

100 PEAKS Lookout



" A MOMENTARY NEGLIGENCE MAY DESTROY
THE HAPPINESS OF A LIFETIME "

Whymper
(The Matterhorn)

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

1. The Annual Banquet was easily the largest and best we have ever had. Sue Gleason, as Banquet Chairman, is to be particularly congratulated for her efforts. Bernie Petitjean, as Banquet supervisor, aided the effort. Les Stockton made his contribution as master of ceremonies. The 182 attendees were rewarded with Tom Frost's Outstanding Rock Climbing Award Winning Film "Sentinel, The West Face". The 1970 Annapurna expedition was depicted in slides, sound and tapes so beautifully, realistically and majestically that the audience was spellbound. This presentation has to be one of the very best Himalayan climbing endeavors ever produced. Bob Van Allen was the recipient of the annual R.S. Fink Award for service, leadership, knowledge, activity and inspiration. Bruce Collier received the Conservation Award; Paul Lipsohn, the Leadership Award; Fred Bode, a Special Award (for being Fred Bode); and Vicki Duerr, the Past Chairman Award (and the best sport award - ED). The West Ridge Mountaineering, Tennis and Ski Store Staff who attend all banquets stated our effort was outstanding in all three areas - presentation, cuisine and program - ole!

EDITOR 'S CORNER

1. Did your address tab on the Lookout have a splash of color upon it? Time for renewal! Send \$2.00 to Joyce Bernard 9522 Bowman #C South Gate, Calif. 90280. Do it now so there will be no interruption in your membership in the section.

PROFILE IN MOUNTAIN HISTORY - NO. 11 : LAWLOR, JOSEPHINE, CONDOR.

MT. LAWLOR (5957'): The first known ascent of this mountain between Strawberry Peak and Red Box was made by the Brown Boys - Owen and Jason - in 1887. They named it "Black Jack Peak" because of several outcroppings of flinty rock near the summit and also to honor their father John Brown's raid at Black Jack, Kansas in 1856. The name failed to take hold. For many years it was known as "Little Strawberry" by those viewing it from Mt. Wilson, as from that vantage point it somewhat resembles its better known neighbor. In the 1920's the Forest Service named the peak "Mt. Lawlor" in honor of Oscar Lawler, a prominent Los Angeles attorney. (The peak is incorrectly spelled "Lawlor" instead of "Lawler" on Forest Service and USGS maps.) According to Donald McLain, who revised the Angeles Forest maps in the '20s, the name was suggested by Lloyd Austin of Switzer's Camp. Lawler was a close friend of Austin and had rendered legal help when the latter's lease to Switzerland was threatened. During his younger years, Lawler was an active hiker in the San Gabriels.

JOSEPHINE PEAK (5558'): This peak is the high point of the prominent spur extending two miles west from Strawberry Peak. The origin of the name "Josephine" is obscure. As early as 1889 there was a Josephine Gold Mine in the upper Big Tujunga, below the peak. Grace J. Oberbeck in A History of La Crescenta and La Canada Valleys (1938) claims that the peak was named for the daughter of Phil Begue, a local rancher and one of the early forest rangers of the old San Gabriel Timberland Reserve, but this is sharply disputed by McLain and William V. Mendenhall, former Angeles Forest supervisor. Mendenhall writes: "I know that it was never named by Phil Begue, nor for any member of his family." McLain and Mendenhall both believe the peak was named for the wife of Joseph Barlow Lippencott, U.S.G.S. surveyor who used the summit as a triangulation point while mapping the mountains in 1894. Lippencott later gained notoriety as hydrographic engineer for the Owens Valley Aqueduct, and was instrumental in the early planning of the Angeles Crest Highway.

CONDOR PEAK (5439'): There are no Condors on Condor Peak, nor anywhere else in the San Gabriels today. The last redoubt of these magnificent birds is the Sespe Creek area of Los Padres National Forest, some fifty miles to the northwest. Years ago this fast-vanishing species was common in all the Southern California mountains - before man disturbed its fragile habitat. According to mountain pioneer Faust Havermale, who tramped the San Gabriels back around the turn of the century, Condor Peak was so named because these monarchs of the air once nested there. Havermale wrote that he personally sighted twelve of these giant birds soaring above and around the peak.

