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Owens Lake from Olancha Peak

SPS Intro Outing, May 25, 2024

Story on page 9 (Photo by Alex Manternach).



Echoes from the Chair

Gray Mountains and Bald Peaks—certainly not unique names given to the summits we climb. But bald and gray would certainly characterize the aging membership of the SPS (yours truly included). It is because of that aging trend that this current board has decided to make recruitment and retention a priority. Establishing incentives to join, communicating the value of membership, and creating new social media platforms (like Instagram) frequented by younger climbers will be our focus. If you follow Sierra climbing on Instagram, you will find a plethora of young climbers working through the List at a furious pace. We need to connect with some of these enthusiastic peak baggers. And with that focus I am pleased to welcome the newest SPS board member Dylan Kilby (new board members Gary Schenk and Jim



Fleming served on the board in the past). Dylan will be creating an Instagram page for SPS. I would encourage anyone of the Facebook generation to get an Instagram account as well. It will be exciting to see how Dylan utilizes the Instagram page to connect with those not so bald and not so gray.

Jason Pair

The Angeles Chapter Has Moved!

The new address is 617 W. 7th St., Suite 702, Los Angeles, CA 90017. The phone number now is (213) 728-7543.

Call for Nominations

It's that time of year when we're looking for members to run for the SPS management committee and to serve on the nominating and election committees. Are you interested? Know someone who might be willing to serve? Please contact Jason Pair, chair, to make suggestions. His email is jasonpair69@gmail.com.

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We Need Your Stories!

We need YOU to submit reports of SPS and private climbs, Trail Tech articles, Mystery Peak challenges, and anything else you think would be of interest to *Echo* readers! Please send submissions to co-editor Tina Bowman at tina@bowmanchange.com.

Thanks!

Welcome New Members!

John Southern

John joined the Sierra Club in 2018 and has been making trips to the Eastern Sierra annually since 2015, first with his children on day hikes, and then later to climb Mt. Langley and Cirque peaks. Single summer trips have grown into an average of five per year, focusing primarily on peaks in the front range of the Sierra Crest.

Having summited five of the California 14ers, he has focused on exploring other mountains in the range and kicked off 2024 with a successful solo

summit of 13er The Thumb, via the Birch Creek route in early May. Preferring shoulder season snow ascents to late summer mosquito battles, John plans to climb Mt. Rainier in 2025 and hopes to one day attempt the Palisade Traverse as a guided trip once his rock climbing skills have time to mature.



2024 Sierra Peaks Section Management Committee



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Time to Renew!

Subscriptions to the Echo expire on December 31st. If you haven't renewed, please do so! You can download the renewal form from the SPS web site here: <https://www.sierraclub.org/angeles/sierra-peaks/membership>.



around-the-web/

By Dave Sholle

Editors' note: Dave Sholle is our correspondent for this column, sharing web links that SPS members may find interesting. If you see something you would like to share with other members, please send it to Dave at dsholle@verizon.net.

Some of these links may be behind paywalls.

Sierra and California

- [Huge avalanche on Mount Shasta](#)
- [Permits for winter hiking on Mt. Baldy could save lives](#)
- [Rockfall closes part of JMT](#)
- [Dodger fans created a community of L.A. hikers](#)
- [Two climbers die on Mount Whitney](#) and [here](#) and [here](#)

High Asian Peaks

- [EVEREST, INC. book review](#)
- From Beth Epstein, [Nepali women turn Mount Everest trash into crafts](#)
- [A dangerous life for Nepali guides on Mount Everest](#)
- [First deaths of 2024 Everest season](#)
- [More deaths on Everest](#)
- [Dual world records on Everest](#)
- [Kenyan climber and Sherpa guide die on Everest](#)
- [UIAA position on 8000m peaks](#)
- [Mount Everest filmmaker David Breashears dies](#)
- [Removing trash from Mount Everest](#)
- [New rules for Everest Base camp](#)
- [Climbing season on Everest starts late](#)
- [George Mallory's letters digitized online](#) and [here](#)
- [Will Alex Honnold climb Mt. Everest?](#)

- [David Lama's final resting place](#)
- [The man who raced out to notify the world that Everest had been climbed](#)

Other

- From Sharon Moore, [Lou Whittaker dies](#)
- [Lou Whittaker's son remembers his father](#)
- [NYTimes article on Lou Whittaker](#)
- From Beth Epstein, [Climate change increases range of valley fever](#)
- [Endurance and fatigue resistance](#)
- [Beth Rodden's thoughts on "sucking it up" mentality in climbing](#)
- [Beth Rodden after her 2000 kidnapping in Kyrgyzstan](#)
- [The rise of women mountain professionals](#)
- [What hikers know about lightning is probably wrong](#)
- [Experienced climber found dead on Mount St. Helens](#)
- [How big would Colorado be if you flattened it?](#)
- [How a snowboarder survived twenty hours in an avalanche](#)
- [Stop wasting money on outdoor gear](#)
- [Data reveal how people die in National Parks](#)
- [41 pitch route in Patagonia receives first free ascent](#)
- [BBC audio documentary—The Approach](#)
- [New authorized biography of Doug Scott](#)
- [What is skyrunning?](#)
- [When to turn back](#)
- [Christina Lustenberger skis the impossible](#)
- [How some are planning to destroy national monuments](#)
- [A rescue in the Adirondacks](#)
- [Ranger involved in Adirondacks rescue later dies in Alaska](#)
- [Preparing for altitude](#)
- [A short BBC interview with Chris Bonington](#)
- [New rules for Mt. Fuji due to over-tourism](#)

Editors' note: At our most recent banquet in January, Claude Fiddler was inducted as the fourth honorary member of the Sierra Peaks Section. The first was Norman Clyde in 1961, described in the last issue. Below are some facts and insights about the second and third SPS honorary members—Glen Dawson and Jules Eichorn.



SPS Honorary Members Continued: Eichorn and Dawson *By Doug Mantle*

Norman Clyde shared top billing on several of his most touted ascents with two remarkable youths, Jules Eichorn and Glen Dawson. The dynamic duo are jointly the second and third honorary SPS members, approved in 1989. In August 1931 the two nineteen-year-olds, with Clyde and two other legendary Sierra clubbers in their own right, Dick Leonard and Bestor Robinson, tackled the lone unclimbed Sierra Fourteener, not yet named Thunderbolt Peak. All had just participated in a seminar on roped climbing techniques used in the Alps, presented by Robert Underhill at the behest of Francis Farquhar.

