

MUGELNOOS

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SMS SNOW SHELTER COURSE

Jan 31-Feb 1, 1998, Mt Baldy by Reiner Stenzel

A winter storm was forecast for this weekend. From a large applicant pool five hardy souls showed up on Sat, 8am, at Manker Flats on the Mt Baldy Road. These were Keith Martin, Dan Brosnahan, Bahram Manahedgi, Ken Kerner, and myself. The intention was to spend comfortably a stormy winter night in the mountains without tents. And so we did.

At 8:30 am we hiked up the road/trail to the San Antonio Hut. Continuous snow coverage started above 8,000' in the Bowl. However, the snow was frozen solid. Our goal was to ascend the West ridge above the Bowl where there are flat areas to build igloos. The ascent was dicey, requiring a long gentle climb, no turns, firm edging, and strong nerves to avoid a disastrous fall. Ken took a relatively short one and decided to sign out. By 1:30 pm we found a nice plateau on the ridge (9,000') and started to construct two igloos. This involved cutting blocks and stacking them in an inclined spiral to produce a dome. Only the top 1 foot of snow was consolidated enough for cutting blocks, below was loose powder. While the clouds were rolling in we worked hard to build our shelters. After several hours the roof was closed, a covered entrance was completed, and we were ready for any weather. Dinner was at 6 pm during a light snowfall. Dining was in style: fondue, wine, fresh herbs, strawberries, chocolate, etc. Finally, the cold wind drove us into our igloos where it was quiet and 10 degrees warmer than outside. We lit up candles and settled down for a long night. All night long the wind was blowing through the trees and it snowed intermittently. An unavoidable nature call proved the comfort of our shelters.

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Date	Location	Leaders / Program
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Mar 28-29 Tl:	Mt. San Jacinto- Intro Tour	Leader: Ken Deemer, Asst: Pete Matulavich
April 4-5 Sat-Sun	C: Mammoth / June Downhill ski practice	Ldr: Owen Maloy
April 11-15 Tl:	Sat-Wed Mammoth -Lee Vining	Ldr: Joe McGuire, Asst: Tom Marsh
April 18-19 Tl:	Onion Valley-Sardine Can.	Ldr: Don Ples, Asst: Ken Deemer
May 1-7 Fri-Tue	Tl: Mt Williamson-Mt Whitney Crest	Ldr: Reiner Stenzel, Asst: Ken Deemer
May 2-3 Sat-Sun	Tl: Mt. Wood,	Ldr: Mark Goebel, Asst: Dan Richter
May 9-10 Tl:	Onion Valley	Ldr: Keith Martin, Asst: Owen Maloy
May 9-10 Sat-Sun	Tl: Lamarck Col:	Leader: Lawrence Pallant, Asst: Tom Marsh.
May 9-10 Sp3/SMS	Tl: Morrison & Baldwin	co-ldrs: Scott Jamison, L Tidball Res. Barbee Tidball
May 16-17	Ski Mountaineers Pk,	Ldr Gerry Holleman, Asst: Paul Harris
May 23-25	Sawtooth Ridge Ski Camp	Leader: Reiner Stenzel, Asst: G Holleman
May 23-25	Tloga & Sonora Pass Ski Camp	Ldr: K Martin Asst: O. Maloy
Jun 13-16	Sat-Tues Northern Ski Advent.	Ldr: Nancy Gordon, Asst: O. Maloy

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 May 19 Brad Jensen----- Spring 97 Ski Ascent of Denali

