

No. 634 - October 15, 1985. A four-page issue.

A newsheet published by and for the Ski Mountaineers and Rock Climbing sections of the Sierra Club's Angeles Chapter since 1938. Send subscriptions and address changes to Dove Menkes, 2530 Coventry Circle, Fullerton, CA 92633. Seven dollars yearly due now.

STATE PARK HAPPY TO SEE RCS

TAHQUITZ, SEPTEMBER 21-22, 1985

Fourty-four climbers (10 RCS members), (8 guests), and (26 proficiency rated climbers) met in the shade of Lilly rock on Saturday morning somewhat after 8 AM. The slight delay in the meeting time was occasioned by the leader waiting for the San Jacinto State Park office to open at 8 AM so that he could be pay them for the RCS campers who used their facility Friday night. Judging by the positive reactions of the park service personnel with whom I dealt, I feel we can improve and maintain good relations with the Park if we continue to be scrupulous in paying our fees.

Twenty-two parties signed out for climbs of generally moderate difficulty as befitted the mix of a variety of ability levels and the relatively small number of members and relatively large number of proficiency card holders. A good day of climbing was had by all. The most notable climbs done were the Open Book and the Swallow. The last Saturday parties did not return to Lunch Rock until 7:30 PM, and the last few parties had to return to Humber Park by flashlight. Thanks are due to Harris, Russ, and others for waiting for the lateclimbers, amongst whom were both the leader and assistant leader who led two ropes of three each up the Maiden.

Sunday saw thirty-one sign ins (12 members, 10 p card holders, and 9 guests), and the sixteen climbs attempted were generally more ambitious. Traitor Horn, Shit for Brains, Open Book, and Diddy were done. But perhaps the most ambitious climb was Bird and Dunkel's assault on Jonah (5.10D) which lies between the Trough and Angel's Fright. This epic struggle lasted all day and ended only after Dunkel had taken at least 6 short falls on the uppermost pitch of the climb. B & D climbed off to the right in an easy gulley at 6 PM.

The leader is thankful to all members who climbed with students, to Bob D'Evellyn's wife who returned to Humber Park from Lunch Rock on Saturday to bring up the forgotten First Aid Kit, and to Tom Jenkins who volunteered as the Assistant leader on absolutely no notice at all.

Dave Perkins

SNOW IN SEPTEMBER??!!

The earliest snowfall ever reported fell in the San Gabriel and San Bernardino Mountains September 11, beating reports from previous years by nearly a month.

Mt. Baldy was dusted down to the 8,000 foot level, and snow was spotted along the Kratka Ridge. Snow was also reported in Wrightwood and Big Bear. It was gone by noon.

PM

MUGELNOOS STAFF

MUGELGRAPHER.....LeRoy Russ

MUGELMAILER.....Dove Menkes

REPORTERS: Margo Koss, Pete Matulavich, Dave Perkins, Robert Somoano, Greg Vernon, Mike Jelf (editor).

Subscriptions are \$7 per year. Make checks payable to Mugelnoos. (Send no cash.) Subscriptions are due NOW, as it's October. Send them to Dove Menkes, 2530 Coventry Circle, Fullerton, CA 92633.

NEXT EDITOR: MARGO KOSS
4225 VIA ARBOLADA #557
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90042
(213) 227-4973
(M) (213) 222-0319

NEXT ISSUE: November 19, 1985
DEADLINE: November 12, 1985

MUGELNOOS MEETINGS:

Third Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p.m., Griffith Park Ranger Auditorium, 4730 Crystal Springs Drive. Free parking, program, origami. Climbers, skiers and guests are all welcome.

CALENDAR

- Oct. 19-20: Owens Ridge, Vernon/Shields.
- Oct. 26: SMS Potluck/Hike, Crandall (818) 794-0595.
- Oct. 27: RCS Picnick, Big Rock, Mastrianni/Somoano.
- Oct. 28: RCS Business Meeting, Ranger Auditorium, 7:30.
- Nov. 2-3: Ridgecrest, Vernon/Koss.
- Nov. 9-11: Red Rocks, Vernon/Shields.

