

San Antonio Ski Hut's 70th Anniversary Celebration
By Mark Goebel

Seventy years is a long time for a little hut to survive in the harsh, alpine climate on Mt. San Antonio (Baldy) at 8200'. With every board and nail carried up on someone's back, the Hut built by the Ski Mountaineers in 1936, and rebuilt in 1937 after it burned, has survived violent winds, floods, avalanches, forest fire, and vandalism. Still a popular destination year round, the Hut exists today because over the years there has been a dedicated cadre of individuals seeing to its repair and maintenance.

On August 12th, sixty-one friends-of- on a warm afternoon at Harwood anniversary. Current Hut Chair, Gil nator, Bahram Manahedgi provided followed by historical stories about the Halley, and John Wedberg.

Glen, now 93, a founding member of father, then president of the Sierra Sierra Club as its third Section, thus Service building permit for the Hut. the challenge of carrying 12-foot to the building site. John, who has spoke of his involvement with the Hut how he has seen the number of hikers cally over the years. John with his also entertained the gathering with



the-Hut, young and old, gathered Lodge to celebrate the Hut's 70th Estrada, and Work Party Coordi- initial remarks and introductions, Hut told by Glen Dawson, Bud

the Ski Mountaineers, told how his Club, invited the skiers to join the enabling them to obtain a Forest Bud, now in his eighties, described boards and heavy bags of nails up hiked to the Hut over 700 times, beginning in the early 1950s, and on the Hut trail increase dramati- ensemble "For the Love of Swing" their music.

Other attendees included: Jim Powers, years, now residing in Arizona; and Walt Davie, who installed the Hut's solar powered lighting system, and videoed the anniversary celebration.

former Hut manager for many

Following dinner, Reiner Stenzel projected a collection of historical photographs of the Hut, and Wolfgang Lert's delightful 1936 film, "The Original Mugelhupf Movie", showing Wolfgang and other Ski Mountaineer members hiking to the Hut and skiing on Mt Baldy. Bahram Manahedgi than staged an energetic and well received auction.

The Hut's 70th anniversary also marks the beginning of fund raising to replace the Hut's ageing roof. Many individual donations have been received, including outdoor gear donated by Adventure-16 that was auctioned at the Hut celebration. Additional funds are still needed. Any Angeles Chapter Groups or Sections making a donation will receive a gift certificate for a free scheduled weekend stay at the Hut for their members. Please send donations payable & addressed to: Sierra Club - San Antonio Account, P.O. Box 641145, Los Angeles, CA 90064. For ques- tions or additional information, contact Bahram Manahedgi at Bahram3@earthlink.net.

The San Antonio Ski Hut drawing above was drawn in the 1950's by Ottmar Goebel, SMS member Mark Goebel's father.

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EDITOR'S NOTES

Due to my slow learning curve as Editor (and Publisher) I wasn't able to get an issue out in January. I am now getting my act together. We will have issues published in March and April. Thanks for your patience and continued support of Mugelnoos.

NEXT ISSUE

The March issue deadline is March 10, 2007. All letters, photos, slides, or articles should be sent to Mugelnoos editor, John Anderson, 21717 Evalyn Avenue, Torrance, CA 90503. Materials can be sent by IBM disc or e-mailed to jay-deeay@yahoo.com. Electronic photos and articles are preferred and appreciated.

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Calendar of Events

All trips sponsored Ski Mountaineers unless otherwise indicated.

Mar 10 Sat I (Orange County Sierra Singles, Ski Mountaineers) Mt Pinos Backcountry Ski Tour: Moderately strenuous 4 mi, 500' gain to panoramic vista. Ski from end of Mt Pinos Hwy to summit at Condor Pt. Possible side trips to Inspiration Pt, other destinations or just playing may add a few miles and several hundred feet elevation gain. May ski lower on mountain if conditions warrant. Part of route may be in pre-existing tracks, but recent snowfall, rutted trail or aesthetics may require breaking new trail. Intermediate xc skills required and metal-edged backcountry skis and backcountry boots highly recommended. Email/phone with experience/conditioning to Leaders: Ldr: Mark Mitchell. Co-Ldr: Keith Martin

