

THE MAMMOTH MOUNTAINS

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WIND RIVERS 8-1 thru 8-14

Pinedale (pop. 1000), the last town before the trailhead, offers two ingredients to enhance any trip - A backpacking store (The Great Outdoor Shop) for topo maps, last minute items AND an EXCELLENT restaurant (McGregor's Pub). We began and ended our trip here dining on jumbo shrimp, prime rib, and chicken (\$7 -\$13). The next day all 800 lbs of us (Andy & Diann Fried, Art Bidel, & Al Fronz) hit the trailhead from Elkhart Park and spent the first night at Hobbs lake. The second day after roller coaster terrain and just short of our final destination it POURED and stopped 5 minutes after we pitched camp. The next day dawned clear and we hiked to the top of Fremont Peak where the Tetons, Fremont glacier, and the Titcomb Basin provided a glorious view. We returned to camp 30 minutes before the late afternoon drizzle. Scott Loomis was spotted hiking into the basin followed shortly by Greg Vernon & friends (Draper, Kluever, DeLano). Day four Vernon & friends climbed the classic route on Mt. Helen with afternoon rain and hail. Our group moved camp and scouted the approach to Sacagawea. Early the next day both parties climbed Sacagawea in FINE CLEAR weather and returned for a leisurely dinner. Day 5 was spent climbing short 5th class climbs (Art & Diann) while Andy swam (brrr!). We hiked out the next day and had another superb dinner making the 8 hour exertion worthwhile. The next few days were spend sightseeing in the Tetons and Yellowstone where at Old Faithful the old blue van sent up her own smoke (burned out alternator and wiring) which caused us much concern since half of our sleeping gear was back at the Climber's Ranch in Teton Park. We were rescued by a "traveling mechanic" and mini garage who temporarily repaired the vehicle to get us back to the Tetons. After repairing the van, visiting the Teton County FAir and dropping Al off at the airport we continued on to Cedar Breaks and Zion Park. While at Zion Visitor's Center we ran into Mike Mulry researching climbing routes (Mike is recuperating from an injury to his left hand). That evening over the Zion area we watched a fantastic thunderstorm and the next day drove thru flooded Vegas and then home. (Tips for Wind Rivers trips - Start early (rain wasn't much of a problem) and bring plenty of mosquito repellent) AF

NEW TOWN "BORN" ON TOP OF MOUNTAIN

The Inyo Register of Aug. 17 reported that on Thursday, Aug. 16, a crowd of approximately 1,200 ascended Mammoth Mountain (via gondola) to attend the oath of office ceremony for the first Mammoth Lakes Town Council. (Mammoth Lakes was incorporated as a city by a 4 to 1 margin in an election held earlier this year.) Mammoth Lakes now has the unchallenged claim as the highest city in the country, having not only Mammoth Mountain in its boundaries but also 11,782-foot Pyramid Peak, believed to be the highest point within any incorporated community. It is also the only incorporated city in Mono County--but not the first; the now ghost town of Aurora was incorporated as a city in 1863 and was the first county seat of Mono County. (Bishop is the only incorporated city in Inyo County.)

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MUGELNOOS MEETINGS: Third Tues.
of each month, 7:30pm, Dept of
Water and Power Cafeteria (Orange
Rm) or Auditorium, 111 N. Hope,
downtown LA. Parking free. Program,
conversation--Climbers, skiers, &
guests all welcome!

C A L E N D A R

Sep 22-23 Tahquitz Rutherford/Yount
Sep 29-30 Tuttle Crk Shields/Vernon
Oct 6-8 Yosemite Val Koss/Clinch
Oct 13-14 Domeland Vernon/McPherson

RCS BUSINESS MTG.
10-23-84 Tuesday
DWP Orange Room
7:30 - 10:30
Annual Purge
Elections
Awards
New Business

UPCOMING TRIPS
Next Season
Nov 24/25 J. Tree
Dec 8/9 RCS/Inner
City Outings
Jan 13 Big Rock
Feb 9/10 J. Tree

FOR SALE: North Face Moraine
internal frame pack. Good
condition. Capacity 5050 cu in.
\$75
Lowa Civetta boots. Size 13 med.
Never used. \$120
Contact: Warren Davis
H 818-449-1826
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RCS APPLICANT. Paul Ivanushka has applied
for RCS membership. Anyone with comments
regarding the applicant's safety in
climbing (comments on applicant's sense
of humor must be disregarded), should
contact the Safety Chair, Margo Koss, by
October 8, 1984.

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I would like to thank all RCS and
SMS members for the great times we
may have shared together over the
past few years. Unfortunately, I
will be leaving California at the
beginning of September.
I would like to extend a warm invi-
tation to all members to stop by if
you are ever in the area. Some of
the East's finest climbing and
skiing is within a couple of hours
of my location. Good bye.

Sincerely,
Bill Krause

CLIMBING PARTNERS WANTED

Climber has free time weekdays,
looking for climbing partners.
Ben Chapman H 213-434-6816

Seeking climbers interested in
getting together for bouldering
at the beach (Corona del Mar),
weekday evenings, Tues. & Thurs.
5 pm. Contact: Ben Chapman
213-434-6816

FOUND

The following items were found at
the RCS Toulomne Meadows campsite:
(a) 1 plastic water container; (b)
1 Swiss Army knife on a green cord;
(c) 2 keys on a ring; (d) 1 Ford
key; and (e) 1 leather glove.
Contact Robert Somoano at
213-790-2123 to claim.

