular hike in the middle of Yosemite

National Park, but it is still unlisted. The UIAA published an official list of 82 4000 meter summits of the Alps last year. Should the SPS publish a list of the 4000m summits of California? A 4000m list would include at least 22 Sierra peaks that aren't on The List. Those working on 2X List Completion could earn a pathfinder emblem, by climbing peaks 2X by a different route. And a pathfinder emblem could expose us to some of the fine, yet moderate, technical climbs that exist in the Sierra.

Some may believe that this discussion of technical climbing is irrelevant due to the Sierra Club restrictions on mountaineering. I have even heard some of our members say that the SPS will soon become defunct because of these restrictions. I

don't believe that this is the case at all. Aside from snow climbing, SPS technical rock ascents on scheduled trips did not become routine until the 1970s. Even when the Sierra Club dropped climbing in the late 1980s, the majority of SPS scheduled trips were non-technical mountain ascents. In the mid-1970s we had from 50 to 60 scheduled trips per year, and we have about the same number scheduled today. Technical climbs can be (and have been) lead on an outlaw or restricted basis. And there is quite a bit of life in our Section, as exhibited in the recent uproar over the no-longer free Angeles Chapter schedule. The SPS will be exploring the Sierra Nevada forever!

Guidebooks to The High Sierra

By Bob Sumner

So let's face it, everyone has a favorite guidebook to the High Sierra. Some swear by the latest and greatest books, while others religiously pore through the volumes of yesteryear. Whatever your preference is, it's a good idea once in a while to check out some of the other books out there. Of course, cost is an issue, and it's a pain to peruse an armload of books before every trip. So I'll make it easy on you, and provide some information on the various guidebooks to the Sierra. Then maybe you can decide which ones are most relevant for your adventures, and go find them.

Guide to the John Muir Trail and the High Sierra Region by Walter A. Starr Jr. This book was first published in 1934 and has had many subsequent revisions. If you want to climb mountains, don't buy this book. If you want extensive information on the trails of the High Sierra, including precise mileages and elevations, then this might be the one for you. A nice fold-out map comes with this book. This is a good companion guide to some of the other books detailed below.

Mountaineer's Guide to the High Sierra, edited by Hervey Voge and Andrew Smatko. The 1972 edition of Voge's guide caused quite a stir. For the first time, a large amount of space was devoted to information about unnamed insignificant peaks. Many entries in this book simply mention an obscure peaklet and the first ascender's name. If you like to visit remote peaks that are not especially significant, you'll like the 1972 edition of this book.

The Climber's Guide to the High Sierra by Steve Roper. For many years, this was the most popular Sierra guidebook. Today it has largely fallen into a companion role. Many people still compare Roper's descriptions to Secor's in the hopes of gleaning out another tidbit or two of route info. Its best attribute is its size. Small and light in totebook format, it's one of the few guides you'd be willing to take along on a Sierra adventure.

The High Sierra: Peaks, Passes, and Trails by R. J. Secor is undoubtedly the most popular guidebook available. And for good reason, since it is the most thorough guidebook ever published for ascending Sierra summits. The trail information and climbing descriptions are quite good, and the book's layout makes for quick and easy perusing. This book is the de facto SPS peak guide.

Sierra Classics: 100 Best Climbs in the High Sierra by John Moynier and Claude Fiddler. This is not a guidebook in the traditional sense. Rather, it is a compilation of the best climbing

routes in the High Sierra. Whether or not the authors picked the 100 best routes is up to the reader to decide. The descriptions range from good to unenviable. Some nice background stories help a little. This book serves as a companion guide (but not replacement) for the other guidebooks mentioned herein.

Although not specifically a guidebook to the Sierra, *California's Fourteeners* by Steve Porcella and Cameron Burns is worthy of a mention. It provides detailed route descriptions for the 14,000 foot peaks in the Sierra. The abundant pictures and good maps are helpful in "getting to know" the routes. It is a well-written guidebook which serves as a good example for aspiring guidebook writers.

For the northern SPS peaks in areas 23 and 24, get yourself a copy of the *Northern Sierra Peaks Guide* by Pete Yamagata. This loose format guide gives driving and hiking instructions for some 65 peaks from Sonora Pass up to Adams Peak. An updated second edition is due out soon, available through the Toiyabe Chapter of the Sierra Club.

Some of the books mentioned above can be found in local mountaineering stores. Regardless, your best bet is to try Chessler Books at 800-654-8502. There are also numerous hiking and climbing guidebooks available for specific regions of the Sierra including Tahoe, Yosemite, the Domelands, the Southern Sierra, etc.

No matter where you're headed, there's info available. All you have to do is find it.

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Book Review

Aconcagua: A Climbing Guide, by R.J. Secor

(Reprinted from 1995 American Alpine Journal)

Although several Aconcagua guidebooks have been published in Spain and Argentina, no English equivalent has heretofore existed. This one by Secor is opportune since Aconcagua, located less than twenty miles in a straight line from the nearest bus stop, is being visited yearly by some 2000 mountaineers from all over the world.

The main characteristic of this new guidebook is its usefulness. A short but practical Introduction is followed by History and by fifteen short sections providing useful hints. Special attention is drawn here to the characteristics of Aconcagua itself: high, barren, windswept and unpredictable. Three chapters cover routes, always approached through the Horcones, Horcones Inferior and Vacas valleys. A total of ten basic routes and seventeen variants are surveyed. The accompanying sketches and photos are clear and useful. The South Face pictures (pages 87-89) in particular give at a glance information seldom put together in other publications on Aconcagua. The book concludes with several appendices, one of which contains an English-Spanish mountaineering vocabulary.

Perhaps a few misspelled word is all that I'd criticize. The use of this book is to be combined with the good folding map published in American Alpine Journal 1987. - Evelio Echevarria

(reprinted from Rock & Ice)

Aconcagua is the ultimate peak-bag in the western hemisphere; if peak-bagging is your cup of tea, RJ Secor's climbing guide is a must.

The book has all the sections you might expect: a short history; maps; complete route descriptions (including ones of the technical South Face routes); and sections on equipment, food, permits, transportation, porters and weather. Several aerial photos have routes dotted in; excellent drawings by Dee Molenaar complement the photos. Appendices include an equipment list; an innovative section on how to keep the finances straight on a multi-week trip when several people are pooling their loot, and a basic-yet-thorough guide to mountaineering Spanish.

Secor set three goals for his book: to implore people to keep the mountain clean; to encourage them to enjoy not only the climb but also the travel to Chile and Argentina; and to warn readers of the mountain's deceptive dangers. He succeeds with all three.

Aconcagua is potentially dangerous. It's close to the road; it has a non-technical summit approach; and it's 7021 meters high. That's a mix that results in lots of altitude sickness, frostbite and worse - much of which could be avoided if people read and heeded Secor's excellent book. --Rick Ridgeway

PEAKS LIST HISTORY

by Bill T. Russell - Nov 1995

In late 1955, Frank Sanborn, the first chair of the SPS, appointed Miles Brubacher as the first chair of the Mountaineering Committee. Sanborn handed him a list of 100 Sierra Peaks as a start and asked him to compile an official list of "qualifying" peaks. In 1955, the new 15 min, 1:62,500 maps based upon post World War II surveys were hardly available, so Brubacher used auto club maps and 1:125,000 USGS maps based upon turn of the century surveys to help select the peaks. The Sanborn list contained ten of the present emblem peaks and also Needham. As Brubacher states in his article, *The First Sierra Peak List*, in the 20th anniversary ECHO, "It was obvious to the Mountaineering Committee that Needham was not in the same class as the other emblem peaks. So Needham was struck from emblem status, to the tune of much screaming and hollering from Sanborn, Pat Meixner and others who had climbed it. There was a big gap in the emblem peaks between Humphreys and Ritter. After scrutinizing our trusty Auto Club maps, we chose Mt Abbot to fill this gap, strictly on the basis of its location and elevation. None of the original SPSers had seen Mt Abbot, much less climbed it. When we did climb it we found that it is a good 3rd class challenge."

For the 30th anniversary edition of the ECHO in 1986, I used the SPS archives and the help of Jerry Keating and others to compile an edition-by-edition story of the Peaks List. That story is slightly modified and brought up to date here.

1st EDITION - Undated - 200 Peaks. Mimeograph - three pages - 3 columns per page.

Probably published in Nov 1955.

The heading of this first Peak List reads:

SIERRA PEAKS SECTION

200 Qualifying Peaks List (South to North)

Chosen for Elevation, Dominance of an Area and Inaccessibility

Only the peak name and elevation are given; there are no area headings, climbing difficulty classes nor map references. The most southern peak is Owens and the most northern two are Mt Elwell and Dixie Mtn. The northern Sierra is well represented but there were few from the southern Sierra. The twelve emblem peaks are: **Olancha, Whitney, Kaweah, Brewer, Williamson, Goddard, Darwin, Sill, Abbot, Ritter, Lyell, Matterhorn.**

An article in the Jan 1956 Southern Sierran by Frank Sanborn states, "As the new year of 1956 gets underway, I take this opportunity to introduce the readers of Southern Sierran to the Angeles Chapter's newest section...To join the SPS, you must be a member of the Sierra Club and have climbed six peaks from our qualifying list of 200...Pat Meixner will furnish the PEAKS LIST upon request...We also have an emblem: to wear it, one must have climbed 10 out of 12 Emblem Peaks set up by the SPS Mountaineering Committee."

2nd EDITION - Feb 4, 1957 - 216 Peaks. Ditto purple - format like 1st ed.

Added (20)

Lamont	No. Maggie	Independence	Iron	Volunteer	Pilot Knot (N)
Sawtooth (S)	Angora	Gould	Red	Virginia	Mammoth
Crag	Coyote	Gayley	Gray	Tallac	Dunderberg
Moses	Cirque	Baldwin	North	Genoa	Trail

Deleted (4)

3rd EDITION - Mar 1957 - 217 Peaks. Mimeograph, format like 1st ed.

Added (1) Siretta.

There is an indication in ECHOS and minutes of SPS meetings that someone in the Forest Service suggested that the Sierra Club conduct trips in the southern Sierra and help push for the creation of what became the Golden Trout Wilderness. The SPS seems to have done so and did add southern Sierra peaks to the list in 1957 and 1958.

An item in the April 1957 ECHO said that upon reaching the summit of Siretta, the members of the Mountaineering Committee were so enthusiastic that they then and there added this peak to the list.

1957 EVENTS There was controversy within the SPS during the year concerning the criteria to be used in adding peaks to the List. An ECHO article labeled "EMBLEM PEAKS: REVISION OR STATUS QUO" had a forceful argument by John Robinson to elevate Humphreys and North Palisade to emblem peaks, in part because they involved "semi-technical climbing". An argument by Frank Sanborn urged the contrary, "since our section is slanted toward those who prefer to hike or, at the most, scramble up low third class routes." The issue was resolved by the membership in Nov 1957 when a bylaw change was passed that added **Humphreys** and **North Palisade** to the emblem list, making a total of fourteen.

4th EDITION, May 1958, 227 Peaks Purple print - four pages - two columns

Added (11)

Spanish Needle	Midway	Mammoth	Florence	Donohue
Taylor Dome	Perkins	San Joaquin	Dunderberg	<u>Emblems added (2)</u>
Rockhouse	Norman Clyde	Starr King	Humphreys	No. Palisade

Deleted (1)

This edition was the first to arrange the list by region and sub region in the general scheme used in "A Climber's Guide to The High Sierra". A climbing difficulty classification was also added. Some controversy can be inferred from the deletion of Mammoth and Dunderberg in 1957 and their readdition one year later. Dunderberg stayed on the List but Mammoth was again removed in 1972. Pilot Knob (N) was the only other peak that oscillated from on to off to on the list.

5th EDITION - Jun 1959 - 228 Peaks. Typeset in the Jun-Sep 1959 Chapter Schedule.

Added (1): Clouds Rest

This List was also printed in the Jun-Sep 1961, Jun-Sep 1962 and Jul-Oct 1964 Schedules even though it had been superseded by later editions published by the SPS.

John Robinson reported in the May-Jun 1960 ECHO that among these 228 peaks, five were Class 4: Thunderbolt, Humphreys, Clyde Minaret, Starr King, Cathedral.

6th EDITION - Feb 1961 - 232 Peaks. Purple print, format like 4th ed., Distributed with Mar-Apr 1961 ECHO

Added (8)

Pilot Knob (S)
Kennedy
Marion

Johnson
Three Sisters
Hooper

Freel
Adams

Deleted (4)

Maggie
Red Spur
Jobs
Dixie

7th EDITION - Nov 1961 - 234 Peaks. Mimeographed - three pages - Distributed with Mar-Apr 1962 ECHO and Aug 1963 ECHO

Added (3): Smith, McDuffie, Rose

Deleted (1): Genoa

8th EDITION - May 1964 - 240 Peaks. Mimeograph - format like 7th ed. - Distributed with May-June 1964 ECHO and Apr-May 1966 ECHO.

Added (6):

Cartago
State

Tehipite Dome
Homers Nose

Muah
Julius Caesar

In Jan 1964, Sunday was added to the list, according to an ECHO item, only to be deleted two months later because of severe criticism by those who promptly climbed it.

The 8th edition was the first to contain some text explaining how to become an SPS member and how to attain an emblem.

Graham Stephenson, in the July 1964 ECHO, argued for more stability and consistency in selecting peaks and for upgrading class 1 peaks.

1965-1966-1967 EVENTS These three years were a low period for SPS record keeping. In 1965, only three issues of the ECHO were published.

In 1966, there was apparent pressure to improve the quality of the list, presumably by deleting the very easy hiking peaks and giving more emphasis to climbing. In the Aug-Sept 1966 ECHO, Dick Jali in his Chairman's Corner, asked those who had climbed 150 peaks or more to:

- a. pick the best 15 peaks (which might lead to emblem peaks revision)
- b. pick 25 "Intermediate or Star Peaks which would be another class of peaks between the very large number of 'ordinary' peaks and the relatively small number of Emblem Peaks"
- c. pick the best 100 peaks (which might be used to improve and curtail the list)

After receiving the requested input, the Management Committee would review them to decide the next step. In Nov 1966, the membership approved a bylaw change that defrocked Sill as an emblem peak and added **Split** and **Clarence King**. The membership also rejected substituting Black Kaweah for Mt Kaweah as an emblem peak, so there was a compromise between the "climbers" and the "hikers". The 15 emblem peaks have not changed since.

