

# 100 PEAKS Lookout



"In my experience of about 500 peaks I find mountain climbing really the sport of kings; the real success and the peak comes by simply putting one foot in front of the other and always the second a little higher than the first."

Conrad Cain "Where The Cloud's Go"  
First Ascent Mt. Robson Aug. 1913

## CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

1. The Chairman is now hale and hearty and rushing around again leading trips in the Sierras and leading explorations for the HPS. But he is becoming a better politician because it is difficult to get anything from him in writing (no quotes!). He has promised me a full page of information for the next issue - inspiration, warnings, safety notes, new areas, old areas, voting reminders, etc. so we will let your editor (who will be in the Tetons when you read this) proceed to the

## EDITOR'S CORNER

1. Bernie Petijean's new position with a different employer necessarily has terminated his publisher's duties so Betty Dessert has kindly stepped in to fill his shoes. (If he remembers them, Betty, -you might be required to publish in tennis shoes!). Thanks, Bernie, for so many things - you, too, LU!
2. Leaders note: New entry permit requirement is now in effect. Estimate (?) the number you expect and place your request in the mail as soon as possible prior to your trip (see details in later pages). The Sierra Club should not be guilty of violation.
3. Send in your reservations now for the January Awards Banquet. We had a full house last year and those turned away missed an outstanding affair. This year will be another winner. Ken Ferrell will present "Earth and Space Odyssey" An Automated Dissolve Slide Program featuring Man's Journey To The Moon and America's Most Scenic Natural Wonders. Ken has surpassed himself in the outstanding production. Annual and Special Awards will be made. Les Stockton -M.C., Betty Dessert- Ticket Reservations, Mary Forbes - Banquet Chairman. Be There!

## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING CORNER

The October 14th Business Meeting is by By-Law required to publish prior to the meeting any By-Law requested changes, Peak List additions and deletions, and nominees to the Management Committee. Additional Peak additions and deletions can be made at the meeting (as well as nominees) but only published By-Law changes can be considered.

The Management Committee approved the following Peak list changes for your consideration:

### ADDITIONS

1. CANNELL POINT (8314') Kernville '56, 15.....12 mile, 4000' climb from the South or West, through pinion and ponderosa forests. Peak is Class 2 pinnacle. We are attempting to have this peak named Heald Peak in honor of the founder of the Hundred Peaks Section, Weldon Heald.
2. MORRIS PEAK (7150') Inyokern '43, 15.....Desert type peak with pinion groves on top. Fine views of the Owens pinnacles and Indian Wells Canyon. Tremendous 2000' scree run.
3. ROSA POINT (5000') Fonts Point '59, 7 1/2.....Desert type peak in a seldom visited area of Anza-Borrego State Park. Peak is a 12 mile, 4500' gain adventure yielding unobstructed views of the entire Salton Sea.

At this writing, the scheduled climbs of the following peaks have not been completed. To comply with Section By-Laws, they are being offered provisionally, but may be removed from the ballot if found wanting.

4. HADDOCK POINT (7206') Lion Canyon '43, 7-1/2 Unscouted to date.
5. KNIFE EDGE (5117') Apache Canyon '43, 7 - 1/2 Unscouted to date.
6. GOBBLER'S KNOB (6955') Telegraph Pk. '56, 7-1/2 ..... 2 mile, 600' gain to forested summit. Spectacular views of Mt. Baldy, Pine and Dawson from this seldom seen side.

### DELETIONS

1. EUREKA PEAK (5,516). 26 mile dirt road drive capped with a three minute climb to a rather insignificant summit. No rewarding view.
2. MT. GLEASON (6560) 10 mile road - Drive-up on government property. (Ed. - Strong Gleason family lobby in favor of retention).

### ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE

Change 10,000 foot ridge to 10,067' (High Point)

Ruth Smith's nominating committee has provided the section with some excellent talent. Vote for six (Position on List drawn by Lot)

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| 1. Jerry Russom  | 5. George Hubbard  |
| 2. Bonnie Kiefer | 6. Al Campbell     |
| 3. Charles Jones | 7. Maureen Schmidt |
| 4. Cliff Black   | 8. Norman Schmidt  |

No By-Law changes have been recommended. The new Sierra Club membership age changes will require some overhaul in the Mascot requirements. A Committee correcting this section for a future change.

## CONGRATULATIONS CORNER

We are always happy to note the achievements of the veterans and the acceptance of our new members. Our membership list is growing and our Emblem wearers are active in the other sections also.

### 200 Peaks Bar

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|----|-----------------|----|----------------|
| 47 | Harold Johnson  | 49 | Alvin Campbell |
| 48 | Joyce Van Allen | 50 | Bruce Jones    |

### 100 Peaks Emblem

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|-----|-------------------|-----|------------------|
| 253 | Henry Heusinkveld | 259 | Peter Friedrich  |
| 254 | Ivan Stenerson    | 260 | Charalee Fossett |
| 255 | Jim Faul          | 261 | Ben Seller       |
| 256 | Frank Demers      | 262 | Frank Meyers     |
| 257 | Bruce Jones       | 263 | Robert Lynch     |
| 258 | Laura Jones       | 264 | Barbara Lynch    |

### New Members

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|--------------------|-----------------|
| Norman Kingsley    | Joseph Young    |
| Anna-Lisa Kingsley | Louis Cavalieri |
| Earl Kesler        | Ann Cavalieri   |
| Santa Bachmeier    | Peter Lyman     |

### Mascot

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| John Fowler | Peter Mann Jr. |
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## NATURE LOVER'S CORNER

Some of us only imagine we love nature. We really love neon signs and sidewalks and buildings full of windows. Some of us can look at a 12,000 ft. mountain only so long, and then we want it to do something; to turn on, or open up. Any man who has ever stood in front of the Gateway East in Century City when the office girls come out for lunch is never going to be quite satisfied looking at a mountain. The Grand Canyon is a big creek, but I'd rather be 60 rows up in the Coliseum on a warm November afternoon when the Bruins and the Trojans are down on the field, running out their violent ballet, with the downtown skyline sticking up over the northern rim of the stadium against the Sierra Madres and 90,000 people roaring in exultation and dismay. Who could honestly prefer the view from Everest? Except for the Aurora Borealis and moonlight over Antarctica, what sights are more spectacular at night than Los Angeles from the Tower Restaurant or Griffith Observatory? For me, nature loses a hell of a lot of its charm after the sun goes down, except in the tropics. And when the sun does go down, where in the world is the sky more awesome than it is from the Santa Monica Freeway, in the autumn, when the smog gives the dying light a depth and richness of color never seen where skies are blue.

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CALENDAR CORNER

HPS Schedule Nov. - Feb. 1972

November

2	Business Meeting	
6	Martinez-Sheep	Vitz/Stockton
7	Pisgah-Kitching	Campbell
11	Social Meeting	Tom Cook U.S.N.O.T.S.
13	Desert Divide	Hubbard/Barnes
20-21	Owens Peak -Pilot Knob	Lipsohn/Bailey

December

4	Smith	Smith/Forbes
5	Childrens Special	
	Disapointment	Jones
7	Business Meeting	
9	Social Meeting	Stockton
11	Santiago Modjeska	Jones/Campbell
11-12	Rabbit-Villager	Stockton/Ferrell
18	Granite-Tip Top Mineral	Backus/McRuer

January

4	Business Meeting	
8	Hildreth	Lipsohn/Stockton
15	Cahuilla-Little Cahuilla	Backus/McRuer
16	Fox Mt. Trail Maintenance	Collier
22	Monrovia	Jones
29	ANNUAL BANQUET	Forbes
30	Waterman	Campbell/White

February

1	Business Meeting	
5	Exploratory	Lipsohn/Bailey
10	Social Meeting	Jenkins
26	5th Annual Joshua Tree Rock Climb	Van Allen

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But for me it is only a retreat; a pit stop. I doubt that I could ever leave the city forever for Walden's pond. I'm always eager to get back in the race.