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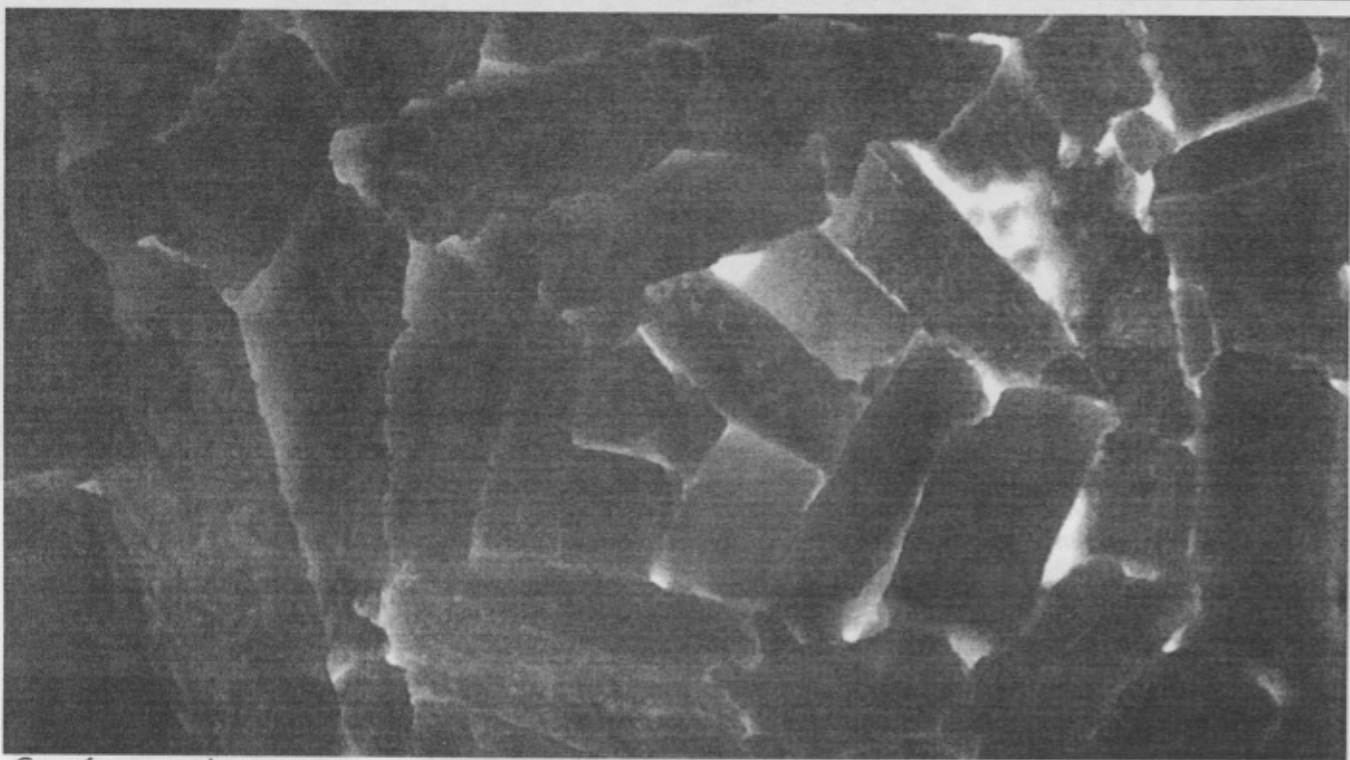
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There was a dark red sunrise next morning. Soon thereafter the clouds moved in again. We had an outdoors breakfast in the snow kitchen and then discussed the options: Keith had to get home early, the rest wanted to ski Mt Baldy. Thus, we mutually agreed to sign out and ski in different directions. Keith carefully hiked down the steep frozen slope following footsteps in the forest. Three of us climbed up the ridge where the snow was intermittent and crusty. Dan was better off with his crampons. Higher up there were nice patches of fresh powder. Above the tree line a ferocious wind was blowing. On the summit (10,064') there were at least 50 mph gusts. A mass of clouds was rolling in from the Northwest, a precursor of the next real el-nino storm. Bahram and I enjoyed our ski run down. By 12:30 pm we were back at "home", ate lunch, packed and were ready to ski down when the whiteout moved in. Bahram skied down in the forest, I took my chances to ski down the Bowl just following the fall line in a uniform white environment. Tricky skiing with a full pack. We met near the hut. After a short break we hiked down the trail in gloomy fog. Back at the cars (3:30 pm) I found a note from Keith that he had made it out fine. He even found his waterbottle which slid down the Bowl the day before, a small consolation for his other losses, torn pants and a burn hole in the sleeping bag. Ken, too, had his adventures. He built a snow trench in the lower Bowl to spend the night, but was scared away by a nearby rockslide which sent footballs tumbling down the Bowl. We all had an exciting weekend. Thanks for Keith's assistance in leading the trip.

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HISTORICAL SMS FILMS NOW AVAILABLE ON VIDEO

Mark Goebel

Back in the early 1960's, former SMS member Walt Davie (now on the Baldy Hut Committee) carried a movie camera and filmed Section ski tours to Pear Lake, San Gorgonio, and the eastern Sierra. That color footage remained in the can for ten years until John Wedberg and Pete White put the pieces together and created a 20 minute silent film, titled WHITE HORIZONS. It was shown at a few Section meetings, and I last recall seeing it at the SMS/RCS 50th Anniversary celebration at Harwood in 1984. Then in 1994, I had the idea of transferring the film to video to reserve and make it more available for viewing. When I received the 16mm film from Walt, also in the box were some small spools of film marked "Walter Mosauer skiing in San Antonio Canyon, 1932". Was I ever surprised and excited! What a find, Dr. Mosauer was considered the father of alpine skiing in Southern California, and also was the Section's founder. With a good deal of professional help and advice from SMS member Pete Matulavich through out this project, both films were first transferred to a master tape by a post production company in Hollywood. Then, last summer I asked Walt Davie to narrate WHITE HORIZONS; and Glen Dawson to narrate the Mosauer film in which he also appears. This was accomplished again with Pete's help, as well as adding background music and opening titles to complete the project. Viewers will enjoy seeing the styles and equipment of the 1960s, with lot of good action scenes in WHITE HORIZONS; and the only known footage of Walter Mosauer as he demonstrates skiing to his students. If you would like a copy, now is the time to order so we can have a sufficient number

produced. Just send a check for \$10.00, payable to SMS, to: Mark Goebel, 9522 Innsbruck Dr., Huntington Beach, CA 92646, along with your mailing address, and the video will soon be arriving in your mailbox.

MT. WATERMAN TOUR - FEBRUARY 7, 1998

Mark Goebel

In addition to the leaders, Mark Goebel and Pete Matulavich, six participants: Mad Doody, Paul Harris, Tony Bird, Bahram Manahedgi, David Baron and Ron Geiger attended on a day between storms, and just hours before the next big El Nino blast would sweep over the southland mountains. At the start of the week we were wondering if there would be enough snow, but the first of many February storms gave us plenty of snow, and it was mostly a packed powder surface.

We toured up the traditional east ridge route under a thick cloud layer with a light mist falling. Although we were out of the wind, a loud roar similar to crashing ocean waves could be heard coming up the south slopes throughout the day. Upon reaching the high point prior to the summit we paused to eat and then decided to turn around while visibility was still good. We had an enjoyable ski down through the always challenging woods and returned along our up trail until we reached the Whittier Club's rope tow. We then skinned up and toured east along the up and down crest of the ridge until we were at the top of an early days ski slope. By this time the clouds had lowered, and a slight crust had formed due to the dropping temperature. But even with poor visibility, all hands successfully turned their way quickly down the final six hundred feet to the Angeles Crest, and considered ourselves lucky to have enjoyed a fun day in the mountains before a pending storm.



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