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#### ALPINE SKI TOUR, LAUREL MOUNTAIN (non-scheduled) - May 7

3 climbers (2 separate parties) drove in about a mile on the Sherwin Creek Road from HWY 395, to where it was blocked by snow, and headed up Laurel Mountain on Sunday, May 7. Initially following the route of the Laurel Lakes Road, they then ascended the snow-free north ridge, crossed the head of a deep canyon draining north and continued on snow southwest to the summit (11,812'), reached by 7 -- those who brought skis left them 600' below. In addition to the unusual clear beautiful weather and fantastic views of the snow-bureid Sierra, the skiers were rewarded with a 4000' ski descent on continuous Spring corn snow ranging from super to good. After re-tracing the route to the north ridge, they then skied directly down a fairly steep gully and across  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile of flat terrain to the cars. B JL

#### ALPINE SKI TOUR, "HURRICANE" (THOMPSON) RIDGE - May 13-14

From the end of the opened road at Parcher's Camp, on a warm sunny Sat morning, 9 skiers (including the legendary Sy Ossofsky complete with home-made Ramer-type bindings) walked to South Lake, then donned skis to cross the lake and headed up to camp below Treasure Lakes at approx. 10,300'. An initial search for open water was successfully ended when one participant fell into a waist-deep hole; later on, a more convenient open stream was found about 100' south of camp. The Sat afternoon tour, to a new area for the SMS, was up a canyon to Lake 11,568' on the south side of Mt. Johnson. While 3 climbed the peak, 5 others climbed on skis up to a 12,600' col on the opposite side of the canyon before skiing down to camp on Spring-type snow which by 4pm was somewhat heavy but still provided some enjoyable turns. The intensity of the wind had been increasing all afternoon and by evening was strong enough to make cooking on a stove difficult; fortunately a dry spot and plenty of firewood were available for the evening campfire. The wind blew all night and all day Sunday with gusts up to 40 MPH. However, since the slopes leading to the summit of Pk. 13,323' ("Ski Mountaineers' Peak") mostly face east, the snow did soften and 5 reached the top on skis. The first 1000' of the ski descent was on heavy crusted snow but below 12,200' good Spring snow was encountered except for the last few hundred feet above camp, which was "mashed potatoes". This same type of snow was found below camp, so descent to South Lake was mostly by traverse and kick turn. They prudently skied around South Lake up to the parking lot and walked down the road to the cars.

Due to the east-facing slopes, this tour probably should be scheduled earlier in a "normal" snow year--if there really is such a thing! However, this was the first 2-day tour of the year that had 2 days of sunshine. B JL

#### YOSEMITE VALLEY \* May 13-15

The very wet winter this year filled the waterfalls with water and the valley with people. There were enormous crowds and no camping space. 17 people participated in the climb over the course of the weekend. Conspicuously absent was the leader. The Visitors Center was used as the central meeting place and the Rangers were cooperative in keeping the sign-in sheet there for us.

Many climbing routes were wet and people had to abandon what they wanted in favor of what was possible. Some of the routes climbed were: Royal Arches, Delectable Pinnacle, Middle Cathedral, Patio Pinnacle, Bishop's Terrace, and a bunch of others, including a possibly new one by Paul Harris, on Manure Pile Buttress, called Après 6 (un qui est peut-être neuf par Paul Harris, sur Engrais Monceau Contrefort, qui s'appelle After VI). What linguists! - Quel engrais! - Ed.

All 3 days were about the same as far as climbing routes, crowds and weather are concerned. The evenings as usual were filled with carrying on of exhausted climbers drinking Red Mountain (or something). Monday dawned cloudy and chilly, so everyone got an early start home. JM

RCS CH ANDY FRIED will be away (Peru) 6/24-7/24. Sec/Tr Dave Perkins will be away July & Aug but can be reached at Genl Delvy, Kings Beach, CA 95719 (916) 546-3571. VCh Al Carlson is away but will return in late June. AF

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MEETING: 3rd Tuesday of each  
 month, 7:30 pm, Dept. of Water & Power Aud,  
 1111 Hope St., Compton, CA. Free parking,  
 program, refreshments, announcements, con-  
 versation. Climbers, skiers, guests --all  
 welcome.

