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CELARIUS EXPECTS MOUNTAINEERING TO BE REINSTATED!

A SIERRA CLUB ONCE AGAIN?

TASK FORCE MEMBER/ MTC CHAIR JOHN CHESLICK WARNS
DON'T CELEBRATE YET—THERE ARE STILL TOO MANY IF'S/ AND'S/ MAYBE'S
SO PLEASE PLEASE SEND IN THAT LAST LETTER TO THE BOD NOW—THIS ONE'S GOING TO THE WIRE

HIKING SHORTS

Good Food! Eat here!

Saturday May 6 is the day of the First Annual HPS Chili Cook-off and Salsa Contest to be held at the Ferndale Area of Griffith Park. Other Mexican dishes will be available for sale. Contestants for prizes should plan to arrive earlier than the starting time of 11:00AM and bring a portable stove for their own use—since no other means of cooking will be available. Bring an appetite for a party! This is an HPS fundraiser so donations are requested. For more info call: Betty Snow 213/222–9258, or Joe Young 213/822–9676, or Louis Quirarte 818/998–2811.

Whadayamean, this is all we get?

By way of explanation for this drastically reduced issue. The primary cause is not that there isn't any news, it's just that (1) very few bothered to send any in, and (2) this month, your Editor just can't go out and do the usual number of things necessary to get compliance from all of you and still keep his sanity at even its present level. Therefore your Editor has chosen to do what had been previously unthinkable: follow through with the deadline as printed on the back of every issue. What you see is representative of what has been on hand at every previous deadline.

So please, dear HPS, help make your Editor's remaining days on this job easier and possibly make it more attractive for the next Editor (due next January), who hopefully is out there and who hasn't believed any of the above.

Hike Announcements

Our Chapter Chair announces that on September 3, Mount Williamson (8214 ft) will be led in celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act (signed by President Johnson in 1964). Bob adds that the Act is still our only tool to provide permanent protection for our best federal wild lands. This scenic, moderately paced hike (1600 ft of gain, 5 miles rt) will take you through conifer forest into the Pleasant View roadless area. Meet at 8:30 AM at the La Cañada carpool point with lunch, lug soles, and water. Leader: Bob Kanne, Assistant: Jon Sheldon.

Nature Knowledge

Sandy Liebman advises that another Science Section Workshop is in the works for May 19–20 at a camp near Barton Flats in the San Bernardinos. Professional naturalists will guide small groups through diverse habitats. Emphasis is on "hands on" learning activities, particularly at evening nature labs. \$70 includes six meals, lodging and instruction. Send two large SASE to Sandy at 23457 Styles Street, Woodland Hills, CA 91367.

NATIONAL ELECTION RESULTS

/ JIM DOUGHERTY	39,372
✓ VIVIAN LI	32,124
SANDY TEPFER	31,999
ROY HENGERSON	28,278
/ JONI BOSH	26,764
MAY STRONG	21,383
PHIL BERRY	19,875
JUDY ANDERSON	18,771
CALFRENCH	17,006
RONMAYHEW	15,584
MICHAEL GARABEDIAN	15,181
BARBARA REBER	12,871
BRUCE KNUDTSON	11,301
R.J. SECOR	6,841

There were approximately 99,117 votes cast or 19.8% of Club membership. If we may assume that climbing oriented members voted for GROPE candidates (Reber, Knudtson and Secor) at the same rate as everyone else, that would yield a figure of 54,000. If we accept the just released Task Force estimate of 2,700 members active in mountaineering then we voted completely outside of all normal voting patterns which seems rather unlikely. So there is a constituency out there-we just have to spread the word. Given the Club imposed limits on campaigning, and the rather disultory (if any) mention of the Insurance crisis by all other Sierra Club publications it is likely that a lot of people just never were informed. OK, so nobody said it was going to be easy. We've learned a lot and just wait till next year.

Groucho, Harpo and Topo

Chair Tom Armbruster reports that now HPS members can buy all the topos we want by taking part in the One-Time Only HPS Colossal Map Purchase! By placing a big order, we'll get a whopping 50% discount from the USGS! So quick, send in your order to Tom at: 148 Lemon Grove, Irvine, CA 92720. Please give the official name (and note whether it is a 7.5 or 15 min topo) for each map that you want. In addition to the \$1.25 per map please consider including a small donation to the HPS. Make your check out to the HPS. You can also get any other special USGS map that you might want at half price. Orders may be picked up at our monthly meetings, or by arrangement with Tom at his home, or they will be mailed if you include a huge SASE stamped with 30 cents per map ordered. Make sure that Tom gets your order by June 30. We expect to have the maps available by August 12

Chapter Nominations

The Nominating Committee for this Fall's ExComm elections will be chaired by Betsy Reifsnider, other members are Rob Roy McDonald, Evelyn Levine, Ken Croker, Mary Anne Keeve, Daphne Elliot, R.J. Secor, Steve Kaufman and Rita Lacombe. At least three and possibly five of the incumbents will not be running.

Betsy encourages imput into the nominating process, write her at: 5246 Coringa Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90042

Mountaineers Roll Call

Bob Kanne reported that the Insurance Task Force met on March 11–12 for the last time before the May BOD meeting. A survey conducted of all 57 Chapters showed the following results:

Only 15 Chapters will have to curtail their activities due to the insurance restrictions.

The total number of participants affected by the restriction is 2,600 nationwide—of which 1,740 reside in the Angeles Chapter.

There were a total of 18,000 "participant days" nationwide during 1988, of which the Angeles Chapter accounted for 9,000.

