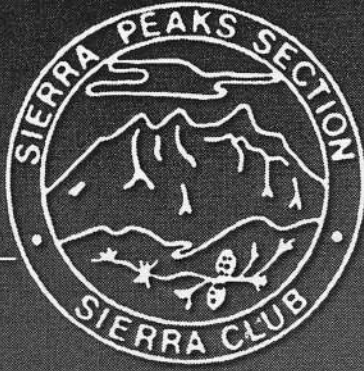


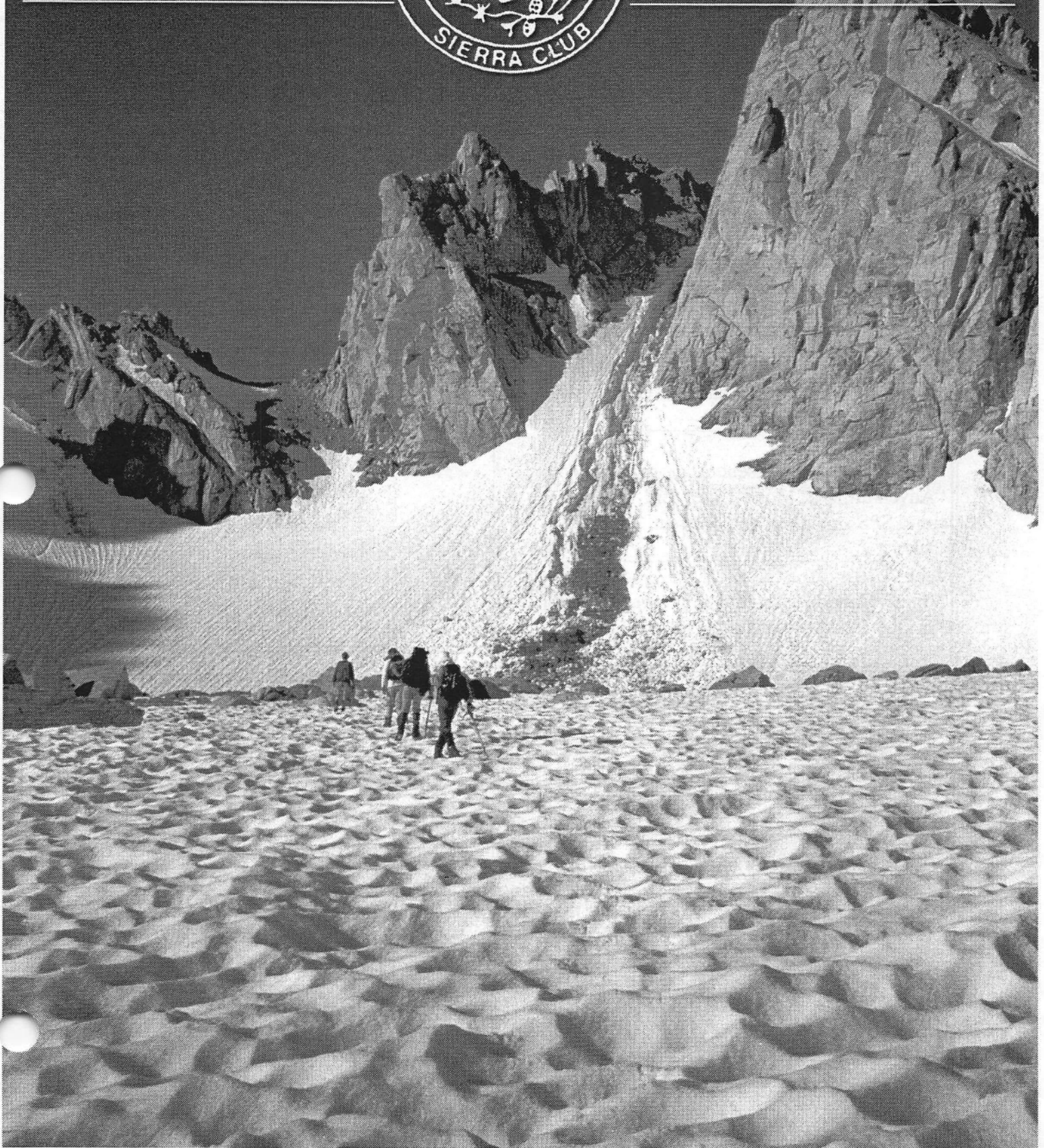
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SPS MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Sierra Peaks 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. Water & Power, 111 N Hope St., Los Angeles,
Free parking on site.

February 10

Mingo Morvin, climber & Nature photographer, presents program on his experiences while photographing bears in the Sierra.

March 10

David Braun will present a program on the first ski ascent of Pobeda in Kyrgyzstan, Central Asia.

April 14

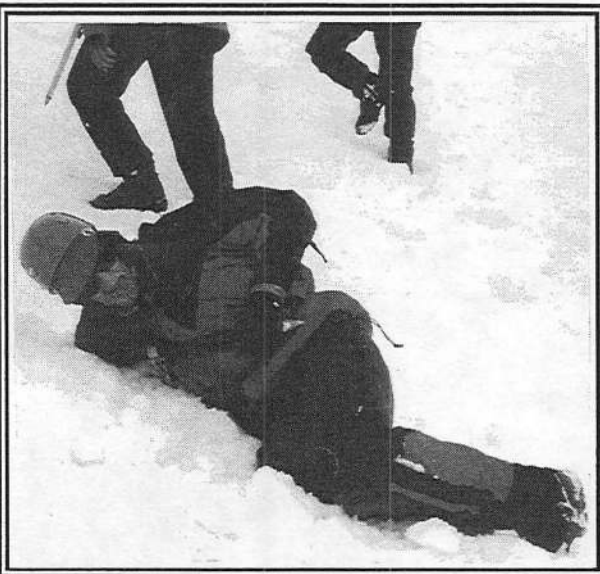
Kurt Wedberg presents a program on climbs in the Sierra Nevada and throughout the world.

May 12

Bill Oliver will present a program titled "Adventuring at Mono Lake" Bill is a long time SPS member and current LTC co-Chair.

June 9

Vimal Gairola presents a program titled "In the Shadow of Everest; trekking in Nepal."



Mars Bonfire at snow practice 1998

FRONT COVER
Mt. Powell
Photo by Beth Epstein

OOPS & APPOLOGIES

Apologies to Burton Falk.

The last issue of The Echo, November/December 1998 was published with pages 14 and 15 reversed. Burton Falk had submitted the article in the correct order, but the pages were inadvertently reversed when the headers were added. Please note these corrections. The reading of Burton's story is much smoother in order.

PEAK INDEX

Norman Clyde
Clouds Rest
Half Dome
North Palisade
Polemonium
Mt. Sill

SPS T-SHIRTS

Own your own SPS T-shirt. They come in Ash, yellow or light blue in medium, large and x-large. Specify size and color. Cost is \$12 plus \$3 for shipping per order. Buy them from Patty at the SPS meetings and save the \$3 shipping charge. Make check payable to the Sierra Peaks Section. Send your order to: Patty Kline, 20362 Callon Drive, Topanga Canyon, California 90290.

Attention all trip leaders

Send in your trip write-ups for the next publications of the *Echo*. Also send in photos. We accept photos that accompany an article or identified photos without articles.

SPS – Winter & Spring Trips 1999



See past editions of *The Sierra Echo* for detailed write-ups of trips without full write-ups. Trips previously described are listed with out detailed write-ups in subsequent publications. Note all trips listed as MR or ER are restricted trips open to Sierra Club members only with the appropriate rock or snow skills.

MARCH

Mar 1 - Summer Schedule Trip writeups due to Tim Keenan. Please submit hard copies only.

O Mar 10 Wed Climber's Social Hour: 5:00 pm McCormick & Schmicks Co-ldrs: Kramer, Siering

M/R: Mar 14 Sun Mt Baldy Snow Climb (10,078') Ldrs. Don Croley, Ray Riley

Mar 18-29 Angeles Chpt. Fundraising trip to The Panama Canal & Costa Rican Rainforest. Contact Maya @ World Encounters 800/972-8996

Mar 18-26 Angeles Chpt. Fundraising trip to The Greek Isles, Cruise the Mediterranean Contact Montrose Travel, Group Dept. 800/301-9673

APRIL

M/R: Apr 3-4 Sat – Sun Mt San Gorgonio Snow Climb (11,499') Ldrs. Don Croley, Ray Riley

Apr 3-4 Angeles Chpt. Fundraising trip Whales, Pinnipeds & Wildflowers – Santa Barbara Island Call Joan Jones Holtz 626/443-0706

M-E/R Apr 10-11 Sat – Sun Snow Practice: Ldr: Bill Bradley; Assts: Qualified Safety Instructors

APRIL CONTINUED

Apr 10 LTC Training Lecture, Griffith Park Contact Bill Oliver or see current Angeles Chpt. schedule

O Apr 14 Wed Climber's Social Hour 5:00 pm McCormick & Schmicks Co-ldrs: Kramer, Siering

M-E/R Apr 17-18 Sat – Sun Rock Practice, Joshua Tree: Ldr Tina (Stough) Bowman, Assts: LTC Safety Instructors

Apr 24 – May 3 Angeles Chpt. Fundraising trip Farms & Fortresses of Tuscany & Sardinia Ldr. Roxana Lewis, Contact Charter Travel @ 310/670-3884

