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### RCS CLIMB OF TAHQUITZ, JULY 25

This is the trip that almost never was. The leader arrived with rope in hand expecting to be just another climber on the trip when he was informed that he was the only one present with the dubious distinction of being a certified Sierra Club leader. This was especially important since he had brought along as a climbing partner the chairperson of the LTC, Diana Dee. Finally with paperwork requirements settled and climbing teams arranged with the expert help of Leroy Russ, fourteen of us headed off to Lunch Rock. With the help of LeRoy Russ, Dick Mundweiler, Randy McDonald, Al Meckler and assistant leader Richard Stanton, we were able to get all the guests on the rock. The routes varied from Jensen's Jaunt to the ever faithful Trough.

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### BALDY HUT CONTROVERSY CONTINUES

#### A MODEST PROPOSAL

In the July Mugelnoos, John Wedberg concludes his account of the latest Baldy Hut vandalism with the following paragraph:

It has long been this reporter's contention that the fewer people who know about the Baldy Hut the better, just on general principles. It is certainly not the feeling that Sierra Club members are breaking into the Hut, but who knows how many undesirable types are acquainted with the Hut through our members, or for that matter, through our 1,000-per-year BMTC ice axe students who are paraded up to the Baldy Bowl and displayed to the Hut. This latter ritual has seen its final season this year, we hope.

In the beginning, only Mr. Wedberg and a few of his friends knew about the Hut, and there was little vandalism. Now, more people know about the hut, and there is more vandalism. Thus, a solid cause-and-effect relationship has been established, as pointed out above. How many people know about the Hut? By now, probably all 22,000 members of the Angeles Chapter know about it, especially since a full page article describing the Baldy Hut appeared in the Southern Sierran last year.

Unfortunately, it's not possible to turn back the clock, but I would like to make the following "modest proposal" which should come close to accomplishing Mr. Wedberg's desires, I trust. Simply have all (but a few) Angeles Chapter Sierra Club members ordered to assemble for a meeting where they would be subjected to mass hypnosis, and have all memory of the existence of the Baldy Hut erased from their minds. As to which "few" should be allowed to remember the Hut, I would propose a lottery where everyone's name be thrown into a hopper, and the names of the "few" chosen at random.

This latter procedure seems only fair, but I admit there is a weakness in it. Mr. Wedberg and his friends have recently lobbied with great zeal before the Chapter Council and Executive Committee, attempting to have BMTC with its supposed "undesirable types" (see first paragraph) excluded from the Baldy Bowl. I could be wrong, but I suspect that once Mr. Wedberg and his friends realize that their names are to go into the hopper along with everyone else's, their zeal would disappear and my "modest proposal" would languish before the aforementioned political bodies for a lack of a sufficiently potent ramrod to push it through.

TJ

#### ANOTHER VIEW

It is hoped that the point brought out in the last paragraph of the article on Baldy Hut vandalism in the July issue of Mugelnoos will make even the most fanatical BMTC supporter/leader pause and think a bit before bringing their student hordes to the Baldy Bowl again on whatever pretext they can find. The ultimate destruction of the Baldy Hut could very well be on their conscience--or can it really be that some actually look upon this as one solution to the controversy?

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... A report by the hut chairman appears below, Editor.



EAST FACE OF MT. WHITNEY

Over the long weekend of August 7-9, RCS member Dick Mundweiler and friend Wes Warwick climbed the East Face of Mt. Whitney by the "Fresh Air Traverse" route. At East Face Lake they met two young climbers from France who had been climbing in the area for several days. The young Frenchmen were also interested in climbing the East face by the same route. In the morning we started up, not one lonely rope of two, but a congenial party of four (a much better way on so large a mountain).

The only difficulty was encountered when the climbers got off-route above the end of the Fresh Air Traverse and had to climb in an awkward crack (about 5.6) before they could get back on route. The summit was reached near dusk, and after watching the sun disappear, all four started down the mountaineers route with two flashlights, one of which soon failed resulting in a slow but uneventful descent.

DW

MUGELNOOS TREASURE HUNT RESUMED -- HELP!!