Mar 10-11 Sat-Sun TI: Ski Where the Best Snow Is: Ski tour to local mountains, the Sierra or desert peaks, where the snow conditions are the best. Typical destinations are Baldy, Gorgonio, Jacinto, cl 2 Sierra Peaks, White Mtns or Panamints. Location depends on road and snow conditions. Snow camping or car camping. Bring backcountry ski and camping gear. Intermediate to better skiing abilities required. Send experience, contact info, ride share info to Ldr. Reiner Stenzel. Asst: tbd

Mar 10 Sat I (Orange County Sierra Singles, Ski Mountaineers): Mt. Pinos Backcountry Ski Tour: Moderately strenuous 4+ mile, 500' gain to panoramic vista. Ski from end of Mt Pinos Highway to summit at Condor Point. Possible side trips to Inspiration Point, other destinations, or just playing may add a few miles + a few 100 feet elevation loss & gain. May ski lower on mountain if conditions warrant. Part of route may be in pre-existing tracks, but recent snowfall, rutted trail, or aesthetics may require breaking new trail. Intermediate X-C skills required & metal-edged, backcountry skis & backcountry boots highly recommended. Bring winter clothing, water, lunch. No snow or likely blizzard cancel trip. Send e-mail or phone leader w/ experience level/conditioning for trip details in the 2 weeks before trip. Ldr: Mark Mitchell, Co-Ldr: Keith Martin

March 10-11 Sat-Sun TI: San Gorgonio Area Snow camp: Spend two days camping near and skiing the chutes and bowls around San Gorgonio, Mt Jepson, Mt Charlton, Mt Anderson, Mt Shields. The terrain is intermediate to advanced and anyone who is intermediate or better who wants to come to photograph is welcome. Ldr: Alvin Walter Asst.: tbd

Mar 20 Tues Ski Mountaineers Monthly Meeting. Meet your ski friends, discuss trips and be entertained by a slide/video program. Newcomers welcome. 7:30 pm Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium, 4730 Crystal Springs Drive, Los Angeles.

Mar 29 - Apr 1 Thu-Sun M: (Ski Mountaineers, SPS) Mt. Lyell (13,114'), Mt. McClure (12,880'): Join us on a challenging winter climb of these classic Sierra peaks as we ascend the second largest glacier in the Sierra. Emblem celebrations will no doubt ensue! Skis and snowshoes welcome. Must have excellent snow camping skills, comfort on class 3-rock/steep snow, experience with ice-ax and crampons and travel on avalanche terrain, and a positive attitude. Be prepared for strenuous days and cold nights: total 26+ mi, 8400' gain. Approach via Rush Creek and Donohue Pass. This is a restricted outing open

to all Sierra Club members. Please send an email w/ recent experience and conditioning, SC#, and completed Medical Form to Ldr: Jeff Dhungana. Co-Ldr: Reiner Stenzel

April 14-15 Sat-Sun TI: Sierra Day Tours: Ski to Cloud Ripper and Mt Goode from South Lake. Intermediate to advanced terrain. Ldr: Alvin Walter Asst.: tbd

Apr 17 Tues Ski Mountaineers. Monthly Meeting. Meet your ski friends, discuss trips and be entertained by a slide/video program. Newcomers welcome. 7:30 pm Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium, 4730 Crystal Springs Drive, Los Angeles.

Apr 21-22 Sat-Sun TI: Onion Valley Area ski tours: Ski (hopefully) on corn snow in the Eastern Sierra to Kearsarge Pass and Robinson Basin on day tours and car camp. Intermediate or better downhill skiing ability, metal edge skis with skins. Send experience, h/w phones, e-mail & addresses to Ldr: Mark Goebel. Asst Ldr: Tom Marsh

Apr 21-22 Sat-Sun TI: Ski Where the Best Snow Is: Ski tour to local mountains, the Sierra or desert peaks, where the snow conditions are the best. Location depends on road and snow conditions. Snow camping or car camping. Bring backcountry ski and camping gear. Intermediate to better skiing abilities required. Send experience, contact info, ride share info to Ldr. Reiner Stenzel. Asst: tbd

Apr 27-30 Thu-Mon TI: Middle Fork Bishop Creek: Ski up into drainage and make a base camp. Ski tours to places of interest, possibly including Mt. Wallace. Required metal edged skis with climbing skins, avy beacon, shovel, and snow camping gear. E-mail or call with experience, address and home phone to Ldr: Jim Crouch. Asst: Alvin Walter.