JOHN W. ROBINSON

EXPENSES CORNER

As far as cost goes, you must make your own decisions, all I can tell you is that when you take a sleeping bag out of your pack as night falls on the windswept slopes of a 10000' mountain, you understand without even having to think about it that dollars are meaningless frivolities.

THE COMPLETE WALKER

CONGRATULATIONS CORNER

We are always happy to accept new members and are proud to announce new emblem holders.

200 PEAK BAR

Richard McLellan #43
Charles Jones #44

EMBLEM

Bruce Masson #240
Cliff Black #241
James May #242
Vernon Frederickson #243

NEW MEMBERS

Betty Dessert	Ab Ezekiel
Tindera DiStefano	Carl Lundquist
Calvin French	Cynthia Lundquist
Louise French	Robert Gendreau
Margaret Koch	Helmer Anderson
William Koch	
Donald McLean	
Julian Pederson	

PEAK LIST COMPLETED CORNER

The number of HPSer's who have climbed all the peaks on the list is steadily increasing. Those who have notified me (The date and place of completion is included, if stated) are listed below:

Sam Fink	The Pinnacles	Dec. 7, 1950
Bob Hawthorne	Old Man Mt. 10000' Ridge	Jan. 1, 1967
Freda Walbrecht	Hildreth Pk.	May 14, 1952
Forest Keck	Red Tahquitz	June 25, 1960
Mary Keck	Red Tahquitz	June 25, 1960
Clark Jones	Bernard Pk.	April 16, 1961
Marjorie Jones	Bernard Pk.	April 16, 1961
How Bailey	Tehachapi Pk. (off!)	Oct. 9, 1969
Bob Van Allen	Butterbread Pk.	Oct. 31, 1969
Bob Herlihy	Hildreth Pk.	Nov. 23, 1969
Joe Kazlowski	Bear Mt.	Dec. 21, 1969
Debbie Kazlowski	Bear Mt.	Dec. 21, 1969
Dick Akawie	Malduce Pk.	May 30, 1970
Harry Melts	Samon Pk.	May 31, 1969

SOLITUDE CORNER

It was the exhilaration of wilderness. Every feature of my surroundings gave evidence of violent force yet all was calm and fixed - like a terrible battle scene suddenly frozen in a timeless tableau; the rock and ice polished by snow blasting winds, the graceful sweep of flutings carved on the walls by avalanche, the grind and furor of the ice falls below. But everything was silent and motionless.

RICHARD EMERSON
AMERICAN EVEREST EXPED.

WHY WE CLIMB CORNER

You found out what a mountaineer is in the last Lookout, now we will see why Enos Mills (In "Rocky Mt. National Park") thinks we climb.

"But why do climbers enjoy climbing to a summit again and again, or why do we climb at all? Flanigan lived his perilous life 'For the fun of the thing, mostly' and so with the enthusiast who goes up into the sky on mountains. Gold and glory count for little with those who commune with nature from the cliffs. The mountain climber goes in the direction of the least resistance. The shade and shine, form and colour, when seen from new heights are exhilarating and indescribably satisfying. On the crags he hears "Nature's Bugle Song" with many an echo far and dim, and forgets all dread, fears and limitations of life and feels all that scenes and solitudes can stir, and all that music can arouse; feels all that comes of triumph and high resolve and more.

When one climbs a high pinnacle on the vast cathedrals of this world, where Pan is "Forever piping hymns forever new" one seems to mingle with the universe, and the subtle and changing panoramas of all time; all the glad hopes and vibrant desires he may have had before are his again and all life is a tranquil dream".

(Ed. - Now you know!) (Next issue on how you feel when you descend) or like the Zen Buddhist says "When you reach the summit, keep climbing".

ANOTHER WHY MEN CLIMB CORNER

"If a mountaineer only climbed to enjoy the view from the summit, Ruskin would have made a valid point when he maintained that 'The real glory of the Alps is to be seen and only to be seen where all may see it, the child, the cripple and the man with grey hair'. I would agree that the view of the Jungfrau from the Wengernalp is more beautiful than if view from the summit of the Jungfrau but I am glad to have seen both views, for there is no aspect of the mountain which is not precious to the mountain lover. Moreover the educated eye of the mountaineer discovers a beauty in mountains as seen from the plains which is unperceived by those who have never climbed".

