

MUGELNOOS

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Skiing Mount Rainier - Memorial Day Weekend 1991 Nancy Gordon, Bill Lingle, and Sherrie Serna

Friday, May 24: Arrived at the Van Nuys Flyaway at 3:24 PM. The parking lot was barricaded with a policeman in front and a "FULL" sign posted. I pleaded with the policeman to enter; I could see cars leaving the lot due to a recent bus arrival. Finally, he consented after my blood pressure rose 20 points. I had as much luggage (sans food and fuel) as I had for 26 days on Denali! I purchased two tickets for the 4 PM bus. Bill Lingle arrived minutes after me. The traffic on the San Diego Freeway was exasperating, and there were times we thought we might not make our 6 PM Alaska Airline flight to Seattle. We made good use of our time by tying orange plastic tape to 48 bamboo wands. LAX: We checked our our boarding passes with 10 1/2 hour flight, we reviewed Denali. Bill and Sherrie are Sherrie Serna flew to Seattle we gathered all the luggage Taurus with a ski rack. The enroute to the campground in white gas for the stove. Since at the campground, we re-We could not rouse anyone used our sleeping bags in the going in its large fireplace.



skis and luggage curbside and got minutes to spare. During the 2 crevasse rescue and discussed scheduled to climb it this June. from San Francisco. We met as and got the rental car, a Ford only stop we needed to make Rainier National Park was to buy it was raining when we arrived treated to the inn at Longmire. at the desk at 12:30 AM, so we lounge area that still had a small fire

Saturday, May 25. Up at and dry. We headed for the Paradise Ranger Station. The ranger was thorough in his briefing and helpful with our questions. Although Bill and I were aware of a recent death on our chosen route, we were glad that he didn't mention it. At the Paradise parking lot (5,400'), it was 20 degrees, winds were blowing 15-20 MPH, snowing, and visibility was not good. We were going to Camp Muir (10,080') via Panorama Point (7,000'), then continuing left of the rocks which are left of Paradise Glacier to the Muir Snowfield. The ranger supplied us with a navigation map with compass bearings (both true and magnetic). By the time we got packs and ourselves ready, we didn't leave until 10 AM. We stepped into our ski bindings right where the trail meets the parking lot. The snow level was down to 4,000'. Just before Panorama Point, we took off our skis just for a short steep section of the climb. There was very little visibility. We trudged and trudged. My thoughts were mostly of the weather and whether we would even get a chance to climb the following day. We reached the Camp Muir at 5:30 PM. There were 3 spots still available in the public hut which we grabbed even though we had a Northface VE-24 tent with us. The weather was still "iffy," and we felt safer in the hut. There were 18-20 people in the hut and 15 or so tents outside. The large stone public shelter has two long wood shelves or tiers where you lay a pad and your sleeping bag sardine style. The shelter has a shelf for stoves and cooking and a snow-covered floor. There was only one of the chemical toilets available to the more than 50 climbers not using RMI guide services and that one was in pitiful condition. Climbers talked about 1-2 AM wake-ups. The weather forecast was for a cold, clear day Sunday.

5:15 AM and glad to be warm

Sunday, May 26: Climbers were getting up at all hours after midnight. The route hadn't been punched out yet, and we could see no advantage crossing the Cowlitz Glacier known for crevasses when we couldn't see where we were going. Besides, we were tired and needed some rest for a long day of climbing. We started moving at 4:30 AM, but

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ADDITIONAL NON SECTION TRIPS

