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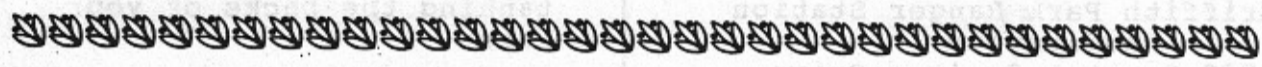
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MUGELHUPF MOVIE NOW ON V.H.S !

The famous "Mugelhupf" (mogul jump) movie made by original SMS skiers in 1937 is now part of our archives.

The movie's director and star, Wolfgang Lert, was kind enough to allow the SMS to make a professional video transfer of the film for posterity. The video quality is excellent and far exceeds that of the "pirated" version videotaped directly off a projection screen by Don "No Scruples" Pies.

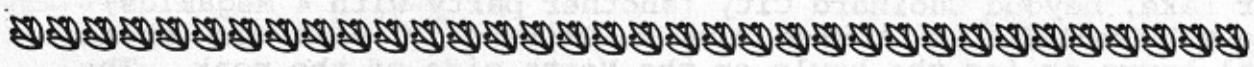
The comedy has entertained several generations of SMS members and features hijinks in and around Baldy Hut. The film's climax is a Keystone Cop-type chase scene where some 10 skiers pursue a solitary skier played by the handsome and dashing Wolfgang.

Viewers of the film are immediately impressed by the incredible skiing ability of the early SMS members. The skiers descend Baldy's summit at breakneck speeds, making lofty jumps and precise turns, and all on "primitive" hickory boards. Of course, many of the early SMS skiers were professional caliber, and Wolfgang was probably the best, winning, for example, the first four downhill races held on Baldy -- a 2 mile descent from the summit to the hut in little more than 3 minutes.

Wolfgang now lives in San Francisco and is the owner of a successful ski apparel import company. While no longer active with the SMS, he still receives the Mugelnoos and this correspondent has enjoyed several interesting conversations with him in recent years.

Fully titled "The Original Mugelhupf Movie... In the Good Old Knicker Days," the silent, black and white film is 17:30 in length and is being held by Peter Matulovich until a more suitable depository is established by the SMS. Any SMS member interested in seeing it or scheduling it at an SMS gathering, please contact Pete. Making copies is an infringement of copyright and is strictly verboten.

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Retraction:

Rumors that Carl Sharsmith died, as reported in the last Mugelnoos, have been greatly exaggerated. Bud Halley reports that Carl is alive and well. The Mugel Editor apologizes for any arthritic flare up this may have potentiated.

NEXT MEETING

Nov. 20, 1990 will be announced later.

At: Griffith Park Ranger Station
Auditorium
4730 Crystal Springs Drive
Los Angeles, CA

Don't stop skiing for lack of snow. Rumor has it that the sand dunes of Colorado are a great place to hone your skills while cleaning off the season's ugly wax buildup and tanning the backs of your knees.

UPCOMING TRIPS

May 19-20, Lamarck Col
Reiner Stenzel/Pete Matulavich
May 26-28, Tuolomne Meadows
Reiner Stenzel/Greg Jordan

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* Use the enclosed ballot to
* VOTE
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Watch your mail for an announcement of the October potluck. If you would like to host the event this year contact the SMS Chair: Joy Goebel 714-963-9384.

Many thanks for the great job by the members of the central committee: Joy Goebel as chair and new mother (Happy Mother's Day!), Owen Maloy as chair of the vices, Reiner Stenzel as superb outings chair, Nancy (Denali) Gordon as programs chair, Greg Jordan\$ as secy/ treasurer (oops, happy belated secretary's day). 1989-90 has been a banner year.

Good Luck to Nancy Gordon on her ascent of Denali. Hopefully she has the foresight to carry an SMS pin to plant on the summit.

Mt. Gould - Onion Valley
April 7-8

Six people showed up Saturday morning for this trip: Bill & Gisela Kluwin, Dana Pearce, George Holland, Pete Matulavich and Greg Jordan. Steve Hessen joined us on Saturday afternoon. The trail was dry most of the way to Gilbert Lake. However, we did have an interesting experience on the way. Although we had all heard the mating call of the forest grouse on spring tours, this was the first time we actually saw one. He was about the size of a chicken and about 40 feet up in a large pine. We camped near the inlet to Flower Lake, beyond Choinard City (another party with 4 Megamids). Saturday afternoon we toured toward University Peak and spent several hours skiing the bowls on the North side of the peak. The weather started to get bad and by the time we got back to camp, the forecasted snow showers had arrived in full force. It started to clear just before sunset, although we received a few more showers during the night. Next morning was clear with the snow from the early part of the storm consolidated and the latter part resulting in 2 inches of fresh powder. The new snow was welcome because it helped cover some of the barren spots on the way to Kearsarge Pass. We were able to ski all the way to the pass although there was poor cover in several areas. There were snow fields between the pass and Mt. Gould but not enough to ski, so we left our skis and climbed the peak (except for the summit block) on foot. We were down at the cars by 3:15. All in all a laid back trip, which could have used better snow cover.

