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SMS SKI TOUR UPDATE

In this "Year of the floods" aside from the Feb. 4-5 Pear Lake Tour (see page 2), only local "introductory" tours can, thus far, be considered successful. The Feb 18-19 Baldy tour featured strong cold winds which made skiing above the hut impossible; The Mar. 4-5 Baldy tour was cancelled due to road closure. The April 1-2 San Geronio tour was cancelled by storm and snow. However, if our friendly high pressure ridge should reappear all future tours should go as scheduled, and there will still be good skiing on Mt. San Antonio for another month! THINK SUN.

Now for the good news-- the SMS HAS SECURED THE USE OF THE PEAR LAKE SKI HUT FOR THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 29-30! With good weather this could be the most super-fantastic skiing you'll ever encounter on an Alpine ski tour; all eligible skiers are urged to come. Participants must be SMS members, have qualified on an earlier tour, or be recommended and accompanied by a qualified SMS leader. As always, Alpine touring equipment, including climbing skins, and intermediate skiing ability are required. Make reservations with Cliff Cameron; however, since it will be inconvenient for both leaders to receive calls just prior to the trip, contact Barbara Lilley at 806-4154 for last minute info. re meeting place, car pooling, etc. NOTE: Stoves are available at the Hut, but everyone should bring 1 pint of white gasoline to use in the stoves and the Coleman lanterns.

SUICIDE

MARCH 18, 19

Thirteen climbers avoided the Cal Jam 2 traffic jams near Ontario to meet at Humber Park Saturday morning. In spite of a goodly amount of snow around the base of Suicide there were many clean routes. David was the most popular route with six climbers ascending it; Captain Hook, the Weeping Wall, and Butress Gully were done. Saturday night festivities at the Captain's Table included broken glassware and mud pies. Sunday found our numbers reduced to eight and the ambition of the over 20 crowd significantly reduced. The oldsters never found the Short Story although we had an interesting time looking; the younger climbers found and climbed Mickey Mantle.

RCS AT BIG ROCK April 2

Nine members and 23 guests attended the April 2 climb in spite of early morning sprinkles and cloudy skys. For a time we seemed overwhelmed by the large number of students, but Assistant leader Phil Bruce solved the problem. He found his Big Rock Rope, a 2000 foot long thing that used to be used for the bucket drop, and tied in a student climber every 200 ft. We were then able to climb continuously up the front side and around and down the back of the rock. A good climb.

Joshua Tree April 8

Eighteen members and guests, stalwarts all, arose Saturday morning in the Sheep Pass campground to a brisk wind and cold temperatures. The sun was shining early, but a dismal grey mass soon covered the sky. Undaunted we assembled in the Hidden Valley Campground to challenge the nearby routes. Highlight of the morning was the ascent of West Face Overhang on Chimney Rock by Pies and Russ, but successful operations were also staged against Intersection Rock, the Blob, and Outhouse Rock. The forces of nature waited until most parties were on the summits to unleash bitter snow flurries which soon changed to rain. Undaunted, our forces regrouped to stage the afternoon assault against Mario's Pizza Parlor and Pub in Yucca Valley. Most participants thought Saturday's activities sufficient for the weekend, but there were rumors that some would stay through Sunday. An account of the continuing exploits of these adventurers must come from another source.

GOOD NEWS ON WATER

The Inyo Register reported on April 4, 1978 that the Eastern Sierra will have an excellent water runoff this coming season. DWP surveys as of April 1 showed Mammoth at 168 % of normal; Rock Creek at 203%; Cottonwood 252%.

TIOGA PASS OPENING SET FOR MAY 19

Officials from Yosemite National Park, Cal-Trans, and Mono County have met and established May 19 as a tentative opening date for Tioga Pass.

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DEADLINE: Thursday, May 11

MUGELNOOS MEETINGS: Third Tuesday of each
 Month at the L.A. Department of Water &
 Power Auditorium, 111 N. Hope St., down-
 town L.A. Free Parking. A program of in-
 terest to skiers and/or climbers is pre-
 sented. Climbers, Skiers & guests welcome.

C A L E N D A R

APR 22-23 Tahquitz - Dick DeRusha
 APR 22-23 Ski Tour, Convict Lake
 Ray Shepherd
 APR 29-30 Ski Tour, Pear Lake (see pg 1)
 Cliff Cameron
 MAY 13-14 Ski Tour, "Ski Mountaineers
 Peak" Barbara Lilley
 MAY 13-15 Yosemite Mindy Bagdon
 MAY 16 Mugelnoos Meeting with film:
 SENTINEL: THE WEST FACE

NEW SKI MOUNTAINEER - WELCOME!

