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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 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month.

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

APRIL 10

Scrambles in the Canadian Rockies

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

MAY 8

Show & Tell - Slides & Tall Tales

Evening Bring 2 or 3 of your favorite slides from the Sierra or other climbs to share. Everyone will be encouraged to tell about their slides and to share their stories of favorite places and climbs.

JUNE 12

Video night - SOLO by Mike Hoover

Big screen showing of this suspenseful classic video on the adventure of a solo mountain climber

JULY 10

Dog Sledding in Canada

Linda McDermott will show slides of her rugged dog sledding trip in March of this year in Manitoba, Canada on the Hudson Bay. This is an unexplored area in Polar Bear Country.

AUGUST 14

10th Mountain Division Training

Carleton Shay will show slides and share experiences teaching climbing with the Army Ski Troops, 10th Mtn Division during WWII.

SEPTEMBER 14

Denali 1995 RJ Secor will show slides of his May 1995 climb of Mt McKinley with Brian Smith and Tom Randel.

OCTOBER 9

Sierra Madre Search & Rescue

Jon Inskeep of Sierra Madre Search and Rescue will show how volunteer mountain rescue works for the victim.

FRONT COVER

**Eddie Sudol Rappels
off of Mt. Humphreys**

PHOTO BY JOHN DODDS

SPS 40th Anniversary T-SHIRTS

Celebrate 40 years of SPS climbing by ordering a limited edition 40th Anniversary T-Shirt. This special edition is in ash in 3 sizes: medium, large and extra large. When these are gone they will be gone forever. 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

Cartago Peak

Devils Crag

Mt. Hale

Mt. Humphreys

Jeff Davis Peak

Kilimanjaro

Mt. Muah

Ojos del Salado (Chile)

Olancha Peak

Picket Guard Peak

Spanish Mtn

Tehipite Dome

Three Sisters

Mt. Young

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SPS 1996 OUTINGS SCHEDULE

| <u>April</u> | | | | | |
|------------------|-------------|---------|--|--|--------------------|
| R M | Apr 20-22 | Sat-Mon | Olancha | | Tidball/Epstein |
| R E | Apr 27-28 | Sat-Sun | Rock Practice | | Richter/Waxman |
| <u>May</u> | | | | | |
| I | May 11-12 | Sat-Sun | Trail Maintenance | | Camphausen/Secor |
| R E | May 19 | Sun | Rock Practice | | Richter/Waxman |
| R M | May 25-27 | Sat-Mon | Baxter, Black, Diamond | | Cheslick/Cohen |
| <u>June</u> | | | | | |
| R M | Jun 8-9 | Sat-Sun | Mallory, Irvine | | Tidball/Cohen |
| I | Jun 15-16 | Sat-Sun | Spanish Mtn, Three Sisters | | Roach/Roach |
| R M | Jun 15-17 | Sat-Mon | Birch, Bolton Brown, Thumb | | Epstein/Waxman |
| I | Jun 22-23 | Sat-Sun | Olancha | | Kline/Epstein |
| R M | Jun 22-23 | Sat-Sun | Perkins, Colosseum | | Graff/Richter |
| <u>July</u> | | | | | |
| M | Jul 4-7 | Thu-Sun | Red, Merced, Gray, more | | Tidball/Tidball |
| M | Jul 4-7 | Thu-Sun | Foerster Pk | | Bradley/Reber |
| I | Jul 4-7 | Thu-Sun | Newcomb, Chamberlin, Hitchcock | | Mamedalins |
| R M | Jul 13 | Sat | Mt. Mills | | Knapke/Cohen |
| R E | Jul 19-21 | Fri-Sun | Mt. Gardner, Mt. Cotter | | Dykeman/Gordon |
| M | Jul 19-23 | Fri-Tue | Petit, Piute, Volunteer, Tower | | Mantle/Cohen |
| I | Jul 19-23 | Fri-Tue | Trail Maintenance | | Camphausen/Secor |
| M | Jul 20-21 | Sat-Sun | Tinemaha, Prater | | Mamedalin/Valkass |
| R M | Jul 20-27 | Sat-Sat | Fiske, Huxley, Charybdis, Black Giant, Goode, Agassiz | | Hoak/TBA |
| R E | Jul 26-28 | Fri-Sun | Clyde Minaret | | Richter/Mantle |
| M | Jul 26-28 | Fri-Sun | Recess, Hilgard, Gabb | | Hudson/TBA |
| <u>August</u> | | | | | |
| I | Aug 3 | Sat | Muah | | Norman/Fickie |
| I | Aug 3-4 | Sat-Sun | Red & White, Red Slate | | Richter/Waxman |
| M | Aug 3-4 | Sat-Sun | LeConte | | Holchin/Endres |
| M | Aug 9-12 | Fri-Mon | Triple Divide, Glacier Ridge, Whaleback | | Conrad/Amimian |
| R M | Aug 10-17 | Sat-Sat | Giraud, McDuffie, Wheel, Observation, Sill | | Hoak/Underwood |
| M | Aug 10-18 | Sat-Sun | Glacier Ridge, Whaleback, N. Guard | | Dykeman/Gordon |
| I | Aug 23-25 | Fri-Sun | Kern Pk | | Waxman/Beuermann |
| I | Aug 23-25 | Fri-Sun | Hale, Young | | Sholle/Cohen |
| R M | Aug 24-25 | Sat-Sun | Mt. Lyell, Mt Maclure | | Graff/Richter |
| R M | Aug 24-Sep1 | Sat-Sun | Stanford, Ericsson, Genevra, Jordan, Thunder, Table, Keith | | Roach/Knapke |
| M | Aug 31-Sep2 | Sat-Mon | Red Pk, Merced | | Wyka/Conrad |
| M | Aug 30-Sep8 | Fri-Sun | Lippincott, Eagle, Scout, Steward, Lion Rock, Picket Guard, more | | Tidball/Tidball |
| <u>September</u> | | | | | |
| I | Sep 7-8 | Sat-Sun | Lamont Pk, Smith Mtn | | Keating/Keating |
| I | Sep 7-8 | Sat-Sun | Morrison, Bloody | | Croley/Riley |
| I | Sep 7-8 | Sat-Sun | Iron Mtn. | | Epstein/Kline |
| I | Sep 7-9 | Sat-Mon | San Joaquin, Volcanic Ridge | | Schumacher/Macleod |
| M | Sep 13-15 | Fri-Sun | Mt. Hooper, Senger, Gemini | | Dykeman/Cohen |
| M | Sep 13-15 | Fri-Sun | North Guard, Brewer, South Guard | | Hudson/TBA |
| I | Sep 13-15 | Fri-Sun | Alta Pk. | | Waxman/Beuermann |
| M | Sep 14-15 | Sat-Sun | Thompson | | Talbert/Pond |
| I | Sep 14-16 | Sat-Mon | Mt. Lamarck, Mt Goethe | | Hoak/Kline |
| R M | Sep 14-16 | Sat-Mon | Mt. Lyell, Mt MaClure | | Aminian/Arnebold |
| I | Sep 21-22 | Sat-Sun | Baldwin, Bloody | | Roach/Roach |
| I | Sep 21-22 | Sat-Sun | Clouds Rest, Dana | | Hartunian/McMannes |
| M | Sep 21-22 | Sat-Sun | Winchell | | Rivera/Endress |
| M | Sep 28-29 | Sat-Sun | Morgan and Morgan | | Dykeman/Gordon |

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| R | M | Sep 28-29 | Sat-Sun | Tehipite Dome | Roach/Richter |
| R | M | Sep 28-29 | Sat-Sun | Rock Checkoff/Bear Creek Spire | Mantle/McRuer |
| | M | Sep 28-29 | Sat-Sun | Abbot | Holchin/Endress |
| | M | Oct 5-6 | Sat-Sun | Iron Mt | Dykeman/Cohen |
| | M | Oct 12-13 | Sat-Sun | Temple Crag, Gayley | Keenan/Mantle |
| R | M | Oct 12-14 | Fri-Mon | Disappointment, Middle Palisade | Tidball/Jamison |
| | I | Oct 12-17 | Sat-Thu | Leavitt, Stanislaus, Disaster, Highland, Mokelumne, Patterson | Roach/Roach |
| | I | Oct 19 | Sat | Cartago | Norman/Tidball |
| | I | Oct 19 | Sat | Morgan (S) | Sholle/Cohen |
| | I | Oct 19-20 | Sat-Sun | Mt Henry | Mantle/Stough |
| R | E | Oct 26-27 | Sat-Sun | Rock Workshop | Richter/Bradley |

(As a service to our members, the SPS, DPS and HPS agreed at a joint management committee meeting to publish each others trip schedules.)

Upcoming DPS Trips: April - June 1996 - by Barbara Reber, Outings Chair

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| Apr 13-14 | Grapevine/Palmer Exploratory | Igor Mamedalin/John McCully |
| Apr 13-14 | New York/Clark | Greg Roach/Mirna Roach |
| Apr 27-28 | Last Chance/Sandy Exploratory | Igor Mamedalin/Maris Valkass 6,000 gain each day |
| May I | Annual Banquet | John Robinson on San Jacinto Peak |
| May 4-5 | Moapa/Virgin | Greg Roach/Scot Jamison |
| May 4-5 | Inyo/Keynot Backpack | Phil Reher/John McCully |
| Jun 1-2 | New York/Keynot/Inyo | Wynne Benti-Zdon/Julie Rush/Scot Jamison |

Upcoming HPS Trips: July - August 1996 - by David Eisenberg, Outings Chair. Check the last issue of the ECHO for the April through June 1996 listings.

JUL 6 SAT I: Yucaipa Ridge: Little San Gorgonio Pk (9133'), Wilshire Mtn (8832'), Wilshire Pk (8680'), Cedar Mtn (8324'), Birch Mtn (7826'), Allen Pk (5795'): Very strenuous 12 mile, 5000' gain, steep ascents/descents, 12 mile rt car shuttle. Send sase, recent experience to leader. Leader: Carleton Shay. Assistant: Frank Goodykoontz

JUL 11 THU Peakbaggers Social Meeting: Business meeting starts 7:00 pm. After refreshments, JON INSKEEP, leader of the Sierra Madre Rescue Team will give a slide show, "How Mountain Rescue Works, And Basic Safety Advice." 7:30 pm, Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium, 4730 Crystal Springs Drive.

