

# THE AUGELNOS

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## BIG ROCK ACCIDENT

While climbing at Big Rock during the RCS picnic Stan Klein suffered a cerebral aneurysm, which caused him to take a 50 ft. leader fall. Stan was taken to Riverside General Emergency and into the Neuro IC Unit where he was listed in critical condition. His condition improved to stable the next day, and remained so for the next 10 days. On Nov. 3 he was transferred to Daniel Freeman Hosp. where he suffered a second aneurysm on Nov. 6. After a 5 hour surgery on Nov. 7, the surgeon was confident that Stan was doing well and that the problem area had been successfully repaired. If Stan's recovery continues as expected, he will remain in the hosp. until at least Nov. 17. Cards and flowers may be sent to Daniel Freeman Memorial Hosp. 333N. Praire Ave., Ingelwood CA 90301. I would like to thank Virgil Shields, Steve Dawson, Emory Yount, Tom Jenkins, an unknown M.D., and especially Jim Bryla for the rapid response in getting Stan off the rock and into the ambulance. Had the evacuation taken 20 minutes longer, it would have been very difficult to handle the pulmonary arrest which occurred in the ambulance. Both Stan and I are very grateful for the fast life saving response. John Peters

## DOMELANDS WILDERNESS Oct 29-30

If I were to rate trips for the year I would be hard pressed not to rate this trip as number one in beauty, isolation, and potential. Led by the adventuresome Greg Vernon, six climbers jourined into the east side of Domelands Wilderness to enjoy the splendor of its awesome granite domes with names such as Radiant, Columbia, Moon Steamboat, and Smokestack. Three climbers and one non-climbing friend were ferried across the S. Fork of the Kern to a camp on the edge of the Wilderness by Greg. There we met with another climbing party led by Herb Leager out to put a stamp of 5.11 in the area. The approach took us past the E. side of Moon Dome, so named from the immense circular orb carved into its granite face. Nest to the 400 ft. Sardine Wall stands the smaller Quark Wall named by Greg several weeks ago. Vernon and Hale put up Quantum Mechanical Crack (5.8, A1), while Shields and Pomevante put up a 5.8 route. While this party was rapelling to retrieve anchors left on their ascent Vernon and Hale put up an unnamed one pitch 5.7 friction route on the E. Face of Moon Dome. While Greg was drilling two belay bolts, his friend Leager approached, having bailed off the green slime on the Sardine Wall. Herb bouldered up to where Greg was drilling, talked for a while, and then walked off. I'm not sure what you'd call a second ascent free-soloed before the first ascent. After returning to camp we drove back out across the Kern to bring back Bob Landry and Maureen Powers. The festivities which followed lasted past midnight as a true RCS campfire should. Plenty of food, booze, and desserts were available; we were joined by Herb Leager's group since our party was obviously better than his. The next day five RCS'ers visited Radiant Dome by way of the awesome 400 foot W. Face of Moon Dome. Most of the local climbing activity has been on Moon Dome. Vernon, Pomevante, and Shields put up one pitch of a route on the 300+ ft E. Face of Radiant, but retreated when faced with unprotected 5.10+ friction. We left it for better climbers rather than placing bolts. Landry and Powers meanwhile bailed off a new route of the N. Buttress of Radiant when Bob became gripped. Both parties moved over to Moon Dome where Vernon and Shields put up a three pitch route next to Buzz off: Chromo Dynamic Crack (5.8, A2). Landry, Powers, and Pomvante climbed Dike-d-doo-dah (5.7, 2+ pitches) which Vernon had put up a week ago. We returned to camp as it got dark to end a truly fantastic trip. VS

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MUGELNOOS MEETINGS: Third Tuesday of  
each month, 7:30 pm, Dept. of Water &  
Power Cafeteria (Orange Room) or  
Auditorium, 111 No. Hope St. downtown  
LA. Parking free. Program, conver-  
sations-- Climbers, Skiers, and all  
guests are welcome.