JACK SMITH  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

SAN BERDOO RIDGE  
SHIELDS, ANDERSON

SAN BERNARDINO, E. SAN BERNARDINO July 24, 1971

Leader: LES STOCKTON  
Asst.: JON INSKEEP

After jockeying around getting cars placed at either end of the climb (always one of the biggest problems of a traverse), we finally started up the Forsee Creek Trail at 9:00 am, 31 stalwarts looking eagerly forward to an 18 mile exercise effort. John Robinson, Bob Herlihy and some other old timers I haven't seen for a long time kept the hike and the conversation going. When we came to the first moment of truth - reaching the split in the trail to Shields and Anderson - the old Peak Baggers who had climbed Shields in the past opted for Anderson, while your leader led those hadn't climbed it (about 1/2 of the group) to Shields. (Ed. - It is always amusing to me to see an old Peak Bagger turn away from a mountain the second time around - if he hadn't done it before, a storm wouldn't turn him around!) When the main body reached Anderson all the shady spots were covered by dozing bodies totally enjoying the warm summit. We remained here for sometime, reluctant to leave (Von Pertz would have been proud of us - he says we never spend enough time on the summit).

## PROFILE IN MOUNTAIN HISTORY - NO. 14:

### Early Mountain Ascents in the San Gabriels

Mountain climbing in Southern California has become a popular pastime. Ascents are almost as common as going to the beach (at least among 100 Peakers). Such was not always the case. Although Southern California was occupied by the Spaniards and their Mexican Californio successors from 1769 until the 1840s, there is no record of their ever climbing a mountain. And the vast majority of early U.S. settlers stayed clear of the mountains too. Most of the known early ascents were made by explorers, surveyors, and scientists - and these were rare. Following are the known climbs in the San Gabriels from 1853 until they became commonplace by 1890. There may be others - these are all I've been able to "dig up" so far.

1853: In October, Lt. Robert S. Williamson's Pacific Railroad Survey party crossed the Tehachapis and followed the north base of the San Gabriels, looking for a railway route across the mountains. They made camp near today's Elizabeth Lake. To quote Lt. Williamson: "Returning to camp with the intention of advancing to the Mojave river, I was induced by Lieutenant Stoneman's report to ascent a high mountain near camp, from which a fine view of the Santa Clara Valley could be obtained . . . . The mountain is the one named on the map Stoneman's mountain, and we found it by aneroid measurement to be 6,000 feet high." From the summit of this peak, Williamson discovered what he called "New Pass" (today's Soledad Canyon) and later suggested building a railroad through it. What peak did Williamson and his men climb? From his description and from its position on the map later drawn by the survey party, it is evident that Stoneman's mountain was today's Mt. McDill. So unassuming Mt. McDill probably bears the distinction of being the first San Gabriel mountain peak ever climbed by white men.

1864: Benjamin Wilson and William McKee climbed to the summit of Mt. Wilson via Little Santa Anita Canyon in April of that year (see Profile 13). However, they were not the first up - they found the remains of two log cabins, probably put there by horsethieves during the 1850s.

