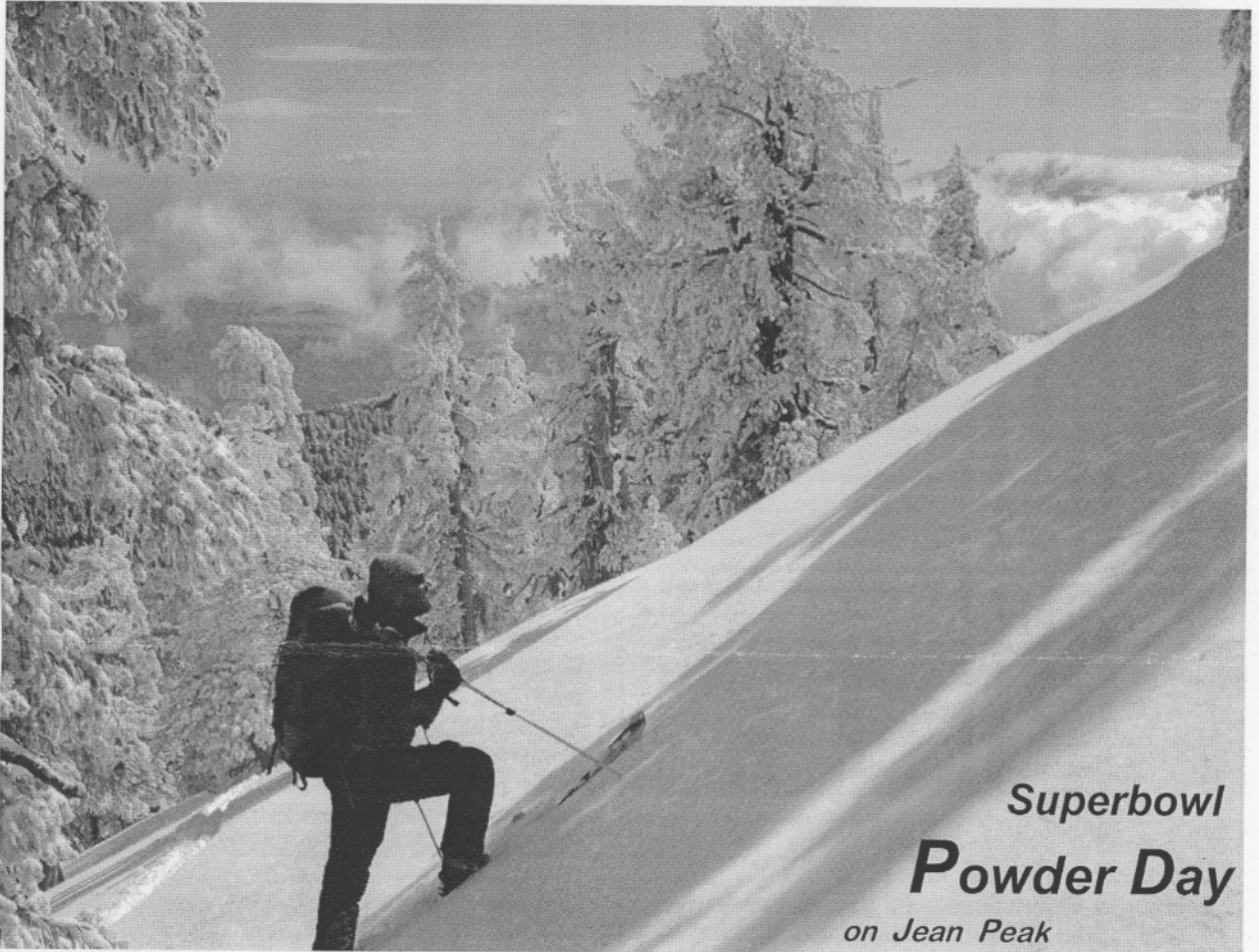


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*Superbowl
Powder Day
on Jean Peak*

