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RCS SCHEDULE UPDATE

The final version of the RCS Winter Schedule contains a few changes from the previously published listings. The complete submittal for Chapter Schedule No. 228 is as follows.

Nov. 7-8	Owens Ridge	Ripley/Russ
Nov. 27-29	Joshua Tree	Mundwiler/Cole
Dec. 12	Stony Pt	Russ
Jan. 10	Stony Pt	Fried
Jan. 16-17	Joshua Tree	Moore/Wing
Jan. 23	Stony Pt	Cole
Feb. 7	Mt. Rubidoux	Ripley
Feb. 13-14	Joshua Tree	Erb/Yount
Feb. 21	Mt. Rubidoux	Wing

ALPINE SKI TOURING COMMITTEE FORMED

Barbara Lillley and others have formed a new Angeles Chapter Committee for Alpine Ski Touring. We wish them well, and may their heels always be locked into attack position. (It is interesting to note that Paul Ramer, inventor of the Alpine touring binding and extreme-skiing gear, says in his latest newsletter announcing his new ALPINE/NORDIC Magazine, that he has discovered it is more fun to ski with the heels free.) Ed.

AAC ANNUAL MEETING IN LA THIS YEAR

The American Alpine Club will be holding its Annual Meeting at the Bonaventure Hotel in Downtown Los Angeles on the weekend of December 4-6, 1981. The programs will feature climbing in the People's Republic of China, with the head of the Chinese Mountaineering Association, Mr. Shih Chan Chun, to be a guest at the meeting. There will be presentations from such expeditions as the American East Face Everest Expedition, the recently successful US expedition to A. Machin, and the US expedition to Mt Siuniang in Sichouan Province.

There will also be a program on Free Climbing in California in the 1980s, as well as a motion picture program, exhibits, and a publication sales booth. Those who attended this gathering the last time it was held in LA (1976?) know that these programs will be well worth seeing. All Sierra Club members and interested climbers are invited to attend the programs, regardless of membership in the AAC. Further details will be announced as they become available.

JR

SUICIDE ROCKS - AUGUST 22-23

A beautiful weekend was enjoyed by 15 climbers on Saturday and 22 on Sunday. The weather was hot but a good breeze kept us cool. Most people did such beloved climbs as Little Murderers, BreakOut, Graham Crackers, and Tabby Treat. Dick Mundwiler attempted The Cave, but wouldn't fit and had to climb out on the face, which as they say is all Yours.

Paul Harris assisted on Sunday when Emory Yount had to leave. Paul was most helpful and cooperative and his assistance was much appreciated. Everyone even left on Sunday at a reasonable hour (3:30).

RL

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to go on. If you are an inactive or former member, come anyway: you'll meet your old friends. The SMS values your support and advice and enjoys your company. We will be making up the Spring Schedule. Scheduling at a potluck has become a successful tradition in several sections, and it is a lot of fun. Ed.

NOTE ON GIARDIASIS

Giardiasis, manifested by severe gastrointestinal distress, appears to have become a major problem in the Sierra. There has been some confusion about prevention. Boiling or disinfecting with a solution of Iodine crystals is effective; neither iodine tablets nor chlorine tablets (halozone) are nearly as effective, according to an article in the Western J. Medicine (1975, v. 122, p. 450). Iodine crystals can be mixed with several ounces of water and shaken. The crystals will settle out in a saturated solution. 12.5 cc (a little less than one tablespoon) of this solution is added to a quart of water. Disinfection should be complete in 15 minutes. Water can be added to replenish the disinfectant solution over and over again, so long as there are crystals remaining on the bottom of the bottle.

KC

CARTER TIES RUSS!

As if it wasn't bad enough to fall into second place behind Paul Harris, LeRoy Russ has been tied by that bastion of womanhood, Ruth Carter. Paul Harris look out! The present RCS statistics are as follows:

- 1 - Paul Harris, 31 climbing days
- 2 - Ruth Carter, LeRoy Russ, 23 climbing days
- 4 - John Peters, 18 climbing days
- 5 - Mike Mulry - 17 climbing days
- 6 - Virgil Shields, 16 climbing days
- 7 - Richard Mundwiler, John Ripley, Larry Tidball, 15 climbing days.