Centenary Matterhorn

WHY MEN CLIMB DOWN CORNER

"It needed something more than strength and skill to climb down but it had to be done. In such a case where the danger is great and every step taken may lead to disaster, I have noticed that a man has a reserve of mental and physical strength beyond his own knowledge. This is one of the charms of, and reasons for mountain climbing, (down ?). It is a profound satisfaction to know afterwards that you have tried yourself to the uttermost of your strength and skill".

SMYTHE (Mountains in Color)

(Ed. - He didn't have to climb down, he could have stayed there)

BEST PEAKS CORNER

MY TEN FAVORITE PEAKS

"To attempt to name the ten best mountains in the HPS would be sacreligious to men of reason, but is only happy partiality to those who think with their hearts. When I selected the best ten I was determined to take sides. Mountaineering is done with the limbs and the heart; it is a passion, and where passions are concerned, those who think with their hearts are always right. As Ann Murray sings(in Snowbird) "When I was young, whatever my heart told me that's what I would do! " I take my happy bias to be a form of higher justice.

These are not in order of preference just ten apples bobbing high enough to bite into.

1. CORNELL PK. 9721' Beautiful trail through timber, steep, a rock climb, a quick panic and you are up, nice view and high enough, good pictures, looks like a mini mountain, you underestimate it.
2. MT. WILLIAMSON 8214' Accessible, relatively high, easily enjoyed, popular, varied climb, breezy and warm, heavenly day.
3. THORN PT. 6935' Winding, ascending trail, fun descent, half snow climb so beautiful 3 hours spent on summit - could have bagged two other peaks - what a waste! The four of us; peak baggers all, didn't care. We enjoyed!
4. EAGLE REST PK. 5955' Started to snow, then rain, wind, mist and summit sunshine. Good mountain to view long haul, ridge climb, long running descent, fossils, picturesque.
5. BIG IRON MT. # 1 8007' Probably most inaccessible, long steep, snow scenery unbelievable, central summit, you work for this one, 3 bighorn sheep, sociable group.
6. RABBIT PEAK # 2 6640' also Desert Emblem, initial unsuccessful attempt, almost died on this one solo, long approach earned my total respect, ultimate summit anti-climactic, water consumer, a teacher for cactus avoidance, 4 bighorn sheep 50 feet away, solitude.
7. CUCAMONGA PK. 8859' Commanding view, varied long approach, wind swept snow climb, eerie, weird cloud formation at summit with sun breaking through, wind died, peaceful isolation, exhilarating speed descent.
8. GALENA PK. 9330' Dangerous rock headwall, varied winding ridge climb, unexcelled view - no smog, solo climb, large hawk landed five feet from my motionless reclining figure, 2 hours on summit, perfect day. Booming rockfall on descent, almost a Red Baron fall!
9. ANTSELL ROCK 7720' Central summit in range, total appreciation of Sam Fink trail, rugged looking, effort to climb, outstanding views of many peaks, Sam Fink was along!
10. SAN GORGONIO 11,502' Highest elevation - forced to include (Who could omit Whitney?) Initial climb from Jenks Lake. San Jacinto is preferred but then Cornell would have to be omitted and I prefer Cornell. 70 m.p. hr. winds and 20° makes this also the coldest HPS Peak. 8 ascents, 2 snow.

Also Ran (Tied for 11th Place)

GRANITE MT. # 2 5633' - 3 Rattlesnakes, looks like a mountain should, climb it any way you wish! varied climbing.

RATTLESNAKE PK. 5826' - Central location, bushwack effort, steep finish, isolated, rewarding view of many HPS peaks.

PINE MT. # 2 7054' Cute summit block, bushwack, big bouldering, a work mountain, a pants ripper, for the masochist. You are so happy when you are back on the trail.

BUTTERFLY MT. 6240' - 200th Peak - night snow descent, pants and boots frozen - soul searing (?) experience of conquering a killer peak. Happiness is 200! Mt. Sally would feel the same.

LILY ROCK 8000' The rock climbers' rock climb, because it's Lily Rock!

MT. SAN ANTONIO 10064' - because its there!

