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JOSHUA TREE AS THANKSGIVING TURKEY

Friday, Nov. 27: clear and cold. 17 people signed in; 11 climbed in the afternoon, including ex-RCS-Chair Al Fowler and son John from Tucson.

Saturday, Nov. 28: 12 people signed in; no one climbed.

On Friday night, 18 cars, vans, etc., were counted--most with 2 or 3 people in them (approximately 45 people). By 10 a.m. on Saturday only 3 vehicles were left, and their occupants were inside playing "Dungeons and Dragons." Everyone else had been chased out by cold snow/slush and rain. Maybe next year will be better (?). RM

JOSHUA TREE AS JANUARY JEWEL

January 16-17 was a classic Joshua Tree weekend with ideal climbing weather. 23 people signed in Saturday and 17 Sunday. Dave Burdett filled in as assistant ldr for Fred Wing, who was out of town.

On Saturday, climbs were done in Hidden Valley Campground and on Hemingway Buttress. Mike Baca led a party of 5 up Overhang Bypass and the Flake on Intersection Rock. On Sunday there were climbs done on Saddle Rocks, at Quail Springs, and again several in Hidden Valley CG. Baca, Nolte, and Thomas did Walk on the Wild Side (Saddle Rocks). Two ropes, Caswell & Carter and Valkass & Schaerer, did Toe Jam and Doublecross on the Old Woman. Robert Somoano, climbing with Steve Dawson, did the Wisest Crack and Dogleg. JM

RCS MEMBERS: THEIR (CLIMBING) DAYS ARE NUMBERED

With 8 trips tallied (Sespe, Owens Ridge, two at Joshua Tree, 3 at Stoney Pt, & 1 at Mt Rubidoux) for a possible total of 11 days of climbing, Mike Baca is leading with 9 days; John Peters has 8 and LeRoy Russ 7. (John, why didn't you join the hardy souls who braved rain and sleet to sign in on the second day of the November Joshua Tree trip? Never mind whether anyone climbs in the rain--it's signing in that's important!?) Paul Harris, Margo Koss, and Virgil Shields each have signed in for 6 days, Bob D'Evelyn and Horton Johnson for 5, and Mike Mulry, John Orange, and Kent Withers for 4. MK

SIERRA SNOW STUDIED IN DEPTH

The USFS has compiled the following statistics on snowfall at Mammoth Mtn which may be of historical interest (or hysterical if one remembers some of the early summer stream crossings!):

1968-69 - 484"	1972-73 - 226"	1977-78 - 479"
1969-70 - 268"	1973-74 - 310"	1978-79 - 391"
1970-71 - 255"	1974-75 - 397"	1979-80 - 434"
1971-72 - 254"	1975-76 - 188"	1980-81 - 245"
	1976-77 - 90"	

It is interesting to note that although 1968-69 had the greatest snowfall ever recorded, 1977-78 was a very close second (in this area of the Sierra, at least). There was actually more snow on the ground on April 30, 1978, than at the same time in 1969. BL

SMS GOES SOFT ON BALDY

George Oliver and Jean Francois joined R.J. Secor for a tour on Mt Baldy on Jan 24. The recent snowfall made it possible to ski all the way to the cars, albeit with a few thin spots. Bob Hartunian and Jane Clark post-holed their way to the summit in order to train for Mexico's volcanoes. Ski Conditions could have been better, but the soft snow demanded the use of skis.

For the record: we didn't see any avalanches, but there was one slide on the western side of the Baldy Bowl. It appears that a rodent has moved into the new outhouse. RJS

MUGELNOOS WANTED: The RCS files still need the following: 1949, Aug & Sep; 1950, Sep, 1953, Nov; 1957-58-59, all; 1962, Oct; 1963, Jul & Nov; 1964, Jan; 1968, Mar. Contact John Ripley, 5912 El Rancho Dr, Whittier 90606, (213) 6925050.

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Feb 20-21 - Butler Pk tour: Wilkie/Boge  
Feb 20-21 - Snow Training Camp: Crandall  
Feb 21 - Mt Rubidoux climb: Wing  
Feb 27 - Angeles Chapter Awards Banquet  
Mar 6-7 - Mt San Antonio Races: Secor  
Mar 7 - Mt Rubidoux climb: Tidball  
Mar 13-14 - Baldy Hut tour: Wedberg  
Mar 13-14 - Local tour: Crandall  
Mar 16 - Mugelnoos meeting: SMS  
Mar 20-21 - Convict Lake day tours: Maloy  
Mar 20-21 - Fossil Falls bus trip climb:  
Fried/Russ

PARTY AFTER RUBIDOUX CLIMB MARCH 7

Everyone (students, members, guests) stop  
by Bob Caswell's (207 Laurelwood Ave,  
Placentia, 714-528-3531) on the way home  
from Rubidoux. RSVP to Bob at the climb  
by 1 pm March 7 and pick up a map. He  
will serve hamburgers; bring a beverage,  
snack, or dessert.

NEW SKI MOUNTAINEER

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RCS APPLICANT

Bob Caswell has applied for RCS membership.  
Per the bylaws, comments on his climbing  
safety should be directed to LeRoy Russ,  
Safety Chair, by March 6. LR

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FOUR SKIERS PASS THE 4TH CLASS SKI TEST

At the beginning of each ski season, the  
Ski Mountaineers offer the 4th class ski  
test to qualify participants for member-  
ship as well as future ski tours. Skiing  
ability and suitability of equipment are  
evaluated, as well as the ability to do  
kick turns, side-stepping, traversing, and  
linked snowplow and stem turns. The fol-  
lowing people passed the ski test in  
January:

George Oliver, West LA  
Mike Layland, Diamond Bar  
Jim Rienstra, Canoga Park  
Larry Bigler, Santa Monica  
Congratulations! JVD

SMS Roster is to be mailed with this no.

