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SPRING SKIING IN THE SIERRAS (GEORGE CREEK) PHOTO ALOIS SMRZ

## 1988 UNIMPAIRED SNOWMELT RUNOFF FORECASTS

These figures are the water runoff forecasts in percent of normal, based on a 50 year average. They do not necessarily represent the amount of snow on the ground, but instead indicate the water levels we can expect to find during stream crossings this coming spring and summer.

Tuolumne, 35%; Merced, 32%; San Joaquin, 39%; Kings, 39%; Kaweah, 36%; Tule, 20%; Kern, 28%; Owens, 45%; Mono, 63%. The Owens basin breaks down as follows: Long Valley, 48%; Long Valley to Tinemaha, 47%; Tinemaha to Haiwee, 38%.

RJS

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NEW ROSTERS DUE OUT SOON, SO
ANY CHANGES SHOULD BE SENT TO
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NEXT MUGELNOOS MEETING

Tuesday, June 21, 1988 at 7:30 PM Joint
RCS-SMS Meeting. Slide show "Close
Encounters of the 5.10 Kind" - Mark
Maier/Claude Lane. Griffith Park Ranger
Station.

RCS SHORT SCHEDULE

- May 21-22 .....Voodoo Dome
Mike Baca\*\*(Provsnl Chapter/Section
Lead)/Greg Vernon
May 21-22.....Suicide
Andy Fried/LeRoy Russ \*Call leader
about campsite Fri/Sat.
May 28-30.....Yosemite Valley
Gerry Cox\*\*(Provsnl Chapter/Section
Lead)/Mike Jelf/Claude Lane \*Group
Site A, Hodgekins Meadows 25-29th
May 28-30 .....Bart Dome Backpack
Greg Vernon/?? \*Call Leader for
Information
Jun 11-12.....Needles/Dome Rock
Greg Vernon/Bob Lindgren
Jun 25-26.....Tahquitz
Dick DeRusha/Karen Patterson

Be sure to call trip leaders prior to
trip to make sure its going. Trips with
??, leader has to cancel if no Co-leader
volunteers.

\*\*Provisional Chapter O/RCS TO Lead-
based on completion of LTC
Requirements; OK by Chapter Safety
Committee & RCS Safety Committee.

FOR SALE

X-C MERRELL HIGH TOP SKI BOOTS
FOR INTERMED TOURING, USED ONCE,
SIZE 9 1/2 \$35, HEAVY DUTY DOUBLE
BOOTS FOR SKI MOUNTAINEERING SZ 9-
9 1/2 NEW VIBRUM SOLES \$50,
FIRES SZ 10 GOOD COND. \$45, SKIS
BONNA METAL EDGE 3 PIN MOUNTNRNG.
WITH MICA BASE 210CM \$70, HEAD
STANDARDS-CLASSIC ALPINE 185CM
\$25, WANT TO BUY OLD 3 PIN X-C
SKIS FOR ALASKA CLIMB APPROACH
\$10? RICH HENKE 213 545-3812

FREE SLIDE SHOW

JIM BRIDWELL, MAY 26, 1988 7:30PM
LA CANADA HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
4463 OAK GROVE BLVD. LA CANADA

WANTED

Used sticky climbing shoes (not
EB's or similar caliber), size
5 1/2, 6, or 6 1/2. Contact
Gerry Cox 213/591-0711.

Companion(s) wanted for climbing in
the Canadian Rockies July 15 - August
15. My primary areas of interest are
the Columbia Icefield, the Rampart
wall and the Bugaboo Spires.

Roy Bishop
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Greg Vernon.....(619)375-2612

MISSING OF A FRIEND.