The Sierra Club Ski Committee announces a special arrangement with the Alpine Club of Canada that allows Sierrans to participate on guided Alpine Club of Canada ski trips listed below at "member" prices. All expeditions are led by Professional Guide Chick Scott of Calgary, Canada. Scott was the first Canadian on Dhaulagiri in the Himal; made the first alpine style ascent of Mt. Logan, first winter ascent of Assiniboine, and first to complete the Continental Divide Ski Traverse, covering 200 miles from above Jasper to Banff on Nordic skis. He has since guided six such traverses. All trips begin at the A.C.C Clubhouse in Canmore, Alberta (next to Banff). Participants motor or helicopter to begin of ski tour. Equipment is Nordic with lightweight cable bindings (3-pins for "experts" only). Persons interested are urged to write the Alpine Club of Canada, attn: Ski Trips, Box 1026, Banff, AB TOL OCO, Canada, and request Prospectus for the trip they wish to join.
Dec. 27 - Jan. 1, 1991 Assiniboine Ski Camp Cost: \$475 For beginner to intermediate tourer, telemarker; will be based in the Naiset Huts in meadows below Mt. Assiniboine

(Canada's Matterhorn). Tour Cerukan, Magoo, Marvel Lake and Pass. Cost covers helicopter ride to Assiniboine, food, cook, huts, camp manager and guiding.

Feb. 8 - 15, 1992 Classic Rockies Ski Tour Cost: \$525 Intermediate tourers explore classic Rockies ski tours: Dolomite Circuit, French & Robertson Glaciers, overnighter from Bow to Peyto Huts. All except latter are day tours out of ACC Clubhouse. Cost covers lodging, cook, food, guiding.

March 1 - 7, 1992 Wheeler Hut Ski Camp Cost: \$475 Strong beginners to intermediate use Wheeler Hut near famed Rogers Pass as base, experience the joy of Selkirk Powder. Tour Sapphire Col, Dome Glacier, Illecillewat and Asulkan Glaciers at base of Mt. Sir Donald. Cost includes food, cook, lodging, guiding by certified Assn Canadian Mountain Guides pro's.

March 21 - 28 The Complete Ski Mountaineer Cost \$ 475 Intermediate tourers ski hut-to-hut on a complete Wapta Icefield traverse: Peyto, Bow, Balfour, Scott Duncan huts (north to south). Days full of instruction on ski mountaineering, glacier travel, map & compass, crevasse rescue, avalanche search & rescue, plus more. Bag Mts. Rhondda, Gordon, St. Nicholas. Cost includes course fee, food, cook, lodging, guides.

Apr. 4 - 11 Lake Louise High Traverse Cost: \$685 Expert: tour into Fay Hut (new ACC hut), up, over to Neil Colgan Hut; descent to Moraine Lake (steep & deep), continue over Wenkchenma, Opaken, Abbots Passes. For the adventurous, ready for hard tours with some rappels. Cost includes food, cook, lodging and ACMG Guides.

Reporter Norm Kingsley

FEB 29-MAR 6 SAT-FRI NORDIC SKI TOURING I: COLORADO TENTH MOUNTAIN TRAIL HUT SKIING: This is the dream of many a backcountry skier- awesome backcountry skiing! ledgendry snow! -high mountain chalets! Plus two days of lift skiing at Colorado's Summit Country resorts; A-Basin, Keystone, Breckenridge etc. Participants should be advanced backcountry skiers or basic mountaineering skiers, call regarding qualifications. There will be a pre-trip meeting and a ski checkoff. Total cost of \$750 includes 4 nights in the huts, all other lodging, most meals, air and ground transport. Send \$75 non-refundable (unless on wait list) deposit payable to NSTS, SC#, H & W phones and 5 large sase to leader: JEFF REEB, 6023 DUNROBIN, LAKEWOOD CA 90713, (213) 920-1074. Asst: TODD YUEN

SKI MOUNTAINEERS SUFFER THE NORTH

Kris Hutchins and Scott Bailey, SMS members, who now live in Anchorage reported their northern exposure suffering in an Oct. 23 phone call. Their balmy sunny summer was shattered Sept. 15 with first snow. By the 17th of Sept. they had to- strap on the boards. Since then, 18 inches of snow fell. They endured two full day ski tours, were afflicted with two short tours. Their misery compounded when two nearby ski-shelters were found. They're mortified with thoughts of hut-

