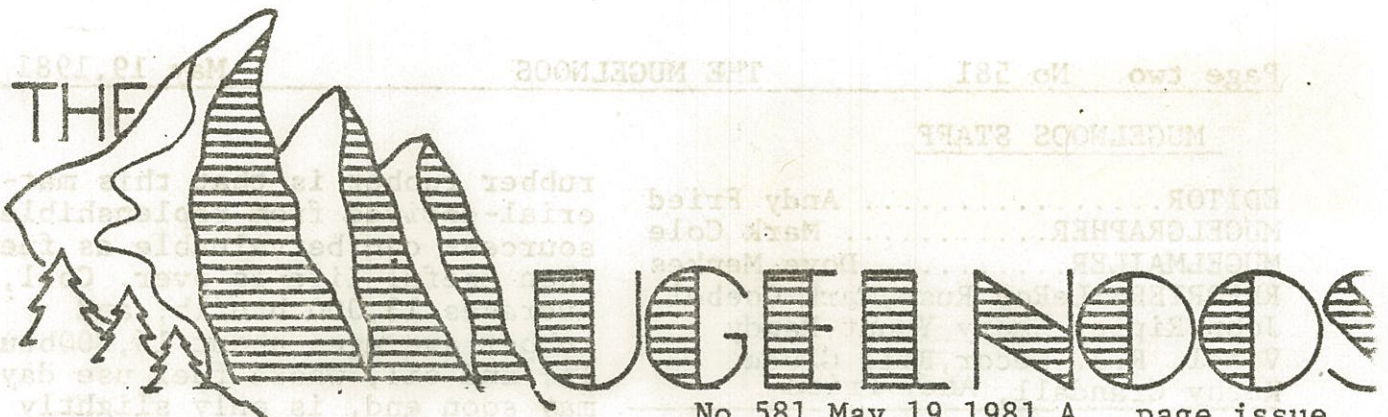


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BIG PINE CANYON TOUR

March 28-29

After skiing up towards the Palisade Glacier last year, a trip was scheduled again this season with the idea of checking out another portion of this splendid canyon.

This trip, in contrast to the last, we had to walk about 2 miles beyond Glacier Lodge before skiable snow was encountered. Fortunately, a recent snow fall aided in allowing continuous snow to camp at Third Lake, but just barely along one section of southern exposure. Although strong winds persisted throughout the weekend, sending impressive snow plumes off peaks and ridges, our camp was well protected and enjoyed a head-on view of Temple Crag's great north buttress.

Of our six skiers, one was using the Ramer MotivAider binding system which employs an articulated cuff (cont. p 2)

TAHQUITZ SEASON IS HERE

May 2-3

53(Sat)& 47(Sun) students, guests and RCS's enjoyed two sunny days of climbing at Tahquitz. Rope leaders introduced students to everything from the Trough to the Mechanics Route (ron Masters & Bob Landry, student). The usual traffic jams and ledge waiting were introduced to our "best class to date". Saturday was highlighted by a Sunday 1 AM finish of Fools' Rush by Pat Walker & Jim Friedberg. Take the trip leaders word the friction rt. is different at night. The Sproul family enjoyed a 9 hour epic on the Trough on Sunday. Virgil Shields, not accustomed to returning early, roamed the campground looking for a place to bivouac. The leader confused students Rozo, Koss and guest Miguel with the route location, so along with Masters and Landry they didn't sign back in after climbing. Masters redeemed himself by accompanying the leader back up the trail and Friction rt. looking for the speed climbers (P.W. & J.F.). A P.S. for David DeRusha, cookies next time. (LRR)

RCS AT BIG ROCK

March 28

Fifteen members and 23 guests attended this climb in great weather. This was one of the most active groups I can remember, with everyone seeming to do several climbs. The upper routes were busy, busy, and I never did find out what all the giggling was about. Probably just as well. (EY)

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Bill says that Ned Gillette has
just joined thier faculty.

FROM JIM CAMPBELL: RE: RCS CAMPFIRES
AT FOSSIL FALLS.
Gentlemen: we believe that the fol-
lowing quotation from a respected
technical journal provides the
necessary credibility to my state-
ment to RCS students, "OLD TIRES
BURN BETTER THAN WOOD".....
"Another factor favoring natural

rubber rubber is that this mat-
erial-derived from replenshible
sources- can be valuable as fuel
when useful life is over. Coal,
averages 13,000 btu/lb; and
rubber averages about 15,000btu/
lb; and oil, whose fuel use days
may soon end, is only slightly
better." Machine Design Magazine
March 19, 1981.