Fourteen RCS members out of 63 have not made their required four climbs.

Seven new members have been added to the roster since February.

VS

SIERRA ICE IS NICE

Paul Morrill and I decided to try the North Couloir on Mt Gilbert on the first weekend in August, as a warmup for our upcoming Canadian Rockies trip. We camped at the small tarns at the base of the moraine and spent Saturday afternoon relaxing in the sun. Sunday, on approaching the couloir we found it to be in excellent shape, with a small bit of black ice at the start and then 5 good pitches of excellent water ice with only a few small bits of snow at an angle approaching 60 degrees. On reaching the crest, we missed the 5.6 section and 3rd-classed to the summit. To descend: follow the ridge to the NNE, past a bump on the ridge with an Andy Smatko register tin, to where 3rd class downclimbing is required, continue down to a small notch. From this point the ridge is more difficult and it is possible to rappel down from the notch (5 rappels with 1 rope). The starting point is marked with a double yellow sling marked G.S. If this climb is any indication, the ice gullies in the Sierra should be in fine shape for this Fall season.

LT

THE SUN DOES SHINE IN THE CANADIAN ROCKIES

Upon arriving at Calgary for the start of our 2-week climbing trip in Banff and Jasper parks we were greeted by a tremendous thunderstorm. We soon learned that this had been the weather pattern for the last 2 weeks. However, after last year's defeats at the hands of the weather, we were determined to wait out any storms and to get some climbing done. Our first goal was to be Mt Assiniboine, located on the British Columbia/Alberta border just south of Banff National Park. We began our approach by driving up a 25-mile dirt road along side of the Spray Reservoir and then hiked in 4 miles to a hiker's hut, arriving just in time to get in out of the rain. The following day we hiked the remaining 14 miles to the Alpine Club Hut located at the base of the park. Arriving at the hut we found an injured climber who had just fallen 500 feet onto the glacier while descending Assiniboine. He had apparently broken some ribs, and his son was running out to a nearby Ranger Station for help. We made the man as comfortable as possible and 2 hours later a chopper landed on the front porch of the hut and flew him out. Now alone in the hut, we could relax, eat dinner and read the climbing register. The hut is equipped with bunks, foam pads, Coleman stove and lantern, pot and plates, table and chairs. The register indicated that the peak had been climbed by 3 parties recently. Our first bit of luck, for the mountain is often left in an unclimbable state by snow and ice on the rock, sometimes for entire seasons. Off at 4 AM the next day, we ascended the central gully of the North face (3" of rotten snow over ice); this is where the climber had fallen the day before. Out of the gully we crossed the central snowfield to reach the normal route of the North Ridge just below the Red Band. This and the Black Band farther up are passed on the right, otherwise the knife edge ridge is ascended directly on the crest of the loose rock. Above, a corniced ridge is followed to the summit. Ascent time 5½ hours. We downclimbed the entire North Ridge, bypassing the gully with the rotten snow. Because of the tedious

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(Just before two picnics - Good Grief!)

MUGELNOOS PROGRAMS & LOCATIONS

The October 20th Mugelnoos meeting will feature Yosemite & environs by Don Pies and friends. Their climb of the Leaning Tower will highlight the presentation. This should be an outstanding program.

The Oct & Nov meetings will be held in Rm 1071 at the DWP; take the elevator to the 10th floor, or ask the guard at Level A for directions. The Dec meeting will be a special program for RCS students (but will be of interest to all climbers). That meeting will take place in the Aud.

C A L E N D A R

Sept 26-27 Tahquitz A Korbut Weberg
Oct 3-4 Baldy Hut Wk Pty Betty Powers
Oct 10-12 Yosemite Valley Mindy Bagdon
Oct 17 Annual SMS Potluck K Crandall
Oct 18 Annual RCS Picnic K Crandall

OCT 17 SKI MOUNTAINEERS ANNUAL POT LUCK
at Kathy Crandall's, 1025 E. Woodbury, Pasadena (794-6491). Morning climb of Mt Lowe followed by an international cuisine pot luck and a planning session for spring skiing. Call Kathy for food arrangements and directions. Mike 9:30 am/Potluck 6:30.

