

July 1970

100 PEAKS Lookout



FROM THE FRONT OFFICE

1. At the Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sierra Club in San Francisco on May 2-3, President Phillip Berry spoke of 1969 as the Sierra Club's year of healing old wounds, of financial recovery, of continued growth and of significant conservation victories. These included establishment of the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission and the defeat of the Texas Water Plan and the National Timber Supply Act. The future demands attention to population, wilderness protection, pollution, land use planning, the production and use of energy and the forcing of social responsibility upon private decision makers, through a National Corporation Code and other devices.

Charles Huestis, Treasurer, summarized his report as reflecting a steady continuation of the Club's financial convalescence. Net worth and cash flow are up; accounts payable and inventory have been reduced and accounts payable are reasonably current; a substantial payment has been made on the bank loan. A conspicuous item was that the membership growth was still rapid - 94,000 as of date and increasing by more than 3,000 per month.

2. A holiday hike in the Pinos area brought the matter of trail bikes back into focus as four Yamahas did what they can do to a narrow, sometimes steep and switchbacked trail. A direct inquiry to the Angeles Forest Headquarters established that (for the Angeles) such vehicles when equipped with a spark arrester, may operate upon maintained trails unless the specific trail is posted.

In the Southern California Forests, there is no overall policy. The Chief Forester in each region has the authority to establish such regulations. Last year there was some movement toward the formulation of guidelines by representatives of Forestry, Trail Bike Associations and Sierra Club. No report has been made.

3. The time is now for scheduling trips for the next SCHEDULE. Leaders should put their incipient ideas into words and send to the Man - Paul Lipsohn.

WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS

200 Peak Bar

Bernie Petitjean #38
Ruth Smith 39
Hugh Meserve 40
Ruby Meserve 41

Emblem

Todd Taylor #232
Wendy Taylor 233
George Hubbard 234
Penny Kennedy 235
Vic Gleason 236

Mascot

Lisa Ann Schuler (3)
Emily Jones (5)

Member

Carl Handy
Elmer Cain
Harry Brumer
Ann Waineki
George Smalley
Lori McRuer
Bonnie Jean Kiefer
Thomas Zener
Margot Zener
Guy Erwin
Kathryn Hubbard
Norman Schmidt
Maureen Schmidt
Max Stolz Jr.



PROFILES IN

MOUNTAIN HISTORY #9

This regular LOOKOUT feature by John Robinson is not included through fault of the Editor. Files, records and archives of the HPS as well as extensive materials with other orientations were transferred from office to home during the first week of July. Profile #9 would not come to hand when needed.

Author John will be asked for another copy and the series, so informative and of such high interest, will continue in the September LOOKOUT.

GOLDEN EAGLE BILL TO PRESIDENT

On June 25 the Senate agreed to House amendments to S.2315, thus clearing the way for Presidential extension of the Golden Eagle Passport program for entrance to federal recreation areas.

FIRST ANNUAL

100 Peaks

Picnic

Sunday July 19

Call any member of the
HPS Central Committee
(Schedule #194 - pages
15 and 52) for reservation
and detailed information

Bring your lunch and
liquids but have
dessert on the Hundred
Peaks Section

Optional program plusses on
Rock Climbing (Herr Van Allen)
Mtn. Climbing (Senor Lipsohn)
Bird Study (Teebe Selected)
Unselected Spontaneous Diversities.

COBBLESTONE MTN.
WHITE MTN.

May 23-24, 1970

Leader: Paul Lipsohn
Ray Redheffer

Twenty-three climbers assembled after a fashion at El Rancho Cafe, the confusion due mainly to construction on the new highway. Following a short but dusty caravan to Hard Luck Campground, we started up the trail about 1:30 together with a rather torrid day. As promised, the trail wound through magnificent stands of poison oak and nettles, and we even delivered a rattlesnake for the vanguard. Buck Creek was gained by 3:30 and all enjoyed a leisurely afternoon with a few enduring a dip in the frigid creek.