JUL 13 SAT - I: Rouse Hill (5168'), Thomas Mtn (6825'), Lookout Mtn #1 (5590'), Asbestos Mtn (5265'), Santa Rosa Mtn (8070') Centered about 12 mi SW of Idyllwild. Easy cross-country hikes, total of about 6 mi, 1800' gain, dirt road driving between each Pk. Send sase, H&W phones, rideshare info to Leader. Leader: Frank Goodykoontz. Assistant: Diane Dunbar

JUL 13 SAT Vetter Mtn (LO) (5908'), Mt Mooney (5840') Introductory Hike Easy beginners hike to these 2 easy peaks in the San Gabriels. 3 mi rt, 1000' gain. Lunch and tour at the nearby Visitors Center. Bring water, lunch, and treats to share on the summits. Meet 9am at the La Canada rideshare pt. Leader: David Eisenberg. Assistant: Ruth Lee & Frank Dobos

JUL 13 SAT O: Timber Mt (8303'): 9 mi rt, 3300' gain, moderately strenuous, but slow paced. Hike in cool mountain air, beginners welcome! Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, lugs. Meet 7:00 am at Diamond Bar or 7:30 at Mt. Baldy rideshare pt. Leader: Gabriele Rau. Assistant: Bob Wheatley

JUL 13 SAT O: Throop Pk (9138'): Easy to moderate, beautiful hike in the highest section of the Angeles Crest. 1,200' gain, 5 mi rt. Meet 9 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring 2 qts water, sun hat, sunscreen, lunch, lugsoles. Leader: Ray Soucy. Assistant: TBA

JUL 13-14 SAT-SUN I: San Gorgonio (11499'), Dobbs (10459') via Vivian Creek Backpack: Do Gorgonio summit Sat and camp enroute to Dobbs. Sat afternoon potluck. Do Dobbs Sun and pack out. Group size limited. No Beginners. Send 2 sase, and resume of recent cond and exp to Bob. Leader: Bob Freed. Assistant: Jim Fleming

JUL 14 SUN I: Thunder Mtn(8587'), Telegraph Pk (8985'), Timber Mtn (8303'): Some steep off-trail climbing on this 10 mi, 5000' gain loop, starting & finishing in Icehouse Cyn. Meet 7 am, Baldy rideshare pt. Leader: Asher Waxman. Assistant: Frank Goodykoontz

JUL 20 SAT O: Mt Williamson (8214'): Meet 7 am Pomona Rideshare Pt or 8:30 am Saddle one mile west of tunnels on Hwy 2. 1600' gain, 5 miles rt. Bring lunch, 2 qts water, lugs, moderate pace, newcomers welcome. Rain Cancels Leader: Erich Fickle. Assistant: Luella Fickle

JUL 20 SAT I: Dragon's Head (10,868') from Vivian Creek: Come explore this peak, submitted for HPS list. Possible 2nd nearby pk also. Apporx 16mi, 5500' gain. Very strenuous on trail and rough steep cross country next to San Gorgonio Mtn. Send Sase early to Diane w recent cond. Leader: Diane Dunbar. Assistant: Bobcat Thompson

JUL 20 SAT. **O: Sugarloaf Mtn (9952+):** Escape the heat on moderate hike with four-footed friends in the high country of the San Bernardino mountains. 6 mi rt, 1400' gain. Bring well-conditioned dogs, leash, lunch, adequate water for you and pet. Meet 8 am Pomona rideshare pt. Leader: Charlotte Feitshans. Assistant: Jo Solomon.

JUL 21 SUN **O: Pleasant View Ridge (7983'):** Repeat of 100 Peaks "game" hike led 50 years ago. Moderate hike in Angeles Forest involves 15 mi and 3500' gain. Bring water, lunch, lug soles. Meet 7 am La Canada rideshare pt. Leader: Ruth Dobos. Assistant: Frank Dobos, Joe Young

JUL 24 WED **O: Kratka Ridge (7515'), Waterman Mtn (8038'):** 6 mi scenic hike over peaks from Vista to Cloudburst Summit, 1900' gain/1700' loss. 3 mi car shuttle. Less strenuous options. Meet 8:30 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, lugsole boots, jacket. Leader: Bill Hogshhead. Assistant: Richard Schamberg

JUL 27 SAT **O: Come to the 4th Annual Great Mt Waterman Rendezvous Hike** via a loop hike of about 7 mi rt. A gradual 900' in 2 mi to reach Cloudburst summit, 500' up to Winston Peak (7502') return and do 1000' in 1 mi to Waterman (8038'). The return will be fun and quick. Meet 9am La Canada rideshare with boots, food and drink to share. Leader: Southern Courtney. Assistant: Richard Schamberg

JUL 27 SAT **O: 4th Annual Waterman Mt (8038') Rendezvous:** Join yearly gathering of 100 of HPSers, 8 mi rt, 1200' gain hike. Meet other groups & picnic on top. Meet 9:30 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles, goodies to share. Rain cancels. Leader: Frank Dobos. Assistant: Ruth Lee Dobos, David Eisenberg

JUL 27 SAT **O: Castle Rocks (8600'), Black Mtn #1 (7772'), Indian Mtn (5790'), Ranger Peak (5082'):** 6.6 mi rt, 1800' gain. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lug soles, bug repellent. Meet at Chevron station in Idyllwild at 9:30 am. (25.4 miles from Hwy 242 exit from I-10 in Banning.) Leader: Ron May. Assistant: Penelope May

JUL 27 SAT **I: 4th Annual Mt Waterman (8038'), Twin Peaks (7761') Rendezvous Hike:** Strenuous 14 mi rt, 3500' gain via trail/steep ridge. Meet 6 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles, goodies to share. Leader: Jim Fleming. Assistant: Bob Freed

JUL 27 SAT **I: 4th Annual Great Waterman Mtn (8038') Rendezvous Hike:** Very strenuous route still being scouted, TBA. Call leader for meeting time and details. Will meet 4 other groups at the top for lunch. Leader: Diane Dunbar. Assistant: Frank Goodykoontz

JUL 27 SAT **O: San Jacinto:** Moderately paced hike in mountain area above SoCal smog. 10 miles, 2400' gain. Take tram up (\$15) and down to spare our knees. Group size limited. Send Sase to Leader: Ella Pennington. Assistant: Harry Freimanis

JUL 27 SAT **4th Annual Mt. Waterman (8038') Rendezvous Hike:** Moderately-paced 10 mi rt, 2500' gain Pathfinder rte. Meet 8 am La Canada Rideshare Pt. Bring lunch, water, lugsole boots, goodies to share on top and adventurous spirit. Leader: Bob Thompson. Assistant: Stag Brown

AUG 8 THU **Peakbaggers Social Meeting:** Business meeting starts 7:00 pm. After refreshments, **RICHARD SCHAMBERG** will give a slide show about his travel in Chile, Patagonia, and Easter Islands. 7:30 pm, Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium, 4730 Crystal Springs Drive.

AUG 10 SAT **I: Red Tahquitz(8846'), South(7879'), Antsell Rock(7879'):** Climb these 3 via Devil's Slide Trail, 15 miles, 4000' gain with car shuttle, some 3rd class. Wilderness permit limits group size. Send Sase with recent experience to leader. Leader: Carleton Shay. Assistant: Diane Dunbar

AUG 11 SUN **O: "Sadie Hawkins Day":** Repeat of 100 Peaks "game" hike led 50 years ago. The event was covered on the front page of the LA Times! Loop trip from Crystal Lake bags Throop Pk (9138'), Mt Hawkins(8850'), Middle Mt Hawkins (8505'), S Mt Hawkins (7783'), and "Sadie Hawkins." Moderate hike involves 14 mi and 3600' gain. Bring water, lunch, lug soles. Meet 7 am Azusa rideshare pt. Leader: Joe Young. Assistant: Stag Brown, Bob Thompson

AUG 14 WED **O: Dawson to Islip Saddle Shuttle Hike:** Moderate 9 mi with 1700' gain. Peaks: Throop(9138'), Hawkins(8850'), and Islip(8250'). Meet at La Canada rideshare 8 am with boots, water, food. Leader: Southern Courtney. Assistant: Janet Bartel

AUG 17 SAT **O: Mt Islip Peaknic:** Annual picnic at Little Jimmy Campground. Optional 6 mi rt, 1300' gain to the summit. Meet 8:30 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring food/drink to share, good vibrations for party. Rain postpones. Leader: Frank & Ruth Lee Dobos. Assistant: Mike & Dotty Sandford

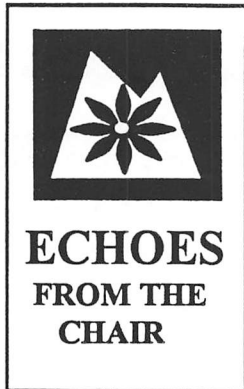
AUG 22 THU **I: Grinnell Mtn (10284'), Lake Pk (10164'), 10K Ridge (10094'):** Strenuous - but maybe moderately paced- hike from South Fork Campground features 5000' gain in 15 mi rt and off trail descent. Send sase to Ray. (15 participants max) Leader: Ray Riley. Assistant: Don Croley

AUG 24 SAT **O: Thunder Mtn (8587'), Telegraph Pk (8985'):** Strenuous outing w great views in Mt Baldy area. 13 mi rt, 3300' gain hike from Manker flat. Meet 7 am Mt Baldy rideshare pt. Bring 3 qts water, lunch, sun hat, sunscreen, lugsoles. Leader: Ray Soucy. Assistant: TBA

AUG 24-25 SAT-SUN **I: Sunday Pk (8295'), Bohna Pk (6788'), Cannel Pt (8314'):** Sat hike 7 mi rt, 2000' gain; camp in nearby campgrd. Sun hike 3 mi rt, 900' gain. Long dirt roads both days. Send sase to Maggie. Leader: Maggie Singleton Wilson. Assistant: Chuck Sale

AUG 24-25 SAT-SUN **I: Lily(8000'), Tahquitz(8828'), Spitler(7440'), Apache(7567'):** Sat 11 mi, 3000' gain; Sun 12.6 mi, 3200' gain for these beautiful peaks in San Jacinto Wilderness. Carcamp & campfire Sat night. Permit limits size. Sase to Wynne. Leader: Frank Goodykoontz. Assistant: Wynne Benti-Zdon

AUG 28 WED **O: Throop (9138'), Burnham (8997'), Baden Powell (9399'):** 9 mi, 2400' gain/2800' loss from Dawson Saddle over 3 peaks to Vincent Gap, mostly on PCT. 8 mi car shuttle. Meet 8:00 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring 2 qt water, lunch, lugsole boots, jacket, Leader: Southern Courtney. Assistant: Richard Schamberg



Its snowing, its not snowing this year just doesn't have the base we had last year. It is all ready time for leaders and all climbers to brush up on your avalanche knowledge. Remember to check snow conditions, look up and see what avalanche activity has occurred where you are and assume that steeper snow covered slopes will start luffing off and may avalanche by afternoon.