In the Mar-Apr 1967 ECHO, chairman Sid Davis, announced that the outcome of the review of the best peaks was to designate 50 peaks as mountaineers peaks. The peaks that were named are the same as the present set (excluding the emblem peaks), except for substituting Charybdis for Scylla. Sid Davis also stated that Whorl and Harrington were added to the list.

He was searching for someone to type the revised list, it did not get done for nine months.

9th EDITION - Jan 1968 - 242 Peaks. (Three versions: Jan 1968, Jan 1969, May 1971) - Offset printing - seven pages - one column per page. Distributed with Feb 1968 ECHO and Jun 1971 ECHO.

Added (2): Whorl, Harrington

Emblem Peaks: Added Split, Clarence King
Deleted Sill

Mountaineers Peaks: Designated 50, including the 15 emblem peaks

This was the first list that gave the topo map on which each peak was located. All the maps were the 15 min, 1:62,500 series. The Jan 1968 version erroneously omitted Black Mtn. The Jan 1969 version simply added Black to the 1968 typing.

1969 EVENT In Nov 1969, the membership changed the bylaw regarding emblem status to require 25 peaks total and one year as an SPS member. The May 1971 Peak List stated this requirement. It was also a retyping and slight rearrangement of the Jan 1968 version.

10th EDITION - Mar 1973 - 241 Peaks. Typeset - six pages - one column. Distributed with Mar-Apr 1973 ECHO.

Added (2): Forester, Izaak Walton Deleted (3): Haskell, Mammoth, Sherman
The 10th edition was a major improvement in visual quality. It defined the climbing difficulty classes and it also listed the classification of summit blocks, when they differed from the main climb. It had two typo errors, omission of West Vidette and Cathedral.

1973 EVENT In Nov 1973, the membership changed the bylaws to require a vote of the membership to change the List. Before this time, the Management Committee edicted the list, except for the emblem peaks which were named in the bylaws.

11th EDITION - Apr 1974 - 242 Peaks. Format like the 10th ed. Available from Secretary.

Added (1): Mokelumne

The errors in the 10th ed. were corrected and the new peak was added. The editor of the 10th and 11th eds. with their striking new look, was probably Betty Dessert.

1974 AND 1975 EVENTS In Nov 1974, the membership added five peaks, deleted one and substituted Charybdis for Scylla as a mountaineers peak. It was intended to revise the list and publish it in early 1975, but this did not get done.

In Nov 1975, the membership approved the senior emblem. In order to serve the senior emblem criteria, the peaks were regrouped into contiguous geographical areas of about equal size .

12th EDITION - Jan 1976 - 246 Peaks. Typeset - six pages - one column per page. Distributed with Jan-Feb 1976 ECHO.

Added (5): Whaleback, Glacier Ridge, Cotter, Pilot Knot (N), Gemini

Deleted (1): Cross Mountaineers Peaks: Added: Charybdis Deleted: Scylla

This edition regrouped the peaks into 24 geographical areas of roughly equal size. Bill T. Russell was the editor for the 12th and subsequent editions.

13th EDITION - Jan 1981 - 246 Peaks. Distributed with May-Jun 1981 ECHO.

New 7.5 min maps that were recently issued were listed in this edition. UTM (Universal Transverse Mercator) grid coordinates were explained and were given for some peaks. There was also a review and update of climbing difficulty ratings. Finally, the mountaineers peaks (35) and the emblem peaks (15) were made mutually exclusive, instead of the former including the latter.

14th EDITION - Oct 1986 - 246 Peaks. Distributed with Jan-Feb 1987 ECHO.

This edition listed many new maps and changed elevations accordingly. 91 of the peaks were now on metric 7.5 min, 1:24,000 maps with elevation and contour intervals in meters. 80 of the peaks were on 7.5 min, 1:24,000 maps with elevations and contour intervals in feet and 75 peaks remained on 15 min, 1:62,500 maps.

15th EDITION - Nov 1990 - 247 Peaks. Distributed with Jan-Feb 1991 ECHO.

Added (1): Palisade Crest

A unique index number was assigned to each peak, e.g. for area 1, Southern Sierra, the ten peaks were labeled from 1.1 through 1.10. An alphabetical cross index from peak name to index number was provided. By this date all of the peaks were located on new 7.5 min maps. A table was added that gave a cross index to the older 15 min maps and showed the lat/long location code for each map. Metric summit elevations were converted to feet.

The master emblem was recognized; it was approved by the membership in Nov 1988.

16th EDITION - OCT 1992 - 247 Peaks. Because changes were minor, this edition was not distributed with the ECHO but it was announced in the Nov-Dec 1992 ECHO as being available from the Secretary. The five pairs of peaks with identical names that were formerly differentiated by #1 and #2 were changed to N and S.

THE HIGHER EMBLEMS

by Bill T Russell, Nov 1995

(Modified from that printed in the 30th Anniversary ECHO)

In a SPS Management Committee meeting in late 1974, someone commented that there was a big gap between achieving the SPS emblem and finishing the list. Having a penchant for goals, I suggested creating a senior emblem with a 125 peak requirement or half way to list finishing. Doug Mantle thought that 100 would be a better number and Duane McRuer suggested requiring two peaks from each of the list's geographic areas. We wanted to emphasize quality so we added the requirement of 15 mountaineer's peaks. We got membership support for the idea and it was put on the 1975 ballot and adopted. I then

marked all of the listed peaks on small scale, 1:250,000 maps, juggled boundaries, and derived the list's present geographic structure.

To make a sensible sequential list, we gave senior emblem status to all the list finishers. By 1980 there were 62 senior emblem holders, by 1990, there were 102 and the last holder is number 115.

We discussed designs and costs for various senior emblem pins. I had the manufacturer of the emblem pins fill in the outer ring with burgundy enamel and after discussion with many SPS members, the Management Committee adopted this version.

In late 1978, after I achieved the senior emblem, it still seemed like a big gap to list finishing. Some of us felt that an intermediate step with 175 peaks including 25 mountaineers peaks and four from each area was warranted. Jim Erb suggested the name "master emblem". I satisfied these requirements in July 1981 and mentioned the master emblem in my trip report in the Aug 1982 ECHO. After existing for several years as an unofficial emblem, the management committee placed it on the ballot in 1988 and it became official.

Various people talked about a master emblem pin and in 1994, with the particular help of Patty Kline, the management committee chose to use the emblem pin with green enamel in the outer ring.

ECHOES FROM HISTORIC CLIMBS

(The following articles by Norman Clyde were submitted by Steve Thaw and are part of the American Alpine Club Arkel Milton Erb Memorial Collection)

The First Ascent of Mt. Mallory and Mt. Irvine

by Norman Clyde (March 1928)

To the southeast of Mt. Whitney there are a number of peaks, lower than it, but yet extremely interesting to the mountaineer. The views of Mt. Whitney obtainable from their summits are perhaps more impressive than those to be had from any other direction. A deep intervening canyon greatly enhances the apparent height of Mt. Whitney with its eastern vertical cliff, several thousand feet in elevation and surmounted to the south of the main peak by a line of pinnacles not greatly inferior to it in elevation. This vicinity, however, is seldom entered, most visitors being content with a hurried visit to the highest peak.

Toward the end of June on one occasion I was camping on the border of a small tarn, locally called Mirror Lake. Situated in a deep amphitheatre-like depression almost entirely surrounded by granite crags that rise high above it, the spot possesses a weird and unique charm, particularly on moonlit nights when cliff and peak gleam with a soft white radiance. In the bottom of the great bowl nestles a small deep blue lake. Above it to the southeast there is a belt of ragged foxtail and tamarack pine. In other directions a few wind torn specimens straggle up a few hundred feet and then stop. About the lake and along the brooks that enter it there is a strip of

meadow, the grassy sward of which is varied by beds of red heather, scattered groups of cyclamens and dense thickets of willow.

Early one morning I left camp intent upon scaling a then unnamed peak immediately to the southwest. Although the sky was clear, there was no forecasting what might occur before the day should be over, as for some time past the weather had been amazingly unsettled for this season of the year in the Sierra Nevada.

The best route to follow was also somewhat of a question. The mountain-wall extending north and south, a short distance from camp, presented a formidable front but appeared to be scaleable, either by working one's way directly up it or by following any one of a number of chimneys that cut into its precipitous front. After ascending a steep talus slope, I reached the base of the wall and made my way up its face, sometimes following a ledge, at others, ascending a chimney for some distance, and then again scaling the cliff by means of narrow shelves and projections. After perhaps a thousand feet of this sort of progression, I reached the crest of the ridge. In the meantime the weather had changed. Great fluffy masses of clouds floated about and the atmosphere possessed a heavy, humid feeling

unusual at this elevation. To the west, across a deep canyon, rose the craggy eastern face of Mt. Whitney and nearby peaks. Great volumes of clouds that rolled about its summit rendered it doubly imposing.

The peak toward which I was advancing could be plainly seen at times, but at others was obscured by heavy clouds. Although it broke away to the east in sheer cliffs, apparently it could be approached from the ridge on which it was standing. As I proceeded up the narrow ridge, great volumes of vapor floated lazily past the mountain summits or lay heaped about them in formless masses, but at length they cleared away somewhat, and the peak was visible a short distance ahead. Several horns of mountain sheep were seen lying on the broken scree along the crest perhaps never trodden before by any except these bold and hardy mountaineers. I soon reached the summit, a narrow rocky point 13,790 feet above sea level, and was there regaled with the view of the rugged array of craggy cloud-enveloped peaks that spring up in chaotic confusion to the north and the south along the main crest of the Sierra, in massive grandeur across a profound canyon.

A narrow arete led to a second peak of about the same elevation as the one already scaled. Although eager to climb it also, I was under obligation to

return to the Owens Valley that day and therefore postponed it to a later occasion.

Within a few days I was again at the same camp and on the following morning set out in quest of the second peak, a day that proved to be stormier than the previous one. By the time that I had reached the base of the peak, storm clouds were hanging heavily about all the higher mountains. After advancing up loose chimneys and broken cliffs I paused a while on a rock shelf a few rods below the summit, as the heavy wind and the play of electricity on the latter did not invite one to proceed farther. Snow flew past in scurrying gusts. Across the canyon to the west a lofty pinnacle formed a striking picture, as dense clouds rolled and settled about its summit. At length, the sky clearing somewhat, I scrambled up to the highest point of the mountain--a narrow, broken knife-edge 13,872 feet above sea-level. For some time I remained, exhilarated by the view of the storm swept mountains, but soon left its exposed summit and returned to camp.

Both of these peaks were unnamed and apparently had not been scaled on any previous occasion, but they have since been called Mt. Mallory and Mt. Irvine in honor of the two English mountaineers lost on Mt. Everest.

Scaling Mount Humphreys

by Norman Clyde (August 1927)

It was on the evening of the third of July that the writer, accompanied by two friends from San Francisco wound up the steep eastern slope of the Sierra Nevada to Piute Pass, an elevation of 11,409 feet above sea level. The objective of the trip was an ascent of Mount Humphreys, a lofty peak that rises to an altitude of 13,972 feet a short distance to the north of the pass. It is a unique and isolated mountain that projects several thousand feet above a broad, rolling, desolate basin, above timber line in most places, and dotted with a number of lakes, the largest of which has been appropriately called Desolation Lake.

Desolate although the basin may be, it possesses a strong fascination. It has an air of elevated and spacious aloofness somewhat different from anything else in the Sierra. It is so high that although almost surrounded by mountains, only Mount Humphreys rises to any great elevation above it, giving to it an atmosphere of expansiveness and openness of outlook not common even in the high regions of the Sierra Nevada. To the west the view commands the long, gradually sloping and heavily timbered western flank of the Sierra. Although apparently barren, its

rocky slopes and grassy depressions, during the summer months, contain in places a profusion of purple bryanthus and laurel, blue penstemon, graceful columbines with lovely flowers tinged orange and scarlet, while in the boggy spots one is occasionally delighted at the sight of the exquisite, white drooping bells of the cassiope.

After pausing for a short time on the pass we proceeded in a southwesterly direction over a rather rough terrain strewn with boulders, to the margin of a lake about a mile from the pass. Here, on a projecting point about 50 yards above the former, we made camp. Dwarfed and matted thickets of white bark pine afforded an ample supply of wood and snug, sheltered sleeping quarters, while the elevated position of the point commanded an inspiring outlook over lake and basin and especially toward the towering spire of Mount Humphreys several miles to the north. Soon we kindled a fire in a protected nook, prepared an evening meal of mountaineering fare, after which we lounged for a while about the cheerful blaze and then retired to our cozy sleeping quarters beneath the albanis pines. The wind blew rather strongly; the atmosphere was

cold and crisp; the sky was spangled with myriads of stars that glowed with astonishing brilliance. The matted pines formed snug apartments protected from the chill breeze and canopied by a living roof of densely growing branches through which there were glints of the starry sky.

Early the following morning we were on our way northward toward the base of the mountain. Light of wonderful clarity and brightness glowed on its summit and rapidly descending, quickly dispelled the dark shadows from the undulating basin which we were traversing. Just beyond Piute Pass we were joined by two other men who had failed to reach our camp during the preceding evening. Together we advanced over the broken, rocky stretch of country between the pass and Mount Humphreys. Eventually we rounded a small lake and reached the foot of the peak.

As the writer had ascended it on a previous occasion, there was no doubt as to the route to be followed. After crossing a stretch of loose talus we came to solid rock consisting mostly of dark, contorted schists. Although steep, the rough, broken rock afforded interesting but not difficult climbing. Eventually we surmounted the belt of dark schist, reached the granite of the upper portion of the mountain and gained the comb of the ridge to the west of the peak--a sharp pinnacle rising some 500 feet on the opposite side of a deep notch. At first sight it seems to have impressed all the fifteen or more who have climbed it, as being unscalable. However, formidable as it may appear, under favorable conditions any experienced rock climber who knows the route can surmount it without incurring any very great difficulty or hazard. But snow or inclement weather may render such an attempt a hazardous feat.

After stopping for a few minutes, we dropped down into the notch and began to ascend a steep, narrow chute that extends about half-way up the pinnacle and then terminates abruptly in a sheer wall. At this point we swung to the right and were soon scrambling up a precipitous knife-edge a few feet in width that dropped away on either side almost vertically for hundreds of feet. This we jestingly called "Jacob's Ladder" as we hoisted ourselves up from one hand and foot hold to another. Finally we pulled ourselves up to the summit--a point of fractured rock several yards in diameter.

