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MUGELNOOS SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE !!

Send in your two bucks to Tim Ryan (address above), if not already done. Otherwise, this may be your last issue! Mugelnoos subscription is required to maintain section membership in RCS & Ski Mountaineers.

FALL RITUAL: ENTER THE SKI MOUNTAINEERS

May thru October the Rock Climbing Section handles the Mugelnoos programming, then enters the Ski Mountaineers for November thru April. The traditional November program will be a skiing movie, but thence the entertainment will promise to delight climbers and skiers alike. The RCS commences its practice climbs and instructional sessions in December, and beginners are urged to participate now, while this opportunity is afforded. Contact one of the RCS officers for details on this seasons's rope classes and beginners climbs. The Ski Mountaineers will have many one day beginners ski tours as soon as adequate local snow permits. Those interested in joining the SMS on a scheduled overnight Sierra tour should receive an equipment check-out (1/2-hr prior to any Mugelnoos meeting), and appear on a local checkout tour to determine applicant's ability and conditioning. SMS ski tours are fairly strenuous, and entail skiing with packs over varying snow conditions. This is alpine skiing, not nordic. Applicants are required to know how to ski -- the SMS does not teach skiing. Non-skiers and nordic enthusiasts are encouraged to seek the Angeles Chapter Snow Touring Committee. So, here we go! Think snow! In that regard, Mammoth Mountain began daily operation Sunday, October 12th; however, as of mid-November the conditions had become too marginal to make the long drive worthwhile. Think more snow

SKI MOUNTAINEERS SECTION ALPINE SKI TOURING SCHEDULE, 1975-76

- 12/14/75 Local "checkout" tour. Leader: J. Wedberg (472-6768). Co-Ldr: G. Shinno
- 1/11/76 Local "checkout" tour. Leader: W. Davie (390-3938). Co-Ldr: J. Wedberg
- 1/17-18/76 "Checkout" tour, Mammoth. Ldr: G. Shinno (664-1534). Co-Ldr: S. Ossosky
- 1/24-25/76 Pear Lake Hut. Leader: G. Wilts (594-0644). Co-Ldr: D. Field
- 1/31-2/1/76 Pear Lake Hut. (Alternate date, 2nd choice.)
- 2/8/76 Local "checkout" tour. Leader: C. Rugg (375-4882). Co-Ldr: I. Lieberman
- 2/14-16/76 San Antonio Hut. Leader: J. Wedberg (472-6768). Co-Ldr: B. Lilley
- 2/22/76 Local "checkout" tour. Leader: J. Mendenhall (793-0806). Co-Ldr: W. Boge
- 3/7/76 Local "checkout" tour. Leader: R. J. Secor (795-5520).
- 3/13-14/76 San Antonio Hut. Leader: J. Wedberg (472-6768). Co-Ldr: C. Rugg
- 3/20-21/76 Joint trip w/SPS: Diamond Pk. SMS Leader: D. Mantle (343-5837).
- 3/27-28/76 San Gorgonio. Leader: B. Feldmann (805-527-0406) Co-Ldr: R. Shepherd
- 4/10-11/76 Onion Valley area. Leader: G. Shinno (664-1534). Co-Ldr: G. Wilts
- 4/24-25/76 Pear Lake (Hut, if avail.). Leader: M. Brandsma (285-9613). Co-Ldr: Secor
- 5/1-2/76 Bridgeport Pks, car camp. Leader: M. Goebel (820-1962). Co-Ldr: D. Mantle
- 5/15-16/76 Parker Canyon. Leader: B. Feldmann (805-527-0406). Co-Ldr: B. Lilley
- 5/22-23/76 San Juaquin Pk, Mammoth. Ldr: R. Shepherd (838-9617). Co-Ldr: C. Rugg
- 5/29-31/76 Mt Lyell, Rush Cr. Leader: M. Goebel (820-1962). Co-Ldr: B. Feldmann
- 6/5-6/76 Rock Creek. Leader: B. Lilley (886-4154). Co-Ldr: J. Wedberg

* Still to be confirmed. If no answer at 594-0644, call Goebel 820-1962.