Barbara Cohen has done a FABULOUS job of organizing our 55+ trips for the 1996 season. The trips include some leisure trips and a large number of mountaineers trips. I am really excited about the quality of trips in the SPS schedule. We are going to have a great season.

THANK YOU to all the leaders. Climbers - send your SASEs to the leaders early and remember to cancel, if you can't make the trip. No one wants to go on a leader's "permanent wait list" and lack of courteousness in canceling is the best way I know of to get on that list.

The SPS has a Web site! But I also am aware that many of our members have concerns about a Web site's usage. The Management committee is currently considering a policy for our new Internet Editor, Charlie Knapke, to follow. Be sure to read the proposed Internet Guidelines in this issue of The Echo and let us know your thoughts.

The Angeles Chapter is considering adding the Schedule to their Internet information. To date Ex-Com has not authorized or formulated a policy for the Schedule to be on the Internet. They are discussing having a limited version of the Schedule without leaders' names and addresses available thru the Net. If you have thoughts on this, send the Angeles Chapter Ex-Com a letter.

The battle of the Angeles Chapter Schedule reached closure this month when Ex-Com voted 5 to 4 to continue their plan to make the Schedule available to subscribers only. I know many of the SPS members feel the schedule should be free...but it appears others do not agree. We have comments for and against a pay Schedule, again in this issue of The Echo. I urge you all to now send in your \$9.00 and support the Schedule. Lets also urge Ex-Com to reopen discussion of the free schedule next year. But for now, lets not let our valuable Schedule die support the Schedule so there is a Schedule to debate over next year. Remember that just because many members wanted a free schedule, many other members also felt that \$9.00 wasn't too much to pay to the Chapter. To date 4000 people have subscribed to the Schedule. We need to respect both sides of this issue and make the best of the situation. Enough debate....let go climbing, after we send in our \$9.00.

April 20-21 is the new date for Snow Check Out for new leaders. As my old band teacher used to say...Prac-ca-tice/Prac-ca-tice/Prac-ca-tice. Good Luck, and send your SASE's to Doug and Duane.

Finally, its getting closer to wildflowers season, if you'd like a brief identification refresher I am giving a program on Sierra wildflowers to the Singles Section on May 23rd. I should have new material after the field Botany classes I've been taking. Come, I'd love to see a familiar face in the audience.

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SPS Membership Report:

New Members - Welcome!

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In Memory of Theresia Glover

I saw the memorial notice to Theresia Glover in the last issue. It said details to follow. For the sake of accuracy and to prevent rumors, I've decided to send in this shortened story of what happened. How do I know? I was with her when she died. Little did I know that a fun day of hiking was going to turn into the night from hell.

It was Sunday, Jan. 28th. About seventeen people met for the Mt. Wilson area peakbagging Theresia carpooled with me.

Everything was fine and the day was uneventful. When we got back to the cars after hiking up Harvard, the next to last peak; Theresia said that she had a stomach ache. The last peak was Mt. Wilson. The time was

4:30. The hike was over and she was feeling worse. On the way back to La Canada I pulled over. She got sick. After, she felt better. We got back to her vehicle without further incident. I asked her if she was ok to drive home as I would follow her. She said that she still had a stomach ache but that she would be fine. I did follow her for a few miles until we took separate freeways I caught up to her and looked over. She gave me a big smile and waived. I figured she was ok.

At 7:25 she called me and asked if I could come over because she was "really, really sick." I said I could and offered to take her to the hospital. She said no. She was vomiting and had diarrhea and need someone to take

care of her. Then she told me that she felt like she was going to pass out. I told her to call 911. She said no. I live in Anaheim and figured an hour to get there. I make it in forty minutes. When I entered her street the paramedics were there. She said they were taking her to the hospital because her blood pressure was 80/60.

I followed them to the hospital. After getting her admitted I went to the Urgent Care unit where she was. I was there when the doctor showed up and examined her. They took some blood. It seemed like two hours when the doctor came back and said that they thought she had some kind of virus. Theresia asked to go home and the doctor agreed. A little while later Theresia said that her chest was sore. Just then a man in hospital green came in and she told him. He said that he would tell the doctor. Twenty to thirty minutes later the same man came in to take her temperature and blood pressure again before they discharge her. Her B/P was 100/60. He said she was free to go. Theresia and I had been talking the past half hour and I had forgotten about the sore chest comment. The doctor never showed up to check it out and Theresia didn't mention it again. Time about 11:00pm.

We went to the pharmacy for about ten minutes. Theresia said that she was tired and wanted to go home. We left the building and

were slowly walking past the hospital to the car port. We got about fifteen feet from my truck when, as if she suddenly knew something was dreadfully wrong, said "Oh Mike" and collapsed. I ran to the call box and asked for help I ran back to Theresia and checked her out. No pulse With the help of two people that just drove up; we turned her over and I started CPR compression's while a woman did the respiration's. The paramedics showed up five or ten minutes later. We continued CPR until they took over. They defibrillated her two or three times and finally got a pulse. They rushed her to the emergency room which was 300-400 feet away They worked on her for a long time but finally had to give up. She was pronounced dead about 12 midnight.

The doctors told me that they tried everything even a pacemaker but just couldn't maintain a pulse They questioned me about what happened then the police did, then more doctors did I finally left about 1:00am. I had known Theresia about a year She was one of my three closest friends and my only hiking partner. The week before, she had asked me to play hooky with her and climb the last two peaks she needed to finish the list. We had scheduled that for Wednesday Feb 7th, just a week and a half away. Theresia; you will always have a place in my heart and in my mind. Love always, Mike Fredette.

ECHOES FROM OUR MEETINGS

SPS Management Committee Meeting - February 14, 1996 - Barbee Tidball

The meeting was attended by Barbee Tidball, Dan Richter, Patty Kline, Tina Stough, Doug Mantle, Duane McRuer, Dave Underwood, Charlie Knapke and other section members.

Treasurer and Secretary reports were not given.

Outings were discussed and restricted trip leaders were asked to send all forms first to Barbara Cohen. The SPS schedule is being sent to the HPS - Lookout and the DPS - Sage. Each schedule will include a list of the leaders leading in that schedule. The committee voted to print

additional brochures after the future programs information was updated. The committee voted to donate \$25.00 to Sea & Sage Audubon Society as a thank you for their presentation at the January program. Barbee read a letter received from Robbie Cox in support of Outings programs. Charlie Knapke presented the new SPS Internet site information. The committee voted to have Charlie operate a Web site for the SPS as the SPS Internet Editor. Actual procedures for operation of the Web site were discussed and an update to the SPS Bylaws will be prepared for review at the March meeting. All items voted on included Wayne and Harry's votes for the issue by proxy vote.

SPS General Meeting - February 14, 1996

A general meeting was held. Barbara Cohen urged leaders to submit trips for the upcoming schedule. Tina Stough told us all about her successful climb of Aconcagua. The new Web site was announced.

The program was a knots practice session.....most members seemed to feel they knew their knots, so the meeting broke up for a social hour.

SPS Management Committee Meeting - March 13, 1996 - Wayne Norman

The meeting was attended by Barbee Tidball, Dan Richter, Patty Kline, Tina Stough, Barbara Cohen, Harry Freimanis, Wayne Norman.

Treasurer's and Secretary's Report were read and passed. 1996 Banquet will be held again at the La Canada - Flintridge Country Club. Tina reported a problem with missing registers on popular peaks and recommended using ammo boxes on these peaks. Barbara Cohen presented a SPS schedule of 54 trips for this coming year. A draft of the SPS Internet Committee was presented and passed (see Below). Letter to the editor by Eric Siering was discussed. The SPS will continue to encourage debate concerning the fee for the schedule.

SPS General Meeting - March 13, 1996

Michael Bruley became a SPS member on his March 10, 1996 trip to Owens Peak. Michael is 8 years old! Way to go Michael. Bill Oliver gave a fascinating Slide Show of his recent trips down Tenaya Canyon in Yosemite

The Internet Committee shall set up and maintain a Web site for the Section, with updates to it at a minimum of once every three months,. The person responsible for the Web site shall serve as the Internet Editor. The Web site shall include a peaks archives that is composed of trip write-ups from past SPS trips; a list of members accomplishments; the complete peaks list; a description of the SPS history; a description of the SPS trail work, and other current and pertinent information for members and people looking for information on our climbing section. Member's addresses, phone numbers, or "E" mail addresses shall not be included in any Web site without the prior written permission of the member. The Internet Editor shall maintain a file of all original release letters. All up-coming trips shall not be listed on the Web until the trips first appear in The Echo. Future trips may be listed on the Web site following the general meeting that the Echo is passed out at. New material proposed for inclusion on the Web site shall be first approved by the Management Committee.

Conservation News

By David Underwood

I am happy to be back as the Conservation Chair of the section. I did not expect to have this opportunity and I was happy to accept when asked.

I attended the Joint Sierra Club Conservation committee meeting March 9-10 at San Louis Obispo and found it to be very informative.

One of the items discussed was the "parking structure in Yosemite" that we had all heard about. It seems that the information was incorrect in that a consulting company had listed that as a possible option for reducing the traffic in the valley. What is being

proposed is a parking area in the woods across from El Capitan for the tour busses coming into the valley. The diesel busses would have to park there and the passengers will be transported in electric vehicles. There is no basic opposition to this idea, but there is discussion as to where this parking area should be. There is another area close by that was used as a quarry and it has been suggested that this area be used instead of the original one proposed.

I had also written a column for the Echo last year in which I tried to alert the membership to the

possibility that Del Pengilly (the ranger who logged Sequoia) was being considered for the supervisors job in Sequoia. I had been alerted to that by Bill Oliver and had put into my article but it did not get printed. Fortunately Pengilly was not given the job. B.J. Griffin is the new supervisor for Sequoia,. The people who have met her feel that she is a good person for the job.

I also sat in on a committee meeting with Joe Fontain. He is the Chair of the "Sierra Nevada EcoRegion Task Force." Some of you may remember Joe from last year, He gave a talk on the Sierra Wilderness use plan at one of our meetings. They are fighting salvage timber sales, grazing, and a trail; plan that would "turn the forest into an ORV park."