The view from this aerie perch was sublime. The peak rises in an isolated grandeur unique in the Sierra, and commands one of the finest views in the

range. From the Yosemite Park to Mount Whitney the great array of the Sierra is seen in all its rugged sublimity. Although a few clouds hung in the sky, the vision was almost perfect. To the east, across the Owens Valley some 9,000 feet below, rise the White Mountains, a limited range that rivals the Sierra in elevation but not in the glacier-carved peaks and canyons that render the Sierra Nevada so beautiful and sublime, for wherever one stands within it, on every hand there is mute evidence of the former occupation of the range by numerous glaciers that carved and fluted mountain and gorge into rounded lines or jagged peaks, according to the character of the action, or the nature of the rock with which they came into contact. Here on the summit of Mount Humphreys it was interesting to scan the great array of peaks and observe the erosion resulting sometimes in a flat-topped mountain with vertical walls; sometimes in sharp furrowed peaks; at others, in rounded domes.

Glaciers have eroded away much of the original mass of Mount Humphreys, particularly on the northern and eastern flanks which present almost vertical faces below which are cirques in which small residual glaciers still linger. The summit, as are most of the loftier ones of the Sierra, is a remnant of an ancient landscape untouched by glacial action, calling to mind a time when huge glaciers wound gradually down the canyons of the western slope, and precipitous ones filled every gorge to the east, to such an extent that only the higher peaks and ridges protruded like islands above a waste of snow and ice. On this particular day the sun shone so warm that it was pleasant to loiter on the narrow summit visualizing perhaps, that far away polar time, as the eye roamed from jagged peak, and gazed down the profound canyons that furrow the western flank of the range or down the great gorges that cut deeply into its eastern scarp.

However, we soon realized that we should prepare to return down the steep mountain, as heavy clouds were gathering in the west and coming slowly toward us. We reached the base of the mountain without incident worthy of note and made our way over the undulating stretch of country between us and camp on the rocky promontory overlooking Muriel Lake and Humphreys Basin with a superb view of Mount Humphreys itself. As we looked back at the latter, we observed that its summit, so warm and sunny a few hours earlier in the day, was enveloped in a dense thunder cloud.

ECHOES FROM OUR CLIMBS

Theodore Solomons Backpack SPS 40th Anniversary Celebration July 22-27, 1995

Finally, a chance this summer to get into the High Sierra, although the trip had to be modified to eliminate some of the higher passes. The 40th Anniversary Celebration was not a good idea as not a single SPS member signed up for the trip! Bill Oliver, co-leader, was selling his home and Dean Acheson agreed to substitute as Assistant.

The trip started at Glacier Point and our permit for 6 people was filled, several who had never climbed with the SPS. The snow level in southern Yosemite was at 8800 to 9000 feet. After picking up our permit at the Wawona Ranger Station we hung around Glacier Point for a while admiring the roar and booming of Yosemite, Vernal and Nevada Falls. My wife, Leora, and I checked out the Valley on a 3-day trip in late June, and never, in the 50 years that I

have visited Yosemite Valley, have I seen more water and spray. Impressive in June, and it was still impressive in July. This is a great National Park, thanks to John Muir.

From Glacier Point we hiked over to Illilouette Falls and then followed the Theodore Solomons Trail over Merced Pass. The Clark range was still socked-in with deep snow.

Otherwise the backpack was an uneventful, relaxed and successful 6-day trip. It is an excellent route for beginners, for back packers interested in the Sierra, and Sierra Clubbers who are not obsessed with the List. Thanks to Dean for a great assist. HAPPY TRAILS -- RON

Observation Peak, SPS List Finish

by David Campbell

This trip began on Thursday August 31, 1995 at the Forest Service kiosk, part way between Bishop and South Lake. Participants included Mary Ann Campbell and I, Vic Ford, Dick Searle and Jack Archibald. We had driven up Wednesday evening. At 4:30 a.m. I moved my sleeping bag over to the road beside the kiosk to get in line for a first come, first served permit. To my disappointment there were four people already ahead of me! Fortunately all but one were headed for other trailheads, so we did get a permit when the ranger arrived at 7 o'clock. At the South Lake roadhead (~9800 ft.) we saw Nancy Gordon, whom we knew from the SPS. She was with a group led by Dave Dykeman with plans to climb numerous peaks. We began our backpack at 8:30 in beautiful clear weather. The lake was full and looked good. Flowers were at their prime and the extensive remaining snowfields made the mountains very attractive. But nearly all the snow that had covered the trail when Jack and I day hiked to Bishop Pass in mid July was gone. Along the way we took turns passing and being passed by the Dykeman party. They were headed for Knapsack Pass. By 1:15 we were at Bishop Pass (11,980 ft.). Continuing down into Dusy Basin, we stopped at a good camp site along Dusy Creek just below the lowest Dusy Basin Lake (Lake 10,742). It was only 3:30, so we had a leisurely afternoon. The distance

we covered that day was about 9 miles, leaving us 12 miles to go the next day.

Friday we started at 7:45, soon descending two long series of switchbacks, and twice crossing the Dusy Branch (Creek). The creek presented some nice cascades and later flowed over large, broad granite slabs. At 10 o'clock we intersected the J. Muir Trail by the Middle Fork of the Kings River (which was roaring along). Fortunately we didn't have to cross it, but just admired it as we hiked beside it on the Muir Trail for several miles. At noon we reached its intersection with Palisade Creek. We were now down to 8,000 ft., far below the roadhead! We noticed that the large bridge across Palisade Creek was washed out. And Palisade Creek appeared to be almost as big as the Kings River. We continued on the Muir Trail, eastward along Palisade Creek a couple more miles to Deer Meadow Campground (3:00 p.m.), which was vacant except for huge swarms of mosquitoes! So we back tracked about a half mile to a much smaller camp site (8700 ft.). It had many fewer mosquitoes and was more open and attractive. The weather that day was moderately cloudy. Saturday, September 2, Vic, Dick, Jack and I left camp at 6:50, headed for Observation Peak, 12,362ft. At Deer Meadow, we left the trail and crossed Palisade Creek on a large fallen tree. The map showed a trail on the other side, which went up along Cataract Creek to about

9900 ft. But, unfortunately, a massive avalanche had obliterated the lower part of the trail, and we were faced with an obstacle course of fallen trees. They were dense for at least half a mile. Finally we cleared them and found the old trail. It was helpful, leading over a rockfall by a tarn at about 9600 ft., crossing a side stream, and switchbacking up a ridge. We stayed on the west side of Cataract Creek. Shortly before reaching Amphitheatre Lake (10,734 ft.) we turned west, climbing onto a ridge, and contouring (at around 11,000 ft.) above a wall beside the lake. Looking back, we saw a party of climbers including Dave Dykeman and Nancy Gordon just below us. All morning the cloud cover had been darkening and now it began to rain lightly. Our route lay up over a 11,500 ft. saddle. As this saddle came into view, we were dismayed to see that it was capped and apparently blocked by a large snow cornice! After some observation, Dick and I concluded that our best hope lay in climbing a rock outcropping that split the cornice. So we scrambled up to it. Below us the other group was observing our progress. When we got there, we found a place where we could climb the rock right at the edge of the snow. After putting on rain gear we proceeded up to the saddle. The other party followed and soon passed us on the final scramble up Observation Peak's east ridge. The rain stopped for a while and then resumed, accompanied by thunder and lightning! The Dykeman party signed the register and quickly left the summit. We got there at 12:10 and did likewise, though the rain had stopped again.

Climbing in the Sierra, all 247 peaks!

by Nancy Gordon

On Saturday, September 23, 1995, at 11:30 AM, I reached the summit of Bloody Mtn (12,544'), my 247th SPS peak. I was alone for about a half hour, gazing over at Mt Baldwin (12,614'), my very first Sierra peak ascent, and reminisced about my experiences in the Sierra. In July 1979, I joined a national Sierra Club outing for my first backpack. I was a mother of a 3 and 8-year old girls, suffering from an identity crisis and motherhood exhaustion. I loved camping and hiking, but backpacking and the Sierra were new experiences for me. The adventure I undertook opened a whole new world. The young assistant leader invited any one interested in climbing peaks to join him; and, once on the summit of Mt Baldwin, I was hooked on the marvelous experience. It's obvious when you reach your goal in mountaineering: there's no higher to go on that particular peak. Life should be so easy! We climbed four other Sierra Peaks on that memorable trip.

Coming down from the summit rocks, which were now covered with wet, slick black algae, to a level place at about 11,750 ft., we found the others waiting. They kindly congratulated me for the list finish. Then Vic broke out wine and smoked oysters, which (unknown to me) he had been carrying and we had a party there during a nice lull between the rain showers! I enjoyed it very much, especially the good company. The descent went fairly easily, till we reached the downed trees. At that point it began raining harder than ever. It was a relief to finally get to the river and our tree crossing. When we reached camp at 4:40 it was still raining and Mary Ann was (of course) in the tent to stay dry. After a wet dinner time the rain finally slackened. We built a good fire, which we used to warm up and dry our clothes.

Sunday it was cloudy and appeared to threaten rain. We broke camp at 8:25, reached the Bishop Pass Trail at noon, and our first night's camp site in Dusy Basin (10,700 ft.) at 3:10. Just as we were setting up our tent, a few sprinkles of rain caused some excitement, but they soon dissipated and we got some nice sunshine. It was pleasant there with most of the mosquitoes gone. We all took some short walks to admire the scenery. Monday, Labor Day, we started at 8:15, getting to Bishop Pass by 10:30. Vic left us there to climb Mt. Agassiz (13,893 ft.), which he did successfully. The rest of us got back to South Lake at 1:45 and drove down to Bishop for an enjoyable early dinner (Mexican food).

My hiking friends from the Santa Monica Task Force (Al Benson, Dave Dykeman, Pete Mohn, Milt McCauley, Ron Webster, and others) encouraged me to continue climbing in the Sierra and told me about the Sierra Peaks Section which led Sierra climbs. Having the required number of peaks, but lacking the 2 required on a scheduled SPS trip, I decided to join the SPS on the now infamous late October 1979 trip scheduled to climb Mt Harrington and Kennedy Mt. My plan to become an active SPS member was foiled! Instead, I climbed Hogback Peak (not on any one's list!) and Kennedy Mt. On this first outing with the SPS, I shared an A-16 rental tent with Sue Wyman (SPS List Finisher #43), learned a lot about the SPS and gear, and met many wonderful people who possessed the same love of the mountains as myself. I did not qualify to join the section until the following spring on a SPS climb of Independence Peak May 17, 1980.

In the meantime, I was invited to join the Vagmarken Mountaineering Club by Fred Camphausen and Chris and Chuck Kudija. The Vagmarken newsletter, the "Yeti Yells," inspired me to sign many peak registers using the pseudonyms, "Yet-Another-Yeti" or "Yet-One-More." Some times, I didn't bother to sign the summit register at all. Their accepting, fun-loving, mountain spirit still inspires me, although I let my membership lapse. One only needed to be able to keep up with whomever led the hike or know how to get to the destination if one couldn't keep up (I fit the first category).

To learn more about the mountains after my first SPS fiasco, I enrolled in the Sierra Club's Basic Mountaineering Training Course, requesting to be placed in a group with Cuno Ranschau (SPS List Finisher #14) as the leader. I asked many people which BMTC leader was the most serious mountaineer and the most demanding instructor, and Cuno's name came up repeatedly. Cuno's direct make-no-bones-about-it-drill-sergeant method of teaching his students to be prepared, safe, and respect the mountains was wonderful for me. On our BMTC outings, he seemed slightly puzzled to turn around and find me right behind him when the rest of the group was trailing by 5-10 minutes. He never realized my fear of getting lost in the mountains kept me at his heels. My enthusiasm regarding the mountains and climbing was rewarded by an invitation to join him in a June 1980 climb of Abbot, Mills, and Bear Creek Spire.

Barbara Lilley (SPS List Finisher #3) has been my mountaineering heroine and role model. Her mountaineering accomplishments and encouragement inspired me to branch out beyond climbing Sierra peaks: to do the Denali Traverse, to climb/ski Mt Rainier, and so many other adventures. The image of Barbara making marvelous GS turns on pristine, snow-covered Sierra slopes is also my skiing paragon.

The person I am most indebted to for climbing "the list" is Dave Dykeman (SPS List Finisher #29). He became my trusted mountaineering buddy peak after peak after peak. I never conceived of climbing "the list," I was merely enjoying myself while climbing various peaks in the Sierra. Dave always re-focused me at the beginning of each climbing season by letting me know what peaks I needed and how I should go about it. He was the only climber with me when I got my Emblem on Mt Goddard in August 1981. The "Death March Duo," as we became known, usually, one who had the desire, the peak. We may not have been the fastest climbers, but we were and still are the most successful in getting everyone the peak.

I mentioned to several people that I would finish the SPS List on Mt Dana in Yosemite next Memorial Day as a joint SMS-SPS trip. I skied Dana in June and in July this year, summiting secretly both times. And so, not knowing what the future will bring, as I climbed Bloody Mt, I felt more comfortable with this "finish."

On September 23, Owen Maloy, Walt Boge, and I turned off Hwy 395 headed SW on the Sherwin Creek Rd. We 4-wheeled it toward Laurel Lakes, parking where the trail starts. This trail heads between Laurel and Bloody Mts and continues to Lake Genevieve, then on to Convict Canyon. We climbed Bloody via the NE ridge. It is much shorter and easier than climbing it from Convict Lake. Neither Owen (who had already climbed Bloody twice), Walt, nor I knew when we started out that I would claim this peak as my list finisher. I debated the issue during the climb. When I got to the summit of Bloody Mt and peered over at Mt Baldwin, my SPS Peak #1, it just seemed like the right thing to do. And so I signed the register: Nancy Gordon, SPS Peak #247.

As the Grateful Dead would say: "What a long, strange trip it's been."

Sawtooth Pk, Needham Mtn and Vandever Mtn

SPS Scheduled Trip, October 14-15, 1995

Leaders: Evelyn Reher, Ron Jones

Our group of eight started out from the trailhead about 7:30 am for our dayhike of Sawtooth and Needham. We reached lower Monarch Lake about 10:00 am where Carlton McKinney, who had backpacked in the day before joined us. After a pleasant break we headed up to the ridge via the loose scree slope. One participant signed out at the top of the ridge and returned to the cars on his own. Eight of us continued on and enjoyed lunch on the

summit of Sawtooth before heading to Needham. Another participant signed out as we descended Sawtooth on our way to Needham.