May 12-13 Sat-Sun TI: Rock Creek Introductory Ski Tour: Car camp, ski slopes of beautiful Little Lakes Valley and surrounding area. Intro SMS day tours aimed at intermediate or better skiers with some backcountry experience. Metal-edged skis & skins required. Send experience, contact, ride share info to Ldr: Mike Seiffert. Asst: Lorene Samoska

May 15 Tues Ski Mountaineers. Monthly Meeting. Meet your ski friends, discuss trips and be entertained by a slide/video program. Newcomers welcome. 7:30 pm Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium, 4730 Crystal Springs Drive, Los Angeles.

May 19-20 Sat-Sun TI: Ski Where the Best Snow Is: Ski tour to local mountains, the Sierra or desert peaks, where the snow conditions are the best. Location depends on road and snow conditions. Snow camping or car camping. Bring backcountry ski and camping gear. Intermediate to better skiing abilities required. Send experience, contact info, ride share info to Ldr. Reiner Stenzel. Asst.: tbd

June 2-3 Sat-Sun TI: Ski Where the Best Snow Is: Ski tour to local mountains, the Sierra or desert peaks, where the snow conditions are the best. Location depends on road and snow conditions. Snow camping or car camping. Bring backcountry ski and camping gear. Intermediate to better skiing abilities required. Send experience, contact info, ride share info to Ldr. Reiner Stenzel. Asst.: tbd



Chicken Wing from the cars...not much snow

Martin Luther King Weekend, Jan 12-15th, 2007

(Ski Mountaineering on the Rocks in the Condo Range)

By Lorene Samoska

Back in July, Tom Marsh asked my husband Mike Seiffert and me to be assistant leaders on an SMS weekend trip up to Mammoth, staying in a plushy condo with guaranteed powder snow in January. We sort of chuckled and said, "Sure, no problem," thinking "no-way" would there be powder snow anywhere in the Sierra by MLK weekend. Having returned from powder bound Jackson Hole after New Year's, we packed for the SMS trip, which included supplying breakfasts, dinners and beer for 12 people, not having any idea what to expect!

We were pleasantly surprised that our fearless leader Tom Marsh did indeed have the promised stash of soft fluffy powder in the Mammoth area, and were treated to the company of 11 other eager skiers for the weekend. Particularly nice was that this SMS trip was split nearly 50/50 women/men! I hope this is a trend that continues on future SMS outings!

The weather warned of a cold powder dump on Thursday followed by an arctic cold front which would sweep down through southern California for the entire weekend. Eleven participants were undaunted by the forecast and joined us for a truly memorable trip. These included Laura Lathrop, Carol Tucker, Kat Seiple, Karen McInnis, Jim and Debra DeRose, Bill Lutz, Mike Rector, Doug Owens, Juan Engelsen, David Bjerk, and Tom, Mike and myself.

On Friday night, many of us arrived early and some cooked and some ordered out for pizza after unpacking all of our supplies. Everyone signed up and pitched in for a chore on the trip – some laid out breakfasts, others cleaned up, some prepared Happy Hours, others dinner. Tom had the system well organized. Prep was generally easy, even for tired skiers, and everyone had plenty of food.

Saturday-Barney Lake and Skelton Lake Tour: not spring skiing!