The evening talk was given by Bruce Hamilton, Sierra Club Director of Conservation. He explained how the Club has changed tactics since the recent elections and how they have been able to slow down the anti-environmental legislation. Legislators were not talking with the S.Cs. Lobbyists and it looked like there would be many anti-environmental bills brought before the house. So, They decided to take a different approach. They had their lobbyists keep track of the

legislation and the voting records of the legislators. They initiated a letter to the editors campaign and they came up with some catch phrases such as the "war on the environment, logging with out laws, and Protect Americas Environment for Future, Home, and Families." This seems to be working, the public does not want laws rolled back and the congress is hearing about it. One of the most effective ways to get the message across is to write letters to the editors of your local papers, this gets the public involved more than lobbying. Another tactic is to form a coalition with hunters and fishermen. I have been advocating this for years. Showing pictures of clear cutting form the air showing how the habitat for game is disappearing and how streams are being silted up from topsoil eroding into the water makes it clear to these other groups just how important conservation is to all of us. They are getting these other groups to realize that the Sierra Club is not trying to lock up the wilderness just for our own use but are trying to preserve it for all users. This is creating a powerful coalition that Congress can not ignore.

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

ECHOES FROM OUR READERS

Updates to last issues article on Ojos del Salado

I read the reprint of Falk's article on Ojos del Salado in the recent issue of the Sierra ECHO with great interest, having seen it in print before *and* having just returned from an attempt to climb this peak.

If anyone is interested in further details on getting to the base of the mountain and/or conditions, they can contact me as indicated in the signature box below.

For the record, however, this 10 year old account is quite out of date.

- Hosteria L Murray (called the Louis Murray Lodge) has burned down, so don't try to stay there.

- 4wd trucks can be rented in Copiapo for about US\$110 per day. If you make a reservation from here, it's \$150.

- I can't imagine getting a trailer to the Tejos Refuge! It's enough of a challenge getting a Toyota 4wd there. We sunk into the sand several times and had to back up, never making it above the Andino Refuge

- Andino Refuge is at about 16700' and is as far as you can drive without heroic efforts. I saw only one truck make it to Tejos Refuge at 18900' and they had to let the air out of their tires and go cross country around the sand drifts on the "road". Then they stole climbing gear from a German group and took off. Really.

- It would be possible to put tents above 20,000', reducing the summit day from 3700' to 2500. No one made it due to the length of the climb and high winds and cold temps (while we were there). The Tejos Refuge is a good place to stay, but not a good place to start for the peak.

- The Tejos Refuge no longer has lights, solar panels, an oil heater, or a working shower. It once did, but is falling into disrepair. It's still a damn nice place for being at 19,000' but not as nice as in the article. There is running water near the refuge on warm afternoons.

- There are permanent ice fields that make crampons a requirement. It snows more than you might expect

here (given the Atacama desert's reputation. We talked to a leader who was there in December with 1

Charging for the Schedule?

The old guard of the ExComm still doesn't get it!

The Chapter budget under approval reinstates status quo administrative funding, while retaining the odious schedule charge to raise revenue. In spite of an overwhelming Council resolution to restructure the Southern Sierran and again offer the schedule free to members.

The last election conveyed the clear mandate for change. ExComm's hand-picked slate was trounced by write-in candidates which the nominating board had tried to quash. Even one of the two incumbents reelected also ran on the principle of a free schedule. Yet no change. Based on a tenuous majority, we have the same faces for the principal officeholders, with the

In Response to Eric's Letter:

Because of the limited space, I will go directly to the point. Last Thursday, 7 March, I voted to retain the Schedule subscription charge. My belief is that this is the best option for the Chapter and all its members under the circumstances. As much as I would like to have a free Schedule, our Chapter's finances do not permit it. We have four hitters: three employees, office, Schedule, and Southern Sierran. We need all four. We can not charge for Southern Sierran, National requires us to provide at least 4 issues for free. We need to publish more because of timely events: political, conservation, and even outings.

With respect to ExComm's hand picked candidates. I did not pick anyone, nor am I aware that anyone else did.

I am also for a free schedule but I don't believe it is possible under the current financial constraints of the Angeles Chapter. What is more important however, is a balanced Chapter budget. That is what my election statement said in 1994 and that is what I am trying to do. I could explain all the reasons and the processes that ExComm followed to reach its decision this year but I will probably not change anyone's mind. The plain simple fact is the Angeles Chapter does not have all the financial and personnel resources it would like. If the Chapter had more money, there would be: a free Schedule, more issues of the Southern Sierran, more money for legal issues, more resources for Groups, Sections and Committees, etc. The list is endless.

So let me talk about something else. MOVING FORWARD! The ExComm has spent over a year and

mete of snow at the refuge. This year had more snow than usual.

Steve Eckert [eckert@netcom.com]

same resistance to the membership. Must we throw the rest out in the next election?

An ExComm member recently expressed that "if you want outings, join the Canyon Explorers Club--this is an environmental group." I doubt that Muir, Clyde, and Brower held such a narrow view of the purpose of the Sierra Club.

Remarkably, several ExComm holdouts are members of DPS and SPS. Fine leaders even. John Cheslick and Maris Valkass. They should be striving for a free schedule. They're not. Let them know how you feel about it.

Regards,
Erik Siering

Some members believe that there are some hidden funds. I have not found any, if any of you know, please let me know, and I will insist that they are used for the Schedule.

Furthermore, all meetings and financial information are open to the membership. Except involving personnel or litigation. Please come and get it first hand.

An elected official should act honestly, responsibly, and in the best interest of the entire Chapter. I believe that I have acted in such a manner. I also believe that other "old" members are acting likewise. Should I run for reelection, I hope that you, the members, judge me on the basis set forth above.

Sincerely,
Maris Valkass

half addressing the budget and the Schedule. It is time to move forward and improve the Chapter, not time to raise the same issue over and over again. If you feel very strongly about the Schedule, great that is your choice. However do it in a positive way. Get more involved and help the Chapter raise funds so there is enough money to do everything the Chapter and its members want.

What can you do as a Sierra Club member to improve the Angeles Chapter?

Donate your time and money to the Angeles Chapter

Subscribe to the Schedule

Get new members both for your section and the Angeles Chapter

Get more involved - Come to meetings and offer concrete solutions and your time

If you want new members on ExComm that is fine also. I would personally welcome new members with new ideas. However, the next election is not until late

ExComm News From Ann Kramer:

The ExComm has voted to continue the Schedule charge this year. The vote was five to four. The ExComm members who voted against the budget containing the Schedule charge were me, Harry, Louis Quirarte and Bill Oliver. The ones who voted for the budget containing the Schedule charge were Maris Valkass, John Cheslick, Robin Ives, Joan Jones Holtz,

summer / early fall. Until that time let us all move forward and try to make our Angeles Chapter even better.

John Cheslick

and Chapter Chair Bonnie Sharpe, who broke the tie. Of the five voting to keep the Schedule charge, four will be up for reelection this fall. The good news is, all we need is one more member willing to vote on the side of the angels. Any ideas for candidates in the next election?

From Pete Yamagata: Revisions to the Northern Sierra Peaks Guide.

FREE! Owners of the **NORTHERN SIERRA PEAKS GUIDE** by Pete Yamagata. Please send a SASE for the 1995 Updates, Revisions, and Additions to: Pete Yamagata, 2109 1/2 10th Street #3, Sacramento, CA 95818-1313. 17 major revisions plus 1 new route and 1 new peak. 1994 guides still available from the Toiyabe Chapter, Sierra Club. Attn: Treasurer, P.O. Box 8096, Reno, NV 89507. Send check for \$10 (S.C. members) payable to Toiyabe Chapter, Sierra Club. (\$11 for non-members)

HOW TO HANDLE BACKCOUNTRY EMERGENCIES

Sunbow Ecology Center is sponsoring an intensive backcountry medical training course in Ojai, California from June 8 to 16, 1995. This 72-hour hands-on Wilderness First Responder course will show students how to deal with medical emergencies when they are miles from help and dialing 911 is not an option.

Wilderness medicine differs from traditional first aid in three respects: First, transport times are measured in hours and days rather than minutes, so many phases of patient care that usually occur in a hospital must be carried out in the field. Second, severe environments dramatically increase the complexity of any emergency and heighten risks to patients and rescuers alike. Third, limited equipment makes improvisation and resourcefulness essential skills.

These issues and more will be addressed by professional instructors from Wilderness Medical Associates, leaders in the field of backcountry training. In eight days, instructors will take students from ground zero to medically competent in the field, whether the field is a national park, the Sierras, a whitewater river, or the high seas.

Classes are fast-paced, with an emphasis on practical skills. Mornings are devoted to lectures, while afternoons and evenings are spent outside working on everything from litter construction to full-scale rescue simulations, with videotape debriefings for enhanced learning.

This course is recommended for all outdoor professionals, wilderness trip leaders, guides, rangers and travelers who spend time in remote areas. Graduates will be nationally certified by Wilderness Medical Associates.

The course will be held on the campus of a private high school in the upper Ojai valley, bordering the Los Padres National Forest. Course fee is \$450; on-site camping and full board option is available. For information and registration, call Judith Gustafson, (805) 646-3692.

The SIERRA MAGAZINE \$7.50 Issue.

by Ann Kramer

The Sierra Club membership applications say that \$7.50 of our \$35.00 membership dues is for a subscription to the Sierra Magazine. A few months ago, I wrote in to Robbie Cox, the Sierra Club's President, asking that my subscription to the Sierra magazine be canceled, and that my \$7.50 be paid to the Angeles Chapter instead. Mr. Cox wrote back, agreeing to do that.

Since then, a few other people have wrote in with similar requests. The ones that I know of have all received polite refusals, explaining that my situation was a special exception. I continue to get the Sierra magazine, and I have not been able to confirm that my \$7.50 was ever received by the Angeles Chapter.

At the last Council meeting, people asked whether the Sierra Club made or lost money on the Sierra magazine, and I volunteered to find out. I called Lou Barnes in the San Francisco office. Mr. Barnes told me that in 1995, the Sierra magazine had advertising revenue of \$2,365,000. Even with that advertising revenue, the magazine lost \$731,000 in 1995. The loss would have been even higher, \$881,000., but the Board of Directors authorized the use of \$150,000 from the Sierra Club Foundation to purchase issues and donate them to schools and libraries.

In 1996, the Sierra magazine is estimated to lose \$878,000. This number includes a grant from the Foundation of \$338,000. Without the grant, the loss would be \$1,216,000.

The grant from the Foundation is used to buy subscriptions for schools and libraries. These subscriptions boost the circulation figure for the Sierra magazine into the next category, which increases advertising revenue. If the Foundation money were not diverted to the Sierra magazine, its advertising revenue would be much lower.

Mr. Barnes would not send me a copy of the budget for the magazine, so I can't really analyze this in any further detail.

There really is no separate \$7.50 paid to the Sierra magazine. The magazine is supported out of general Sierra Club revenue, just like its other activities.

Note: At the March 7 ExComm meeting, I learned that the Chapter did receive my \$7.50.