C A L E N D A R

- JUN 24-25 Sat-Sun Tahquitz - Leroy Russ  
295-9703 \*
- JUL 1-4 Sat-Tue Minarets - Dick De-  
Rusha 661-9924 \*\*\*
- JUL 8 Sat Williamson Rock (Ex-  
ploratory) - Emory  
Yount (714) 525-5196  
See note at \*\*\*
- JUL 18 Tue LUGGERS MEETING
- JUL 22-23 Sat-Sun Tahquitz - Emory Yount

\* Tahquitz - additional notes  
 In an effort to simulate our Sierra club  
 evenings at Tahquitz, this leader has re-  
 served one site for 6/22 and 3 sites for  
 6/23, in the State Park in Idylwild. Each  
 site holds 6 persons and 2 cars, with ad-  
 ditional parking available. The park pro-  
 vides showers, restrooms, and firepits.  
 The cost is \$4.00 per site/night and will  
 be divided among the users. Hopefully this  
 effort will encourage evening cooking and  
 frolicking in a central location. Putting  
 an end to expensive restaurant eating. If  
 this trial is successful, perhaps it will  
 be standard procedure. Participant input  
 will be appreciated. Site info after 6/20  
 from Don Pies - 374-745. IR

\*\* Minarets: Dick DeLusha is leader in  
 place of Maynard Brandsma. DD

\*\*\* Williamson Rock - additional notes  
 Sat, July 8, local exploratory rock climb  
 for RCS members (and their guests) only.  
 Meet at 7am on Hwy 2 near Foothill Blvd  
 in La Canada for car pool. Williamson Rock  
 is about 3/4 mile east of skilift at Aratka  
 Ridge. Hard hat recommended. Leaders:  
 Emory Yount and Jim Erb. EY

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THE SKI JOURNALISTS 1978 Membership Di-  
 rectory is being mailed out with this is-  
 sue (June) of LUGGERS. If you think you  
 are a member and have not received a copy,  
 or want an extra, write SJS Sec/B. Milley,  
 6421 Mindley Ave., Northridge, CA 91325. BJ

DELETE REVILL'S POSTPILE.  
 substitute Fresno dates for 8/19-20. IR

FOR INFO: Delete Revill's postpile.  
 substitute Fresno dates for 8/19-20. IR  
 For info call Leroy Russ.  
 Longer races: Contact SJS Office, 10911  
 Riverside Dr., Hollywood, CA 91603. (213)  
 877-0256. IR

MEMBERSHIP CARDS not required for RCS  
 trips. Call leader or asst for info and  
 reservations. IR

A CLIMBER'S GEAR DISCOUNT SALE will  
 take place at Revill's home on Sun,  
 July 15, 10am-3pm, 1424 Edgecliffe Dr.,  
 L.A. Name brand equipment of a famous (an-  
 onymous) manufacturer will include chocks,  
 hammers, ice axes, 145' ropes, clothing,  
 packs and prototype equipment. All at good  
 discounts. Goods have some cosmetic flaws,  
 but are structurally sound. Sale open to  
 all. No refunds or exchanges. Cash pre-  
 ferred. Special orders taken in advance.  
 Call Al Carlson, (714) 521-7952.

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MEMBERS SHOULD HAVE NUMEROUS MEDICAL FORMS  
 SIGNED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN,  
 in their possession whenever they attend  
 an RCS climb. Forms are vitally important  
 in obtaining medical care for an injured  
 minor and in fighting thru paperwork and  
 bureaucratic tangle involved in an acci-  
 dent. Forms available from Dave Perkins,  
 RCS Sec/Treas. Here is list of minors who  
 started the Training Class in Dec/77: Nick  
 Basich, Mann Pearson, Diana Gosand, Kent  
 Currie, Vince Luke, Steven Walk, Nathan  
 John, Gar Kenyon, Bill Krause, David  
 Liebman, Bennett Nakai, Adam Laal, Donald  
 Sexton. DP

- 7/26: Jim Ryan: Climbing in Peru.  
 Refreshments: Ed Hissen
- 8/15: Ron Milnark: Greenland  
 Refreshments: Fred King
- 9/19: Jim Sharpsteen: Trekking in Kashmir  
 Refreshments: Leslie Masters
- 10/17: Dave Perkins: Climbing in Canada and  
 Mexico  
 Refreshments: Tom Jeter