A little noise was heard about getting on the trail at 8am the next day, even though the forecast was for low temperatures below -10F! However, this was quickly revised on Saturday when the outside thermometer seemed stuck at -20F. In the morning, SMS member Ken Kerner came by the condo to join us for the trip. One group headed out to Mammoth Mountain to try out the lifts in the fresh snow. The rest of us (Laura, Carol, the two Mikes, Tom, Dave, Bill and Ken) started at Tamarack and headed toward Barney Lake below Duck Pass as our

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SONORA PASS TO TWIN LAKES SKI TOUR

by Rich Henke

The amount of snow that fell in the late spring of 2006 set records. Storms had canceled three different tours during the months of April and May. However, we successfully rescheduled one of the trips for the first week of June. The route between Sonora Pass and Twin Lakes had lots of snow and was a stretch of the Sierra Crest that I had not skied. On 2 June 2006, Armando Menocal, Gus Benner, and I all converged at the west end of Twin Lakes. We arrived at different times, found a place to crash, and didn't meet up until morning for our four day ski tour.

DAY 1 – Sonora Pass (9,628 ft) to above Leavitt Lake (10,300 ft) – 5 Miles

At first light, we packed gear and ate breakfast at the Mono Village campground near the trailhead where we would finish our tour. We left Armando's truck in the parking lot (\$10 for 1-7 days) and drove Gus's car back through Bridgeport and on to Sonora Pass via Highway 108. We left my car in Bridgeport. The drifts at the pass were 10-15 feet high. Not bad for a June morning! There was roadside parking right at the pass. A big advantage of a late season start for this tour is that the road was open all the way to the pass. Earlier in the year, people must start further east on Highway 108 since the road is closed during the winter. By 9:15 am, we were skiing south on good snow cover. We had to cross several valleys and passes before Leavitt Lake appeared far below. Good corn led to the lake at 9,556 feet. We found a place to camp shortly below the pass just south of Leavitt Lake.

DAY 2 – To Dorothy Lake (9,400 feet) – 9 Miles

Another sunny, beautiful June day! Our crossing of Emigrant Pass seemed strange since it was the low point of the day. It is an East-West crossing of the Sierra Crest and we were skiing North to South. Near Bond Pass, we had to work our way through a heavy forest with lots of obstacles as we approached our camp by Dorothy Lake. We encountered the biggest snow runnels and sun cups I have ever seen. They were impossible to ski! When we got to the lake, we camped next to a big flat rock where we could sit and spread out our gear.

DAY 3 – To Peeler Lake (9,440 feet) – 8 miles

Today was the most interesting day of the tour. We skied to a pass between Helen Lake and Tower Lake. Tower Peak dominated the skyline. On the ridge to the north of Tower Peak is an imposing rock tower called Shaboom where Armando made the first climbing ascent about 25 years ago. The descent from this pass to Tower Lake was the best run of the tour. Lots of carved telemark and parallel turns covered the corn snow on the hillside after the descent. We passed by the north side of Tower and Shaboom peaks, traversed over several valleys and ridges and eventually reached the pass north of Hawkbeak Peak. Below us was Thompson Canyon, near the northern boundary of Yosemite National Park. After crossing one more ridge, Peeler Lake and an open stream could be seen below. The ski down was good up high but required a lot of maneuvering in the trees at the bottom. We headed for flat area near a big rock that we had seen from afar. The "open stream" turned out to be a 30-foot diameter hole with 8-foot vertical snow walls and a deep swift flowing stream at the bottom. Luckily, a smaller hole nearby was safer and water was obtained by clipping a water bottle to the end of a ski pole. It was amazing that there was this much snow at 9,500 feet in June. We had another pleasant camp using the big rock for sitting, eating, and drying out our gear. We were about 1 mile west of Peeler Lake.

DAY 4 – To Twin Lakes (7,092 feet) – 7 miles

A short ski got us to ice-covered Peeler Lake. We skied across the ice to a gap on the east side but found open water blocking us from the trail that led to Robinson Creek. We had to traverse a steep snow slope on the left side where a fall would have resulted in a very cold swim. This completed our skiing for the trip, as the descent on the hard icy snow worked better with boots. We soon ran out of snow cover, but easily found the standard summer trail. Shortly after reaching Robinson Creek, the trail crossed to the east side for a short distance. The stream was much too high to cross, so we bushwhacked on the left side for a while. We eventually reached Barney Lake and 4 miles later, the trailhead. We arrived at 2 p.m. where some of us watched a bear strolling through the campground and looking for goodies.