After ascending the long couloir, the group faced the imposing 5.8 summit block. Jules and Glen scampered up and down it in their tennis shoes, whereupon the party was bombarded by a lightning storm, stunning Eichorn, and “Norman felt strongly that we should get off the thing immediately.” For Clyde, sitting or standing, etc., had to wait for another time. Just three days later, Clyde, the duo, and Underhill made the first ascent of the east face of Mount Whitney, “heralding a new standard in rock climbing.” Our young duo was just getting started in setting new rock-climbing standards.

Jules Eichorn was the NoCal half of this dynamic duo. As a teenager he wanted to become a pianist. It’s so happened that there was a neighbor who could offer lessons,

Atop Mt. Whitney after the first ascent of its East Face Route, August 16, 1931, L-R: Glen Dawson, Robert Underhill, Jules Eichorn and Norman Clyde. (Photo by Francis Farquhar, Glen Dawson Collection, Sierra Club Angeles Chapter Archives).

a fellow by the name of Ansel Adams. Eichorn washed Adams’ photographic plates in Ansel’s bathtub to earn the necessary money for the lessons. Adams was already a Sierra Club devotee, frequently going to the High Sierra, and he invited Jules to come along. The SoCal counterpart was Dawson. His was a mountain-oriented family: Clyde had led his father, Ernest, on the Grand Teton as mentioned; Glenn was taken to Europe, where he climbed the Matterhorn in 1928 and the Swiss guides impressed him greatly; and he joined his father on the 1929 high trip.

It was on the 1930 high trip that the two joined forces and for the next few years, they “swarmed over everything that looked formidable” in the words of Mr. High Trip, William Colby. They made dozens of first ascents and pioneered many new routes, consistently trending to more and more difficult climbs like the Matthes Crest, Eichorn Pinnacle, Clyde Spires, the Dragtooth, Mt. Winchell from the west, various of the Devils Crag, the The Three Teeth, etc.

Each of their careers epitomizes developments in rock climbing in California, in the Rock Climbing Sections of the Bay Area Chapter and of the Angeles

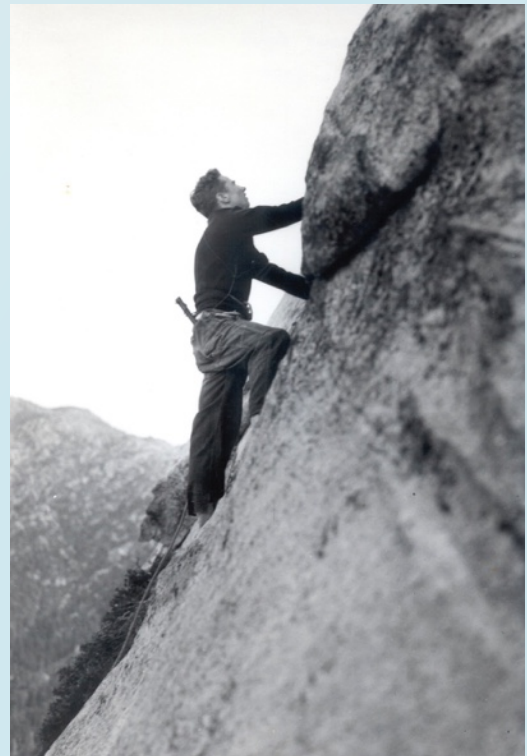


Left: Palisades Climbing School, August 1931. L-R, standing: Francis Farquhar, Bestor Robinson, Glen Dawson, Neill Wilson and Lewis Clark. Kneeling: Robert Underhill, Norman Clyde, Jules Elchorn, and Elmer Collett. Below: Glen Dawson climbing at Tahquitz Rock, c. 1937 (Photos Courtesy Glen Dawson Collection, Sierra Club Angeles Chapter Archives).

Chapter, each with a different flavor. In Berkeley several small crags in a park donated by, wait for it, Duncan McDuffie, provided the setting for a group called the Cragmont Climbing Club, formed in 1931 and soon merged with the Sierra Club. The group quickly swelled to fifty and at length began caravanning to Yosemite, having developed rope techniques like the dynamic belay and the hip belay. Jules was a founder along with Bestor Robinson and Dick Leonard (who would be called the father of California rock climbing). Their early encampments soon led, famously, to the 1934 first ascent of Upper then Lower Cathedral spires. The climbs used over fifty pitons, they nicked the rock in one spot to create a hold (Underhill disapproved) and thus commenced technical climbing in Yosemite Valley. With one-half-inch hemp ropes!

In SoCal Glen Dawson was among the founders of the Angeles RCS, which exists today outside of the Club due to insurance concerns as the SCMA. SPSer Barbara Lilley, incidentally, joined in 1952. Dawson returned to Mount Whitney, making the second ascent of the east face with Ted Waller and, with Dick Jones, made the first ascent of the East Buttress. In 1935, Tahquitz Rock was “discovered” and quickly became the center of RCS activity. There, in 1937, Glen, led by Dick Jones, made what is called the first true 5.8 climb, the “Booksellers Route” (Glen’s family business); the name was soon changed to “The Mechanics Route.” Ruth Dyar said, “It is so ghastly and so unprotected that there is no justification to it and is probably never to be climbed again.”

Following his Yosemite triumphs, Eichorn was not done with mountaineering. In 1935 he was a team member along with David Brower and, again, Dick Leonard and Bestor Robinson on an epic attempt on North America’s biggest unclimbed prize, Mount



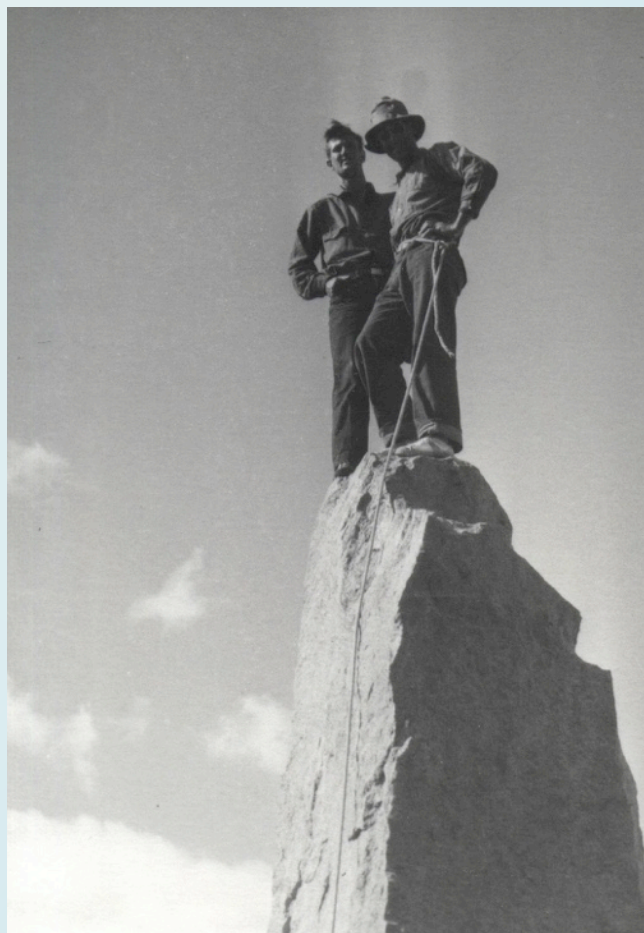
Special Thanks to Bob Cates and Bill Oliver for their extensive work organizing, researching, and presenting these historic photographs from the Sierra Club Angeles Chapter Archives.