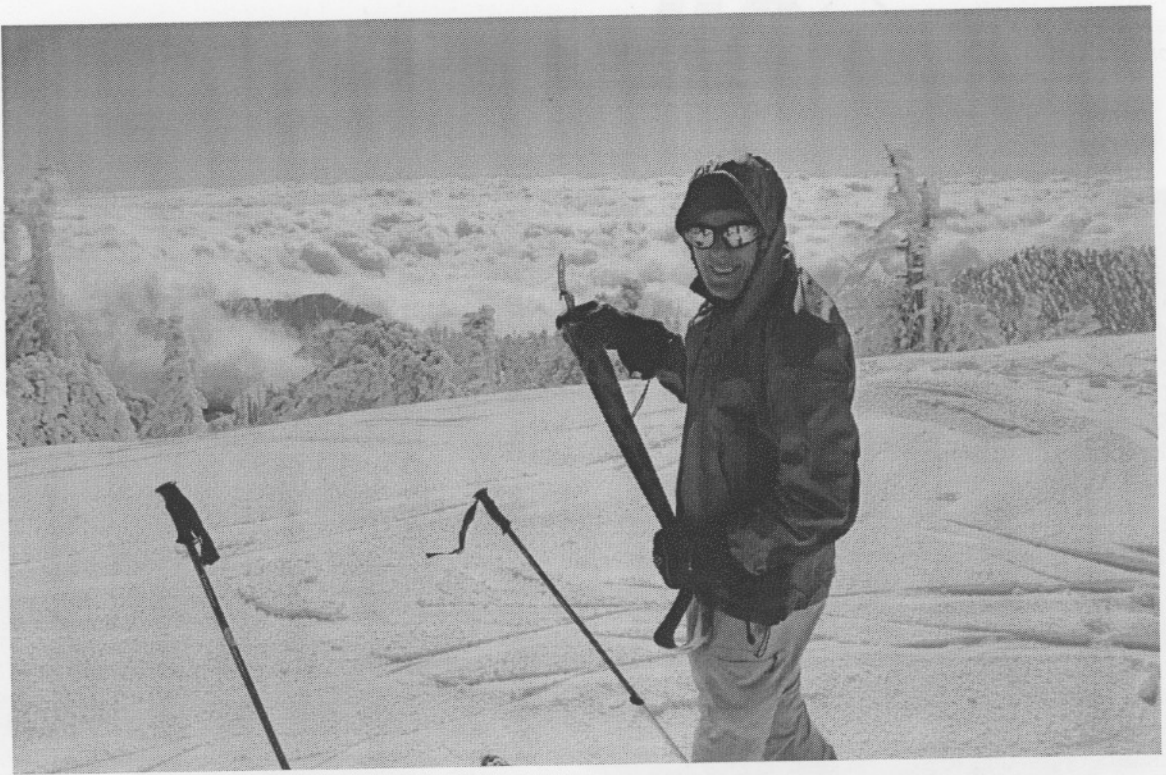
Trip Report by Mark Goebel

Through the doors of the Palm Springs Tramway's upper station, our group stepped out into a 20 degree winter wonderland. It was Superbowl Sunday, February 7th, 2010, and another snow producing El Nino storm was departing Southern California leaving behind over a foot of new snow over a deep base. Wind whipped clouds still swirled about the summit of Mt San Jacinto and its neighboring peaks, and the thick forest appeared ghostly in layers of ice and snow. Besides Jim Garvey and myself, our group included Jake and Katey Stoesz from San Diego, and Chris and Chris from Riverside. I had met Jake

Skier: Jacob Stoesz. Photo by Chris Amrhein.

the previous weekend while skiing on Mt Baldy, and we met the two Chris's on the tram ride up. After obtaining our permit at the ranger station, we quickly skinned up and were on our way via the Round Valley trail to the east side of Jean Peak, 10,670'. We figured that Jean's forested slopes would best preserve the new snow from the blasting wind that was roaring overhead as we skied through the forest. Straight line it is a little over 3 miles and 2000' gain from the ranger station to Jean's summit, with about 1500' of the gain coming after Round Valley.

