

Includes Don Pies' first climbing  
in Yosemite on page 5, and  
Don's first unscheduled bivouac.

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A newsheet published by & for the Ski Mountaineers & Rock Climbing Sections of the S.C.'s Angeles Chap. Address changes to Tim Ryan, 2400 1/2 Alma Av., Manhattan Bc. 90266

#### MESSAGE TO CONTRIBUTORS

This issue is kept down to 6 pages to make room for the Ski Mt. membership list (for SMS members only). Contrary to the complaints of some publications (at times even this one), contributions were so numerous & lengthy that most had to be slightly abridged. Don't be mad--lots of noos, good noos; send it in!

#### HOW TO JOIN THE AAC & SAVE MONEY (SOME, THAT IS)

Many RCS members & other local climbers are eligible to join the American Alpine Club, which is a national honorary & service organization of experienced climbers, & the only national group devoted exclusively to climbing & mountaineering. New members of all ages are welcome. Those contemplating AAC membership would do well financially to choose their date of application according to age:- join in 1975 if you are over 24; join after Jan.1, 1976 if you are then 23 or under. That is the date when dues will change, giving a break to Youth (and a slight jolt to Age?) The increased dues are necessitated by inflation, and the expanded services offered by the Club. But younger climbers who are both desired & less able to pay will be charged less.

#### Now

Current Initiation Fee: \$10. Annual Dues: \$20 for all (except that a spouse sharing one mailing pays only half the annual dues).

#### Then

As of Jan.1, 1976, the following dues structure will apply:

23 years old and under: \$10 Initiation Fee, \$15 Annual Dues.

24 years old on up: \$15 Initiation Fee, \$30 Annual Dues.

#### How to Apply

The AAC is not an "invitational" club -- don't wait to be "asked." New members are welcome. Those interested in joining should apply as follows: (1) Obtain an application form by writing to the AAC office at 113 E. 90th St., N.Y. 10028; or by contacting Mike Sherrick (secretary of the local group) at 6256 Belmar, Reseda 91335 (Phone, 344-0964). Completed applications, which include the names of references, are sent to the Club offices.

#### Who Is Eligible?

Candidates for Active Membership are expected to have made a series of ascents of real mountaineering difficulties, usually over at least 3 seasons, evidencing proficiency, leadership, & enthusiasm. The climbing record should list significant ascents chronologically by year; should group ascents of any one year by regions or ranges; indicate party or rope leadership where significant; and indicate new routes or first ascents. Stating the name of a peak implies a completed ascent, but incomplete ascents (so designated) should be included if significant routes or peaks are involved.

#### Get Life

The bargain of 1975, for either new or old members, is a Life Membership (for anyone young enough to get his money's worth): \$500 during the rest of this year -- Life Membership goes up to \$750 after Jan.1, 1976.

Further information about the AAC can be obtained from the local Director, Ruth D. Mendenhall, 335 Sequoia Dr., Pasadena 91105 (Phone, 793-0806), or from any member.

#### RCS SECRETARY-TREASURER'S RULES & REVELATIONS

Sec.-Treas. LeRoy Russ requests members & would-be members to note the following precepts:-

(1) Current Sierra Club membership is a requirement for all RCS members; but about 15% "members" (some of them leaders) are not S.C. members. If such drop-outs have not rejoined the S.C. by the Nov. business meeting, they will have to be chopped from the RCS list.

(2) Climb credit can be given only for the area scheduled, without jeopardizing the Club liability insurance. For example, when climbs are scheduled at Tahquitz, "credit" cannot be allowed for climbing at Suicide, & vice versa. Leaders & assistants should keep track of this, and members' cooperation will be appreciated. (Anyway, a major purpose of RCS climbs is to promote & provide fellowship among Section members -- not just "get credit.")

The American Alpine Journal for 1975 is out, & is of interest to all climbers. It contains 275 pp. of articles & photos of climbs & expeditions the world over. It is usually for sale in mt. shops, cost \$8 (it comes free to AAC members). Back copies are often available at the Club offices, sometimes at reduced prices. (RDM)

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DEADLINE: Mon.NOON, July 14 -- but send  
everything you can sooner !!!