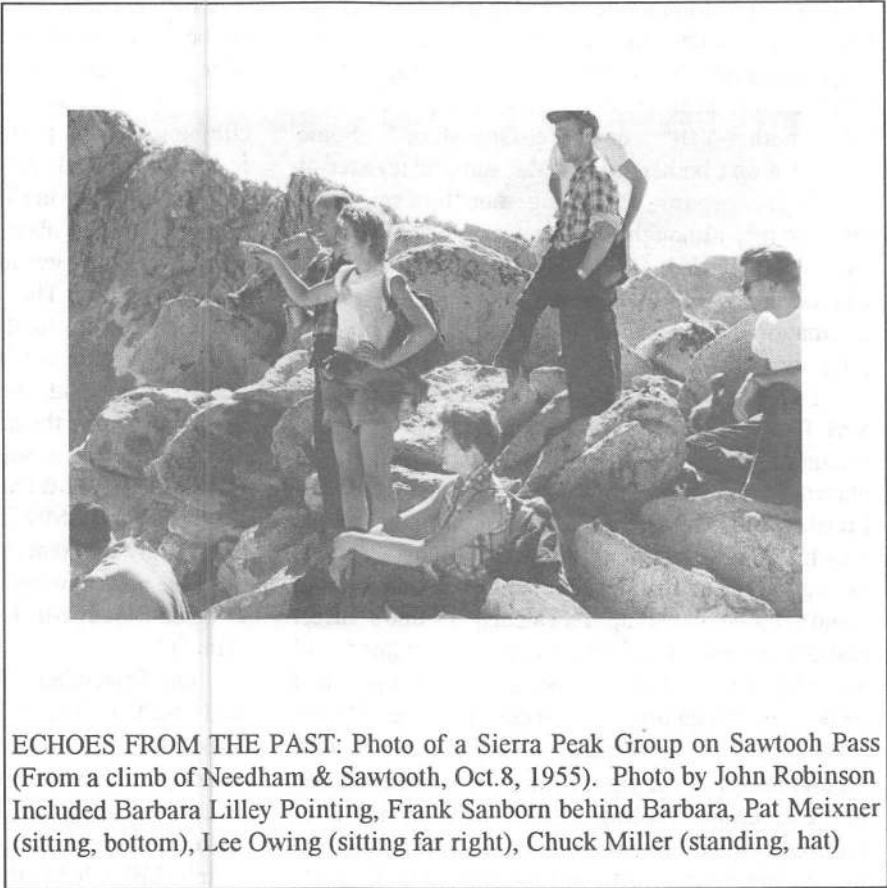
On our descent of Needham we decided to take a different route back rather than return to Sawtooth. Carlton had described this possibility to us earlier. We dropped down low, about 11,100 ft. on the easy slopes above Amphitheater Lake. In the cliffs heading up immediately west of this lake there are

two low spots. The northern most one has a faint use trail going up to the base of the headwall and there is a short 20 foot pitch of steep rock leading to the low spot. We didn't check this out but it may, be passable. The second low spot, 100 yards to the south, is an easy scramble to just below the low spot. We then followed an easy solid ramp up right and over the knife-edge crest. Here, there is a choice of descending 20 feet across friction slabs or going down on the right in a system of cracks and ledges. Both ways go. Once across, we were in the Crystal Lake Basin. Here you have the choice of crossing the couloir just east of Mineral Pk (11,550 ft) and down to upper Monarch Lake and continuing to the Sawtooth

Pass Trail at 10,400 ft. (the route we took) or one can catch the Crystal Lake Trail, and save perhaps a mile over easier terrain, and intercept the Sawtooth Pass Trail at the posted intersection at about 9500 ft.

After leaving lower Monarch lake the last light of day began to fade. By the time we reached the trees it was pitch-dark, you couldn't see anything and flashlights were necessary. Although the group had been moving at a fast pace on the hike out it slowed dramatically once it got totally dark. Apparently some people had expected to be out before dark and had either no flashlight, a flashlight with worn out batteries that died after 30 minutes (no spare batteries) or a single battery flashlight with a weak light that wore out last. People without light were guided and enlightened by those with light as we groped our way down the trail. (This experience re-emphasized to all the necessity of ALWAYS including an ADEQUATE flashlight with GOOD batteries as well as spare batteries and an extra bulb in your 10 essentials. We finally got back to the cars about 10:00 p.m.

The campfire and happy hour were canceled due to the leaders and participants being too tired. This hike is not recommended for beginners.



ECHOES FROM THE PAST: Photo of a Sierra Peak Group on Sawtooth Pass (From a climb of Needham & Sawtooth, Oct.8, 1955). Photo by John Robinson Included Barbara Lilley Pointing, Frank Sanborn behind Barbara, Pat Meixner (sitting, bottom), Lee Owing (sitting far right), Chuck Miller (standing, hat)

On Sunday morning most participants decided to get an early start on their trip home. Only Ron Phil and I started out for Vandever. As we approached Farewell Gap the wind became stronger and colder. At Farewell Gap the wind was quite brutal. Ron started out for the peak ahead of us. At about 1000 ft below the summit the wind, at times, was strong enough to knock me off balance and it was no longer fun. I decided to save the peak for another day. Phil and I returned to Farewell Gap as Ron pressed on for the summit. We found a nicely sheltered spot where we waited for Ron to return. The hike out was very pleasant.

The weather on Saturday was perfect clear and cool. Other than the wind Sunday was also a beautiful day. The leaves on the aspens in Aspen Flat exhibited some beautiful fall colors. It turned out that October was a beautiful time to visit Mineral King. I plan to return next year, possibly lead Vandever and Florence. The participants were Phil Reher, Randy Raglan, Greg Girlish, Robert Young., John Armstrong, Tim Neely and Carlton McKinney.

Palisade Classics - Polemonium Peak, Mt. Sill

A Long Dayhike, 8-12-95

By Bob Sumner

So what elements make for an excessively long day? How about a long approach, a gnarly bergshrund, alpine ice, 4th class rock, two 14'ers, three foot suncups, swollen creeks, or vicious mosquitoes? I suppose any of these could contribute, but when they are all combined on one day I imagine you're in for about 18.5 hours of Palisade fun.

Departed the Big Pine Creek trailhead at 2:10 AM. The full moon shining, the headlamp was needed only in the dark shady spots. The sky was so awash with light that the Perseid meteor showers were invisible.

By dawn I was at Sam Mack Meadow munching breakfast. Not a cloud in the sky, a light breeze, but very chilly at this early hour. There was no one camped here, and only two parties camped higher up along the moraine trail. It really couldn't have been a nicer day, and when you're climbing Polemonium via the class 5 ice V-Notch Couloir, then a good weather day is indicated.

The Palisade Glacier was still in the shade when I reached it. Followed a well-beaten trail across it to just underneath the V-couloir. Looking back I expected to see at least one or two parties coming up to try for North Pal. But no, the glacier was strangely deserted. This was probably due to the fact that the U-notch bergshrund was not in its usual condition. The only passage to that bergshrund appeared to be a ten foot wall of snow/ice on the right side, climbable with two axes.

Unfortunately, the V-notch bergshrund was not so pleasant. Here there were overhanging ice cliffs, ranging in height from 15 to 20 feet. Not good. I examined the right side - more of the same. The shrund itself was mostly filled in with blocks of ice the size of cars that had calved off from the cliffs. At this early time of morning, the cliffs were still quite solid and you could examine them in relative safety.

It seemed hopeless, but I decided to traverse far out to the left. Here I found some jumbled frozen blocks to surmount. This led onto a mixed traverse beside a rock cliff while on top of an ice lip above the huge bergshrund moat. Twenty minutes later I was at a 200 yard ice traverse that would take me back to the V-couloir. This horizontal traverse was strenuous - it took as much energy again as climbing the couloir itself.

At the couloir I had to bypass a couple of more mini-shrunds before starting up. You take the left branch of the 900-foot V-Cou-loir. The alpine ice

was perfect for double-dagging, there was no rockfall at all coming down. Midway up I stopped on a small rock platform on the left to rest. Munched and continued up, exiting on the left after passing under a huge snow mushroom looming on the crest. This was at the low point between Polemonium and Sill.

The false summit of Polemonium gives a good view of the final portion. First you do a short downclimb, then a toetip traverse to the notch. Then up a short wall, then up the airy knifeedge to the 14,000' true summit. The peak is easy solo material with rock shoes; they were a refreshing change after the ice climb. Nice register on top, incredible views. Two guys were on Sill at the same time. I saw no other climbers the entire day. Guess the conditions had scared everyone off. Was after 1:30 PM when I left Polemonium.

Next came the boulder hopping traverse to Sill. Near the top of Sill it becomes immense class 3 boulders. You can traverse and wind around to the right to avoid these but they were nothing after what I had already done, so I just went straight up them. More superb views from the 14,153' summit. Twelve plus hours into the day at this point.

The descent to Apex notch started at a large duck on Sill's shoulder and was easy to follow. There was a downclimb of about 60 feet at one point and very steep. It was a bit exposed, indeed I caught up with the two Sill climbers here and they were rappelling. The rock was not as solid as Polemonium. Many people would take a belay here.

Back at Apex notch, I enjoyed a nice long glissade down the North Couloir of Sill back to Glacier notch. Then the descent through the cliffs below the southeast side of Gayley. The rest of the way down to Elinore Lake was a mess. Three-foot slushy suncups. Too soft to walk on, I had to lift my legs up and down into each cup. Seemed like it took forever.

Down at Elinore I was swarmed by mosquitoes. Had to put all the goretex on, pants, jacket, hat, gloves. It was the only way to keep the bastards from biting, the repellent worked ok but not great. I was boiling but it was better than being eaten alive.

Many ducks were missing from the cliff descent below Elinore. This ate up more time searching for the route down. The stream crossings to get back to the South Fork trail were intense. I just had to wade them, boots and all, with real danger of being swept away. Oh well.

The mosquito hassles got worse, I was ready to off myself to be rid of the bastards, that's how bad it was. The final test was the last crossing of the South Fork of Big Pine Creek. The water seemed to be four feet deep wherever I looked. The only way across was to walk on two slippery submerged logs. This was the only frightening moment of the day.

Tenaya Canyon, Yosemite - Two Journeys (Part 1 of a 2 part article)

July 29 - 30 and October 7 - 8, 1995 by Bill Oliver

All gnarly canyons, I'm sure, as is said of hard peaks, pass through three stages: absolutely impassable, barely passable, and an easy day for a lady. Perhaps the time will someday be at hand when Tenaya Canyon will progress to the fourth stage: an easy day for a gentleman. The good news, guys, is that I don't believe we're there yet.

In Yosemite National Park, Tenaya Canyon stretches from below Tenaya Lake on Tioga Road to Mirror Lake in the Valley. It was intricately sculpted by Tenaya Creek with more than a little help from the same glacier that defaced Half Dome. The first known complete passage, an ascent from the Valley, was achieved by, you guessed it, John Muir - solo in the winter of 1872. Of all his many daring Sierra firsts, including Cathedral Peak and his grippingly-described climb up the north face of Ritter, none brought him as close to buying the farm as Tenaya Canyon. He had just returned to the Valley following a sojourn in San Francisco, and he was once again in hot pursuit of his glacial studies:

"This cañon is accessible only to mountaineers, and I was anxious to carry my barometer and clinometer through it, so I chose it as the most attractive highway. After I had passed the tall groves that stretch a mile above Mirror Lake, ... I crept through the dense and spiny chaparral that plashes the roots of the mountains here for miles in warm green, and was ascending a precipitous rock-front, smoothed by glacial action, when I suddenly fell - for the first time since I touched foot to Sierra rocks. After several somersaults, I became insensible from the shock, and when consciousness returned I found myself wedged among short, stiff bushes, trembling as if cold, not injured in the slightest.

"Judging by the sun, I could not have been insensible very long; probably not a minute, possibly an hour; and I could not remember what made me fall, or where I had fallen from; but I saw that if I had rolled a little further, my mountain-climbing would have been finished, for just beyond the bushes the cañon wall steepened and I might have fallen to the bottom. "There,"

By the time I got back down to the road it was already dark enough for the lamp since the moon was not up yet. Didn't bother, just walked on down to the parking lot. Tired but happy upon the 8:40 PM arrival. Nice peaks, nice climbing, a nice workout. Good stuff.

said I, addressing my feet, to whose separate skill I had learned to trust night and day on any mountain, "that is what you get by intercourse with stupid town stairs, and dead pavements." I felt degraded and worthless. I had not yet reached the most difficult portion of the cañon, but I determined to guide my humbled body over the most nerve-trying places I could find; for I was now awake, and felt confident that the last of the town fog had been shaken from both head and feet." ["The Wild Muir," edited by Lee Stetson, Yosemite Association, 1994.]

I first became acquainted with Tenaya Canyon in Steve Roper's wonderful adventure-story of his solo descent, which appeared in the Spring 1990 Summit Magazine. For five years it quietly simmered on the backburner, never out of my mind. How could such a gnarly, rarely-visited wild place exist on the very fringe of the Valley hordes? My Purdue Co-op friends, Joel Grasmeyer and Beau Lintereur, would be returning to my company in May for their fifth and last assignment - time to move the pot to the frontburner.

Although at 22 they are thirty years my junior, we share a hopelessly incorrigible affliction - a passion for adventure. With them I have freely shared what I know of mountaineering. With me they have shared their inexhaustible energy, utter fearlessness and unbounded enthusiasm. They put up with me real well and have patiently taught me much about life. Their assignment here would run from mid-May to early August. Our first adventure, on their drive west, was a spectacular five-day backpack through Buckskin Gulch and Paria Canyon in UT/AZ. Tenaya Canyon would be our summer finalé - delayed by the high winter snows.

In April when I first spoke to the Park rangers about Tenaya, they tried their level best to dissuade me. I was told that Tenaya Canyon is known as the "Bermuda Triangle" of Yosemite, etc. Little did they realize how truly counter-productive their efforts were. Only one or two permits are issued in a year, and I would not need a reservation. (Continued next issue)

In High Places: Argentina

Burton A. Falk

At 22,800+’ in height, Aconcagua is noteworthy as both the high point of Argentina and of the entire Western Hemisphere. Since it was first ascended by the Swiss guide Matthias Zurbriggen in 1897, hundreds--perhaps thousands--of climbers from all over the world have been attracted to its rocky slopes. As might be expected, a multitude of climbing guides and accounts of expeditions have been published in regards to the peak. S.P.S. stalwart, R. J. Secor, in fact, has authored what is probably the finest guide to Aconcagua currently (or ever) in print.

The following article is not intended as competition for any previously published material. Actually, it would surprise me if it provides any useful information whatsoever.

