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### Mt Dana Summer Solstice Weekend

By the time we reached Bishop, it was clear that the extended ski season of '95 had brought us well into the windshield bug decorating season. Planning a trip for June 24th & 25th was no guarantee against new storms for our party of Walt Boge, Nancy Gordon, Gerry and Pat Holleman, Owen Maloy, Joe McCoy, Don Pies and Reiner Stenzel. Soured ski trips had been reported throughout June since new storm systems kept killing the Sierra corn crop. This weekend was different, the air was still, skies were blue and the corn was ripe over these longest days of the year.

The road was open to the Tuolumme Meadows but nately, an avalanche fatally operator the previous week plow cut through deep snow and essentially performed a test. Also joining our group Carol and her dog from snow allowed us to skin all the 13,053 ft summit. We to peek over the north-with cornices, and here pruthese car sized blocks took north face that afternoon. Tahoe joined us for a lazy



Mt Dana trailhead in closed beyond. Unfortu-buried a snowplow near Olmstead Point. The resting on the rock slabs mega snow-shovel shear were Ruth from Tahoe and Mammoth. Continuous the way up the west face to had to avoid the temptation west ridge which was lined dence paid off when one of a tumble and ripped up the Three more skiers from lunch hour on the summit.

Most of the group returned ascent route. Nancy, Reiner, myself and the Tahoe crew dropped down the east ridge and then into the north facing Dana Couloir. This is a perfect run for those wanting a taste of the steeps without having to be a high angle chute skier. The entrance is gentle, the angle is sustained at 38 degrees for several hundred feet, the run moderately wide and the runout open. We hit unconsolidated muck most of the way down but Reiner showed us that even bad snow can be skied well. A tour across the Dana Plateau brought us to the top of Ellery Bowl. The standard line of descent was capped by broken RV sized cornices with fresh fracture areas. An optional line was down 50 plus degrees through the rocks. We choose to chicken-out and head back the way we came. An extended social hour at the cars followed by one of Joe's great meal creations concluded a long but excellent day of ski mountaineering.

on great snow along the

Reiner headed off to Mt Conness on Sunday while the rest of us were found heading up the Mammoth Lakes basin toward Blue Couloir. Friends from Lower Rock Creek and Lone Pine joined our tour over more premo corn. The couloir was a little soft but consolidated enough to be easily skied. A bit of fun tree skiing brought us all the way down to the roadhead on continuous snow. Even nearby Lake Mary was completely frozen over on this first weekend of summer. By early afternoon, several other tours were planned into July-are we spoiled or what!

Don Pies

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Date	Location	Leaders / Program
Oct 7-8	Baldy Hut, Work Party	Jerry Held (714)751-8805
Oct 14	Leadership Training Seminar	Alice Danta (714) 838-7102
Oct 21	SMS Potluck, Equip Swap	Andy Fried
Dec 9-10	Mammoth Ski Weekend/ Leader Training	Owen Maloy
Jan 6	Local Intro Tour	Paul Harris, Walt Bogie Asst.
Jan 13	XC Downhill Clinic	Howard Schultz
Jan 20	Mt San Jacinto	Ken Deemer, Pete Matulavich
Jan 26-28	SMS Training Camp	Res. Nonie DeSurra, Mark Goebel
Feb 3	Mt. San Jacinto	Reiner Stenzel
Feb 3-4	Mt. Baldy, San Antonio Hut	Ken Deemer, Mark Goebel
Feb 10-11	Snowshelter Course	Reiner Stenzel
Feb 11	San Jacinto Wilderness Race	Ken Deemer, Don Pies
Feb 17-19	Pear Lake Sequoia NP	Reiner Stenzel, Tom Marsh
Feb 23-25	XC Downhill Clinic	Nancy Gordon, Paul Harris
Mar 2	Mt. Pinos-Abel Traverse	Reiner Stenzel, Howard Schultz
Mar 9-10	Telescope Peak, Death Valley	Reiner Stenzel
Mar 16-17	Rock Creek	Reiner Stenzel

**Non SMS Trip ----- Orange County Sierra Singles Rock Creek Backcountry Hut Ski Camp March 8-10**

Leader: Keith Martin (310)316-7617 Asst: Donna Specht (714)963-6345  
 5 mile 1500' gain ski to basecamp at hut with light packs. Snowmobile carries extra tents, food, cooking gear. Touring in Little Lakes Valley.

