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## NEW RCS MEMBERS

At a meeting held by the RCS Safety Committee Nov 12, 1975 the following applicants were voted into the RCS and accepted as members in good standing:

Wally Azbill, Jr.
Allan R. Carlson
Theresa Halula
Dan King
Al Meckler
Don Pies
Carl O. Wulf

William J. Barger
Jim Endo
Earl Kesler
Valerie A. Lloyd
G eorge Weuner
James T. Sharpsteen
Jerry Wulf

Harry Baker & Glenn Grabiec were also voted into the RCS but will not be accepted until proof of their Sierra Club membership is submitted to Hans Lees.

# RCS SAFETY COMMITTEE, 1976 more sconley

Hans Lees (Chairman)
Al Fowler
Bob Lindgren
John Mendenhall
Ruth Mendenhall

John Moore
Barbara Schuppe
Bob Schuppe
Fred Wing
Emory Yount

(HL)

# LOCAL SKI TOUR CANCELLED, PEAR LAKE DATE CONFIRMED

The Dec 14 local checkout tour was cancelled due to lack of snow. We'll try again Jan 11th. The Park Service confirmed Jan 31-Feb 1, 1976 (SMS 2nd choice) as the weekend for use of the Pear Lake Ski Hut by the Ski Mountaineers Section for their winter alpine ski tour. Due to uncertain snow conditions, this tour is restricted to experienced ski mountaineers (so get those checkout tours!). Contact leader Gail Wilts (594-0644) after Jan 24. For earlier info call Mark Goebel (820-1962).

# west add to the Rebuttals to Last Month's Mugelnoos article

Ed. note: The Nov Mugelnoos article about the MSR lawsuit against the Nat'l Park Service implied that Mugelnoos was in favor of the suit, and was soliciting contributions to MSR's "Mt Rainier Defense Fund".

Mugelnoos (and the Sierra Glub) takes no position in this dispute.

Last month's article was lifted almost verbatum from the Mountain Safety Research Newsletter & Catalog, Seattle, Issue 10, Sept 1975. (JW

Dear Editor:

Re the petulant letter printed in the Nov M'Noos about MSR vs the Park Service: When I was on Rainier in 1973 my enjoyment of the park was decreased chiefly by the 62 people clambering up the slope ahead of me, a large number of whom were from the REI school. If the Park Service had not restricted entrance to the climbing area, there would have been 162, or maybe 662 people ahead of me, and wouldn't that have been a great wilderness experience? I'd rather not go at all than have the whole thing destroyed by hordes of flatlanders swarming all over everything. How many people were not denied camping permits in '73-74? Would their experience have been better if those other 2900 people were added to their number? What about the sad state of the meadows above Paradise Lodge? Would the additional 2900 people have contributed in any way to their restoration?

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January 21, 1976 NEXT ISSUE : Friday, Jan 16th DEADLINE:

MUGEINOOS MEETINGS: 3rd Weds of each mo., 7:30 PM Lemon Grove Rec Center (7:00 PM for Ski Mountaineers equipment talks), 4959 Lemon Grove Ave, Hollywood (nr Melrose and Normandie). Program, eats. All are welcome.

### CALENDAR

Dec 27-28 Rock climb, Mopah Peak Jan 11 Rock climb, Stony Point Local alpine ski tour Jan 11 Alpine ski tour, Mammoth area Jan 17-18 Mugelnoos meeting Jan 21 Jan 24-25 Rock climb, Joshua Tree Alpine ski tour, Pear Lake Jan 31-Feb 1

#### WANTED:

Would like to borrow unbound issues of Mugelnoos from 1961 thru 1971 to make copies of ski tour reports for a SMS scrapbook. Barbara Lilley, 886-4154 (home) 883-2400, exten. 2205 (days).

#### CLASSIFIED ADS

For the holidays: Borrow now for that extra nice piece of equipment you want. New Edelreid, Gerry expedition parka, or complete set Choinard chocks can be yours via our easy credit plan. Only collateral we require is your home, wife & kids, plus 2 quarts of blood. Bee Ware and I. Cheatem Finance Co, Box 30%, Outfox, ME.

Too meek & friendly? If people are al-ways stepping on you, let us turn you into a raging bully! Our correspondence School for Aggression teaches judo, street fighting, how to write poison pen letters, 100 nasty words for everyday situations, and 20 mean ways to get revenge. Horace Power Box 920384756290-B, Unruly, Mass.