Our climbing party, which assembled at the Santiago, Chile airport on a fine morning in early February, consisted of nine clients and two guides. The leader of the expedition was Greg Wilson, a twenty-eight year old guide from Rainier Mountaineering. His assistant was Andre Beuchat, a nineteen year old climber from Santiago, who two years earlier had become the youngest person to have climbed Aconcagua.

After idling away the following day at Vina del Mar, Santiago’s posh beach resort, awaiting the arrival of some delayed luggage, the third day we crossed the Andes at Uspallata Pass, below which, at the Argentinean border checkpoint, a boldly displayed sign proclaimed, “Remember the Malvinas” (the Falkland Islands), the Argentine counterpart to “Remember Pearl Harbor.” So much for letting sleeping dogs lie. Continuing east another one hundred miles to city of Mendoza, we checked into a small coincidentally-named hotel--the Vina del Mar--an establishment which we were later to discover was more than

just a haven for the weary.

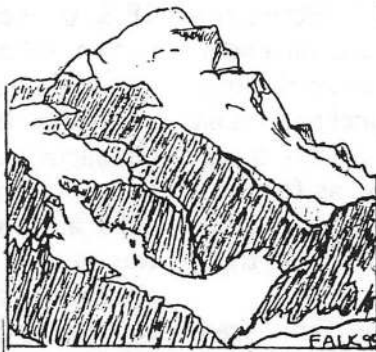
At 8:30 p.m. that evening--early bird dining time in Argentina--we gathered at a downtown outdoor restaurant, where, after enjoying delicious steak dinners (about \$3.50 each), our leader discovered that his wallet, containing \$1,000 in cash, \$2,000 in travelers checks, his passport, his return airline ticket and all his credit cards, had mysteriously disappeared. Launching a thorough search of the vicinity, we found the wallet--less the cash, credit cards and passport--on a roof outside the restaurant’s men’s restroom, leading us to believe that one of the restaurant employees was the thief. After spending an hour filing a police report, we returned to the hotel, where we soon discerned that the Vina del Mar was more house--if you know what I mean--than hotel. Doors banged open and slammed shut all night; beds and God knows what all thudded against the walls. Tilted

by an assortment of grunts, groans and giggles, my imagination ran at full tilt until dawn’s early light.

Next morning, we groggily drove to Mendoza’s modern soccer stadium, where in an office located below the tiers we applied for and received our climbing permit. That afternoon we backtracked west to a hosteria in Puente del Inca, from which, the following morning, we departed

on our approach to Aconcagua. Since we planned to climb the peak via the Polish Glacier, our path was up the Rio de Vacas--rather than the standard route via the Plaza de Mulas. Employing packers and mules provided by the renown Senor Fernando Grajelos, it took us three days to reach our 13,700’ Plaza Argentina base camp. Bidding “adios” to the packers there, we then spent an additional five days (including a rest day) establishing Camp 1 at 16,500’ and Camp 2 at 18,850’

During this approach, our group of eleven split up into four tents, comprised as follows: Tent 1-- the two guides; Tent 2-- three members of the Colorado Mountaineering Club,



all strong climbers, Tent 3 -- a grab bag, consisting of an attorney from Seattle; a medical student from Detroit, (whose parents, by the way, were Maltese), and a young, well-to-do lad, taking a break from his undergraduate studies at the U. of Denver, whose motives for making the climb were never quite clear (one supposition was that his father had sent him off on the climb to "grow hair"), and Tent 4--three older climbers including myself, the "old farts tent."

One of my two tentmates was Jim Scott, my old friend and climbing pal, whom I have known since our kindergarten days together at Fern Ave. Elementary School in Torrance. Our tent mate, previously unknown to us, was Dick Norgaard, then a professor of finance at the U. of Connecticut in Storrs, now on the staff of the Economics Dept. at SUNY Binghamton. Dick stands at 6'5" and wears a size 15 boot--the kind of guy you notice in a crowd.

Possessing an analytical mind, Dick soon became interested in what sort of personality traits and/or physical characteristics, if any, a group of climbers might share. Although a group of eleven is admittedly too small a sample from which to draw any valid conclusions, he did uncover several commonalities--most of them to be expected, but a few being odd enough to deserve further inquiry, as follow:

1. The group was entirely male and, except for our Maltese doctor-to-be, all of Northern European descent.

2. Of the eleven climbers, just three were married. True, one of the single climbers was engaged, but on the other hand, one of the married climber's union was on the rocks and was to dissolve shortly thereafter.

3. Four of the group were left-handed--just a statistical abnormality or ?

4. The average height of our group, including the alpine Norgaard, was a mere 5'9"

5. Average weight--149 lbs, somewhat lighter than the average American male.

6. Average age--35-1/2 years old.

7. Regarding education, everyone except our Chilean guide, Andre, who was scheduled to matriculate shortly after the expedition, had some sort of college background. Four in the

group possessed advanced degrees.

8. Dick's conclusions regarding the group's personality characteristics--excluding the U. of Denver student--were that "all were type A, all were extremely individualistic, all were very competitive."

At Camp 2, located at the base of the Polish Glacier, we found only a few tent sites, and these were small and snuggled up close against steep rock walls. Unfortunately, we also found the rock-covered body of a young Argentine climber, a discovery that cast a definite pall over our team. Later we heard that the corpse remained there because it was unlawful to move a body until the circumstances of the death had been investigated on site by the authorities (Senor Grajelos, it seems, had previously gotten into hot water by bringing down another body without permission, and he wasn't about to risk losing his profitable franchise by doing so again). Since the climber's family and/or friends didn't have the wherewithal to reimburse the proper officials for venturing up to that God-forsaken 18,850' location, there the body remained, frozen solid, slowly dissicating in the dry mountain air.

After a day of resting and practicing ice axe techniques at Camp 2, we began our summit attempt the following morning, Feb. 18, at 3:15 a.m., when the outside air temperature was an icy -5 degrees. The first leg of our climb was a long ascending traverse to the south-east edge of the glacier, which we reached just as dawn was breaking. Later, about 8:00 a.m., somewhere around the 20,000' mark, we came across a team of Colorado climbers who were in the process of turning back. Camped on the ice flow the previous evening, their leader had begun to exhibit signs of pulmonary edema, and that morning the group had decided to forego their summit attempt in order to get the stricken climber safely down to a lower altitude.

By noon, at 21,000', I had begun to sound like a steam engine, taking three "pressure" breaths per step--and even at that I was starved for oxygen. In my journal, I noted, "I was exhausted and dizzy. The crampon tracks

left in the snow by the climber on the rope ahead of me had become hypnotizing. They appeared to be Chinese characters, which, try as I might, I couldn't decipher."

At 2:15 p.m., we reached the summit cairn, which I described in my journal as "a pile of rocks in the middle of a snow-free, rocky flat, about an acre in area--quite unspectacular." We stayed there almost an hour, taking photographs and congratulating one another, before beginning our descent.

Because we'd had our fill of the Polish Glacier, we opted to follow the rocky standard route down the north side of the mountain, until we reached the battered Berlin Refuge. From there we traversed SE down around the peak, reaching our tents at Camp 2 at 8:30 p.m. just before dark.

It was the longest, hardest day of my life. I was so tired, in fact, that I couldn't really appreciate the fact that it was finally over. That night, I had a odd high-altitude dream in which a man dressed in loose white clothing entered a small whitewashed room and sat on a white chair, the only piece of furniture in the room. Then I dreamed it again, then again and again--like a movie on an endless spool.

Getting off to a lethargic 1 p.m. start the next post-summit day, we descended only to our 16,500' Camp 1--near a field of Nieves Penitentes--which gave us a total of five uncomfortable nights above 16,000'. The following day, we continued down to our 13,700' "banana belt" base camp at Plaza del Argentina, where, to our delight, "the breathing was easy." Unfortunately, however, because we couldn't cross the swollen Rio de Vacas without horses, we had to wait there for three long days for Senor Grajelos' pack team to arrive and pick us up.

During our wait at Plaza del Argentina, we killed time by:

1. Exploring the area, and climbing one of the nearby 15,000' peaks
2. Washing our underwear in glacial water that was even dirtier than our shorts (hard to believe).
3. Almost persuading the climber whose marriage was in trouble (could it be that some

of the strain was due to the fact that he had left his wife at home, ready at any moment to give birth to twins?) that he should name his offspring Kahiltna and Talkeetna.

On the day of our departure, heading back down the Relinchos Valley on our way toward the Rio de Vacas, we stopped for one final look back at Aconcagua. A lenticular cloud had formed over the peak that morning, and the downwind edge of the formation--the side toward us--was forming ever-changing claw-like shapes, similar to the spin drift in that famous Japanese wood block print of the storm-tossed ocean with Fujiama in the background. Andre said the cloud was an indicator that the outstanding weather we had enjoyed was about to change for the worse. To me, it seemed as if the mountain had awakened at last, and that it was belatedly attempting to reach out and do harm to those of us who had violated its sanctity.

Our two day hike to the trailhead was uneventful. We arrived at the hostel at Puente del Inca the second afternoon about 5 p.m., where we lined up to take our first showers in fifteen days. That evening we had to wait until the standard Argentine dinner hour of 9:30 p.m. to be fed. It was during that seemingly interminable delay that I developed my extreme empathy for the Donner Party.

The following day, heading for Santiago to catch an evening flight for Miami, our van first ran out of gas, then, after refueling, broke down due to an electrical problem. As we were all extremely anxious to get home, these delays were cause for major frustration. Fortunately, our plane was also late and, happily, we just made our connection.

My homecoming the following afternoon wasn't the triumphal event that I had expected, however. Although I thought I had adequately showered at the hostel on the previous morning, I was chagrined when an old friend, who picked Jim Scott and me up at LAX in his new BMW, suggested that he let us off at a car wash for a good steam cleaning. When we balked, he drove us back to Long Beach with all his windows rolled down. Sometimes even conquering mountain climbers get no respect.

Sierra Club Angeles Chapter Sierra Peaks Section Officers 1956 to 1996

YEAR	CHAIR	VICE CHAIR	SECRETARY	TREASURER	ALTERNATE
1956	F. Sanborn	B. Sheller	P. Meixner	L. Scotti	F. Bressel
1957	B. Bingham	J. Robinson	B. Lilley	P. Meixner	F. Sanborn
1958	C. Miller	B. Sanders	C. Parsons	B. Lilley	J. Robinson
1959	B. Sanders	T. Amneus	M. Eide	C. Parsons	C. Miller
1960	J. Keating	F. Sanborn	B. Sanders	G. Shinno	L. Kolbig
1961	G. Shinno	L. Kolbig	J. Keating	T. Amneus	B. Bingham
1962	M. Brubacher	G. Stephenson	G. Shinno	L. Kolbig	J. Robinson
1963	T. Maier	B. Lilley	D. Evans	B. Bingham	T. Amneus
1964	J. Robinson	F. Sanborn	B. Lilley	M. Brubacher	G. Shinno
1965	A. Erb	G. MacLeod	A. Smatko	E. Siegal	S. Ossosky
1966	R. Jali	D. Scruggs	K. McNutt	G. Stephenson	G. Shinno
1967	S. Davis	R. Jali	B. Hunt	T. Maier	L. Kolbig
1968	J. Thornton	J. Robinson	D. Sykes	B. Bingham	J. Keating
1969	B. Hunt	D. Sykes	R. Jones	R. Jali	R. Beach
1970	D. Sykes	R. Jones	F. Hoeptner	B. Mason	E. Schumacher
1971	B. Mason	F. Hoeptner	H. Ory	R. Beach	I. Lieberman
1972	H. Ory	A. Fowler	B. Magnuson	P. Lipsohn	R. Magnuson
1973	P. Lipsohn	A. DeGoede	D. Dee	R. Jones	A. Fowler
1974	D. Dee	D. Mantle	W.T. Russell	G. Toby	R. Jones
1975	D. Mantle	G. Toby	T. Cardina	D. McRuer	W.T. Russell
			C. Ranschau		
1976	D. McRuer	C. Ranschau	R.J. Secor	B. Shultz	M. Omberg
			T. Pinson		
1977	W.T. Russell	M. Brandsma	T. Pinson	C. Ranschau	B. Schultz
					M. Muell
1978	G. Toby	R. Jones	G. Mauk	M. Omberg	B. Hicks
1979	B. Hicks	G. Mauk	J. Hellman	T. Pinson	B. Bradley
1980	G. Mauk	B. Bradley	H. McFadden	P. Holleman	D. Van Dalsem
1981	B. Bradley	P. Holleman	J. Murphy	B. Emerick	M. McMannes
1982	P. Holleman	J. Murphy	N. Gordon	R. Bartell	B. Emerick
1983	J. Murphy	N. Gordon	K. Sullivan	M. Valkass	D. Dykeman
1984	N. Gordon	D. Dykeman	M.S. Miller	R. Danta	M. Valkass
1985	D. Dykeman	M. Valkass	R. Hudson	V. Weldon	M.S. Miller
1986	M.S. Miller	R. Hudson	V. Weldon	H. McFadden	L. Machleder
1987	R. Jones	R. R. McDonald	M. Valkass	V. Grasso	A. Conrad
1988	M. Valkass	B. Oliver	R. Armentrout	A. Conrad	V. Grasso
1989	B. Oliver	T. Stough	V. Grasso	R. Armentrout	M Gonzales
1990	V. Grasso	B. Oliver	K. Leonard	M. Gonzales	G. Breakwell
1991	B. Oliver	K. Leonard	B. Wyka	L. Tidball	M. Gonzales
1992	D. Petzold	B. Sumner	B. Wyka	L. Tidball	M. Gonzales
1993	L. Tidball	D. Petzold	B. Cohen	P. Kline	B. Hoffman
1994	B. Cohen	L. Tidball	D. Richter	P. Kline	B. Tidball
1995	D. Richter	W. Norman	M. Roach	P. Kline	B. Tidball
1996	B. Tidball	D. Richter	W. Norman	H. Freimanis	P. Kline

SPS MANAGEMENT COOMMITTEE APPOINTED POSITIONS 1987-1995

Appointed Positions 1987

Chapter Council Representative: Mary Sue Miller; Conservation Chair: Bill T. Russell; Safety: Norm Rohm; Mountain Records: Rob Roy McDonald; ECHO Editor: Pat Holleman; ECHO Mailer: Carolyn West; Membership Records: Gerry Holleman; Membership Retention & Recruiting: Don Borad; Banquet Chair: Bill Oliver