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Intermed or better skiers. Beacons recommended. Manditory premeeting Feb. 26 Cost incl. hut, snowmobile fee, 2 dinners, 2 happy hours, Send \$90 (\$100 non member) check payable OCSS with 2 large sase. H & W phone #, SC#, And Resume of Recent Experience to leader: Keith Martin: P.O. Box 864; Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274

**SMS Potluck and Equip Swap--- Sat. Oct 21, 5-9 PM 9218 Jellico Ave. Northridge. A-G Salad, H-R Main Course, S-Z Dessert. (818)993-1891**

## Important Dates to Remember:

Oct 7-8 SAT-SUN Baldy Hut (San Antonio Ski Hut) Work Party: Everyone welcome! Meet 8 am Sat by locked gate to help carry supplies. Dinner reserv recommended. The SMS needs your help in maintaining this well used facility in our favorite local ski paradise. You can volunteer for one day or both days. Any help is welcome! Phone or write Jerry Held, (714)-751-8805.

Oct 14 SAT Leadership Training Seminar  
Become a qualified SC leader! Candidates must be current, paid up Sierra Club members, have participated in at least five Sierra Club hikes or trips, and have the technical skill appropriate to the desired level. Leader candidates may obtain enrollment information and application by sending a large self-addressed envelope to the Registrar, Alice Danta, 17561 Medford Ave, Tustin 92680-1950, 714-838-7102. An application sheet and information sheet with an explanation of ratings and answers to most commonly asked questions will be mailed to you in the sase. Deadline for receipt of completed application is Oct 7. No registration after this date or at door. Next seminar: Apr 1996. The Ski Mountaineers encourage all active members who are not currently leaders to enroll in the Leadership Training Seminar. The seminar provides trainees with the knowledge essential to sound leadership of Angeles Chapter outings. Any questions you have about this fine program, please direct them to any of the SMS Leaders listed in the Mugelnoos.

Oct 21 Sat 5:00-9:00 PM SMS Annual Potluck  
Kick off the 95-95 ski season at our annual pre ski fest which combines a potluck, equipment swap, and trip planning meeting. Clean out the garage of all that skiing, climbing, and camping gear that's ready to find a new home. We've seen lots of great gear get recycled into new happy homes for another season.

Where: at the home of Andy Fried, 9218 Jellico Ave, Northridge

Directions: Exit 405 Freeway ant Nordhoff St.  
Drive west to White Oak Ave (3-4 Mi)  
Turn r. on White Oak Ave  
Turn r. on Prairie Ave  
Turn r. on Jellico Ave

What to bring. A-G Salad H-R Main Course  
S-Z Dessert  
Drinks are available or bring your favorite.

DEC 9-10 SAT-SUN  
Mammoth Ski Weekend/Leader Training: Review procedures, training, and safety for SMS trips. Resort skiing and/or backcountry tour depending on cond. SMS members with 0 or higher leader rating. Send sase to Leader: OWEN MALOY. Asst: ANDY FRIED.

JAN 6 SAT  
Local Intro Tour: Tour local mtns, conditions permitting. Intermed or better skiers. Become acquainted with SMS; demonstrate your skiing ability before participating in future outings. For addl info see SMS writeup or contact Leader: PAUL HARRIS. Asst: WALT BOGE.

JAN 13 SAT  
Cross-country Downhill Clinic: We will teach XC-downhill techniques, Telemark and alpine turns. Clinic in local mtns designed for skiers with prev exper. Metal-edge telemark skis req. Send sase, skiing ability, \$15 (SMS) to Leader: HOWARD SCHULTZ. Asst: TBA.

JAN 20 SAT  
Mt San Jacinto. Advanced local tour. Join us for ski tour to San Jacinto Pk. Ride tram to Long Vly, ascend pk (4 mi, 2500' gain). Limited to strong, intermed skiers w/basic tele, skins, and metal edges. Send sase/ exper to Leader: KEN DEEMER. Asst: PETEMATULAVICH.