RCS SAFETY TEST

The Safety Test for membership or proficiency rating will be held November 10 (Sunday) at Mt. Rubidoux. The park gate opens at 9:00. Those taking the test must make a reservation; call Margo's answering machine and leave a message (213-222-0319). RCSers, please come out and help; it looks as though we will have quite a few people taking the test this time.

MK

RIDGECREST AREA, Nov. 2-3:

This trip will start as a Friday evening party/slide show at my house in China Lake. If you arrive after 7 p.m. you'll have to explain to the guard at the Naval Weapons Center gate where you're going. My address is 2006 Mitscher and the telephone number is 446-5724. Those arriving Saturday should meet at the NWC Visitors' Center around 7:30 a.m.

Climbing choices include:

- Bouldering at Wagonwheel
- Owens Ridge or Bill's Butte
- Climbing on the west side of Walker Pass
- Top-roping at Fossil Falls

Bring items for a Saturday barbecue. —GV

RED ROCKS, Nevada, Nov. 9-11:

Meet at the visitors' center Saturday morning. Camping may be found at Oak Creek or near the wash opposite the Calico Hills turnoff. Don't call me before the trip — I'll be in Monterrey.

—GV

*****REMINDER*****

RCS Annual Business Meeting

Monday, October 28, 1985. 7:30 PM. Griffith Park Ranger Auditorium. Notify Alois Smrz or Virgil Shields of your suggestions of candidates for RCS office or awards, respectively. RS

MUGELNOOS RENEWALS DUE

Faithful Mugelmailer Dove Menkes shall not be stayed from the swift posting of your monthly issue if you cough up \$7 now. See left column below staff box.

NEW RCS PROFICIENCY RATINGS

Hummie Mann 1238 Barry Ave. #3 Los Angeles, CA 90025 213 479-3110 H/W	Mary Ann Kelly 422½ Prospect Monrovia, CA 91016 818 303-1713 H	David Kovich 28122 Carpenteria Laguna Niguel, CA 92677 714 643-3514 H 714 837-2941 W Robin, Jason (10), Matthew (8)
Philip Hartvig 2814 3rd St. #B Santa Monica, CA 90405 213 399-6117 H 213 821-4741 messages	Shigetaka Tominaga 1960 Cheremoya Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90068 213 463-5212	Mark Lyon 2137 Rancho Corona Dr. Corona, CA 91720 714 371-3610 H
Robin Russell 1900 Fullerton Rd. #121 Rowland Heights, CA 91748 818 964-0210 H	Ann Kominski 2313 Mesquite Ln. Corona, CA 91720 714 734-8547 H	

SANTA BARBARA EXPLORATION, AUGUST 17

Five intrepid explorers rendezvoused in the rain at Point Mugu. After an unenthusiastic perusal of Mugu Rock's vertical hand cracks fouled with graffiti and moisture, they decided to venture north into the wilds of Santa Barbara in search of pristine rock. Equipped with the new guidebook to climbing in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties, they climbed into the hills above Santa Barbara. The rocks which the guidebook claimed were clearly visible from the road, weren't. Thick fog obscured everything but the poison oak overhanging the verge. Fortunately, however, the natives were friendly. A climber living in a trailer beside the road took the explorers to the rock, which was four feet away from the road. The climbing was pretty good, even if one couldn't see the rock until one touched it. The group finished the day on the challenging faces of San Ysidro Canyon and concluded, over excellent Mexican food in Casablanca, that they'd had a good time after all.

MK

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK

There will be a potluck feast at the Thanksgiving weekend Joshua Tree trip. Bring your favorite dish. Call Margo for information, 213-227-4973 or 222-0319.

VIEWS on the TAHQUITZ TRAIL

Tony Bird reported in the previous issue on his talk with C. Douglas Pumphrey, district ranger, U.S. Forest Service, on Tahquitz and its trail. Tony's report raises several points of possible interest:

One general rule of trails is that, like freeways, they attract traffic. The number of hikers may, as the old saw says, be inversely proportional to the steepness of the grade and the distance from pavement. It also seems true that the ability of hikers one meets to deal with the out of doors is directly proportional to the steepness of the terrain and the distance from an official, marked trail.