ALPINE SKI TOUR, SAN JOAQUIN PEAK, MAY 20

Encountering continuous snow immediately after leaving the June Lake Loop road at 7400', the 5 participants carried skis up steep slopes, then skied across frozen Fern Lake (8880'), the normally willow-covered flat area beyond and up the steep cliffy area (most of the cliffs were buried by the deep snow) to the summit plateau for lunch. Summit (11,600') was reached by all by 2:15 pm for spectacular views of the snowy Ritter Range and surrounding peaks. Altho skies were cloudless, again a cold wind kept the upper slopes crusty, but below 11,000' the Spring snow skiing was excellent right down to Fern Lake.

On previous tours Fern Lake has been easily accessible by trail on foot carrying skis. Now, their ski descent route resembled the "Face" of June Mtn ski area before trees and rocks were removed and it was groomed into one of the 10 steepest runs in California (or is it the West?)! So, the upper part was negotiated mostly by traverse, kick turn and side slip plus one slide into the waiting arms of a young pine tree from which the skier extracted himself with difficulty. However, below 8400' a broad, open gully was encountered which again provided good Spring skiing, right down to snowline.

The 2 Bishop participants returned home; the others enjoyed a meal at the Carson Pk. Inn, a Hot Creek swim and a day of fairly good Spring skiing on 9 feet of snow at Mammoth Mtn. ski area. BJJ

MENDENHALLS HONORED AT MAY MUGELNOOS

The May 10 Mugelnoos meeting was a "triple feature" which attracted a large crowd. The initial activity was the presentation of RCS honorary membership certificates to John and Ruth Mendenhall. This ceremony was move up from the scheduled June meeting because it appeared that John and Ruth might move to Seattle before mid-June. Word of the change was spread by phone, and members turned out in good numbers. The program was Don Pies' excellent treatment of climbing in Yosemite Valley. Well prepared and ingratiatingly delivered, the show captured the climbs so realistically that Glen Dawson found his palms sweating!

The third feature was the presentation of the Sierra Club's highest mountaineering award at the national level--the Farquhar Award. Club Director Les Reid gave a short speech and handed the certificate to--who else?--John and Ruth Mendenhall.

The RCS thanks Don Pies for his program, members for their support, and John and Ruth for their years of achievement and fellowship. JR

RCS SAFETY TEST - MAY 21

6 applicants (Ruth Carter, Diane Corte, Nancy Robertson, Matt Remanik, Doug Beal and Russ Kirkpatrick) turned out at Mt. Pacifico for testing by 8 members (Dick DeRusha, Bob Lindgren, Fred Wing, Emory Yount, Leroy Russ, Ray Beal and Jeff Lash). 4 were passed on all phases, with 2 being asked to submit to a retest on one skill. DD

STONY POINT STILL TEETERING

Mugelnoos has received an update on the status of the City of LA's Stony Point acquisition project from Laureen Gates, Co Chairperson of the Santa Susana Mtn Park Task Force. The city planning department has approved the zoning for recreation open space. The Parks Dept is awaiting a title search and appraisal, following which the City can follow one of 3 options:

- a) Offer to purchase the property for an amount up to the appraisal. 100,000 from last year's Proposition 2 is earmarked for Stony. If the appraisal is over 100,000, other sources of funds could be sought.
- b) Condemn the property.
- c) Abandon the project.

The future promises delays and uncertainties; the effect of Proposition 13 is unknown at this time. RCS members, especially those living in the Valley or the City of LA, should follow the project's progress and encourage Councilman Wilkinson, who is working for permanent availability of Stony.

