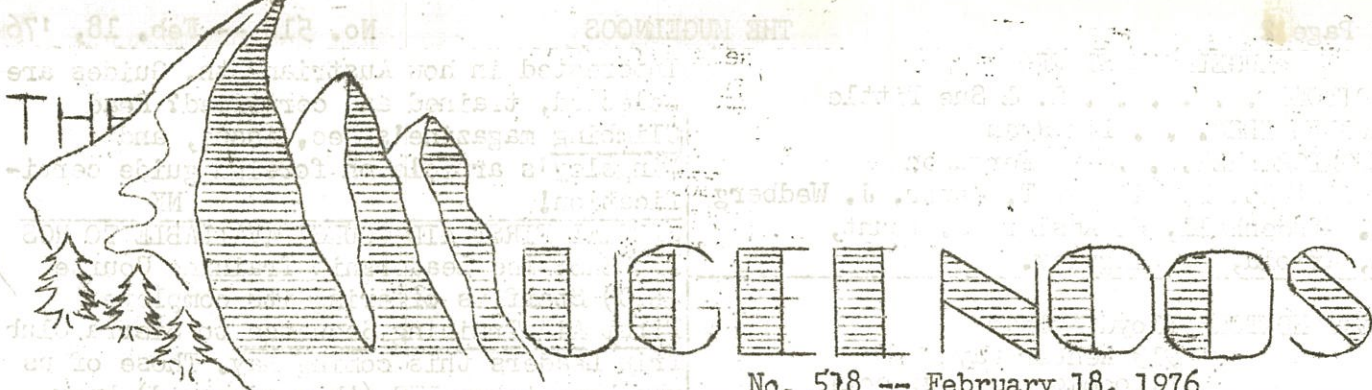


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DROUGHT ENDS IN DELUGE

Although a foot of new snow which fell at Mammoth in early January provided surprisingly good, uncrowded packed powder skiing for ski mountaineers on Jan. 17-18, the weekend of the checkout tour there (the one person who came to be checked out failed!), the continued drought forced cancellation of the Jan. 31-Feb. 1 Pear Lake Hut Ski Tour. As of Feb. 1, snow depths in the Sierra ranged from 25% of normal in the Mammoth area to 0% in the Cottonwood Basin.

Fortunately, just as happened in 1963 (when no Sierra skiing had been available previously), a big storm in early February provided excellent uncrowded skiing at Mammoth/June Mtn. the weekend of Feb. 7-8 (chains required north of Independence, road snow-covered north of Brady's). However, this time, in spite of some rain, more snow fell in So. Cal. mountains and the southern Sierra than at Mammoth, and it now appears that all SM tours scheduled in these areas at least should "go". But more snow is needed in the Sierra so keep THINKING SNOW!!

BJL

RUBIDOUX RAIN RAPPELLED (PART II)

--Students 23; Instructors 11; Student/Instructor Ratio 2 to 1--

Once again, RCS instructors and students found themselves in ponchos with water dripping off their noses, as they milled about the locked gate below Mt. Rubidoux Feb. 7. The damp conditions took a terrific toll of our students, as only 23 showed up, 29% of our total enrollment of 79, as opposed to the 80% attendance we had on our first 2 practice climbs. Could it be that many of our students expected us RCS "hard men" to cancel a practice climb because of mere rain? Emory Yount did a little sun dance, and conditions improved, just as they did under similar circumstances last year. Only thing is, some of us are wondering why it rains every time our Chairman/Medicine Man shows up out there. Climb leader Andy Fried had everyone concentrate on training and testing in anchors, and a very productive and enjoyable time was had by all. Those serving as instructors were: Andy Fried (climb leader), Craig Williams, Emory Yount, LeRoy Russ, Bob Trousdale, Carl Wulf, Don Pies, Jim Endo, Jim Erb, Phil Bruce, Tom Jeter.

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Editors are reminded that the finished stencils must be at Angeles Chapter Headquarters, 2410 Beverly Bl., LA 90057, as soon as possible following your Friday deadline, but in any event, no later than the Monday evening prior to your Wednesday publication date. You are all great editors-- keep up the good work. JW

MUGELMAILER MOVIES

Please note the new address for the Mugelmailer, Tim Ryan (see masthead above), 708 Loma, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. Send subscription money and address changes to Tim at his new address.

Tim also reports a new medical marvel of interest to Calif. outdoor enthusiasts. His poison oak was cured by a dermatologist with injections of Tricinalone Diacetate.

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MUGELNOOS MEETINGS: 3rd Wed. of each month,
7:30 PM Lemon Grove Rec Center (7 PM for
Ski Mtneers equipment talks) 4959 Lemon
Grove Ave, Hollywood-- nr. Melrose & Norm-
andie. Program, eats, all welcome!