IT CAME AS A BAD NEWS FROM NEW ZEALAND WHERE BOB HARVEY
WAS REPORTED MISSING LAST MONTH FROM AN ATTEMPT ON
MT. COOK. MANY OF US KNEW BOB HARVEY NOT ONLY AS A
PARTICIPANT IN MANY RCS OUTINGS TO TAHQUITZ AND SUICIDE
BUT AS A FRIEND WHO WAS ALWAYS WILLING TO PROVIDE SLEEPING
SPACE IN HIS HOME AT IDYLLWILD FOR MANY OF OUR WINTER
OUTINGS THERE. BOB WAS A GREAT SKIER AND DARING CLIMBER, ONE
OF THE FEW PEOPLE AROUND WHO PROBABLY CLIMBED ALL OF THE
LINES AT TAHQUITZ AND SUICIDE AND HIS SKIING ABILITY WAS
AN INSPIRATION. BOB WAS A REAL FRIEND AND WILL BE TRULY
MISSED.

AS.

## Travels while on Sabbatical

George Wallerstein has recently returned (to Seattle) from three months in Munich and two months at Christchurch, New Zealand.

The climbing opportunities south of Munich are at least as good as reputed. In addition to making several one-day class 2-3 scrambles George joined some German friends for a nice climb of Olperer (with the help of ski lifts to get started and iron bars driven into the rock at the hard spots). With fresh snow it was class 4 even with the iron bars. After a four hour drive to the Dolomites he he hired a guide for two days, one spent at a magnificent practice area near Lake Garda (while some fresh snow melted) and one on the First Sella Tower (about class 5.4). October is a nice month in the Alps with long enough days because of the easy access, cool weather, and sufficient sunshine for the south-facing slopes to melt rather quickly after a storm.

In New Zealand the weather is less forgiving than in the Alps and one 5 day visit to the Mt. Cook area with Malte Brun (10,800 ft.) and Aguille Rouge (9800 ft.) as objectives got him no higher than the col between them. Three one-day class 2 scrambles were good for magnificent views while a visit to the Mt. Aspiring area was marred by horrible sand flies and hot weather, but some fine views were found from the ridge above Cascade Saddle.

G.W.

## Back Country Skiing in Wyoming

Many people associate the Wyoming high country with good rock climbing. The Tetons and the Wind River Range contain world class rock and many climbers plan special trips to test their skills. Not as many people are aware, however, of the back country skiing possibilities.

During the past two seasons I have completed two excellent ski mountaineering tours in Wyoming, both of which were as fine as can be found in the Sierra. Please contact me for logistic details if you are interested in planning a future trip.

Wind River Traverse - April 1988  
Green River Lakes to Sinks Canyon  
Rich Henke, George Lowe, and John Arnow  
7 days, 90 miles, 19,000 vertical feet

Lack of accessibility is a major reason that not many people ski the Wind Rivers. We managed to arrange a 30 mile snow mobile ride along the snow covered road leading to Green River Lakes in order to keep the trip less than a week.

The conditions we found on this tour are the kind one dreams of. We had perfect sunny weather for 7 days. The corn snow was magnificent and 90% of the down hill runs were ideal. The passes were not too difficult. (We used ice axes several times but no rope and no crampons.) We crossed the Continental Divide 5 times and had time for an excursion to the top of Gannett Peak which at 13,804 feet is the highest point in Wyoming. From the summit it was so clear that you could see the Tetons to the north and Temple Peak to the south. The cold temperatures we anticipated did not materialize and nighttime temperatures were comparable to the Sierra. Avalanche danger was very low but that could change weekly in this range.

A high point of the trip was the 1,300 foot telemark decent from Texas Pass to Lonesome Lake in the Cirque of the Towers. Another high point was that we did not see any other people on the trip and were probably 30 miles from the nearest person throughout.

Since we carried 8 days of food and some additional cold weather and climbing gear our packs were heavier than we liked being between 45 and 50 pounds at the start. But it was worth it.

R.H.

IF YOU CAN WALK YOU CAN CLIMB;

And if you're willing to walk a bit you might enjoy an outing or two in search of Sierra solitude and new rock. Proposed for the RCS summer schedule are trips to two Western Sierra areas which are well-reviewed but neglected, due to half-day hike-ins.