MAY

M/R May 1-2 Sat – Sun Bloody Mtn (12,544') Ldr. Tim Keenan, Asst: Matthew Richardson

O May 12 Wed Climber's Social Hour See March write-up. Ldrs.: Ann Kramer/ Erik Siering

M-E/R May 15-16 Sat – Sun Snow Check-Off Ldrs: Doug Mantle, Bill Bradley

I May 22-23 Sat – Sun Lamont Pk (7429'), Sawtooth Pk (8000'), Sirretta Pk (9977'), Taylor Dome (8802') SPS & K-9 Comm trip. Ldrs: Julie Rush, RJ Secor

May 22-23 Sat – Sun Olancho Pk (12,123') SPS & Wilderness Adventures trip. Ldr Patty Kline Asst Jason Lynch & Paul Graff

May 28 – June 4 Angeles Chpt. Fundraising trip Voyage of the Glaciers – Alaska, Ldr John Lajeuness Contact Montrose Travel 800/301-9673

JUNE

M/R June 5-6 Sat – Sun Middle Palisade (14,040') Ldr. Brad Jensen, Asst: Beth Epstein

M June 5-6 Sat – Sun N Maggie Mtn. (10,234') & Moses Mtn. (9320') Ldrs.: Barbee Tidball & Larry Tidball

O June 9 Wed Climber's Social Hour See March write-up. Co-Ldrs.: Ann Kramer/ Erik Siering

M/R June 12-13 Sat – Sun Diamond Pk (13,127'), Black Mtn (13,291') Ldrs. Richardson, Waxman. Possible date change or combine w/ Roach trip

M/R June 12-13 Sat – Sun Diamond Pk (13,126') Ldr.: Greg Roach, Co-Ldr.: John Cheslick

M/R June 19-20 Sat – Sun Mt Ritter (13, 143') Ldr: Larry Tidball, Co- Ldr.: Barbee Tidball

M/R June 25-27 Fri – Sun Tower Peak (11,503) Ldrs Doug Mantle, Tina Stough

| JUNE CONTINUED | OCTOBER |
|--|--|
| I June 26 Sat Homer's Nose (9023') Ldrs: John Cheslick, Charlie Knapke | Oct 4-13 Angeles Chpt. Fundraising trip Ten Days in Paris Ldr. Maya Hyams Contact World Encounters 800/972-8996 (Note slide show introduction of trip May 16 call Maya 818/761-4924) |
| M/R June 26-27 Sat – Sun Temple Crag Ldrs Matthew Richardson and Tim Keenan | Oct 12-19 Angeles Chpt. Fundraising trip Ancient Art & History of Egypt Ldr. Maya Hyams Contact World Encounters 800/972-8996 |
| Jun 29 – July 6 Angeles Chpt. Fundraising trip Cast Off and Castaway to Fiji Ldr. Maya Hyams Contact World Encounters 800/972-8996 | Oct 18-27 Angeles Chpt. Fundraising trip Rob Roy's Scotland Ldr. Roxana Lewis, Contact Charter Travel 310/670-3884 |
| JULY | |
| I July 3-5 Sat – Mon Silver Pk (11,878') SPS & WTC trip. Ldr: Patty Kline, Co-Ldr: Joe Wankum | |



Bill Bradley @ Snow Practice 1998

photo BHT

LTC MEMORANDUM

The Angeles Chapter Leadership Training Committee has adopted the following new procedure. *The Sierra Echo* applauds LTC's dedication and renewed commitment to assuring that our leaders are prepared and qualified to lead the technical mountaineering trips.

Required wait of one year following a second failure of a technical checkoff.

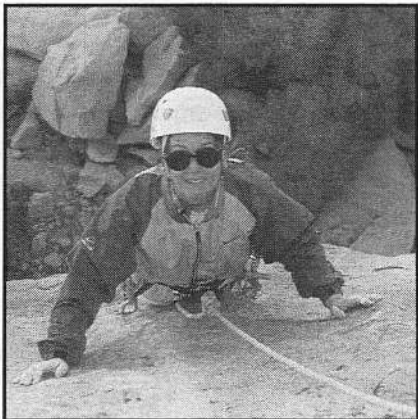
Effective immediately (January 6, 1999) it is LTC policy that a Leader Candidate who fails the same technical check-off two times must wait a full year before taking that check-off again. This policy applies to Rock, Snow, Navigation and First Aid.



MARCH 1, 199 DEADLINE

REMEMBER TO PLAN AND SUBMIT YOUR SUMMER TRIP WRITE-UPS TO

TIM KEENAN 7229 Tegner Dr., Rosemead 91770-3817



Echoes from the Chair

My hand reaches up and grabs the small hold above my head as I push up on the toes of one foot. Yeah, got the crux. After pausing for a second I go on to the next move on Mozart's Wall, one of my favorite places to rock climb at Stoney Point in Chatsworth. About 20 of us participated in this SPS/LTC Rock Workshop on December 13th. The SPS is looking for new M and E leaders. Along with "how to demos", over 1/2 of the time is spent on top rope climbs to hone your skills and have a great time. Throughout the year we are offering these workshops in conjunction with LTC. See the list of SPS outings in this issue of *The Echo*, for upcoming rock workshops.

Flash, just in for 1999. Reserved permits in the Inyo National Forest are now \$3.25 instead of \$3.00 per person. Remember you can reserve 6 months in advance.

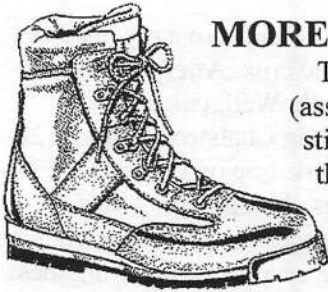
On the Management Committee with me in 1999 is our Vice-Chair, Tim Keenan and our Secretary, Matthew Richardson, both new to the Management Committee. They both found our about us through WTC. Tim is an avid rock climber. Matthew is going to be gone for the month of February to climb Aconcagua. Scott Sullivan is Treasurer. Not in the too distant future Scott hopes to finish the SPS list. Scott returns for his second year on the Management Committee. Keith Martin is our Fifth Officer, also his second year. Keith is busy man as Ski Mountaineers Chair.

The appointed positions are all continuing from last year except our new Outings Chair, Tim Keenan, and our new Council Representative Ann Kramer. In addition Barbee Tidball returns after couple years in an unofficial supporting role to the position of Co-Conservation.

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Letters To Editors



MORE SOLES: SAVING YOUR SOLE

from Barbara Lilley

To fix boot soles that come off during a trip, carry a few small (3/8") screws (assuming you have the appropriate screwdriver on your Swiss Army knife). Better still, put 4 to 6 screws in the sole and a couple in the heel before wearing boots more than just a few times, as a preventative measure. If boots are resoled, it is recommended to put screws in right away, as who knows what type of glue the shoe repairman used!

I tend to agree with Steve Gabel that most current hiking boots are inferior to what was generally available in the past. Although some hikers are quite happy using light "throw-away" boots, few boots nowadays can be used with crampons or are rugged enough to take the abuse of extended cross-country travel in the Sierra or on desert peaks (scree, steep crumbly slopes, volcanic rubble). I've found even nubuck leather to be too soft to give proper support, and was shocked to be told that a \$150 pair of hiking boots could not be resoled! Although you'll have to pay top dollar (\$225 or more) for European made boots with "classic" vibram soles and full grain leather tops, and use some moleskin the first few times they are worn, the durability, dependability and "resoleability" will pay off in the long run. (Screws still recommended, however.) Unfortunately, this style of boot is becoming scarce. If this type is your preference, contact the REI store in Carson or call Campmor at 800/525-4784 for their free catalog. Or, If you are ever in Tucson, check out the Summit Hut on Speedway Blvd. for both boots and books on the west.

Banquet Protest & Response

Open Letter to the Management Committee

This is written to protest the continued holding of the SPS banquet in the Greek Orthodox Church in Long Beach, (with all due respect to the hard-working banquet chairman). Although the food and service were excellent, the poor acoustics, the non-central location, and the outrageous wine prices are quite objectionable. I urge the SPS to find a banquet hall more centrally located for ALL members. It is also suggested to start half an hour earlier.

If finding a suitable location with a reasonable price is a problem in December, due to competition with Christmas parties, perhaps the banquet should be held in January, even though it may require a bylaws change. (This year, the American Alpine Club changed their long-traditional December banquet to another month for this reason.)

I urge others to express their opinion on these matters by contacting the Management Committee.

Barbara Lilley

Banquet Chair's Response: *I would LOVE to hear from the rest of the SPS on ideas for location and speakers at the 1999 Banquet. And a special thank you to those who have called or dropped me a note to say thanks for a nice banquet in 1998. For the record, in 1998 the SPS Management Committee was given a choice of 3 banquet locations these were the Long Beach-Greek Orthodox Church Cultural Center, West Los Angeles-Olympic Collection Banquet Center, and Carson-Carson Community Center. All 3 sites were chosen as an alternate to the more northern location, La Canada that was selected for the 1995 and 1996 banquets. I have made a rather extensive study of the demographics of the SPS (the membership is pretty evenly divided between those that live west of the 110 and those that live east of the 110 Fwy.) and I have put together a book that I'd be glad to share with any member that describes 30+ banquet locations that I have personally visited in looking for suitable locations that offer good food at a cost under \$25.00 per person with free parking. As far as the cost of wine and beer I have beaten down the caterers at all locations for years to offer an inexpensive wine and beer for the more cost conscious of our members, but I'm afraid the days of a \$3.00 glass of wine are history.*

More on bears and food storage

Dear Echo Editors"

Our members might be interested in this blurb on bear canisters:

There is an alternate to the black plastic Garcia Machine bear canister. The Bear Kan is made of aluminum, holds 4 to 5 days of food, is 7 ounces lighter, has a lid that can double as a signaling mirror, and is opened and closed using the screwdriver on a Swiss Army Knife or Leatherman. It appears to be very well made and costs about \$108.99 including tax, and shipping, and handling. Contact PLP, P.O. Box 4507, Oceanside, CA 92552.