MUGELNOOS MEETINGS: 3rd Weds. each month,  
8 p.m. Lemon Grove Rec.Center, 4959 Lemon  
Gr.Av., L.A., just off H'wd Fwy near Mel-  
rose exit. Trip news, program, food, laughs;  
climbers, skiers, guests, etc. welcome.

"Can I horn in? Say  
MOO-gul-noos. Not  
Mugg or Miew."  
(Mugel means a bump  
in the snow, now incor-  
rectly called "Mogul."  
"Noos" is news with a  
German accent.)



C A L E N D A R

- June 21-22 - Tahquitz (T).
- July 4-6 - The Needles (T), Seq. Nat. Forest
- July 12-13 - Gables Lakes (T).
- July 26-27 - Tahquitz (T).
- July 16 - Mugelnoos meeting, 8 p.m.

YOU MAY MISS MAY PP.

The May Mugelnoos had 8 pages. Anyone  
who did not get all 4 sheets may contact  
Tim Ryan, Mugelmailer, 2400 1/2 Alma Ave.,  
Manhattan Beach 90266, for absentees.

WHO'S NOO? Six new members were voted  
into the RCS at the May 5 Safety Com. meet-  
ing: Phil Bruce, Michael Dale, Randall D.  
McDonald, Larry DeMilner, Tom Sarazen, and  
Robert M. Trousdale.

These RCS members were designated Qual-  
ified Leaders, as defined by the bylaws:  
Leonard Bayless, Maynard Brandsma, Dave  
Burdett, Jim Campbell, Scott Evans, Andy  
Fried, Leonard Hall, Jim McPherson, Karin  
Sundquist, & Fred Wing. (HL)

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REINSTATED SKI MT. --Worthie Doyle, 1120  
Bethel Ave., Port Orchard, WA 98366.

CHAIRMAN (BUT NOT ARMCHAIRMAN)

Norman Kingsley, author of Icecraft, is  
the new Chairman of the Sierra Club Moun-  
taineering Com., replacing retired person  
J. Wedberg.

MARRIED BLISS - Jim Powers, San Antonio  
(Baldy) Hut manager, is to be congratu-  
lated on now having a wife, Betty.

TEENS FOR TWO: Ron & Carolyn Smith are  
conducting 4- & 10-day Sierra field trips  
for teenagers & adults this summer. The  
Palos Verdes school dist. gives a semes-  
ter's credit in Biology for a 10-day trip.  
For details, contact the Smiths, c/o The  
Wilderness Camp, 2740 Via Anita, Palos Ver-  
des Estates, CA 90274.

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Interviewing Al Steck June 6, the L.A. Times quotes (?) Al as Shasta being 23,000'...

TOURING & THRIFT AT MAMMOTH

Bob & May Frampton, charter members of  
the Ski Mt. Sec., spent 10 days at Mammoth  
in late May visiting son Rick who is work-  
ing at the Arlberg Chalet. There was still  
3-4' of snow clogging the road beyond the  
lift lodge. Sun cups were 6-10" deep, but  
spring snow was soft by midday. They tour-  
ed out to Minaret Summit one day.

Old-Timers Note: Free "Senior Citizen"  
passes can be obtained for all lifts at  
the main business office.

Downhillers Note: Doug Kittredge Sporting  
Goods in downtown Mammoth is selling off  
his black plastic buckle GARMONT 'Sierra'  
downhill boots @\$20 pr.-rentals for 2 yrs.

Everyone Note: The "Thrift Shop" on the  
downhill side of the rd. partway through  
town is worth visiting. Prices are low &  
the used (lost, left behind?) merchandise  
good - skis, boots, parkas, etc. (RF)

SOFT SNOW SEASON - The '74-'75 winter  
may be remembered as the "year with no  
spring." Due to the rapid transition from  
winter to summer temperatures in early May  
the snow in the Sierra did not have a  
chance to consolidate. Thus it is soft, rot-  
ten, & subject to wet snow avalanches in  
many areas; foot travel could be tedious.

