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BALDY HUT REPORT

The work party Oct 6-7 was well attended, with 11 overnights enjoying Betty Powers' gourmet cooking, and 5 others showing up for the day only. Some were seen shaking their heads slowly as they watched Steve Wilkie carrying around a lighted lantern during broad daylight, until they discovered he was heading into the Hut basement to install a switching system to divert the kitchen water out front (he did the job, and a neat installation it was). Barbara Lilley hauled in every fallen tree within greater San Bernardino County. The wood was sawn, split, and stacked by Craig Dostie, John Wedberg and others. The kitchen was scrubbed and the attic front window replaced and shuttered. Steve Wilkie's cabinet making talents are now reposing in the Memorial Outhouse in the form of a beautiful natural wood varnished toilet paper dispenser. So, the Hut is in good shape and ready for the winter season, which we trust will be somewhat better than the disasterous '83-84. (JW)

GRANITE MOUNTAIN

MEMORIAL DAY, 1984

One of the adventures of the sports of climbing and Mountaineering is to explore new areas and to make new acquaintances in areas away from home. While Yosemite Valley certainly attracts climbers from around the world, it seems to lack the intimacy of a small campground close to the local crags. Granite Mountain, Arizona, while comparatively small compared to other areas, has climbs of such quality as to merit the attention of anyone desiring to partake of the finer climbing the West has to offer.

Located six miles outside of Prescott and 315 miles from San Bernardino, the Granite Mountain Recreation Area offers one a campground, a picnic area around a small lake, and several fine nearby restaurants for those reluctant to ingest their own cooking. The rock itself has high quality crack climbing on desert polished granite with roof problems encountered on many routes.

On this particular trip, RCS members were outnumbered by guests 4:1 - In fact, the venerable Abe Siemens was the only person from the Los Angeles area to come out while I met friends from San Diego and Grand Junction. Al Fowler and the Tucson bunch (including the stud of Tucson and his harem) led us through the brush to the base of the rock after which everyone more or less did what they wanted for the rest of the weekend.

On the final day, Al and the boys took off for Granite Dells while the rest of us laid siege to the truly classic "Magnolia Thunder Pussey" (5.8/5.9) and departed for home, a drive which got to be rather torrid once we left the mountains on this unusually warm Memorial Day weekend. GV

→ LOST: REI Harness at Big Rock. Call Phil Rabichow at (313) 342-0135

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ROCK CLIMBING SECTION
 Nov. 23-25 Joshua Tree, Jeter
 Dec. 8-9 Joshua Tree, RCS/
 Inner City
 SKI MOUNTAINEERS SECTION
 See page 3 for complete sched.
 MUGELNOOS MEETING
 Dec 18, 7:30 pm DWP Orange Rm.
 Program: Film "Skiing the high
 Country Huts- Vail to Aspen"

CAMP SITE NOTICE FOR JOSHUA TREE
 NOV 23,24,25, 1984 We will be at
 Indian Cove Cg. Group Sites 11 & 12
 Bring firewood and water. Call
 Dick Mundwiler (213) 691-1491 and
 lv. message or (818) 961-4834 even.

New Publication

R.J. Secor has published The Organization of an Alaskan Expedition by Boyd N. Everett Jr. Everett's ascents in Alaska and the Yukon included two ascents of McKinley (one a new route), a new route on Mount St. Elias, two ascents of Mount Logan, a new route on King Peak, and the first ascent of Mount King George. Everett and six companions died in an avalanche on the Southeast ridge of Dhaulagiri I in the Himalaya in 1969. The topics covered by the title include route planning, glacier flying, regulations, food, avalanches, equipment, climbing strategies, weather, and ethics. Barbara Lilley furnished a number of slides for the photos in the book. The title is available from Gorak Books (P.O. Box 5411, Pasadena CA 91107) for \$9.95.

LOCAL SLIDE SHOWS

Mountain 'n' Air Sports, 2912 Foothill Bl. LaCrescenta will show two free shows:

Nov. 29th/ Allan Bard, Tom Carter & Cris Cox:: Extreme nordic ski monutaineering in the Sierra and Nevada's Ruby Mtns.