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Mark Goebel on Jean Peak — Superbowl Sunday, February 7, 2010

Photo by Chris Amrhein

Descending snowshoers left us an easy trail to Round Valley, but from there we broke our own, changing leaders frequently. The summer ranger cabin in Round Valley was well buried in the deep snowpack along with the Manzanita and boulders that usually make for challenging travel in this area. Except for a brief standing break for some lunch, and to add clothing layers, we kept moving upward as the temperature moved downward. Finally the forest opened up, the slope angle eased, and we could see the summit which we were soon upon. Although the wind was no longer blasting, there was still a breeze that kept our summit time short. A deck of clouds extended to the horizon in most directions and locally we were surrounded by snowy peaks. What a grand view! Skins were stripped from skis, bindings clicked in, and after 2 turns off the top, I knew we were going to be treated to a rare

SoCal powder run. Especially rare it seems on San Jacinto where I have experienced mostly survival conditions. I guess timing and some luck is everything. Needless to say, we hooted and hollered our way down for about a 1000', turn after turn of nicely spaced tree skiing. A dessert so fine, four of us skinned most of the way back up for another helping. Our second run, equally fine, continued back to Round Valley where we picked up the trail and glided effortlessly most of the way down to Long Valley and the tram. The Superbowl kept the tram less crowded, so our wait for a descending tram was short and we were back to our cars by about 4:30pm. Soon Jim and I were driving back through the San Gorgonio Pass; we looked up at San Jacinto's snowy summit and reflected on what a special day we had experienced.

The message below was sent by email to the members of the SMS in early January. The print version travels more slowly.

Greetings and Happy New Year to all SMS Members

The new year brings changes and news (and hopefully glad tidings). The Ski Mountaineers is a viable section of the Sierra Club Angles Chapter with a varied listing of outings for this year, both club sanctioned and private. Be sure to check the SMS website for current and newly listed outings. Other activities and programs will also be posted on our site. Due to no programs and a lack of attendance the monthly meetings have been cancelled. Instead, there will be a general business and social membership meeting this season. Please contact me with any ideas or suggestions you have to make SMS the organization you would like it to be!

I have been talking to several AIARE instructors about providing a level one avalanche class for SMS members. We would need a least five people to sign up for a group discount. The class is three days split between classroom and field work for about \$300 and would be held in the Mammoth area. One instructor, Kurt Wedberg, would be willing to hold the class down here, perhaps at Harwood Lodge, with the fieldwork on Mt. Baldy; one concern is the potential lack of sufficient snow. SMS leaders are required to have avalanche safety training. If you plan to do the High Route (as listed as a private trip on our site) you should also take an avy course. If you are seriously interested, please let me know by January 20th and I will proceed with making arrangements and locking in the price and dates. The same holds true for anyone interested in a level 2 class.

I am pleased to announce that Jake Faller has accepted the position of Mugelnoos Editor, following John Anderson who did a great job. May Adachi has graciously volunteered to be the new Mugelnoos Mailer after the many years Pat Holleman served tirelessly and with distinction. So far, only a few members have paid the \$15 Mugelnoos subscription for this season. Mugelnoos subscription is a requirement for SMS membership and is our primary source of in-

come. Please mail your check to May's address: 8939 Gallatin Rd., Unit 67, Pico Rivera, CA 90660, payable to Ski Mountaineers. We will have a issue out this February and plan to follow with three more this year. Please contact Jake with articles, trip reports or anything of interest for the newsletter.

Also, Mark Gobel has replaced me as Outings/Safety Chair. Mark is an accomplished mountaineer and long time experienced backcountry skier and SMS leader; he will vet our club sanctioned trips to ensure they meet chapter guidelines. Other section leadership positions remain the same.

Continuing the SMS outings program (the reason we are members and new people join) and developing new leaders, especially those with an I rating and above, is crucial to our future as a on-going organization. I know that the club leadership rating process can be daunting and time consuming, I am going through it myself, but it is a way to give something back to SMS and to be a part of continuing the long history of the SMS.

I urge all members to take a renewed interest in participating in SMS activities (as in times of yore). We need the energy and input of all our members to maintain our organization of like-minded backcountry skiing enthusiasts. The SMS membership has a tradition of enjoying the mountains and sharing the experience with our fellow members.