All ski tours subject to relocation or cancellation due to changing and unpredictable weather and/or snow conditions. (BL)

R C S NEWS

Highlights of RCS biz meeting Nov 13th:

- 1 -- Elected new (old) officers: Chairman, Emory Yount; Vice-Chrm, Tom Jeter; Sec-Treas, Leroy Russ.
- 2-- Those interested in leading and/or assisting leaders should contact Emory Yount and Leroy Russ. Trip ideas also welcomed.
- 3 -- List of dropped members will be published in December.

(LR)

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C A L E N D A R

Nov 28-30 Rock climb, Joshua Tree
Dec 6 Rock climb, Big Rock
Dec 14 Rock Climb, Stony Point
Dec 14 Ski tour, local checkout
Dec 17 MUGELNOOS MEETING 7:30 PM

MUGELNOOS MEETINGS: 3rd Weds of each month, 7:30 PM Lemon Grove Rec Center (7:00 PM for ski Mountaineers equipment talks), 4959 Lemon Grove Ave, Hollywood (near Melrose and Normandie). Program, eats. Everyone welcome!

DEFLATION ITEM

It is rumored that prices are coming down on Choinard ropes! Your editor learned this from good authority but did not check it out personally. A word to the wise . . .

BALDY HUT NEWS

At the October meeting of the Angeles Chptr Advisory Council it was decreed that the BMC ice ax practices would be held at other than the "Baldy Bowl", providing suitable alternative sites can be located. It was agreed that your editor would cooperate with BMC representative in finding alternates.

SHIPTON LECTURES IN LA

Eric Shipton, the famous British mountaineer who has led numerous Everest expeditions spoke to an enthralled group Oct 29. With any fascinating oldtime slides in black & white and much dry wit, Shipton told of the discovery in 1921 of Everest as the world's highest peak; the numerous early attempts from the Tibet side; the discovery of the successful route from the south after Nepal was opened to climbers after WW II; and the strange chance by which he included Hillary in an expedition in the early 1950's. Classic names came alive in his narration. The lecture was sponsored by the So Calif AAC Section and was held at the Dawson Bookshop. Widespread notice was impossible due to Shipton's arrival on very short notice. Dick Clinch, former AAC Pres, introduced Shipton, former Alpine Club Pres. (RDM)

YOSEMITE VALLEY OCT 11-13

They had a good turnout of 15 people. However the trip was sabotaged by consistently poor weather. The skies were overcast and it rained or snowed intermittently. On Sat afternoon short climbs were done at Ranger Rock & Monday Morning Slab. Sunday saw several parties set out for the Upper and Lower Cathedral Spires. The elements closed in. They retreated from the rope-up point. In an evening they bid the Valley farewell. Perhaps next time the Ski Mountaineers won't have the last word. (TR)

SO. CALIF AAC GROUP ELECTS PETE WHITE

Pete White, former RCS Chairman, was elected Chairman of the Sou Calif Section of the American Alpine Club Nov 4. Mike Sherrick will continue as Secretary-Treas. A capacity crowd of local AAC members and guests enjoyed a program by Peter Pilafian, who showed candid shots of the filming of the Eiger Sanction movie. (RDM)

MALE METAPAUSAL MOUNTAINEERS

An article describing the male metapause syndrome appeared in the LA Times Oct 23rd. According to Professor Edmond Hallberg (Cal State LA), typical symptoms of the syndrome are as follows: The model husband comes home one evening and announces he is going mountain climbing in the Himalaya at Christmas. Then, along with other erratic behavior, he moves to the Marina area and takes up sky diving, hang gliding, or climbing mountains -- to prove he can do it. The above article was brought to my attention by RCS Sec-Treas LeRoy Russ the other day, who related it to me with a heavy sigh, his shoulders visibly slumping in his new checkered sportsjacket. I too was shocked and dismayed at this revelation, as many of us into rock climbing and mountaineering regard ourselves as exceptionally virile and red-blooded for our age. Alas and alack, I know it's a bitter pill to swallow, but our Fools Paradise has just collapsed under the onslaught of modern psychological research. The mountaineers slogan, WE CLIMB BECAUSE IT IS THERE, will have to be changed to reflect contemporary realities. More appropriate might be, IF WE CAN'T GET IT UP, WE'LL SEE IF WE CAN'T GET UP IT! (TJ)