This implies that conversion of the Tahquitz track to a government-grade trail with an 18-inch-wide tread and a sign at the bottom could be expected to lead some casual motorist/hikers to Lunch Rock and points east.

In this light, such a change could be considered a potential risk to the endemic plants living near the rock, a risk probably greater than any posed by rock climbers, who tend to favor long, exposed faces.

(CONTINUED, Page 4.)

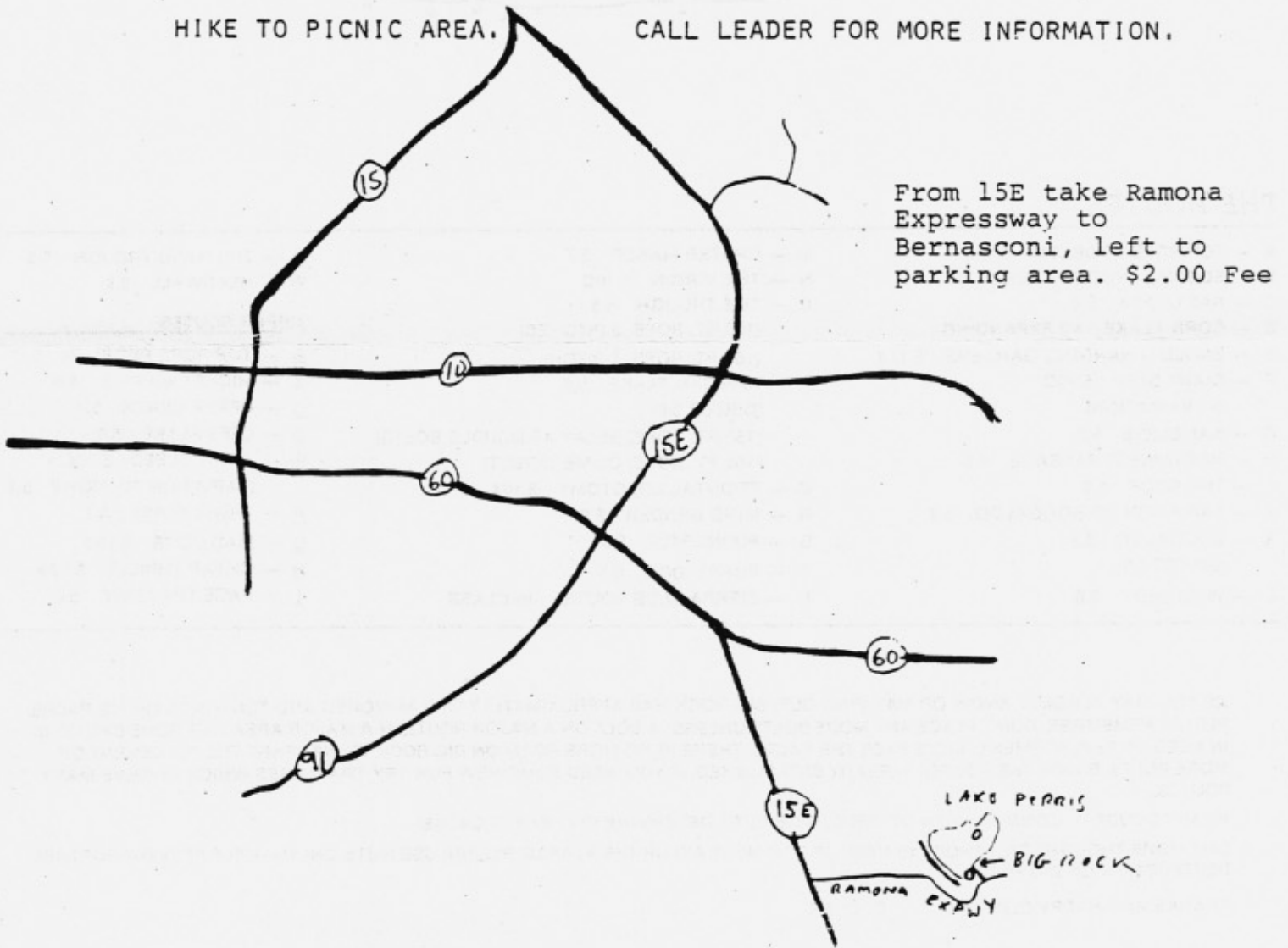
RCS PICNIC & POTLUCK

SUN OCT 27 1985 10AM