Sincerely Bruce Rorty

Caution After Dark

EVEN IN BISHOP, when stopping for a meal after dark, it is highly recommended to park in a well-lighted place. In the past, Bishop teens have been known to break into cars, raffle glove boxes and take what they have time for, including stereos and speakers. Perhaps the "drive-through" meal stop is the best bet.

Barbara Lilley

November 11, 1998

SPS Management Committee Meeting

Minutes taken by Scott Sullivan

Location: Department of Water and Power downtown

Attendance: RJ Secor, Tina Bowman, Keith Martin, Patty Kline, Scott Sullivan, Barbara Sholle, Doug Mantle. The meeting started at 6:45pm

- October meeting minutes were read and approved.
- Treasurer reports a bank balance of \$3,230.34.
- Discussed climber's social hour. RJ thinks this is not in the SPS best interest, but the board decided not to take any action.
- **Joe White was added to the SPS Mountaineer's List**
- Both the spring training and spring climbing schedule were approved. Patty will try to reschedule one of the two Diamond Peak trips scheduled for June 12-13.
- Reservations for our monthly meeting room have been made.
- The meeting adjourned at 7:15.

November 11, 1998.

SPS Meeting

Minutes taken by Scott Sullivan

RJ Secor chaired the meeting, which started at 7:40pm.

- New attendees were introduced.
- RJ gave away some of his mountaineering books that he no longer wanted.
- Minutes of October meeting were read and approved.
- Tonight's trivia question is "What happened to Rand Heron, who was the only fatality on the first American expedition to the Himalaya in 1932? Nanga Parbat was the objective, but Heron meet his demise on the return trip." Prize is the book "Scrambles Amongst the Alps" by Edward Whumper.
- Treasurer reports a bank balance of \$3,230.34.

- Larry Tidball finished the SPS list on 10/31/98 on Mt. Gould.
- SPS banquet is December 9, cost is \$25. Board members have tickets for sale.
- Patty Kline gave the outings report.
- Anne Kramer asked everyone to sign her petition to nominate Paul Sailor to the Sierra Club National Board of Directors.
- The following members were the top vote getters and won the fall election:
 - Tim Keenan
 - Patty Kline
 - Keith Martin
 - Matthew Richardson
 - Scott Sullivan
- Steve Heslen won the trivia contest for the second consecutive month with the correct that Rand Heron fell to his death from a pyramid in Egypt.
- Mark Goebel presented a program on Ski Mountaineering.

SPS Membership Report

January 1999

Address Changes

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SNOWCAT VICTORY!

Your Letters Made the Difference

Sally Miller of Friends of the Inyo reports that Toiyabe National Forest Bridgeport District Ranger Kathy Lucich called in mid-November to announce that the Sierra Catski "snowcat" proponents had dropped their proposal for a snowcat operation between Conway Summit and Bridgeport. (The "snowcats" in effect motorized, mobile "skilifts", would have carried skiers to high elevations.)

The Forest Service received more than 400 letters in response to the proponent's proposal to conduct their snowcat operation on Dunderberg Peak, Copper Mtn., Eagle Peak and Crater Crest/Monument Ridge.. Based on the comments received, the Forest Service told the proponents that they probably wouldn't allow their operation to utilize two of the roadless areas, Eagle and Crater, which the agency itself proposes for wilderness, but that they would still entertain the snow cat proposal on Dunderberg and Copper Mtn. Apparently the proponents then told the Forest Service they were dropping the entire proposal.

The tremendous volume of negative public comment on this ill-conceived proposal definitely made the difference. THANKS EVERYONE!

Report from the November issue of "Words of the Wild" Newsletter of the Sierra Club's California/ Nevada Regional Wilderness Committee.

CONSERVATION 2 LINERS

By Barbee Tidball

Yosemite National Park – Update

- The scoping period (extended) for the Draft Management Yosemite Valley Plan ended February 1, 1999. A formal public review is expected to begin by late spring 1999. Comments received during previous scoping and other public review periods will be included in a consolidated plan that the Park Service expects to issue by late 1999. This new plan will integrate the *Draft Yosemite Valley Housing Plan*, the *Draft Yosemite Valley Implementation Plan*, the *Yosemite Lodge Development Concept Plan*, and the *Yosemite Fall Design Project* into one all encompassing Yosemite plan.
- The Yosemite Restoration Trust (www.yosemitetrust.org) (YRT) is concerned that the Park Service truly reads and listens to comments made by the public. The Park Service stated in recent newsletter that they received and analyzed over 5000 public comments on the VIP, yet YRT states that there were 4000 comments against the Park service's preferred alternative. The Trust stated in a recent member's letter "The National Park Service (NPS) substituted a public relations effort for a legitimate public hearing process on their Valley Implementation Plan (VIP). The VIP included a proposal to build a 2,000-car parking lot in the Valley at a site called Taft Toe. In response to the VIP, more than 4,000 critical comments were collected. These comments have never seen the light of day. The NPS promised a follow-up document last April...Promises of a report have stopped; the public still doesn't have a product." The 1980 General Management Plan (that we are still all waiting for implementation of) stated "The intent of the NPS is...that visitors can step into Yosemite and find nature uncluttered by piece meal stumbling blocks of commercialism, machines, and fragments of suburbia."
- In 1999 YRT will be dedicated even more towards trying to have the 1980 General Management Plan implemented. YRT plans to work specifically on the following issues: (*excerpts from YRTS 1998 Report*)
 - 1) Create a collaborative planning effort with NPS, the concessionaire and interest groups to resolve problems with the VIP.
 - 2) Conduct additional technical analysis for transportation and parking improvements and operations.
 - 3) Seek secure and stable funding for transportation and parking challenges.
 - 4) Work to improve public awareness of the transportation and parking problems in Yosemite and support for practical solutions.
 - 5) Continue to develop positive projects including a "Quiet Day in the Park" event and protection of the scenic corridors leading to Yosemite National Park.
- YRTS, Sierra Club, Friends of Yosemite, and the gateway communities do not support Taft Toe. It is time to make the Park Service listen. Taft Toe is a BAD plan.

Sierra – Residential & Resort Development vs. the Environment

- Golf courses and trees don't mix, condominiums and single family homes take land. "As prosperity and mobility make it easier for people to live where they can play, developers predict that the market for resort living is just beginning to take off." From the view point of our office cubicle or even the executive office with a window the idea of giving up the real estate at work and "hoteling" in trade for living and working where we all love to be, the Sierra is very tempting. The dream of retiring to the Sierra foothills is equally attractive. What we all need to ask ourselves is what price is the Sierra paying. November *LA Times* article explored the expansion of resort living in Mammoth Lakes, Vail, the Grand Canyon and other popular tourist areas. "In the next 20 years, about 80 million people will be reaching ages when children are grown and incomes are peaking. The resort industry predicts these aging baby-boomers will be responsible for a 40% rise in second-home ownership in the next decade. That prospect poses a major dilemma for the environmental movement, which has long backed recreation as a more benign use of land than mining, logging..." The Sierra Club does not have a strategy for dealing with an issue that will go right to the homes of its members.

Winter Motor Vehicle Conflict and/or Trespass

- On the following page you will find a form for reporting improper snow mobile and off-road vehicle travel. Last winter the Forest Service issued a number of snow mobile operators fines for trespassing in wilderness. Lets help keep up that effort. If you see vehicles in wilderness report the action!

Winter Motor Vehicle Conflict and/or Trespass

Help Preserve Opportunities for Primitive, Non-Motorized, Winter Experiences

Please report any conflicts with traditional outdoor recreation. Report incidents of excessive noise, impacts to wildlife, damage to public property, safety concerns or occurrences of motorized trespass into areas designated as Wilderness or closed to motorized vehicles.

Make Observations

Gather as much information as you can, fill out the incident report and mail to the Nordic Voice. We will see that your report is forwarded to the appropriate law enforcement authorities.

Avoid Confrontation

Under no circumstances should you confront potential motorized violators or take the law into your own hands.

Take Photos or Videos

Please provide us with photo or video evidence if available.

Visit Areas of Chronic Abuse

Consider going to areas of chronic problems and report findings.

Ask Friends to Help

Pass copies of this report to your friends and ask them to help in this important effort to provide documentation of motorized impacts to quiet areas and wild lands.

INCIDENT REPORT

Date and Time: _____

Location: _____

Type of Incident:
(Check one or more)

- User Conflict (incompatible uses)
- User Displacement (resulted in leaving area)
- Motorized Trespass
- Wilderness Violation
- Excessive Noise
- Safety
- Trail Damage
- Resource Damage
- Other ...