Sunday a.m., our thoroughly rested group bombed the trail and topped the ridge in little more than an hour. At the trail junction the group moved down to the saddle and scrambled up Cobblestone. Visibility was affected by the haze but the effect did not carry over to our appetites. We paused for lunch on the main ridge and then pushed on for White Mountain.

We returned to Buck Creek directly down the steep wash immediately before the peak. This route brought us out within a half mile of the Campground with no problems other than an easily by-passed waterfall and a few ticks. This saved about five miles and was a pleasant diversion on the way back.

Striking camp individually, we made our way back to Hard Luck and home with the leaders out by 5:00.

P.L.

SORREL, BALD EAGLE, LIGHTNER PEAKS
PIUTE L.O., BRECKENRIDGE MTN.

May 30-31

Leader: How Bailey
Bill Warner

The Piute Mountain area south of Lake Isabella was revisited but this time the problem was dust instead of mud. Sorrel was climbed by the usual route from the west by a group of 32 that ranged in age from 5 to 68. The loggers have started a new road out to Piute Lookout which we took for about half a mile, but the rest of the way is now just a jeep road. Both of these peaks have excellent views but the timber slashing in both areas is quite bad. According to the Ranger, they will be finished in 1971 and must leave no "slashes" visible from the road (small consolation). At the tiny Saddle Springs Campground most of us camped up on the little ridge on the east side. It was private, clean and free of dust. Frank Demers treated us with his voice and guitar and although we were a lousy singing group, he made up for it.

A woodpecker served as an alarm clock so we got an early start to Bald Eagle and finished it just as it started to get hot. At this point we lost several from the group but picked up four more for the exploratory to Lightner. This is a pleasant ridge on the north end of Breckenridge with a commanding view of Lake Isabella and the Kern Gorge. A Sam Fink register was found at the base of an unclimbable (for all but three) summit block. Four cars completed the most enjoyable weekend by continuing on up to the TV towers and the lookout on Breckenridge.

H.B.

Two score minus six made the Yucaipa Ridge this year. We met Saturday at 4 p.m. at Mill Creek Ranger Station and set up the car shuttle. We had permission to cross and park on private property. Big Falls Campground was quite full but we managed to squeeze in with time for socializing and a good supper before dark. Afterwards we met for more story telling, future trip planning and final instructions for the morning.

The 4:30 get-up time and the 5:30 start proved better and better as the day wore on. From camp the route led up Mill Creek to a ridge that abutted into the saddle about 600' below and to the east of Little San Geronio. Before 8:30 we were on Little S.G. and as the heat beat upon us were thankful that we had completed the hardest part of the day. Now all that remained was -- five more peaks.

It seemed that we no sooner left one peak than we were on the next -- and-- eating again. Wilshire Mtn. was a fine spot for a split break and then on to Wilshire Peak which was Bernie Petitjean's 200th. In his honor we had a special celebration and a longer eating break.

By the time we got to Cedar the thermometers were rising rapidly so in contrast the shady trip to Birch was almost pleasant. Then came the trek to Allen. The lower the hotter, so ten waited while 24 climbed Allen in 95 degree weather.

The shuttle cars were reached at 4pm and all 34 loaded into a Toyota, Datsun, 2 Bugs and 2 civilian cars for the return to the campground. Most left for home but ten of us cooled our feet in Mill Creek while cooling our insides with store bought liquids before heading for Sir George's in San Berdoe. We never did figure out why they put us in that back corner by ourselves.

Trip concensus: Fantastic!

B. V. A.



SPEAK OUT ON SST

Beyond the environmental effects of the supersonic transport airplane there is another imperative reason why we must make our beliefs known. It is to demonstrate our strength in the voting populace. Phil Berry, SC president, says this in the April Bulletin. "When politicians realize that their survival depends upon the conservationists' support, life destroying undertakings such as the SST will never take root. Who knows, a sincere and effective governmental policy to defend natural resources may even result."

Letters against the \$290,000,000 SST appropriation should now be directed to Senators Alan Cranston and George Murphy as well as John Stennis, Chairman of the Senate Transportation Appropriation Subcommittee. Address for each: Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510

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