From the Editor

Background Noise:

RENEW RENEW RENEW RENEW RENEW RENEW RENEW RENEW RENEW RENEW

Now is the time to RENEW your SPS Membership. (see form on last page.) Please consider renewing at the SUSTAINING Level. Sustaining memberships really help the SPS. As a bonus, Sustaining members receive their ECHO via first class mail.

A few things to talk about this column: First-Aid, the Schedule (again), and a new e-mail address. First things first. I'm only keeping America On Line for another month or two. I liked the service but hate the feeling that I was always watching 'the meter running' with AOL so I have a new Internet provider and a NEW E-MAIL address: wknorman@earthlink.net

To no one's surprise the ExComm voted to **retain the fee for the schedule**. I personally can't understand how they could ignore the resolution from the Chapter Council and the recent ExComm elections, but they did. The matter is closed for the time being. The question is what to do now.

Barbee, in her ECHOES from the Chair Column urges people to pay the \$9.00 dollars for the schedule and reopen the discussion for a free schedule next year. I disagree, which is one reason why the management committee believes we shouldn't, as a section, take sides on this issue. My

own feeling is I refuse to pay three times the cost of producing and mailing the schedule and will not do so. The ECHO, along with the HPS Lookout and the Desert Sage will continue to publish each others trip schedules and each section, once a year, publishes a roster of its members of that section can get the phone and addresses of trip leaders mentioned in the outing notices.

The suggestion has been made to print the phone numbers and addresses of other section's trip leaders in the ECHO. To be blunt, I just don't have the time to do this. If someone would volunteer to type the information up and e-mail it to me, I would be happy to print it. (This is for the other sections only. I would hope SPS members keep, for future reference, their ECHO with the SPS roster.

Lastly, in discussing the Schedule issue I've tried to be fair, and give space to both sides in this debate. (Which is more than anyone can say for the **Southern Sierrian**, a very sad commentary on how the Chapter discusses issues important to its members!)

Last month I took a **Wilderness Advance First Aid (Wafa)** course put on by Wilderness Medical Associates. This was a superb class and I highly recommend this class to all SPS members. Included in this ECHO is a notice of a **Wilderness First Responder** Course, the next level up from the Wafa.

After taking the Wafa course and reviewing the LTC requirements for first-aid, I noticed something very peculiar, there is no requirement for recertification in first-aid! My Wafa certification is only good for three years then I need a refresher course, and after six years I must take the complete course again. CPR cards need to be renewed every year or two also. The SPS, as a section, leads trips into remote areas where just notifying anyone of an emergency can be at least a full day away. SPS leaders should really consider refreshing their own first-aid skills and the LTC might want to consider periodic recertification a requirement for leaders. Let me know what your opinion is.

Lastly, I like to thank Ann Kramer for sending me her notes from her various Chapter meetings. While I don't have space to publish everything and somethings are overcome by events, I really appreciate the information in the reports.

ECHOES FROM OUR CLIMBS

Mt. Humphreys

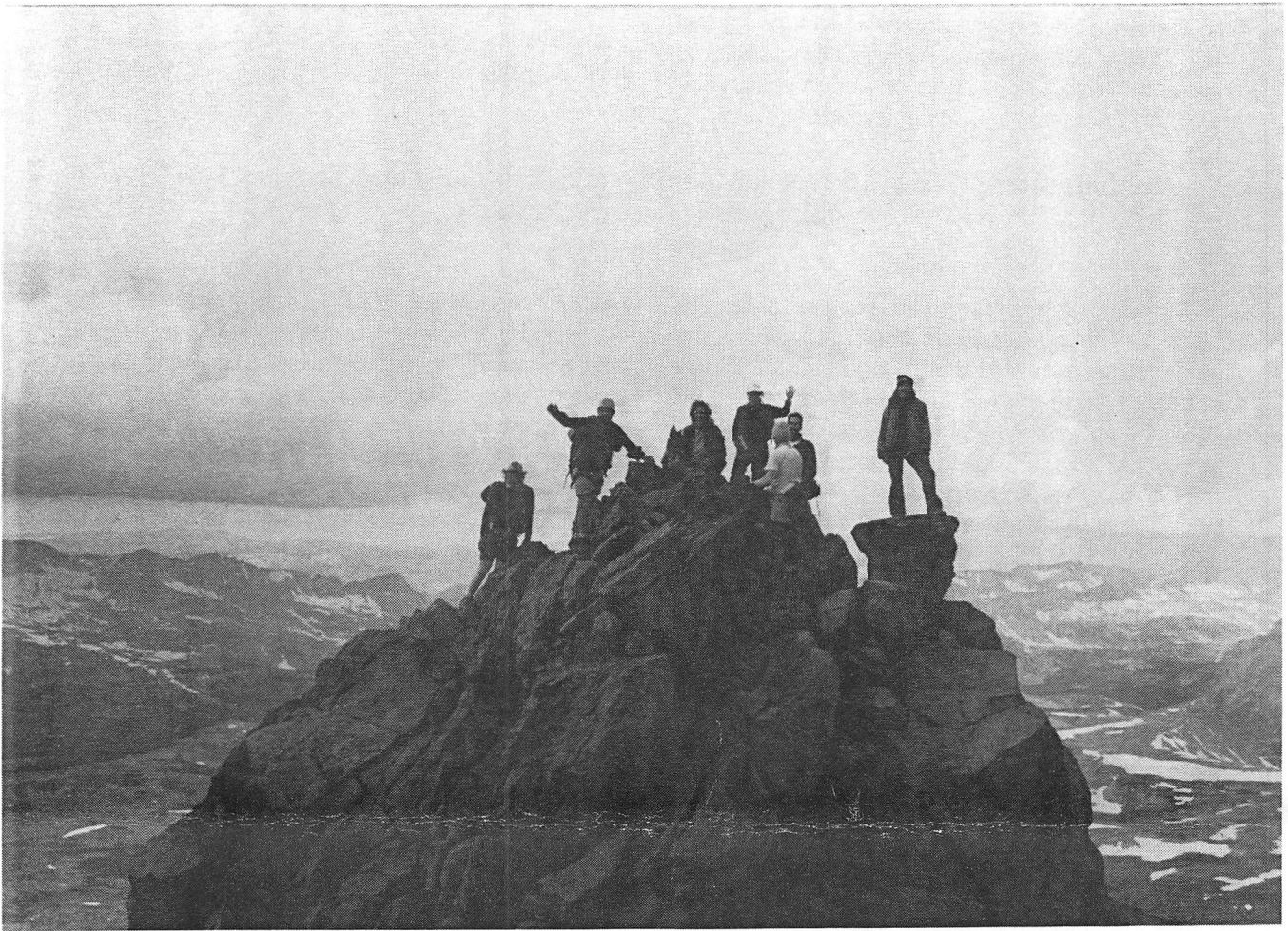
Emblem Peak#10
September2, 1995

Wednesday August 30, 1995: I left Sacramento after work bound for North Lake; what a drive: Echo, Luther and Monitor passes, Devils Gate, Conway, Deadman and Sherwin Summits, followed by the climb from Bishop to North Lake, about 24,000 feet of climb in 300 miles. My permit was in the box at the kiosk as it was supposed to be. Somewhere below Aspendell, I saw a gray object moving around on the road at the limit of my headlights. I thought "hmm rolling rocks on this tame stretch of road?" As I approached, the 'rock' took flight, I had startled evidently a Great Horned Owl out of its evening meal. I understand numbers of them nest in the aspen along Bishop Creek. I arrived at North Lake around 11:00pm and slept in the parking lot right in front of the Jeep. An extra sleeping pad softens the macadam.

Up early Thursday morning bound for Piute Pass, Lower Desolation Lake and Mt. Humphreys. The rest of the group was set to come in on Friday, but with my knee problem, I wanted to take an extra day to hike in. I looked over at Mt. Humphreys shrouded in cloud and thought "I'm climbing THAT?" It took all day to peg my way in; used so many new muscles protecting my knee I was exhausted and out like a light by sunset.

I laid around all day Friday while the rest of the group hiked in to meet me. They arrived at 200pm, right in the middle of my nap. Then it was Hearts in Eddie's tent until Terry wore out his welcome...

Saturday morning, Peak Day: Hiking at 800am with a mixed sense of elation and anxiety; this would be SPS Emblem Peak #10 for me and also a pretty 'airy peak. And more clouds. I take pride in being in



Summit of Mt. Humphreys 9/2/95. Photo by Tim Pletcher. Left to right: Mark Adrian, John Doods, Eddie Sudol, Carol Jean, Suzanne Pletcher, Gerhard Japp, Mark Bender, Terry Flood

excellent physical condition, maybe in the top 10% of men my age. Problem is I hike with people in the top 1% or 2%, including at least one world class athlete. I hack and caff, crying to keep the pace...

No problems as we passed the upper Humphreys Lake, with a couple of scuffles in the couloir through the black band. I looked up at the last few hundred feet from the Northwest saddle and it looked like a blank wall, with thin clouds swirling around it. I almost balked. Then I said loudly: "@#&*)(\$, I can do this!!" off I went. I guess the adrenaline was pumping, I caught up with the group in the cul de sac, reading route descriptions. We set out to the right to the west arete with me bringing up the rear. It was a little slow ahead of me on the vertical pitch, so I was looking around at the view and made the mistake of looking down. I should know better. It was a little awkward at the top of the pitch and narrow with the 800 foot west face on one side and I couldn't see bottom on the other.

I was the only wimp in the crowd to ask for a belay, then no further problems to the peak.

I proudly stood on top of Mt. Humphreys thinking: "I got my emblem!" "on Mt. Humphreys!" then: "how do I get down from here?" I didn't look much at the view, I was very concerned that Mt. Darwin to the south was socked in with a storm that was rapidly approaching. (bs, I was too scared to look!! sign the register and outta here!!). Tim took the summit group picture from the east shoulder close by, using my camera.

We down climbed the arete with me stepping on Richard's fingers all the way and he in turn stepping on Terry's fingers (the correct term is: 'pointing'). Part way down it started to hail intermittently. We rappelled two pitches and I got a great shot of Eddie rappelling the pitch in the black band. We got back to our base overlooking Lower Desolation Lake at around 5:00 when the sky fell in. About a one hour deluge of

mostly fair sized hail, about the size of this: O.

The storm lifted prior to sundown and we enjoyed a few laughs, a hot dinner, some hot chocolate, and otherwise celebrated our climb of a most spectacular peak, one I once thought I would never climb.

Celebrants: Terry Flood, Mark Adrian, Eddie Sudol, Carol Jean, Gerhard Japp, Suzanne Pletcher, Tim Pletcher, Mark Bender, Richard Cary and me, John T. Dodds.