Waddington. He chopped steps up ice and luckily survived a fall into a crevasse, but incessant snowstorms halted the attempt perhaps just a day short of a summit attempt. In 1940/1941 he was in effect Yosemite's first climbing ranger. With Norman Clyde as his co-leader, he led what he called "cache and carry" trips for young students into the Sierra and then, additionally, Sierra Club youth mountaineering camps. In 1961 he climbed Mount McKinley, no mean feat especially sixty years ago.

Back to the piano. Eichorn's last outing with both Clyde and Glen Dawson had been, sadly, the search for the body of Pete Starr, "lost in the Minarets" in 1934. Clyde returned after their failure and located the remains. It was Jules, guided by Clyde, who interred the body. We know that Starr's father in gratitude had directed that Clyde receive an annual stipend for his effort. He also paid for Jules' further education, a degree in music. Jules thereafter taught music and piano for twenty-five years.

As for Dawson, on the heels of the founding of the RCS, he embarked on a fourteen-month world trip, climbing thirty peaks in the Alps, taking the Trans-Siberian railway, and climbing in Japan, including Mount Fuji. He was also a ski mountaineer, a founder of that group which is still part of the Sierra Club. Along with Dick Jones and others he made the first ski crossing of the Sierra, including a climb of Mount Whitney, in the 1930s. Tina and I found his commemorative medallion at Whitney-Russell Pass years later. He instructed for the 10th Mountain Division and fought in Italy in World War II, receiving the Bronze Star.

Thanks to SPS chair Bill Oliver, Dawson attended the SPS 50th anniversary banquet. A big, gregarious fellow walked up to me there, put out his hand and said, "Doug? I'm Glen Dawson, glad to meet you." The wonderful Elton Fletcher was joking and had me totally flummoxed. I DID meet Glen a few minutes later, somewhat diminutive, surely more so for his more than one-hundred years. He was modest and affable. When he passed away in 2016 at the age of 103, he had been a Sierra Club member for 94 years. Another record for these extraordinary fellows.



Top: Jules Eichorn and Robert Underhill on summit of Starlight, North Palisade, during The Palisades Climbing School, August 1931 (Photo by Lewis Clark, Courtesy Glen Dawson Collection, Sierra Club Angeles Chapter Archives). Bottom: Medallion found at Whitney-Russell commemorating the first ski ascent of Mt. Whitney by the Sierra Club Ski Mountaineers (Photo by Tina Bowman).

May 4, 2024

Snow Practice and Checkout

By Tina Bowman

Our weather luck was abysmal for the planned 2024 winter snow practice, which was postponed twice and cancelled when the weather forecast was rotten for the third date. We lucked out, however, on May 4th. The forecast called for high winds and later snow. Leader Tom McDonnell had scouted a good spot from the South Lake trailhead, not too far in, with good but short slopes, and, most importantly, sheltered. Wind was not a problem, and we were wrapping up when the few tiny snowflakes we'd had for a while became more serious snow.

We had five participants: Amanda Chen and Shawn



Clifford, both practicing for the M; Justin Bruno checking off for the E; and Catalina Cuellar and Stefano Cameresi, being “participants” for Justin for the roped work and learning some more advanced skills. Thanks to Bob Myers for taking care of all the paperwork and Regge Bulman, Monica Suua, and Tohru Onuki for assisting Tom and me. Tom, Tohru, and I worked with Justin, Catalina, and Stefano, while Amanda and Shawn worked with Bob, Regge, and Monica.

Fortunately, the sun came out and softened the hard snow when we were ready to be done with crampons. We zipped through a lot of skills, focusing on the E elements for Justin while the other group practiced the M-level skills, especially arrests. We had a snack break but not lunch. By 1:00 it was truly snowing, but we were able to wrap out and hike out to the cars, arriving at the lot before 2:00. All but Amanda, Bob, and Stefano gathered at Mountain Rambler in Bishop for a late lunch and good time talking about all sorts of things related to climbing, WTC, the Sierra Club, and more.

We are excited to have an E-level snow candidate and look forward to having Justin return for his final checkout. The week following the snow practice, Justin led an E-Rock provisional to the Guardian Angels in Zion National Park and did a stellar job, passing without any doubt in my mind as the evaluator. As luck would have it, Tom was also on that outing, and he and the other three participants agreed that Justin demonstrated exemplary skills, group management, and concern for safety.



Top: Amanda Chen practices a sitting glissade and arrest while L to R Monica Suua, Regge Bulman, and Shawn Clifford watch. Below: Justin Bruno sets up a Z-pulley system while Catalina Cuellar watches as a rope team member on his “climb” (Photos by Tina Bowman).

Olancha Peak? Yes!

May 24-26, 2024



By Tina Bowman

After planning and listing this outing, Tom McDonnell and I kept our fingers crossed that enough snow would melt that we could run this as an I-rated SPS intro outing. Ron Campbell, who reviews SPS outings for the chapter's Safety Committee, had been on Scodie and Piute (HPS peaks to the south) near the beginning of May and noted substantial snow still on Olancha, so we had a heads up. Tom monitored satellite images, which showed that melting was progressing well, but we had a backup plan to hike up Round Mountain south of Olancha Pass as a consolation prize if Olancha had too much snow. We couldn't see the snow on the route until we were nearly on the climb above the Pacific Crest Trail.

The weather gods smiled on us. We had some breeze, but not the 25 mph gusts forecast, and comfortable temperatures after rather chilly nights (upper 30s).