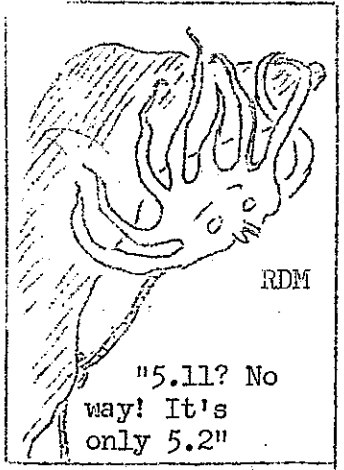
The Inyo Register for 5/29 reports that  
due to late storms, forecasts for spring &  
summer runoff are near or above average.  
The snowpack water content was 200% of  
average as of May 1.

WHERE DO OLD-TIME SKIER-CLIMBERS GO?

Almost everywhere, it seems! Helen Hen-  
nies writes that Carl & Marita Bodenhofer  
plan a trip to England, & the Halleys to  
Europe this summer. DeDe Gorin was in New  
Zealand camping with the Colo.Mt.Club's  
tour. The Blundells were in Hong Kong and  
Bangkok in Dec. In Jan. the Brintons vis-  
ited Japan, Bangkok, Nepal, India, Bali,  
Singapore, & Hong Kong.

CAR TARNS

Trip leaders are urged to do their best  
to match drivers and  
riders. Gas costs --  
& parking spaces  
are scarcer. This is  
especially important  
when campgrounds or  
campsites are in-  
volved. Suggested  
reimbursement to the  
driver is 2¢ a mi. ea.  
rider. (L.R.)



RDM

ANON. WORKER: John  
D.Mendenhall is fin-  
ishing 30 yrs. as  
Ski Hut Treasurer.

"5.11? No  
way! It's  
only 5.2"

HUT PROBLEMS: Why the Baldy Hut has  
probs when the BMTC's ice-ax practice is  
in the Baldy Bowl may be clarified by the  
letter on p.7 of the June So.Sierran and  
J.Wedberg's reply, perhaps in July.

B.Lilley (days): 883-2400; Ext.2205.

DENALI: 4 Ski Mt. in a group of 9 bound  
for Mt.McKinley June 21 are D.Mantle, Mark  
Goebel, M.Brandsma, & T.Cardinas.

SUCCESS! 800 packed the 6/6 Internation-  
al Music Fest. & enjoyed Al Steck's pix.

SKI MOUNTAINEERS LIVE IT UP IN MAY-JUNE 1975: Due to record snowfalls of '75's "springtime," numerous successful alpine ski tours took place -- scheduled, outlaw, and exploratory. One more to come (June 14-15) will be recorded in the July issue.

### PEAKS, TREASURES, AND THIEVES OF THE HIGH COUNTRY

The Thompson Ridge tour of May 17-18 went with only a wispy cloud of bad weather for the 2nd year in a row. Nine skiers started out over a snowy road from Parchers Camp, walking across the ice pack of So. Lake which could not be trod on too heavily (under the weight of those 210 cm. Heads, Harvey Hickman found several weak spots with resulting wet feet). Camp was made on a large granite outcrop at 10,400' just below Treasure Lakes.

#### Frying Pan into Fire

After lunch some skied to an overlook of the Saddlerock Lk. area, & 5 headed up towards Mt. Gilbert (13,103). Though they felt like it was a tour in a large frying pan, due to the intensity of the sun, all enjoyed runs on spring snow. Mark Goebel & Gail Wilts reached the top of Gilbert, and were able to ski back to camp except for the narrow couloir leading down from the ridge.

Sat. evening rain threatened, but was scared off by rain-gear & tents. On Sun., bright, clear & warm, the group climbed Peak 13,323 on Thompson Ridge. A register was taken to the summit, and the peak unofficially christened "Ski Mountaineers Pk." Enjoyable skiing was provided on the 3000' descent to camp. Thanks are extended to J. Wedberg for his expert route finding through the woods from camp to So. Lake.

Mark Goebel discovered that, like the bear coming out of hibernation, the Sierra roadhead thieves were around again. They pried open a rear window of his car and searched the glove compartment for valuables; also damaged a door panel. (MG)

### A TALE OF DADE, TERROR, SPLASHES AND MARMOTS

The Bear Creek Spire-Mt. Dade area was invaded May 24-26 by 4 dauntless Ski Mountaineers and one snowshoer: Mike Layland, Barbara Lilley, Harvey Hickman, Bill Feldmann, and his snowshoeing wife Hedy. These significant events occurred:

- (1) The snow line began at the pack station; thus it was a long trek to camp.
- (2) Camp was made at the far end of Long Lk., on snow but with bare rocks handy for dry comfort.
- (3) Minor excursions into the bowls were made Saturday.
- (4) A spectacular view of the total eclipse of the moon was enjoyed by all.
- (5) Mt. Dade (13,600) was climbed Sunday.
- (6) B. Lilley broke through the snow into the lake while trying to get water, which she found in great abundance. Thereafter water seekers approached the hole on their stomachs.
- (7) Various cols and bowls were climbed and skied on Monday.