Bruce Knudtson wants to use waivers to reduce insurance costs. The possibility of a separate organization for Outings still exists.

Beau Jeste?

The Sierra Club apparently believes that the message the Board of Supervisors is sending to Washington is that LA doesn't care about parklands. Therefore we will file suit against Los Angeles County. This time to overturn the approval of Zoning Code 86–010–(5), (the pivotal vote to finally sell the old Renaissance Pleasure Faire Site in Agoura to the developers), but with costs not to exceed \$5,000.

Desert Map

A recreational guide and map to the East Mojave National Scenic Area is available from the Angeles Chapter office for \$3.00 plus postage and handling.

Numbers

David Eisenberg reports that he has computed the total elevation for all 270 HPS Peaks as being a mighty 1,876,220 feet whereas the total gain for all of these happy peaks is only 424,390 feet. Based on this, your Editor estimates that when Dick Akawie completed the List for the Sixth time he had completed 2,546,340 feet of gain.

I hope nobody thinks I need filler material.

FEATURES



THE REGISTER BOX

By Jim Adler

REGISTERS NEEDED:

Nicolls Peak/ 2C: deficient Mayan Peak/ 21: missing McKinley Mtn/6F: missing Alamo Mtn/7G: missing McDonald Peak / 7H: missing Sewart Mtn/71: missing Round Top/ 10H: missing Josephine Peak/ 11A: decrepit Barley Flats / 11D: decrepit Vetter Mtn/ 11F: missing Winston Peak/ 13A: missing Kratka Ridge/ 14K: missing San Sevaine / 17H: decrepit Delamar Mtn/ 21E: decrepit Bertha Peak/ 21G: missing Onyx Peak#1/ 23G: missing Birch Mtn/ 25B: half-missing Cedar Mtn/ 25C: decrepit Lily Rock/ 28A: missing Tahquitz Peak/ 28B: missing Stonewall Peak/ 32F: missing

If you are climbing any of the above peaks, please consider bringing a new Register Can and book. If you discover a peak which needs a new Register Can, please let me know by mail addressed to Jim Adler, 10726 Woodbine Street #3, Los Angeles, CA 90034, or phone 213/838–0524.

Also, please advise me if you have replaced any of the missing or deficient Registers or discover that any of the above reports are erroneous or out of date. Since register books and pencils are so easy to carry all the time, peaks where only books or pencils are needed will not be listed.

- ★ Tom Armbruster reported that the Josephine Peak (11A) Register can is decrepit and should be replaced.
- ★ Charles Knapke has continued his industry, and reports replacing a can on Antimony Peak (4D) as well as the Register on Silver Peak(21I) —once again.
- ★ Minor White reports that the the Register can on Rattlesnake Mtn (20C) previously reported as missing is actually located atop a large class 2 rock, which is much easier to spot going out, rather than the higher looking class 3 rock to the south.
- ★ Micky Thayer reports that Santa Cruz Peak (6G) has been freshly brushed by Carlton Shay, that San Rafael Mtn (6H) has a new Register and its trail also has been nicely restored. She adds that Happy Cyn Road is now hardtop almost all the way and is in excellent shape.

MONEY

By Mike Sandford

X	BALANCE:	Savings	Checking	Cash	Total					
į	2/28/89 \$	2078.63	\$1181.19	\$131.75	\$3391.57					
	RECEIPTS									
3	Inv. Sales	0.00	61.75	68.00	0.00					
į	Members	0.00	160.00	7.00	0.00					
į	Donations	0.00	0.00	8.57	0.00					
į	Peak Guides	0.00	221.05	27.25	0.00					
	Interest	25.78	0.00	0.00	0.00					
į	TOTAL	25.78	442.80	110.82	579.40					
	DISBURSEMENTS:									
Š	Office Suppl	ies 0.00	0.00	60.70	0.00					
3	Postage	0.00	0.00	56.25	0.00					
1	Refreshmen	ts 0.00	40.00	0.00	0.00					
į	Bank Charge	es 0.00	6.80	0.00	0.00					
į	Printing	0.00	742.48	0.00	0.00					
3	TOTAL	0.00	8.00	0.00	0.00					
		0.00	789.28	116.95	906.23					
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-	3/31/89 \$3									

CONCRATULATIONS



100 PEAKS EMBLEM
David Eisenberg Owens Peak 10/15/88794

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jorg Angehm Mary Ellen Boutin Southern C. Cortney Russell Glavis Gabrielle Rau

HPS SOCIAL MEETINGS

PROGRAMS:

May 11
"Overpopulation—
the Root of the Problem"
By Michael Beck

June 8
"Mount McKinley
via the West Buttress"
By Burton A. Falk

July 13 To Be Announced

MEET SECOND THURSDAYS AT 7:30PM GRIFFITH PARK RANGER STATION 4730 CRYSTAL SPRINGS DRIVE Refreshments Served

MEMORANDUM



From: Richard Cellarius, President

Subject: Clarification of

Mountaineering Insurance Restrictions

My Urgent Notice of September 29, 1988, informed you that because of new insurance restrictions, the Sierra Club may no longer conduct rock-climbing and mountaineering activities or training that can be expected to involve the use of ropes, ice axes, or technical climbing hardware.

Many leaders and other members have expressed concern that trip safety can be compromised if these restrictions must be interpreted to prohibit trip leaders from having ropes and ice axes available for use if required for the safety of an outing.