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didn't actually start hiking until 6:15AM, as one of the first Rainier Mountaineering Institute groups were returning to Camp Muir because of "climbing difficulties," which turned out to be due to inexperienced group members rather than the route itself. We roped up right at Camp Muir as we traversed the Cowlitz Glacier to Cathedral Rock and then did the Ingraham Direct route. The Cowlitz Glacier has basaltic side walls that would pose possible rockfall hazard on our return. The Ingraham Glacier flows down the east slope of Mount Rainier between Gibraltar and Cathedral Rocks which are on the southwest and Disappointment Cleaver and Little Tahoma which are on the northeast. We soon passed a group that had left Camp Muir at 4:30AM. Various groups were turning back, mostly because someone wasn't feeling well. Bill led our rope team at an excellent steady pace. The weather was cold and breezy, but clear until we got within 1,000' the crater rim when the lenticular descended creating some anxiety mixed with iron-willed determination to continue the climb. At 2 PM, we arrived at the East crater rim (about 14,000') where visibility had deteriorated to about 10 feet. Some day I will get to see what the Columbia Crest(14,410") looks like; this younger of the three summits consists of a crater that has a circular rim where the edge of the rim overlooking the Emmons Glacier is canted about 300 feet lower than Columbia Crest. It is about 1/4 mile across and is filled in with snow and ice. Point Success(14,158") and Liberty Cap (14,112') are the other "summits" of Mount Rainier. Our down climb was uneventful since we had wanded the upper part of the route and the weather improved when we got below 12,500'. Since the weather stayed cold and breezy throughout the day, the crevasses and snow bridges remained in excellent shape. There was minor rockfall on the Cowlitz Glacier which provided us with enough angst to hustle our weary bodies those last 300 meters or so to the safety of Camp Muir by 5:30PM.

Monday, May 28: By 7 AM, we had packed up and started a most remarkable ski down to the Paradise Valley parking lot — 4 miles and 4,500 feet. Even at a leisurely pace, with several breaks to take in the remarkable scenery and regroup, we made it to the car in 1 1/2 hours. Later, I found out that, in the 1930's, People used to race from Camp Muir to Paradise Valley, an event that was heralded as the "wildest annual ski race on the North American continent." Any one game? We hadn't allowed enough time for holiday traffic to get to the airport on time; Bill and I missed our flight to LA by 3 minutes. Alaska Airlines was most accommodating getting us on a later flight. What a whirlwind trip— glorious, successful, challenging, and fun!

Reporter: Nancy Gordon

Suffer North Cont.

to-hut overnights they must resign themselves to. With a skiable glacier nearby, they dread the seven plus months of painful skiing ordeals, right out their backdoor. It's a hard, wretched life up north, they report. Our sympathy is with them.

Reporter: Norm Kingsley



ROSS HODGETTS OF VANCOUVER DROPS OFF ONE OF THE MANY PEAKS CLIMBED

DANCING WITH THE GIANTS

The SMS Returns to the Selkirks, B.C. Canada , April 6-13 party of Larry Bigler, Mark Goebel & Don Pies

Thump-Thump-Thump-Thump-Thump-Thump. That's not the sound of helicopter blades. It's my heart. A cloud swallows us so we must retreat. Voila, let's try that mountain pass over there. We thread the spires only to see our second approach blocked by the puffy whites. Our Huey* cranks a hard bank giving us a close view of high elevation rock formations (* the thump-thump sounding chopper used in Vietnam). I couldn't scream even if I tried, my heart is now stuck in my throat. A final push up the valley from the west is our ticket to reach the Durrand Glacier Chalet. And what a ticket, as in seven days of E-ticket experience.