#### That's an Angle!

Statisticians will be interested in the angle of incline of the broad couloir leading down from Dade. Bill Feldmann, an engineer & thus presumably expert in such matters, estimated the gradient at a terrifying 45 degrees. Certainly it inspired some of the most cautious skiing ever seen on a ski tour: slow, nervous turns with wide traverses for the first 300 or 400 feet. As the angle eased, the skiers' courage rose, and soon they were floating down the mountain, pausing at the bottom to stare in awe at their tracks on the lower 2/3 of the run.

#### Animal Crackups

Zoologists will be interested in these tidbits. Either the tamest, dumbest, or most fearless marmot this writer ever saw pranced all over camp, coming within 3 ft. of the writer, who ran out of film after one shot. Going out, the writer saw a coyote bound across an open area into some trees. A second later, a squirrel sprinted out of the trees into an open area -- a tactical mistake except that reinforcements were coming, that is, the writer. The coyote saw the strange creature on skis and vanished. Depending on how you look at it, the writer either saved a squirrel or made a coyote go hungry.

The trip was distinguished by rotten snow that broke under you as you skied over it. But by zigging & zagging, skiers had to take their skis off only 2 or 3 times. (HH)

### OUTLAW SKIERS AND MT. RITTER ECLIPSE

From the lifts of Mammoth, one of the most impressive views is that of the Ritter Range; for the Ski Mountaineer, the Southeast Glacier & summit snowfield on Ritter appear especially interesting. On May 24-26, Mark Goebel, Doug Mantle, Gail Wilts, Dave Field, & Maynard Brandsma skied, hiked & climbed from Mammoth via Agnew Meadows & Shadow Creek to the summit of Mt. Ritter (13,157). It was a strenuous trip, but filled with high adventure, fantastic scenery, great wilderness skiing, and Sierra travel without the thundering herd (Can one thunder on skis? Ed.)

The five skied over Minaret Summit & down to Agnew Mdw. There the skis were carried over some bare ground down to and across the thundering San Joaquin River, & up to Shadow Lk. Thence they crossed the frozen lake, to camp at about 9200'. There was still energy for a ski run below Cabin Lk, & a view of the eclipse of the moon.

Early Sun. a.m. the climb began to Ritter's summit, which was attained in time for lunch. From the very top they skied for nearly 4000 vertical feet on smooth spring snow. Back in camp they crashed on their sunny boulder & admired their tracks.

On the 3rd day, they returned to the S.J. River, & crept across on the remaining snow & log bridge; then the climb back over Minaret Summit & down to the cars. (MG)

## (Alpine Ski Tours, Cont.)

THE SECRET OF PARKER CANYON

A joint Ski Mt.-Sierra Peaks ski tour/peak climb June 7-8 was attended by three Ski Mt. (Lilley, Wedberg & Feldmann) and 9 hard-core iron men from the SPS past, including Tom Ross. From Hwy. 395, Parker Canyon, W. of Grant Lk. on the June Lk. Loop, has often been observed to contain an impressive amount of late-season snow; the joint trip was arranged in case it wasn't up to impressions.

From the 8000' roadhead, the 12 backpacked the easy 2 mi. trail to Parker Lk., & went cross-country 1 mi. upstream to camp at 8600' on a bench among aspens. The first long continuous snow slope was only  $\frac{1}{2}$  mi. & 200' above camp. It ended at 10,000' in a rock band with a spectacular 100' waterfall. The band was passed by climbing high on the snow on the S. end, & scrambling up Class 3 ledges; continuous snow was again reached 200' above. Sat. 2 skiers climbed Parker (12,861') & Wood (12,637'). A 3000' ski descent ensued, on slopes just steep enough to be challenging but fun, and snow smooth, soft and well-consolidated. Except for a 50' stretch below Parker & the rock band, snow was continuous to 8800', with the best skiing below the rock band.