Jan 17th/ Bela & Mimi Vadasz of Alpine Skills Institute present Ski Mountaineering in Sierra & Europe, plus climbing Charlotte Dome, Clyde Minaret, & Mendel Couloir.

RCS ELECTS DYNAMITE SLATE:

CHAIR: Bob Somoano
 VICE CHAIR: Ron Mastraianni
 SEC/TRES: Bob Caswell
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SUSPECTED TRAILHEAD BURGLERS ARRESTED

The Inyo Register-Independent reported on Wed., Oct 3, 1984 that Gerry Gibson and Ernest Glenn of Chico were arrested in Mono County. A search of the suspect's ranch in Chico revealed a fifteen year stash of loot apparently burgled form numerous cars parked at trailheads over the years. Inyo county (which has 30 similar burglaries over the last two years) and many other wilderness counties with similar cases are interested in the case. The two are considered as prime suspects in the many Shephard and Symes Creek break-ins some of which occurred over Labor Day.

FOR SALE: Chounard Alpine Hammer/ perfect condition. With ice and alpine picks. \$73 retail. Now \$50. (818) 345-1318 evens. Teresa.

FOR SALE: 8 1/2 EB's Phil Thomas (213) 258 1915.

FOUND at Picnic: One Serving Spoon. CALL Margo

PHOENIX "Wilderness" 200cm skis, brandnew, unmounted, \$145

also, North Face "Scrambler" pack brandnew, ideal climber's pack \$55

Riccardo Cassin ice-climbing boots, handmade, near new, full grain, only \$75. Other assorted hiking/ climbing boots, sizes 7 to 10+. Call (818)790-4275 days or early eves (N. Kingsley)

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SKI MOUNTAINEERS SECTION 1985 SCHEDULE

THINK SNOW FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IN 85

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Date	Location	Leaders
29 Dec-1 Jan	Ostrander Hut	Tom Duryea/Mary Gygax
5-6 Jan	Mammoth Introductory Tour	Owen Maloy/Sy Ossofsky
6 Jan	Local Introductory Tour	Gerry Holleman/Andy Fried
12 Jan	Cross Country Downhill Clinic	Mark Goebel/Kathy Crandall/ Kathy Johnson
13 Jan	Local Introductory Tour	Walt Boge/Ed Unge
19 Jan	Local Introductory Tour	Tom Jenkins/Gerry Holleman
25-27 Jan	Ski Mtneers Training Camp	Kathy Crandall/Mark Goebel/ Kathy Johnson
3 Feb	Local Introductory Tour	Paul Harris/Doug Mantle
9 Feb	Baldy Hut ski tour	R.J. Secor/Gerry Holleman
9-10 Feb	San Jacinto	Tom Jenkins/Andy Fried
9-10 Feb	Pear Lake Hut	Mark Goebel/Don Pies
16-18 Feb	Backcountry Seminar (Dave Beck)	Kathy Crandall/Mark Goebel
16-18 Feb	Pear Lake Hut	Tom Duryea/Mary Gygax
23 Feb	Local Introductory Tour	Andy Fried/Mary Gygax
1-3 Mar	Ski Mtneers Races	Kathy Crandall/Mark Goebel/ Paul Harris
9-10 Mar	Craft's Peak/Butler/ Sugar Loaf	Owen Maloy/Kathy Crandall/ Dick Hawthorne
16-17 Mar	Southern Sierras	Mary Gygax/Andy Fried
23-24 Mar	Mammoth Condo Weekend	Owen Maloy/Mark Goebel
23-25 Mar	Tahoe Area Peaks	June Lane/Kathy Crandall
30-31 Mar	San Gorgonio	Don Pies/Mark Goebel
13-14 Apr	Mineral King	Tom Jenkins/Gerry Holleman
19-21 Apr	Pear Lake Hut	Kathy Crandall/Mark Goebel
3-5 May	Mt. Gardiner	Randy Danta/Doug Mantle
4-5 May	Rock Creek	Tom Duryea/Paul Harris
11-12 May	Basin	Owen Maloy/Sy Ossofsky
18-19 May	Lamarck Col/Onion Valley	Mark Goebel/June Lane
25-27 May	Tioga Pass/Mt. Hoffman	Tom Jenkins/Kathy Crandall
1-2 Jun	Dunderberg/Mammoth	Owen Maloy/Gerry Holleman

Budweiser and Marshmallows - Is the RCS going downhill?