We were a group of seven, three of whom—Amanda Camagna, Alex Manternach, and Anton Peshkov (the AAAs)—were WTC students on their second experience trip. Lidia Barbosa and Rob Williams rounded out the group, giving us a nice mix of varying levels of experience.

With a planned start time of 7:00, we were off a bit late at 7:20 (ahem) with Tom in the lead. The



Olancha Pass trail begins rather steeply but then settles into a more comfortable climb up the mostly sunny slopes. Tom took advantage of the shady spots for some short breaks, taking a longer one once we reached the saddle that is

Top: On Olancha summit looking north to Mt. Whitney, L to R: Amanda Camagna, Alex Manternach, Rob Williams, Lidia Barbosa, Tom McDonnell, and Anton Peshkov (Photo by Tina Bowman). Center: Shade en route to Olancha Pass (Photo by Amanda Camagna).



Top: Snow along the trail to Olancha Pass (Photo by Tom McDonnell). Middle: Amanda Camagna and Alex Manternach on the trail. Bottom: The amenable camp (Photos by Amanda Camagna).

about 0.7 miles from the pass where the cattle driveway rejoins the hiker/equestrian trail. On we went to the pass and the easy trail along Summit Meadow to have lunch at the cow camp where the Bear Trap Meadow use trail takes off (you'd probably have to search fairly seriously to find it—nothing obvious along the Olancha Pass trail). This was also the spot where I had planned for us to camp, which was amenable to everyone. There's a huge fire ring with log seats (we used only stoves), a log table, an old stove box, and corral at this spot where a small stream makes its way to the meadow. I brought home some burned aluminum foil, a bottle cap, a partly melted plastic cup, and a 7up



bottle. Having set up camp with the table and fire ring as our dining area, we had a very relaxing afternoon and evening.



Saturday morning we headed off at 7:35 to meet up with the PCT and follow it till Tom spied a duck on the right indicating a good spot to leave the trail for the peak. As before, Tom led the way, while I meandered along in back. Reaching the summit before 12:30, we had fine views of the Owens Valley, Langley, Whitney, Table, Big Kaweah, Black Kaweah, and so many more peaks. The breeze had come up but wasn't strong. We signed the register that Michael Chamoun had placed (in an

ammo box he'd painted "Olancha 12,123" on) and celebrated the first Sierra peak for some in our group. At 1:20 we started down, reaching the trail at 2:40. Not long after we'd started back on the trail, we crossed paths with a private group led by Jason Park also going to Olancha. Their plan was to come back to the PCT after climbing the peak and follow it north a ways to camp and then go on to Cartago and down to where they'd set a car shuttle. We were back to camp before 4:45.

Sunday we were headed out at 7:04, reaching the cars before 9:40. Lower down the lupine was massively in bloom, perfuming the air, and many other dry-slope loving plants were in flower. We had a little excitement when a rattler objected to our passing by him, but we left one another alone. We reconvened at the Subway in the newly rebuilt Chevron Station at Coso Junction to celebrate a fine outing before wending our way homeward.

Stats: roughly 22 miles, 6350' gain.



Top: Ascending Olancha's slopes, L to R: Tom McDonnell, Lidia Barbosa, Alex Manternach, Anton Peshkov, Rob Williams, and Amanda Camagna. Middle: After the climb, L to R Rob Williams, Tom McDonnell, Alex Manternach, Anton Peshkov, and Amanda Camagna (Photos by Tina Bowman). Bottom: Olancha's register box (Photo by Alex Manternach).



Outings

We've chosen the photo above taken by Mat Kelliher, showing climbers ascending Mt. Emerson on an SPS trip, to represent the outings section. Do you have a photo you would like to see here? If so, please send your submission as an email attachment to tina@bowmanchange.com or via USPS to Tina Bowman.

SPS outings can always be viewed online on the electronic Angeles Chapter Schedule of Activities:

<http://angeles.sierraclub.org/activities>
<https://sierraclub.org/angeles/sierra-peaks/outings-schedule>

weekend: 30 miles, 5700 gain, and more (and better) food than your doctor can possibly recommend. Sat backpack 6.5 miles, 250' gain, 800' loss to camp in beautiful Monache Meadows beside the Wild & Scenic South Fork of the Kern. That evening, enjoy a 5-star dining experience with an Italian theme. Sunday climb Olancha with stunning views reaching from central Nevada into (on a rare clear day) the San Joaquin Valley: 17 miles, 4400' gain, 160' loss; all but one mile will be on the PCT. We'll conclude Sunday with a tasty dinner. Monday return to the cars. This is a Sierra Club backcountry outing; Medical Form required. Send email and cell phone, recent conditioning and your most outrageous culinary ideas to Leader: Ron Campbell. Co-leader: Lubna Debbini. Preference given to recent WTC students.

Aug 3-5 | Sat-Mon

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I: Olancha Peak (12,123'): Gourmet Backpack! Join us for our annual Decadent Wilderness Weekend! And for a bonus, grab an SPS Emblem Peak while working off all those calories. Total stats for the

Sep 14 | Sat

SPS

I: Smith Mtn (9,533'), Smith Mtn-South (9,515+'): Join us for Keith Christensen's final peak of the SPS list. We plan to hike the standard route following dirt bike trails and use trails to the summit rocks of the peak. The drive approach will be on National Forest roads to just north of Smith Mountain. We'll have a list finish celebration at the SPS summit, followed by a short hike to the other Smith Mountain summit just a few hundred feet to the south. Anticipate 4 miles, 1400' gain round trip. Further list finish celebrating will occur Saturday evening at a location to be announced. Sierra Club Medical Form required. Contact Daryn Dodge at daryn.dodge@oehha.ca.gov for more details. Ldr: Daryn Dodge. Co-ldrs: Kathy Rich, Paul Gary.

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Sep 19-21 | Thu-Sat

SPS

I: Mt Bago (11,868'): An SPS Intro Trip suitable for newcomers and WTC students. Day 1 hike from

Please note: Currently the Sierra Club requires all participants on an outing more than an hour from help to complete a medical form, and leaders for such outings must complete a safety management plan. Both are fairly simple forms, which are available at the LTC web site here: <https://www.sierraclub.org/angeles/leadership-outings/forms-resources>.

OUTINGS

From the Outings Chair

Greetings to all mountaineers,

The new climbing season is in full swing. Outings are the heart and soul of the Sierra Club. Getting people into the mountains to hear their good tidings is what we do. We NEED outings. If you haven't led an outing recently, please consider one for this year. It's not too late to get a trip scheduled. If you are a new leader, please also let me know if you need support on leadership or ratings advancement as well as suggestions for fun climbs.

