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EASON'S GREETINGS from LeRoy Russ

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- Jim Erb - Mount Everest
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- Birgil Shields - Unharnessed energy
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- Red Wing - Best dressed RCS member of the year
- Ant Withers - The 1982 training committee with Paul Harris
- Mory Yount - Less work and a reappearance of the engineer's cap
- 1980 students - Hopefully, an enjoyable climbing season with us during the past year, and the making of new friends, a source for safe climbing partners and RCS membership
- Mark Pomerantz - Footnotes with Andy and Sheila
- Ed Berger - A guide to snakes
- Becca Levine - An orange
- Len Wilts - Louis L'Amour in Spanish
- Missing names - ???????
- Everyone - An accident-free climbing year

SECOND ANNUAL FIRE SALE

All items priced to go! If not sold by spring everything will be burned in a sacrifice to the snow gods! We really mean it this time. Extremely high quality items include: Trima attachments, Marker toes, Marker snap-sock cable, Marker Rotomat Heel, Marker Clou toe irons, Ski free toe units, Amey-Securus toe units, Vinerssa attachments, Montagna climbing skins, Erlberg straps, lots of cables, more spare parts, a ski pole basket. Make Offer. Contact R. J. Secor (213) 795-5520.

RJS

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Be sure to watch "The Cross Country
 Ski School" on KCET Channel 28,
 Tuesday nights at 10:30.

RCS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
 Claire Beekman has applied for
 membership in the RCS. Anyone
 wishing to comment on the applicant's
 safe climbing practices should con-
 tact LeRoy Russ by February 2nd.

NAME CHANGE
 Following a long tradition in
 the Noos, Mary Omberg has also
 changed her name - to Mary Gygax,
 Sorry Ron.

I am a film maker and a climber. I
 am planning a filming climbs in
 your area. I need local climbers
 willing to be filmed. "Rock Jocks"
 "old timers" "international climbers"
 "hairy giant super climbers"
 "climbing bums" etc. who are
 interested should write to me ASAP.
 Ricky Miller, 2611 Steeplechase Ln.,
 Diamond Bar, CA 91765

C A L E N D A R

Jan. 23 Stony Pt. - Cole
 Feb. 7 Rubidoux - Ripley
 Feb. 13-14 .. Tree - Erb

SKI MOUNTAINEERS CALENDAR

Jan. 16-17 Mammoth Day Tour-Maloy
 Jan. 23 Blue Ridge Day Tour -
 Goebel
 Jan. 24 Local Day Tour - Secor
 Jan. 31 Sugarloaf - Vandalsem
 Feb. 6-7 Pear Lake - Crandall
 Feb. 20-21 Butler Pk - Wilkie
 Feb. 20-21 Snow Camp Train -
 K. Crandall

SMS ELECTION COMMITTEE

Chuck & Ellen Wilts will serve as
 election committee. Candidates may
 be nominated by written communication
 with the committee prior to the
 meeting or from the floor at the
 Feb. meeting.

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 U.S. Forest Service
 Sequoia West (209) 784-1500
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 245-3760

Snow Info (213) 790-0344

FRAZIER PARK SKI & PACK

On turn off to Mt. Pinos - Rentals,
 sales, & equipment on consignment.
 Snow Info - (805) 248-6103
 Lloyd is former owner of Backpacker
 Exchange in Glendale.

SKIER INJURED BY WILD BOAR

Cuneo, Italy - (UPI) - A wild boar
 attacked a cross-country skier near
 here Monday, inflicting wounds on
 his legs and groin that required
 50 stitches, police reported.
 Seattle Times, 1/6/82

VIVIAN MENDENHALL married Barry Revil
 on October 6th in Zion National Park.
 AAC NEWS

FROZEN SAND DUNE CLIMBING IN MICHIGAN

Frozen sand dune climbing is enjoyed
 by a baser lot who marvel at the
 wonder of massive sand dunes forming
 the shores of the freshwater ocean.
 On Lake Michigan, Sleeping Bear Dune
 has a 700 foot, 30-degree dune face
 that plummets to the watery edge in
 rapid fashion. In winter, this face
 is wind swept and frozen solid with
 condensation. Last year, we inserted
 some freeze tubes in the dune face
 to determine depth of freezing, as re-
 lated to proximity to the lake sur-
 face. In February we visited the
 site, inside the National Lakeshore
 to record the temperature and depth
 to freezing. This required use of
 crampons, French-technique and the
 skill of the mountaineer, or mount-
 goat.