Notes from LeRoy;

Trips-
Contact the leader for all inform
Basic Rockcraft
Students will find it worthwhile
reread it along with the RCS man
Sign In Sheet all trip participan
to sign it.
Route Sheet Its our way of keepin
track of climbing parties- SIGN C
and SIGN IN.
Equipment Mark your equipment, in
your packs.
CARPOOLING Provide your carpooler
with a key.
LEADING Don't rush it!! Learn to
follow easy rts, gain experience a
a 2nd and in time lead the easy
you know.
Found Climbing harness, and some
Assorted hardware, (claim it, or f
mine).

Big Pine Canyon cont;
and shock absorber connecting the
binding to the skiers' calf. You
can read all about it in Ramer's
catalog, but my initial impressio
is of a rather awkward and bulky
contraption which adds about 5 lb
to an already heavy winter pack.
system seem best suited for a sit
uation with continuous snow from
the roadhead, or a strong back.

Sunday, we skied up to 5th Lake
and around to a ridge north of
4th Lake. From the ridge top, we
had a 360° view of the entire can-
yon, and the glacier and the high
peaks. It also provided an intere
ring descent which tested everyon
ability to handle mixed condition
We skied down the bottom of the
canyon on the way out, and new st
was falling before we reached the
cars. (MG)

NOTICE-- ACCIDENTS

Accidents, injuries, illnesses, a
lost persons. All such things sho
be reported to Bob Hicks, not Ang
Chapter HQ. Bob is head of Safety
Comm. Use forms from Chapter HQ.
(R.J.S.)
Wanted: Pair of used EB's size 3
Claire Beekman, H-423-4016 w 922

OSTRANDER SKI HUT TOUR

Feb 21-22

Six participants met Sat. AM at Badger Pass ski area and following breakfast and shuttling to Summit Meadows, the trailhead, we were on the way. The Park Service now requires parking at the ski area when overnighiting in the backcountry.

Although the weather was clear throught the weekend, the snow remained icy except in open areas with direct sunlight. This resulted in rocket like travel on the downhill portions of the Glacier Point road and lots of edging along the trail.

Everyone reached the Hut by early afternoon, and a few explored the local slopes with limited sucess. This reporter skied the basin above the Hut on Sunday morning and found some delightfully old powder, some corn, and a lot of other upsetting conditions. Oh well, "the views were wonderful".

The group skied out along scenic and sunny Horizon Ridge, and consolidated snow allowed for some very enjoyable downhill. (MG)

HIGH ADVENTURE ACROSS THE SIERRA

On Saturday morning, April 18th, Ralph Johnson, June Lane, Bill Kluwin, and I began hiking up the east side of the Sierra on the Shepherd Pass trail, starting a nine day adventure across the Great Western Divide to Wolverton Meadows in Sequoia. The Route we followed is commonly referred to as the Sierra High Rt, and it crosses 8 passes or ridges in about 35 miles, with the high point at 13,000' near milestone peak, and the lowest on the Kern River at 10,500'. We scheduled the trip so as to be at Pear Lake when the SMS trip arrived the following weekend.

I would say that the first 3 days of the trip were indicative of what one can expect on this rt. In one word, "anything!" The prediction of "scattered showers mainly in the north," became a 2 1/2 day snow storm with 6" new at Anvil Camp (10,000') by Sunday morning. With ayalanche beepers "beeping", we watched a big one rumble down cliffs north of Shepherd Pass. The last 500' to the pass was either knee deep snow, or required step chopping while the wind blew snow in our faces in a grey and white setting.

Once on top, we were able to glide across upper Tyndall Creek and the Muir Trail using blue wax (stick-on skins were otherwise used untill the Tablelands) to a campsite (11200') 2/3rds of the way to the Kern River. By evening a full moon glowed through the thinning clouds, and we enjoyed a warm fire.

Although Monday dawned clear, it snowed again as we departed camp and skied west to the Kern River and Milestone Creek. A number of 79' high cliffs made the final desent to the river a bit more difficult than it appeared on the map; however, it all worked out and we were easily skiing up out of the woods towards prominent Milestone Peak by early afternoon. From our camp, we had views back to the 14,000' peaks on the crest, and towering overhead, Milestone, Midway, and Table Mtn. At this point, the new snow had consolidated, and a nearby slope was soon decorated with a series of S-turns.