1875: This was a banner year for the San Gabriels - apparent first ascents were made of Mt. San Antonio (Baldy), Cucamonga Peak, San Gabriel Peak, and Disappointment Peak. All four were climbed by parties of the U.S. Army's Wheeler Survey, whose stated objective was to map the territory of the United States west of the 100th Meridian. Louis Nell, chief topographer of the survey, led a small party up Mt. San Antonio from Lytle Creek on June 29-July 2, in order to make "necessary observation". Among these observations was the calculation of Baldy's elevation as 10,191.9' above sea level. Cucamonga Peak was climbed from near Cajon Pass by Lt. Eric Bergland and a small party on June 29. In July a party led by a Dr. Kampf and Mr. Cowles climbed and named Disappointment and San Gabriel Peaks, fixing the elevation of the latter at 6,232'. They reached the summit of Disappointment first and were "disappointed" to find it wasn't the high point, so they continued lugging their heavy instruments over to San Gabriel Peak. One member of the party, geologist Douglas Joy, became lost during the descent and ended up in the wild West Fork of the San Gabriel River, which he managed to descend all the way to the main fork where he was rescued by another survey party. In October of that year, W.E. Greenwell of the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey made the second ascent of Cucamonga Peak, determining the elevation by barometric measurement as 8,450'. (All of these early surveys were off by 100' or more.)

1877: John Muir struggled up the rugged slopes of Eaton Canyon to the summit of Muir Peak, then scrambled across what he called "The Knifeblade" to a point near Mt. Wilson before descending without benefit of trail. Traversing "The Knifeblade", he probably crossed near or over the top of today's Occidental Peak.

1878: The second recorded ascent of Mt. San Antonio was made by Lt. Willard Young and a small party of the Wheeler Survey on October 10. Their route was up from Lytle Creek, through snow most of the way. The previous month they had climbed San Gabriel Peak from the West Fork of the San Gabriel River - "Although detained there two days by stormy weather (Mr. Carpenter and myself remaining on the peak during that time), we at last succeeded in obtaining all wished for results", wrote Lt. Young.

1882: William B. Dewey on Ontario made the first of his record 133 ascents of Mt. San Antonio by way of the Devil's Backbone from "Miners' Camp" (Baldy Notch). Apparently others made the ascent that year too. The Pomona Weekly Times for Oct. 14, 1882 stated: "The ascent is rugged, and but few venture the task; but when once the journey is accomplished it is well worth the toll expended."

1885: Ascents of Mt. Wilson by Benjamin Wilson's trail up Little Santa Anita Canyon became commonplace - as many as 75 camped on the summit on holiday weekends. Parties from Switzer's Camp in the Arroyo Seco began regular ascents of Strawberry Peak, Disappointment Peak, and San Gabriel Peak (which they called "The Commodore").

1886: Mrs. J.D. Hooker of Los Angeles climbed Disappointment Peak with a guide from Switzer's - the first woman known to have made an ascent in the San Gabriels.

1887: Owen and Jason Brown, from their little log cabin in El Prieto Canyon, made ascents of Mt. Lowe (which they called John Brown Mtn.), Strawberry Peak, Brown Mtn., and probably others. The "Brown Boys" were the first local "peak baggers" and probably deserve honorary posthumous membership in the 100 Peaks Section. The Pomona Progress reported ascents of Mt. Baldy by Mr. Kingsley of Ontario accompanied by his son and young Mr. Buffington and, a week later, by Thomas Dowse of Ontario.

1888: U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey topographers climbed Telegraph Peak (which they called "Heliograph Hill") and installed a heliograph on the summit, signaling to cohorts on several other Southern California mountains peaks.

1889: Bob and Liz Waterman and Perry Switzer, all of Switzer's Camp, climbed Mt. Waterman during a cross-range journey. They named the peak "Lady Waterman Mtn.", but the lady part of the name was later dropped. The Pomona Progress of August 1st reported the first overnight stay on the summit of Mt. Baldy: "So cold was it up there one night last week that the party of young men built a great bonfire . . . and even then it was so cold that none of the party could sleep."

We could go on and on about the San Gabriels. However, I'm now working on a trail guide to the San Bernardino and San Jacinto Mountains. So, starting with the next Profile, we will be delving into the history of these ranges. I am looking for good-black-and-white photographs of these mountains, particularly ones showing hikers on the trail. If you have any, and would like to see them published, fully accredited, please contact me.