CALENDAR

Feb 21-22 Local Checkout Ski Tour
--J. Mendenhall, 793-0806
Mar. 6-7 Local Checkout Ski Tour
--R. J. Secor, 795-5520
Mar. 13-14 San Antonio Hut
--J. Wedberg, 472-6768
Mar. 17 MUGELNOOS MEETING
...Coming soon... Joint trip with SPS
Diamond Peak --Doug Mantle
343-5837

ATTENTION ROCK CLIMBERS!! Anyone with a new
phone no. since 1974 please notify Sec-
Treas LeRoy Russ at once. Otherwise, your
friends can't call you up. A new RCS mem-
bership list (so everyone hopes, anyway)
will be out soon. LeRoy's address is 4587
Don Tomaso Dr., IA 90008. His phone no.
(as of 1974) is 213-295-9703. RDM.

MT. RAINIER REVISITED:

Dear Editors,
It is my impression that at least a
portion of the Rainier question regards the
practice of granting a monopoly to a comm-
ercial guide service and reserving a sub-
stantial portion of the entrance permits
exclusively for their customers. I under-
stand that canoeists are having the same
problems on some wild rivers. This is a
valid question having nothing to do with
any environmental concern. Perhaps, we in
So. Calif., unknowingly, have the same
problem with the pack outfits in the East-
ern Sierra. I do not know, but it would be
prudent for us to find out.
Earl Kesler

SKI TOUR RATING SYSTEM: Norm Kingsley is
developing a rating system, similar to ones
used for rock climbing, to be applied to
ski mountaineering and touring. He needs a
good photograph showing a panorama of a
good ski area, with a mountain crest, a few
bowls, cirques, meadows, drainage areas,
lake shelves, etc. with which to illustrate
the system. If you have such photos, he'd
like to buy or borrow same. Call him at
790-4275 anytime. NK

WEDDING BELLS: Gail Wilts and Dave Fields
were married Dec. 29, 1975. They are liv-
ing in Seal Beach. Congratulations!

CONDOLENCES: Old-time Ski Mtneer members
will be saddened to hear of the death of
Lucius M. Arnold, father of Leroy Arnold.
He passed away Dec. 27, 1975, at the age
of 82, of heart failure, and was buried in
Holy Cross Cemetary. He had accompanied his
son on SMS outings which he always enjoyed.
He is survived by his wife Mayme, and son
Leroy. IA

Interested in how Austrian Mtn. Guides are
selected, trained and certified? Read
Climbing magazine's Dec. issue, and
Kingsley's article on foreign guide certi-
fication! NK

SPECIAL FIRST AID COURSE AVAILIABLE TO RCS
LEADERS: The Leadership Training Course
(LTC) Staff is offering its complete
First Aid Training Sequence to Sierra Club
Trip Leaders this coming May. Those of us
who have taken LTC (thru Advanced) know
that this First Aid training is excellent,
and given by a very competent staff of phy-
sicians and certified Red Cross instructors
all of whom have strong mountaineering
backgrounds. The course consists of two
full weekends (1-2 May & 15-16 May) plus
an evening lecture on Advanced Mountain-
eering Medicine on 18 May. Lectures and
training covering standard First Aid and
personal safety are given the first week-
end by ARC First Aid Instructors. The
second weekend provides additional, broad-
er-based lectures by climbing physicians;
instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscita-
tion techniques; and more practical exper-
ience in bandaging, splinting, transporta-
tion, etc. A practical and written exam is
given at the end of the second weekend;
those who pass will receive a Red Cross St
Standard First Aid Card (valid for 3 years)
and a Heart Association CPR card. Arrange-
ments have been made with Gene Olson to
give a high priority to RCS leaders who
wish to attend this special course, as
enrollment is limited. Those interested,
please circle the appropriate dates on
your calendar and contact LeRoy Russ at
213-295-9703 as soon as possible for more
info and an assured reservation. EY

FATAL SKI ACCIDENTS AT MAMMOTH: Two S.
Calif. skiers were killed in separate acci-
dents at Mammoth Mtn. on Sat., Jan. 24,
when they fell and struck rocks: "The two
accidents happened within minutes of each
other and only a short distance apart. The
two were Daryl Gordon, 16, of Hacienda Hts.
and George C. Smith, Jr., 23, of La Canada.
BL from Inyo Register, 1/29/76

HELP: Emory Yount is building a Climbing
Wall for Environmental Expo in April. He is
looking for sources of FREE materials (lik:
2x4's, plywood). If you can help, call him
at 714-525-5196.

FINANCIAL AID FOR CLIMBERS! The AAC is now
taking applications for 1976 fellowship &
research grants. These are awarded to help
young climbers (under 26) in mtn. expedi-
tions, with the criteria of need, excell-
ence of proposed project, and evidence of
mtneering competence. Research awards are
made for those conducting studies into the
Alpine environment. For forms and details,
write to the AAC, 113 E. 90th St., NY, NY
10028. Application deadline is Mar. 1 &
awards will be announced May 1. (Up Rope)

RCS CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES UPCOMING
Feb. 21-22 Fossil Falls
--Dave Burdett 342-4850
Feb. 29 Big Rock
--Dale Stein 340-6525
Mar. 6 Mt. Rubidoux
-- Emory Yount 714-525-5196
Mar. 13-14 Joshua Tree
--Leonard Bayless 693-3035

BEER IS BETTER: An article on Skiers' Nut-
rition, in Nov. Far West Ski News states
that 3,2 beer, as well as fruit and cereal,
is a good source of potassium essential to
maintain fluid balance when exercising.