Tehipite Dome (7,708'), Spanish Mountain (10,051') and Three Sisters (10,619')

Igor Mamedalin and Maris Valkass

September 2-5, 1995

They came through the night, rising out of the San Joaquin Valley, inching slowly along the endless miles of winding mountain roads, arriving at the Rancheria Creek trailhead in the wee hours of the morning. At sunrise, twenty groggy eyed hikers and one exuberant dog were packed and ready to hit the dusty trail leading toward Crown Valley (starting at the Crown Valley trailhead adds an additional 1,000' of gain).

By Labor Day the Sierra had already shed itself of the heavy snowpack and the anticipated heavy runoff did not prove to be a problem at any of the stream crossings (including the infamous Crown Creek). The forest floor was littered with an unusual number of fallen trees (perhaps crushed or toppled by the snow load they had to bear this year); however, areas that were not choked with fallen trees were carpeted with a lush display of wildflowers. After reaching Dry Meadow (which was not dry this year), we dropped our packs and headed south along the marked Spanish Lakes trail toward Spanish Mountain. One person, having previously climbed Spanish Mountain, remained behind to guard the packs from bears and mosquitoes. Just past the Twin Lakes (twin swamps is a better characterization) we took a signed trail heading east toward Geraldine Lakes. At the high point above Geraldine Lakes we followed a use trail south until it gained the ridge leading to the Spanish Mountain summit. Only one north facing snow patch remained on the mountain. After lunching on the summit and taking in the spectacular views we returned by a more direct cross-country route that dropped us down to the Twin Swamps quickly. Finding our packs safe where we left them, we proceeded to pony them another mile east to a knoll just past the Crown Valley Station. The less than ideal campsites on the knoll were chosen over the alternatives of camping in greater intimacy with the hoofed stock grazing at the Crown Station or under the ever present shrouds of mosquitoes in Crown Valley.

Next morning four people and the only dog (still full of energy) signed out to get an early start heading home and beating the Labor Day traffic. With one person remaining in camp, fifteen resolute mountaineers headed east to search and climb Tehipite

Dome. Along the trail past Crown Valley we discovered a malodorous corpse of a horse (which was duly examined by the veterinary pathologist in our group). Crown Creek was waded across (shin high water) as we continued on along the trail toward Blue Canyon. At the 8,000' level we made a mistake of taking a short cut through a brush filled creek drainage (the leader's vocabulary was expanded significantly from the epithets uttered by the participants) rather than continuing on along the trail to the ridge overlooking Blue Canyon. Once gained, the ridge was followed easily to the sought after dome. Here, about half the participants chose to scramble over the exposed 3rd class slab and on to the summit; for the remaining participants, Maris set up a secure belay enabling everyone (one person chose not to summit) to reach the summit and marvel at the spectacular chasm of the Middle Fork of the Kings River as it cut through the heart of the Sierra 4,000' below the dome. On the return trip, Ron Bartell navigated us back to the trail along a more optimal path that crossed the creek in a brush free area and minimized the altitude gain. Ron's route leaves the trail at about the 7,700' level and crosses a small broad saddle before dropping down to cross the creek almost on a direct bearing toward Tehipite Dome.

Monday everyone packed out reaching the cars easily by midday. The number of people choosing to stay an extra day for Three Sisters was eventually reduced to just the leader and his faithful wife, Suzanne. Suzanne and I headed for the fine campground at Trapper Springs overlooking Courtwright Reservoir. Along the way we picked up a cold six-pack at the Wishon Store where most merchandise is priced in units of \$5.00. Once in camp, we enjoyed bathing in the lake, climbing a granite dome overlooking the area, and the solitude with the summer and holiday crowds now gone. Early Tuesday morning we hit the trail heading toward Cliff Lake; the chill of an autumn morning could be felt in the air. From Cliff Lake we followed various connecting ridges toward Three Sisters. Suzanne's swollen ankles impeded progress and I ended up scrambling the final 600' alone. Three Sisters is definitely worth climbing

for the view; it offers a unique perspective on the Sierra Crest. The day was clear and one could follow the crest from the Ritter/Banner massif all the way to Whitney. Trying to correctly identify each distinctive bump along the crest from this perspective can be challenging. On the return hike we took another dip in the lake before starting the long journey home (although on a weekday there is hardly a car on the road, but plenty of lumber trucks bringing down the harvest).

Many thanks to everyone for a fine Labor Day

outing in the Sierra. Special thanks to Maris Valkass and Suzanne for assisting and to Ron Bartell for the better short cut. The other participants were: Anna Valkass, Christine Mitchell, Lynn Heath (her first two Sierra peaks!), Jim Adler, Chuck Pospishil, Jake Holshuh, Bruce and Terry Turner, Sue Leverton, Pete Yamagata (from Sacramento), Nancy Pearlman, Kathy Price, Adam Gadahn (just 17), Bond Shands (from San Francisco and now eligible for SPS membership!), John and Carol and Mandy (K-9) McCully.

12,400' DEVILS CRAG #1: N.W. ARETE

(by Doug Jones)

Dave German and I began our 4th annual High Sierra trip on Thursday morning, August 10th. Our goal was to climb the precipitous Devils Crag #1. The "Devils Crag" is an impressive group of pinnacles at the southern end of the Black Divide in the Sierra Nevada. There are 11 crags, none of which have walk-up routes. Crag #1 is the highest.

We began our trek at South Lake, and a pleasant 5 mile, 2200' gain hike brought us to Bishop Pass, elevation 12,000'. Surprisingly, the trail was mostly snow-free. We crossed a couple of snowfields on the south side of the pass, and some rocks offered shelter from the wind as we took our first break. Subsequently, we began the 6 mile, 3300' descent to Le Conte Canyon. We passed a small pack train and, stopping occasionally to admire Isosceles Peak and the mighty Palisades, hiked through beautiful Dusy Basin. A series of switchbacks led to a bridged crossing of Dusy Branch at 10,200'. We paused to observe the spectacular cascade, then continued down to a cool forested bench at 9,500'. More switchbacks through hot, open chaparral slopes dotted with huge incense cedars deposited us at the trail junction just above the roaring Middle Fork of the Kings River. We turned south on the John Muir Trail and walked a couple hundred yards to a second footbridge over Dusy Branch. We took our second break there and watched a small Rainbow Trout swim in place as we filled our canteens and had lunch. A subsequent 2 mile hike south led to Grouse Meadows where our adventure began. We had to cross the Middle Fork without benefit of a bridge. To make things challenging, the melting snowpack from the winter of 94-95 (one of the heaviest of all time) filled the ice-cold river to a much higher than normal level. At the north end of Grouse we departed the John Muir Trail and hiked along the river hoping to find a log crossing. We continued down river searching for a safe place to cross, only to

find that the river became wider as the meadow opened up. This proved to be a good thing, however, because the current slowed. As we hiked through the mushy meadow, suddenly Dave stopped. I knew what that meant! (You readers who know Dave will understand!) He just took off his clothes, slung his boots over his neck, put on his unbuckled pack, and started across (in his birthday suit) without any hesitation! I watched intently as Dave got about half way across (the river was over 50 feet wide.) In the middle he was only mid-thigh deep. However, about two-thirds way across, I watched his butt disappear into the icy flow and winced with anticipation of things to come. The channel ran along the far bank and was probably 4 feet deep. I was relieved when I saw him climb onto the other side and let out a hoot! But relief quickly changed to anxiety--it was my turn! Not wanting to be found naked if I screwed up, I followed Dave's path clad in my underwear. I just remember hitting the channel and not really getting much footing. I grabbed a bush and climbed out. Damn was it ever cold! We were across and there was no turning back; we had reached the base of the Black Divide at elevation 8,200'+ feet. We had some laughs, got dressed, and headed south cross-country on an ascending route to a small forest. We took a short break on a bench at about 8,800'+ feet and then contoured to Rambaud Creek. That was really our only mistake during the entire trip. You see, Rambaud Creek is brushy. We laboriously 'shwacked up for about 1/3 mile and over 800 feet of gain. It was slow, arduous, and unpleasant. The only nice thing was when we sighted two bucks and a doe on a nearby slope. Somewhere slightly above the 9,800' level we were beat up and it was nearing dark. We had come over 15 miles. Under a small group of pines on a somewhat flattish area, we set up camp, filled our canteens and had dinner. It was nice to stop. Sleep as welcome.

Friday, August 11 we arose to a perfect, cloudless, classic High Sierra morning. To quote Dave, it was a day that would "test our mettle." Shortly after 7AM we hiked northwest a bit, then southwest along Rambaud Creek (no more brush!) to a beautiful small basin and then on snow to the 10,400' level to a 95% frozen lake with a large (15'-20' deep) "crevasse" on its northwest side. We continued our ascent on hard snow to the 11,100' level where we took a break on a rock outcrop in a snow-filled cirque just north of Rambaud Pass (11,600'). This was a "decision" break influenced heavily by not having crampons. We had 3 choices: The "Henry Cut-off" (steep & snow-filled (icy) in the bottom); Rambaud Pass (steep hard snow except for patches of loose rock); and a steep, icy chute between the two. We chose Rambaud Pass. We ascended without problem to the 11,300'+ level and then cut steps for about 100' to the loose rocks. We climbed the loose rocks (cl.2-3) to a point about 15' below the pass. There we stood on a rock and cut steps on very steep, hard snow and emerged unscathed at flat, dry Rambaud Pass. After a brief stop, we continued in an easterly direction for about 600' of gain on easy talus to Peak 12,200+'. There, we looked at D.C. #1 as well as at the "saddle" to the N.E. and saw we no longer needed our axes. So we stashed them and downclimbed about 150' to the "saddle" (S.W. of Peak 12,262') and contoured to the east on the south side of Peak 12,262' (loose crud!). We crossed a chute (cl.3) and then went down a bit, then up to the first major notch on the N.W. Arete of D.C. #1. We were now less than 1/4 mile from and 300' below the summit (no problem, a 15 minute hike!). We roped up, put on our brain buckets, and Dave led 100' of Class 3, then 4 to an established belay station. We continued (roped together) southeast on 3rd and 4th class rock (loose rocks everywhere) along the arete to an unmistakable pair of "Black Rabbit Ears" which we passed through, and then along the arete some more to another big notch where a large (and fairly easy-looking) chute with snow in the lower part came up on the right (S.W.). This was the only "easy" section of the ridge (100' or so of Class 2). Then Dave led a 60' Cl. 4 pitch (keeping in mind that Class 4 is an ambiguous term!). We continued along the dramatically exposed (1,000' on both sides) arete to what I thought was the most difficult part of the route: a real knife-blade notch. (I remember Dave saying "Doug, you're going to like this one!" moments before I arrived). It was a real attention getter! Dave set some very nice pro on this part. We stayed on the crest of the arete here and climbed a lot of very exposed rock to the summit. (R. J. Secor gives an excellent route description in his High Sierra guidebook. I jotted it down on the back of

my topo map and found it to be very accurate) Once on top, I relaxed for a while (as Dave continued along the ridge to look at Crag #2!). We spent 30-40 minutes on the summit, and ate, drank, read the register and enjoyed the panorama (one of the finest in the Sierra, in my opinion). There was not a single cloud in the sky! The peak receives very few ascents and it was nice to see many familiar names in the "cast aluminum cylinder." We found a photocopy register (from the 1930's to 1977) and a small "pipe" register which we were unable to open. After summit photos, we returned the same way we ascended, downclimbing and rappelling. In our usual style, we removed many of the bleached "poot" slings along the way, and I found a tattered hat with a SPS Sr. Emblem pin on it. Our last rappel landed us at the original rope-up spot. We were unscathed and had all of our gear. I was very thankful. With the sun low on the horizon, we wasted no time in traversing and ascending to our axes, then hurried back to Rambaud Pass as darkness fell. We took a break at the pass and peered over the acclivity. We were dismayed to see that the nice steps we chopped (on the 15' steep section) had partially melted during the day. The snow was once again very hard. However, our ice-axe self belay holes" were still good so we were able to descend to the loose rocks safely. Descending the lower snowfield was a little harder, but again we negotiated it safely (no crampons). Dave did take a short involuntary glissade and remarked how unpleasant the bumpy ride made his backside feel. We finished the descent to camp under moonlight. Our camp was found just as we left it and we had a nice dinner and crashed.