JOHN ROBINSON

#### BEGINNER SPECIAL

HILLYER, MOONEY, BUCKHORN  
WINSTON, SALLY

August 3, 1971

Leader: LES STOCKTON  
Asst.: KEN FERRELL

The Beginner's Special is always enjoyable. Twenty-eight people eventually showed on a hot, hot day. We doubled up in the cars and had a short 3 mile car shuttle to the base of the "Peak". At 10:00 a.m. starting time, after 1 mile and 400 feet of gain we were ready for an early lunch. The fearless leader then proceeded to elaborate on the 10 essentials. As almost all things are, the term "10 essentials" is a misnomer and actually represents 22 separate items. From unfortunate past experiences (now he has car keys, for instance, in four different places) the list has expanded to 80 items. Your leader feels that these items if not carried by the leader should be at least distributed within the group. The list of 80 includes among other items, money, identification, nylon line, waterproof poncho tarp, can opener, chlorine pills, boy scout can opener, camera, film, butterfly band aids, etc. The questions indicated the group was listening and the "veterans" present offered additional suggestions. We returned to the cars and most of the group was ready to do another. We then climbed Mooney by the short route. The group was by now steadily decreasing as we proceeded to Winston and Buckhorn. Eight stalwarts finally assaulted Sally (Ed. - He means ascended) on the way home to complete a beginners peak-bagger.

LES STOCKTON

## WILDERNESS AREA PERMIT CORNER

Permit Required -- A Wilderness Permit is required before entering any of the 21 special Wilderness or Primitive Areas in the National Forests of California. The permit is free to anyone who will agree to follow simple rules intended to protect the visitor as well as the Wilderness resource. The Wilderness Permit also authorizes building campfires. (Only one permit is required for a group traveling together.) Good For Single Trip -- A permit is issued for a single trip during a specified period of time. (A separate permit is necessary for each trip.)

### PERMIT AREAS PERTINENT TO HPSer's ARE:

San Rafael (15)	San Gabriel (17)	Cucamonga (18)
Los Padres National Forest	Angeles National Forest	San Bernardino National Forest
42 Aero Camino	150 So. Los Robles Avenue	144 No. Mountain View
Goleta, CA 93017	Pasadena, CA 91101	San Bernardino, CA 92408

San Gorgonio (19)	San Jacinto	Agua Tibia (21)
San Bernardino National Forest	San Bernardino National Forest	Cleveland National Forest
144 No. Mountain View	144 N. Mountain View	3211 5th Avenue
San Bernardino, CA 92408	San Bernardino, CA 92408	San Diego, CA 92103

HOW TO OBTAIN PERMIT- Wilderness Permits are issued at Ranger Stations and other Forest Service offices throughout California. To obtain your permit by mail, complete the attached application form and mail to an address shown on the map. If your trip extends through more than one Wilderness, or through more than one National Forest, you should obtain your permit from the National Forest where your trips starts.

### JOSEPHINE PEAK CHILDRENS SPECIAL

July 10, 1971

Leader: BRUCE JONES  
Asst.: LAURA JONES  
Advisor - CHARLES JONES

Thirty two people, including fourteen children, et at 9:30 am at Clear Creek Station for the childrens hike up the fire road to Josephine Pk. The leaders, Bruce, age 11, and Laura age 9, were wearing their newly acquired emblems - Bruce, 200 Peak Emblem; Laura, 100 Peak Emblem. After an introduction, Bruce and Laura took complete charge of the hike. We started at 9:45 and everyone was on top by 12:15. After an hour for lunch we started down, reaching the cars by 2:45 pm. The kids received compliments from several people- Bruce, for his considerate pace and ability to keep the group together; Laura, for her patience and understanding at the end of the line. The kids knew they had done well and have asked to lead another childrens hike in the next schedule. Laura's report on the Josephine hike follows.

CHARLES JONES

### JOSEPHINE PEAK

July 10, 1971

Asst.: LAURA JONES

In back of the line it was pretty good. There was some slow people, but they all made it with a little encouragement. I had a fun time leading down. It was an easy hike.... a road all the way up. 3 miles up, 3 miles back. Few had troubles. There were 32 people there. There were 14 children.