Tuesday we skied 2000' up to the base of Milestone and then kicked and generally thrashed our way across axposed slopes to the narrow col S.E. of the peak. Several members later reported their minds had blanked-out on the experience, (an ice ax was very comforting). Down the other side was Milestone Bowl and most of the 1800' was thick, heavy mush sizzling in the midday sun. With a few telemark turns and lots of kickturns we desended and then were faced with a new and awesom sight. Across the canyon was our next pass, a ridge south of Colby Pass, and it apperaed near virtical, but incredibly ski tracks could be seen switchbacking up through the

Sierra cont.

afternoon shadows. Onward we skied, and once over the top we were greeted with marvelous views of the Kaweah range and the next obstacle, Triple Divide Col. That evening, our camp was located just under 12000', and the setting sun provided an alpine light show against silhouetted peaks.

Wednesday we continued on over three more passes, contoured around the top ends of Cloud and Deadman Canyons and finally had a taste of the forthcoming super snow. Thursday, the sun was again out brightly, and after a few traverses in and out, and up and down, we started a five mile rolling descent to the land of pine trees, rushing waters, the Pear Lake Hut, and a hidden cache of gastronomic delights.

Following a brief rest, we then just skied and skied, and ate, and then some more skiing. Saturday we were joined by the Ski Mountaineers, and you guessed it, skiing time again. Finally we were walking the last two miles to Wolverton. Many thanks go to Betty Cameron and Gisela Kluwin for providing transportation, and to Charles Wilts for taking over my lead of the Pear Lake trip. (MG)

NEW SMS CENTRAL COMMITTEE

The following members have been elected or re-elected to SMS Central Committee:

Kathy Crandall
Mary Omberg

Andy Fried
R.J. Secor

Mark Goebel
Jakie Van Dalsem

52 ballots were returned, one was not signed and so was invalid. Thanks to Owin Maloy for all the fine work he did last season. (RJS)

RCS SCHEDULE

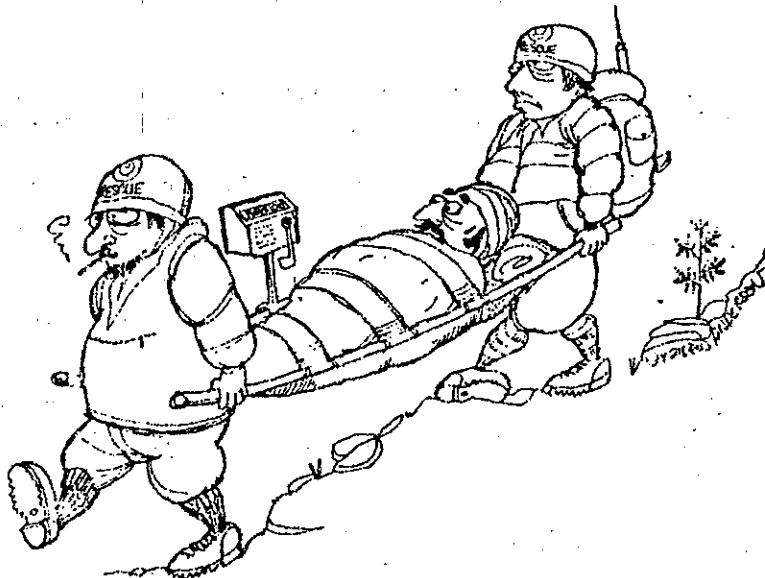
May 23-25	Yosemite Valley	Ripley/Nissen
Jun 6-7	Suicide Rock	Mundwiler/Lindgren
Jun 20-21	Tahquitz Rock	Shields/Bayless
Jul 3-5	Palisades (N.)	Tidball/Jeter/Fried
Jul 18-19	Tahquitz Rock	DeRusha/Nissen
Aug 1-3	Rock Creek	Ripley/McPherson
Aug 8-9	Tahquitz Rock	Russ/Ryan
Aug 22-23	Suicide Rock	Lees/Yount
Sep 5-7	Tuolumne Mdns	Wing/Tidball
Sep 19	Safety Test	Pies
Sep 26-27	Tahquitz Rock	Korbut-Weberg/Ryan
Oct 10-12	Yosemite Valley	Ragdon/McPherson
Oct 18	Picnic	Crandall
Oct 24	Sespe Gorge	Perkins/Cole
Nov 7-8	Owens Ridge	Ripley/Russ
Nov 21-22	Joshua Tree	Mundwiler/Cole
Dec 12-13	Joshua Tree	Moore/Wing