Peak Bagging On & Off Skis

Meanwhile the SPS men were peak-bagging, and returned late. Sun. 2 skiers climbed Koip Peak (12,979), at the head of Parker Can. as seen from the road. Snow above the rock band was continuous to the summit, but the last 1000' were unskiable (frozen icy ridges up to a foot high). Below that, skiing improved. The skiers next made a long fast ski traverse to Mt. Lewis (12,296), and left skis at 11,500' to climb the peak. Then they skied down Parker Can. to camp & to the cars (while the SPS made more peaks). The skiers felt this tour worth rescheduling, maybe in mid-May for more & better snow. Parker & Lewis Peaks have good ski slopes, but the snow is usually gone by the time Tioga Pass is open. (BL -- with more by JW & more or less by RDM).

AVALANCHES & OUTCONE PILOTS

The Virginia Lakes tour May 31-June 1 drew only 3. The one from the Bay Area was late, due to an avalanche on the newly-opened, re-closed Tioga road. The 6-mi. Virginia Lakes road had just been opened. Snow cover was sparse on the south-facing slopes of Dunderberg (12,374); so on Sat., Black Mt. (11,760+) was climbed. The run down was on reasonably good spring snow in NW-facing bowls. The hardy trio enjoyed an Italian dinner at a motel (but returned to the Virginia Lakes road for the night.)

Excelsior!

Sun. they made the 6-mile trek to the summit of Excelsior Mt. (12,400+). Happily, snow was continuous except for a couple of 150' stretches above the pass. Bill Feldmann, ham radio enthusiast, carried up a 2-watt transmitter-receiver designed to be used through remote repeater stations. Among persons contacted was a private pilot flying up the San Joaquin Valley who was somewhat shocked to learn that Bill was 8000' higher in altitude than he was! The descent was on soft snow, with small avalanches and large snowballs following the skiers down -- at least the rapidly-forming sun cups were soft too.

Great Expectations

Virginia Lakes is definitely a car-camp touring area. This year Black Mt. and its S. Peak still had good snow cover on NW slopes, but these & Excelsior Mt. should be skied as early in May as the road is open. Dunderberg's south-facing slopes should be skied even earlier if possible. Road information can be obtained from the B ridgeport Ranger Station. (BL)

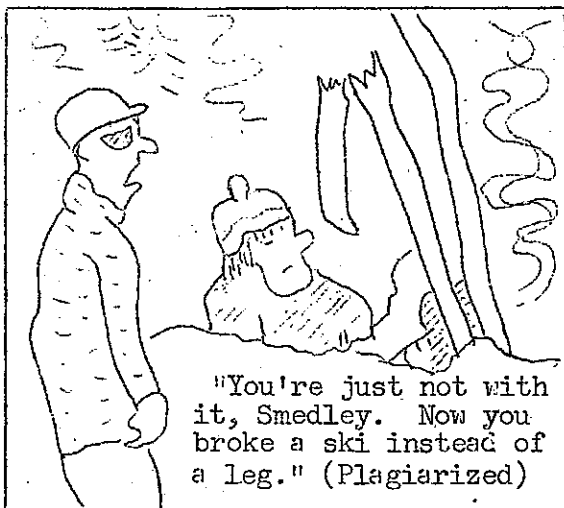
SKI MOUNTAINEERS EAT AND MEET NEAR END OF SEASON

Twenty Ski Mountaineers and guests enjoyed one of the best banquets ever May 28 at the Smoke House Restaurant in Burbank. Food & facilities were excellent. The program consisted of two good ski movies plus films on Mineral King & San Geronio that were entertaining in more ways than one! Many thanks to Tom Cardina for arranging such an outstanding event.

Officers Meet

After the banquet, the new Central Committee met: Chairman Mark Goebel; Vice-Ch. Doug Mantle; Sec. Barbara Lilley; Treas. George Shimmo; and Bill Feldmann & Ray Shepherd. Discussion on new First Aid Kit & Qualified Leaders was postponed till the next meeting. Old Business: Work on ski mountaineering movie is again under way, thanks to Pete White; the film may be ready by the Nov. Mugelnoos meeting. J. Wedberg will work with the BMTC this summer to try to find alternate sites for their ice axe practice.