Appointed Positions 1988

Chapter Council: Ron Jones; Conservation Chair: Jim Raiford; Safety: Tom Duryea; Mountain Records: Rob Roy McDonald; ECHO Editor: Igor Mamedalin; Associate Editor: Jeff Solomon; ECHO Mailer: Carolyn West; ECHO Printer: Sharon Conrad; Banquet Chair: Mario Gonzalez; Membership Records: Gerry Holleman

Appointed Positions 1989

Chapter Council: Maris Valkass; Conservation Chair: Sylvia Sur; Safety Chair: Richard Fritsen; Mountain Record: Rob Roy McDonald; ECHO Editor: Egor Mamedalin; ECHO Associate Editor: Jeff Solomon; ECHO Mailer: Ron Grau; ECHO Printer: Sharon Conrad; Banquet Chair: Bruce Parker; Membership Records: Gerry Holleman; Trail Maintenance: R.J. Secor

Appointed Positions 1990

Chapter Council: Alternates: Karen Leonard, Bill Oliver, Vi Grasso, Safety Chair: Richard Fritsen; Conservation Chair: Sylvia Sur; ECHO Editor: Igor Mamedalin; ECHO Associate Editor: Jeff Solomon; ECHO Printer: Suzanne Thomas; ECHO Mailer: Ron Grau; Banquet Chair: David L. Underwood; Mountain Records: Barbara Reber; Mountain Records - Peaks List: Bill T. Russell; Membership Records: Gerry Holleman; Train Maintenance: R.J. Secor

Appointed Positions 1991

Chair Council: Vi Grasso; Conservation Chair: Mary Sue Miller; Mountain Records: Bill T. Russell; ECHO Editor: Bob Sumner; ECHO Mailer: Kathy Price & Sylvia Sur; Banquet Chair: Delores Holladay

Appointed Positions 1992

Mountain Records: Bill T. Russell; Conservation Chair: Mary Sue Miller; ECHO Mailer: Kathy Price; Program Chair: Rene Mevay; Outings Chair: Barbara Cohen; Council Representation: Patty Kline; Historian: Bill Oliver; ECHO Editor: Bob Sumner

Appointed Positions 1993

Conservation Chair: Mary Sue Miller; Historian: Bill Oliver; Council Rep: Dan Richter; Mountain Records: Vi Grasso; Safety Chair: Barbara Reber; Banquet Chair: Barbee Hoffman; ECHO Editor: Wayne Norman

Appointed Positions 1994

Mountain Records: Vi Grasso; ECHO Editor: Wayne Norman; Historian: Bill Oliver; Banquet Chair, Conservation: Barbee Tidball

Appointed Positions 1995

Outings: Greg Roach; Safety Co-Chair: Doug Mantle & Duane McRuer; Mountain Records: Tina Stough; Outreach Coordinator: Harry Freimanis; Conservation: Dave Underwood; Council Rep: Julie Rush; Historian: Bill Oliver; Special Projects: Ann Kramer; Banquet Chair: Barbee Tidball; ECHO Editor: Wayne Norman

Some Quotes:

"When we are climbing we are doing, we are participating, we are experincing: Climbing is life. I do it because it gives me life"

Roger Briggs

Climbing is not a sport, it is a way of life. The way you get to the top expresses who you are, your values, the type of life you are living. Climbing takes place in nature, it is a school of life.

Patrick Edlinger

ECHOS OF BANQUETS PAST

By Vi Grasso & Ron Jones

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
1957	Smokehouse Restaurant	Geo Wallerstein	St Elias Expedition	46
1958	"	Bill Dixon	Andes/Canadian climbing	42
1959	Saddle Inn	Lothar Kolbig	Canadian Rockies	42
1960	Switzerland Cafe	Peggy Sullivan	Northwest	50
1961	Michaels	Lothar Kolbig	Mtrg. in Peru	75
1962	Rudi's Italian Inn	Leigh Ortenberger	1961 Hillary Himal. Exp.	80
1963	"	Norm Dyhrenfurth	American Everest Exp.	120
1964	"	Sy Ossofsky	Mt McKinley climb by 6 SPSers	102
1965	"	Graham Stevenson	Climbing Expedition in Afghanistan	
1966	"	Various SPS Members	Climbing in the Cordillera Blanca	
1967	"	John Thornton	Wrangel Range, AK	
1968	Sir Michael's	Pete White, Dick Jali	Climbing in Peru	80
1969	Sir Michael's	Geo. Barnes	Climb of Noshaq, Afghanistan	87
1970	Sir Michael's	Wally Henry, Dan Eaton	Climb of Mt Waddington, AK	
1971	Smokehouse Restaurant	Barbara Lilley, Dick Beach	Climb Mt Logan, AK	
1972	Smokehouse Restaurant	Barbara Lilley Bill Feldman	Climb of Mt St Elias	
1973	Taix	Tom Frost	Climb of S. face of Annapurna	142
1974	Taix	Dick Sykes	Climb of the Grand Teton	120
1975	Taix	Pete White, Peter Pilafian	Lost Arrow, Eiger, Karakorum & more	179
1976	Taix	Mike Graber	Two summers climbing in AK	160
1977	Cockatoo	Chris Jones	Climbing in N. America	130
1978	Cockatoo	Diana Dee	Climbing in the Pamirs, Russia	143
1979	Cal Tech	Pete White	Nepal/Everest Exp.	136
1980	Cal Tech	The Sullivans	SPSers do the Pac. Crest Trail	130
1981	Cal Tech	Dave Beck	Adventure Skiing	120
1982	Quiet Cannon	Rick Ridgeway	Antarctica	135
1983	Chevy Chase CC	J. Harlin	Climbing the Eiger North Wall	
1984	Sportsmen's L.	Edward Vail	Climb of Celestial Pk	
1985	Sportsmen's L.	Vladimir Lange	A So. American High	100+
1986	Sportsmen's L.	Burton Falk	Trek around Annapurna & more	122
1987	Proud Bird	R.J. Secor	10 Toughest Sierra Peaks	
1988	Proud Bird	Don Pies	Yosemite climbing & skiing	125
1989	Proud Bird	Glen Dawson, Jules Eichorn	Historical Sierra Club Climbing	183
1990	Proud Bird	Dick Bass	Seven Summits	201
1991	Pacifica Hotel	Bill Farr, Herb Laeger	The Everest of Caving, In Search of the World's Deepest Cave	102
1992	Pickwick Ctr	Randall Danta	Climbing Mt.Everest, The Search for excellence	187
1993	L.Bch Greek Orth. Church	Kitty Calhoun Grissom	Spirit of Alpinism	142
1994	L.Bch Greek Orth. Church	Greg Child	Climbs of K2, Triangle Towers, Denali & Mt Hunter	145
1995	Flintridge CC	SPS Members	Historical Stories	

Sierra Club Angeles Chapter Sierra Peaks Section List Finishers

LIST FINISHERS

LF	Last Name	First Name	Date	Peak
1.	Smatko	Andy	10/25/64	Mt. Muah
2.	Ross	Tom	1965	Norman Clyde Peak
3.	Lilley	Barbara	9/28/69	Marion Peak
4.	Keating	Jerry	8/19/72	Table Mountain
5.	MacLeod	Gordon	9/3/73	Center Peak
6.	Erb	Arkel	8/1/66	Goat Mountain
7.	Mantle	Doug	9/28/74	Clouds Rest
8.	Treacy	Ed	8/13/76	Finger Peak
9.	Fletcher	Eiton	7/19/77	Eagle Scout Peak
10.	Magnuson	Roy	8/27/78	Round Top
11.	Magnuson	Barbara	8/27/78	Round Top
12.	Treacy	Timothy	8/5/79	Electra Peak
13.	Sanders	Bill	9/16/79	Bloody Mountain
14.	Ranschau	Cuno	9/16/79	Mount Corcoran
15.	Schuler	Bill	6/16/80	Mount Warren
16.	Vernon	Greg	7/25/80	The Hermit
17.	Grams	Jack	7/26/81	Devil's Crag #1
18.	Hoover	Nathan	8/29/81	Mount Tinemaha
19.	Hoover	Victoria	8/29/81	Mount Tinemaha
20.	Hoover	William	8/29/81	Mount Tinemaha
21.	Bartell	Ron	8/1/82	Pyramid Peak #1
22.	Hoover	Frances	10/2/83	Mt. Powell
23.	Gnagy	Rich	6/1/85	Lamont Peak
24.	Rohn	Norman F.	8/31/85	Marion Peak
25.	Brown	Lloyd	9/7/85	Mount McCadie

LF	Last Name	First Name	Date	Peak
26.	McRuer	Duane	9/20/85	Mount Gilbert
27.	Russell	Bill T.	9/21/85	Mount Goode
28.	Secor	R. J.	10/5/86	Smith Mountain
29.	Dykeman	Dave	7/18/87	Mount Muah
30.	Palmer	Don	7/15/88	Observation Peak
31.	Emerick	Bob	9/16/89	Mount Morgan #1
32.	Hicks	Bob	9/8/90	Clouds Rest
33.	Hubbard	George	9/29/90	Alta Peak
34.	Mauk	Gene	9/29/90	Alta Peak
35.	Murphy	Jim	9/21/91	Mount Dana
36.	Grasso	Vi	9/28/91	Mount Stanford #2
37.	Toby	George	9/19/92	Alta Peak
38.	Petzold	Dave	10/9/92	Siretta Peak
39.	Stough	Tina	10/9/92	Bloody Mountain
40.	Schumacher	Eric	9/20/92	Pilot Knob #2
41.	Van Dalsem	Dale	9/25/93	Lone Pine Peak
42.	Stephens	Joe	8/13/94	Observation Peak
43.	Wyman	Sue	9/17/94	Mount Morrison
44.	Henney	Vic	9/17/94	Mount Morrison
45.	Campbell	David	9/2/95	Observation
46.	Lorr	Michael	9/9/95	Alta Peak
47.	Gordon	Nancy	9/23/95	Bloody Mountain

LIST FINISHERS PLUS EMBLEM

#	Last Name	First Name	Date	Peak
1.	Mantle	Doug		
2.	Dykeman	Dave	7/87	
3.	Russell	Bill T.		

#	Last Name	First Name	Date	Peak
4.	Secor	R.J.	8/90	
5.	Stough	Tina	9/16/95	Mount Humphreys

LIST FINISHERS PLUS SENIOR EMBLEM

#	Last Name	First Name	Date	Peak
1.	Mantle	Doug		
2.	Dykeman	Dave	10/90	

#	Last Name	First Name	Date	Peak
3.	Secor	R.J.	10/11/92	
4.	Russell	Bill T.	1993	

LIST FINISHERS PLUS MASTER EMBLEM

#	Last Name	First Name	Date	Peak
1.	Mantle	Doug		
2.	Dykeman	Dave	9/2/94	Clark

#	Last Name	First Name	Date	Peak
3.	Secor	R.J.	9/24/95	Mt. Morgan #1

DOUG MANTLE - MULTIPLE FINISHES

Second List Finish	September 1982	on	Clouds Rest
Third List Finish		on	Clouds Rest
Fourth List Finish	September 1993	on	Iron Mountain

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Sierra Club Angeles Chapter Sierra Peaks Section List of Master Emblem Holders

#	Last Name	First Name	Date	Peak
1.	Smatko	Andy	10/25/64	
2.	Ross	Tom	1965	
3.	Erb	Arkel	8/1/66	
4.	Lilley	Barbara	9/28/69	
5.	Keating	Jerry	8/19/72	
6.	MacLeod	Gordon	9/3/73	
7.	Mantle	Doug	9/28/74	
8.	Treacy	Ed	8/13/76	
9.	Fletcher	Eiton	7/19/77	
10.	Magnuson	Roy	8/27/78	
11.	Magnuson	Barbara	8/27/78	
12.	Treacy	Timothy	8/5/79	
13.	Sanders	Bill	9/16/79	
14.	Ranschau	Cuno	9/16/79	
15.	Schuler	Bill	6/16/80	
16.	Vernon	Greg	7/25/80	
17.	Grams	Jack	7/26/81	
18.	Russell	Bill T.	8/16/81	Tinker Knob
19.	Hoover	Nathan	8/29/81	
20.	Hoover	Victoria	8/29/81	
21.	Hoover	William	8/29/81	
22.	Bartell	Ron	8/1/82	
23.	Hoover	Frances	10/2/83	
24.	Gnagy	Rich	6/1/85	
25.	Rohn	Norman F.	8/31/85	
26.	Brown	Lloyd	9/7/85	
27.	McRuer	Duane	9/20/85	

#	Last Name	First Name	Date	Peak
28.	Secor	R. J.	1986	
29.	Dykeman	Dave	7/18/87	
30.	Van Dalsem	Dale	1988	
31.	Palmer	Don	7/15/88	
32.	Campbell	David	1989	
33.	Emerick	Bob	9/16/89	
34.	Grasso	Vi	1990	
35.	Reber	Barbara	1990	
36.	Wyman	Sue	9/90	
37.	Henney	Vic	9/90	
38.	Hicks	Bob	9/8/90	
39.	Hubbard	George	9/29/90	
40.	Mauk	Gene	9/29/90	
41.	Petzold	Dave	11/90	
42.	Stough	Tina	1991	
43.	Stephens	Joseph	1991	
44.	Murphy	Jim	9/21/91	
45.	Tidball	Larry	1992	
46.	Toby	George	9/19/92	
47.	Schumacher	Eric	9/20/92	
48.	Thaw	Steven	1993	
49.	Gordon	Nancy	7/90	
50.	Meyers	Frank	8/20/95	Mount Tallac
51.	Lorr	Michael	9/9/95	
52.	Cohen	Barbara	11/11/95	Mt. Liza

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Sierra Club Angeles Chapter Sierra Peaks Section