WANTED: Barnacle removers. Prefer folks with strong toes & sharp fingernails. Your choice of \$2.50 per hour or 3¢ per barnacle All you can eat. Travel to Hawaii while you work on side of spacious ocean liner. No peeping toms, please. Horsemann Newer, Upson Downs, England.

WILL TRADE: I have a rooster that crows at 4:00 AM, want to trade him for one that crows at 5:00 o'clock. Clyde Flyswatter, Damifino, WY.

# OLD TIMERS CURRENT ADDRESSES:

Dan & Dot Taylor Earl R. Wallace 8788 - 205 B 10135 San Anselmo Southgate, CA 90280 Coral Springs, CT Phone (213) 566-0914 Phone 960-1927 (Ed. note: Taylor's area code said "714", which didn't look right.)

MISC. ITEMS FROM YOUR EDITOR'S DESK Earl Wallace (see old timers addresses) turned up last month at Dawson's Bookshop to return a borrowed climbing instruction book (the book had been inscribed, "Read & return promptly to Glen Dawson, 3003 Vineyard Ave, IA". Glen left that address in 1940: (RDM) ... Distant RCS-SMS members encountered at the Amer Alpine Club Annual Meeting near Seattle Dec 6 were Burt & Gen Turney from British Columbia, and George Wallarstein who teaches at the U of W. At the Nov Mugelnoos meeting a surprise visitor was Don Clarke, who lives in Denver. Don has two small sons. (R . . .Tim Ryan (our Mugelmailer) spent Thanksgiving week in Mexico climbing the volcanoes. . . . MOVED: Sierra Club nat:1 headquarters has moved to 530 Bush St, S.F. 96104 (up the street from the old HQ in the Mills Bldg); Bay Chptr offices are now in Oakland. . . . . MARRIED: Tammie ngaalanggayeesagawarawara Bob & Luella MacConaghy, was married at Mammoth on Sat Oct 11 to Anthony Ward. . . . Dick & Virginia Peterson are now living at Weaverville, CA (address: PO Box 899. Zip 96093); Dick retired after 34 years with the IA County Hospital System, and 17 years w/Sylmar Mtn Rescue Team. Their new place in the Trinity Alps has a stream running by out back. The Petersons go way back to the ol! Base Camp days, 1938-39. . . . Adrienne Jones, another old time SMS-RCSer recently received the 1975 award for a Distinguished Work of Fiction, at the annual awards program of the So. Calif. Council on Literature for Children & Young People. Adrienne's prize winning book, "So, Nothing Is Forever", was published in 1974 by Houghton Mifflin She's the only So.Calif author to win

## for "Another Place, Another Spring". (RDM) NO LONGER MISGUIDED

this honor twice; first time was in 1972,

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Publication of the Sierra\_Club's new "Climber's Guide to the High Sierra" is predicted for Mar or April 176. The new guide, written by Steve Roper, will restore technical routes (not mentioned since the '65 edition), leave out some of the walk-up "climbs" included in the '72 "Mountaineers Guide"; and will include about 90 new routes in the Tuolumne area, plus new ascents throughout the range. (RDM)

### RUSSIAN INT'L MOUNTAINEERING CAMP PLANNED FOR 1976

Another International mountaineering camp in the Pamirs (as in 174) is scheduled again next summer. Two camps are planned, one in the Pamirs, July 10-August 15, and one in the Caucasus July 1-Aug 30. Pamirs camp will include ascents of Mt Lenin and Mt Communism. Each camp is divided into two segments, with various objectives & features in each. The costs range from \$750 to \$1200, depending on which camp is attended (cost does not include transportation from USA to Moscow). The whole deal is run by the Mountaineering Federation of the U.S.S.R. Anyone who is qualified and wants to go, should contact the American Alpine Club, 113 East 90th St, New York, NY 10028.

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## 1976 MUGELEDITORS SELECTED

Congratulations: You have been selected to edit one issue of Mugelnoos for the month indicated. We ask you to notify us (Ruth Mendenhall, Mugelnoos Committee Chairman) promptly if you CANNOT serve, or prefer a different month.

JAN -- John Wedberg MAY -- Barbara Lilley SEP -- Mike Sherrick
FEB -- Larry & Sue Tittle JUN -- Ruth Mendenhall OCT -- Walt & Edie Davie
MAR -- Lloyd Balsam JUL -- Bob & Barb Schuppe NOV -- Norm Kingsley
APR -- Tom Jeter AUG -- Shirley White DEC -- John Wedberg

## ATTN: ROCK CLIMBERS - - -

- 1. All RCS members & candidates for membership currently enrolled in LTC or a 175 graduate, please advise Leroy Russ by January 15, 1976.
- 2. Any RCS member or ex-member with old membership rosters, sign-in sheets and correspondence pertaining to RCS activities, please send the original or a copy to Leroy Russ. Your current officers are attempting to reconstruct past RCS activities.