New Business: Mugelnoos meetings Nov. through April will start at 7:30 p.m., with equipment talks for alpine touring at 7 p.m. Programs & refreshments were assigned. Committeemen were appointed as follows: Ski Tests, Steve Wilkie; Mugelnoos, Ruth Mendenhall; Projection, John Wedberg; Ski Mountaineering, Chuck Wilts. The Nov.-Feb. ski touring schedule was set up, to include 4 local "check-out" tours plus one at Mammoth & overnight trips to Pear Lk Hut (if available) & Baldy Hut. The Section was billed \$24 by the Ang. Chap. for excessive lineage in the Sched, so write-ups will be shortened. The '75-'76 ski tour sched. will appear in the Nov. '75 Mugelnoos. (BL)



WHAT DID THEY SEE AT CEDAR GROVE?

Seven RCS members & 12 guests attended the June 7-8 exploratory trip at Cedar Gr., Kings Canyon Nat'l Park. The climbs are located along a 4-mi. stretch of the valley, E. of Camp #4. Sat. climbs were made in 4 of the 15 areas recommended by the maps provided by the climb leaders.

By 8 p.m. Sat., all were back in camp except 5 climbers who elected to spend the night on a ledge 600' up on "LeRoy's & Emory's First Choice" -- a broken wall on the N. side of the valley & just W. of N.Dome. This bivouac was also attended by 3 members of the Park Serv. Mt. Rescue Team, who provided assistance to Ray Beal who was injured by rockfall -- see accident report below. With the rescue drawing to a successful close Sun. morning, most of the RCS group showed up in short pants & rock shoes for some mild bouldering.

The climbing was generally reported to be interesting, but loose or dirty in most areas. The weather was mild & sunny, hot enough in the afternoon to prompt a few very short swims in the backwaters of the Kings River (very cold). The campgrounds were almost empty, and the valley is a pleasant place at this season. (EY)

RCS CLIMBING ACCIDENT IN KINGS CANYON

A member of an RCS party suffered an accident due to rockfall on an 800' wall near N.Dome in Cedar Gr., Kings Canyon Nat'l Park, Sat., June 7, 1975. The mishap occurred just as darkness fell, & resulted in an overnight bivouac. The Park Serv. Mt. Rescue Team reached the victim about 3 a.m., & completed the evacuation by 10 a.m. 6/8.

The RCS group consisted of a rope of 3 (LeRoy Russ, Jim Endo & Pamela Forrest), followed by a rope of 2 (Ray Beal & his son Doug). The two teams climbed independently until late in the day when the last man in the lead team started trailing the Beal rope on each pitch in order to speed up the climb for the lower party. This rope apparently dislodged a rock near the top of the wall. The rock struck Ray, resulting in a broken right forearm & a badly lacerated r. little finger. First Aid was administered, primarily to stop the bleeding of the injured hand.

The lead party then rappelled one pitch to the injured person & the entire group descended another 50' to a ledge. This final movement was aided by a spotlight on a Park Service vehicle on the road below as, by that time, a Park Ranger had been alerted. The Mt. Rescue Team of the Park sent 3 climbers up the "back side." This group was led by Larry Thompson, and included Jim Hart & Paul Milburn.

Sound and Light

Supported from the road by 2 spotlights & radio-equipped vehicles, the three made a Class 2 & 3 climb to the head of the wall. Thompson & Milburn rappelled to the bivouac ledge, and provided First Aid (air splint), food, water & sleeping bag. The injury appeared to be such that an overnight stay was permissible, & a helicopter was requested for 6 a.m. Sun. The 2 rangers & 5 RCS climbers spent the rest of the night on the ledge about 600' up the face. The 3rd ranger stayed at the top of the wall.

Victim Climbs One-Handed

Sun. a.m. LeRoy, Pam, Jim & Doug climbed the remaining 200' of the face just as a Navy helicopter appeared. The aircraft was found to have a faulty fuel system, however, so the airlift was not possible. The 2 rangers & Ray then climbed the face. That involved a one-handed mantel for Ray. By 10 a.m. all had reached the valley floor. Ray was then transported in his own car to the Kameah Delta Dist. Hospital in Visalia for X-rays & examination, a dressing for his finger & a temporary splint. By 5:15 p.m. Sun. he was on his way to L.A. for further medical attention.