In these climbing-starved parts, the
 devotee takes great solace from any
 opportunity to utilize those skills
 which are of great love and pride.
 So, frozen sand dune climbing (FSDC)
 and climbing on giant ice berms,
 which are the fashion on Great Lake
 shores, provide sport to ice
 aficionados.

John G. Lyon
 AAC NEWS

AAC APPLICATIONS

Contact Andy Fried, 9218 Jellico,
 Northridge, CA 91325 (213) 993-18
 for application forms.

Most RCS members would qualify. AAC
 supports climbing activities in North
 America as well as foreign expedit.

WALT HENINGER DIES

Walter Heninger died on Jan 5th at the age of 90, from complications resulting from pneumonia, after having undergone surgery. Walt was a long time resident of Southern Calif, and was active for many years in the DPS and 100 Peaks Sections, as well as the RCS and SMS. He could always be counted on to help in beginning rock climbing instruction at Stony Point, and his equipment lectures at BMTC were a highlight of the entire course, being laced with his marvelous humor and often punctuated with his patented gruff epitaphs.

No one knows how many hundreds of members he sponsored into the Sierra Club, and was Angeles Chapter Membership Committee Chairman for many years in the late 40's and early 50's. "Heninger's Harem" was the name accorded the entourage of pretty young single girls who could be found on Walt's hiking trips. Many Sierra Clubbers found their eventual mates on one of Heninger's outings (including this reporter). Walt was Baldy Hut Manager for many years, and there's a section of the Hut trail dubbed the "Heninger Switchbacks", for the re-routing he constructed after the floods of 1938.

Old time Ski Mountaineers and Rock Climbers will miss Walt Heninger's leathery old face topped with snow-white hair and a tennis visor, and his avocados for lunch! Good-bye old friend, and God bless you! (JW)

P.S. Walt's wife and constant mountain companion, Bernice, is still living in their home at 1442 Mt Pleasant St, LA 90042, if you'd like to drop her a note.

RCS SAFETY COMMITTEE

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|-----------------|----------------|
| LeRoy Russ (Ch) | Don Pies |
| Leonard Bayless | Virgil Shields |
| Kathy Crandall | Larry Tidball |
| Andy Fried | Fred Wing |

SMS ELECTIONS

Nominations for the 1982-82 SMS Central Committee election will be held at the February 16th Mugelnoos meeting.

KI MOUNTAINEERS TRAINING CAMP - February 20-21

ovice and intermediate would-be nordic skiers are encouraged to sign p for this event - non-members are particularly welcome. We will atch the first tram up to Mt. San Jacinto on Saturday and set up camp n Tamarack Valley (prior snow camping experience is essential). We. ill then use the slopes of Cornell and San Jacinto to practice X-C ownhill techniques with and without a pack. Parallel turns, telemarks, nd the when-all-else-fails kick-turn traverse will be on the agenda. ome discussion of avalanches will be included. Depending on snow onditions and skiing ability, tours may include ascents of Jean and an Jacinto. This trip may be used as a check-out tour. Send a check or \$10.00 (does not include tram fee) with SASE and resume of snow- amping and skiing experience to leader Kathy Crandall, 1025 E. Woodbury, asadena, CA 91104. Co-leader, Mark Goebel. KC

KIS - SKIS - SKIS

ead Ski Company has gone out of the business of back country skis and s selling off their Outbacks (retail price \$210.00) for \$79.00. They ave 22 pairs of 183's available at that price (they were made in the lize range 180-195). Anyone interested should call Peter Woollett or ohn Vance at (415) 453-1945. KC

RCS RETURNS TO OWENS RIDGE

Owens Ridge had not been scheduled since the early 1970s, so John Ripley and LeRoy Russ decided to lead a trip now that a guidebook is available. The climbing is on the east ridge of Owens Pk in the southern Sierra near Inyokern. It was first scheduled in 1957, but no guidebook was generally available until the China Lake Rescue Group brought out their little booklet in the mid-70s.