Remember, building on Stony per se is not the main problem--what we definitely face is eventual loss of access as private parties surround, fence off, and post the property. It can't happen here? Consider the fate of Eagle Rock, once the favorite RCS practice cliff. It's been off limits for years because the area property owners didn't want crowds, liability, etc. Let's not let Stony Point slip away like Eagle Rock did! JR

BITTER RANGE SKI TOUR, MAY 27-29

While on a ski ascent of Mt. Ritter a few years ago, we viewed an enticing ski run down to Lake Catherine from the Ritter-Banner Saddle. Thus a future trip idea was formulated, and it finally came to be this Memorial weekend. Starting from Silver Lake, 11 skiers, looking more like Sherpas, trudged slowly up the Rush Creek Trail which was mostly snow-covered, and from the Gem Lake Dam we continued on skis over Agnew Pass. Finally, at the frozen expanse of Thousand Island

Lake, we established base camp and called it a day.

Sunday dawned warm and clear, and all hands set out for nearby alpine summits. From Lake Catherine this writer ascended Mt. Danner via the Ritter-Banner Saddle, and 9 others skied to the summit of Mt. Davis. The view from the summits was magnificent. The Sierras are still deeply covered with snow, and the white expanse reached out to the horizon.

After skiing from their respective high points on consolidated Spring snow, which ranged from smooth to waffle appearance, everyone climbed to the Ritter-Banner Saddle and 5 more climbed Banner.

Before departing the area on Monday, 5 skiers collected another 1500 feet off of the east slopes of Mt. Davis. It was then another hot trudge up to Agnew Pass, where everyone had one final thrilling run down to Gem Lake.

It is now over, but the good memories remain, along with the blisters and burnt faces. MG

#### SMS CHAIRMAN RESIGNS

I am writing this letter to be published in the Mugelnoos stating why it is impossible for me to serve on the SMS Central Committee or as Chairman.

On a recent SMS trip 2 members of the section refused to use approved alpine equipment consisting of safety release bindings and climbers. The rules concerning the use of equipment on SMS trips have been specified by our Central Committee for safety and enjoyment of those on our section trips.

Normally a situation such as this would be simply resolved by the trip leaders not allowing the offenders to go on the trip. Unfortunately in this case, one offender was a key officer of the section and was able to use his position to convince the leaders it would be proper for him and his friend to use nonrelease bindings, not carry climbers, or not be able to attach their heels when skiing downhill.

When I attempted to obtain an explanation, this officer felt justified because he had done more than myself to bring new members into the section, which is true. His friend further stated I was just sore and couldn't keep up with her because I, and the rest of the section, were using heavy and obsolete alpine equipment. Her statements can be excused because of her lack of experience on alpine skis and being a self-appointed missionary of nordic skiing.

The issue here was that an officer of the section violated our equipment and safety code. Even though both he and his friend may have been able to use nordic equipment safely, if less experienced skiers used this nordic equipment and were hurt on an official section trip, the SMS, the Sierra Club, the trip leaders and officers of the section could be put in a difficult legal position.

Last Fall our Central Committee considered merging with the Snow Touring Committee, which failed because of a lack of response from the Snow Touring Committee. This would have formed a new, stronger section, with qualified trip leaders and safety standards for both nordic and alpine touring. The officer involved in the equipment violation was the one who engineered this merger and when it failed, he evidently felt his best method of getting our section to use nordic equipment was to simply disregard our equipment code and force its use. A far wiser course of action would have been to discuss his feelings with the rest of the Central Committee. Because of the excellent past performance of this officer I am sure a way of qualifying nordic equipment for some trips could have been found.

Because of the possibility of being personally placed in a bad legal position by the improper use of equipment on section trips, and the disregard for our equipment rules by this officer, whom I can no longer effectively work with, I now resign from the Chairmanship of the SMS and its Central Committee. W. G. Feldmann \*

#### ROCK CREEK TOUR DELIGHTS FOURSOME

Shorts and T-shirts were the uniform for the weekend of June 3-4 for the 4 (count 'em!) participants on the Rock Creek ski tour. The 2 leaders (one SPS, one SMS) plus 2 skiers were treated to sunny, windless days and endless fields of Spring snow. The cars were parked at Rock Creek Lake, and the group carried skis the extra 1½ miles to Mosquito Flat and on into camp just above Long Lake. Hiking up to one of the Gem Lakes, they lunched, and climbed on skis to the top of the ridge NE of Bear Creek Spire. Excellent skiing was found on selected west-facing slopes (west is best), and several runs were made on the way down to camp. The lone SPS-er climbed the numbered prominent peak which sits in the middle of the valley.