Thanks for leading in the Range of Light.

Gary Schenk

Onion Valley to Charlotte Lake, 6.3 miles, 2700' gain. Day 2 climb Bago by class 1 east slope, 3 mi rt, 1500' gain. Day 3 pack out. Medical form required. Send experience and conditioning information to Ldr: Gary Schenk. Asst Ldr Tina Bowman.

Sep 21 | Sat **LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS**
I: Navigation: Mt Pinos Navigation Noodle: Navigation noodle at Mission Creek Preserve to satisfy the basic (I/M) or advanced (E) level navigation requirements. Practice skills or checkoff. Send email with contact info (mailing address, phone numbers), navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to Leader: Robert Myers. Assistant: Ann Shields. (This is a backcountry outing; a medical form will be required.) Note: Early (at least two weeks prior to the event) sign-up for all navigation checkoffs and practices is recommended. These outings

SPS safety chair Doug Mantle notes that the INYOSAR (Inyo Search and Rescue) site on Instagram is a useful tool for determining the latest safety risks in the Sierra with related stories.

Note: Please check the bottom of the SPS home page (<https://www.sierraclub.org/angeles/sierra-peaks>) or Leadership Training Committee home page (<https://www.sierraclub.org/angeles/leadership-outings>) for more training and other outings.

require substantial pre-outing preparation work, including completion of both a comprehensive written exam and a route planning assignment that will be mailed to you prior to the checkoff. See Chapter 6 of the *Leader's Reference Book* for more information.

Nov 23-24 | Sat-Sun **LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS**

I: Navigation: Mission Creek Preserve Navigation

Noodle: Navigation noodle at Mission Creek Preserve to satisfy the basic (I/M) level navigation requirements. Saturday for practice, skills refresher, altimeter, homework, campfire. Sunday checkoff or additional practice. Medical form required from all participants. Send email with contact info (mailing address, phone numbers), navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to Leader: Robert Myers. Assistant: Ann Shields. Note: Early (at

Dare to Lead! Virtual Leadership Fall Seminars 2024

*(Dates to be
Determined)*



Interested in starting on your path to become an Angeles Chapter outings leader? The first step is to take the Leadership Training Seminar offered virtually. The class costs \$15. See more information about the seminar, learn the dates once they're set, and find a link to the application here: <https://www.sierraclub.org/angeles/leadership-seminar>.

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Thinking of leading a trip or looking for info on a trip you've already decided on?

SPS Safety Chair Doug Mantle invites you to e-chat about it, get his input, flesh out your ideas—sierradoug@icloud.com.

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First Year's Membership or Echo Subscription

New subscribers and members can receive their first year's subscription for free! Download the Membership Application Form at <http://sierraclub.org/angeles/sierra-peaks/new-members#mr>. Please contact the chair if you have any questions.

Yosemite Reservations 2024

Yosemite Park Entry 2024 (see <https://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/reservations.htm> for complete information)

Mid-April through October 2024 Reservation Requirement

A reservation will be required to drive into or through Yosemite National Park on some days from April 13 through October 27, 2024, for those driving into the park between 5 am and 4 pm as follows:

- **April 13 through June 30:** A reservation is required from 5 am to 4 pm on Saturdays, Sundays, and on holidays (May 27 and June 19).
- **July 1 through August 16:** A reservation is required from 5 am to 4 pm every day.
- **August 17 through October 27:** A reservation is required from 5 am to 4 pm on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays (September 2 and October 14).

In all instances, you still pay the \$35/car entrance fee upon arrival (credit card only) unless you have an annual or lifetime pass. Most reservations for all dates from April 13 through October 27, 2024, will be available on [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov) on **January 5, 2024, at 8 am Pacific time**. Additional reservations will be available **seven days before the arrival date** (e.g., make a reservation for an arrival date of October 27 on October 20) at 8 am Pacific time. **Reservations are taken almost immediately. Be sure to have a [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov) account and be logged in and ready to get a reservation promptly at 8 am Pacific time.** The non-refundable reservation fee is \$2 (this does not include the \$35-per-car park entrance fee). Peak-hours reservations are valid for three consecutive days (including arrival date). Each user can make one reservation for each three-day period. The reservation holder must be in the arriving vehicle and show photo ID at the entrance station.

Your reservation for **in-park lodging or camping, a Half Dome permit, or a wilderness permit** allows you to enter the park 24 hours per day for the duration of your reservation or for three consecutive days (whichever is longer). If you have a [wilderness permit](#) reservation (for backpacking) or [Half Dome permit](#), you do not need an additional reservation. Your reservation allows you to enter the park 24 hours per day for the duration of your reservation or for three days (whichever is longer). If you have a wilderness permit, you may enter the park a day before the date on your wilderness permit to stay at a backpacker's campground. A Half Dome permit does not allow you to camp in Yosemite.

You can visit the Hetch Hetchy area of the park when it is open (sunrise to sunset) without a reservation.