Detailed Description:
(Continue on reverse side if necessary)

Vehicle Descriptions:
(Type, license plates, other distinguishing features)

Person Reporting: Name: _____ Phone: (_____) _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mail completed report to: Nordic Voice, User Conflict Tracking Project, P.O. Box 1211, Livermore, CA 94551

Incident Reporting Form

SPS LEADERSHIP AWARD 1998

By Barbee Tidball & Barbara Sholle

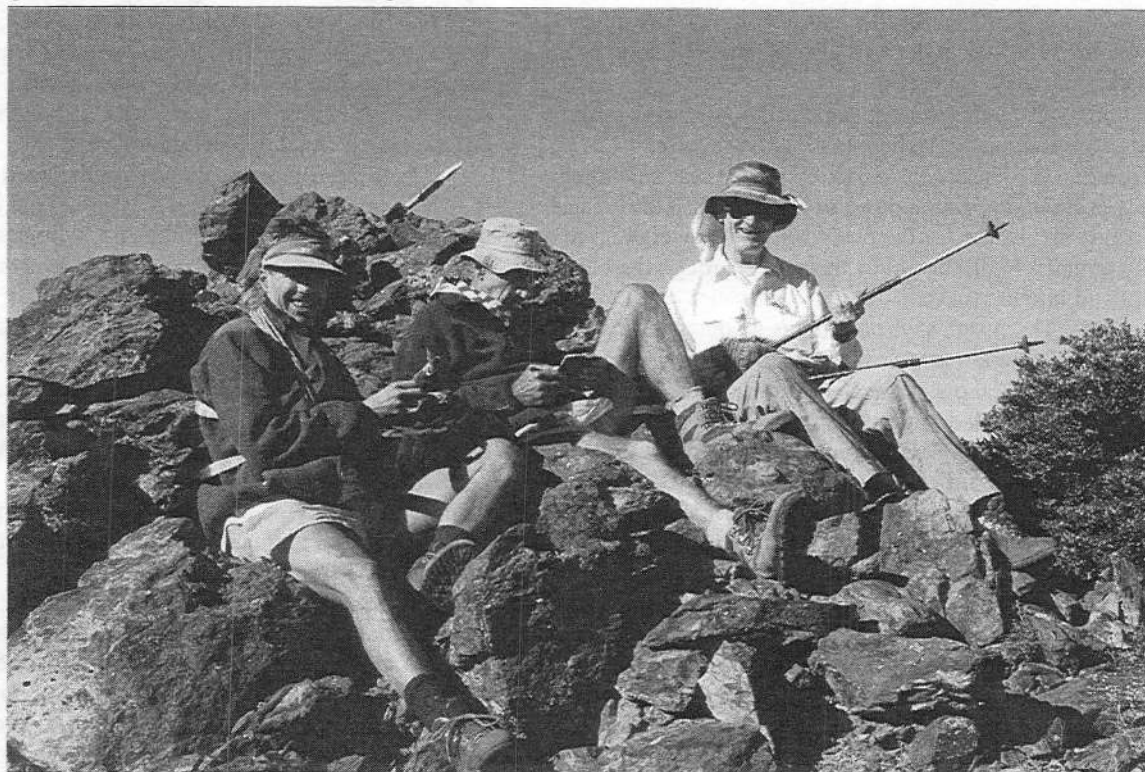
This is the second year the SPS had the opportunity to give recognition to two individuals who have shown outstanding leadership and service to the SPS over the years. The 1998 recipients were announced at the Banquet and they are our Co-Safety Chairs Doug Mantle and Duane McRuer. Dan Richter had the honor of presenting Duane McRuer with his award and pin and then Duane presented the award and pin to Doug Mantle. Following are excerpts from Duane's remarks when he introduced Doug. We feel these remarks describe both SPS leaders, so little has been added.

"The SPS did a very good thing last year in instituting an award for a superlative career of leadership that would only be given occasionally and, most importantly, to a person who has had an extraordinary effect on the SPS itself as a leader. Last year's Management Committee followed up this initiative by proclaiming as the first two awardees two of the most outstanding leaders in SPS history - Dave Dykeman and Bill T. Russell...."

At the outset, let me emphasize that this award is for accomplishments in a career of "Leadership," not necessarily for accomplishments as an individual. Among the attributes of "leadership" one can include the general qualities of competence, inspiration, integrity, awareness, and empathy exhibited throughout a long period of outstanding performance. Further, in the specific context of SPS mountaineering leadership, the great leader brings to a group a genuine desire to help, mentor, and motivate, coupled with an incredible knowledge of routes and surroundings and the capacity to safely and effectively meet the group's desires.

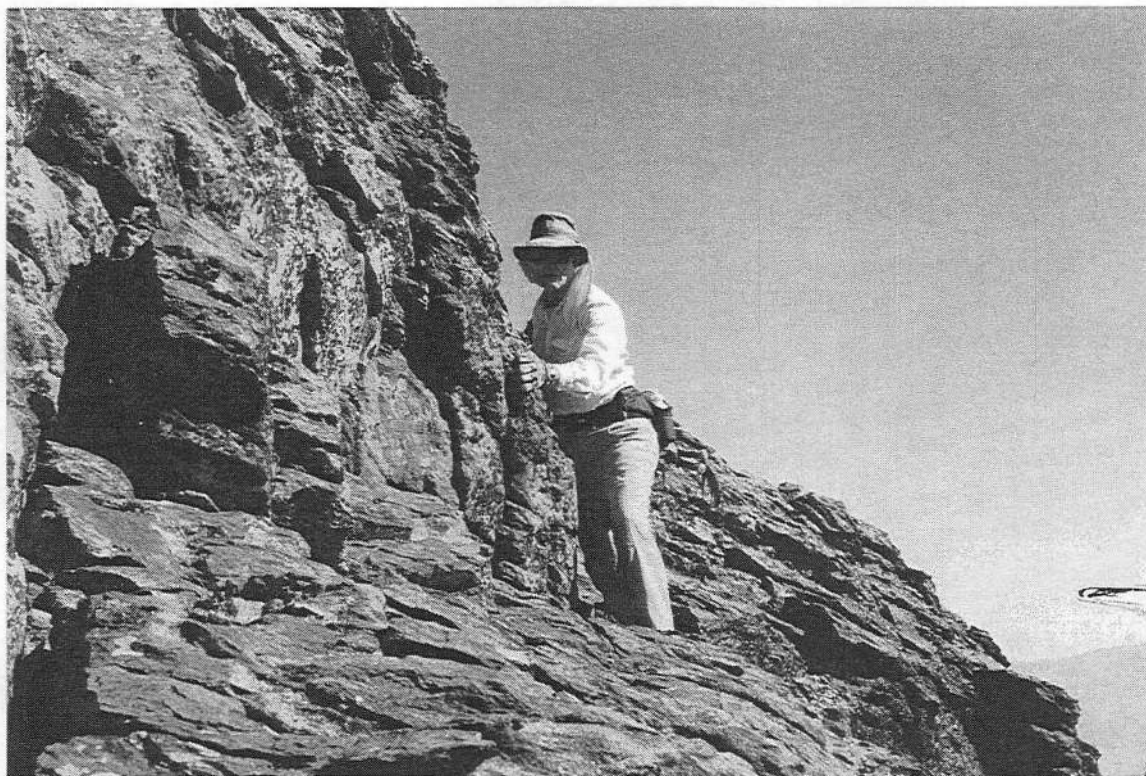
The awardee(s) for this year has (*have*) exhibited all these qualities to a superb degree and broad application." Doug "has had an active and outstanding leadership record with several Chapter sections and was awarded the Chester Versteeg Award, the Chapter's highest honor for outings leadership, some time ago." Duane, as you all may recall, made the SPS very proud in 1997 when he received the highest Sierra Club outings leadership award, the Oliver Kehrlein Award.

Congratulations to Duane & Doug.



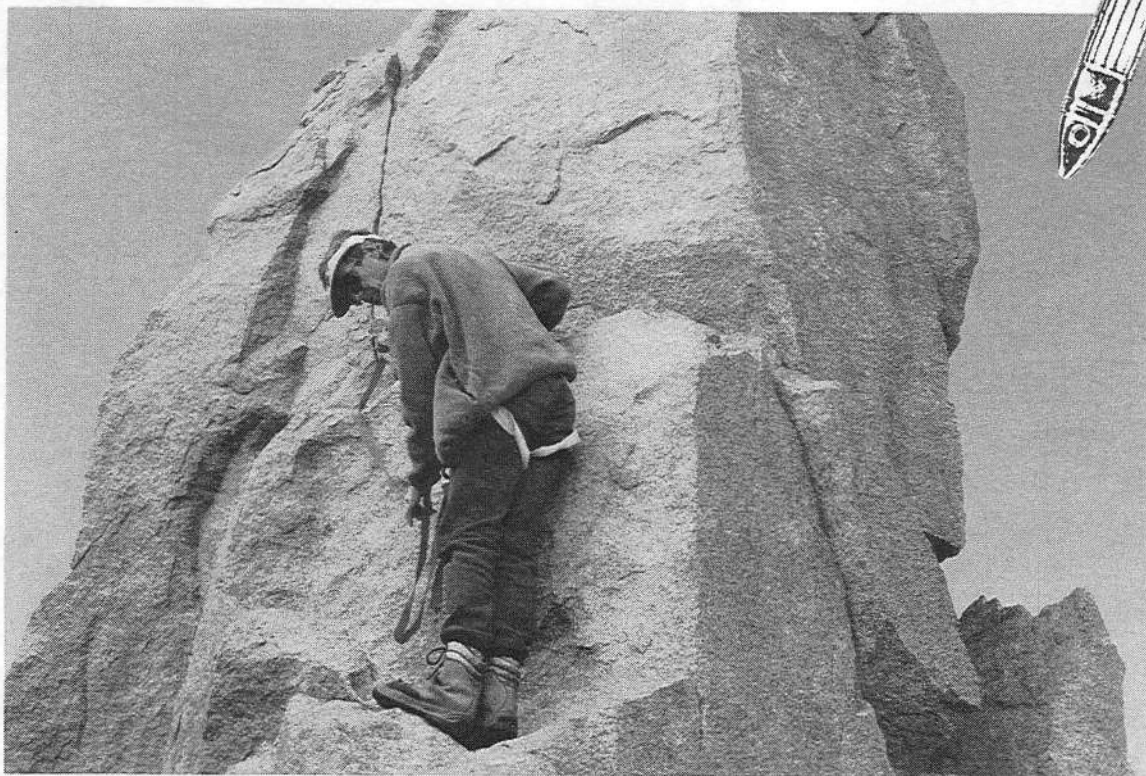
Three friends & SPS leaders: Doug Mantle, Bob Hicks & Duane McRuer on the summit of Antsell Rock November 11, 1995. photo by Gene Mauk