BERTHA PK. 8198' The end of a long peak bagging day. Beautiful, peaceful sunset, view and pictures unbelievable. Only an unerring mountaineering sense of direction brought me down the direct one mile descent to the road within one mile of the car (in total moonless darkness). I flipped a coin and found the car unerringly.

HISTORICAL CORNER

While your editor was fitfully reclining with the first torn hip muscle in his life (This is not the same thing as a first ascent - it's closer to a first descent), in perusing old Desert Peak Section Newsletters, he found this interesting item in the May, 1950 edition.

"Despite the fact that we often try to point out to newcomers that you do not have to be a powerhouse to come along on Desert Peaks we have a high percentage of well conditioned hikers who are able or have had to learn - to go long distances with heavy pack. It is true that many of our members did their early conditioning by finishing the Hundred Peaks game!

(Ed. - Notice all the HPSers on the DPS and SPS trips now - even the Mexican 18000' Peaks!)

PHYSICAL FITNESS CORNER

It is worse than disagreeable climbing steep rocks when you are out of form; lack of physical fitness interposes a barrier between the climber and the mountain so that the latter seems remote and hostile.

In such circumstances climbing is the reverse of enjoyable; it approaches too near the borderline of fear. Climbing when in good form is a very different matter. There is no physical or psychological barrier between man and mountain. There is no "dithering"; no indecision; novacillation; calmness, confidence and enjoyment are experienced by the climber, who is physically and mentally fit; there is harmony. This applies to most forms of human activity. "It is no good trying to do a job of work for which there is not the requisite skill, knowledge and capacity. The work retaliates on the worker. So it is in mountaineering as the annual accident list reveals. Mountains are apt to retaliate on those who approach them without skill, knowledge and humility! "

SMYTHE

MOUNTAIN RECORDS COMMITTEE CORNER

I am pleased to announce the immediate availability of the revised "Peak List". To obtain your copy, forward a self-addressed-stamped envelope and a dime to Chairman of Mtn. Records. This revision reflects all the changes incorporated by the section membership to-date.

The decision was made to include applicable Topographical map information, which actually was a return to a previously adopted format with the thought of furnishing this helpful information for the user (Reference Peak List Nov. 66). However, this decision delayed the completion of the revision by requiring many additional hours of research due to subsequent changes in many Topo maps since 66. Originally we thought this change of format would require additional pages for the "list", but through the skillful efforts of Bernie Petitjean, we fortunately retained a single page "list".

My sincere thanks goes to the following persons for their unselfish support and expedited effort in completing this revision: Bernie Petitjean - Researcher and Layout Design. Lu Petitjean - Typist. Dennis Fassnach - Researcher (non-member).

The recent additions to our "hiking guide" project, raises the total count of completed guides to 157, which leaves only 106 write-ups to complete our whole project. Hopefully this will be accomplished by 1971, which is our goal.

The recent revision of our Peak List altered the previously established Alpha/Numerical system of identification. The following legend is keyed to the revised "Peak List", as of November 1970.

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To obtain copies of these "Hiking Guides", send five (5) cents for each guide plus a legal size self-addressed stamped envelope to the Chairman of the Mtn. Records Committee, 649 - 5th Street, Hermosa Beach, California 90254.

WARREN VON PERTZ
CHAIRMAN

WHY WE DON'T CLIMB CORNER

John Ruskin 1864 "Of Kings Treasuries" condemned with no uncertain voice those who presumed to make a sport of climbing. "You have despise nature - The Alps themselves, which your own poets used to love so reverently, you look upon as soaped poles in a bear garden, which you set yourselves to climb and slide down again."

Dean of St. Pauls used intemperate language on the mountain.

(MOUNTAINS AND THE PUBLIC 1925)

DESERT PEAKS CORNER

"John Vitz, New Chairman of the Desert Peak Section, inherited the editorship of his section's intermittent publication "along with" its leadership. I thought you may be amused by his notification to his constituents, as follows:

"For those of you with less than total recall and for any newcomers to the section, this is the DPS Newsletter. It has been in exile for over two years since the Most Reverend R. Greenawalt abdicated the editorship. Out of the anarchy following the abdication new leaders have finally appeared who will attempt to make order out of chaos (or vice versa). These valiant warriors are John Vitz and Jerry Haven, who have exactly zero qualifications for the job.