SPS Management Committee Meeting Minutes Monday, March 11, 2024, via Zoom

1. Call to Order at 7pm PST: Present Jason Pair, Chair; Phil S. Bates, Secretary; Dylan Kilby, Outreach; Patty Kline, Merchandise; Joe Wankum, Webmaster; and Dan Richter, Archives.
2. Standard business and reports
 - a. The minutes were approved for the last MC meeting on January 8, 2024.
 - b. The MC voted to approve the change of the SPS rating of Bloody Mountain to Class 1 from Class 2, as indicated by a recent vote by the SPS members.
 - c. Chair (Jason Pair)
 - i. Jason reviewed the well-attended and highly successful annual banquet at Almonzor Court on January 28. Claude Fiddler gave an excellent presentation, which included many of his gorgeous photos of the Sierra Nevada, the Himalayas, and Alaska. Jason noted that despite 75 attendees, the SPS once again lost money on the banquet. Accordingly, he endorsed suggestions to eliminate free wine and to investigate alternative venues, such as the Castaway, which is used for banquets by the Desert Peaks Section (DPS).
 - ii. Reflecting the SPS operating shortfall, Jason suggested a review of additional revenue-raising initiatives, including the sale of SPS merchandise through Redbubble, as is the current practice by the Hundred Peaks Section (HPS). Redbubble operates on a commission and allows for on-line orders, takes care of shipping, and eliminates the need for product inventory. Patty noted that HPS has designed a new logo for their merchandise, and the MC agreed that updated designs should be considered as a supplement to the existing design. Patty offered to photo and distribute copies of the existing SPS emblems, and Jason volunteered his son to draft a possible new emblem design for review by the MC.
 - d. Vice Chair (Jim Fleming)—Not present. In Jim's absence the MC discussed Tina Bowman's proposal for the 2025 SPS Banquet to focus on past SPS events, history, and members in recognition of the 70th anniversary of the founding of the SPS in October 1955. The MC agreed to solicit suggested ideas and speakers from a broader group of senior SPS officers before making any final decision on this format. In the event the MC agrees to a special 70th anniversary format, Phil volunteered to contact Kim Stanley Robinson to enquire about his willingness to shift his timing as SPS banquet speaker to January 2026, instead of the existing provisional commitment for February 2025.
- e. Secretary and Chair of the Emblem Committee (Phil S. Bates)—No new SPS emblems were awarded by the Emblem Committee over the past two months. A subset of the Emblem Committee continues to discuss a possible expansion of the list of eligible high points for Andy Smatko Explorer Emblems. Phil noted that Joe Wankum recently added the latest update of the Mountain Scrambler Ratings to the SPS Website. The two lists of Scrambler Ratings for SPS and non-SPS High Sierra peaks now totals 549 mountains and 839 different climbing routes. An article on the update will appear in the next issue of *The Sierra Echo*.
- f. Outings (Gary Schenk)—Not present.
- g. Treasurer (Laura Newman)—Although Laura was unable to attend, prior to the meeting she forwarded (via Jason) the latest SPS's financial reports, which showed a substantial loss for the 2023 annual banquet. As previously discussed, the MC will review ways to reduce losses at future banquets and will discuss various ways to raise revenues.
- h. Outreach Chair (Dylan Kilby)—Dylan noted that while the SPS Facebook page reaches many members of the Sierra climbing community, the use of Facebook tends to be biased towards older climbers and hikers. He indicated that Instagram may prove more useful for reaching a younger cohort and would offer options for sharing videos and other information. He volunteered to begin work on establishing an SPS Instagram page, an initiative that was fully supported by the MC. The Instagram page would be a forum for sharing member photos and videos and could also include images of SPS peaks. In addition, Dylan suggested efforts to

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attract new and younger members to the SPS. Based on his knowledge of some other climbing organizations, Dylan noted the importance of offering value for membership. He suggested membership patches as an inducement for new members, as well as offering means for less accomplished climbers to gain membership. The MC discussed the concept of offering an “aspiring member” status to individuals who have yet to climb the minimum requirement for membership of six SPS peaks. The MC agreed that a review of the SPS By-Laws would be needed before a formal decision could be made on offering “aspiring” member status.

- i. Archives (Dan Richter)—After considerable time and effort, Dan indicated he has successfully completed the transfer of the SPS archives to the UCLA Special Collections Library. All records have been digitized. Some duplicate copies need to be disposed of or re-located.
 - j. *Echo* (Tina Bowman) – Not present. Via email Tina indicated a deadline of May 25 for next issue of *The Sierra Echo*.
 - k. Mountain Records (Harry Langenbacher)—not present. Paul Garry has reached out to Harry and offered to provide assistance.
 - l. IT (Greg Mason)—not present
 - m. Website (Joe Wankum)—Nothing new to report.
 - n. Conservation (Sharon Moore)—not present.
 - o. Safety Chair (Doug Mantle)—Not present. Doug has prepared an article about the four honorary members of the SPS for the next issue of *The Sierra Echo*.
 - p. Merchandise (Patty Kline)—Patty indicated she would photograph and distribute images of the existing SPS emblems and patches to Dylan, Jason and Phil as part of the MC review of merchandise designs. She indicated an inventory of a dozen T-shirts of various sizes.
3. Old Business—Nothing to report.
 4. New Business
 - a. The next MC meeting was set for Monday, May 6 at 7pm PST and will again be held via Zoom.

SPS Management Committee Meeting Minutes Monday, May 6, 2024, via Zoom

1. Call to Order at 7pm PST: Present Jason Pair, Chair; Jim Fleming, Vice Chair; Phil S. Bates, Secretary; Dylan Kilby, Outreach; Laura Newman, Treasurer; Tina Bowman, *Echo* Co-Editor; Patty Kline, Merchandise; Joe Wankum, Webmaster; Dan Richter, Archives; and Doug Mantle, Safety Chair.
2. Standard business and reports
 - a. The minutes were approved for the last MC meeting on March 11, 2024.
 - b. Chair (Jason Pair)
 - i. In advance of the meeting, Jason distributed a brief report about the need to improve the organization’s financial viability by new revenue-raising measures and efforts to increase membership, especially among younger Sierra climbers.
 - ii. Jason reviewed the issues and ideas circulating among the MC with regard to the 2025 annual banquet, including the 70th anniversary of the SPS, the search for lower cost venues and the options for speakers, indicating that Jim and Doug have offered suggestions.
 - iii. Following up on the revenue-raising suggestions raised at the last MC meeting, reviewed in his report and discussed among the MC over the past two months, Jason recommended and the MC agreed that the SPS should move forward with initiating a RedBubble account for on-line sales of T-shirts and patches using the existing SPS logo. At the same time, sales of the existing inventory of SPS merchandise (T-shirts, emblem pins and patches) will continue using current practices. There was a brief discussion about the possible development of a patch or emblem pin for the Andy Smatko Explorer Emblem. The use of a logo composed of multiple non-SPS peaks was favored, with one suggestion to use the Cathedral Range.
 - c. Secretary and Chair of the Emblem Committee (Phil S. Bates)—No new SPS emblems were

awarded by the Emblem Committee over the past two months, though there are some members approaching a completion of the list. A subset of the Emblem Committee is discussing a possible expansion of the list of eligible high points for Andy Smatko Explorer Emblems.