Old Mugelnoos are again being hunted to complete a file for the American Alpine Club library, where mountaineering clubs' newssheets are bound for future generations. Most of those needed are of the 50's. Due to the generosity and sacrifices of many old-time subscribers when this search was begun a few years ago, the file is complete from No. 1 (Jan. 29, 1938) through 1948 (with a few exceptions), and for 1960. Those now needed are listed as follows:

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|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1944 - #139, Nov. 9                  | 1954 - #259, July          |
| 1947 - #173,174, June&July           | - #261, September          |
| 1949 - #199-204, July-Dec.           | - #264, December           |
| 1950 - #205, January                 | 1955 - #265,266, Jan.,Feb. |
| - #207-212, Mar.-Aug.                | - #268, April              |
| - #215,216, Nov.,Dec.                | 1956 - #280, April         |
| 1951 - #217-227, Jan.-Nov.           | 1957 - #289,290, Jan.,Feb. |
| 1952 - <u>Entire year</u> , #229-240 | 1958 - #303, March         |
| 1953 - #241-244, Jan.-Apr.           | - #305, May                |
| - #246-249, June-Sept.               | 1959 - #314, February      |
| 1954 - #253,254, Jan.,Feb.           | - #318, June               |
| - #256,257, Apr.,May                 | - #322, October            |

The AAC office already has a complete bound set starting with 1961. Why the rest were not sent to them after being assembled is something best not explained, even if it could be; any new contributions will be sent promptly ("I will!" said the little RDM hen). Those who can contribute the missing issues will be doing a good deed for now and posterity! Please look through old cartons, garages and closets, and send as many of the needed issues as you can to:

Ruth D. Mendenhall, 355 Sequoia Dr., Pasadena CA 91105

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WHO'S WHO IN THE NOOS

(This column was a regular Mugelnoos feature in the 1930s and '40s. It had a brief revival in Nos. 492 and 494 in 1973-1974; henceforth it should be appearing monthly. Let John Ripley know if you have any suggestions.)

--- EMORY YOUNT ---

Our soft-spoken RCS chairman first attended a section Tahquitz climb in about 1939. A fifteen year old Boy Scout, he was tutored by old-time RCSer Rob Roy McDonald. Apparently the lure of Tahquitz granite was irresistible, for Emory was back on a second trip only thirty years later.

Between trips, this small-town Iowa native got a degree in mechanical engineering and accumulated a wife and two sons (now grown). They settled in Orange County, where his family had moved in 1936 in search of work for his carpenter father. After working in mechanical engineering for over ten years, he gradually became involved in electronics. He now works on large-scale flight control electronics integration for the Autonetics Div. of Rockwell. His move into electronics led to an MSEE degree from USC this year.

A co-worker interested our leader in backpacking, which his whole family took up. BMTC was followed by Sierra Club membership in about 1969. He is now in his second term as RCS chairman and has served on the Safety Committee since 1972. He enjoys both free and aid climbing and will freely aid climbers starting out--including his recently initiated son.

Does he have any other hobbies? "I don't seem to have much time for other things," he says--which doesn't surprise anyone who knows of his outstanding dedication to our group.

JR

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SAN ANTONIO SKI HUT CHAIRMAN REPORTS ON VANDALISM

Sometime during July 7, 8, or 9 the ski hut was vandalized. For years I was afraid that it would happen; it finally did. Some vandals chopped their way through the old siding and gained access to the ski hut. They chopped their way in just over my locker and in the process helped themselves to my 1/2 gallon of good burgundy. However, I feel that my loss was the ski hut's gain in that their consumption of my wine apparently mellowed any additional desire to be destructive.

Details of and Kudos for Repairs

As soon as Milt Mc Auley, the Member-In-Charge for the July 10-11 weekend, called and told me of the vandalism, frantic calls went out and eight volunteers were rounded up to carry the heavy materials for repair to the ski hut. A fantastic amount of thanks and appreciation goes out to the following:

Russ Hansen	Leonard Bayless
Virgil Bayless	Walt Whistman
Jerry Keating	Freeman Allen
George Long	Frank Goodykoontz

and Jim Castle, the Member-in-Charge for the weekend.

Special thanks also go to Milt Mc Auley who did a makeshift repair after discovering the break in. And to Russ Hansen, who helped me do most of the window changeover, a very special thanks.

Three of the six most vulnerable windows are now repaired and the remaining three are to be completed shortly. When this is done, all windows accessible from the outside will open inward and heavy shutters will swing into place when the ski hut is closed so that no glass will be exposed.