LAURA JONES

(ED. - We must thank Bruce and Laura for a fine climb. These are two of our finer young climbers).

## GOOD TRIP CORNER

Who Makes A Good Trip? ...The first answer from most people is, "The leader." I don't agree. A good leader is the foundation on which any trip is built, but in my mind, the trip's success also depends on the club members who sign up and go. For instance, more often than should happen, people wander from the group without permission or even the knowledge of their leader. A later nose count reveals that perhaps two or three persons are missing. It then develops that Bill and his buddy just ducked out to explore a cave or perhaps to climb a rock spire they had spotted on the next ridge. The leader must now wait for them while the rest of the party fends for itself. Perhaps the wanderers don't take quite the same route back-and they miss the group. How do you now tell the trip leader that the strays are back down at the cars while he still is up checking the ridge? Then-there are always the few who rush on ahead of the slower group. Their main purpose in life is to race as fast as possible-for them. Guests or inexperienced climbers then think they too must keep up. As a result, the club members who tried to cooperate get tired, discouraged, and sometimes don't reach the trip's goal. It also spreads the party all over the mountain. These troubles seem to plague the "A" trips primarily. Sure, the A trips are short and easy. But, they attract every level of hiking ability known to man-papoose to professional guide. The A trips must cater to the people with the least ability and know-how. If you are capable of bigger and better things, but sign up for an A trip, how about trying the challenge of talking some inexperienced soul as far as the lunch stop? This too is real mountaineering. At the very least how about letting the leader know where you intend to go if you simply must leave the group? It's only common courtesy as well as giving you a vital safety margin. You might find that the innocent cave you saw hides a mine shaft with a 500-foot vertical drop back in the shadows-or the leader's map may show your rock spire to be four miles away. If he doesn't want you to leave the party you always can get up a group of your own another day to come back and explore if you must. Our leaders are great. We owe them a great deal-including all the courtesy, help, and cooperation we can offer. And, our clubs' safety record has been phenomenal. Let's all help keep it that way!

TRAIL and TIMBERLINE  
COLORADO MOUNTAIN CLUB

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After arousing the group, intact except for a small party split off, we had the soul searing experience of conquering East San Bernardino and San Bernardino killer Peaks. Then the long haul back to the cars. A spring is reached two miles below the last peak and we "filled up" on mountain water. We were short one body but knowing his habits and climbing style, I guessed he would be at the Inn at the end of the trail (sloshing beer). Such was the case, so the only final effort was picking up the cars at the start of the climb. So with happy hearts and unhappy feet, everyone was accounted for and proceeded homeward after a pleasant experience.

LES STOCKTON

"Great things are done when men and mountains meet - This is not done by jostling in the street."

Submitted By .. Maureen Schmidt

GNOMIC VERSES  
WILLIAM BLAKE

## BOOK REVIEW CORNER

"OPEN HORIZONS" By: Sigurd F. Olson (Knopf \$5.95)  
An unpretentious, delightful story of the eminent authors "Lifelong love affair with nature". He presents the case for those who feel wildernesses are important to the many though used only by a few. "Without weariness there can be no real appreciation of rest, without hunger no enjoyment of food; without the ancient responses to the harsh simplicities of the kind of environment that shaped mankind, a man cannot know the urges within him."

"ROADLESS AREA" By: Paul Brooks  
In the August 71 Southern Sierran, Spark Schnitzer reviews "Roadless Area" By Paul Brooks. His final paragraph-"Readers of this book, who follow the trails of the Brooks' in Body and Spirit, may some day reach the point where, like Thoreau, they 'get more out of ten minutes with a woodchuck than most men could get from a night with Cleopatra".  
(Ed.- A Woodchuck?) (A Young HPSer?)