Please be assured that we do not intend to compromise safety in any manner. Accordingly, the restriction stated in my September 29th Notice is hereby amplified as follows:

THE FOLLOWING ARE PROHIBITED:

All climbs, hikes, expeditions, instruction courses, schools and similar training that involve in any manner the use of ropes, ice axes, or any form of climbing hardware.

However, ropes and ice axes MAY be carried BY THE LEADER AND ASSISTANT LEADER ONLY to ensure the safety of an outing on unexpected situations; examples are stream crossings and rescues. Ropes and ice axes may NOT be used as climbing aids or on any outing where their use is recommended by the opinion of experienced local climbers and leaders; the insurance restrictions require that such outings NOT be conducted by the Sierra Club.

I trust that this clarification will eliminate any possible doubt or confusion on the part of our leaders.

In addition, the Mountaineering Program/ Insurance Review Task Force is hard at work to determine if there are ways that any or all of the prohibited activities may again be conducted. They are still trying for a final report in time for Board Review in May 1989.

VIEWS

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT TO THE SIERRA CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS



The Sierra Club is moving forward in many ways, ways that know no boundaries, as our recently completed Annual Report suggests. I want to report briefly on a few recent news items, and then reflect on four events of the past few days here in the nation's capital.

First, we are in sound financial shape

and the budget is on track.

Second, the Mountaineering Insurance Review Task Force has completed its deliberations and is preparing its report and recommendations for circulation.

I believe acceptance of their recommendations will have a high probability of returning mountaineering and mountaineering training to Sierra Club outings schedules.

In the meantime, thanks to the Task Force, I have been able to revise the current restrictions to allow trip leaders to carry ropes and ice axes for safety purposes, an issue of major concern to many leaders who were not dealing with mountaineering-type activities on their trips.

I need to reiterate, however, that the restrictions on mountaineering activities continue until the Board acts on the Task

Force's report in May.

Third, you should know that the Sierra Club is not universally admired as an environmentally extreme organization, as we are sometimes accused of being. In the past few months, I have been personally lobbied that Sierra Club policies and actions are not doing enough for the ancient forests of the Pacific Northwest, despite the dedicated work of volunteers and staff. In addition, I just learned that two of our senior northwest volunteers were extensively and emotionally "lectured" by a northwest Congressman about their not caring for jobs and children instead of trees. I wonder, however, if there will still be jobs and children in the Northwest when all of the trees are gone.

Finally, I'd like to reflect on events of the last few days. The job of the Sierra Club President is not always just hearing about and hopefully, making possible our environmental efforts. We meet in Washington D.C. each year to make it possible for each of [sic] to do a little lobbying first hand ourselves. For example, Thursday I had the opportunity to join with other vol-

unteer activists and staff in two meetings with members of Congress in their offices. The first discussed the spotted owl—old growth ecosystem protection issue, and the second discussed legislation to make perfectly clear that NEPA applies to foreign operations of the Federal government, not just domestic operations.

The meetings were satisfying because we weren't just talking about position, but legislative strategy—something our volunteer/staff lobbying teams are well

versed in

Then Thursday evening, we had another successful SSCOPE reception for members of Congress. One measure of its success is the large number of Senators and Representatives who personally came to receive our thanks and who thanked us for our support. Another is the fact that for most of the 2–3 hour duration of the reception, the room was so crowded you could only move from one end of the room to the other by a random walk, body-to-body collision process.

Yesterday afternoon, Michael Fischer, Sally Reid, and I attended the dedication ceremony of the National Wildlife Federation's and Resources for the Future's new "Taj Mahal" on 16th Street. There were the usual speeches, including one from Bill Reilly, new EPA Administrator standing in for President Bush, and a ribbon

cutting or two.

I couldn't help but contrast that event with our own open house at our new offices later in the day. We had another crowd, volunteer activists, lobbyists and representatives from other organizations, Congressional staff, etc., all doing what we do best, talking about saving the Earth. It was perfectly clear where the real action was.

In closing, on behalf of the Board, I thank David Gardiner, Mike McCloskey, Doug Scott, and particularly, Annette Henkin, for a job well done in locating, renovating, and getting us moved in successfully. The new digs on Stanton Park are clearly functioning well as the Washington headquarters of the Sierra Club. And I'm sure they will make possible even more effective lobbying by our volunteer activists and dedicated staff.

-Richard Cellarius

CONSERVATION

By Wynne Benti

→ John Muir Day legislation, making "April 21 a memorial day in California", has been introduced as AB 476 by Assemblyman John Campbell.

Write to your Assembly representative and State Senator calling for support and urging them to co-sponsor the legislation.

- **>> Wetlands** Sub-committee has been formed by the Clean Waters Task Force with Chair Patricia McPherson. The most urgent goal is to increase acreage of the protected Ballona Wetlands.
- >> New Park Bond proposal: "The California Wildlife, Park, Recreation, Coastal and Museum Bond Act of 1990" has been introduced by Assembly Member Jim Costa. It would provide funding for grants to cities, counties and special districts for local parks and recreation projects, money for acquisition and development of state parks, etc. The Sierra Club supports the measure and urges funding be included for the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, and that a portion of the funds go to the Wildlife Conservation Board for habitat protection of endangered species.

For a copy of AB 145, send an SASE to: Bill Room, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814

- again postpones listing the tortoise as a threatened species. BLM director Ed Hastey overruled recommendations made by field experts who cited a 30–70% decrease in the tortoise numbers over the last seven years.