Plans are now underway to reinforce and backup the old siding from the inside with plywood in order to provide additional barricade against the use of an axe, rock or battering ram.

Incidentally, during the June work party, John Wedberg, Steve Wilkie, and Russ Hansen spent a tremendous amount of effort in moving large boulders to cover over the water outlet in front of the ski hut. These heavy boulders were torn away and rolled downhill by the vandals in their effort to get at the water source.

IF YOU WANT TO HELP, WE ARE HAVING A WORK PARTY ON OCTOBER 2-3!!! Call Betty Powers for a reservation. You will be treated to a fantastic gourmet meal prepared by a member of the SAGS.

Views About Vandals and Hut Publicity

After reading the last Mugelnoos, I want to say something about vandals and the increased number of hikers who use the ski hut trail. First, my wife, Betty, who works for a psychiatric hospital, has discussed the problem of the ski hut vandals with several psychiatrists. Basically, it seems that the vandals are striking out at society, authority, or The Establishment. The vandals come from all walks of life with no emphasis on any one sector or group. No explanation could be given as to why anyone, after expending energy and effort hiking up the trail would feel in a destructive mood in a mountain setting.

With regard to the increased use of the ski hut trail, I cannot pinpoint any one source or reason. About two years ago, I sat in front of the ski hut on several weekends and asked hikers coming up the trail how they learned about it. It was a mixture of sources; here are some.

1. The topo map shows the trail and they found it using the map.
2. The book Hiking in the San Gabriel Mountains shows the ski hut and gives reference to the trail.
3. The Forest Service map shows the trail and they recommend it as a one day hike at the Mt. Baldy station.
4. Boy scout groups, church groups, high school and college mountaineering clubs know about the trail.
5. Last, but not least, the Angeles Chapter's own outings schedule publicizes the ski hut routinely, not to mention this hallowed publication, The Mugelnoos, which has given the ski hut so much adverse publicity lately.

In the years to come, the Ski Hut Committee and those who use and love the ski hut must adjust somehow to the increasing multitude coming up the trail. Remember, we all have a share in our national forest; therefore, it is our responsibility to help others to understand the meaning of and value of a mountain setting. And because of this, in order to accomplish our goal, we must not alienate, but educate.

RCS TRAINING PROGRAM 1976 - A REPORT

## STATISTICS FOR THIS YEAR (1976) - (80 students enrolled)

Practice Climb No.	Students	Instructors	S/I Ratio	% of Total Enrollment Attending Climb
1	49	18	2.72 to 1	79%
2	65	27	2.41 to 1	82%
3(rain)	23	11	2.09 to 1	30%
4	38	14	2.71 to 1	48%
5	36	18	2.00 to 1	46%
6	35	14	2.50 to 1	44%
Totals(1976)	246 student days	102 instr. days	2.40 to 1 (average)	
Totals(1975) last year	269 student days	85 instr. days	3.17 to 1 (average)	

## STATISTICS ON NUMBER OF PRACTICE CLIMBS ATTENDED BY STUDENTS

	THIS YEAR (1976) (total enrolled = 80) Number of Students	THIS YEAR (1975) (total enrolled = 135) Number of Students
6 Practice Climbs	1 (1% of total enroll.)	0 (0% of total enroll.)
5 "	9 (11% " " )	2 (1% " " )
4 "	14 (18% " " )	11 (8% " " )
3 "	22 (27% " " )	24 (18% " " )
2 "	20 (25% " " )	38 (26% " " )
1 "	14 (18% " " )	60 (45% " " )

NOTE: In 1976, 46 students (56%) attended 3 or more Practice Climbs  
In 1975, 37 students (27%) attended 3 or more Practice Climbs

## COMMENTS &amp; ANALYSIS

## I. INSTRUCTOR PARTICIPATION

47 different RCS members served as instructors at the six Practice Climbs this year, donating a total of 102 instructor days to our students. These figures are even better than last year (1975), where 38 different RCS members donated a total of 85 instructor days. Also, our average student/instructor ratio improved this year to 2.40 to 1 compared to last year's 3.17 to 1. I would like to thank the hard working Training Committee, and all our members who participated in Practice Climbs. As far as I know, no training program being given in the Angeles Chapter can even come close to matching the student/instructor ratios that the RCS is consistently maintaining (BUTC S/I ratio was 6.15 to 1 this year).