CLIMBING TERMS IN SPANISH

TENT
 ROPE
 ICE AX
 BELAY
 ANCHOR
 KNOTS
 SMOOTH
 RUGH
 LAYBACK
 JAM CRACK
 HANDHOLD
 FOOTHOLD
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 BOLLARD
 PICKETS
 ICE SCREWS
 STEPS
 BOLTS
 HAMMER
 BINER
 LEDGE
 PASS
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 ARETE
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 ROCK FACE
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 ICE FALL
 ICE CLIFF
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 CREVASSES
 MANY CREVASSES
 MOAT
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 PACK

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 PASO
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 GENDARMES
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 GLACER
 CASCADA DE HIELO
 PARED DE HIELO
 ACANTILADO
 GRIETAS
 GRIETADO
 RIMALLA
 TRINEO
 MOCHILA

Gracias a Miguel Rodriguez, Andy Fried.



SAN JOAQUIN, GLASS MOUNTIAN TRIP

Sat. May 2nd, found 14 hardy ski mountaineer types assembled in a very windy Mammoth Mountain parking lot to trek the San Joaquin ridge rt to the peak. A glance at the white cloud sitting atop Mammoth, and assurances from Sy Ossofsky that the weather report predicted more of the same was all it took to dissuade this group from the San Joaquin ridge- where the wind always blows vigorously, even on the calmest days at Mammoth. We all jumped into cars and followed Owen Maloy to the motocross rt at the base of the trail to Sherwin bowl, where yours truly picked up screws in two tires. We hit snow at 9,000' and ascended further up a steep slope to a lovely bowl which was full of beautiful spring corn and partially shielded from a very gusty wind. We watched the five nordic types from Sacramento linking telemarks down through the bowl, admired the carved parallel turns of Ossofsky, Jackie Van Dalsam, and the latest recruit from the 20th century version of the French foreign legion, Jean-Phillipe Morand. Then the duffers (Unge, Boge, Wilke, Harris, Maloy, and Crandall) returned to making question marks in the snow (?). It was back to the cars by 6:00PM and almost everyone returned to O.M.'s Mammoth hideaway (yours truly was assisting the Bishop owner of six cars in starting the one car that doesn't work. As I understand it, the other five cars are up on blocks, but purr like kittens. Sy finally got going and returned to Bishop, while 13 people ate the Colonel's finest and bedded down at Owens for the night.

Sunday dawned clear and calm, and the Sacramentans headed off to the San Joaquin ridge, leaving 8 Angelenos to attack Glass Mt. The road was virtually clear to 9,200', but unfortunately, so was the mountain and we quickly became desert peakers. The view from the top of Glass Mt. is phenomenal and there was enough snow to provoke Ed Unge to want to run back and get his skis. Realistically speaking, however, there will not be good skiing on Glass if you can drive anywhere near it. The terrain is such as to provide great skiing-both nordic and alpine-when the snow cover is better, and we all agreed that we should return next year at an earlier time for an overnight trip. (KC)

RCS TRAINING, 1981

The Training Committee wishes to thank everyone who helped to make this one of the best training courses ever held by the RCS. Particular thanks goes to the Telephone Committee, Ruth Carter, Emory Yount, Fred Wing, Dave Burdett, Bob Somoano, and Dave Perkins, and to all members and past students, over 40 in all, who instructed. Heading the instructors honor roll are LeRoy Russ, 5 climbs, and Ruth Carter, Bob D'Evelyn, Paul Harris, and Fred Wing, with 4 climbs each. Five more came out for 3 climbs, and 10 for 2 climbs and 15 for one climb. (stats by Virgil Shields).

It's also fair to add that we had one of our best groups of students ever, as evidenced by the climbing at Fossil Falls and later climbs.

Finally, this would be incomplete without a Special thanks to LeRoy, who officially served as our most efficient Registrar, but who in actuality had more to do with this year's success than anyone.

Mike Mulry
Jim Sharpsteen

WINTER SEASON CLIMBING STATS ALMOST READY. VIRGIL REPORTS THAT SOME CLIMB LEADERS HAVE NOT YET RETURNED THE SIGN-IN SHEETS IN THE ENCLOSED SASE'S.

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