The Park Service performed a smooth rescue with a minimum of equipment. They knew the terrain & forged in to do the job. Their portable radios were especially useful, as the Kings River created enough noise to make unaided communication with the climbers almost impossible. The Emergency Report form required by the Sierra Club, and an accident report, have been filed with the Angeles Chapter. (EY) \*Not ex-Ray.

YOSEMITE WALLS BULGE WITH MEMORIAL DAY CROWDS

Don Pies' first climb in Yosemite

Yosemite Val. May 24-26 was invaded by good weather, the usual number of people, & 15 RCS members. The "Campground Full" signs went up early Thurs. before the weekend even started. By Sat., Sunnyside (Camp 4) looked like a refugee staging area, overflowing toward the W. The rangers somehow remained calm & ignored the crowding till a Hell's Angel's-type group moved in Sat., riding motorcycles noisily through the campsites. Such are the pleasures of Yosemite on Memorial Day weekend.

Stone Walls Do Not a Prison Make

Some relief was obtained by climbers as they were driven up the walls, with relief. Pulpit Rock, Glacier Pt. Apron, Delectable Pinnacle, & Arrowhead Spire saw action Sat. On Sun. there were ascents of Pat & Jack's Pinnacles, Lower Brother, Leaning Tower Traverse, & the Snake Dike on Half Dome. Sun. a.m. was spent in anxiety, as a climbing party forgot (& the leaders forgot to warn them - obvious, you know) that you can't cross Bridal Veil Cr. above the falls at this season. After a pleasant night out in the snow, they made their way down Leaning Tower Gully. The rest of the day was spent climbing a few short ones before returning home.

Don Pies  
Dave  
Engel  
Dan King

There seemed to be more climbers than ever in the Valley. "Popular" climbs had 2, 3, 4 parties lined up to start. Even the Snake Dike had a party ahead of Russ & Fried. The only escape seemed to be climbs with long approaches. Two were killed Sun. on Sabinella when their belay anchor (a manzanita bush) failed. Helicopters were busy Mon. with searches & broken limb evacuations. A ranger had to leave us hastily Mon. a.m. because the bank holdup alarm was signalled. So was civilization come to Yosemite Valley. (H.S.)

Trip Leader was Mike Serrick, who was with the first ascent party of the Northwest Face of Half Dome in 1957. First ascent party: RCS members Royal Robbins, Mike Serrick, Jerry Gallwas

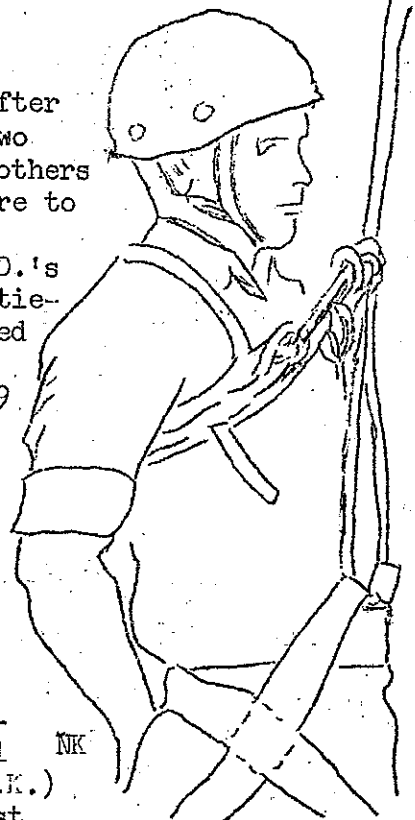
T I E - I N S ! !

By Norman Kingsley

"Of 20 Swami-belted climbers who fell and were rescued after hanging in their ropes, 3 died immediately after rescue. Two others developed kidney failure, one could be saved. Three others died within 1 to 11 days after rescue, despite intensive care to restore circulation."