The Newsletter will henceforth be sanctioned by the NCAA, AAU, and USOC as there will be a total lack of Professionalsim in the endeavor. All trip write-ups (leaders get on the stick) and other correspondence should be directed to the aforementioned trolls."

Aforementioned Trolls

(Ed. - Your troll is the Red Baron, and keep your comments, letters and information rolling in. Remember its your publication, not mine - I just fill up the pages, one way or another!)

"They say any job is easy to the man who doesn't have to do it, I say any mountain looks easy from a distance."

LU PETITJEAN

LEAST DESIRABLE PEAK

There are no bad mountains just bad climbers. But who can fight consensus? After a longer than planned, arduous, hot (96°), foot searing backpack, an impossible bush-wack, clothes tearing, viewless, difficult route finding and descent in the dark, otherwise totally enjoyable mountain, Samon Pk. (6227') must be listed least desirable. Would I repeat it? Only if Warren Harding would!

LES STOCKTON OR THE RED BARON

I'll print anything, as you can see! Let's have your favorite 10 or 5 or 3 or 1 and why. Send it in now.

YOUR EDITOR

FUTURE TRIPS CORNER

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>LEADERS</u>
March 6	Telegraph	Lipsohn/Bailey
March 7	Butterfly, Thomas	Brumer
March 11	Social Meeting	Ferrell
March 13	Iron Mtn. #1	Lipsohn/Herlihy
March 14	Pinnacle, Marie-Louise	Paulson/Hubbard
March 20-21	Whale, Granite #2	Bailey/Campbell
March 27	Lookout, Sunset	Stockton/Petitjean
April 3-4	Morgan Hill, Eagle Crag	Lipsohn/ Bailey
April 8	Social Meeting	Gleason
April 10	Lukens	Forbes/Gleason
April 17-18	Mill, Keller, Slide	
	Sugarloaf, Onyx	Campbell/Washburne
April 24	Asbestos, Rock Point	Collier/Brine
April 25	Rattlesnake	Campbell/Petitjean
May 1	Pleasant View Ridge	
	Thrall, Pallett	Petitjeans
May 2	Strawberry #1	Barnes/Paulson
May 8	Peak Baggers Special	Stockton/Others
May 9	Liebre, Burnt, Sawtooth	
	McDill	Backus/McRuer
May 13	Social Meeting	Stockton
May 15-16	Folly, San Jacinto, Cornell	
	Marion, Jean	Lipsohn/Petitjeans
May 22	South, Middle and Mt. Hawkins	Gleason/Stockton
May 23	Lake, Grinnell 10 M. ridge	Hubbard/Johnson
June 5	Twin Peaks, Waterman	Stockton/Petitjean
June 10	Social Meeting	Petitjeans
June 12	Galena	Lipsohn/Bailey

CONSERVATION CORNER

I am only one, but I am one. I can't do everything, but I can do something. And what I can do, that I ought to do. And what I ought to do, by the grace of God, I shall do!

Chaplain Edward Hale U.S. Senate

The first night in Tibet was windier than usual. I wondered again why it is that those who snore inevitably fall asleep more quickly than those who don't."

A Short Walk

PAST TRIPS CORNER

McPHERSON PK.
PEAK MTN. FOX MTN.

November 14, 15, 1970

Leader: AL CAMPBELL
Asst: BRUCE COLLIER

JONES FAMILY DAY - CHARLIE JONES MAKES 200, LAURA 100.

Beautiful weather, day, people, country and trip! On Saturday morning, at 8:30 a.m. 28 hearty souls took off for McPherson Peak. All arrived at the lookout shortly before noon. Three decided to stay at that point while the other 25 went over to Peak Mountain where we had lunch. Arrived back in camp (Aliso Park Campground) in the late afternoon. Lo and behold - awaiting us was beer, cider and, later in the evening, hot toddies! This was a preliminary celebration for the next day's trip to Fox Mountain where we were to celebrate a 100 and 200 peaker. Rather than carry the libations to the top of Fox Mountain, Laura Jones (8 years old) celebrated her 100th peak and her father Charles Jones, celebrated his 200th peak.