## MOTION PICTURE CORNER

Don't forget to see "Red Tent", an exciting tale of Amundsen's Tragic Arctic Search for Gen. Nobile downed in the dirigible "Italia". Filmed in Siberia - This is really a cool picture.  
(Ed.- I'd see it if it were a blue tent!)

## POETRY CORNER

### "BOUNDARY PEAK "

The scree	Climbing scree
Above me	To me
Is offending	Is endless wading
I only shout "Whee! "	But coming down's
At scree	Crumbling ground's
Descending	Glissading.

W.R.C. SHEDENHELM

## JOHN VITZ QUOTE CORNER

(Ed.- John is one of the most quotable wits I know - so here are some!)

"The response to our trip was underwhelming."

"We arose dull and late on Sunday morning."

"It was beginning to rain, so we stormed up the mountain."

"A maze of haze spoiled our days."

"The weather was strictly stratus quo."

"We hit the summit and had a bunch of lunch."

"I reversed the traverse."

"I declined to climb."

On gaining the summit, "We have met the enemy and he is us." Improving on Mallory's "Have we conquered a mountain? None but ourselves."

Describing his incomparable leadership "I lost eight out of my party of eight."

LES STOCKTON

"I'm sleeping so good, I'm dreaming I'm sleeping - I got two sleeps going."

BOB VAN ALLEN

## PAST TRIPS CORNER

JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL MONUMENT February 27-28

Leader: BOB VAN ALLEN  
Assistant: VARIOUS

Each year since we started this annual trip to J.T.N.M. we have changed the date, trying to find the best time for conducting such an outing. This year was about as good as you could ask for (except perhaps for the night time temperature which could have been a bit higher and probably no one would have complained.) Friday night it was 12° and Saturday night about 23°. Both Saturday and Sunday provided beautiful climbing and hiking conditions. There were many newcomers on the trip as well as some who wanted some refresher instructions on Saturday. In the morning we had practice in unroped third class climbing. After lunch a good part of the afternoon was spent in rappel practice conducted in 3 stages. Enough people brought wood so that we had a good campfire laced with plenty of stories about past trips and plans for conquering more killer peaks in the future. As scheduled, the Sunday events divided the group so that the late sleepers could take a leisurely scrambling type hike to the vicinity of Little Pine Tree Mountain. The early-rising, gung-ho type group participated in the announced exploratory trip from Hidden Valley Campground (actually the start of the Barker Dam Trail) to Indian Cove and return, traversing the Wonderland of Rocks. We started this group at 7:00 a.m. and returned at 6:30 p.m. just after dark. While it is difficult to estimate mileage and gain, this trip has to be one of the most strenuous one day trips scheduled by H.P.S. The approximately 10-12 miles and 2000 or so feet of gain don't really tell the story as all but about 2 (including lunch) of the 11.5 hours of the trip is involved in second and third class bouldering. The scenery was superb (including one Big Horn Sheep). Many of our people would enjoy the area although the round trip would be too much for a non-restricted trip. However, it would be possible to set it up as a one way trip. Maybe next year for our J.T.N.M. annual we can.

BOB VAN ALLEN

## GALENA PK.

June 12, 1971

Leader: HOW BAILEY  
KEN FERRELL

Forty-four hikers showed up for the early start to Galena. The first part of the "trail" up Mill Creek Canyon was completely unrecognizable due to heavy stream action and lots of fallen timber. The treacherous headwall was negotiated successfully, both up and down, by keeping well to the north of the rockfall that is unavoidable as people traverse the very loose uppermost portion. Forty-one made the summit to help Joyce Van Allen celebrate her 200th peak! It was a gorgeous day on one of the more spectacular summits of our Hundred Peaks list.

HOW BAILEY

(ED.- Vic Gleason, after giving a talk on "Mountaineering Law" to the WLA Leadership Group on Mt. Waterman appeared at 4:30 pm with a much appreciated Ice Cold Watermelon!)