AT BIG ROCK NEAR PERRIS LAKE IN RIVERSIDE CA. WELCOME ALL RCS MEMBERS, STUDENTS, PROF. CARD HOLDERS, FRIENDS, FAMILY

EACH PERSON SHOULD BRING FOOD FOR FOUR PEOPLE. IF YOUR LAST NAME STARTS WITH A-M BRING A DESSERT. IF YOUR LAST NAME STARTS WITH N-Z BRING A MAIN COURSE. THE RCS WILL SUPPLY THE DRINKS, CUPS, PLATES, NAPKINS, & SILVERWARE.

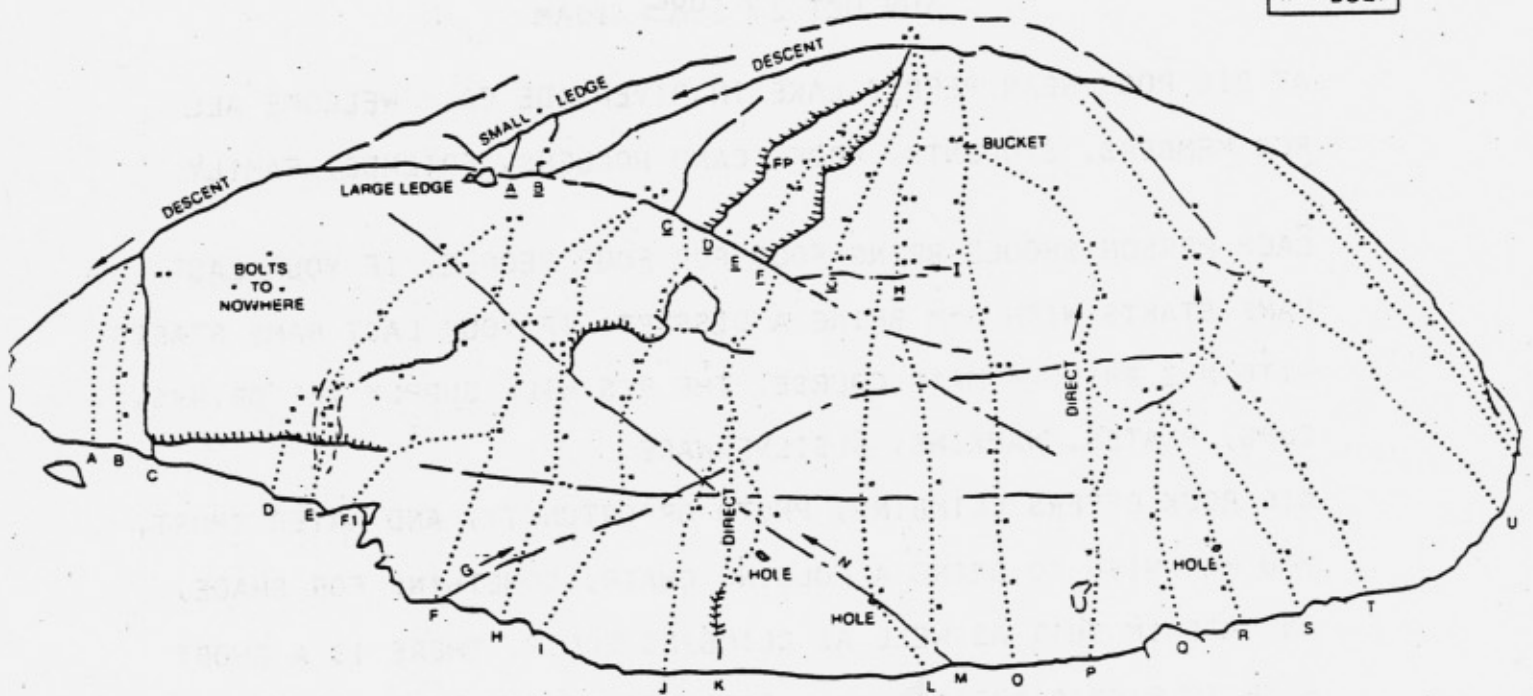
BIG ROCK OFFERS CLIMBING, PHOTO OPPORTUNITY, AND WATER SPORT. YOU MAY WISH TO BRING A FOLDING CHAIR, SOMETHING FOR SHADE, AND A SWIM SUIT AS WELL AS CLIMBING EQUIP. THERE IS A SHORT HIKE TO PICNIC AREA. CALL LEADER FOR MORE INFORMATION.