Sunday the Dade Couloir and the slopes below Abbott were skied, on very enjoyable soft snow. Sun cups are starting to form everywhere, but the hot sun renders them soft enough to yield easily under the heavy alpine skis. The only casualties for the weekend were a partial dunking (an arm and a leg, while trying for water thru the ice on Long Lake), and a good set of Trimas lost somewhere near the Dade chute. The SPS-er based the unnamed summit E of Abbott on Sunday. He reported excellent glissading everywhere. All returned home sporting the best tans of the season. JW

\* Ed. is advised Cliff Cameron is new Chairman and John Tedberg is now on Central Committee, which now consists of Cameron (Ch), Doug Mantle (V Ch), Barbara Lilley (Sec), George Shinno (Treas), Mark Gabel and Wedberg.

KINGS CANYON, May 27-29

19 female and male climbers, hikers and nude bathers spent an enjoyable Memorial weekend at Kings Canyon. The Canyon was at the height of its natural beauty, because of the heavy snowfall. Jim Hoste, Jim McNamara and Dave Erskine joined us from the Bay Area; Jim and Jim are former RCS members.

The Broken Face and Roaring River routes received heavy usage throughout the trip. The Grand Dike was attacked by 5 climbers, with only guests Miya and Harris successful. Heavy bushwhacking is required; it was also reported that Miya left approximately \$200 worth of camera lenses at the base of the climb. The Broken Arm climb was completed by Hoste and Erskine. Ray, they waited for you. The Boyden Cone, Kings Tower and Nature Trail Amphitheatre received unsuccessful assaults.

Awards and Brickbats

Solo driving - Klein, Tidball, McNamara and Sowma

A new choice of liqueur - S. Butler

A watch for short climbs - G. Kaplan

Nude bathing - P.F., H.G. and ?

Romantic strolls - A.C. and C.T.

Permanent fire starter, watcher and sprout grower - J. Sowma

Early starts - A. Fried and R. Carter

Equipment saving - - - - -

Rappelling - L. Russ (same climb, 2 yrs)

Accident - L. Tidball, cutting salami with his knife - 10 stitches

Best conduct - Chris Fried and Lenny

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AL FOWLER SAYS GOODBYE

Dear Fred:

Like John and Ruth, I too have decided to leave Southern Calif for a better part of the country. Unlike John I couldn't retire yet. I will be working for Kitt Peak National Observatory in Tucson, Az. My new address will be 9051 E. Woodland Rd, Tucson, Az 85715. If anybody gets over that way I will expect you to stop by and have a beer and swap stories. John said that there is an active climbing group in the area so I'll be looking them up when I get there. Who knows, we may even be able to schedule a climb over there in the winter some time. I'm going to miss the many friends I've made over the years I've been with the RCS but I hope to return from time to time and make a climb. Please extract the pertinent parts of this for the next Mugelnoos. Sincerely yours, Al Another wise and good friend is leaving. Ed

LOST ARROW SPIRE, June 3

Ray Beal, Ed Hissen and Doug Beal climbed the Spire on Sat. We got into the climb rather late in the morning, having started from Camp 4 after breakfast. It proved to be a very enjoyable aid climb on some very odd anchors, with a small wired stopper being helpful here and there, particularly if one is under 6' tall. We secured 2 ropes at the rim and pulled the ends with us to the top of the Spire, allowing a Tyrolean Traverse (uphill) back to the rim. A 165' rope is advisable for the 3rd (last) lead. RB

JUNE SKIING IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA?

A "bonus" Alpine ski tour was held on San Geronio on June 10, with 3 participants. It would have been worth a 2-day trip! After carrying skis up the north face, some excellent Spring skiing was found on a 700' ski descent on the south face below the Vivian Creek trail; snow continued on down for at least another 600'. From the summit ridge (11,100'), it was a continuous ski run to Dry Lake. The north face was good smooth Spring skiing with suncups on the lower flats. A huge avalanche had come down the north face, wiping out quite a few trees and leaving debris in a 300' wide path above Dry Lake. The Big Draw was also ascended; skiing there was only fair. 3 other parties of Alpine skiers were encountered. Incidentally, the new road by-passing the winding section west of Fallsvale junction is now open and is a time saver.