Saturday, August 12 we slept in a little and had a leisurely breakfast as the crags glowed from the sun's morning rays. We tossed some ideas around and then decided to climb 12,774' Wheel Mountain. We left camp shortly before 9AM and hiked our now familiar route to Rambaud Pass. Once there, we each filled a water bottle with snow and planted our axes. It was a clear, wonderful morning. We ascended Wheel's Class 2 S.E. Ridge. Near the top, we weaved below and in between the summit towers to a point about 50' below the true summit. An easy Class 3 chute led to the top. Although our tower was higher than the others, we could not locate a register. Dave descended and climbed a nearby tower to confirm and was atop the highest one, then returned. Subsequently, I located a "film canister register and we spent about 1/2 hour on the summit. While there, Dave spotted a cloud--the first one we'd seen in two days! We descended to Rambaud via our ascent route and drank our melted snow. When we were about to leave, 3 climbers (Doug Mantle, Tina Stough and Barbara Cohen) emerged at

the pass. We had a nice discussion with them, then descended, while they ascended to Wheel Mountain. During the descent of the Pass, the snow was soft and the glissade enjoyable (unlike the previous one!). We were back at camp in less than an hour. We ate and broke camp, and at 5PM, began our descent to the Middle Fork. Instead of going S.E. along Brushy Rambaud Creek, we stayed high and went east on open slopes, aiming for the trees and then descended 400' of somewhat steep (for a full pack) but easy terrain to the sloping 9,000- 8,800' bench. We then went N.E. through a cool forest and down (still in heavy timber) 600' to the south side of Grouse Meadows (elevation 8,200'). Compared to our route in, this way was pleasant and had no brush. Only the last 50 yards to the river was brushy. Once again, however, there was a cold river to ford! Dave crossed first (as usual!) and I observed from the west bank. The river was at least 60' wide where Dave started across. This time, however, Dave sunk to his armpits (no exaggeration). Basically, all I could see was his neck and head. I became very concerned as the water was close to 5' deep. But Dave made it across just fine and he even looked good as he crossed, never once appearing to lose control or balance. I became a bit nervous but knew what I had to do. While I was preparing for the crossing, Dave examined the river and explored his side of the bank. He found a diagonal route which appeared to avoid the deep section. I crossed the diagonal route he found and it wound up being only about 4' deep in the middle. I let out a shout once I was safely across, and we laughed for a long time. After drying out (and regaining the feeling in my toes), we redressed and picked up the J.M.T. about 50 yards away. We hiked north about 1/2 mile when Dave spotted a black bear hanging out by the trail. 100 yards further we saw a group camp. We found out that they had left some food in a tent and the bear had gotten it. No wonder, then, why it was

hanging around. We hiked 1 1/2 miles further to a campsite just before the footbridge over Dusy Branch and decided to camp there for the night. After dinner, I heard a crunching noise nearby so I shined my headlamp in that direction. I saw two eyes and a rack of antlers! There was a buck hanging out at our campsite! We were thankful it wasn't a bear and just went to bed. While our trailmates downstream had a bear, we had a deer! It hung around all night (fine with us).

Sunday, August 13, we got up about 7AM and had breakfast as the buck returned to forage nearby. A few minutes later, a baby buck (it had two little knobs on its head) stopped by, but the adult buck would act aggressively when the young buck came into camp. We figured out why. It may sound gross, but the adult was licking our pee spots, and it would defend them when the smaller deer came too close. There was hardly a dull moment on this trip! After the wild kingdom show ended, we packed up and headed to Bishop Pass, 6 miles away and 3,300' above us. We were very happy to arrive and took a break there. All that was left was the 5 mile descent to South Lake. After our rest stop, we started down, and about halfway to the trailhead, spotted a one gallon water jug hung up in a creek. We hate to see garbage in the High Sierra and could not continue without getting it. Dave, who was getting real good at fording rivers, waded out and retrieved it and I carried it out. Before we knew it, we were back at the South Lake parking lot a bit weary, but thoroughly satisfied with our adventure, which had all of the elements of a mountaineering trip: a remote, difficult summit, plenty of cross-country travel, unbridged river crossings, routefinding, exposure, etc. And things could not have gone better. As Dave put it, we drew straight aces." [Trip Stats: 40 miles, 13,600' gain.]

Jeff Davis Peak

10-14-95

Bob Sumner & Erik Siering

A decomposing volcanic plug amidst spectacular Northern Sierra scenery, Jeff Davis Peak is more similar to a desert classic like Little Picacho or Montezuma's Head. It is a moderately easy 4th class climb, but what really strikes one about it is how out of place it is in the Sierra.

To get to the trailhead for Jeff, go 2.5 miles west on Hwy 88 from its intersection with Hwy 89 south of Lake Tahoe. Then turn left (south) onto the signed Blue Lakes Road. At around 9 miles from Highway 88, park on a wide shoulder on the west side of the road. This is just before the road starts downhill again.

From here an old jeep track meanders generally eastward towards the peak. You will pass over a couple of minor bumps enroute to the west side of Jeff. When you get there, swing around onto the south side to find a bit of scrambling that deposits you on a steep loose gravel slope. Continue up this to the beginning of a steep narrow trough. This is where the climbing begins.

For an anchor, there is a large protruding boulder off to the side of the chute that a 20 foot runner can be placed around. This is also out of the rockfall line. The correct chute to go up appears to have a cave or

overhang at its terminus; after twenty feet or third you will encounter a fixed pin at a small platform. You are climbing on knobby conglomerate and there is an ample supply of handholds and footholds. The rock is generally pretty solid but we did encounter a few breaking holds. There is also a lot of sand and gravel on the tiny ledges and holds; helmets should be considered mandatory. We also discovered that many desirable holds were coated with bird poop.

Above the fixed pin, you can find a couple of slots that accept mid-size Camelots. Atop the pitch you will find a large boulder anchor, possibly with an old runner or two around it, just before a short tunnel. This is where you will anchor in to belay your companion(s) up. Using our rope, we measured this first pitch to be 80 feet long.

After this, you have a short stretch of class 2. Continue up through the narrow steep tunnel; more gravel and loose rock here. Then go up a short slanting ramp to a deep narrow cleft. Crawl into this

and you will find a small chamber where two people can stand upright. Above you is a 20 foot chimney with numerous holds. It isn't really necessary to belay this as it would be really hard (or downright clumsy) to fall down this slot. You may have to take your pack off to fit through here.

Once up this, you emerge on a large platform. Another minute or two of casual scrambling places you on the 8990' summit. The views are quite good. Some of the peaks that are visible are Highland, Mokelumne, Round Top, Freel and a host of other Northern Sierra beauties. There is an ammo box register. This peak sees only a handful of ascents every year.

Descend the way you came. You can downclimb the chimney or rap it. Then descend back through the tunnel to the boulder anchor atop the first pitch. A single 50 meter rope suffices for the rappel. A nice half-day climb. Statistics: Jeff Davis Peak, 3 miles r.t., 800' gain, Class 4.

Picket Guard, Hale, and Young

Sept. 8-10, 1995

by Ron Hudson

I and RJ Secor needed these peaks as "orphans"; I for the first time and RJ for the second. The other participant was Eric Lesser, a strong hiker and runner who has been on a few other SPS trips. Three of us started at 730AM from Whitney Portal. Packs were 21-27 pounds, and all of us had light footwear. We made it to Wallace Creek on the John Muir Trail at 630PM. We spent a while talking to a Muir Trail traveler who is an orange grower and whose forbearers, the Mulhollands, are of LA water development notoriety. Weather was great. After enjoying an evening fire we left at six for the descent into the Kern gorge and climb up Picket Guard on the other side. The canyon of the Kern-Kaweah River is quite nice; stream with fish, fern in the narrow forest at the bottom. We crossed the river at the 9440' level and headed up the peak, class 2. Much of the way up is wooded. When the 3 of us signed the register, we were

the only 1995 party. Then down down down, and up the Wallace Creek canyon, the last of us arriving at camp at nightfall with another fire for warmth and stories.

Off at 5 for our third long day, we left the Muir trail at the base of Young & Hale at 11,320' about 9AM and proceeded up Hale first. It was sandy with talus interspersed, much of the way, class 1-2. RJ took some photos of Russell which is close by. The traverse over to Young has up and down on big talus blocks; RJ and myself endured it while Eric rested below. Back down the talus (slow) and the sand (fast) we got to our packs at 2PM. Still, we had about 2200' of gain to do. Going over Trail Crest twice to get these peaks is equivalent to two extra 13,000ers. Things were a bit slow at the tail end, but we did just make it to the car at dark (8PM). Then a late, but not all-night drive home. The total was 18,000 feet of gain and 55 miles. A great trip for exercise and seeing a lot of country!

Olancha, Cartago and Muah

by Ret Moore

This private trip write up is sent to the Echo as I suspect it will interest some members in a different route up Olancha. Most climbs of this peak start at Sage Flat and after gaining Olancha Pass approach the peak from the south. More recently a popular route, which entails less elevation gain but considerably more driving, is through Monache Meadows approaching

from the south-west. It seems to me I even recall a write up in which some energetic climber(s) made the ascent directly up the east slope. The trip described here involves an approach from the north. It requires an extra day or two but has the advantage of easily getting two additional listed peaks on the way.