C A L E N D E R

Ski Mountaineers  
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Rock Climbing Section  
Nov. 25-27 J-Tree: Moore, Mundwiler  
Dec 3-4 Tahquitz: Shields, Tidball  
Dec 10-11 J-Tree: Russ, Koss  
Dec 18 Stony Pt. Practice climb: Harris

RCS ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

At the annual business meeting of the  
section the following officers were  
elected:  
Chair: Andy Fried  
Vice Chair: Robert Somano  
Secretary: Bob Caswell  
Conservation Chair: Tony Bird  
Council Rep: Tom Jeter  
Mugelnoos Chair: John Ripley  
Safety Chair: Margo Koss after Jan. 1  
Training Committee: Paul Harris  
Kent Withers

DECEMBER IN JOSHUA TREE

The RCS climb scheduled above for J-Tree  
on Dec. 10-11 will be at Sheep Pass site  
number 6. The site is reserved in the  
name of Creative Initiative rather than  
in the RCS's name. The reservation is  
for Friday night Dec. 9, and Saturday  
night Dec. 10.

ADDRESS CHANGES:

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RCS SOLICITS CLIMBS AND LEADERS

The incoming Chair of the RCS, Andy Fried,  
requests suggestions for trips for the  
July 4 - Oct. 20 Angeles Chapter Schedule.  
Qualified leaders who wish to lead a climb  
during this period, or anyone with a suggestion  
should contact Andy.

AAC PROGRAM IN SEATTLE

The American Alpine Club program will occur  
Dec. 2-4 in Seattle, Washington at the  
Doubletree Plaza Hotel. Program offerings  
include: Mt. Everest 1963-1983 with Tom  
Hornbein; Kichatna Spire AL, East Face with  
Scott Woolums; Alpine Art with Bill Napiar;  
Xixabangma- the world's 14th highest pk;  
Celestial Pk. Registrar for the program is  
N. Michael Hansen 415 Mercer Way, Mercer Island  
Wash. If you are interested in sharing a hotel  
room call Hal Williams (206) 782-6341. For  
hotel reservations call the Doubletree (800)  
528-0444.

BOULDERERS

Spend the first (or second) weekend in Dec.  
at one of California's finest bouldering  
areas near Ridgecrest. Call or write to:  
Greg Vernon 2006 Mitscher Ridgecrest, CA  
93555. Phone (619) 446-5724

RCS HONORARY MEMBER DIES

We have recently been informed that pioneer  
rock climber Robert L.M. Underhill died on  
May 11, 1983. Underhill was elected to honor-  
ary membership in 1938 in recognition of his  
central role in introducing roped climbing  
to Calif. on the 1931 Sierra Club summer out-  
ing. He was a leading climber of the 1920's  
and 30's with many difficult ascents to his  
credit. Although his place of residence  
(the east coast) kept him from direct RCS  
involvement, he maintained an interest in the  
section until his death, often contributing  
generously to the Mugelnoos Fund. J.R.

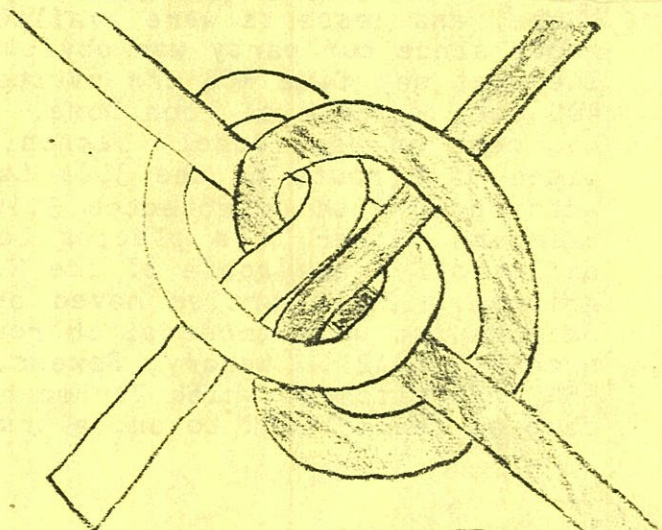
ANOTHER ADDRESS CHANGE

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NEW MAMMOTH ROAD OPENS

A new highway connecting Mammoth Lakes to  
Highway 395 was completed in early October,  
according to the Forest Service. (An escape  
route?Ed.) From the Inyo Register.