The flight seems a fitting kickoff for our venture with Selkirk Mountain Experience Ltd.. Located near Revelstoke midway between Calgary and Vancouver, S.M.E. is the vision of Ruedi Beglinger to capture the best of his native Swiss Alps, but make it better in several ways. First, Ruedi's location in the Selkirk Mountains is virtually inaccessible

except by helicopter; it is difficult to find a mountain chalet with such isolation in the Alps. Second, the S.M.E. staff's professional attention to detail married with Ruedi's vast international mountain guiding experience have set standards for fun, adventure and safety second to none. And most important, the Selkirk's 50 feet of average annual snowfall, great variety of skiable terrain and survivable weather make this area the creme de la creme of world class skiing. At least that is how it is supposed to be. This year the guides are grumbling about too much snow. Relentless weather has already dumped 60 feet and warm chinook conditions have often turned champagne powder into sticky mashed potatoes. In back country skiing you learn to pay your money and take your chances. At the ski resorts when the snow is good, it's good and when it's bad, it's bad. In the wild when the snow is bad, it's a nightmare, but when it's good, it can be magical.

It takes two heli trips to get all seventeen guests and staff up to the chalet. The second shuttle repeats the sobering game of musical mountain pass with the clouds. We are comforted to learn our pilot is internationally

top rated, but we don't hear this until after the flight. Helicopter pilots should display a taxicab type driver certificate that reads "Hi, my name is Bob and I really know what I'm doing." Finally we are all assembled and ready for action. First things first. Your skis don't touch the snow until you are given avalanche rescue instruction and can save a buried beacon. Today Ruedi takes us on a warm-up tour across a glacier and up a peak. The snow turns out to be rotten and so does our ability to ski it. I am not sure who is more traumatized, we tourists thinking about seven days of this, or Ruedi dreading seven days of baby sitting a bunch of klutzes. At least the scenery is spectacular. Eight nearby glaciers have carved out a skier's paradise. Some of the glaciers end abruptly at an ice fall where they break up and topple down a drop-off. What, ski the ice fall? We have already proved we can't ski the flats, let alone surgically navigate through a maze of houseboat sized ice cubes. A return to the chalet mends our broken spirits. Hot drinks, juice, beer, dips and chalet baked treats are waiting courtesy of Ruedi's wife Nicoline. In England this is called high tea. In the States we call it happy hour. Here it's called a ski snuggle. This is followed by a bake out in the Durrand Glacier Hot House, a sauna we will all become greatly

indebted to. The evening continues with a candlelight feast of unlimited portions, wine, conversation and jokes until sack time. This was typical of post ski activities for each day. I never cracked a book. The next morning Ruedi earns a humanitarian award for delaying the change to daylight savings time until noon, thus saving us an hour of sleep. Most of the day is spent traveling under and in the clouds. The sun that does occasionally sneak through is filtered and scattered with a breathtaking surrealistic quality. Strands of this luminous veil wrap around the rock towers and float on the glacier with an awesome display that is both sinister and seductive. Doctor Zhivago would be impressed. Ruedi earns a second award for finding us some of the magical snow hidden on the far side of Tumbledown Mountain.



MT. DURRAND'S 1900- FOOT NORTH FACE

We shred Tumbledown with an endless serpentine of S-turns that we did not know we had legs for. The return route drops down a steep face that gets lost in a cloud. Skis and knees are also lost under the soft snow for most of the descent. A full day of this kind of play drains our reserves and leaves us wondering if several months of conditioning would be enough. An early

start the third morning takes us on a nine mile tour to the Mt Moloch hut-another Ruedi built amenity. In good conditions you are treated to 3000 vertical feet of spectacular skiing on the Ruth Glacier. Today a storm blocks all visibility, the snow is deep and sticky and a detour brings us down a face steeper than your average black diamond run. Those on alpine touring skis (half of the group) are dropping like flies while we less fortunate on tele boards are burning in full kamikaze colors. Believers in natural selection quickly learn the Ruedi mantra: "Stay near my tracks. If you ski to the left, you will fall down a crevasse. If you ski to the right, you will go off a cliff. If you stop or fall down, you will weaken the snow and cause an avalanche." At the bottom we hang a right and climb for two miles up Dismal Glacier to the hut. This is great, I can at least put one foot in front of the other. Not fazed by the mountain rituals, Nicoline parks her skis and starts kneading the dough so fresh baked bread will accompany our Caesar salad, homemade soup and heaping main course for dinner. Like kids before Christmas, we fancy the skiing options that surround the hut. The ski dreams are squelched by a barometer that drops all night. We must head back to the main chalet first thing in the morning in blizzard