## II. STUDENT PARTICIPATION

We have a higher percentage of able and motivated students in our training this year than in years past. You may recall Mike Dent's estimate (Feb., 1975 Mugelnoos) that prior to 1975 approximately 70%-80% of all students attending an RCS Practice Climb, attended only one and were never seen at another. Last year (1975) 45% of our students were in the above category, this year the figure dropped to 13%! Significantly, 57% of our total students (46) attended 3 or more Practice Climbs this year and are eligible to climb with the RCS at Tahquitz, compared to only 27% (37) who did so last year. (In actual practice less than half of those eligible showed up at Tahquitz to climb with us).

## PROSPECTS FOR NEXT YEAR

Next year the RCS expects to have an even stronger and even more motivated student body. The training fee has been increased to \$20.00 and we will select as students those deemed having the highest potential for RCS membership. This will be done by a student selection committee of RCS officer reviewing the mailed applications, and considering all known factors pertinent to the prospective student's potential as a climber. This should work out better for us than the 'random selection' method used last year.

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RCS TRAINING PROGRAM (CONTINUED)

PARTICIPATING INSTRUCTORS: listed by number of practice climbs attended.

Five climbs

Phil Bruce  
Jim Erb  
Tom Jeter

Four climbs

Jim Endo  
Horton Johnson  
Dick Mundwiler  
LeRoy Russ

Three climbs

Jack Bradford  
Randy McDonald  
Jim McPherson  
Frank Meyers  
John Ripley  
Carl O. Wulf  
Emory Yount

Two climbs

Bill Barger  
Maynard Brandsma  
Dick DeRusha  
Andy Fried  
Leonard Hall  
Theresa Halula  
Earl Kessler  
Jeff Lash  
Valerie Lloyd

Two climbs (con't)

John Mendenhall  
Ruth Mendenhall  
George Neuner  
Herb Null  
Norm Rohn  
Jim Sharpsteen  
Jerry Wulf

One climb

Wally Azbill  
Leonard Bayless  
Al Carlson  
George Fowles  
Bob Kamps  
Ron Master  
Ed Nissen  
Don Pies  
Tom Sarazen  
Mike Sherrick  
Dale Stein  
Al Toering  
Bob Trousdale  
Craig Williams  
Fred Wing

Non-members

Dave Hornby (3)  
Dave Erskine (1)  
Glen Graebic (1)

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BOOK REVIEW

The Climber's Sourcebook, \$4.95, by Steve and Ann Schneider (of N.H.) contains much information, such as lists of climbing schools and guide services, courses for academic credit, camps, retail stores, equipment and backpack food manufacturers, et cetera. Just how useful it will be for individuals is yet to be seen.

The technical climbing areas listed are largely restricted to those for which there are guidebooks. Few if any listings are complete, and some are already out-of-date. One of the most potentially helpful sections, on stoves, unfortunately is printed in a different type from the rest of the book -- almost too small to read.

There are omissions or inaccuracies that appear to be attributable either to incomplete research or to personal bias. For example, under Sierra Club, the book says, "The most active climbing programs are offered by the San Diego and S.F. Bay Chapters." (What about Loma Prieta and Angeles?) Or, describing the American Alpine Club Journal, it says, "The publication of the American mountaineering Establishment. Covers international climbing productivity of sanctioned AAC climbs and climbers." (It is hard to believe they ever really read one.) Informative -- but don't take this Sourcebook for gospel. RDM

SIERRA CLUB PRESENTS k-2 Climb Program

Galen Rowell was a member of the American 1975 K-2 Expedition. His slides, and a specially produced film, will be the feature of a gala fund-raiser held on behalf of the Angeles Chapter, Friday, November 5, at the Embassy Auditorium, 843 So. Grand Ave, Los Angeles. Three free parking lots available at 9th & Grand. No-host wine bar open at 7.00 pm. Program begins promptly at 8.30 pm. Tickets available by reservation only. Send \$5.00 check with SASE to, Sierra Club Galen Rowell, 2410 Beverly Blvd, Los Angeles, Ca 90057. Further details call office 213-387-4287. This will be the only opportunity to see Galen's program in the Los Angeles area.