ELW

Spring Break in Aspen, Colorado

April 8-14, 1990

The Chatsworth High School Ski Club, totalling 46, arrived Sunday afternoon at the Grand Aspen Hotel located a stone's throw from the Silver Queen Gondola at the base of Ajax/Aspen Mountain. Monday morning, we awoke to over two feet of new snow which had fallen magically overnight! A small group of 5 early birds met in the hotel lobby at 7:45 AM ready to ski and headed for the Snowmass ski area. My ski dream which is intimately, irrevocably tangled up with powder snow was about to come true! Skiing powder is another world, white on white, with stands of spruce and aspen decorated with big pillows of new fallen snow. First run, first tracks, and the weightless state as you float through the powder is something special, like wearing the Hope Diamond or your most incredible fantasy. As you ski down a wide-open field of untouched powder, each turn sends up a frosty white wave. Euphoria fills your heart. We mostly skied the Big Burn where the high-speed quad rises vertically over 2,000 feet in 8 minutes and where your thighs almost have enough time to recover from your last run which started at 11,835 feet and ended almost 8,000 "gasping-for-breath" feet later. It continued to snow throughout the day, and my prescription amber-colored ski goggles proved to be a wonderful investment. The sheer exhilaration of taking several runs in untracked powder before the crowds made it to the slopes was fantastic. Tuesday and Wednesday, the runs at Snowmass were groomed, which allowed everyone to ski faster and with a lot less physical effort. Thursday the clouds built again. This time, the sound of thunder announced the arrival of another milder snow storm. There were very few of us skiing the mountain in the afternoon as the temperatures dropped and the snow fall increased.

Friday, I skied Aspen Mountain as the snow fall continued throughout the day. Aspen Mountain has no trails for beginners or lower intermediate skiers and does not allow snowboards. Taking the Silver Queen Gondola, which rises 3,267 vertical feet and goes the length of 13,194 feet in 13 minutes, I arrived at the "Sundeck" in a white-out and decided to fortify myself with a cup of hot chocolate before beginning the first run of the day. Visibility improved; and after I got my blood circulating with a few runs on the intermediate terrain off Gent's Ridge, I tested my legs on Blondie and then the Summit. On the last and best run of the day, I lost over 3,000 feet as I skied the more than 2 miles from the top to the base of Aspen/Ajax Mountain. This Spring Break ski vacation was an exciting opportunity filled with fantastic skiing memories.

N.G.



OLDEN TIMES BASE CAMP REUNION

The reunion of the famed Base Camp on Griffin Avenue in Los Angeles was held this year at the home of Ernestine and Bill Voss, on Saturday, May 5. Co-hosts were the Vosses and Glen Warner. The original membership of Base Camp has dwindled, and only Glen Warner and Joan Dyar Clark were there to represent the mighty six, which also included Howard Koster, Ruth Dyar, John Mendenhall, and Olga Schomberg.

Base Camp had as landlady and live-in mender of outing clothes, Grace Shults, cousin of Aurelia Harwood, first woman president of the Sierra Club. There was an entire collection of books of John Muir, in shelves near the fireplace. The house was completely furnished, and included a piano. (All for \$75 per month...)

Attending this year's party were Chet Errett, Rosie and Lloyd Balsam, Joan and Nate Clark, Jill and Harry Sutherland, Marilyn and Homer Fuller, Lillian and Chuck Gerckens, Jack Russell, Adrienne and Dick Jones, Ruth Koster and her daughter Charlyn, Louise and Dean Ashcraft, Bud Halley, Bob MacConaghy (who came down from Salt Lake City), and of course Ernestine and Bill Voss and Glen Warner.

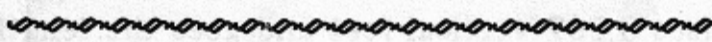
The potluck dinner was as delicious and plentiful as it looked, because preparing good and attractive meals has been a long-time tradition among Base Campers and their friends.

Many of Ernestine Voss' beautiful carvings of wood and of marble, were displayed.

Perennial "effervescent adolescent" Bud Halley sang many songs, accompanying himself on the guitar.

Friends visited among each other or helped in the kitchen, and when it got dark everyone gathered in the living room to see Nate Clark's 16-mm color movie, "Journey to Tikal" showing huge ruins built about 2,000 years ago in northern Guatemala by the Mayans. Also included in the journey and in the movie was a trip on the Sarstoon River in the jungle, and ending at the one-house village of Tamarindo on the coast of El Salvador.

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SKI MOUNTAINEERS SECTION

COME TO THE ANNUAL SMS POTLUCK DINNER, EQUIPMENT SWAP AND SKI TOUR PLANNING SESSION!

WHO'S INVITED: All SMS Members and Friends

WHEN: October 13, 5:30 p.m.

EQUIPMENT: Bring any backpacking, skiing, climbing equipment you would like to sell/swap.

WHERE: Diann and Andy Fried's home. 9218 Jellico Ave. Northridge

POTLUCK: Last names beginning with the letter:

A-F	Bring	Salads
G-M		Main dishes
N-Z		Desserts

TRIP PLANNING: The section needs ski tours and leaders for the March-June 1990 schedule. Bring trips you would like to lead. We need local tours as well as Sierra tours. If you can't attend, send write-ups to: Reiner Stenzel, 519 Almar Ave., Pacific Palisades 90272. Write-ups are due before October 31, 19

HIKE: Anyone interested in a hike contact Kathy Crandall (818) 790-9252

ANDY AND DIANN 'S HOME