Dancing cont.

conditions. During the previous week avalanche instability stranded a group in the hut for two days when a record three feet of snow fell overnight. The retreat brings us across a route that follows the Mt. Fang ridge line. I am told the weakhearted should be pleased for whiteout visibility since the route traverses a cliff with bomb bay door opening view points. A brief break in the clouds at midday gives us the opportunity to yo-yo up and down a choice powder slope. Finally a view of the chalet comforts us so we can relax. Wrong again! Ruedi drives us right between the frozen blocks of the Needle Ice Fall. I have forgotten what country I'm in. Only three of us are U.S. born out of seventeen guests and staff. Sounds of the chalet are often conversations in French and Swiss-German while Mozart and Bach concerto music play in the background. Scents from European brewed coffee and burning wood add texture to the ambiance. Three doctors from Vancouver have anesthetized the anxiety portion of our brains with non-stop Canadian humor. The trio's wit mixes with operating room shop talk and now I'm watching a scene from the movie M.A.S.H.. The pros from Vancouver and a couple from Edmonton are old acquaintances of Larry and Mark from their Selkirk trip last year. Bruno from Tahiti should get a special commendation for perseverance. Fresh off the beach and new to ski mountaineering, Bruno's trip has become a vacation with the Marines. I think it was the lime green Ocean Pacific brand backpack that gave him away. The next two days are spent in ski heaven. Wall posters are photographed on days like these. There have not been four hours of accumulated sunshine in the past five days and now we have all the rays we can stand. I spot an airplane and realize this is the first sign of the outside world since our arrival at the chalet. Snow conditions have improved so much that my legs are now able to use less energy to ski down the mountain than to climb up it. Turns become a series of snow explosions as adrenalin fuels the body in a dance of euphoria. Too much red lining the fun meter has its price. My legs finally blow out, sending me for one of those dramatic face plants where you think snow is going to squirt out your ears. Back at chalet central, Noline is handling a serious emergency. A radio summoned helicopter avoids the near disaster by stocking us with enough cheese to continue the weekly tradition of fondue night. The final ski day is one of awe. We will ski the north face of Mt. Durrand, a descent Ruedi has only led two groups down in years of guiding. The approach on the south side is so steep we should be carrying ice axes instead of ski poles. A traverse along a near knife edge ridge on top puts us above 1900 vertical feet of the most spectacular skiing our stomachs care to imagine. The face looks like an inside out wedding cake with each level bordered by super steep snow or ice cliffs. The deep snow pulls my ski off in the second turn. I break the fall with a ski pole arrest, but gravity and the weight of cascading snow keep me going. I shove the pole in all the way up to the handle and finally stop. Using

the wrist loop for an anchor, I am able to get my ski back on. Further down the mountain we dodge crevasses and drop-offs. The Ruedi mantra sticks in my head. Did we really need a guide? The week ended with odometer totals reading 52 miles over 30,000 vertical feet of climbing and a like amount of skiing. A self-led trip here would have meant unhappy campers waiting out storms. Some of the best skiing would not have been attempted without local knowledge of the hidden gremlins. Ruedi called us "guests", not guided customers, and we were looked after with greater attention than I've experienced at four star hotels. Morning dawns to our second Saturday at the chalet. The time machine has landed and waits to fly us back to planet Earth in 1991. It is truly refreshing when you find one of those treasures you thought had been lost to more innocent times. Thank you Selkirk Mountain Experience for being one of the holdouts. Vibrations mount as the chopper blades are pitched and beat a familiar cadence. A departing pass over yesterday's last set of ski tracks leaves me bean-dng. I see the marks of my first ever full length set of perfectly linked figure-8's.