Our group camped 7 miles up the dirt road up Indian Wells Canyon, which leaves Hwy 14 just north of Homestead/Indian Wells (most slept Friday night at Powers Well, about 3 miles up the road). The camp, at about 5200 feet, is desert-like, with Joshua Trees and a few pinyon pines.

The climbing is across the canyon from this campsite. Trucks or brave cars can go up the road beyond our camp to farther campsites, and a trail contours from the end of the road to the rocks. This is a longish walk from our campsite, however. The direct cross-country approach worked from there, but the best route seemed to be to walk up the dirt road for a half mile or so to a jeep road that drops into the canyon near the base of the rocks.

The rocks are granite of variable quality in a semi-arid area 6000-6400 feet in elevation. They are numbered in the guide, most climbing being on rocks I & II.

The best climb done (as far as esthetic and rock qualities) seemed to be Dihedral on rock II, a two pitch 5.7 climb which can be descended using 3rd class and one 75-foot rappel down Direct Chimney. The following climbs seemed to be recommendable: Wednesday's Climb, Slate's Straddle, and Amphitheatre Jam (all on rock I). The following are not recommended: Rock I, Trough (loose), Rooftop (poor pro); Rock II, Arriba (poor rock and pro).

There are about 60 routes in the guide, and only a few were tried on our trip. Some felt the climbs weren't worth the approach (compared to other areas), but most seemed to feel that the area is worth an occasional visit. Virgil Shields explored the north side on Sunday and thinks a good trip could be made approaching from the north.

Those attending the November 7-8, 1981 climb were Stan Klein (Sat. only), Tom Jeter, Paul Morrill, John Peters (& the Mrs), Paul Harris, Margo Koss, Becky Levine, Mike Baca, Liz Berger, Virgil Shields, John Halcomb, Fred Clements, and Bob Caswell. The latter 7 plus Ripley went to Indian Wells Lodge on Sat night for dinner (excellent), returning to find a campfire going (raucous). Various refreshments were passed around, and a contingent kept the fire going until around 2 a.m. by burning large quantities of cow dung.

Others of the group, occasionally awakened by the revelry, overhead snatches of the serious discussions. Quotes: (To a female) "Sit on my lap and the side away from the fire won't get cold."--Anon. "You're stepping on the Chairman!"--Virgil Shields, new RCS Chair.

Leader Ripley would like to thank the group for a good trip. A special thanks must go to Asst LeRoy Russ for taking over many duties when the leader was called out of town on business during the week before the trip. Finally, the advice of China Lake climbers, especially Greg Vernon, is thankfully acknowledged.

JR

RCS PROFICIENCY CARD POLICY

3 proficiency cards are issued to students to enable them to climb through the section until they become members, which we hope they all wish to do. There has been no time limit on the cards. In recent years, there has been a trend wherein some students have completed the course, climbed a few times with the section, disappeared, then reappeared after a long absence from section climbs and in some cases from all climbing. Because of concern with safety, starting this year proficiency cards must be renewed annually. Cards will expire March 31 each year. The criterion for renewal will be a minimum of four(4) climbs with the section in the preceding year. Renewal cards will automatically be sent to those who have made the four climbs. This year, renewal cards will be sent to non-members who have made four section climbs from April 1, 1981, to March 31, 1982. Former proficiency card holders who haven't made four climbs or want to brush up on safety skills may talk to the Safety Committee chairman, LeRoy Russ, about attending some practice climbs to renew proficiency. Any questions about the new policy should be directed to LeRoy.

LR

RUMBLES FROM THE NORTHWEST CASCADES

Ruth and I greatly enjoyed seeing so many old friends at the American Alpine Club meeting in LA during December. Best wishes to all!

Last summer, George Wallerstein, who was active in SMS and RCS, and I did the South Rib of Guye and traversed Lundin. We teamed up with Randy Sheaff, RCS '77-80, for the East Face of Chair; if I'd drawn the first pitch, we'd be there yet.