  (LR)
- 3. The following RCS members were dropped from membership at the biz meeting 11/13/?

McNAMERA, Jim ALLAN, Freeman FRYC, Hank BARTON, Don GILBERT, Doris NAVES, Tom BERNSTEIN, Marvin GILBERT, Dunham GRABIEC, Ray DENT, Mike SMITH, Carolyn BOWEN, Bob BRYDEN, Donald HAMILTON, Don SMITH, Run CALLETON, Ted HAYES, Peter VAGUE, Mel KNUTSEN, Dale EVANS, Scott WALKER, Tom FORSHEE, Todd YOUNG, Steve MALONE, Lois MASSON, Bruce McDONALD, Becky (Hamilton) WHITE, Pete TURUNEN, Jack

Those interested in reinstatement should contact Sec-Treas Leroy Russ. (Ed. note: Your editor notes seven former RCS officers, including a couple of (IR) former Chairmen, in the above list . . . tsk, tsk.)

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

All future rock climbing orientation sessions prior to Mugelnoos meetings, are hereby cancelled! Spread the word. No more beginners sessions until further notice. See article "A Night To Remember" elsewhere in this issue. (TJ)

#### BIG ROCK, SUN DEC 6

A total of 6 members and proficient guests showed for a beautiful day of clear, pleasant weather and fine, dry face climbing. Many routes, both easy and difficult, were climbed under conditions of "ten chairs, no waiting". Sorry the rest of you missed it! A note of warning: The rangers are ticketing cars that have not registered. Problem: The rules of where to register any given day aren't clear. If you don't work it out, though, it's \$10.

## WILLIAMSON ROCK CLAIMS FIRST FATALITY

The huge granite outcrop east of Mt Williamson in the Angeles Nat'l Forest had its first fatality. A young 23 year old climber asphyxiated. He had lead-climbed 200' above his belayer, when he came loose. Unzipping all his protection except the last, he came to a stop and was held by his novice belayer. The latter tied off the rope and went for help, leaving the leader hanging. This man's swami slid up around his chest, arm paralysis set in, and by the time Montrose S&R got to him it was all over. He had been hanging a bit over one hour, calling for someone to cut him down -- but no one heard or helped. Williamson Rock is attracting a strange sort these days, and climbers familiar with this outcrop expect more deaths in the future. Route diagrams can be obtained of this outcrop from Dave Scarborough at "Sportland", La Canada.

#### WARNING FOR SILVRETTA USERS - - -

Since the SMS is now permitting the use of Silvretta bindings on its tours, I wanted to mention a problem I had with the plates recommended to increase stability in downhill skiing. During a couple of weeks of ski mountaineering in Colorado last winter, one of my plates broke off under the toe, and the other was about ready to let go. I was wearing Lowa Alpspitz boots, and the problem was probably related to the way these particular boots flex. Others in our group with different boots got through without this problem. The bindings were fine for downhill after a bit of getting use to, but it was more awkward after the plate broke off.

# CHEAP BINERS

Would you believe Eiger ovals for only \$2.50? They're at Mountain 'N' Air Sports, 2912 Foothill Blvd, La Crescenta (213) 248-9438). If you'd rather, send \$2.75 (cost plus tax) per 'biner to Norm Kingsley & let him know when you'll pick 'em up. (NK)

# NIGHT TO REMEMBER LADUM AND

It would be rather an understatement to report that the turnout for our RCS training was unexpectedly strong on Nov 19, and that we encountered sime difficulties in registering our students in an orderly manner. Yours truly gave an oral briefing atop the pingpong table outside, and thought surely he would be the target of rotten vegetables as it became known that we were going to turn down 3/4 of the assembled throng. After it was all over, see had registered 58 new students and had a waiting list of an additional 138 persons. The reasons for the sudden surge of interest in the RCS and our 5th Class rock training are not clear, but it is clear that we need to devise new methods for deciding who comes into our training in the future. The hard part was turning away so many good strong people, though we may decide to admit a limited number of additional students after the 2nd Practice Climb in Jan. We are attempting to cancel the Jan & Feb Orientation meetings, as we already have more than enough names on our waiting list. eccalq salulvides 200 of ministran eccal (TJ)

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