- d. Vice Chair (Jim Fleming)—Jim reviewed some of the venues used for past annual banquets of the SPS, DPS, and HPS, including some background on costs and available facilities. Facilities discussed included The Castaway, Del Rae, Luminarias, Brand Community Center, and Spaghetti Factory, as well as outdoor options such as Eaton Canyon. Jim and Laura plan to gather further information concerning the possible venues, with the goal of finding a lower cost facility. On the matter of possible 2025 banquet speakers, there was a review of suggestions made by Doug, including a New Mexico climber, Phil Robinson, and a Colorado climber and writer, Gary Roach. In addition, the choice of a young Sierra climber was suggested, such as Mike Toffey. Doug offered to contact Robinson during an upcoming trip to New Mexico and subsequently Dylan offered to contact Toffey. The March MC discussion of a banquet focused on 70th anniversary remembrances was not pursued.
- e. Outings (Gary Schenk)—Not present.
- f. Treasurer (Laura Newman)—Prior to the meeting Laura distributed a report on the SPS finances for the first four months of 2024. The SPS financial position remains similar to the last report in March. Laura noted that the largest financial outflows this year stem from the annual banquet and relate to the high cost of the venue (resulting in subsidies for meals and alcohol), and the large honorarium given to the speaker, which she noted was much higher than in previous years and also higher than the honorarium given this year by the DPS. Laura noted that outdoor SPS gatherings should be considered as a means of both lowering costs and attracting young members.
- g. Outreach Chair (Dylan Kilby)—Dylan first reviewed his on-line efforts to improve outreach to younger Sierra climbers, including creation of an SPS site on Strava, an exercise/activity app, and plans to create an SPS site on

Instagram. Other means for attracting new members were discussed, including WTC activities, climbing gyms, and other relevant hiking and climbing apps. As part of the discussion, Laura suggested the SPS consider hosting a picnic in the Eastern Sierra timed to overlap with Bob Burd’s annual Sierra Challenge, which is scheduled for August 9 to 18. Other options mentioned included renting a Sierra Club cabin and development of a forum for postings on Sierra backcountry conditions.

- h. Archives (Dan Richter)—Dan said the transfer of the SPS archives to the UCLA Special Collections Library is now complete. He would like to pass the Archives responsibility to a successor as soon as possible.

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Treasurer's Statement Year to Date (1/1/2024–5/31/2024)		
Money In		\$6359.47
Donations		1001.00
Interest		1.47
Membership		1150.00
Banquet Income		4127.00
Merchandise Income		80.00
Money Out		-\$4961.35
Banquet		-4330.69
Banquet (other)		-3330.69
Speaker Honorarium		-1000
Echo Expense		-440.86
Postage		-167.21
Printing		-273.65
Taxes		-7.98
Office Expenses		-120.35
PayPal Fees		-61.47
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ASSETS		
Paypal		\$455.93
Checking		\$7094.77
Savings		\$3569.99
NET WORTH		\$11,120.39

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Randy Bernard

March 1, 1940 - March 28, 2024

By Mary McMannes, Roving Girl Reporter

Sadly, our three climbing sections, SPS, DPS, and HPS say a fond farewell to a true bonvivant and cheerful friend, Randy Bernard, who passed March 24, 2024. Randy will be remembered as our upbeat, perpetually happy fellow, raconteur of bad jokes and good stories, and a pilgrim who traveled the world extensively, entertaining

Randy Bernard became SPS emblem holder #170 on October 12, 1968.
—The Editors

everyone who had the good fortune to meet him. He once counted peaks, mostly desert peaks, and later counted countries. Having married wonderful and understanding Joyce, he was indulged constantly to renew his passport and take off for yet another pilgrimage.

In his earlier years of hiking, climbing, and fabulous DPS car camps, Randy helped create the DPS guidebook, our bible for route finding. He was lauded by the Angeles Chapter with a special service award in 1974, and later received the coveted Chester Versteeg Award, 1990, for exemplary service and leadership. If there had been a Mister Congeniality Award, Randy would have gotten that, too. We even forgave him (along with Owen Malloy) who could rumble the desert canyons driving out critters from a campsite, with notorious and unmuffled snoring. Sheesh, those guys could snore, and I moved my tent more than once in the wee hours of attempting sleep.

Randy wrote his autobiography a decade or so ago. He loved the life he had led, and photos, stories, moments were woven into this stunning fifty-five page booklet. He preferred calling himself a Perpetual Pilgrim, which originated from his favorite trip, the El Camino de Santiago Compostela. His trek was off and on over seven months. He recounted one morning he woke in the shared sleeping room of his youth hostel, and his boots were gone. He was not prone as earlier pilgrims in going barefoot. I'm not sure, but he probably borrowed another set of shoes, and the domino effect happened until the last pilgrim had no pair. Isn't there a Bible verse about coveting your neighbor's shoes?

I last saw Randy and Joyce at the SPS banquet at the end of January. They looked great and were great! We shared our usual

Above: Randy Bernard (Photo from Ken Ferrell Collection, Sierra Club Angeles Chapter Archives).

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banquet joke about his red salmon dinner which, a couple years back, swam away. A few weeks later, son Glen emailed us, his dad was gone. We desert peak rats celebrate the lives we led and shared in the perpetual desert sun. Pilgrims like Randy enhanced the journey. A celebration of his life was happily observed in April with an over-abundance of food and delicious Randy stories. He will be missed.

Randy Bernard on Silver Pass during one of his trips to complete the Pacific Crest Trail (Photo courtesy Randy Bernard).



My Dad Randy Bernard passed away on Sunday, March 24th, at 5:15 pm. His family was at his bedside. We thank everyone for the prayers.

This is from the first page of the book he was working on about his life. I thought it would be best to share some of his own words with everyone. The entire book was too large to share in email. I will be working to find a way to share with people who would like the entire book.

Thank you,
Glen Bernard



Randy Bernard and son Glen in the California Desert, 1985 (Photo courtesy Randy Bernard).

Randy Bernard in His Own Words

I am grateful for the hospitals that now let you keep the newborn in the same room with their mothers, not down the hall behind the big glass window. For letting me be able to hold a two-hour old newborn grand baby in my arms, that was incredible!!!!

I am thankful to Josefina for loving and taking care of my grandkids as they grow up.

Thanks to my dad, Paul, for moving our family out of that miserably cold, winter weather of Illinois to sunny Southern California. Thanks to my mom,

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Randy Bernard in His Own Words, cont.

Freda, for sitting up with me countless nights when I couldn't breathe because of my asthma.

Thanks to both of my parents for letting me have two Cushman motor scooters, two BSAs, a Triumph, and a BMW motorcycle before I was twenty-one, and helping me plan my expedition to the Panama Canal zone, even after my near fatal, rib-losing accident of the summer of 1960. I recall that when I celebrated my twenty-first birthday at the Honduras-El Salvador border on the return trip from Panama, I was amazed at what I had accomplished by the age of twenty-one. I am grateful to all the good people of Central America for making my journey such a great adventure!

I have had a wonderful time talking to many of my old friends before writing some of these pages. As we tried out our memories, we noticed that they were so different among ourselves that Don French said, "Are we talking about the same trip?" To Ralph Steele, Dick Ower, Don French, Glen Bernard, thanks for the memories and the great adventures.