 Write in support of state protection for the California desert tortoise: Harold Cribbs, Executive Secretary, California Fish & Game Commission, 1416 Ninth Street, P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244
- Paire: March 1, Los Angeles
 County Board of Supervisors, upzoned and increased value of the
 Paramount Ranch property (site of
 the Renaissance Faire) making
 purchase of the property for the
 SMMNRA impossible. The property
 was zoned for 103 houses, a

FROM THE CHAIR

By Tom Armbruster



The smoke was barely clearing as I came upon the smash-up on Laguna Canyon Road. One man lay gurgling through a grotesquely

disfigured face. Another man, trapped in a car, breathed softly. Despite my first aid efforts, both men died. It was a three car accident with three drunk drivers.

I traveled on to meet a friend, and we drove to his Idyllwild cabin. An evening of friendship couldn't get the bloody sight off my mind.

It wasn't until we were halfway up Asbestos the next day that I got my mind off the wreck for an extended period. Life surrounded me, animals and plants surviving in the odd high-desert terrain. Half-way up Asbestos, the gift from the Mountain wiped death from my thoughts.

The Sierra Club's leadership training had helped me serve at the accident scene. Now the HPS Peak List brought me back to life's happiness. Thanks people, for keeping up this hobby of ours.

developer asked for 159 and he received 150. The Faire is moving to San Bernardino.

- Studying toxicity levels to determine if this landfill is unsafe and should be closed. Lopez is the depository for more than 7,000 tons per day of household trash and garbage produced in Los Angeles.
- ➤ Sierra Club sues NEA to block the construction of a cultural center in the Sepulveda Basin, charging that the Army Corps of Engineers did not comply with the National Environmental Policy Act.
- Duekmejian's record: In 1988 the California legislature approved a record number of pro-environment bills, but the Governor vetoed more than 60% of those bills.
- >→ Boycott Exxon!

ADVANCE NOTICE



HPS TRIPS: JULY-OCTOBER 1989

Compiled by Dick Akawie

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Jul	09	Shields, Anderson, San Bernardino E, San Bernardino:
Jul	00	J. Young/ Thompson
	15	Twin Peaks, Waterman: Armbruster/ O'Sullivan
	19	Waterman: Sutherland/ Goldberg
	22	Hillyer Peak-nick: Snow/ Quirarte
	22	San Antonio: Waxman/ Kline
	29	Shields, Anderson, San Bernardino E, San Bernardino:
		Sheldon/ Feldon
	30	San Gorgonio, Jepson, Dobbs: Riley/Urquidi
Aug	05	Sugarloaf, Hearthar: Akawie / Goodykoontz
	05-06	Anderson, San Bernardino, San Bernardino E, Shields,
		Charlton, more: Jones/ Brecheen
	12-13	Beat the Heat Backpack: Thompson/ S. Brown
	12-13	Castle Rocks, Folly, San Jacinto, Jean, Marion:
		Knapke/ Kline
	19	Throop: Winter/ O'Sullivan
	19-20	Lily Rock, Tahquitz, Red Tahquitz, Southwell:
		Brecheen/ Jones
	19-20	Cannell, Sirretta, Lightner: Martin/Lindberg
	20	Islip: R.L.Dobos/ Eisenberg
	27	Pacifico, Granite, Roundtop: Lum/ O'Sullivan
Sep	09	San Gorgonio: Martin/ Fickle
	10	Throop, Burnham: F.Dobos/ R.L.Dobos
	16	Smith: Winter/ O'Sullivan
	16	Tehachapi, Double: Goodykoontz/ Akawie
	16	Waterman: N.Brown/ S.Brown
	20	Waterman: M.Brown/ Cordell
	23	Tahquitz, Red Tahquitz, Southwell: Young/ Zoschke
	23	Castle Rocks, Black#1: Cahill/ Sheldon
	23–24	Kitching, Galena: Brecheen/ Jones
	23-24	Black#5, Split, Sunday, Bohna: Martin/ Shay
	30	Snow: Knapke/ Kline
Oct	01	Three Sisters: Knapke/ Kline
	04	Baden-Powell: Lindberg/ Wheatley
	07	San Antonio: Kline/ Goodykoontz
	07	Sunset: Young/ O'Sullivan
	07	Lookout#2: S.Brown/ Thompson
	14	Pacifico: Thompson/ J. Young
	14	Barley Flats, Lawlor, Strawberry: L.Martin/Lindberg
	14-15	Pilot Knob, Pinyon: Coles/ Goodykoontz
	15	Pacifico: Waxman/ Beuermann
	18	San Gabriel, Disappointment, Deception:
	24 22	Sutherland/ Goldberg Pinyon Soudio Pinto LO Sorolly E Dobas / Wheeler
	21-22 21-22	Pinyon, Scodie, Piute LO, Sorell: F.Dobos/ Wheeler Queen, Quail: White/ Waxman
	21-22	
	21-22	Split, Black, Sunday, Bohna, Cannell: Kline/ Goodykoontz
	28	Smith, Burro: Lindberg/ Trager
	28-29	Heald, Nicolls, Onyx#2: Martin/ Shay
	29	White#1: Young/ Kline
	20	SEE: ANGELES CHAPTER SCHEDULE NUMBER 251 FOR FURTHER DETAILS
		DEEL ANGELES OF A TEN SOFIED SEE NOWDER 201 FOR FURTHER DETAILS

Lion Peak, Pine Mtn#2, Pyramid Peak, Butterfly Peak and Rock Pt 1/14-15/89 Leaders: Bob Henderson, John Cheslick

By Bob Henderson

These desert divide peaks overlook the Palm Springs-Indio Valley and lie just north of Hwy 74. Five of us met at Mountain Center at 8:00AM on a cold morning. After driving to the roadhead, we took an hour to gain the ridge and the Pacific Crest Trail.Although the south side of the ridge was clear of snow, the trail itself had a few inches of crusty stuff on it for most of the 21/2 mile route to Lion. There was lots of soft snow on Lion, at the far end of the ridge, but no wind and with the day warming up, we had high hopes and lingered awhile. Returning, the wind on Pine and Pyramid made our stay very short.

