



# MUGELNOOS

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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:

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| Wally Azbill, Jr. | William J. Barger   |
| Allan R. Carlson  | Jim Endo            |
| Theresa Halula    | Earl Kesler         |
| Dan King          | Valerie A. Lloyd    |
| Al Meckler        | George Neuner       |
| Don Pies          | James T. Sharpsteen |
| Carl O. Wulf      | 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

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| Hans Lees (Chairman) | John Moore       |
| Al Fowler            | Barbara Schuppe  |
| Bob Lindgren         | Bob Schuppe      |
| John Mendenhall      | Fred Wing        |
| Ruth Mendenhall      | 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). (BL)

## 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 Club) takes no position in this dispute. Last month's article was lifted almost verbatim 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?

Berg heil, and all that.

Lois Malone  
Boston, Mass 11/22/75

(More rebuttals & comments elsewhere this issue)



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NEXT ISSUE: January 21, 1976

DEADLINE: Friday, Jan 16th.

MUGELNOOS 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
Jan 11 Local alpine ski tour
Jan 17-18 Alpine ski tour, Mammoth area
Jan 21 Mugelnoos meeting
Jan 24-25 Rock climb, Joshua Tree
Jan 31-Feb 1 Alpine ski tour, Pear Lake

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 ex-
tra nice piece of equipment you want. New
Edelreid, Gerry expedition parka, or com-
plete 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. Cheat-
em 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 fight-
ing, 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 Fly-
swatter, Damifino, WY.

OLD TIMERS CURRENT ADDRESSES:

Earl R. Wallace Dan & Dot Taylor
10135 San Anselmo 8788 - 205 B
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, LA". 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 Colum-
bia, 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'l headquarters has moved to 530 Bush
St, S.F. 94104 (up the street from the old
HQ in the Mills Bldg); Bay Chptr offices
are now in Oakland. . . . . MARRIED: Tammie
MacConaghy, daughter of old time SMSers
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
Co. She's the only So. Calif author to win
this honor twice; first time was in 1972,
for "Another Place, Another Spring". (RDM)

NO LONGER MISGUIDED

Publication of the Sierra Club's new
"Climber's Guide to the High Sierra" is
predicted for Mar or April '76. The new
guide, written by Steve Roper, will re-
store 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 '74) 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. The
Pamirs camp will include ascents of Mt
Lenin and Mt Communism. Each camp is di-
vided into two segments, with various ob-
jectives & features in each. The costs
range from \$750 to \$1200, depending on
which camp is attended (cost does not in-
clude transportation from USA to Moscow).
The whole deal is run by the Mountaineer-
ing 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.



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

- All RCS members & candidates for membership currently enrolled in LTC or a '75 graduate, please advise Leroy Russ by January 15, 1976. (LR)
- 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)
- The following RCS members were dropped from membership at the biz meeting 11/13/75
 

ALLAN, Freeman	FRYC, Hank	McNAMERA, Jim
BARTON, Don	GILBERT, Doris	NAVES, Tom
BERNSTEIN, Marvin	GILBERT, Dunham	DENT, Mike
BOWEN, Bob	GRABIEC, Ray	SMITH, Carolyn
BRYDEN, Donald	HAMILTON, Don	SMITH, Run
CALLETON, Ted	HAYES, Peter	VAGUE, Mel
EVANS, Scott	KNUTSEN, Dale	WALKER, Tom
FORSHEE, Todd	MALONE, Lois	YOUNG, Steve
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 former Chairmen, in the above list . . . tsk, tsk.) (LR)

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. (CW)

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. (NK)

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 Alpispitz 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. (FA)

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)