Soloed Index from Lake Serene, self-belaying; very time-consuming, used first pitons in a long time, but distrust nuts for an upward-outward jerk; so I'm chicken: shades of 1938!

Climbed Garfield with Chris Hawkins. Plaque on top in memory of one who didn't make it; as is usual, where he slipped was really safe (yup, contradictory).

Nick the Clinch says "Don't get killed! It will spoil your weekend! I managed to spoil the weekend for four without getting killed (sorry to disappoint you). Climbing the snowy talus below Slippery Slab Tower, I didn't see that one block was ready to go; beginner's accident. George and Manuel Gonzalez applied efficient first aid, while Randy was ready with the ice axe in case a sedative was needed. Hiked out to the car, thanks to George's pain pills, and got sewn up. JDM

MT. WATERMAN SKI TOUR - JANUARY 9, 1982

For the first local SMS check-out tour of 1982, a large group of 12 skiers turned out. Participants included both SMS members and skiers on their first SMS outing.

The tour followed the traditional route up to the summit of Mt. Waterman. Snow conditions ranged from ice to mush, but mostly breakable crust over a very thin layer of snow. Marginal at best. Eventhough Saturday was very clear and was very challenging to say the least. We did find a sunny slope of consolidated snow and paused to make a few turns and regain lost confidence.

Although the skiing was among the worst I have seen, everyone did agree that it was nice to be out amidst the pines.

In contrast, a private outing to Mt. San Jacinto on Sunday was totally different. After a nice lift up via the tram, we found several feet of firm but consolidated snow, excellent coverage, and then surprisingly it began to snow (a red sky in the morning was the only warning. As a result of the storm, we got wet, skiing was super fast and smooth, and although we didn't make the summit, the run down was very memorable (in many different ways). A great day in the mountains with some real super people. MG

STRIKE TWO

I joined Dennis Lopez and Doug Mantle this December for my second attempt on Aconcagua, the highest peak in the Western Hemisphere.

Doug and Dennis had preceded me by three weeks to do the standard tourist trek: Lake Titicaca, Machu Picchu, Iguassu Falls. I joined them in Mendoza, and from its inception, the facets of our expedition fell into place like the design of a Polish Rubic Cube, all six sides the same color: we obtained permission immediately, no stress EKG's required. Hours later, we met friendly Argentines who transported us to the Polish Glacier Route roadhead the next day after hosting us to their country's typical picnic, carne asado a la parilla (that translates into a barbeque). The climb went without hitch to high camp at 20,000 ft. Summit day, I unroped several hundred feet above my last year's high point while the dynamic D's went on to bivouac twelve hours later on the summit. Dennis, unfortunately, sustained serious frostbite of hands and feet and has had to delay starting his career on Wall Street several weeks as a result.

After an investment of approximately \$4,000 and exhausting the good will of my school board and patience of family, pragmatism may prevail: my next try (shudder of reluctance) may be via the standard walk-up route I hate to sound like an SPS peak-bagger, RCS'ers, but I NEED that peak. Editor's note - see page 2 M. Gyax

ATTENTION CONNOISSEURS

Ruth Mendenhall's latest book, Corp, Glop, and Glue Stew; Favorite Foods from 165 Outdoor Experts, has just been released by The Mountaineers Books. With Yvonne Prafer, Ruth describes the favorite recipes of 165 well-known outdoor food. The recipes include homemade backpack foods, camp-cooked meals, wild food feasting, and better food with less work. Ask for it at your local backpacking shop. \$6.95, paperbound.

SAN DIEGO SIERRA CLUB SKI TRIPS

Bill Alley advises us of the following trips:

- February 13-15 Bus trip, Mammoth Backcountry: Snow camp & instruction in Beck's School on Nordic Technique & Avalanche Awareness.
- April 4-8 Mt. Shasta Circle (30 miles) Nordic or Alpine equip.

For INFO call Bill Alley (714) 280-8828, 4446 32nd Street, San Diego, CA 92116



"Dammit, Schleif, I thought you brought the hardware!"

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