With our small group, we could easily switch chores like finding the many ducks needed to pursue the route up Pine. Many thanks to Bill Kluvin for a fine routefinding effort. Gisela Kluvin won the honors for the shortest time on the peak and led the ensuing charge up Pyramid. Returning through the heavier than expected snow along the PCT, everyone decided with wet feet, and a glance up the trail to Palm View to skip it for a good warm meal in in a warm restaurant in Idyllwild. But avoid pot roast at the Breadbasket, says

Hoda Shalaby.

Four joined us for the next day: Anne and Dave Murray, Dave Jensen, and Diane Rosentreter. We had a fine hike up to Butterfly Peak-assisted by Dave's newer Peak Guide. The route is well ducked and fairly clear. Coming back, John explored both mines, discovering that the ice-walled shaft we passed connected with the upper mine which had several small bats sleeping in it.

Rock Point finished off a fine weekend, with the chips and Diane's cookies (skipped the night before) waiting for us back at the cars, John, Hoda and I drove back over Thomas, definitely a four-wheel (or truck) effort through the snow.

Hildreth Peak and Rock Pt 3/11/89 Leaders: Alan Coles, **Martin Feather**

By Alan Coles

This trip was originally scheduled for February 4, but wet weather forced its postponement. Thirteen people met at the hot springs at 7:30AM for a long hard hike. The weather was just about perfect with a slightly cool breeze and some high clouds to help block out the sun. We started up Agua Caliente Canyon soon thereafter and found the trail to be in quite good condition. In about an hour we were at the trail camp with the shoebox privy. We took a brief break there among the still germinating wildflowers.

After munching some food, we took off up the canyon to the serpentine ridge that serves as the traditional way to connect Hildredth Truck Trail. The colors of the rock along this ridge are an unusual combination of blue-gray and orange formations that seem to even affect the colors of the plants growing on them. We had to clip some of the overgrown chamise and ceanothus on the remaining section of the ridge where it connects with the main ridge that the road follows.

Once on the road, the walking was easy due to the soft soil churned up by the road grader some months ago. But once the road became steep, the sun came out just long enough to really make us sweat. The last steep hills took their toll on the weary hikers as the last ones struggled to the

summit around 12:30 PM.

We enjoyed the fine view from the top after discovering that we were the first ones on top this year. Some distant potreros were just turning their vibrant green colors and some faint snow could still be seen on the high summits of Madulce and Big Pine, Some low clouds encompassed Little Pine Mountain with just the tops of sugarpines and spruce piercing through.

After enjoying this view for 3/4 hour, we retraced our steps back down -- passing an alternative route I had considered but soon gave up because of the heavy brush along the ridge. The soft road made it easy to descend, then back on the ridge we took a slower pace on the steep and rocky portions. Once back in the canyon, our legs went on overdrive; we arrived back at the hot springs around 5:00PM where we took immediate relief in the soothing waters.

Thanks to all participants, Austin and Betty Stirrat, Charlie Knapke, Dick Farrar, Christy Bird, Janet Phun, Bob Beach, Greg Gerlad, Hoda Shalaby, Asher Waxman, Jim Fujimoto and to Martin for helping lead this trip.

Mt Emma, Old Emma and Cole Pt 3/11/89 Leaders: Luella Martin, **Gordon Lindberg**

By Luella Martin

"Fasten your Seatbelt", or "The Battle of Old Emma." At 0700 hours thirteen assembled for a routine patrol of Mount Emma, Point 5063, and Cole Point on the Pacifico 7.5 min quad (1959). In this report, Point 5063 will be referred to by it's

climber's name "Old Emma". Gordon Lindberg was assistant squad leader, he took rear guard duty. I was the squad leader for the day. We convoyed to the base of Mt Emma, then started up what I felt was a reasonable pace. One female recruit was feeling ill, so after a quarter mile, she was sent back to guard the transport vehicles. We signed in on Mount Emma and continued down a jeep trail toward Old Emma. Semi-automatic weapon fire reverberated across the countryside. It sounded like the soundtrack of Rambo. On reaching Old Emma, I found that the easiest route back to the cars was blocked by unknown target practice. Dick Akawie suggested that Wally Henry lead a patrol across country from near the summit of Old Emma back to the road near our cars. Larry Hoak said he would rather do this than walk on the road. The only problem was there was only a low ridge between us and the semiautomatic gunfire, any feeling of safety, was shattered when Erich Fickle pointed out that a misfire could go over the ridge. He proved this when he found a spent bullet lodged in the deer trail we were following. Side-hilling got tiresome. Shirley Akawie suggested that we tie her red bandana to a hiking staff and march out through the war zone. Another suggested that we are allowed to loose 10%. I attempted to bring them all back alive, so I continued to side-hill. We finally reached a point where there were two ridges between us and the DMZ so we cut down to the Mount Emma road and walked back to

The female recruit was missing. After a short food break, I organized a search party. The Akawie's had to leave to go baby sit their grandchild. So they agreed to drive down toward N-3 to see if she was just beyond the ridge toward the highway. I sent Robert Wyka and Richard Ferwell back toward the war zone in a car. Larry Hoak, Wayne Norman, Erich Fickle, and myself retraced our steps looking for a body. We called her name but didn't remember to use a whistle. We got beyond where she had asked to go back and had not located her. Larry Hoak volunteered to run up Emma to see if she got better and decided to solo climb it. I had just decidedthat what we needed to do was to use a whistle—and she was found. She had been just above the cars resting under a tree and waiting for us. She did not hear us calling out her name. Moral: use a whistle first in a lost person situation.