In the evening, around the campfire, Frank Demers conducted a songfest and played his guitar. The next morning (Sunday), amidst groans and sighs, 21 people were rudely awoken and left the campground at 7:00 a.m. After a slight delay, because the assistant leader forgot to fill up his car with gas, we finally took off for Fox Mountain at 8:30 a.m. Again, it was a beautiful day and not too hot. All 21 made the peak Laura Jones and her father officially celebrated their 100th and 200th peak. All arrived back at the cars about 1:30 p.m. Several die-hards split to see if they could capture Cuyama Peak and Reyes Peak on the way home. The balance took off for an early arrival home.

AL CAMPBELL

BARE MTN.

December 5, 1970

Leader: W.R.C. SHEDENHELM

Bare is usually done as an easy up-and-down the firebreak hike, so we scouted it as a longer approach along a many-humped 6000' ridge which serpentines to Bare from Alder Saddle to the south. A firebreak and useage trail climb northwest from the Saddle to Peak 6178' at the south end of the ridge. This was scheduled as a write-for-instructions hike, and only one member did; two guests gave us a easily manageable party of four. Due to icy and muddy roads from Hillyer Trail road on, due to heavy rains the week-end before, we took only the 4WD Dodge Power Wagon to Alder. This negated a carshuttleback from Pinyon Flats for the leader, who walked up the muddy Little Rock Creek road to fetch the Power Wagon to retrieve the walking wounded back down at Pinyon Flats.

Lesson: Don't plan dirt road trips during the rainy season without enough 4WD vehicles to carry everyone in and out.

W.R.C. SHEDENHELM

A minor error of a few miles in final directions didn't discourage most people as a total of 21 still showed up for the two day strenuous backpack over trailless, rock and cactus infested route. A lot of things has already been said and written about Rabbit Pk. in previous write-ups and in spite of what you heard or read, most of it is probably true.

Whatever you read or hear, don't underestimate this trip as it is definitely not a leisurely Sunday type of a stroll. The first day isn't too bad, if you don't mind gaining approximately 4500' in about 6 miles with a 35-45 lb. pack depending on how much you brought along besides the minimum water requirement.

Sunday, or the second day, is a long one as you are up early ready to leave at the crack of dawn. We camped at 5400' just short of Villager on the East, so we made Villager in about 20 minutes and as we stood on Villager, waiting for everyone to sign the register, I heard one fellow remark: "Oh! there's Rabbit right over there, we ought to be back to camp in a couple of hours." Well, instead of the 2 hours, it was 4 hours as we were back to our camp at about 1:00 p.m. and after waiting for the rear of the group to catch up we finally departed down the long, rock and cactus infested ridge about 1:40 which I figured would put us at the cars just before dark, if we kept moving.

The main group did arrive just before dark and about another hour saw the last 3 people off the ridge and across the wash to the cars. Thanks to a very bright moon, which came up early, we didn't have much trouble telling the general direction to go and dodging (most) of the cactus.

The recent rains had packed the sand down pretty good so we had no serious problems with people getting stuck. One fellow tried backing over a large rock, but fortunately with a lot of help we pushed it off.

I especially want to thank Dick Ramirez, Ron Barnes and Roy Ching who brought up the rear as Ass't. Leaders and to the fellows who waited at the parking area for an extra hour until everyone was out. We were fortunate to have almost ideal weather for the trip and the night camp on Villager was really beautiful. The disadvantage of doing this trip at this time of the year, when the weather is usually more suitable, is that the daylight hours are at a minimum and you have to keep moving at a fair pace in order to get out before dark.

KEN FERRELL

ATTENTION: WARNING

Vandalism at the roadhead is becoming more prevalent with each passing trip. Each month the Sierra Peak Section Echo lists at least one trip in which the cars have been vandalized during the absence of the climbers. On overnight trips, particularly, do not leave binoculars, cameras, stuff bags, clothing, etc. in plain view when you leave the car. The sight of these objects inviting and a remote roadhead allows much time for the thief to select the most valuable items. Eventually we might have to designate 2 leaders, a car guard, a camp guard—all carrying weapons. Where are we heading? Can't we even relax in the wilderness? Not too long ago anything was safe at campsite, but (quoth the raven) "Nevermore".

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