SUMMARY – Our total route covered about 29 miles. We used a 3-person Sierra Designs Stretch Dome tent, a hanging bluet stove system, and went very light. Our packs averaged 31 pounds at the start. I used my new Marmot

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Editors Note:

The Mugelnoos is probably the oldest continually published ski-related publication in the United States. Ruth Dyar Mendenhall managed the Mugelnoos for 40 years!! She wrote a letter to Mugelnoos in 1986 describing its origin. The 800th issue of Mugelnoos will be published in April.

Ruth Dyar Mendenhall (1912-1989)**Mugelnoos, June 1, 1986**

Dear Mugelnoos,

I hope a little history will encourage the Ski Mountaineers section to keep Mugelnoos, going in this period of transition caused by the Sierra Club's insurance problems. Mugelnoos #1 appeared on Jan. 29, 1938, as a newsheet for Ski Mountaineers only. It was the brain child of Glen Dawson, known as the Agent for Progress and Propaganda. It was an instant hit. Number 2 came out Feb. 2; #3 Feb. 9; #4, 5, and 6 very shortly. On March 15 a new member, Ruth Dyar (me) became editor with an enthusiastic staff. On that date too with #7, Mugelnoos, also became the official newsheet of the RCS. The addition was a natural, as the two sections had much the same membership. The sections' seasonal activities interlocked, but the Ski Mountaineers were busy in the summer too, building and financing ski huts, running work parties, and staging social events.

However, the early popularity of the Mugelnoos rested on other factors besides the news. Its cartoons, puns, and other forms of wit were attractions then as now. It was also unique, as being one of very earliest Club newsheets devoted to skiing and climbing in the entire country. For years the Ski Mountaineers treasurer handled the financial aspects. The publication was edited at two-week intervals by Ruth (she became a Mendenhall in 1939) until she and John left the L.A. area in the early 1940s. After that the paper came out monthly, with a different editor each month. When the Mendenhalls returned from John's war work as a structural and aircraft engineer, Ruth resumed her position as head of the Mugelnoos committee, but kept the system of revolving editors. She managed the Mugelnoos for 40 years, until she became editor of the American Alpine News in early 1978, and not long after moved to Seattle.

Partly due to the good example set by Mugelnoos, Sierra Club section newsheets, in L.A. and elsewhere, proliferated. If necessary, reorganization, new committees, new alliances, better scheduling, etc. may well solve the current problems. But surely a newsheet nearly 50 years old, which has done so much for two sections, can survive as in many past crises.

Long life and Ski Heil! Ruth D. Mendenhall

Note: The masthead above was hand drawn on mimeograph stencil each month for 50 years by the editor, at first Ruth Mendenhall and later by rotating editors. This practice ended when the Angeles Chapter asked us to please get rid of that old mimeograph machine because it was taking up too much space.

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Hydrogen bag, which weighs only 22 oz. Other than for the walk out at the end, we kept our skis on for an amazing amount of the time considering this was a June tour. Three 15-minute maps cover the route and are useful for "big picture" planning. They are Sonora Pass, Tower Peak, and Matterhorn Peak. We used printouts from the computer based Topo program to provide more detail. There are other ski options in the Twin Lakes area. From Peeler Lake, Twin Lakes can be reached by crossing Rock Island Pass and Mule Pass, and then descending Little Slide Canyon. This would be quite challenging, I think. Another simpler option is to cross Rock Island Pass and Burro Pass and descend Horse Canyon. I skied Horse Canyon on previous trips and it is a wonderful descent. And finally, you can

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destination for the day. Near Coldwater Camp, our group ran into Jim Garvey, Heiko Knapp, and friend Greg Sadowy. Jim and Heiko decided to join us for the climb, so our group had grown to 11. The temperatures were frigid as we continued the slog up the free groomed track to the Duck Pass trailhead.