Neil Scott and I left the parking lot at Horseshoe

Meadow early Thursday morning in June (1955) and headed over Trail Pass to pick up the Pacific Crest Trail heading south toward Olancha. It was a long but pleasant day before we made camp in Death Canyon. The trail generally follows the crest of the range normally west of the divide, but on several occasions crosses to the east side. Impressive views of both the upper basin of the South Fork of the Kern and the lower Owens Valley can be enjoyed from vantage points along the trail. We arrived at Death Canyon about 4:30, which amounted to a tiring day for a couple of "over the hill" peak baggers, and made camp by the stream a few hundred yards above the trail crossing. There was plenty of fresh running water here. Although this was a wet year, I believe that there would be water here in May or June of any normal year.

Friday morning we headed south on the PCT for a couple of miles then directly up the north slope of Olancha. As we had not brought along our ice axes and the slope was mostly blanketed with snow above 10,500 feet, we had to pick our way to avoid exposed or steep slopes. Otherwise there is no route finding problem as long as you are heading up. We reached the top by noon and returned by much the same route, arriving back at camp about 3:30pm. This was my fourth ascent of Olancha and I think my most enjoyable.

Saturday morning we set out for Cartago Peak by heading due east from camp up the westerly slope of

Death Canyon. This easy route eventually takes you up a small canyon or draw which contained a lovely little stream fed by a residue of melting snow. The small draw originates near the center of section 31 and extends about a mile to the east before it flattens out at the crest. Some parties have had trouble finding the high point on Cartago, which is easily understandable since the peak is just a large plateau with a dozen or so rock spires rising about a hundred feet above the surrounding gentle surface. However, the peak is easily found if you come up this small canyon. You will pass several spires on the left before you reach the crest of the plateau. The high point is then a few hundred yards to the south, very close to the center of section 32. You reach the top of the spire with a minimal amount of class three climbing. We enjoyed the view to the east north and west, but Cartago is dwarfed by Olancha to the south. After returning to camp by the same route, we packed our gear ate lunch and headed back up the PCT toward Muah Mountain, our final peak of the trip. We left the trail near Sharknose Ridge and crossed over to the saddle just west of the peak where we camped. It would have been a dry camp except for a lone patch of snow which provided plenty of water for our needs.

Sunday morning we took a quick stroll over to Muah Mountain and back, packed our gear and headed down the saddle to pick up the PCT again south of Dutch Meadow. We were back at the Horseshoe Meadow parking lot for lunch.

KILIMANJARO (part 1)

September 1994

by Dave Hammond

Kilimanjaro is probably the best known mountain in the world, excepting perhaps Everest. Many people who never go near mountains seem to have heard the name, and know it is in Africa somewhere. It must be the setting, a huge volcanic mountain mass towering above the high grass plains of East Africa. For me it was a good reason to visit a new continent, and make a serious attempt at the Summit of 19340ft.

For my climbing friends anxious to know without rushing on through... I did make it to the very top.

As the Boeing 747 jumbo jet approached Nairobi at around 10am I heard the weather for the arrival, and the temperature was only 68°F. This was an unexpected surprise. Nairobi is just south of the equator, and as it was September the sun was right overhead, so I was expecting it to be very hot. This I would get used to quickly as the summer temperatures in Tucson had been well over 100°F most days. However, Nairobi is at 5300ft hence the reasonable

temperatures, which don't get higher than the mid 80's. The climbs of Kilimanjaro are during the dry seasons from June to October and December to February.

My trip was booked with Mountain Travel and had only four participants including the leader and me! Usually there are at least six to eight, so I was rather wondering about the other two, a couple from Georgia, a state not renown for its mountains. After going through customs I was met by the leader and the couple. The leader seemed to be a patient type and the couple, in their early fifties, were very friendly and outgoing. This first impression was reinforced as the two weeks went by. We were driven to the Norfolk Hotel which was the first to be built in Nairobi in 1904. Then the town consisted of a dirt road from the station to the hotel with only a few shops and businesses. In those days the only way to get to Nairobi was by ship to Mombassa on the coast of Kenya, then by train to Nairobi, which only ran twice a week. In spite of the

remoteness many early visitors were aristocracy from England, and later authors including Ernest Hemingway. Most of this information was on my placemat for my snack by the pool after my arrival at the hotel!

I had read about the Railway Museum in Nairobi and mentioned this to my two fellow travelers, and they decided to join me on a visit. We took a taxi to the museum, which was near the station, and the driver said he would be back in an hour or so. The museum outlined the construction of the railway in the 1890's from Mombassa on the coast to Nairobi, and eventually into Uganda round the north side of Lake Victoria by 1930. nicknamed 'the lunatic line,' it played a large part in the development of Kenya and its neighbors, Uganda and the northern part of Tanzania. The railway had some steep grades hence the large steam locomotives on display in the yard outside. These were in use up to the end of the 1970's and two used for Safari trains in the late 1980's. What I saw of Nairobi on the way back to the hotel reminded me a bit of some South American cities I had visited. After dinner that evening our leader briefed us on what lay ahead.

We were off next morning in a mini van heading south to Tanzania, changing vehicles at the border, as going on in a vehicle from Kenya would require high fees. We stopped at our leader's company office in Arusha before proceeding to our first game viewing safari in Tarangire National Park. Late that afternoon we had a drive in the park and had our first sight of zebras, elephants, buffalo and various types of antelopes, all occupying the same general area. We stopped to watch some baboons, and two males were noisily chasing each other around. Back at the lodge we stayed in permanent tents, each with wash room facilities at the back.

Off again next morning for a more extensive drive around the park. We soon saw some hyenas eating the remains of a zebra. These animals hunt mostly at night so are not seen that often. Later we observed wildebeest, warthogs (ugly pigs) and that large non-flying bird the ostrich. At one stop our jeep failed to start so we all got out to push to get it going. Fortunately, there was no dangerous wildlife around! Once back at the Park headquarters our leader used the radio to arrange for another jeep, which met us at our lunch stop in the Rift Valley. Proceeding in the replacement jeep we drove up to the entrance of Ngorongoro Crater Game Reserve to spend a couple of nights camped at the crater rim. Here I became aware there was no fence around the campsite, and I did not recall one at the lodge either. One night I did hear something moving around outside.

We spent the next day down in the crater, which is

20 miles across and about 1500ft deep. The vegetation varies from woodland and swamps to soda lakes and drifting dunes, though it is mostly open grassland. What is amazing is the amount of wildlife, herds of buffalo, zebras, wildebeest, in this rather dry environment. In the distance we did see elephants and a couple of lionesses. Soon we came across other jeeps which had stopped watching lionesses and cubs close to the road. Then to my surprise some of them sauntered close by, in spite of the smell of exhausts from the parked vehicles. Later we came across a lion on top of a mound, posing like the M.G.M. trademark!

By now I was wondering about lunch, and we drove to a site for this purpose where we could all get out. It was not fenced, so I suppose the first vehicles drive around to see if there are any unwelcome residents. It was here I met my fellow safari travelers, nearly half seeming from Britain and quite a few Japanese. Later in the afternoon we did see a rhinoceros in the distance and stopped to watch a cheetah stalking some antelope, which was not a common sight.

Our driver was a member of the local people, the Maasi, and arranged for us to visit a nearby village. He got dressed up in the traditional costume, a sort of wrap around colorful cloth. At the village we negotiated with the elders over the visitors fee, then were entertained by the women with a couple of songs. Most interesting was our visit inside a hut, a dark gloomy residence. After stooping through the crooked entrance we came into the central living area with a smoldering fire, the smoke leaving by three portholes as there was no chimney. Radiating off the living area were three sleeping quarters lit by the solitary portholes. In the gloom we chatted with the residents about their traditions and lifestyle, our driver acting as translator. By now it was sunset so it was time to return to camp.

The next day was one of the easiest, driving back to Arusha, stopping on the way at a snake zoo. There the boas looked big, the vipers looked vicious, but the cobras looked too small. We then went up into Arusha National Park to stay two nights at a very nice lodge, where I got my first hazy view of Kilimanjaro. We were there to hike for a day, but tummy troubles took their toll. The husband stayed back at the lodge and I was not feeling that great. So our small band of only three set out, led by a ranger with a rifle in case we came across something that desired us. We hiked up to some huts for lunch and continued on to the open side of a large crater. Here we joined a jeep road coming up from the other side and walked down to meet our jeep which had driven part the way up.

(Continued Next Month)

Mountain Records

The following is a list of peaks needing a new register and/or container. If you are planning a private trip to any of these mountains, could you please help maintain our registers by taking in whatever is needed? If you know of any peak not on the list in need of a register book or container, please advise me (note that we do not maintain registers in the Desolation Wilderness or on some very popular peaks such as Sawtooth in Mineral King). Finally, please also use the report form for your private and scheduled trips to note condition of registers to help keep my database up to date for all peaks, not just those in need of a register. Call or write me at (310) 438-3809 or 4832 E. Third St., Long Beach, CA 90814-3103.

Tina Stough, Mountain Records Chair

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| Bago | Canister/Book |
| Barnard | Book |
| Black Giant | Canister |
| Bloody | Book |
| Cartago | Ammo Box |
| Clarence King | Canister/Book (Has Tin Can) |
| Cotter | Canister/Book (Or Ammo Box) |
| Emerson | Canister/Book |
| Foerster | Canister/Book |
| Freel | Ammo Box |
| Granite Chief | Ammo Box |
| Homers Nose | Canister/Book |
| Iron | Canister/Book |
| Junction | Canister/Book |
| Kern Point | Canister/Book (Snow Covering It?) |
| Koip | Nesting Can/Book (Or Ammo Box) |
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| Lone Pine | Ammo Box |
| Matterhorn | Ammo Box/Book |
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| North Pal ? | Canister/Book (Snow Hiding It?) |
| Red Slate | Ammo Box |
| Sawtooth | Ammo Box (Too Popular?) |
| Senger | Canister |
| Seven Gables | Canister/Book |
| Silver | Book |
| Three Sisters | Book |
| Tinker Knob | Book/Ammo Box |
| University | Canister/Book |
| Williamson ? | Canister/Book (Snow Hiding It?) |

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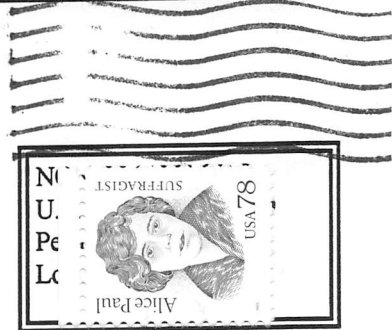
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