## PEACE OF MIND CORNER

BARRY GOLDWATER "Without a doubt, I find my greatest solace and my greatest peace walking in the Grand Canyon, photographing it, because here I really think I get closer to God and His peacefulness than any other place or thing that I do. I can say the same for boating in a lesser way. To go out on the ocean and meet the challenges of tide and water and wind, to get to someplace that is remote, brings me almost as peaceful a feeling as does the Canyon."

Courtesy of Look Magazine

## EVEREST EXPEDITION CORNER

Dr. Peter Steele, one of the English members of the recent Everest Expedition made a rather complete medical report in *The Lancet*, July 3, 1971, Entitled "Medicine on Mount Everest 1971". He states "Many misfortunes befell the International Himalayan Expedition (I.H.E. '71) to Mount Everest; not least was the high rate of illness among members and Sherpas alike. The march-in from Kathmandu to Base Camp (17,800 ft.) in Solu Khumbu, the region where Mount Everest lies and where the sherpas live, was almost problem-free and pure pleasure. The Icefall, 2000ft. high, where the Khumbu Glacier spills over "like a crushed meringue" from the Western Cwm or Valley of Silence, is a mass of tottering ice walls, pinnacled seracs, and deep, tangled crevasses walled in by avalanche slopes. This year the Icefall was in a particularly difficult and dangerous condition, and we took nearly two weeks to find a way through and make it safe for the passage of men and the transport of stores and equipment through to the Advance Base Camp II, lying under the steep South-West Face, from which the climbing really began.

Bad weather started in mid-April and blizzard conditions continued for two weeks unabated at a season that usually has clear and stable weather. Kathmandu was then having monsoon-like rains and the worst weather in living memory.

Our Indian member, Harsh Bahuguna, died of exposure at 23,500 ft. while descending from Camp III on the West Ridge route in a storm. A rescue was attempted, but it was too late to be of use. The rescue party itself narrowly avoided having to stay out in the appalling wind and cold for the night, which they would not have survived. The effect of this tragedy on morale was catastrophic, and, after being stormbound in our tents under near-starvation conditions at Camp II for a fortnight when no food could be brought through the Cwm from Camp I because of continual snow and high winds, the physical condition of the climbers who were there became severely lowered.

After the storm passed it was decided to abandon the West Ridge route and to concentrate all efforts on the Face Diretissima route because we were a month behind schedule and short of essential supplies at Camp II, and snow conditions on the West Ridge were bad. Some European members saw their own personal summit prospects fading after this decision. They sadly decided to quit the expedition, which up till then had been remarkable for its spirit of international friendship.

At Camp II sickness first hit the expedition on May 1. 4 cases of pneumonia and 1 of phlebitis had to be evacuated. I decided to move all medical work down to Base Camp, where facilities were adequate, leaving Dr. David Peterson (U.S.A.) at Camp II, from which he would pass on anyone who was sick. (The criterion of sickness was inability to perform a full day's work on the mountain.) In an emergency a patient could have been brought down to base in six hours on the toboggan-stretcher kept at Camp II.

Soon afterwards a glandular-fever-like epidemic started, so that at the end of May, owing to illness and departures, only 4 of the original team of 22 climbers (there were also 9 members of a B.B.C. team) were left to climb the mountain. These 4 were the only members of the expedition to have clean medical record cards. 2 Japanese climbers spent three weeks maintaining 2 Britons out in front, although their own chances of going to the summit were negligible. These 4 spent twenty-three days at 25,000-27,500 ft. This is an unequalled record of altitude endurance made possible by true internationalism. Was this failure?..... He concludes: " Everest is for the birds (Goraks scavenged Camp VI at 27,000 ft. and Lammergeier vultures hovered daily over Base Camp, no doubt having heard the Lama of Khumjung's forecast that 17 people would be killed on our expedition). It is too large, too ugly, too dangerous, and mounting an expedition to climb it is too costly and too unwieldy. The ratio of pleasure to misery is disproportionate. "C'est pas l'alpinisme, c'est la guerre." But I enjoyed it - I must be a masochist at heart.

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