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OCTOBER 18 OCTOBER 18
Come one-come all to "the beach" at (big) Corona del Mar & try your skills on the sandstone cliffs over the bay. This should be fun for the whole family, with surf, volleyball courts & fire rings available. In addition to climbing, of course! The RCS will supply drinks, charcoal & paper goods. Students are welcome. You bring: something to grill. Last Name A-K salad, Last Name L-Z dessert. And: a brush or whiskbroom to brush sand out of the holds! If you can contribute a large barbeque grill, a volleyball net or ball, please call Kathy Crandall, (213) 794-6491.

DIRECTIONS: From LA or the San Gabriel or San Fernando Valleys: Take the Golden State/Santa Ana Fwys (I-5) South to the Newport/Costa Mesa Fwy (55). Turn toward Newport Beach (West). Take the San Diego exit onto the San Diego Fwy (I-405). Turn right on the 2nd exit, Jamboree Blvd. Follow Jamboree west to MacArthur Blvd. (73). Turn left on MacArthur and follow it until it runs into the Pacific Coast Hwy (1). Turn left on PCH and then turn right on Marguerite, a few blocks later. Marguerite dead-ends into Ocean. Turn right on Ocean, the beach entrance is on the left a few blocks north. This route avoids most Newport/Costa Mesa traffic. 2) From the Santa Monica/EV-South Bay area: Come down the San Diego

(Directions to RCS Picnic-Continued)
Fwy to Jamboree. 3) From Riverside, come west on the Riverside Fwy (91) until you reach Route 55. 4) From Pomona/Ontario, come down the Orange Freeway (57) until it intersects with I-5.

RCS ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED

The annual business meeting of the RCS will be held on Tues, Oct 27, in Room 1071 at the Department of Water & Power Bldg, 111 N. Hope St., LA, at 7 PM. Items to be covered include election of new officers and dropping of delinquent members (always a fun task!). All members should plan to attend so we can have a quorum. The books on climbing attendance will be closed with the picnic on Oct 18th.

Anyone interested in running for an office should contact an RCS officer. Don't feel that you must wait to be asked--the best leadership usually comes from those willing to volunteer.

SAFETY TEST-AUG 15

Five Safety Committee members assisted by Bob Havens and Bob Somoano were greeted by 16 prospective RCS members at Mt Pacifico. Thanks to high proficiency on everyone's part, the test ran smoothly and was completed by mid-afternoon. A perfect record was blemished by one participant's tying bowline-on-a-coil wrong. I believe the rule is: the rabbit lives in the tree, he falls out of the tree and into a hole; hmmm...I think he missed his knot, too.

DP

NEW RCS MEMBERS

We welcome two new RCS members:

Jim Korb
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All RCS members should update their rosters. Also the current telephone (home) number from Tim Ryan is (805) 526-4430.

VS

NEW QUALIFIED LEADER

Jim Sharpsteen T/O

RCS MEMBERSHIP PENDING

The Safety Committee has received applications for membership from Bob Landry and Maris Valkass. Anyone wishing to comment on these applicant's safety should contact Fred Wing by October 11 (2264 Roscomare Rd, LA 90024)

NEW SMS MEMBER

We welcome Shelley Boshen, Lake Tahoe, as a new member of the Ski Mountaineers.

EDITORIAL (FOR SMS MEMBERS & FRIENDS)

Please come to the SMS potluck (see notice in this issue) whether you are leader, skier, or just an old friend. If you are a new member or an interested mountaineer or skier, come & let the leaders know what trips you'd like

SUN DOES SHINE - Continued from Pg. 3

nature of downclimbing steep loose rock, the descent to the hut took 6 hours. Then this fortunate break in the weather ended and it stormed all night and into the next day as we hiked out, meeting the Norman Kingsley family on the way.