IDENTIFY THIS KNOT..Quires to D. Perkins



## BOTANICAL FIELD NOTE

Of great potential interest to climbers should be a consideration of fauna bordering, and sometimes adorning their favorite rocks. These plants are often of practical importance as well as aesthetic interest to us, as was demonstrated at the annual RCS picnic on October 23rd. A border of shoulder-height brush with dark green pennate leaves fronts Big Rock's base, south of Africa Flake. Following the unfortunate accident that afternoon, and before lowering the victim, it fell to some scantily-clad groundlings to clear a gap in the brush to permit a direct route to the ambulance gurney. Though methodical scrutiny was foregone at that time, circumstantial evidence has suggested subsequently that these plants are of the genus Rhus, whose species include poison ivy, poison oak, and poison sumac. This genus is of particular interest to the sensitive outdoorsperson, and a brushing familiarity will be rewarded with long-lasting memories. MJ

## MUGELNOOS UPS THE ANTE

By unanimous agreement of the Mugelnoos Committee the subscription to Mugelnoos has been raised to \$7.00 per year. This change is effective for the 1984 year. Send \$7.00 to the Mugelmailler Dove Menkes; make the check out to Mugelnoos. If you are among the well organized few who have already sent in \$5.00 for the 1984 year I have bad news-- you will need to send an additional \$2.00 to the Mugelmailler. The additional money will allow us to have a printed Mugelnoos, and will make the editors lives and that of the Mugelgrapher much easier. DM

## IT'S SCHNEE TIME

It is now time for skiers to emerge and prepare their bodies and gear for another white and frosty winter. Snow is already falling in the high country (some ski areas in Colorado and Vermont are operating, and Mammoth may open soon). In the Sierra skiable snow still remains from last winter! Predictions are calling for another heavy and bountiful snow fall this coming winter and in expectation of a fine touring season, the SMS leaders have put together the 1984 schedule shown below.

SMS members are encouraged to attend the Mugelnoos meetings at the Dept. of Water and Power as they present a fine opportunity to socialize, meet new friends, and to be entertained. Your Central Committee is making special efforts to secure programs oriented towards wilderness skiing. In November we have a film- "Telemarking in to the 80ies;" in Dec. The Sierra High Route; Jan- European Haute Route; and later a Warren Miller film on ski technique. Watch The Mugelnoos for details. We are still searching for additional programs and would appreciate any suggestions. See you at Mugelnoos, and THINK SNOW!!! NG

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TOUR</u>	<u>LEADERS</u>
1/7	XC Downhill Clinic(1/21 alt. date)	Goebel-Crandall
1/8	Local Introductory Tour	Boge-Unge
1/14-15	Mammoth Area Introductory Tour	Maloy-Ossofsky
1/22	Local Introductory Tour	Secor-Gygax
1/27-29	SMS Training Camp-Keller Hut	Crandall-Goebel
2/4-5	Pear Lake Hut Tour (Alt. date 2/11-12)	Goebel-Pies
2/11	Mt San Jacinto Area Tour	Fried-Duryea
2/18-20	Pear Lake Hut Tour	Duryea-Gygax
2/25-26	Baldy Ski Hut	Mantle-Secor
3/2-4	SMS Anniversary-ski races, Keller	Crandall-Goebel-Secor
3/10-11	So. Sierra Ski & Snow Camp	Fried-Gygax
3/17	Local Introductory Tour-Mt Baldy	Crandall-Secor
3/24-25	Inconsolable Range	Haas-Maloy
4/14-15	San Gorgonio Tour	Goebel-Gygax
4/21-22	Mineral King	Goebel-Holleman
4/27-29	Pear Lk Hut (Alt. Date 4/6-8)	Wilts-Secor-Crandall
5/5	Mt. San Gorgonio	Crandall-Haas
5/12-13	Mammoth Crest & Morrison Cyn.	Jenkins-Pies
5/19-20	Thompson Ridge	Haas-Maloy-Yamagata
5/26-28	Sawtooth Ridge Tour	Holleman-Goebel
6/2-3	Mt Dana & Tioga Pass Area	Jenkins-Goebel