As we turned into Coldwater Creek, the sun was hidden behind the ridge and the temps dropped another 10 degrees. Several people decided to make Skelton their turnaround point for the day. The rest of us continued up to Barney Lake, with a beautiful view of the Mammoth Crest all around us. We turned around at about 3 PM anticipating our powder run back down. Heiko decided to brave the cold temperatures and climbed Duck Pass to check out the snow conditions. The Barney group got in about 3 more turns than the folks who turned back at Skelton Lake, as even the skin track was slow going down with the fresh snow and cold temps. Finally we reached the tree run and whooped and hollered all the way down, making pretty turns around the trees in very nice powder conditions. Soon we were back at Coldwater and regrouped. We collected the rest on Lake Mary road and headed back to our "wilderness camp condo" for well-deserved appetizers and beer. It was a wonderful day of powder skiing and a great group to tour with. Back at the condo, hot tubbing was in order followed by a dinner of lasagna, salad, wine and dessert. Later that evening, Heiko & Greg stopped by to report that Duck Pass was a little thin.

Sunday-Chicken Wing Rock Dance

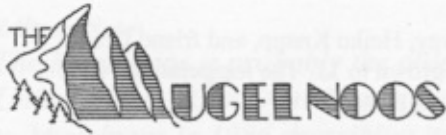
On Sunday, we decided to tour up to Chicken Wing (Peak 9801) west of Obsidian Dome off of the 395 near Deadman Summit. Our group consisted of Tom Marsh, Mike Seiffert, Jim DeRose, Jim Garvey, Dave Bjerk, Bill Lutz, Mike Rector and myself. The rest of the crew opted for either a rest or the ski area. At the Obsidian trailhead, it started to snow and you could barely make out Chicken Wing from the road. The snow was very thin and most of the sagebrush was exposed, but we decided that the climb of about 2000 feet would probably mean more powder up on top. We started out along the Obsidian Dome ski trail. Around 8500 feet we started our steep ascent (about 1300' in 1/2 mile) to the top of Chicken Wing. The snow coverage was a little thin near the bottom and we had to zig-zag our way around large fallen trees. Fortunately with a big group of enthusiastic guys, everyone got a chance to break trail in 6-12 inches of fresh Pow all the way to the top, and we arrived around 1PM on the summit. The clouds had parted and we enjoyed beautiful views of Mono Lake to the northeast, the backside of June Mountain to the west, and a bare, windswept White Wing (which should have been called Brown Wing) to the southwest. The top was cold with gusty winds, so we peeled skins, ready to eat powder, but discovered...rocks! After side-stepping my way back toward the skin track, the group caught up and we started making our way down fresh powder in the trees. But we had to be careful, as small bumps in the snow could hide more rocks, and a few of us scraped skis while trying to negotiate the slope. After a fun 1300' descent (made just a little more interesting avoiding rocks and downed tree logs), we reached the snow covered road by nearly 2PM. Tom, Mike Rector and Dave decided they needed a second helping of Chicken Wings, and we parted ways as Mike and I headed back to the cars with Bill and the two Jims.

Chicken Wing is a fun peak – usually good for some very nice powder turns in the trees. It is very convenient and has a short approach off of the 395. The entire tour took about 4-4.5 hours, and yo-yoing is a good option as there are lots of ways down.

The first group headed back to the condo for some needed refueling, as it was very hard to eat and drink enough on the trip due to the cold temperatures and constantly freezing water bottles. Even my peanut butter sandwich froze both days! In another hour or so, the second-helping crew returned and described their second run as a bit like Russian Roulette with Rocks. But, they all had big smiles on their faces and everyone had a great day out.

Happy Hour started around 3PM, followed by chicken enchiladas and pizza, then either bed or a late-night yoga session led by Kat and Carol.

On Monday, we divided up the remaining food and parted ways, some headed for a tour, others to Mammoth Mountain, and the rest to drive home early. This was a very memorable weekend with a terrific group of people! Special thanks to Tom Marsh for organizing and leading the trip, reserving the nice condo, and planning all of the food.



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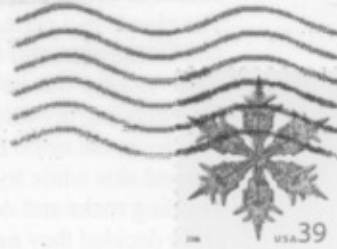
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