Though seen as two-day trips, either might be three days (or longer) if anyone with an appropriate leader rating is interested.

A Gorge of Despair trek July 23-24 could lead to a variety of routes from 90 feet to several pitches long. Difficulties of established routes range from class 4 to 5.8-Al-grade IV. Descriptive quotes from Roper include, "Beautiful crag," "impressive southwest face," and "Bugaboo Spire-like formation." This smorgasbord of fine climbs can be had for an approach hike of a mere 6,000 feet (vertical). Fine views of Tehipite Dome, the middle Kings and the Obelisk are included.

Two weeks later the "excellent rock" and "fine routes" of the Obelisk will be offered to those willing to gain a mere 3,000 feet before lunch (over a 12-mile trail). Known routes rate 5.5 to 5.7, and are up to seven pitches long.

Interested persons are invited to call Mike Jelf at (213) 326-3430 as soon as possible.

-MJ

Teton Traverse - April 1987  
Flagg Ranch to near Teton Pass  
Rich Henke, George Lowe, and Tom Dickey  
4 1/2 days, 60 miles, 11,000 vertical feet

When viewing the Tetons from the Jackson Hole Valley, a ski traverse seems out of the question. The mountains look too steep and rugged. However, deep valleys extend into the mountains culminating in a crest to the west of the peaks and this crest forms a very reasonable ski route.

Many people have done a 2 to 3 day loop around the Grand Teton starting in Cascade Canyon and returning via Death Canyon. Not many people have skied the entire crest. The northern portion has several steep difficult passes and considerable avalanche danger.

It is seldom that one can find a tour so striking and yet so isolated from other visitors. The only signs of life were snow mobile tracks in the far north (illegal ones) and in the far south. Other than several old ski tracks in Cascade Canyon and a glimpse at the top of the tram in the Jackson Hole ski area, we enjoyed total solitude.

The skiing was not as good as in the Wind Rivers. We encountered considerable breakable crust and many of the down hill runs could not be skied. If I ever repeat the trip I will try it in the opposite direction which should increase the amount of good down hill skiing.

R.H.

**CALVIN AND HOBBS** By Bill Watterson



ON-GOING CRACK CLIMBING WORKSHOP

PROGRESS REPORT - APRIL 1988

After seven months and 35 climbing days, our crack workshop experiment ended on April 30. Three of the original thirteen participants dropped out, two early and one at midterm, leaving 10 people who finished the workshop. Participants climbed a total of 200 person-days. Of the 48 routes on our list, 36 were climbed by at least one person, including 11 Level 1's, 10 Level 2's, 9 Level 3's, and 6 Level 4's. Bearded Cabbage, 5.10c, was perhaps the hardest route led.

The stated goal of the workshop was for participants to improve their crack leading ability by at least two grades. While difficult to quantify, the leaders' judgement is that three people improved by up to 1 grade (eg, from 5.9 to 5.10a), three by 2 or 3 grades, and four by around 4 grades.

Certificates of completion were awarded to the following workshop finishers (Sessions Attended/Routes Led/Level Achieved in parentheses):

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|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Tom Brogan (25/24/3)    | Mark Male (18/26/3)          |
| Ben Chapman (11/18/2)   | Greg Rzonca (19/28/4)        |
| Dale Heuermann (15/9/1) | Phil Thomas (14/9/1)         |
| Claude Lane (18/20/3)   | Theresa Rutherford (26/10/1) |
| Pat Lysgaard (19/10/1)  | Jim Erb (35/24/3)            |

By consensus opinion and documented accomplishment, the workshop was a real success. The only major changes recommended for potential future workshops are to shorten the workshop duration and to focus on a narrower difficulty range.

Congratulations to all participants, and may your energy and enthusiasm become contagious!