List of Senior Emblem Holders

Em	Last Name	Last Name	Date	Peak
1.	Smatko	Andy	1964	
2.	Ross	Tom	1965	
3.	Lilley	Barbara	1969	
4.	Castel	John	8/70	
5.	Jones	Ron	8/71	
6.	Keating	Jerry	9/71	
7.	MacLeod	Gordon	7/72	
8.	Erb	Arkel	1974	
9.	Mantle	Doug	1974	
10.	Treacy	Timothy	7/74	
11.	Dee	Diana	8/74	
12.	Treacy	Ed	8/74	
13.	Schuler	Bill	9/74	
14.	Magnuson	Barbara	11/74	
15.	Magnuson	Roy	11/74	
16.	Ranschau	Cuno	9/75	
17.	Cameron	Betty	6/76	
18.	Kabler	Walton	6/76	
19.	Gnagy	Rich	8/76	
20.	Riseley	Frank	8/76	
21.	Ward	Roy	9/76	
22.	Hoover	William	10/76	
23.	Schumacher	Eric	10/76	
24.	Hoover	Victoria	5/77	
25.	Campbell	David	5/77	
26.	Secor	R.J.	6/77	
27.	Meyers	Frank	6/77	
28.	Riseley	Mike	6/77	
29.	Hubbard	George	7/77	
30.	Fletcher	Elton	7/77	
31.	Hoover	Nathan	7/77	
32.	Hellman	John	8/77	
33.	McRuer	Duane	8/77	
34.	Akawie	Richard	9/77	
35.	Reber	Barbara	9/77	
36.	Bartell	Ron	11/77	
37.	Riseley	Jonie	6/78	
38.	Grams	Jack	7/78	
39.	Vasilik	Joe	8/78	
40.	Russell	Bill T.	9/78	
41.	Vernon	Greg	10/78	
42.	Jali	Dick	10/78	
43.	Lorr	Michael	10/78	
44.	Bihl	Mary	7/79	
45.	McDermott	John	8/79	
46.	Holleman	Deanna D.	8/79	
47.	Holleman	Gerald W.	8/79	
48.	Hoover	Frances	8/79	
49.	Petitjean	Jon	8/79	
50.	Petitjean	Bernie	8/79	
51.	Petitjean	Lu	9/79	
52.	Sanders	Bill	9/79	
53.	Amneus	Tom	9/79	
54.	Davis	Sid	9/79	
55.	Rohn	Norman F.	9/79	
56.	Machleder	Larry	9/79	
57.	Mauk	Gene	10/79	
58.	Camphausen	Fred	10/79	
59.	Sparks	Don	6/80	
60.	Barnes	George	6/80	
61.	Erb	Jim	7/80	

Em	Last Name	Last Name	Date	Peak
62.	VanDalsem	Dale	9/80	
63.	Backus	John	1/81	
64.	Hicks	Bob	7/81	
65.	McFadden	Harold	7/81	
66.	Toby	George	8/81	
67.	McMannes	Mary	8/81	
68.	Benson	Al	8/81	
69.	Hammond	David	9/81	
70.	Palmer	Don	6/82	
71.	Dykeman	Dave	7/82	
72.	Sullivan	Kevin	7/82	
73.	Sullivan	Sherry	7/82	
74.	Murphy	Jim	8/82	
75.	Bradley	Bill	9/83	
76.	Holladay	Delores	9/83	
77.	Titus	Jay	9/83	
78.	Miller	Mary Sue	7/83	
79.	Hudson	Ron	7/84	
80.	Dixon	Lance	8/84	
81.	Goebel	Mark	1/85	
82.	Brown	Lloyd	1/85	
83.	Pinson	Ted	9/85	
84.	Gordon	Nancy	9/86	
85.	Kluwin	Gisela	9/87	
86.	Grasso	Vi	9/87	
87.	Moore	Ret	1988	
88.	Yamagata	Pete	1988	
89.	Stough	Tina	1988	
90.	Armentrout	Ruth	1988	
91.	Miller	Jack	1988	
92.	Harvey	Wison	1988	
93.	Tidball	Larry	1988	
94.	Stephens	Joe	1989	
95.	Frolli	Mark	1989	
96.	Henney	Vick	1989	
97.	Wyman	Sue	1989	
98.	Fritsen	Richard	1989	
99.	Petzold	Dave	1989	
100.	Gerlach	Greg	9/90	
101.	Conrad	Al	9/90	
102.	Slager	Ursala	1991	
103.	Dubeau	Bobby	1991	
104.	Thaw	Steve	1991	
105.	Sullivan	Scott	1991	
106.	Edginton	Jane	1992	
107.	Jenson	John	1993	
108.	Cohen	Barbara	1993	
109.	Richardson	Judi	1993	
110.	Edmonson	Jim	1993	
111.	Smith	Brian	1993	
112.	Kline	Patty	8/3/94	Table Mtn
113.	Roach	Mirna	9/18/94	Striped Mtn.
114.	Roach	Greg	9/18/94	Striped Mtn.
115.	Inskeep	Jon	9/15/95	Crag Peak

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Em	Last Name	First Name	Date	Peak
0.	Clyde	Norman	Honorary	
1.	Kehrlein	Oliver	1956	
2.	Robinson	John	1956	
3.	Clarke	Don	1956	
4.	Sheller	Robert	1956	
5.	Meixner (Gentry)	Pat	1956	
6.	Bingham	Bud	1956	
7.	Mandolf	Henry	1/3/57	
8.	Lilley	Barbara	4/57	
9.	Wade	Bob	7/8/57	
10.	Smatko	Andy	7/19/57	
11.	Ross	Tom	8/13/57	
12.	Miller	Chuck	8/20/57	
13.	Sanders	Bill	9/4/57	
14.	Hunt	Peter	9/11/57	
15.	Jones	Vern	9/22/57	
16.	Gnagy	Richard	9/57	
17.	Bear	Robert	10/57	
18.	Heller	Carl	10/57	
19.	Fink	Sam	12/24/57	
20.	Collins	Walter	1/27/58	
21.	Estes	Paul	7/25/57	
22.	Shinno	John	8/9/58	
23.	Amneus	Tom	8/58	
24.	Keating	Jerry	9/2/58	
25.	Hamilton	Don	9/2/58	
26.	Parsons	Charlotte	9/2/58	
27.	Parkinson	Burl	9/2/58	
28.	Gerckens	Charles	9/24/58	
29.	Heusel	Bill	11/13/58	
30.	Eide (Miller)	Mary	12/10/58	
31.	Hunter	Paul	5/4/59	
32.	Brubacher	Miles	6/12/59	
33.	Wright	Lyn	6/30/59	
34.	Wright	Helen	6/30/59	
35.	Jensen	Fred	7/20/59	
36.	McGeenin	Don	9/59	
37.	Jali	Dick	8/3/59	
38.	Keating	Nancy	8/8/59	
39.	Myers	Cliff	9/8/59	
40.	Myers	Maurine	9/8/59	
41.	Levy	Monroe	9/13/59	
42.	Hunt	Tom	9/59	
43.	Hunt	Trudie	9/59	
44.	Finney	Albert	9/59	
45.	Mosley	Dick	10/18/59	
46.	Modjeska	Charles	8/1/60	
47.	Modjeska	George	8/1/60	
48.	Mohn	Russell	8/15/60	
49.	Ballard	Charles	8/60	
50.	Gall	Marge	9/7/60	
51.	Sisson	Virgil	9/14/60	
52.	Stocking	Robert	9/14/60	
53.	Limp	Thomas	9/21/60	
54.	Donatelli	Reginald	9/60	
55.	Carroll	John	9/60	
56.	Wallerstein	George	11/7/60	
57.	Dageforde	Allen	6/61	
58.	Hamren	David	7/31/61	
59.	Brand	Steve	7/61	
60.	Raudenbush	Michael	8/14/61	

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61.	Condon	Thomas	8/25/61	
62.	Shinno	George	9/5/61	
63.	Maier	Ted	9/7/61	
64.	Rogero	Bunny	9/13/61	
65.	Rogero	Steve	9/14/61	
66.	Erb	Arkel	9/25/61	
67.	Hiehle	Mike	9/61	
68.	Clifton	Bill	5/29/62	
69.	Kolbig	Lothar	9/3/62	
70.	Spinks	John	9/4/62	
71.	McNicholas	Mike	9/27/62	
72.	Julian	Renne	9/27/62	
73.	Arp	Vincent	11/12/62	
74.	Furnoy	R. J.	8/27/92	
75.	Cubberly	David	9/10/63	
76.	Light	Garver	9/10/63	
77.	Sanborn	Frank	9/63	
78.	Nichols	James	11/11/63	
79.	Wilkie	Steve	1/64	
80.	Osofsky	Sy	6/5/64	
81.	MacLeod	Gordon	6/8/64	
82.	Coolidge	Ann	6/30/64	
83.	Matheson	Bill	7/5/64	
84.	Lovett	Bob	7/13/64	
85.	Kussman	Norman	7/64	
86.	Beebe	John	8/13/64	
87.	Lougee	Glen	9/8/64	
88.	Fossett	Steve	9/10/64	
89.	Eder	Jim	9/19/64	
90.	Peckham	John	10/12/64	
91.	Nelson	Paul	10/20/64	
92.	Kussman	Phyllis	11/64	
93.	Nims	Jerry	11/64	
94.	Voge	Harvey	1964	
95.	Colevins	Neko	1964	
96.	Burge	Dennis	1964	
97.	Shaeffer	Irwin	1/65	
98.	Rappolee	Don	1/65	
99.	Barnes	George	6/65	
100.	Michel	Roy	8/65	
101.	Cubberly	Don	9/65	
102.	Thomas	William	1/66	
103.	Larkin (MacLeod)	Barbara	6/25/66	
104.	Dodds	Walter (Jim)	9/6/66	
105.	Lieberman	Izzy	9/19/66	
106.	Bowen	Gary	9/66	
107.	Bingham	Bep	3/67	
108.	Shay	Carlton	3/67	
109.	Watters	Jim	3/67	
110.	Van Allen	Robert	6/19/67	
111.	Siemens	Abe	7/4/67	
112.	Arnon	Stephen	7/17/67	
113.	Banks	Bill	8/13/67	
114.	Vitz	John	8/13/67	
115.	Smith	Steve	8/13/67	
116.	Kaicener	Cyril	8/14/67	
117.	Castel	John	8/67	
118.	Werner	Louise	8/67	
119.	Siegel (Osofsky)	Ellen Jane	9/1/67	
120.	Buckmaster	Doug	9/10/67	

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121.	Rohn	Norm	9/19/67	
122.	Burge	Caroll	9/67	
123.	Johnson	Fred	9/67	
124.	Schumacker	Eric	10/3/67	
125.	Desaluniers	Lucien	10/11/67	
126.	Williams	Robert	10/67	
127.	Woods	Don	11/1/67	
128.	Anderson	Don	1967	
129.	Bailey	Howland	1967	
130.	Davis	Sid	1967	
131.	Gail	Gene	1967	
132.	Hallett	Bernard	1967	
133.	Henry	Wally	1967	
134.	Herlihy	Robert	1967	
135.	Heyenbruch	William	1967	
136.	Hunt	Bill	1967	
137.	Lampman	Norman	1967	
138.	McNutt	Ken	1967	
139.	McGlone	Dave	1967	
140.	Moeller	Carl	1967	
141.	Romero	Ben	1967	
142.	Romero	Miriam	1967	
143.	Stiles	Vernon E.	1967	
144.	Stork	Edward	1967	
145.	Sykes	Richard	1967	
146.	Meyers	Frank	4/14/68	
147.	Browder	Hal	7/7/68	
148.	DeNike	Douglas	7/10/68	
149.	Dodds	Eunice	7/10/68	
150.	Rausch	Bill	7/10/68	
151.	Ory	Horace	7/11/68	
152.	Harding	Steve	7/21/68	
153.	Williams	Craig	7/25/68	
154.	Bowen	Bob	7/31/68	
155.	Mason	Robert	7/31/68	
156.	Jenkins	Jim	8/1/68	
157.	Riseley	Frank	8/11/68	
158.	Thornton	John	8/14/68	
159.	Treacy	Tom	8/30/68	
160.	Ferrell	Ken	8/31/68	
161.	Anderson	Elizabeth	9/2/68	
162.	Stockton	Les	9/2/68	
163.	Talt	Rich	9/3/68	
164.	Akawie	Richard	9/15/68	
165.	Ulyatt	Peter	9/15/68	
166.	Akawie	Barbara	9/22/68	
167.	Fowler	Al	9/30/68	
168.	Larson	Kenton	10/1/68	
169.	Ripley	John	10/8/68	
170.	Bernard	Randolf	10/12/68	
171.	Fletcher	Elton	10/68	
172.	Fletcher	Pat	10/68	
173.	Fletcher	Larry	10/68	
174.	Fletcher (Manning)	Mary	10/68	
175.	Isaac	John	11/10/68	
176.	Taylor	Ray	11/20/68	
177.	Davis	Jay	1968	
178.	Boelter	Donald	2/69	
179.	Boelter	Gene	2/69	
180.	Boelter	Jim	2/69	
181.	Hallet	Douglas	2/69	
182.	Hill	Lewis	2/69	

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183.	Jones	Ron	2/69	
184.	Schuler	William	2/69	
185.	Weitzul	James	2/69	
186.	Riseley	Joni	6/2/69	
187.	Taylor	Todd	6/69	
188.	Williams	Ray	6/69	
189.	Brubacher	Maureen	8/69	
190.	Wedberg	John	9/7/69	
191.	Aikman	Gerald	9/23/69	
192.	Akawie	Carol	9/69	
193.	Bausback	Brendan	9/69	
194.	Fleming	Ronald	10/16/69	
195.	Erb	Ruth	1969	
196.	Melts	Harry	1969	
197.	Stephens	Howard	1969	
198.	Taylor	Wendy	7/5/70	
199.	Schnitzer	Ewald	7/6/70	
200.	Smith	Carl	7/8/70	
201.	Petitjean	Bernie	7/13/70	
202.	Petitjean	Lou	7/13/70	
203.	White	N. P.	7/30/70	
204.	Cardina	Tom	8/31/70	
205.	Hoover	Bill	8/31/70	
206.	Neffson	Ben	8/31/70	
207.	Magnuson	Roy	8/70	
208.	Riseley	Mike	9/4/70	
209.	Backus	John	9/6/70	
210.	Carlin	Rosemarie	9/7/70	
211.	Goebel	Mark	9/8/70	
212.	Snyder	Gerald	9/8/70	
213.	Davis (Bernard)	Joyce	9/13/70	
214.	McRuer	Duane	9/14/70	
215.	Keenan	Roy	9/18/70	
216.	Boyles	Bob	9/30/70	
217.	Kemper	Mary	9/30/70	
218.	Dee	Diana	10/70	
219.	Kluth	Paul	10/13/70	
220.	Linden	John	10/19/70	
221.	Wiley	Jay	11/3/70	
222.	Janecky	David	11/30/70	
223.	de Goede	Art	3/18/71	
224.	Treacy	Ed	6/30/71	
225.	Smith	Natalie	6/71	
226.	Hubbard	George	8/15/71	
227.	Rowland	Chet	8/25/71	
228.	Hoover	Vicky	9/1/71	
229.	Hill	Ed	9/2/71	
230.	Hayes	William	9/6/71	
231.	Zemetra	Mike	9/7/71	
232.	Lipsohn	Paul	9/8/71	
233.	Gladstone	Dave	9/12/71	
234.	Hack	Joan	9/12/71	
235.	Toby	George	9/14/71	
236.	King	Dave	9/20/71	
237.	Lantz	Dennis	9/20/71	
238.	Beach	Disk	10/1/71	
239.	Benesh	Milosh	10/18/71	
240.	Siemens	Helen	11/1/94	
241.	Campbell	David	11/21/94	
242.	Grasso	Vi	12/15/71	
243.	Hunt	Ann	1971	
244.	Ellis	Kim	3/6/72	