RCS FIRST AID KITS. Greg Stevens is re-
furbishing two of the RCS first aid kits.
Please, whoever has the third kit, send
it either to Margo or directly to Greg
(with a note to Margo). Thanks. MK

NEW RCS MEMBER. The RCS welcomes
Jose Gomez to membership in the Section,
effective July 17. (Jose, sorry I took
so long to get the notice in. Margo)

NEW RCS PROFICIENCY RATINGS. The follow-
ing have been granted RCS proficiency
ratings since May 1984: Carl J. Brodene,
Dick Smith, Robert Tyler, and Ales Vysin.

A BOOK REVIEW

Skiers and winter mountaineers, it's never too early to start preparing yourself for those slippery slopes. "Avalanche Safety for Skiers and Climbers", 172 pages, 142 photos, graphs and drawings. This handbook, 8½x11, stresses the avoidance of avalanche hazard by good routefinding, recognition and avoidance of hazardous slopes and what to do if avalanches occur. The text is well written, detailed but easy to understand, and it contains some very dramatic photos. The cover shot is truly awesome! This book has been seen on the shelves of The Mountain Shop-Northridge, Sports Hut-Alhambra, and Mountain n Air-LaCrescenta.

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Two Survive First Aid Class

On June 26, 1984 two of our members, Tom Jenkins (RCS & SMS) and Anna Houpt (RCS), completed the San Fernando Valley District Red Cross' Mountaineering Oriented Advanced First Aid class. This class is designed for people who might have to care for a critically ill or injured person under field conditions, when professional medical assistance is several hours away. The class requires a commitment of two nights a week for three months, plus three Saturday mornings, a total of over 100 hours. One of the most valuable aspects of the class are the six "practicals". The practicals allow students to practice their skills during simulated accidents. The practicals are very, very, very real. All wounds look life-like. Patients bleed, die, scream in pain, stop breathing, go into shock and become combative. The final practical is given at Disney Studio's lot and includes a multi-car accident complete with special effects. Students who complete this class come away with a lot of book learning, an appreciation of the limitations of field care, and the experience of practicing their skills under adverse conditions. The course is given twice a year, and obviously is not for everyone, but I would encourage anyone who feels that their previous first aid training was inadequate to deal with mountaineering emergencies to consider taking this class

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Ed note -- Anna is hoping this will make her a popular second.



Horace McAnsky, who, after many futile hours of trying to follow instructions, becomes the first man to "pitch a tent"

CHARLOTTE DOME, SOUTH FACE

On Aug. 10, 1984, Robert Somoano and Warren Davis left Road's End at Cedar Grove in King's Canyon National Park to climb the South Face of Charlotte Dome. We opted to approach the Dome from the west, instead of by Kearsarge Pass, in hopes of saving time. The weather was warm and muggy, but this was overlooked as we were greeted with beautiful views of the Sphinx as we approached Bubb's creek. Both Bubb's and Charlotte creeks were in full bloom!! We saw an abundance of wildlife including two very young fawns, each only about 2 to 2 1/2 feet high. There were no mosquitos, and we leisurely hiked along the Bubb's creek trail stopping often to feast on wild purple gooseberries. What a treat! I'm sure the bears would not like this (more on this later). We arrived at the junction of Charlotte creek in 4 1/2 hours and proceeded up the right (south) side. Three hours later, we had established a fine campsite atop a large flat rock a short way up between the creek and the Dome. Incidentally, on our way out, we found that there was a better trail on the north side of Charlotte creek. Either way, it is a grunt. Contrary to previous reports, there are numerous, i.e., 4-5, "good" campsites between the creek and the start of the climb, all on large flat rocks. On Saturday morning, we started the climb followed by two other parties of two each. In spite of numerous warnings from Alois Smrz and Tom Jeters, we started the climb in the wrong place (the large amphitheater). We quickly recognized this and spent the next 3 class four pitches traversing east as much as possible. We brought only one pack which the belayer carried. This proved to be a very efficient and enjoyable way to climb the Dome. Our climb deviated somewhat from "the route". We ended up doing 2 cracks (5.7 and 5.8) instead of the expected crack plus dihedral (both 5.7) on the steep portion of the buttress. We also bypassed the easy upper portion of the Furrows pitch in favor of doing two beautiful liebacks (5.6 to 5.7). Nevertheless, several points must be made about the climb: (1) this is easily the best rock that either of us have ever climb on. Even the smallest flakes are usually bombproof; (2) the climb is very well protected by chocks. There were only two places involving about 20 feet of 5.5 face climbing that could not be protected; and (3) while it is probably somewhat difficult to find the exact "route", there appears to be several parallel routes of roughly the same difficulty (5.7-5.8). The climb took 9 hours and involved 11 roped pitches, including all of the class 4 pitches (and the summit ridge where a rope is not required). That night, while we slept peacefully, a bear attempted to get our food which we had so skillfully hung - you guessed it - He was successful. Revenge for eating gooseberries!! Other climbers in the area had similar problems with bears so be forewarned, and good climbing on Charlotte Dome. RBS

SMS/RCS FIFTIETH FETE PLANNED

Harwood Lodge has been reserved for the weekend of November 10-11 to celebrate the respective fiftieth anniversaries of the Ski Mountaineers and Rock Climbing sections, both of which were started in the Fall of 1934.

It's a good excuse for a party, but beyond that, we plan to have old movies, scrapbooks, and stories of Ye Olden Tymes from "old timers" of all ages. We'll get to meet the heros and heroines of yore and find out about how we got to be like this!

Everyone is urged to set this weekend aside, especially our early members. Further details will appear in the October Mugelnoos. For information contact John Ripley, (818) 791-4924.

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