Duane & Doug – SPS Leaders

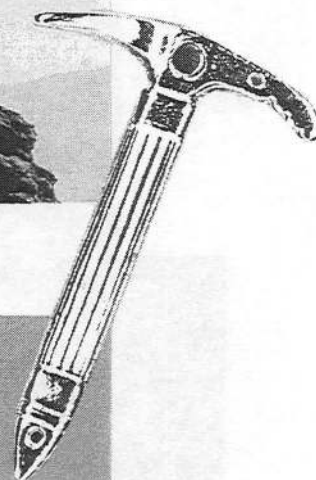


Duane near summit of Antsell Rock.

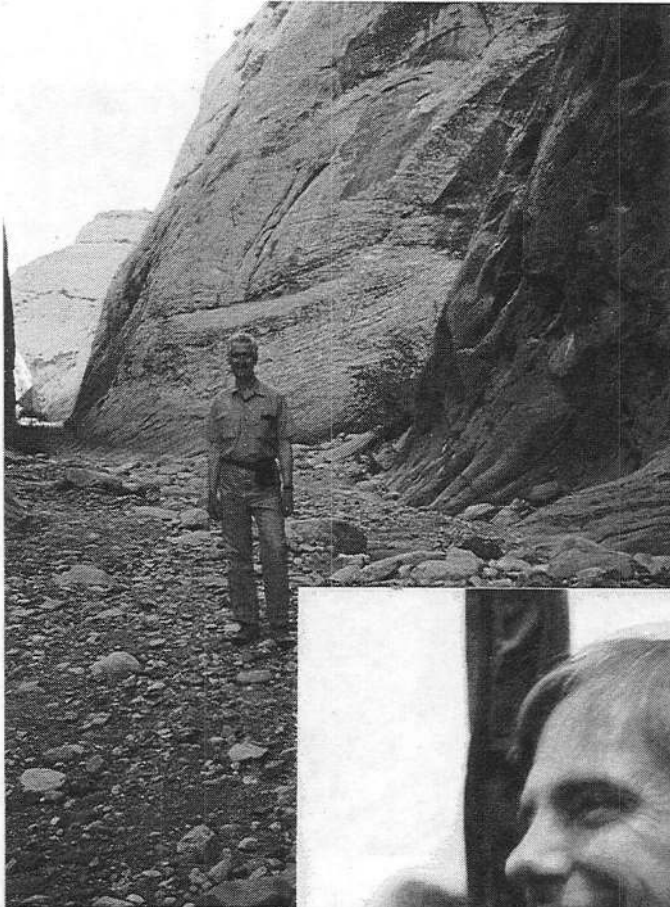
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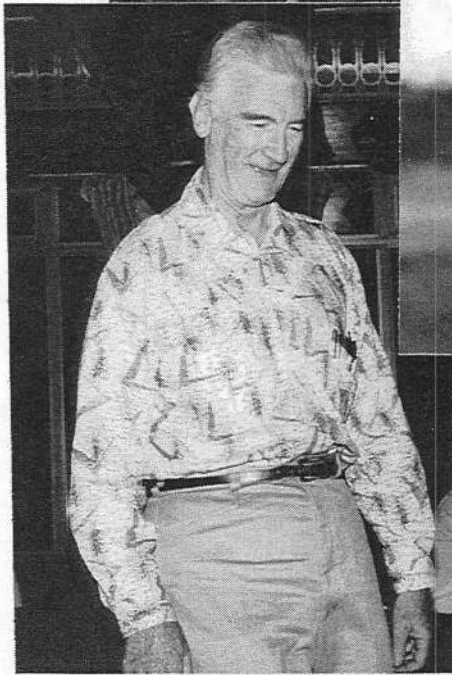
Doug setting belay anchor near the summit of Starlight July 13, 1996 photo G. Mauk



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I HAVE ALWAYS WANTED TO BIVY ON NORMAN CLYDE

by Nile Sorenson

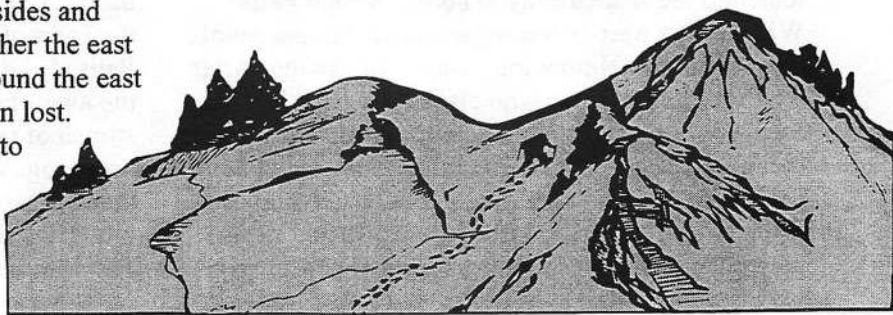
Friday morning, August 28, 5 eager climbers (Rich Gnagy, Mario Gonzales, Bob Bruley, Matt Richardson, and Erik Seiring) joined Bill Oliver and me to make an attempt on Norman Clyde Peak.

We left the parking lot at about 7 am in good spirits. We decided, based on reports from 2 weeks prior, that we could ford the South Fork of Big Pine Creek, so we had our Tevas and tennies. Within an hour we were at the stream crossing. Before trading our boots in for sandals, a nice rock was found where we could jump across and shuttle the packs. During this procedure it became immediately apparent that Matt Richardson had the heaviest pack with Bill Oliver's running a close second. We jumped across the rocks without incident and found ourselves on the other side hiding the sandals and tennies in the brush for the return trip. The normal crossing point over the wooden beams was still at least 4 inches under water (and this was the end of August!!).

We switch backed up the slope toward Willow Lake ready to "Dawn the Deet" for the mosquitoes. Bill Oliver had loaded up with Vitamin B6 as his method for combating the critters. Apparently it worked, not only for him, but his "aura" encompassed the entire group. We hardly had any mosquitoes the rest of the trip. Either that or the heat had finally burned them all off. We wandered into finger lake in the early afternoon spending the next few hours soaking up the karma of the palisades with beautiful views of The Thumb, Disappointment, Middle Pal, and hopefully our quest to be, Norman Clyde Peak. Mario wrestled with a goofy tent fly that he was supposed to sleep under, Matt had brought a full blown 4 season tent, Bill was complete with his bivy sack and tidy little mosquito netting, while Erik and Bob had cozy little bivy sites nestled amidst the trees. Wake up call was 5:00 am, and hiking by 6:00. We made relatively good time up the ridgeline toward the north face of Norman Clyde. About a quarter mile from the north face, there is a notch in the ridge, which cannot be crossed without some 5th class climbing or dropping down one of the sides and climbing back up. One can descend either the east or the west side to get around it. We found the east side to be the easiest with least elevation lost. By mid morning we had crossed out onto the north face of Norman Clyde Peak. RJ says to stay fairly close to the ridge running up to the false summit. We found the climbing easier out on

the face to the west but we paid for this later. About 300 feet from the top we came upon a beautiful lichen chimney. We were not close to the ridge on our east. It was a nice class 4 crack system with a small 5th class move, which put me through a notch right to the top of the ridge. Only one problem, when I reached the top, there was no where to go. We were confronted with large faces with no route short of 5.5 or higher. We had found the wrong lichen chimney. So we had to back track down and work closer to the ridge. A full hour had been wasted. After another dead end "chimney", we did find a route, which went to the false summit. It resembled a lichen chimney, and had to be the right one. It was. It pays to follow RJ's advice as one climbs closer to the false summit. Stay near the ridge on the east side of where you are. The climbing may be easier out on the face lower down, but as you approach the top, work back easterly toward the ridge.