BIG ROCK

© ILLUSTRATED AND COMPILED BY G. COBB
 TYPOGRAPHY BY J. LEISHER

x = BOLT



THE ROUTES

- | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| A — TOP ROPE PROBLEM 5.10D | M — CRATER MAKER 5.7 | V — THE HARD TROUGH 5.8 |
| B — EDGER SANCTION 5.10A | N — THE VIRGIN 5.10C | W — HEADWALL 5.9 |
| C — RAT CRACK 5.9 | O — THE TROUGH 5.5 | |
| D — CORN FLAKE A3 EXPANDING | (150 FT. ROPE, 2 PITCHES) | <u>UPPER ROUTES</u> |
| E — ENGLISH HANGING GARDENS 5.11B | (165 FT. ROPE, 1 PITCH) | A — TOP ROPE PROBLEM 5.10 |
| F — GIANT STEP 5.10C | P — AFRICAN FLAKE 5.5 | B — MICKEY MANTLE 5.9 |
| (F1 VARIATION) | (DIRECT 5.6) | C — UPPER CRACK 5.4 |
| G — NAMELESS 5.2 | (150 FT. ROPE, BELAY AT DOUBLE BOLTS) | D — LEFT FLAKE 5.6 |
| H — NORTHWEST PASSAGE 5.9 | (165 FT. ROPE, CLIMB DIRECT) | E — LET IT BLEED 5.10C |
| I — THE ROOF 5.9 | O — FRONTAL LOBOTOMY 5.10A | (VARIATION TO RIGHT 5.11) |
| J — VARIATION TO BOOGALOO 5.9 | R — MIND BENDER 5.9 | F — RIGHT FLAKE 5.7 |
| K — BOOGALOO 5.8 | S — PUDNURTLE 5.8 | G — MAD DOGS 5.10D |
| (DIRECT 5.9) | T — PUPPY DOG 5.6 | H — CHEAP THRILLS 5.10A |
| L — WEDUNETT 5.6 | U — SIERRA CLUB ROUTE 4th CLASS | I — FACE TRAVERSE 5.0 |

AS YOU MAY ALREADY KNOW OR MAY FIND OUT; BIG ROCK HAS APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED AND TEN BOLTS ON ITS FACES. PLEASE REMEMBER, DON'T PLACE ANY MORE BOLTS UNLESS A BOLT ON A MAJOR ROUTE IN A MAJOR AREA HAS GONE BAD OR IS IN NEED OF REPLACEMENT. LET'S FACE THE FACTS, THERE IS NO MORE ROOM ON BIG ROCK TO WARRANT THE PLACEMENT OF MORE BOLTS. ENJOY THE ROUTES ALREADY ESTABLISHED. IF YOU NEED SOME NEW FUN TRY TRAVERSES WHICH INVOLVE MANY ROUTES.

IF ANY DOUBT — CONSULT WITH OTHER CLIMBERS TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS CAUSE!

ONE MORE THOUGHT FOR THOSE IN NEED. IF YOU MUST AID UP THE FLAKES, PLEASE USE NUTS ONLY! —HELP PREVENT FURTHER DESTRUCTION OF BIG ROCK.

THANKS AND HAPPY CLIMBING. G. COBB