MISC RCS NOTICES

Students please read the chapters on  
anchors and climbing techniques.  
Westridge has a 25% discount on climbing  
shoes.

First Aid Kits: If you have a RCS kit,  
please contact LeRoy Russ ASAP!

Schedule Changes: for Big Rock; Mar 28,  
substitute Russ/Peters for Sharpsteen;  
for Tahquitz, May 1-2, substitute same.

Officers meet on the 4th Wednesday of  
every month. Contact any officer if you  
have something for the meeting.

Leader Development: In order for the RCS  
to continue having trips, qualified ldrs  
and assistants are necessary (necessary  
evils?--Ed.). Qualified means that you  
have an LTC rating, i.e., O, M, I, or E.  
After you are LTC qualified & meet the  
RCS criteria for a T rating, you can  
lead trips.

All interested parties are encouraged  
to attend the LTC lectures on April 17-18.  
Send SASE to Bill Russell for all the  
necessary information. LR

FOR SALE

Climbing helmet, propane lantern--contact  
LeRoy Russ, 258-1546.  
Forrest harness with leg loops (med),  
Chouinard climbing boots (woman's size  
8)--contact Margo Koss, 258-1546.

RAFFI BEDAYN

Raffi Bedayn died February 10 after a  
long illness. He was an enthusiastic Bay  
Area rock climber, making many first  
ascents in Yosemite and the Sierra in the  
late 1930s and the 1940s. In later years  
he did much work for Yosemite climbers in  
conservation, Park Service relations,  
camp sites, etc. Raffi was one of the  
first people to introduce dehydrated foods  
to the climbing world. His best known  
climb may have been the first ascent of  
Shiprock in 1939 with Dave Brower, John  
Dyer, and Bestor Robinson. He sometimes  
climbed with our (So. Calif.) RCS. RDM/JR

WILDERNESS PERMIT INFORMATION

Inyo Nat. Forest is changing its wilder-  
ness permit issuing system this year.  
Quotas will be filled half by advance  
reservations and half on a first-come,  
first-served basis on the day of the trip.  
The one exception is the Whitney Trail,  
which remains 100% reservations.  
Quota period is approx June 15 thru  
Sept 15, depending on snow, etc.

Reservations will be by mail or in per-  
son only--no phone requests. Requests  
must be postmarked after Feb 28. Allow  
2 weeks for processing.

Permit pickup is in person only--no  
mailing of permits. Permits unclaimed by  
10 a.m. will be reissued to others unless  
arrangements have been made to hold.  
Night pickup will be from boxes. AF

AWARDS BANQUET TO FEATURE MUGELPEOPLE

The Angeles Chapter Awards Banquet is  
set for Sat, Feb 27. Longtime RCS stal-  
wart Nick Clinch will give the program on  
the Himalayas. Outings service awards  
will be going to Doug Mantle, Fred Wing,  
and Emory Yount. The Eatons & Merlin  
Thayer will get special service awards.  
See So. Sierran or schedule before Feb 24.

LETTER TO MUGELNOOS READERS

Dear Climbing Friends,

I owe you an update since Dave Perkins' accurate report from Sespe Gorge (Mugelnoos, 17 November). First, the fracture. It was the left calcaneus (heel bone), and mended easily, with only seven weeks in a cast. No ribs were cracked, but the X-ray showed a strange (for a nonsmoker) clouding in the right lung, and a solid mass. Treatment with antibiotics didn't help. After many tests, more than you can imagine, ruling out TB, fungus, Valley Fever, trauma from the fall, etc., there was only one conclusion left--cancer.

The hardest thing was accepting the fact. I'm undergoing radiation treatment now, to be followed by chemotherapy, with excellent prospects for arresting the malignancy.

I want to thank you for your heartfelt concerns, and please forgive me for not answering your cards.

Most important, don't blame my condition on the fall. According to my doctors, it had absolutely nothing to do with it, except to bring the problem to our attention sooner (a blessing in disguise, one said--Royal Robbins please note). So, while I don't wish this kind of "blessing" on anyone, keep climbing!

Jim Sharpsteen

NEW RCS PROFICIENCY CARD POLICY

RCS proficiency cards are issued to students to enable them to climb with 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 RCS climbs and, in some cases, from all climbing. Because of concern about safety, proficiency cards will have to be renewed annually starting this year.

Cards will expire March 31 each year. The criterion for renewal will be a minimum of four (4) climbs with the RCS in the preceding year. Renewal cards will automatically be sent to those qualifying. 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 who want to brush up on safety skills, may talk to Safety Committee Chairman LeRoy Russ about attending some practice climbs to renew proficiency. Any questions about the new policy should be directed to LeRoy.

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TO ALL RCS MEMBERS

We are trying to update the membership roster to include the names of spouses and/or live-in friends and children of our members.

Please print the information on the reverse side of this form and return to Margo. If you would like your work phone listed, include it. Cut the form off as indicated, fold so Margo's address shows, stapel or tape, stamp, and mail.

Thank you.

Fold

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--Mugelnoos Committee

\* \* \* \* \*  
Tom Ross, "old time" SMS member, is your friendly ticket puncher on chair #6 at Mammoth Mtn this winter. Tom has made numerous ski tours in the Sierra on "sawdenhofs" (that's old skis cut in half, for the uninitiated).

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(SEE P. 3 FOR INSTRUCTIONS)

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