Mugelnoos slide show date to be scheduled.

Reporter: Don Pies

S.M.E. INFO: Selkirk Mountain Experience Ltd.,
Box 2998, Revelstoke, B.C., VOE 2S0
Canada, (604) 837-2381

EQUIPMENT: Full width telemark skis or alpine touring skis are required. SME rents both. "Dachstein DC Tour" & "Dynafit Tourlite" alpine touring boots can be rented from Mountain Magic Equipment, 224 Bear St, Box 1901, Banff, Alberta TOL OCO, (403) 762-2591 (check & reserve ahead). Another possible source: Monod Sports, Box 310, Banff, Alberta, TOL OCO, (403) 762-4571.

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1991-1992 SCHEDULE

NOV 30-DEC 1 SAT-SUN SKI MOUNTAINEERS
T: Mammoth Condo Weekend/Leader Training: Relearn safety techniques for backcountry ski trips. Resort skiing and/or backcountry tour depending on conditions. SMS members with O or higher leader rating. Reserve with 2 sase to Leader: OWEN MALOY. Asst: KATHY CRANDALL.

DEC 29-JAN 1 SUN-WED SKI MOUNTAINEERS
T: Ostrander Hut, Yosemite: A classic tour with lighter packs, 10 mi (1500' gain) to finest hut in Sierra. Ski and tour in surrounding bowls. Skiers with strong intermediate XC abilities welcome. Metal-edge skis and climbing skins reqd. Reserve with sase and check payable to Nancy Gordon for \$30 (hut fee). Leader: NANCY GORDON. Asst: TOM DURYEA.

JAN 4 SAT SKI MOUNTAINEERS
T: Local Introductory Tour: Tour in local mtns, conditions permitting. Intermediate or better skiers. Become acquainted with the SMS and demonstrate your skiing ability before participating in future outings. For addl info, see SMS writeup or contact Leader: PAUL HARRIS. Asst: WALT BOGE.

JAN 11 SAT SKI MOUNTAINEERS
T: Cross-country Downhill Clinic: We will teach XC-downhill techniques, telemark and alpine turns. Clinic in local mtns is designed for skiers with previous experience. Cost is \$15 payable at the trailhead. Reserve with sase and skiing ability to Leader: HOWARD SCHULTZ. Asst: MARK GOEBEL.

JAN 12 SUN SKI MOUNTAINEERS
T: Local Introductory Tour: Tour in local mtns, conditions permitting. Intermediate or better skiers. Become acquainted with the SMS and demonstrate your skiing ability before participating in future outings. For addl info, see SMS writeup or contact Leader: GREG JORDAN. Asst: PAUL HARRIS.

JAN 18-19 SAT-SUN SKI MOUNTAINEERS
T: Mt San Jacinto: Join an introductory ski tour with snow camping experience in the local mtns, conditions permitting. Sat ride up the tram, ski to Round Mdws, set up camp, and learn to build igloos. Sun ski tour and return. Send sase with experience to Leader: PETE MATULAVICH. Asst: REINER STENZEL.

JAN 24-26 FRI-SUN SKI MOUNTAINEERS-KELLER
T: Ski Mountaineers Training Camp: Stay at Keller Hut Fri & Sat nights. Sat learn or improve XC downhill skills

at nearby Snow Valley Ski Area. Sun Jump turn clinic (addl cost), tour or downhill practice. \$65 cost includes hut fee, all instruction, one lift ticket, Sat dinner. Metal edged XC skis and previous skiing experience reqd. Reserve with check payable to SMS, sase to Leader: PAUL HARRIS. Asst: MARK GOEBEL.

FEB 1-2 SAT-SUN SKI MOUNTAINEERS
T: Mammoth Condo Weekend: Do you know your 3 pin limits? Find them on chair 3 (or Cornice) or cruise Stump Alley. Possible backcountry tour, conditions permitting. Intermediate or better skiers, become acquainted with the SMS and demonstrate your skiing ability before participating in future outings. Overnight lodging. Reserve with sase and experience to Leader: KATHY CRANDALL. Asst: OWEN MALOY.