Jim Erb and Theresa Rutherford

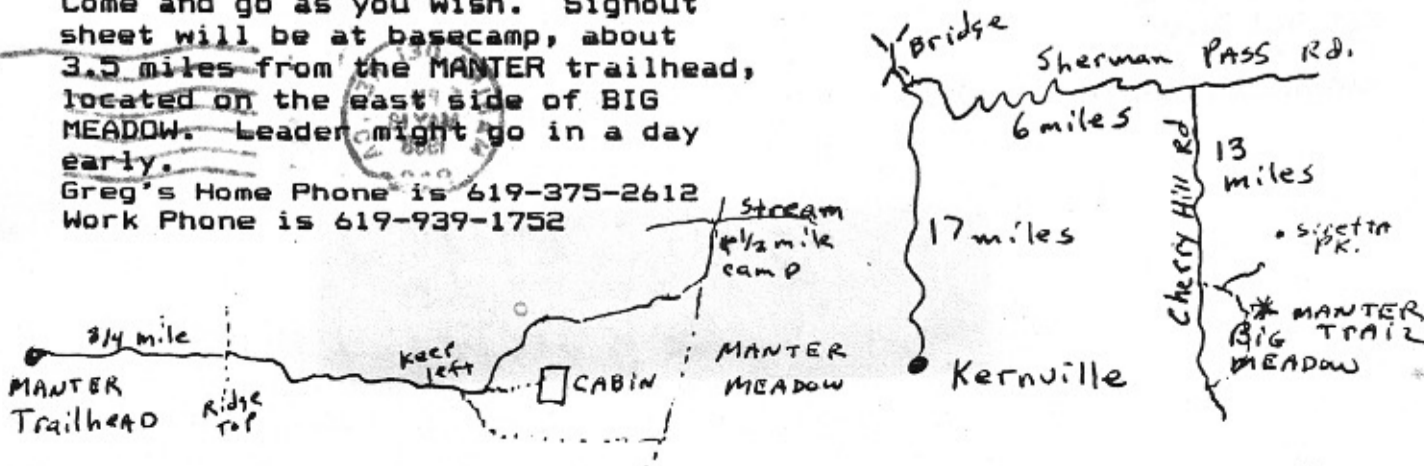
SUPPORT TREK FOR THE 1988 AMERICAN CHANGTSE EXPEDITION.

IN SEPTEMBER 1988, A GROUP OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CLIMBERS WILL TRAVEL TO CHINA TO ATTEMPT THE FIRST AMERICAN ASCENT OF CHANGTSE, 24,771 FT. CHANGTSE IS ALSO KNOWN AS THE NORTH PEAK OF THE EVEREST MASSIF AND WILL BE APPROACHED FROM TIBET. THE TEAM INCLUDES 2 OF OUR OWN RCS MEMBERS. 30 DAY TREK IN SUPPORT OF THE EXPEDITION IS BEING PLANNED, THANKS TO HELP OF LOCAL TRAVEL AGENCY WHICH WILL PROVIDE ALL SERVICES ON NO PROFIT BASIS. 30 DAYS IN EVEREST REGION ARE BEING PLANNED, WITH TREK TO EVEREST BASE CAMP AND CLIMBS OF GOKYO RI, KALA PATAR AND ISLAND PEAK. TREK/CLIMB PARTICIPANTS WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE IN THE TRADITIONAL MANI RIMDU FESTIVAL AT TENGBOCHE. THE ALL INCLUSIVE COST OF THE TREK IS \$2950. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL ANNE MALVER 818-790-4325. A.S.

MAY 28-30: DOMELAND WILDERNESS

Greg Vernon, Jim Erb  
Come and go as you wish. Signout sheet will be at basecamp, about 3.5 miles from the MANTER trailhead, located on the east side of BIG MEADOW. Leader might go in a day early.