The battle of Old Emma and the search for the missing gal had left me tired. Our missing person, had ridden with Wayne Norman, so they signed out after we found her. That left nine for an afternoon patrol

of Cole Point. My pace had dropped to slow. Richard Ferwell, Robert Wyka, and Larry Hoak signed out to go at a more rapid pace. The faithful slow climbed Cole Point through tick infested brush in a 21/2 hour round trip according to Gordon Lind-

All were back at the cars by 1500 hours. My thanks to Dick Akawie for his historical route information, to Erich Fickle for having a whistle, and to the other members of the search party. I am always grateful to Gordon for his assisting and for not complaining when I led him through the brush—he was the only one in shorts.

K2 and J2 4/1/89 Leaders: Jim Adler, Evan Samuels

By Jim Adler

HPS CONQUERS K2!!! The 1989 HPS K2 Expedition met at 8:00AM at the highway junction, and after waiting a reasonable amount of time for no shows commenced the vehicular portion of the trek. After certain would-be expedition members dropped out, apparently unaware of just how far K2 was from Orange County, and others failed to join the expedition, the climbing team numbered six. The team included assistant leader, Evan Samuels, Luella Martin, Erich Fickle, Karen Leonard, Kathy Price and myself.

Attempts to contact the local warlord in order to obtain passage through the "Locked Gate" proved fruitless and it was necessary to proceed on foot from this point forward. Due to certain labor strife conditions (or perhaps it was a local religious holiday, our sources were unclear), Sherpas were unavailable and we elected to reduce our gear requirements by leaving all our ropes, crampons, ice axes, oxygen, helmets, ice screws, ascenders, pitons, etc.

at home.

As we prepared to commence our assault on the peak I was concerned that the heavy winds would become worse as we reached higher elevations and that we might encounter the same fierce winds that had forced abandonment of Kathy's and my prior K2 attempt. After consultation with K2 veterans Luella Martin and Evan Samuels, a consensus was reached to abandon the original plan to ascend via the challenging" Large Boulder Ridge" route and to both ascend and descend by the famous, "Character Building Scree Slope" route, as this appeared to be less exposed.

The ascent up the road and scree slope proceeded without incident and on schedule. All six expedition members reached the summit. On the summit, the successful ascent was celebrated with a champagne brunch featuring bagels and cream cheese. Conveniently when we reached the summit the wind died down and the sky was sunny. After brunch, the team then descended back down the scree slope but took a nice route down a side ridge back to the road and the "Locked Gate."

Savoring our success, most of the team then drove up the road and conquered

mighty J2 in short order.

Many thanks to all the team members for their dedication, perseverance and determination to reach the summit regardless of obfuscation, distance, and the risk of inebriation. 🛎 U2?

Martinez Mtn. Sheep Mtn. Asbestos Mtn and Santa Rosa Mtn 3/25-26/89 Leaders: David Eisenberg, **Luella Martin**

By David Eisenberg

Saturday, eleven of us who foolishly believed the US Weather Service prediction of "No rain" backpacked 3 miles, 400 feet of gain with 800 feet of loss to Horsethief Creek. David Jensen made our day by taking his truck (and our packs) and out packs to the trailhead making the backpack part of the trip only 2 miles. We took about 1/2 hour to purify water, load our day packs, and set up camp. We then dayhiked to Martinez where we had lunch. We took an alternate route up the ridge. The alternate route for Martinez was a vast improvement. Not only does it avoid the steep gully ascent, (we saw just how bad it was when we came down) but it avoids most of the difficulty with navigation. The time is equivalent. It took us five hours to the summit from the trailhead—contrasted with the 5-6 hours predicted with the standard route. Not counting the 1/2 hour at the campsite, this route adds 1/2 mile to to the route making a total of 8 1/2 miles: CLIMBING INSTRUCTIONS

(Alternate Route) From the Cactus Springs Trail approximately 2 miles to the saddle labeled BM 5168 on the Martinez Topo. Go up the ridge to your left to summit of Martinez. Go around obstacles to the right.

From Martinez, we descended a steep gully with the intention of traversing to Sheep. Unfortunately, it began to rain, and we were forced to return to camp since Sheep was fogged in. Two participants "forgot" their tents and returned to their cars along with another who "wanted more peaks"

Sunday, the rain finally stopped leaving us with a beautiful sunrise and clear sky. After 12 hours in wet tents, we got an early start and we were back at the cars by 8:00AM.

Participants on Martinez also included Bob Field, Al Craun, Mickey Sharpsteen, Roger Linfield, Georgina Burns, Sylvia Sur, and Ray Wolfe.

Four hardy souls remained to do Asbestos Mountain. We took an hour to warm up and dry off, and then polished off Asbestos before lunch. The sky was clear allowing good views of Rabbit, Palm Springs, San Jacinto and others. Erich Fickle joined David, Georgina, Luella and myself for the peak.

Santa Rosa was unobtainable on account of the recent snowfall covering the

peak so we got an early start home.