A A C DUES CHANGE

For those interested, the latest, and current AAC dues structure, which goes into effect Jan 1, 1976 is: For those under 24, \$10 initiation fee & \$20 annual dues; for those over 24, \$15 initiation fee & \$25 annual dues. Those interested in joining, contact Ruth Mendenhall, AAC Director from Sou Calif, or one of the local officers. (RDM)

NEW CLIMBING BOOK

"Beginner's Guide to Rock & Mountain Climbing" by Ruth & John Mendenhall has just appeared. Published by Stackpole Books, it is a completely revised edition of "Introduction to., Etc." The illustrator is Valerie Cohen. A paperback, it costs \$3.95 and is available at mountaineering shops that carry books, and some bookstores. (RDM)

A HOAX ?

A new climbing magazine has appeared. "North American Climber" is a poor (and thin) carbon copy of "Mountain". Nothing is original: in type face (bold & black), organization (ads in both front & back), sections ("Climbing News, "Reviews", etc.), writing style ("The big event this winter on Cannon was the French-American ascent of the VMC Direct-Direct"), and overall appearance, it is Mountain. Apparently written for the Eastern U.S. market (most ads from NE shops), what is curious -- indeed, what sets "North American Climber" apart from other publications is that it lists no publisher! Who's responsible for this unimaginative, unnecessary imitation? (from The Pitch, S.F. Bay RCS newsletter)

MT MCKINLEY NAME CHANGE PROPOSED

The Mountaineering Club of Alaska has asked for support in their quest to have the name of Mt McKinley changed to the traditional Indian name of Denali, meaning "the great one". A proposal to this effect, backed by the Alaska legislature, has been submitted to the federal Board of Geographic Names. Public support of the name change will be necessary before official acceptance is given. You may send comments to:

Executive Secretary of Domestic Names
Board of Geographic Names
National Center
Reston, Va. 22092

(from Up Rope, Potomac Appalachian Trail Club newsletter)

SKI MOUNTAINEERS CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING, 10/28/75

Meeting was held at Angeles Chapter headquarters, with Mark Goebel, Bill Feldmann, George Shinno, Barbara Lilley, and Ray Shepherd in attendance.

Old Business: Thanks to Pete White, good progress was made on the ski mountaineering movie; after SMS members help on titles, it should be ready by around the first of the year.

A new first aid kit will be prepared by Shinno and Goebel. Ownership of ski huts will probably be decided at the Feb Board of Directors meeting.

Thanks to J. Wedberg's efforts, the BMTC has at last agreed, in writing and in front of witnesses at a Chapter Council meeting, to look for and use areas other than the Baldy Bowl for ice ax practice, and if they ever should use the Bowl again all students and leaders will stay completely away from the San Antonio Hut.

New Business: New "T" Qualified Leaders for the SMS are Maynard Brandsma, R.J. Secor, and Ray Shepherd. All potential leaders not qualified in other Sections are now required to take the two day basic LTC lecture.

LEADERS ARE ADVISED that, due to increasing unavailability of moderately priced boots and safety-release bindings suitable for alpine ski touring, it was decided to permit use of Silvretta bindings and stiff-soled mountaineering boots on a trial basis this coming season with the recommendation they be used with the Silvretta plate which permits stability for downhill skiing without locking down the heel. Use of full safety-release bindings will continue to be encouraged.

The SMS spring touring schedule was set up (see p. 1). Annual banquet will be May 25, 1976.