Mark Levy PH 397-7544
 3624 Redwood Ave.
 Los Angeles, CA 90066

NEW LOOK

Adrienne Jones, former member of the RCS
 and SMS and well-known author of young
 people's books, has a new one out. The
Hawks of Chelney will be published by
 Harper and Row this month.

RCS at Kings Canyon May 27-29

Group sites 42 & 44 in the Moraine cpgd.
 at Cedar Grove have been reserved for the
 RCS. The fee is 25¢/person/night.

Students and other individuals requiring
 rope leaders must contact the leader or
 asst. leader for approval. It would be
 helpful for planning for rope partners
 (and for carpooling planning which is
 recommended) if RCS members who plan to
 come would also notify the leader.
 This trip is recommended for non-climbers
 and for kids. Please bring hard hats or
 hard heads. See Roper's The Climber's
Guide to the High Sierra for route info.;
 additional info. will be supplied by:
 LeRoy Russ (leader) (213) 295-9703 or by
 Al Carlson (asst. ldr) (714) 521-7952

PEAR LAKE TOUR (Cont. from Column 2)
 climbed the adjoining hill for short
 downhill runs while others skied down
 valley. Saturday evening was made memor-
 able because Barbara served her special
 and by now famous popcorn until all were
 filled. Sunday morning was overcast and
 a light snowfall had covered all of the
 previous day's tracks. We found new snow
 down to Heather Lake. As we reached the
 parking lot rain and snow started. Our
 timing had been perfect and the skiing
 Great.

MORE PERMITS REQUIRED FOR SIERRA

A Golden Trout Wilderness area has just
 been established on the Sequoia and Inyo
 National Forests according to Sequoia
 Forest Supervisor John A. Leasure. The
 Golden Trout Wilderness extends from
 Moses and Maggie Mountains near Porterville
 eastward to the Sierra Crest at Olancho
 Peak. The 306,000 acre area includes
 the Little Kern Basin, the northern part
 of the Kern Plateau and the southern part
 of the Inyo National Forest, adjacent to
 the John Muir Wilderness.

The new wilderness area is part of the
 1.3 million acres of National Forest
 System lands added to the National
 Wilderness Preservation System by the
 Endangered American Wilderness Act sign-
 ed by President Carter on February 24,
 1978. Inyo Register 3-16-78

REMINDER TO RCS STUDENTS

RCS students who plan to attend climbs
 with the RCS should contact the climb
 leader before the climb. This will
 aid the leader in arranging for climbing
 partners for all who wish to climb.
 (See Big Rock trip report ed.)

FOR SALE

Polarguard Sleeping Bag (North Face "Big-
 foot"), almost new \$ 70.00
 EB's size 41 gd. cond., \$25.00 or trade
 for size 42 in gd. cond. (AH! ed.)
 Call evenings: France or Andy
 (213) 795-6811, ex 2229 or 1873

HAVE ROPE WILL TRAVEL

I've got six weeks vacation starting
 in mid-June and would like to find some-
 one to go climbing with. I'll go any-
 where. Drop me a line if you are look-
 ing for a climbing partner too.

Jim Hoste

450 Rancho Arroyo Pkwy #198

Fremont, CA 94536

(415) 796-5104

Jim is not an RCS member. ed.

LA BELLE EUROPE!

Al Carlson and LeRoy Russ are planning
 to spend one month in Europe during the
 Summer, and would appreciate receiving
 information on climbing areas.

LeRoy Russ

4587 Don Tomaso Dr.

L.A. 90008

FOUND

At the Big Rock climb: several slings.
 Call Emory Yount for details.

PEAR LAKE TOUR FEB. 4-5

There was five to six feet of snow
 surrounding the parking lot in Wolverton
 Meadows as thirteen ski mountaineers
 gathered Saturday morning for what
 proved to be another successful tour to
 the Pear Lake Hut. One tourer had
 forgotten his climbers but was fortunate
 enough to rent a pair at Giant Forest.
 The snow was firm with our trail rutted
 by old tracks, snow shoes and footprints.
 After we gained the hut many tourers
 (Please finish this account at bottom
 of column 1. ed.)