TRAIL UPDATES Ranger Peak

2/18/89 By Luella Martin

Grand opening of the Fickle/ Martin manway (ladies welcome) up Ranger Peak for those who believe the "No trespassing" signs on the approved route. Find a large turnout at the 5000 foot contour and Highway 243, 10.45 miles up Hwy 243 from the junction of Interstate 10 and San Gorgonio Street (Hwy 243) in Banning. Go up the open area toward a large pointed rock on the skyline. Toward the lift side of the upper end of this open area find a brushed out swath two feet wide. This is brushed out until the summit of Ranger comes into view in a second large brushed out area. Find two ducks. The F/M manway then follows up an old fuelbreak which goes up the ridge to the summit. We did not do major brushing on this ridge, but if you lose the fuelbreak look for a break in the brush usually to the left side of the ridge—going uphill. Approximately 1/2 mile one-way, with 680 feet of gain.

Lookout Mtn#1 2/20/89

By Luella Martin

Improvement of the Lookout #1 route. Take the PCT south from the parking lot located approximately one mile south of the junction of Highways 371 and 74. Cross Hwy 74 and find a gate, follow the PCT south over the ridge leading north from the summit of Lookout Mountain. Continue south on the PCT from this ridge for about one third mile until the summit of Lookout again comes into view to the southeast. Start looking for a ducked fuelbreak-approximately one tenth of a mile from where one can again see the summit of Lookout. Follow a series of fuelbreaks to the summit of Lookout. They are ducked at the junctions. The ducks are possibly the work of the San Diego HPS, as they have often signed-in on this peak. We did some brushing to make the route more visible and easier. The distance is approximately 1 mile from cars to the peak.

PEOPLE

Bike and Hike

By Bobcat Thompson

Proposing the BHPS. No, this doesn't stand for the "Be Happy Section". It is a proposed sub-committee of the Hundred Peaks Section—the "Bike and Hike a Peak Section". We have already tried this concept on such easy peaks as Samon, Madulce, Big Pine, West Big Pine, McKinley, San Rafael, Santa Cruz, Old Man, Monte Arido and other peaks with long dirt roads in their approaches. It works great, ad can turn a 2 or 3 day trudge into a nice day trip. How many of you out there have mountain bikes or have thought of getting one? This is a perfect marriage of two great aerobic activities—bicycling and peak bagging.

There would be one basic rule—no biking on trails; only on paved or direct roads. We want to protect our trails from any erosion and don't want to make hikers angry with us. We already have to try to live down the bad reputation a few outlaw hot-doggers have given the sport. We already have three HPS members who are rated leaders to lead Bike and Hike trips. Are there many members who would par-

ticipate in such trips?

Please write to Bob Thompson with your comments, ideas of suggestions. I believe we could probably get a lot of new members who enjoy both biking and peak-bagging.

How to Spend a Whole Day Climbing Sheephead

By Carleton B. Shay

First, when I wanted to climb Sheephead on March 10, the road to Kitchen Valley was gated, so I hiked the 1.6 miles to the usual starting point. Then I proceeded down the jeep road to Kitchen Creek and hiked towards Kitchen Valley. As I was nearing the gate about one third of a mile from the turnoff, I was stopped by a man and a young girl on horseback and told politely but firmly to get off their property. This man was "fed up" with all of the trespassers on his property, the damage they had done, etc., etc. He said there was no way to approach Sheephead except over his property and it had to stop. There were "lots of other places to hike." He said he had erected "No Trespassing" signs on all the trails around (and they were certainly more in evidence now than since the last time I was there), and claimed he was going to erect more fences to emphasize the point. Of course he "had nothing against me personally" but there were just too many people on his property and it had to stop.

Surprisingly he told me of a southern approach from Buckman Springs and

Channing Meadow which would cross his property but that I was welcome to use for a limited time; after he moved some cattle up there that would be forbidden also.

He accompanied me up the trail to make sure I was leaving, which I did, and tried his southern approach which went well, but it was longer (3–4 miles) and very brushy above Channing Meadows. It took me about two hours each way, largely because of the brush.

Old timers will remember that Sheephead was regularly climbed from Channing Meadow after driving around from the north end of Sheephead from the Kitchen Valley Road. According to the rancher, he closed this road after the Forest Service tried to make it a designated ORV motorcycle trail ("I ripped out his sign and told him to get his ass off my property") and erosion did the rest.

Route: Drive east on Interstate 8 to Buckman Springs exit (about 3 miles east of the Sunshine Highway). Cross under the freeway and drive up a four wheel drive road to its driveable end at 3.3 miles—this is the curve next to point 4812, to the left of the word "horse" on the map. Hike up the road to Channing Meadow (fenced and signed) and head directly for the summit. There are ducks visible, but the route has not been maintained for years; the brush is not quite so bad just north of the line of ducks.

I got the impression that when cattle are not on the range, the rancher might tolerate trespassers; at any rate we shouldn't antagonize him more.

With a New Urge to Climb, City Folks Head for The Hills

By Eddie Ferlise

If you think of a rock climber only as an agile, outdoors person—a mountaineer as familiar with the mountains as a bighorn sheep—you are in for a surprise.

Today's rock climbers are often executives fleeing job stress, couples on an unusual date, parents taking rock-climbing courses with their teen-agers, families on vacation, or the physically limited meeting the challenge of the mountains. These are members of a new breed of students who enroll in the classes of Bruce Brossman, director of Yosemite Mountaineering School.

Advanced equipment has made rock climbing safer, and with greater safety—as with ski touring and backpacking—it has become more appealing and accessible to a wider range of participants.