Tentative Mugelnoos program schedule was set up:

Nov (Shinno)	Introduction to alpine ski touring (slides & movie)
Dec (Mantle)	Mountaineering above 20,000' (slides)
Jan (Goebel)	1975 ascent of McKinley (slides)
Feb (Shepherd)	"Challenge of the Mountains" (movie)
Mar (Lilley)	Uinta Mtns, Utah; Sierra alpine tours (slides)
Apr (Feldmann)	SMS Section Movie (if available) (BL)

WEATHER INFORMATION

Good sources for weather information from greater IA area are:

1. Fruit-frost warning service
Radio KFI, 640 on the AM dial
7:05 PM (and I believe 9:00 PM also -ed.)
Through February 29, 1976
2. Aviation Weather
Telephone for 24-hr recording: (213) 776-1640
Television, KCET Channel 28, 6:00 PM every Friday
(latter useless for skiers departing earlier)
3. Television, Channel 7 news, approx 5:30, 6:30, 11:15 PM
Excellent satellite pictures showing approaching weather fronts, etc (make your own forecasts!)

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MORE ON MSR's LAWSUIT AGAINST THE PARK SERVICE

After five serious discussion meetings (in Seattle, Longmire, and Washington, D.C.) and many letters transmitted at first through Senator Jackson's office and then direct, spread over three years, it has become clear that the present administration in the National Park Service is dead set on closing down the parks as much as they dare.

Gary Everhardt, the new director, is quoted in CSM 3 September 1975: "...preservation will be the first priority."

In other words, he feels parks are not for people and that he is above the Laws of Congress 1899 and 1916. These laws established Mount Rainier National Park "for the benefit and appreciation of the people" and instructed the Park Service to promote the use of the parks for the present generation, provided only that the parks not be impaired for enjoyment by future generations.

Everhardt is not only impairing enjoyment of the parks by the present "future generation" but shows he intends to impair enjoyment by future "future generations" as long as he is in control. The only way left to preserve the parks for the people is in court.

Under the present policy at Mount Rainier, 2900 persons have been denied their camping requests in 1973 and 1974. Can we assume that enjoyment of the Park for those people was impaired? If so, the denials were illegal. This is the issue being tested in court.

A lawsuit was filed in U.S. District Court, Seattle, on 7 August 1975, C-75574-S. The NPS has until 7 October to reply. The case will then be assigned to a judge. The trial may not take place for six to nine months.

We have appealed for funds to support the lawsuit, since this is an action to preserve the legal rights of all citizens, as a community action. We are willing to take the lead, but we do need help.

Contributions, April-August 1975		\$1931
Expenses:		
Payment on legal fees	\$640	
Postage	393	
Printing & mailing	1080	
Miscellaneous	79	\$2192
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DEFICIT		\$ 261

Some more money is coming in, but not enough. Any lawsuit in Federal Court will cost about \$5000, even though our lawyer (a climber himself) of the firm of Preston, Thorgrimson, Ellis, Holman & Fletcher is giving us a reduced rate. The NPS, having unlimited legal services, can be expected to right all the way. Send contributions to:

Mt Rainier Defense Fund
Mountain Safety Research
8th St South, at South 96th St.
Seattle, Washington 98108

NON-SCHEDULED RCS TRIP TO THE TETONS

RCS members Tim Ryan, Fred Wing, LeRoy Russ and Andy Fried were greeted enthusiastically at the Jackson Hole Airport August 8th by the local mosquitoes. The climbers checked into the AAC Climbers Ranch, and spent the next three days doing the CMC route on Mt Moran. Clear skies so far. After a layover day, Fred Tim & Andy set out in deteriorating weather for a climb of the Grand. Base camp was located near Petsoldt's Cave. They set off early next morning into the clouds, arriving at the Lower Saddle amid talk of the possibility of perceptible precipitation prevailing prior to the finish of the climb. The weather improved, however, and they continued up the Underhill Route, encountering snow flurries near the top. At the summit the Owens-Spaulding downroute was elusive, and with darkness upon them they bivouaced anchored in between a large rock & a small cliff face. A guided party at 10 AM next morning ascending the O/S Route were greeted by 3 heads peering over a snow covered rock, eating dried apricots. The three descended this parties tracks all the way into the saloon in Moose. The entire party returned to IA on Sunday, Aug 17, to face the most dangerous part of the trip: the cab ride from LAX.

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