This report, stemming out of the 1972 Mountain Rescue M.D.'s Symposium in Innsbruck, set off intense testing of current tie-in methods. Late last year, the German Alpine Club published results of 3 years' testing. It concluded that waist tie-ins result in death when fallers are subject to loads of 849 lbs. plus. Fallers tied in via chest-harness only, experience serious circulatory injury after hanging 8-22 minutes after falling. Climbers wearing seat-harnesses only had a better survival ratio. Seven out of 10 controlled test cases managed to hang up to 28 min. (one over 30 min.). Three had to be released after 20 min., due to appearance of serious shock symptoms.

Last Nov., the UIAA Safety Commission met in Spain & expanded on the German tests. Random tests found that 30% of seat-harnessed fallers wind up hanging head down. Theoretically this results in death after 10 min. (Reality: Otto Uhl died this way on the Badile after hanging only 7 min. Ref.N.K.) After lengthy tests, the UIAA issued official warning against waist, or chest-only tie-ins. A system as illustrated here was the only one sanctioned by the UIAA. (Mugelnoos art doesn't make this really clear. Consult N.K. for details).



UIAA sanctioned  
tie-in system

ARE YOU AS MODERN AS YOU THINK YOU ARE?

As the U.S. Bicentennial nears, Mugelnoos is working backwards, and presents items between 43 & 153 years old. Times haven't changed as much as one might hope!

From the American Alpine Journal, 1932: "OLD & NEW HELPS TO THE CLIMBER. The best crampon yet devised, by Grivel of Courmayeur, is of the Eckenstein 10-point variety, with 2 additional prongs directed forward...The ice axe strap illustrated is of great utility. It is made of a linen strap, secured to a steel ring which fits loosely around the wooden shaft...The strap easily running up & down, can be used to carry the ice axe while rock climbing as well as to secure it to the wrist while step-cutting."

From an 1822 French dictionary: "Piton. Nail with a hole in the head."

From DECORUM, A Practical Treatise on Etiquette & Dress, 1879:

"ASCENDING A MOUNTAIN: If you are walking with a woman in the country, ascending a mountain or strolling by a river, and your companion -- being fatigued -- should choose to sit upon the ground, on no account allow yourself to do the same, but remain rigorously standing. To do otherwise would be flagrantly indecorous & she would probably resent it as the greatest insult.

"COLOGNE: Take 1 gallon of spirits of wine & add of the oil of lemon, orange, & bergamot each a spoonful, also add extract of vanilla 40 drops. Shake, then add a pt. of soft water. The older it gets the better, but when mixed well is fit for use. (Especially around the campfire. J.D.)

"THE BEARD: The full, flowing beard of course requires more looking after in the way of cleanliness than any other. It should be thoroughly washed & brushed at least twice a day, as dust is sure to accumulate in it..There is nothing that so adds to native manliness as the full beard if carefully & neatly kept. Nature knows best. The person who invented razors libeled nature & added a fresh misery to the days of man. 'Ah,' said Diogenes, who would never consent to be shaved, "Do you insinuate that Nature had done better to make you a woman than a man?" (JC 6/9/75 - 1975, that is).

RCS TRAINING AND GRAVY TRAIN

FEES FOR MAYBE CLIMBERS? The RCS is considering a fixed fee for climbing training. This fee, less than \$15, would be levied on each new student, who normally starts classes in Nov.-Dec., & would cover the costs of the training year. The Ang.Chap.Exec. Com. has apparently granted permission. RCS Ch.Emory Yount requests members & guests to comment by the July Mugelnoos meeting. (EY)

RCS TREASURER'S REPORT: June 10, 1975: \$62.95. (LR)

TRAINING COM.REPORT: A detailed report of the 1974-75 training program by the Com. Ch. Tom Jeter will appear in the July Mug. A total of 135 students attended, 37 coming to 3 or more practice climbs. Half the RCS members helped train them. "Voluntary Contributions" totaled \$164, but the cost of training was at least twice that much.

SIGN -- IF YOU CAN FIND THE SIGN-IN SHEET

Confusion & uncomplimentary remarks sometimes result when the RCS sign-in sheet can't be found at scheduled climbs. In hope of solving this problem, these standard locations for the sheet are designated by RCS Sec.-Treas. LeRoy Russ: (1) Tahquitz - Lunch Rock. (2) Suicide - Weeping Wall. (3) Other - Specific location to be published beforehand in Mug. Needles - (July 4-6) Lower Peppermint Campground bulletin board.

(Adieu, my friends, adieu, adieu. Much ado about nothing)