## BALDY HUT REPORT

The fall work party scheduled for the San Antonio Ski Hut Oct 1st was weathered out. Five souls actually made the trek up the trail, enduring steady rain at the roadhead which gradually changed to slush and finally snow at the 8500' elevation where the hut is situated. About 6" blanketed the ground by Sat evening. Three stayed overnight: Jim and Betty Powers and Steve Wilkie. Two plodded on down: John Wedberg and Craig Dostie.

The WP was rescheduled for Oct 22-23, and the weatherman made up for his previous blunder, providing a perfect weekend. About a dozen workers showed up, and various tasks were completed, including the main job: painting the roof. Special tribute is bestowed on Dostie, who handled the tough assignment of painting the south side of the roof. It's a steep, slippery pitch of corrugated iron, requiring a belay from the opposite side over the top. Dostie's buddy, Jeff Shirley did the north slope while standing in the rungs of a ladder without benefit of belay.

Wilkie performed surgery on the water system during the aforementioned stormy weekend, so now we have a valve under the kitchen sink with which to regulate the flow thru the sinks as well as out front. Some wood was cut, although more may be needed to get us thru the winter. Users of the Baldy Hut take note. (The Oct 1st snow had completely disappeared a few days later; oldtimers can't recall an earlier snowfall on this mountain.) JW

## OWENS RIDGE Oct. 1-2

As Pat Wallen and I set up our tent in front of the ranch house on the Grapevine Ranch that Friday night in a steady drizzle, and in 3 ft. high weeds we knew it was going to be a great weekend for climbing. By Sat. am six climbers had showed up and a break in the rain permitted us to head up to the cloud enshrouded ridge in search of rocks to climb. Breaks in the clouds enabled us to find the E. Buttress of Rock I. The day passed pleasantly as two new routes were put up in a steady rain. Weger, Mizumoto, and Shields put up a wet 5.8 while Wallen, D'Evelyn, and Landry added a pitch to Phil's Crack. During his climb D'Evelyn was heard to say: "If anyone had asked why I was climbing in the rain, I would have coiled my rope and gone home!" The day was fulfilling enough that both parties returned to camp in twilight and darkness respectively. The next day found all six climbers approaching Rock II under clear, sunny skies. We located a small waterfall in this normally arid region that had obviously been there throughout the summer due to the unusually wet weather. Wallen, Landry and Shields put up Rite of Passage (3 pitches, 5.7) while D'Evelyn, Weger and Mizumoto climbed an unnamed 3 pitch 5.6 route that Greg Vernon and Ron Hudson had put up on an earlier trip. VS

## BUS TRIP WORKSHOP OFFERED IN JANUARY

A workshop "How to Organize a Bus Trip" will be held Sat, Jan 21 from 9:30am to 2pm at Angeles Chapter Hdqtrs., 2410 W. Beverly Blvd. The agenda includes information on campgrounds, chartering buses, routing, sightseeing, budgeting, and commissary organization. Bring lunch; coffee, tea and hot water will be available. Bus trips not only save gas, but are a good way to share an outdoor experience. For more information call (213) 928-6758 or (213) 653-9589. HG

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