After the traverse to the true summit we found all 7 of us signing the register at about 3:00pm—perilously late in the day considering the long descent that lay ahead. We had with us two 8mm ropes, one 50m long and the other 60m long. We tied them together for full-length raps back off the same route we had come up. It was starting to get dark and there were thunderstorms to the north. By the time I came down the 4th rap, it was completely dark. I coiled the ropes by headlamp. Bill had already settled Erik and Matt on a nice ledge near a ridge, while Bob, Rich, Mario and I worked across a gully and out of the fall line toward a nice bivy spot. We spent the night on the north face. Everyone was fairly well equipped. Erik slept in a trash bag, Bob Bruley was the most prepared and had the most warm stuff. Matt even snored a couple of times. We were spread out fairly evenly so if anyone knocked off rocks, no one would be in the path. During the night a big one cut loose in the vicinity of Erik or Bob and rumbled down the face about a thousand feet. Fortunately, the thunderheads we had seen at dusk, stayed to the north.



Needless to say, at the crack of dawn, no one was sleeping in. We immediately started down climbing. No one had slept very much, but we were rested. We arrived at camp at Finger Lake in about 4 hours, and packed up. By early afternoon we were at the cars drinking sodas from Bob's cooler. Everyone was in good spirits having climbed one of

the more difficult peaks. Several in our group had made multiple attempts of this one without success. We had made it. ALL seven of us had made it. We had climbed safely, and we were all down without casualties. I think everyone was glad to have this one in the books. We knew that we hadn't overpowered this peak.

Clouds Rest & Half Dome via JMT

August 21-23

By Mark Day

The need to preplan a trip into Yosemite during the summer starts months in advance but too many would be weekend backpackers haven't got the clue yet. We drove up Thursday and stopped at Wawona golf course in time for a 1:00 pm tee off. If you play golf this nine-hole course can deliver something I've never had, a deer. I've had eagles and birdies but on #7 I plunked a deer, (She was unharmed). Then we drove down to the Curry village where we had reserved a room. Not a tent cabin, been in them and don't trust the neighborhood. The line and wait outside the reservation office was over an hour long with people trying to rearrange their stay. Friday morning we caught the tour bus that takes you up to Tuolumne Meadows. Luckily I had a reservation for this because it was packed and some were on standby. Although the bus cost \$12.00, we were dropped off twenty feet from the trailhead. From there we packed in eight miles on the John Muir Trail to

Sunrise High Sierra Camp. This time of year it was closed so we got a great spot. Saturday an early start got us to the trailhead for Clouds Rest before noon. Nobody was at the intersection camp so we set up (This site had a bear bag cable) grabbed our daypacks and took off. This class 1 trail from the southeast was hot with not much tree cover. Around four miles and near 3,000' gain brought us to the top. The view of looking down onto Half Dome was shared with ten others who had come up from Tenaya Lake. A fifteen-mile day got us back to camp and a waiting bear. We had bear bagged and carried in a bear canister so she was just browsing.

Next morning we raced up the cables and were the first ones on top of Half Dome. Not for long though as a dozen people trudged up. Back down to our packs, then to Happy Isles where we had left the car and on to Visalia in time to make our 3:00 pm tee off at the Links.

SPS RETURNS TO THE PALISADES: 14,242' NORTH PALISADE; 14,080'+ POLEMONIUM PK.; 14,153' MT. SILL

JULY 17,18,19, 1998

After a 13-year hiatus, Nile Sorenson and Doug Mantle led the first SPS outing to North Palisade via the U-Notch Couloir on July 17-19, 1998. This is one of the classic climbs in the High Sierra.

The trip began at 6:30 AM Friday July 17th at the hiker parking lot near Upper Sage Flat, elevation 7,600', above Big Pine, CA. We (Nile, Doug, and I) exchanged greetings, as well as ropes and gear, and started up the North Fork trail at 7:00. The weather had been quite hot in recent days, so it was nice to tuck into the shaded canyon above Second Falls. Wildflowers were blooming everywhere, and runoff from the big El Nino winter was in full swing. After a bit we met two guys who claimed to have lost over \$2,000 worth of mountain gear to thieves in the vicinity of Second Lake. Evidently, they hid the gear, instead of packing it in and out each time they visited the area. The moral of the story: don't stash gear under snow, because it melts, and don't leave

\$2,000 worth of gear unattended for a week in a popular area. But it is still very unfortunate that they were ripped off. At 11:00 we had a lunch break just above Third Lake, elevation 10,300'. Above was a 2,000' snow climb to Gayley Camp. At noon we headed up the immense snow slope/chute and reached Gayley Camp (12,300'+) at 2:00 PM. This last 2,000 feet was very arduous. Gayley Camp was deserted, so we were able to choose a nice campsite out of the wind, and get those big packs off our backs. The view from Gayley Camp would delight the heart of any mountaineer – the gleaming Palisade Glacier, largest in the Sierra Nevada, and the awesome Palisades, perhaps the most rugged stretch of mountains in California, towering above. I was agog. We organized camp, found water nearby, then prepared daypacks and set off under the cobalt blue High Sierra sky to reconnoiter the bergschrund. The circuitous hike to the 'schrund was strenuous

due to soft snow and sun cups, and the glare was intense. It took about an hour to reach it, and to our delight, a snow ramp on the right provided secure passage to the 40+ degree couloir above. The bergschrund itself was quite interesting, and we took several photos of each other posing inside it. Late that afternoon we returned to camp, had dinner, and settled in for the evening. It had been a tough day with nearly 6,000 feet of gain (as promised in the trip sheet!).

Saturday morning we arose at 4:30 AM and set off for North Palisade at 5:30. As the first rays of light touched the eastern ramparts of North Palisade they began to glow softly. I found that stopping for photos made it difficult to keep up with Doug and Nile. At 6:30 we reached the bergschrund and caught up with High Sierra Guide John Fischer and four clients. He graciously said "play through, gentlemen." The 'schrund was easily passed on the right, and we ascended the 40-45 degree couloir for several hundred feet to a point where a scree section branches to the right. We avoided this, and instead front-pointed directly up 50-degree rock hard snow. At 7:30 AM we reached the top of the U-Notch Couloir (13,880'+). After a brief respite, we sorted gear and prepared for some rock climbing. This trip was an "E" Provisional for Nile, and he certainly demonstrated his knowledge, skills, and abilities. First he cruised (led) a 5.0 rock pitch directly up the wall of the U-Notch, followed by a harder, second one (5.4) up a crack/chimney system. After belaying Doug and me up, Nile left the rope at the top of the second pitch, and we began a nice class 3 traverse to the summit blocks. The final move to the summit is strenuous and awkward, kind of a chimney/mantle combination. We reached the 14,242' summit of North Palisade at 9:59 AM. It was a very nice climb, and Nile did a great job leading it. Of course, Doug Mantle did an excellent sweep, and I, the sole participant, reaped all the benefits! We spent about 45 minutes on top enjoying the awesome view, and then returned to the top of the U-Notch. En route we met John Fischer's group who was closing in on the summit after ascending the Clyde variation. We rappelled twice, and reached the top of the couloir at 11:45 where we had lunch. While climbing North Pal we had been eyeing 14,080'+ Polemonium Peak. An ascent was inevitable! After lunch, Nile led a class 4-5 pitch up the other wall of the U-Notch. Doug and I followed, then we did a class 3 traverse to Polemonium's S.W. Arete. Again, Nile cruised a short, but strenuous, and heinously exposed pitch (5.4) up the arete, which Doug and I followed. Subsequently, the angle of the arete lessened, so we climbed the last 100 feet unroped

(class 3). We summited at 1:45 PM, and the weather was still very good. It was a fine climb of this unlisted Fourteener, and Nile remarked that the steep section he led on the arete was his favorite of the day. We gazed over at Mt. Sill, which scarcely one week earlier had been climbed by Doug and Nile via the Swiss Arete. After signing the nice register book, we descended to the rope, and rappelled back to the top of the U-Notch couloir. The descent of the couloir itself was on very steep, soft snow, and we got down and out of it quickly. We caught up with Fischer's group on the march back to camp, but we purposefully kept his clients ahead of us (to break the snow trail!). We arrived back at Gayley camp at around 4:00 PM -- what a day!

Sunday July 19th we awoke early (4:30 AM) and started for Mt. Sill at 5:30. This was the "original" climb listed on the trip sheet, but seemed anticlimactic after the previous day's adventure. We utilized the snow trail that led out of camp for a bit, then headed directly up to Glacier Notch (class 2, loose). The weather had been changing overnight, and the deep blue Sierra sky had been replaced with ominous clouds. It appeared that a tropical event was setting up. From Glacier Notch we ascended the steep (35+ degree) snow couloir for several hundred feet to the col between Mt. Sill and Apex Pk. We then traversed southwest a bit, and began climbing up on snow and rock. A short, dicey traverse (class 3-4) across an icy, wet section brought us to good, solid rock which we climbed to Mt. Sill's S.W. ridge/slope. From there it was a 10-minute scramble to the 14,153' summit, which we reached at 7:58 AM. We still had a long hike out to the cars awaiting us, so unfortunately, we could not linger. After Nile placed a register book and completed a register report for the mountain records, we down climbed our ascent route. Nile protected the wet, dicey traverse with the rope, and after much glissading, we returned to camp at 10:00. We hung out for awhile, then packed up and began the long hike out. The first 2,000 feet down to Third Lake went quickly, but due to icy chunks of snow, the glissading was a real pain in the ass. The clouds that had been rolling in provided welcome shade and even a few sprinkles, so the hike out wasn't too hot, and went quickly. We reached the cars at 2:45 PM. The trip was a total success, and I would like to thank Nile for the great leading, and Doug for an excellent assist on these delightful ascents of three of California's finest 14,000-foot peaks.