I am occasionally asked how many countries I have visited. I have been to fifty-four, but what counts as a visit? I have been to the Zurich Airport in Switzerland six times; one time due to a flight delay Swiss Air was kind enough to give us a bus ticket and restaurant voucher so we left the airport area to get some local food. On one trip I spent an hour in Laos when we were cruising on the Mekong River. I have spent over seven months in Spain, hiking the Camino de Santiago and trying to speak Spanish.

As I look over my "bucket list," I am very grateful to my wife Joyce for giving me the time to go on these adventures.

Eva Peron said, "Don't cry for me Argentina." Randy says, "Don't cry for me, my friends and relations." As I sit here writing this I realize that I had a really good and adventurous life. After surviving four trips to the hospital in four years for cancer, you really don't know when it's your "time to go." The best part of life is, knowing that the winner is not the first one to die.



Walton Kabler

May 2, 1939-March 29, 2024

*By Roving Girl Reporter/ Obit writer,
Mary McMannes*

I called him Walton, climbers called him Walt, Cuno named him Wally, and Phil Bruce called him Cliff! I met him when buying my red Kelty backpack somewhere in Northridge in the late 1970s. The initial meeting evolved from dating to hanging out as regular friends. Most important of all, he became my first climbing partner, mentor, teacher of the wilderness world of the Sierra. Quid pro quo, I continued my journey as an M-rated SPS trip leader, and he followed my advice in quitting Kelty and getting his emergency teaching credential, pursuing his best and happiest career in the classroom.

Walton Kabler (Photo by Anne Robichaux).

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Walton was an E-rated leader and had climbed many Sierra peaks with first wife Betty—they were famous along with climbing couples the Magnusons, the Hollemans, the Goebels. He never finished the SPS List but had peaks in multiples, depending on who was his latest girlfriend. One of our first peaks was emblem peak Mt. Humphreys. I'm not sure of the route, but Greg Vernon remarked, "There's Walton with some girl named Mary on a leash." The rest is history—we were two teachers with endless vacations and able to chase the SPS list in peak-bagging summers of twenty to thirty peaks. Life was good! We'd come out of the backcountry and replenish, refresh, and clean up at swell places like Ray's Den in Independence, Jack's Waffle House in Bishop, Nicely's in Lee Vining.

Our climbing schedule was interrupted for four months after I broke my tibia and fibula while belaying a guy named Claude Layne in Joshua Tree. Walt and I concocted a climb of Castle Peak in Tahoe when I was wearing a full leg cast. It actually went well, but Kaiser's ortho surgeon was not amused in seeing the trashed cast. He threatened bed rest if I did it again. All was recorded in an *Echo* article, "She Didn't Have a Leg to Stand On."

In later life, Walton's life absorption was immersed in teaching days in minority schools such as Locke Junior High and in Huntington Park. He was Kabdog, and his student stories were entertaining and in abundance. He was generous to a fault and constantly wanting to improve situations of the needy. He unofficially adopted an East L.A. family, buying them

Walton was emblem holder #287, September 17, 1973, and senior emblem holder #18 on June 1, 1976.

—*The Editors.*

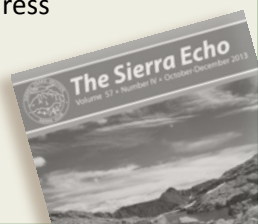
appliances, later cars, urging teens to completing their high school diplomas, and paying for college educations. As Doug Mantle once said, "We choose our own charities, and they may be close to home."

And so concludes my Love Song for J. Alfred Prufrock. I am grateful Walton was a cast member in the best days of my life. He was complicated, intelligent, and often a grumpy old man. I'm thankful he never stopped being an overseer in my life with handyman jobs and advice. He was entertained by my various dilemmas, which became Mary stories. He shared stacks of *New Yorker* magazines because I was too cheap to buy them. I was going to end this eulogy with a *New Yorker* cartoon, but Doug and Tina said it wasn't appropriate to end a memorial with a cartoon. Walton would have liked it.

In the end, his neighbors took care of him—his housekeeper, barber, his second ex-wife rallied around him. He died on Good Friday, a few weeks short of his 85th birthday. In true character, he checked out early, not wanting to inconvenience anyone who had family plans for Easter. Thanks from me, your humble eulogizer for the countless miles we shared in the Range of Light. Unforgettable.

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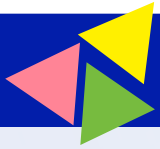
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Mystery Peak Challenge Answer



First to answer was Bart O'Brien, but he answered Red Slate. Sorry, Bart! Next to answer—and correctly—was Dylan Kirby. He noted that the featured peak is Virginia with the summit of Twin out of sight to the right. He added that the photo was taken from Camiaca Peak, a Vagmarken Sierra Crest list peak, but it was taken from the trail to Summit Lake, a bit of which is visible near the bottom of the right side in the picture. Five minutes after Dylan's email, George Christensen guessed Mt. Williamson and then Whitney with Langley in the background. Next, Lance Dixon weighed in with Red and White with Red Slate toward the right but felt they didn't line up properly. Daryn Dodge took a stab at it with Trojan Peak, suspecting he was wrong, then made a second guess with Red Slate, noting "I have 245 guesses left to make." Daryn gave it another shot and was correct. Thanks for playing, guys!

(May Minutes, continued from page 17)

- i. *Echo* (Tina Bowman)—Tina noted a deadline of May 25 for next issue of *The Sierra Echo*.
 - j. Mountain Records (Harry Langenbacher)—Not present.
 - k. IT (Greg Mason)—Not present.
 - l. Website (Joe Wankum)—Nothing new to report.
 - m. Conservation (Sharon Moore)—Not present.
 - n. Safety Chair (Doug Mantle)—Nothing to report.
 - o. Merchandise (Patty Kline)—In addition to a dozen T-Shirts, Patty indicated the SPS has a large inventory of emblem pins.
3. Old Business—Nothing to report.
 4. New Business
 - a. Following an email exchange, the next MC meeting was set for Monday, July 22. at 7pm PST and will again be held via Zoom.



Mystery Peak Challenge

This occasional just-for-fun puzzle is for you to figure out which Sierra peak or peaks are featured in the image. If you have a fine mystery peak puzzle to challenge *Echo* readers, please send it to tina@bowmanchange.com. We welcome any mountain images, including those from popular culture—imagery used and abused in film and print!

Here's a photo of Randy Bernard, remembered in this issue's "Passages," on one of his Sierra Rambles. What SPS peaks are visible? Where do you think he was when the photo was taken?

Send your answer to Tina Bowman at tina@bowmanchange.com.



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