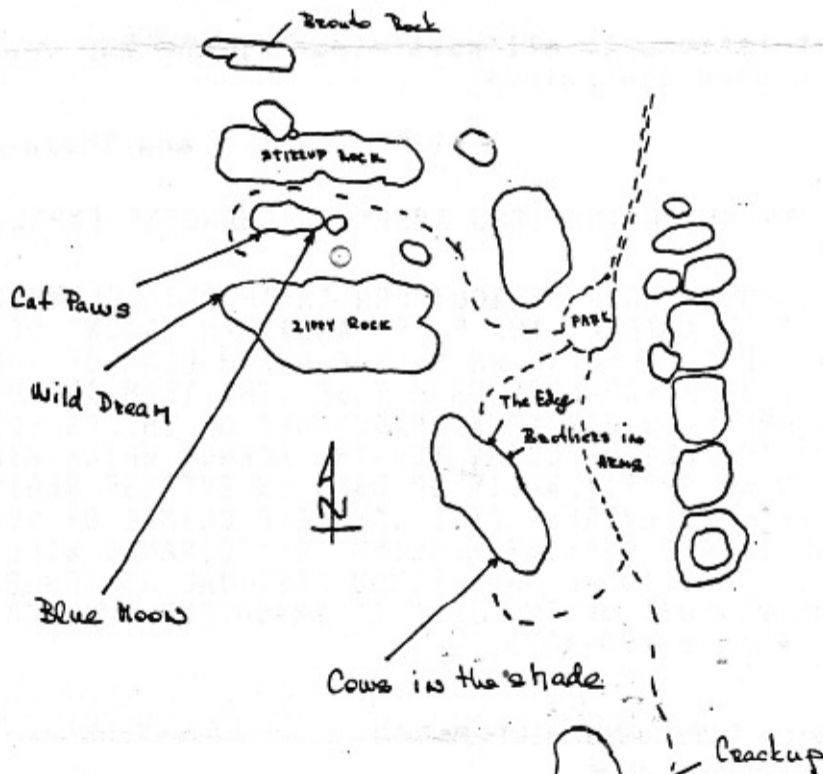
Greg's Home Phone is 619-375-2612  
Work Phone is 619-939-1752



NEW CLIMBS IN THE STIRRUP TANK AREA, JOSHUA TREE.

- 1 CAT PAWS 5.10B OR C.3BOLT FACE CLIMB.SW CORNER OF A SMALL FORMATION BETWEEN STIRRUP ROCK AND ZIPPY ROCK.
- 2 BLUE MOON 5.10 B. 2 BOLT FACE CLIMB.50 FEET RIGHT OR EAST OF CAT PAWS.
- 3 WILD DREAM 5.10D OR 11A VERTICAL FACE ON THE BACK/NW/SIDE OF ZIPPY ROCK.START AT THE LEFT MARGIN.DIAGONAL RIGHT TOWARD 2 BOLTS ON THE SKYLINE.CRUX AT 2ND BOLT.TCU'S HELPFUL.# 3 AND 2½ FRIENDS FOR BELAY.DESCENT TRICKY-SCOUT IN ADVANCE.
- 4 THE EDGE 5.10 B 2 BOLT FACE.CLIMB THE BLADE OF A ROCK ON THE NE SIDE OF UNNAMED FORMATION ,SE OF ZIPPY ROCK.
- 5 BROTHERS IN ARMS 5.10D OR 11A 50FEET SE OF "THE EDGE". 4 BOLTS PROTECT FACE CLIMBING ON A LIP OF AN OVERHANG. BOLT BELAY ON TOP.
- 6 COWS IN THE SHADE 5.9 ON THE SW /BACK/ SIDE OF THE ABOVE UNNAMED FORMATION.START IN A SHORT,RIGHT SLANTING CRACK. TRAVERSE LEFT AND PAST 2 BOLTS TO THE TOP.BOLT PROTECTED BELAY ON TOP.
- 7 CRACKUP 5.7 SHORT,VERTICAL CRACK ON THE SE CORNER OF THE NEXT FORMATION SOUTH OF CLIMBS 4,5 and 6.

ALL CLIMBS WERE PUT UP IN APRIL AND MAY OF 1988.  
 CONFIRMATION OF RATINGS IS BEING SOLICITED.  
 MIGUEL CARMONA WITH HELP OF ALOIS SMRZ. A.S.



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