FEB 8-9 SAT-SUN SKI MOUNTAINEERS
T: Avalanche Course and Snowcamp: Join us for two days of learning about avalanche safety with the professional instructor, NORM WILSON. This is an outdoors training experience coupled with skiing and snowcamping in the Eastern Sierra Nevada. Metal edged skis, skins, a course fee, and intermediate or better skiing abilities are reqd. Reserve with sase to Leader: REINER STENZEL. Asst: NANCY GORDON.

FEB 15-17 SAT-MON SKI MOUNTAINEERS
T: Pear Lake - Sequoia NP: If there is a backcountry ski heaven, this is it! Backpack and ski 6 mi, 2300' gain to stay in hut (or snowcamp) at Pear Lake. Strong intermediate XC ability and metal-edged skis with skins reqd. Reserve with sase and experience to Leader: GREG JORDAN. Asst: PETE MATULAVICH.

FEB 22-23 SAT-SUN SKI MOUNTAINEERS
T: Snowshelter Course: Join us for a weekend in the Sierra Nevada to learn wilderness survival techniques. Sat we build igloos and Snowcaves. Sun we ski and practice navigation techniques for whiteout conditions, and review avalanche rescue. Bring snowsaw and shovel, no tents, transceivers, metal-edged skis, and skins. Intermediate or better skiing abilities are reqd. Reserve with sase to Leader: REINER STENZEL. Asst: HOWARD SCHULTZ.

FEB 29-MAR 1 SAT-SUN SKI MOUNTAINEERS
T: Telemark Ski Racing: Stay at Keller Hut Fri & Sat nights. Fine tune your telemark turns as we compete on a groomed race course at Snow Valley Ski Resort on Sat. Video tape and potluck dinner Sat Evening. Sun tour or downhill practice. Metal edged skis and previous skiing experience reqd. Reserve with a check payable to SMS for \$55 (hut fee. Lift ticket, race course fee) and sase to Leader: NANCY GORDON. Asst: PAUL HARRIS

FEB 29-MAR 1 SAT-SUN SKI MOUNTAINEERS

T: Nordic Holiday Races - Yosemite Car Camp: More than just a race - this is a do-it-all ski weekend. Sat start with a 15 km race, followed by free tele skiing and party at Badger Pass. Sun tour to Dewey Pt for a spectacular view of the valley. Leader: GERRY HOLLEMAN. Asst: PAT HOLLEMAN.

MAR 7-8 SAT-SUN SKI MOUNTAINEERS - ALPINE SKI MOUNTAINEERS

T: Mt Baldy, San Antonio Hut: Before lifts and condos, the Baldy Bowl was the best skiing in S. Calif. It still is. Come and ski the famous slopes and stay in the equally renowned San Antonio Hut . 2.5 mi, 2200- to hut. Metal edges, skins, and strong intermediate skiing abilities reqd. Send sase to Leader: NANCY GORDON. Asst: MARCIA MALE.

MAR 14-15 SAT-SUN SKI MOUNTAINEERS

T: Patriarch Grove - White Mountains: Ski and snowcamp among bristlecones in remote wilderness, snow conditions permitting. Intermediate or better skiers, metal edges, and stamina reqd. Send sase to Leader: REINER STENZEL. Asst: GREG JORDAN.

MAR 21-22 SAT-SUN ASMC-SKI MOUNTAINEERS

T: Jump Turn Clinic - Local Ski Resort: Learn advanced telemark techniques for steep terrain. Reserve a place with a \$10 check to leader. Lift ticket separate. Leader: CRAIG DOSTIE. Asst: DAN DOMANCICH.