JAN 26-28 FRI-SUN  
Ski Mineers Training Camp: Become acquainted with the SMS. Stay Keller Hut in San Bernardino Mtns. Sat learn or improve XC downhill skills at nearby Snow Vly Ski Resort. Sun downhill practice. Metal-edged XC skis and prev skiing exper reqd. Fee incl hut, ski instruction Sat, 1 lift ticket, Sat dinner. Send 2 lg sase, exper, rideshare info, \$75 check (SMS) to Reserv: NONIE DESURRA. Leader: MARK GOEBEL. Asst: PAUL HARRIS.

FEB 3 SAT  
Mt San Jacinto. Advanced local tour. See Jan 20 write up. Leader: REINER STENZEL. Asst: HOWARD SCHULTZ

FEB 3-4 SAT-SUN  
Mt Baldy. San Antonio Hut Members receive priority on this favorite ski adventure. Walk to hut (2200', 2.5 mi). Skiing above is steep and challenging. Metal edged skis, probe poles, shovel, avalanche transceiver or cord reqd. Send sase, exper, H & W phones, \$10 check (SMS) hut fee. Leader: KEN DEEMER. Asst: MARK GOEBEL.

FEB 11 SUN  
San Jacinto Tour and Wilderness Race: Come take the Palm Springs Tram for the start of this classic Southern Calif tour to Tamarack Valley and on to the summit of Mt San Jacinto. If conditions are right, we'll have a "for fun" race up and down San Jacinto (serious racers need not apply). Send sase, exper, H&W phones to Leader: KEN DEEMER. Asst: DON PIES.

FEB 17-19 SAT-MON  
Pear Lake, Sequoia NP: If there is a backcountry ski heaven, this is it! Backpack/ski 6 mi, 2300' gain, stay in hut at Pear Lk. Strong intermed XC ability, metal-edged skis, skins, avalanche beacons, shovels reqd. Send sase/exper to Leader: REINER STENZEL. Asst: TOM MARSH.



FEB 10-11 SAT-SUN

Snow shelter Course: join us for a weekend of wilderness survival techniques. Sat build igloos/snowcaves. Sun ski and practice navigation techniques for white-out cond; review avalanche rescue. No tents. Bring snow saw, shovel, avalanche transceivers, metal-edged skis, and skins. Intermed or better skiing ability reqd. Send sase/exper to Leader: REINER STENZEL. Asst: HOWARD SCHULTZ.

FEB 23-25 FRI-SUN

Cross-country Down hill Clinic: Stay at Keller Hut Fri & Sat nights. Sat fine tune your telemark turns skiing at Snow Valley Ski Resort. Sun down- hill practice option. Metal edged skis, prev skiing exper reqd. Fee incl hut, instruction, 1 lift ticket, Sat dinner. Send 2 lg sase, exper, rideshare info, chk for \$70 (SMS) to Leader: NANCY GORDON. Asst: PAUL HARRIS.

MAR 02 SAT

Mt Pinos-Abet Traverse. Advanced Local Tour: Local tour in San Rafael Mtns. Start at Mt Pinos, ski via Sawmill to Mt Abel, 15 mi, 1500' gain. Car shuttle involved. Intermed or better

skiers with metal edges, skins req. Send sase w/exper, rideshare info to Leader: REINER STENZEL. Asst: HOWARD SCHULTZ.

MAR 09-10 SAT-SUN

Telescope Peak. Death Valley: Ski this 11,049' DPS emblem peak commanding magnificent vistas. Sharpened metal edged skis, skins, intermed or better ski ability reqd. Send sase w/ exper, rideshare info to Leader: REINER STENZEL. Asst: TBA.

MAR 16-17 SAT-SUN

Rock Creek. Mosquito Flats Yurt Day ski in magnificent Little Lakes Valley while staying in cozy yurt. Metal edged skis, probe poles, shovel, avalanche transceiver or cord reqd. Reserve with sase, exper, rideshare info to Leader: REINER STENZEL. Asst: TBA.

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