The Labor Day weekend at Tuolumne Meadows is THE event of the year in the RCS calendar. Imagine my horror, after jetting in specially from Scotland, to discover how much standards have fallen in recent times. The actual climbing is in a healthy state, with 5.10 plus a regular occurrence, but the campfires have deteriorated from Grade VI events lasting days to puny Grade I affairs. 10pm seems to be the witching hour, and Budweiser and marshmallows the main ingredients. Is the RCS becoming a 'Cream-Puff' organisation?

Perhaps the problem is in the training course, with no proper instruction being given on the objective dangers of Gallo Mountain Red, Yukon Jack, etc. Concentrating solely on rock climbing skills is not enough, as the traditions of the RCS will soon be lost, and the main purpose of climbing weekends forgotten.

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OTHER ROCK CLIMBING SECTION OFFICERS

Conservation Chair:	Tony Bird	Training Committee:	Margo Koss
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Safety Chair:	Margo Koss		Michael Williams

The perennial fascination of Los Angeles media with the next "Big Quake" has produced a sobering report on a San Andreas Fault analysis by a Caltech geophysicist.

Prof. Kerry Sieh says the next great Southern California earthquake will likely occur on the now-locked section of the fault system between Tejon Pass and the Salton Sea.

This segment's southern portion, between Cajon Pass and the Salton Sea, is thought to have saved up quite a lot of strain, and a temblor or quakes there with magnitudes of seven to eight or more on the Richter Scale seems not unlikely.

Most of the fault south of Tejon Pass has accumulated crustal strain since pre-European days. Both Tahquitz Rock and the Joshua Tree climbing areas are within 25 miles of it.

Tahquitz, in fact, is said to have been named by native people after a superhuman being who, neighbors alleged, made rumblings from his lair beneath the rock (Wilts, Climber's Guide to Tahquitz Rock).

Sieh rates the chance of a great shake along the Tejon-Salton Sea fault segment at one to five per cent this year, rising to 50 to 90 per cent per year in 50 years. His analysis, which is based in part on trenching of the San Andreas near Palmdale, was reported in the Sept. 26 Los Angeles Times.

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Notes from the Cuff:

A flurry of new climbing guides has recently been published including areas around Estes Park, Co. (Lumpy Ridge, Eldorado Canyon), Garden of the Gods (Fort Collins), Boulder Area, Veedawoo (Laramie, Wy.), Casper, and the Needles of Custer State Park, SD. A topo guide to Devils Tower is two years old as are the Central Arizona, Granite Mountain, and Sandia Crest (Albuquerque) guides. Areas where the locals are still trying to keep things low key include the Santa Catalinas (Tucson), Virgin Mountains and Waco Tanks (El Paso), and Wind River Canyon (Thermopolis, Wy). The climbing in Montana and parts of Idaho is virtually undocumented. The Bitterroot Wilderness is over run with people and the rock is good, so its probably a matter of time before the goodies appear in print. The Bighorn Mountains south of Sheridan, Wy. have some excellent climbing that is well documented but equally unknown to California climbers (to the glee of the locals). Someone is still threatening to write a guide to City of Rocks, Idaho. This would be of interest to those traveling to Wyoming or points north.

Back home, John Harlin's West Coast Volume of "Climbing in North America" is in print. Chockstone Press in Denver has published this and will also handle Vogel's Tahquitz/Suicide and Joshua Tree guides due out this year. The American Alpine Club has published the Red Rocks guide (Las Vegas) which should be of significant interest to local climbers. For those interested in the climbing in Sequoia/King's Canyon, a topo book is kept in the visitor center at Lodgepole by a ranger who likes the sport. Featured are climbs in the Tokopah Valley, Morro Rock, Chimney Rock, and the Baldies.

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