By Douglas Bear

IN HIGH PLACES: ON DESCRIBING A MOUNTAIN SCENE

Burton A. Falk

Until the late 1700's, mountains were considered as little more than obstacles to travel and/or warfare. Northern Europeans, for example, who wished to visit Italy had to contend with the mighty Alps. Goethe, writing of his Alpine crossing in the 1780s, remarked that the idea of climbing the mountains was "profane and barbaric," and described the mountainous scenery as "zig-zags and irritating silhouettes and shapeless piles of granite, making the fairest portion of the earth a polar region."

As the century drew to a close, however, a combination of secular intellectuals, most notably Rousseau; a passel of poets and writers, including Wordsworth and Schiller ("William Tell"); and a group of Dutch, French and Italian landscape painters (and even Gainsborough) began advocating through their works that the increasingly sophisticated and urbanized civilization would do well to consider the virtues of a simpler way of life. And, indeed, as forests and open land in Europe and the British Isles diminished in the face of urban expansion (sound familiar?), nature came increasingly to be seen as something to be prized rather than feared. And, of course, the new nature lovers needed a vocabulary with which to describe their outdoor experiences.

The English minister William Gilpin was perhaps the person most responsible for popularizing the word "picturesque." In his travel writings of the late 1770s, praising the natural surroundings of Scotland, Wales and the Lake District, he described the most beautiful of the scenes as picturesque, a term which he defined as "that kind of beauty which would look well in a picture." Gilpin was not the first to use the word, however, as the term "voyage pittoresque" dates back to



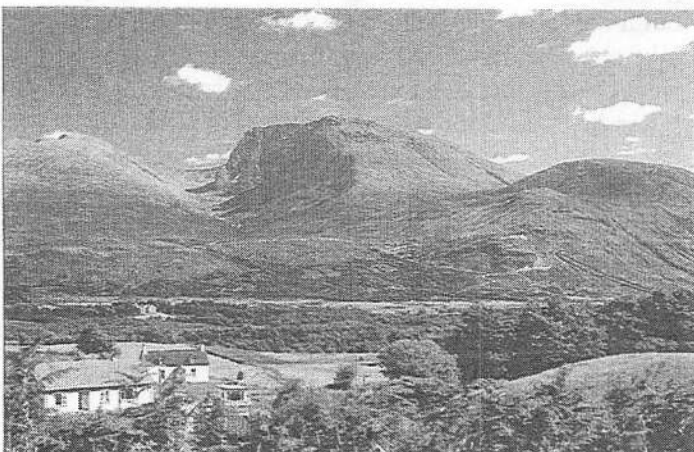
MT. BLANC, FRANCE'S HIGHEST--"SUBLIME"

a French work, published in 1755. By the end of the century, "picturesque" was in common usage for describing scenes which were, as Lynne Withey explains in her book "Grand Tours and Cook's Tours," "unthreatening and human in scale; indeed, the addition of a person or two, perhaps a house or a part of a village, only added to the appeal of the setting." Interestingly, it should be noted that today's travel writers go to great lengths to avoid the "P" word, considering it to be trite and unimaginative.

But what about a term for a more rugged scene? A word that would denote "an agreeable kind of horror," as Addison wrote of the Alps, or "A scene of glorious horreur and terrible delight," as the Duchess of Northumberland described a Scottish view. Well, Edmund Burke had already addressed that problem earlier in 1756. In his book, published that same year, "An Inquiry into the Origin of Our Ideas of the Sublime or Beautiful," Burke denoted beauty as smoothness, smallness, gradual variation and delicacy of form and color; while the sublime, in contrast, meant roughness, darkness, vastness, power, solitude and infinity--in short, as Lynne Withey explains, "the qualities in nature that had once terrified but gradually came to delight travelers."

So there you have it. A Sunkist orange crate label-- snow-covered San Gabriels in the background and a fruit-laden grove with a smiling California lass in the foreground-- would be considered picturesque. But an Ansel Adams photo of the sheer Sierra, a Gaston Rebuffet photo of the glaciated Alps, or a Pete Yamagata photo of a rugged desert peak--all those would be sublime.

Or at least, that's how they would have been described in 1800.



BEN NEVIS, U.K.'S HIGHEST --"PICTURESQUE"

A Story

"Don't shoot me. I'm just the publisher."

By Wynne Benti-Zdon



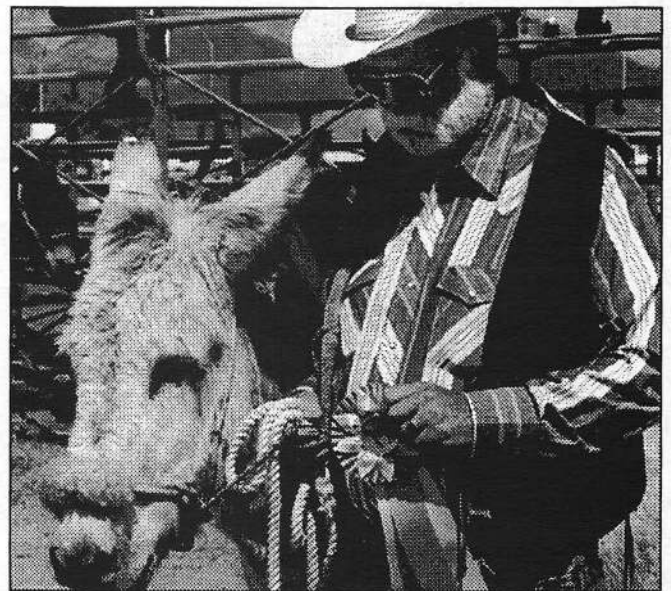
It was Walt Wheelock and Andy Zdon who suggested reprinting the La Siesta Press version of "Close Ups of the High Sierra." Walt was so insistent, that before he died he typed up a very official looking certificate of copyright transfer (though the work had long ago entered the public domain) and he proudly presented it to me.

*Winnie and Norman Clyde on their honeymoon.
Collection of the Eastern California Museum*

Clyde's works never really sold well. Though he is known among the historically educated Sierra Nevada climbing community, he is relatively unknown to everyone else. Once in a letter to Walt Wheelock, Clyde tried to reason why his books never really sold well, blaming it on the lack of publicity. Years later, Glen Dawson hypothesized that perhaps it was because Clyde's commercial writing style was self-conscious and static, unlike the character and color of his personal letters (Dawson's Book Shop just published a limited edition of 500 copies of a selection of Clyde's letters). Nevertheless, Walt and Andy convinced me that it was a worthy project. That is how my company Spotted Dog Press became involved. Small publishers can fill the niche the big boys won't touch — our profit is their loss.

The retail booksellers want books with spines — which means that the pages within the cover need to add up to about a quarter of an inch in thickness. They also want gloss and lamination, and so do about

97% of book buying customers. As customers, we want to buy something that inspires us, that invites us to become part of the adventure if only through photographs and words. This was something I learned during my brief stint as art director of the Patagonia catalog in the mid 1980's. Patagonia's marketing strategy was to create an image that captured our dreams — of the places we'd rather be than the places we have to be — the bungee-corded woman in a Patagonia sweater jumping off a bridge; Rick Ridgeway and Yvon Chouinard wearing their old rust-colored pile jackets sharing a laugh while drinking Mondavi wine; a woman running in the snow with her lama in tow behind — we wanted to be in those pictures, experiencing what they were



*Winnie Clyde's nephew, Walter Bolster, and his burro
Sourdough win at Mule Days in Bishop.*

experiencing— breathing the air; taking in the view; living life to the fullest.

Several photographers submitted cover photos, and I decided on a photograph of Temple Crag by local Bishop photographer Vern Clevenger. In his climbing years, Vern kicked ass. I think he is one of the best and most under-rated scenic photographers in the west — but he said that he never cared to get caught up in the rat race. He supports his wife and little boys by selling art prints. He lives and breathes the Sierra Nevada. When the aspens turn gold, Vern can be seen positioning his 8" x 10" along a scenic portion of the South Fork of Bishop Creek. When he's not in the mountains, he is in his darkroom.

The original La Siesta Press version of Close Ups,

was a thin book. It was first published as a series of articles in *Touring Topics*. Walt told me, "You can thicken up the sauce at Berkeley," so I travelled to San Francisco where I spent a week camped out at the home of my artist friends Julie & Kent Brown. My days were spent at my old college, Berkeley, sorting through boxes of Clyde's handwritten, almost illegible works. There were hundreds of handwritten articles on thin fragile typing paper, each at least eight pages in length. He wrote about his guns; his axes; the proper way to use a saw; camping etiquette; where to catch the best trout; birds of the Sierra. As the pages increased in number, the handwriting became more splayed and sprawling. Through the words, I could see him sitting at his kitchen table, late at night with a bottle of wine and a candle illuminating his paper and pen. Then someone told me that Clyde didn't drink.

After our book rolled off the press, locals who had known Clyde began to tell stories about him. "You're the publisher," they'd say. For a few months any woman who talked about him would raise her eyebrows at the mere mention of his name. To some, he was a very romantic figure with stories to match while others couldn't see past his worn clothing and his willingness to always accept a free meal.