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245.	Mantle	Doug	3/10/72	
246.	Barnes	Ron	5/14/72	
247.	Ramirez	Dick	6/15/72	
248.	Hammond	David	6/19/72	
249.	Lake	Ron	7/7/72	
250.	Wilson	Harvey	7/11/72	
251.	Sharp	Wes	7/11/72	
252.	Magnuson	Barbara	7/15/72	
253.	McLean	Don	7/31/72	
254.	Glassner	Geoffrey	8/1/72	
255.	Hoover	Nathan	8/1/72	
256.	Beyer	Kurt	8/7/72	
257.	Popper	Dan	8/28/72	
258.	Sanford	David	8/28/72	
259.	Pederen	Robert	9/8/72	
260.	Riseley	Pat	9/15/72	
261.	Russell	Bill T.	9/27/72	
262.	Young	Joe	10/8/72	
263.	McDaniel	Frank	10/9/72	
264.	Walker	Claude	10/9/72	
265.	Feldmann	Bill	10/72	
266.	Rich	Arthur	10/72	
267.	Reimer	Richard	11/6/72	
268.	Petitjean	Jon	4/3/73	
269.	Brumer	Harry	7/7/73	
270.	Riseley	Mary	7/15/73	
271.	Davis	Kent	7/31/73	
272.	Nathanson	Cliff	8/8/73	
273.	McCosker	Joe	8/20/73	
274.	Naves	Tom	8/25/73	
275.	Ward	Roy	8/27/73	
276.	Mauk	Gene	8/28/73	
277.	Rose	Ed	8/31/73	
278.	Heishi	May	8/2/73	
279.	Gedaugas	Jurgis	9/4/73	
280.	Reber	Barbara	8/5/73	
281.	Akawie	Shirley	9/9/73	
282.	Gabiner	Ralph	9/9/73	
283.	Goetz	Larry	9/9/73	
284.	Hawkins (Notestine)	Alice	9/12/73	
285.	Ranschau	Cuno	9/15/73	
286.	Cameron	Betty	9/17/73	
287.	Kabler	Walton	9/17/73	
288.	Vasilik	Joe	10/4/73	
289.	Pinson	Ted	10/73	
290.	Secor	R. J.	11/10/73	
291.	Lauria	Don	11/12/73	
292.	Searle	Dick	11/27/73	
293.	McKinley	John	6/18/74	
294.	Machleder	Larry	7/8/74	
295.	Golden	Doris	8/26/74	
296.	McDermott	John	9/2/74	
297.	Burdett	David	9/3/74	
298.	Pinson	Anna Lou	9/5/74	
299.	Erb	Jim	9/6/74	
300.	Bloland	Paul	9/9/74	
301.	Stein	Dale	9/11/74	
302.	Russell	Pat	9/15/74	
303.	Hellman	John	9/24/74	
304.	Hoover	Frances	10/1/74	
305.	Moomaw	Sheldon	10/4/74	
306.	Kesler	Earl	10/9/74	

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307.	Baruch	John	12/12/74	
308.	Moore	Return	2/75	
309.	Maclay	James	3/75	
310.	Davis	George	5/21/75	
311.	Murphy	James	6/30/75	
312.	Camphausen	Fred	7/1/75	
313.	Hicks	Robert	7/11/75	
314.	Endzins	Milda	7/30/75	
315.	Butler	James	8/3/75	
316.	Butler	Pat	8/3/75	
317.	Heusinkveld	Henry	8/6/75	
318.	Nilsson	Eivor	8/17/75	
319.	Bihl	Mary	8/18/75	
320.	Cervenka	James	9/2/75	
321.	Henry	Beth	9/2/75	
322.	Cavalieri	Ann	9/3/75	
323.	Cavalieri	Louis	9/3/75	
324.	Lubin	Ed	9/3/75	
325.	Schroeder	Allen	9/7/75	
326.	Shultz	Beverly	9/22/75	
327.	Bode	Fred	9/22/75	
328.	Vasalik	Dorcas	9/23/75	
329.	Bruce	Phil	9/24/75	
330.	Inskeep	Jon	9/28/75	
331.	Stauffer	William	9/30/75	
332.	White	Guyneth	10/7/75	
333.	Stein	Charles	10/17/75	
334.	Hollady	Delores	10/24/75	
335.	Emerick	Bob	10/24/75	
336.	Gabiner	Don	5/23/76	
337.	Brandsma	Maynard	5/30/76	
338.	Grams	Jack	6/27/76	
339.	Olsen	Gene	7/5/76	
340.	Hurst	Mark A.	7/28/76	
341.	Felderman	Keith	9/19/76	
342.	Winnett	Jason	9/28/76	
343.	Waggoner	John P.	10/22/76	
344.	Preyer	Ben	10/27/76	
345.	Bartell	Ron	11/1/76	
346.	Cameron	Clifford	9/25/76	
347.	McFadden	Harold	3/21/77	
348.	Perkins	David L.	4/15/77	
349.	Smith	George F.	5/29/77	
350.	Hardt	Jon	5/29/77	
351.	Libby	Chris	6/4/77	
352.	Croley	Don	6/25/77	
353.	Marcus	David	6/25/77	
354.	VanDalsem	Dale	7/17/77	
355.	Abbott	Eric	7/25/77	
356.	Hellman	Mark	7/77	
357.	Lavengood	Pat	8/13/77	
358.	Martin	Phil	8/13/77	
359.	Smith	Fran	8/14/77	
360.	Muell	Meridee	8/21/77	
361.	Johnson	Melvyn	8/21/77	
362.	Pospishil	Charles	8/26/77	
363.	Compton	Hal	9/4/77	
364.	Wilkinson	Mike	9/4/77	
365.	Holleman	Deanna	9/4/77	
366.	Holleman	Gerald	9/4/77	
367.	Fredland	Jon	9/4/77	
368.	Lorr	Michael	9/4/77	

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369.	Koshear	Jack	9/25/77	
370.	Vernon	Greg	10/16/77	
371.	Sparks	Don	5/18/78	
372.	Delano	Wendell	6/14/78	
373.	Edmondson	Jim	7/7/78	
374.	Mauk	Steve	7/24/78	
375.	Titus	Jay	7/26/78	
376.	Frolli	Mark	8/10/78	
377.	Fry	Tom	8/26/78	
378.	Fry	Sally	8/26/78	
379.	Russell	Richard	9/13/78	
380.	McMahon	Jane	9/20/78	
381.	Warner	Dan	9/28/78	
382.	Miller	Darrell	10/20/78	
383.	Hoepfner	Fred	11/18/78	
384.	Miller	Mary Sue	12/13/78	
385.	Pesante	Roland	12/16/78	
386.	Bloand	Eric	12/23/78	
387.	Wheelock	Ed	5/8/79	
388.	Hill	Walt	6/25/79	
389.	Sullivan	Sherry	6/26/79	
390.	Sullivan	Kevin	6/26/79	
391.	Beverage	Don	8/8/79	
392.	Conrad	Allan	8/26/79	
393.	Rosentreter	Diane	9/3/79	
394.	Adams	Joe	9/5/79	
395.	Mauk	Robert	9/10/79	
396.	Dixon	Lance	9/11/79	
397.	Langley	Steve	9/23/79	
398.	Mihaljevich	Dan	10/3/79	
399.	Neuner	George	11/8/79	
400.	Anderson	Karen	11/21/79	
401.	Davis	Tad	4/80	
402.	Omberg	Mary	7/17/80	
403.	Kutsch	Richard	7/17/80	
404.	Thompson	Robert	7/17/80	
405.	Hill	Al	7/18/80	
406.	Buehler	Herbert	7/25/80	
407.	Yamagata	Pete	8/4/80	
408.	Talbott	Virgil	8/6/80	
409.	Vandervoet	Dave	8/26/80	
410.	McMannes	Mary	8/27/80	
411.	Benson	Al	8/28/80	
412.	Godfrey	Geoff	9/3/80	
413.	Winton	Hal	9/80	
414.	Johnson	Ralph	10/1/80	
415.	Beverage	Nickey	10/6/80	
416.	Dykeman	Dave	2/81	
417.	Palmer	Don	2/81	
418.	Powell	Steve	8/81	
419.	Rutherford	Theresa	8/81	
420.	Gordon	Nancy	8/81	
421.	VanDalsem	Jackie	9/81	
422.	Miller	Jack	9/81	
423.	Lane	June	9/81	
424.	Lutz	Jon	9/81	
425.	Engs	Bill	9/81	
426.	Gonzales	Mario	9/81	
427.	Maloy	Owen	10/81	
428.	Jurasevich	Dave	11/81	
429.	Hudson	Ron	5/82	
430.	Kluwin	Gisela	5/82	

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431.	Stough	Tina	6/82	
432.	Weiss	Don	6/82	
433.	Wong	Vic	8/82	
434.	Harsh	Sherry	8/82	
435.	Knute	Adrienne	9/82	
436.	Armentrout	Ruth	9/82	
437.	Fried	Andy	9/82	
438.	Valkass	Maris	9/82	
439.	Borun	Ray	9/82	
440.	Bradley	Bill	9/82	
441.	Zeile	Jim	10/82	
442.	Wankum	Joe	10/82	
443.	Hoak	Larry	3/83	
444.	Tidball	Larry	4/83	
445.	French	Calvin	8/83	
446.	French	Louise	8/83	
447.	Blauvelt	Art	8/83	
448.	Young	Ron	9/83	
449.	Farrar	Richard	8/83	
450.	Hoselton	Bob	8/83	
451.	Hoselton	Ella	8/83	
452.	Irwin	John	8/83	
453.	Knudtsen	Bruce	9/83	
454.	Manchester	Mike	10/83	
455.	Brown	Lloyd	1/84	
456.	Edginton	Jane	6/84	
457.	Woodruff	Wayne	6/84	
458.	Erspamer	Edna	8/84	
459.	Danta	Randy	8/84	
460.	Holmes	DonW.	10/84	
461.	Henny	Vic	2/85	
462.	Cook	Donn	4/85	
463.	Koepke	Jeff	5/85	
464.	Limp	Norma	6/85	
465.	Wyman	Sue	8/85	
466.	Meador	Bob	8/85	
467.	Chval	Rick	6/86	
468.	Gerlach	Greg	7/86	
469.	McDonald	RobRoy	9/86	
470.	Lees	Melvin	9/86	
471.	Stephens	Joe	9/86	
472.	Santelman	Kent	10/86	
473.	Guenther	Gary	10/86	
474.	Holshuh	J.	5/87	
475.	Mamedalin	Igor	6/87	
476.	Hanna	Sue	9/87	
477.	Slager	Ursula	9/87	
478.	Price	Kathy	9/87	
479.	Oliver	Bill	9/87	
480.	Fritsen	Richard	9/87	
481.	Breakwell	Graham	9/88	
482.	Underwood	Dave	9/88	
483.	Kline	Patty	9/88	
484.	Wong	Nathan	9/88	
485.	Petzold	Dave	9/88	
486.	Yates	Ross	9/88	
487.	Stenzel	Reiner	9/88	
488.	Sullivan	Scott	9/88	
489.	Gray	Bill	5/89	
490.	Jenson	John	5/89	
491.	DuBeau	Bobby	7/89	
492.	Lingle	Bill	7/89	

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493.	Borad	Don	7/89	
494.	Thaw	Steven	7/89	
495.	Leonard	Karen	7/89	
496.	Beatty	Rick	7/89	
497.	Slager	Don	9/89	
498.	Russell	Robin	9/89	
499.	Andrews	Joe	7/90	
500.	Richardson	Judi	7/90	
501.	Cohen	Barbara	8/90	
502.	Parker	Bruce	9/90	
503.	Russell	Steve	9/90	
504.	Mamedalin (Thomas)	Suzanne	9/90	
505.	Scott	Jim	9/90	
506.	McCully	John	5/90	
507.	Falk	Burton	12/9/90	
508.	Webber	Ron	8/90	
509.	Hauser	Bill	1991	
510.	Aminian	Ali	1991	
511.	Cheslick	John	1991	
512.	Jamison	Scott	1992	
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514.	Christie	Pat	1992	
515.	Craun	Alfred D.	1992	
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519.	Gomillion	Jeff	1993	

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521.	Daybell	Mel	1993	
522.	Jones	Ken	1993	
523.	Olsen	Ken	1993	
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534.	Fredette	Mike	8/11/94	Mt. Kaweah
535.	Sarna	John	8/8/94	N. Palisade
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537.	Bruley	Bob	5/2/76	Olancha Peak
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539.	Randel	Tom	7/30/95	Split
540.	Dodds	John	9/2/95	Humphreys
541.	Selke	Matthais	9/9/95	Humphreys

Note: The order of names generally reflects the order of emblem application while the date whenever possible is the date of the ascent of the qualifying peak.

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10 YEAR SIERRA CLIMBING ROUTE INDEX
1986 to 1995 Through ECHO Vol 39-5
by Ron Jones

I recently was asked to update the Sierra Climbing Route Index. I last compiled an index for base camp and climbing routes of Sierra Peaks for ECHOS through Volume 34 - 5 in 1990. It is now being updated for the 10-year period through the ECHO of September - October 1995. There have been fewer and fewer writeups in the last several years to choose from. I have omitted some interesting climbs when they seemed not to include significant descriptions of the route. Also routes on un-named peaks are not included as they are difficult to classify in a conventional index format.

For this list I have indexed all writeups from 1986. Peaks without writeups during this period will show the last route information listed before 1986. Earlier indexes will be found in ECHO volumes 34-6, 30-6, 28-2, 20-8, and 14-2. There may be writeups which I have overlooked, and for these omissions I apologize.

Following the name of the peak there will be a series of several numbers; for instance: Angora 31-5 / 36-4. These figures mean that route information for this peak can be found in ECHOS vol. 31, issue # 5 and Vol. 36, issue # 4 etc.

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