MAR 28-29 SAT-SUN SKI MOUNTAINEERS

T: Telescope Peak -Death Valley: Sat ski/hike up to Rogers Pk and snow camp (3 mi, 3000' gain). Sun climb and ski Telescope Pk (11,0491), snow conditions permitting. Metal edged skis with skins reqd. Send sase to Leader: SCOT JAMISON. Asst: REINER STENZEL.

MAR 26-29 THUR-SUN SKI MOUNTAINEERS

T: Clark Range Exploratory: Entering via Ostrander Hut, Yosemite, we will explore slopes and bowls near Mt Clark. Metal edges, skins, avalanche beacons, and very strong skiing abilities reqd. Send sase to Leader: MARCIA MALE. Asst: NANCY GORDON.

APR 4-5 SAT-SUN SKI MOUNTAINEERS

T: Mammoth Lakes Touring: Join us for a weekend of telemarking in the TJ Bowl and other areas around Mammoth Lks. Metal edges, skins, and intermediate or better skiing abilities reqd. Send sase to Leader: OWEN MALOY. Asst: NANCY GORDON.

APR 11-12 SAT-SUN SKI MOUNTAINEERS

T: McGee Canyon: Come and ski the beautiful canyon South of McGee Mtn. Metal edges, skins, and intermediate or better skiing abilities reqd. Send sase to Leader: SCOT JAMISON. Asst: MARCIA MALE.

APR 11-12 SAT-SUN SKI MOUNTAINEERS

T: Ski Mountaineers Pk: Come and bag the peak that bears the name of our ski section. Strong intermediate or better skiers. Skins and metal edges reqd. Send sase to Leader: GERRY HOLLEMAN. Asst: PAUL HARRIS.

APR 25-26 SAT-SUN SKI MOUNTAINEERS

T: Onion Valley: Satski or hike to lower lakes on Kearsarge Pass trail and snow camp (2mi, 1500'gain). Sun ski to Kearsarge Pass. Avalanche beacons, shovels, skins, and metal edges reqd. Leader: HOWARD SCHULTZ. Asst: NANCY GORDON.

MAY 2-3 SAT-SUN SKI MOUNTAINEERS

T: Lamarck col: moderate, skipack to Grass Lke. Ski local terrain or ascend to Lamarck Col for several thousand feet of great downhill. Intermediate or better skiers, metal edges and skins reqd. Reserve with sase to Leader: EDDIE NUNEZ. Asst: DON PIES.

MAY 9-10 SAT-SUN SKI MOUNTAINEERS

T: Piute Pass: Moderate skipack to snowcamp near Loch Leven (3 mi, 1100'). Ski to Piute pass and explore Humphrey's Basin. Metal edges and skins reqd. Reserve with sase, experience, and phones to Leader: SCOT JAMISON. Asst: MARCIA MALE.

MAY 16-17 SAT-SUN SKI MOUNTAINEERS - ASMC

T: San Joaquin Mtn, Carson Pk: Sat climb and ski San Joaquin. Sun, for expert skiers only, ski the steep slopes of Carson Pk. Metal edges, skins, and strong skiing abilities reqd. Reserve with sase, experience and phones to Leader: EDDIE NUNEZ. Asst: NANCY GORDON.

MAY 22-25 FRI-MON SKI MOUNTAINEERS

T: Mt Ritter - Thousand Island Lke: Enjoy a long weekend skiing in the beautiful Ritter range. Metal edges, skins, and intermediate or better skiing abilities reqd. Reserve with sase, experience and phones to Leader: REINER STENZEL. Asst: OWEN MALOY.

MAY 30-31 SAT-SUN SKI MOUNTAINEERS

T: Mt Conness - Saddlebag Lke: Last chance for skiing corn snow this year. Car camp or snowcamp depending on road opening. Intermediate or better skiers, metal edges and skins reqd. Reserve with sase and experience to Leader: HOWARD SCHULTZ. Asst: REINER STENZEL.



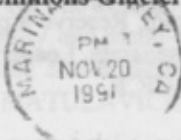
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