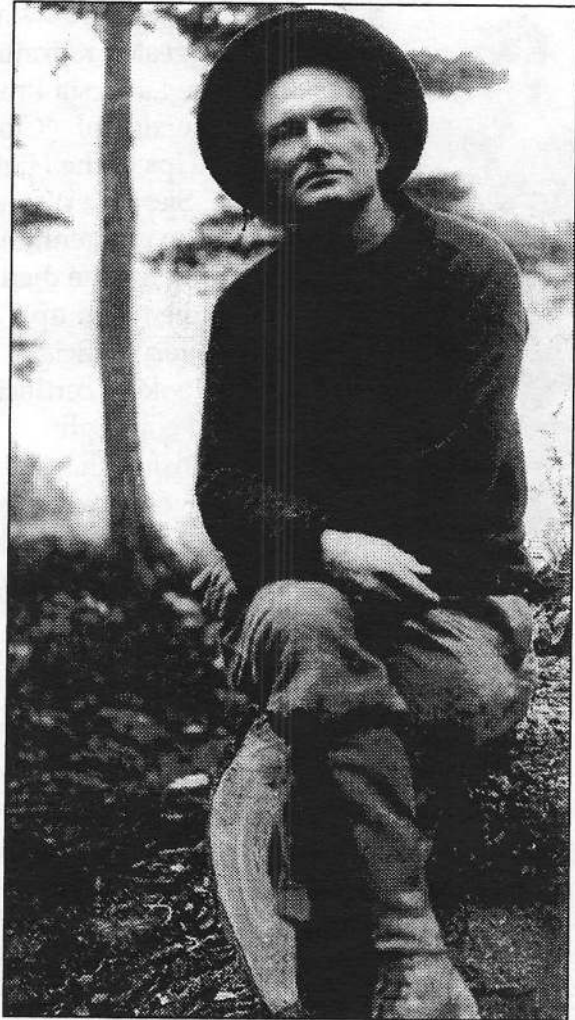
The phone began to ring with calls from people all over Inyo County. All of sudden Clyde had become a valuable commodity and everyone had something of Clyde's they wanted to sell. One woman had a collection of Clyde's photographs that she would sell for the right price. I told her she might consider a donation to the Eastern California Museum, but that was out of the question.

Years ago when Clyde died people descended upon his place on Baker Creek, an abandoned ranch house on DWP land, and walked away with whatever they could get. Considering the apparent frenzy, it is a miracle that any of Clyde's written articles were turned over to a public institution. Everything else vanished. By the time his family came west days following his death, the only items remaining of Clyde's possessions were cancelled check stubs.

One morning I received a call from one of the USFS rangers who had come across a party of women from Pennsylvania backpacking in the Sierra. One of them asked the ranger if he knew Norman Clyde. He responded, "Why everyone

around here knows Norman Clyde." She then told him that Clyde was her mother's brother.

Through the museum at Independence, I had the good fortune of contacting Clyde's nephew, Mr. Walter Bolster who religiously enters Mule Days every year with his burro Sourdough. His aunt Winnie was Clyde's only wife. Once on a visit to the



Eastern California Museum in Independence, Mr. Bolster mentioned to a museum volunteer that Clyde had married his aunt, a confession which stunned the volunteer who was convinced that Clyde was never married. Mr. Bolster later mailed a copy of the marriage certificate to the museum along with honeymoon photographs of Winnie and Clyde.

With the ranger's information about Clyde's niece, we brought the two families together. They had not been in contact since the death of Winnie. According to Bolster, his family attempted to stay in touch with Clyde, but once Clyde crossed the Sierra from the coast, they never heard from him again.

CLIMBING FOR FUN

By Barbara Lilley

The following named, unlisted Sierra peaks are submitted as suggestions for scheduled or private climbing trips by anyone interested in doing something new and different and/or visiting a new area. No promotion is being made for any to be added to the SPS List; simply "explore and enjoy."

| <u>PEAK</u> | <u>AREA</u> | <u>15' MAP</u> | <u>7.5' MAP</u> | <u>COMMENTS</u> |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Mt. Anna Mills, 12,064' | Boreal Plateau | Kern Peak | Johnson Peak | New area |
| Johnson Pk., 11,321' | Boreal Plateau | Kern Peak | Johnson Peak | " " |
| Mt. Solomans, 13,034' | Evolution | Mt. Goddard | Mt. Goddard | |
| Mt. Warlow, 13,206' | Evolution | Mt. Goddard | Mt. Darwin | |
| Mt. Spencer, 12,431' | Evolution | Mt. Goddard | Mt. Darwin | |
| Peter Pk., 12,490' | Evolution | Mt. Goddard | Mt. Darwin | |
| Mt. Crocker, 12,457' | Pioneer Basin | Mt. Abbot | Mt. Abbot | New area |
| Mt. Hopkins, 12,302' | Pioneer Basin | Mt. Abbot | Mt. Abbot | " " |
| Mt. Huntington, 12,405' | Pioneer Basin | Mt. Abbot | Mt. Abbot | " " |
| Columbine Pk., 12,662' | Bishop Pass | Mt. Goddard | North Palisade | |
| Isosceles Pk., 12,311' | Bishop Pass | Mt. Goddard | North Palisade | Rope may be needed |
| Aperature Pk., 13,265' | Palisades | Mt. Goddard | North Palisade | |
| Gendarme Pk., 13,252' | Palisades | Mt. Goddard | North Palisade | |
| Blacktop Pk., 12,720' | June Lake | Mono Craters | Koip Pk. | New approach and |
| Mt. Wood, 12,637' | June Lake | Mono Craters | Koip Pk. | new area |
| Parker Pk., 12,861' | June Lake | Mono Craters | Koip Pk. | " " " |
| Kuna Pk., 13,002' | June Lake | Mono Craters | Koip Pk. | " " " |
| Amelia Erhart Pk., 11,982' | Tuolumne Mdws. | Tuolumne Mdws. | Vogelsang Pk. | New camping area |
| Parsons Pk., 11,147' | Tuolumne Mdws. | Tuolumne Mdws. | Vogelsang Pk. | " " " |
| Simmons Pk., 12,497' | Tuolumne Mdws. | Tuolumne Mdws. | Vogelsang Pk. | " " " |
| Mt. Ansel Adams, 11,760'+ | Ritter Range | Merced Pk. | Mt. Lyell | Take safety rope |
| Mt. Francis Farquhar, 12,993' | Sphinx Lakes | Mt. Whitney | Mt. Brewer | Take safety rope |
| The Mitre, 12,770' | Whitney | Mt. Whitney | Mt. Whitney | Rope may be needed |
| Window Pk., 12,085' | Kings Canyon | Mt. Pinchot | Mt. Pinchot | |
| Mt. Woodworth, 12,219' | Black Divide | Mt. Goddard | North Palisade | |
| The Citadel, 11,738' | Black Divide | Mt. Goddard | North Palisade | |
| Languille Pk., 12,018' | Black Divide | Mt. Goddard | North Palisade | |
| Crater Mtn., 12,874' | Sawmill Pass | Mt. Pinchot | Mt. Pinchot | |
| Mt. Ickes, 12,968' | Sawmill Pass | Mt. Pinchot | Mt. Pinchot | |
| Mt. Cedric Wright, 12,372' | Sawmill Pass | Mt. Pinchot | Mt. Pinchot | |
| Blackcap Mtn., 11,559' | LeConte Divide | Blackcap Mtn. | Blackcap Mtn. | New area |
| Mt. Hutton, 11,918' | LeConte Divide | Blackcap Mtn. | Mt. Henry | " " |
| Kaweah Queen, 13,382' | Kaweahs | Triple Divide Pk. | Triple Divide Pk. | |
| Centennial Pk., 13,255' | Colby Pass | Mt. Whitney | Mt. Brewer | |

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WILDERNESS PERMIT INFORMATION

Yosemite: Yosemite requires permits for overnight use year round. Day use permits are not required. Applications may be made by mail or phone. Permits applications are processed in random order. Your permit application will be processed for any trip 24 weeks to the day before departure up to 2 days before departure. 50% of permits are issued to reservations and 50% the day of entry on a first come 1st serve basis. For mail in reservations write Wilderness Permit Reservations, Yosemite, P.O. Box 545, Yosemite, CA 95389. To phone in a reservation call 209/372-0740 Advance reservations are \$3.00 per person, make checks out to Yosemite Association, or use a major credit card number with the expiration date. Permits are issued by mail or in person. For general permit and day use information call 209/372-0310. For trail information call 209/372-0200.

Inyo National Forest/ Whitney Zone: Permit applications are accepted six months prior to date of entry. Mail, FAX or phone Wilderness Reservation Services, P.O. Box 430, Big Pine, CA 93513, 888/374-3773 or FAX 760/938-1137. Permits are required for travel between May 22 and Oct. 15, 1999. Group size maximum 15. Permits required in Hoover, Ansel Adams (east side entry), Muir, Golden Trout (east side entry) and Whitney zone wildernesses. Fees are \$3.25 per person for overnight reservations plus a \$1.00 process fee per application and in the Whitney Zone a \$1.25 Whitnet surcharge per person. Day use reservations are \$2.25 base rate.

The following areas all have advance permit reservations available. Requests should be postmarked no earlier than March 1, 1999 or later than August 15, 1999.

Sequoia & Kings Canyon Park: Wilderness Permit Reservations, Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks, Three Rivers, CA 93271. Phone 209/565-3134. No permit fee is required. Group size maximum is 15 in heavy use periods. Permits required for Golden Trout overnight usage.

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