The following day we drove north to Lake Louise and hiked into the Abbot Pass hut through a storm. This approach involves climbing up a heavily crevassed glacier through the "Death Trap", so named because of the ice blocks continually falling upon it from the hanging glacier above. The next morning we had good weather for our climb of Mt Victoria. Except for icy shale just above the hut, this was a long knife-edge snow ridge. After the climb we descended to Lake Louise and declared the next day a rest day.

On the Banff/Jasper Park border is the Columbia Icefield (325 km²) with its many branching glaciers. We decided to try an elegant curving ice climb, "The Skyladder" on Mt Andromeda, at the junction of the Icefield and the Athabasca Glacier. (The Icefield looks to be an incredible place for ski mountaineering.) This far north we had escaped the storms and the locals reported the 2 previous weeks had been excellent and warm. This good weather had melted off the snow and our route was covered with shining ice. With a 5 AM start we looked up our route anticipating 5 or 6 pitches. However, the climbing turned out to be 12 pitches of 50° alpine ice (all ice belays), followed by an hour of roped climbing where the angle eased off so that the snow would stick, followed by 2 more pitches of ice. Then an hour's snow slog up the ridge to the summit. Arriving on top at 4:30, we hurried to descend the "easy" side. This turned out to be downclimbing rotten rock gullies and then 5 pitches of front pointing down an ice gully. Then to stumble across the glacier and moraine on the last bit of light to the car at 10 PM.

Climbing in the Canadian Rockies is incredibly beautiful. There is a lot of good snow and ice to climb, but the rock is terrifyingly loose. However, the critical point is the weather, and we were lucky enough to only schedule rain on approach and rest days and to have terrific climbing days. LT

LONE PINE -- AGAIN!

8/28-30

One more we turn our sights toward Lone Pine Peak as two intrepid climbers approach, one his first time on the peak, the other, his third attempt to finish a technical route (the gods of Lone Pine were against him). The scene, the south face, as climbers, Jim Friedburg and Virgil Shields, spent an evening bushwacking two and half hours up Tuttle Creek for a climb of Becky's Direct South Face (V 5.7, A2).

There was considerable concern as the pair left the sight of the last water, some 500 feet of brush below. To their amazement, they found a relatively flat spot amidst the boulders, scree (actually dirt), and darkness. After quickly dumping their loads, the dreaded water run was made. A two and half hour round-trip was undertaken, thirty minutes of which was spent force feeding themselves water to ward off the next day's dehydration, while squatting in the light of their headlamps, underneath a heavy canopy of brush (ever try to force feed yourself 3-4 liters of water at once?). They avowed never to touch water again as they hauled their load of several gallons back up to camp.

The view the next morning provided one of endless walls and terraces above them. Assuming they were at the main face, they quickly found a break in the granite and proceeded to haul their load of bivy gear and hardware up to a rope-up point.

After blistering hours in the heat, climbing, hauling, and jumaring nearly 700 feet up the edge of the face, they were shocked to find that they were actually ascending a massive tower on the face and not the main wall as yet. This profound realization occurred when the view of the other side of the lip of the face revealed a steep third-class gully only 100 feet above (700 feet of climbing and only 100 feet above the ground!). The main part of Becky's route was now observed and its start was behind and near the top of their tower. They were actually ascending an unclimbed route on a tower to nowhere. There still remained hope though.

After a bit of 5.8+ climbing up the face followed by a scary pendulum across that face on jumars with a pack (ever try to jumar through a bush with a heavy pack while wearing EB's - ouch!), they sadly realized that their route would not get them conveniently to the main wall. Their water supply had dwindled considerably (a collapsible water container within the pack had been collapsing continuously throughout the climb leaving a trail of water up the face).

Being late in the evening and fatigued from nearly 1100 feet of climbing and jumaring with the pack in the heat, they bivied on a ledge on "Disappointment Tower". After a night of surviving being blown off by the wind, they rappelled to the easy gully on the back side of the tower and beat their way through the brush back to camp with a promise to return (fourth time?) within a couple of months to climb with a bit better style. VS