(On Sunday, 2 skiers found plenty of snow between main and West Baldy but the snow was too heavy to be considered good and it was no longer possible to ski down to the hut, as it was on Memorial Day. Mt. Baldy ski area operated Memorial Day weekend!) BJJ

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

John Long & Co. made the first free lead of the Hangover at Tahquitz on May 28.

RCSer Diana Dee is to be part of the Sierra Club's "Pamir 78" expedition to the USSR

See May-June Climbing mag for stories on Eiger Direct Bru Couloir Direct featuring local Tahquitz wonders Tobin Sorenson and Rick Accomazzo. JR

HITNEY PORTAL, June 10-11

7 people showed up at Hitney Portal on Sat morning. 2 parties comprising 4 people went off up the north fork of Lone Pine Creek, looking for snow, altitude and fish. Sean Butler and Andy Fried found snow and altitude. Jim and Matthew McPherson found some fish but were unable to get them out of the lake. John Clark and Jim Sharpsteen went exploring on the ridge to the north of the campground and eventually climbed something 5th class. The 7th person was Larry Dennis who got back in his car and left for University Peak.

Matthew McPherson became ill with the altitude and had to be taken home on Saturday night. The surviving participants remained on the north side of the Portal. JH

MT. RAINIER LAWSUIT SETTLED

According to the April MSR Newsletter, the lawsuit opposing the severe use limitations imposed in 1973 has now been settled amicably.

- a) All restrictions on the spacing of parties camping overnight in the rock-and-ice zone above 7,000' or on glacier snow and ice have been dropped.
- b) Restrictions on the number of parties on climbing routes other than via Muir and Schurman have been dropped.
- c) Up to 35 persons may camp overnight in each of: Pebble Creek to Camp Muir; Ingraham Glacier Flat (11,000'); Inter Glacier.
- d) During the off-season (Sept. 30 to July), overnight camping may be anywhere on snow, except in places of danger. BJJ

BALDY '78 -- THE BEAUTIFUL, LONELY SEASON!

What a fantastic season, skiing Baldy this Spring -- with virtually no company on the mountain at all. From all evidence, only a handful of ski mountaineers took advantage of the incredible smooth, deep corn snow this year. The aggregate snowfall probably did not surpass the winter of '69, but most of this year's precipitation occurred late -- March and April -- and the storms were comparatively warm (freezing level usually 6,000' plus), depositing enormous snow depths at the higher elevations on Mt. San Antonio.

This reporter skied from the Hut clear to the car as late as mid-April. The snow in the Bowl has never been better, reaching depths of 4-5', and becoming skiable after the final Spring storm (first week of April). At the Hut, 8450', huge drifts transformed the entire landscape into a white wonderland. Where the creek runs near the Hut, the depth was actually measured at 15' plus. The final weekend of skiing was spent on June 10-11, when a six-foot wall of snow still bordered San Antonio Creek adjacent to the Hut. Memorial Day skiing was a delight, on continuous snow from the summit to below the Hut; that day the steep, lefthand side of the Bowl was a skier's dream -- like cruising down a field of tiny ball bearings! Well, maybe another year might compare to Baldy '78 -- but I doubt it! JW

THE LONGEST DAY

The longest ski day in the country appears to be at a ski area in Connecticut called Powder Ridge, which has a regular weekend program that offers 20½ hours of skiing per day, from 6:30 AM Saturday through 3 AM Sunday. SKI, Nov '77 BJJ

CRAWLERS

Barbara Lilley received a letter which reads: "Dear Barbara: Please accept this poem for publication in the next Mugelnoos. I would appreciate it very much. Thank you. V." Barbara has no idea who sent it. Letter is postmarked in Marina del Rey.

CRAWLERS

Crawlers go to the Wall	They crawl not to conquer the Wall but
Strange beasts Crawlers are	merely to gain its respect
They go to the Wall with grizzled beards	And crawl they do, for the Wall allows
and scarred hands and wearing the	few to climb
uniform only Crawlers can wear	When the top is achieved the bruised hands
They come to crawl with strings and	and frazzled mind are worth it
straps and wires	He has gained the respect of the Wall
This is all	They leave now to come and crawl again
	Crawlers