The "real" pros have not abandoned these sports. They're still climbing, skiing and backpacking, and some of the best are instructors and guides at Yosemite's Mountaineering School. In addition to the basics offered by the school, Alan Roberts, Dave Bengston and Doug Nidever, among other instructors, emphasize survival skills—skills that can prevent injury or perhaps save lives.

Yosemite National Park is a rockclimber's paradise. Imposing rock peaks—El Capitan, Half Dome and Sentinal Rock—attract climbers throughout California and from around the world. It has now been discovered by the new

breed.

"Might as well do it right," said Bill Eyford, a Palm Springs paramedic who was enrolled in the five-day Alpencraft seminar. The course starts with the basics and progresses each day to more challenging climbs, culminating with a guided climb, often as high was 600 feet.

Randy, a stockbroker from the Bay area, enrolled for three days one summer and came back for the final two days (the summer snow climb and the guided climb) the next summer. Courses can be mixed and matched to the student's liking.

Rock-climbing students begin with bouldering, using smears (the foot twisted so the side of the shoe grips the rock surface) and hand holds and foot wedges in cracks. They learn to tie essential knots and belay their partners with ropes. (Belaying of a partner with ropes protects him should he fall). Rappelling, (descending cautiously by rope when there is no other way to get down) is fun and provides opportunity for exciting personal photographs.

Students are taught to tie into a harness with a figure-eight knot and how to use carabiners (aluminum fasteners, similar to safety pins), nuts (wedged into cracks), runners (webbed slings) and jumars (two metal rungs that slide up and down the rope). The climbs start short, 60 to 80 feet with free-style climbing on the face of Puppy Dome in Yosemite's Tuolumne Meadows area. A fall is of little concern here because climbers are tied to a rope from above. They soon learn to anchor themselves and to belay their partner.

Then they move to hand and foot jams in small cracks and body jams in chimneys. (A chimney climb can be up walls of two close rocks, walls of snow or walls of rock and snow.) Gymnastic skills help here. Students also learn to use runners as a staff ladder and jumars, when there are no cracks or no seemingly climbable rock surfaces.

After three days of rock climbing, Sonya, a city planner, took her fourth day in snow climbing, as did seven others. This is a popular course with hikers, because the dangers of snow and ice patches are not always apparent. Even in summer, hikers at high elevations frequently run into slippery patches of snow that can send the hiker downhill, out of control and crashing into rocks and trees. School director Brossman says several hikers at Yosemite have been seriously injured or died because they know how to stop themselves in a slide.

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A popular seven-day backpack in to high country is led by a naturalist who provides a mini-course is botany, pointing out flowers, trees and birds. Overnight camping is in High Sierra tent cabins, with meals privided at Tuolumne Meadows, Glen Aulin, May Lake, Sunrise, Merced Lake and Vogelsang High Sierra

For more information, write Yosemite Mountaineering School, Yosemite National Park, CA 95389 or telephone (209) 372-1244.

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Dear Editor,

With a friend, I climbed Rattlesnake Peak on March 5. We found that the brush along the main ridge is getting fearsome. I was on a scheduled trip five years ago and I don't remember this much brush. On a solo trip 12 years ago, the brush was only knee high. It was also interesting to note that the old Forest Service Register on the summit is now 25 years old. I enjoyed reading through it. This must be one of our unmolested peaks. I would advise future climbers or parties to carry - Ron Young clippers with them.

Dear Editor,

This is a reply to a letter I wrote two months ago to Jon King, Sierra Editor. He chose to reply March 30. I think it wrong that he witheld news on mountaineering problems when that was an issue in the last National Board of Directors election. I'll bet they don't withold the news of the Valdez Oil Spill or any environmental -Ron Jones news of that import.

Dear Ron Jones.

My apologies for the delay in responding to your letter regarding the images of mountineering that appear in Sierra, as well as our reticence in publishing the

new outings policy

To forego publishing climbing images and articles simply because folks cannot, for the time being, participate in this activity under the Club's aegis would be tantamount to claiming that simply because the Club can't do it, the sport doesn't exist. We will continue to cover and depict climbing and mountaineering as may seem appropriate, so that interested climbers (and would be climbers) can remain informed about the sport and elect

to participate in it on their own.

It's been my decision all along to keep mum on the insurance controversy until the matter is firmly decided, one way or the other, by the Club leadership. With a lead time of nearly eleven weeks between the time an issue is planned and the time it is mailed from the printer, it's not hard to see that anything we say (or quote others as saying) could well change dramatically by the time a member reads about it in our pages. Once the task force has made its report, and the Board has determined its position for the coming fiscal year, we'll let the membership know about it, Probably in the "Sierra Notes" department. In the meantime, Chapter and (I believe) Group newsletters are being provided with updates from National on the progress being made by the Task -Jonathan F. King Force.

Dear Editor,

I was very sorry to hear that Stan Icen passed away in January. I found this out at the HPS Banquet. In fact, his funeral was January 27th, the day of the Banquet.

Stan was known to many in the Sierra Club. He lived in South Pasadena. Stan was a peak bagger who completed the HPS List. He had also earned his DPS Emblem and was a member of the SPS.

I had the pleasure of meeting Stan at the January 1989 SPS meeting. We will all miss him -Patty Kline

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Mike Sandford 6/3: 6/24: Julie Rush

If your B'day is coming up let us know by 6/1/88

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By Betty Snow

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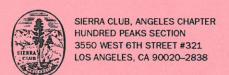
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