Cheers,

Jim Garvey, Chairman



Historic photo by Ansel Adams



Base Camp Haiti

Photo of SMS members Steve Chin and Keith Martin

In January, Ski Mountaineers Steve Chin and Keith Martin were sent to Haiti as members of Los Angeles County Fire Department Urban Search and Rescue, CATF-2. As members of the task force they contributed to the rescue of nine Haitians trapped by the earthquake.

Steve was one of the doctors on the task force and Keith was one of the structural engineers. The photo above was taken of Steve and Keith at their base camp on the grounds of the American Embassy in Haiti.

<http://angeles.sierraclub.org/skimt/trips/rockck10/>

*For more great photos of this trip,
let your mouse skin its way up
to the site above.*

Rock Creek Yurt Trip

March 6-8, 2010

Trip report by Tom Marsh

Climbing to the Treasure Lakes

A Special 'Thanks' to Pat Holleman and John Anderson

VOLUNTEERS MAKE IT HAPPEN

by Mark Goebel

You are reading the *Mugelnoos*, the newsheet of the Ski Mountaineers Section, first issued in January 1938. Its name comes from a German word *mügel*, meaning a small bump in the snow (hence the modern skiers' term "mogel") plus "news" with a German accent. Back then, most of the Ski Mountaineers were also in the Rock Climbing Section (formed just prior to the Ski Mountaineers in 1934), so it soon became the official publication for both sections. The *Mugelnoos* was the first special activities section newsletter in the Sierra Club, and its early popularity came from not only timely news, but a lighthearted approach with cartoons, puns and other forms of wit. For most of its first 40 years, Ruth Dyar Mendenhall edited the 'Noos and then managed the *Mugelnoos* Committee with a system of revolving editors. Joint meetings of the Ski Mountaineers and Rock Climbing Sections were known as *Mugelnoos* meetings, for besides business and programs, folding and stuffing the *Mugelnoos* for mailing was a primary event. The *Mugel*-mailer brought the staplers and stamps, and took all of the assembled Noos to the post office after the meeting, and received and managed subscription monies and records.

In 1986 the Sierra Club lost its liability insurance coverage to the extent that the Rock Climbing Section left the Club to continue its activities as the Southern California Mountaineering Association. Continued production of the *Mugelnoos* now fell entirely on SMS shoulders. Immediately, Pat Holleman stepped up and assumed the *Mugel*mailer job beginning with issue #642, October 1986, a position she handled with complete and unfailing dedication month-after-month, attending just about every SMS meeting, for 23 years until passing the position on this past October (really a joint effort with husband Gerry, they also maintained the membership roster, printed *Mugelnoos* mailing labels, and potluck flyers and ballots). Pat and Gerry are not strangers to volunteering. Starting in 1980 Pat was on the management committee of the Sierra Peaks Section and served as chair in 1982. The both were leading SPS outings when they joined the SMS in 1983. In 2000, they received Angeles Chapter Outings Service Awards for their years of service as leaders and management committee members in both sections. While serving, they were also out having fun in the mountains: climbing peaks with the SPS (they completed the SPS peak list in 2001), nordic ski racing, and sliding down Sierra slopes with the SMS. Some of their more adventurous backcountry ski outings include: the Sierra High Route, skiing in the Ruby Mountains of Nevada, Sawtooths of Idaho, and Selkirks and

Whistler British Columbia. For a number of years Gerry led an annual SMS attempt on Ski Mountaineers Pk, 13,323' near Lake Sabrina. Over a dozen times they have ascended and skied Mt Dana. In retirement now, Gerry and Pat are skiing more than ever, enjoying their ski passes with numerous mid-week trips to Mammoth Mountain.

Utilizing computer publishing software now for almost 20 years, *Mugelnoos* editorship evolved to a position of one individual for all issues instead of separate monthly editors. For the past three seasons, John Anderson volunteered, learned the software, and put out the Noos from November 2006 through March 2009. I first met John 10 years ago riding up with him on an SMS outing to ski Mt Tom's Elderberry Canyon. He told me that he was introduced to backcountry skiing years ago, during a brief outing beyond the boundaries of Alpine Meadows Ski Area, where he experienced real corn snow for the first time. Family and work responsibilities prevented more backcountry skiing until now, but he was not a stranger to mountain travel, having been a scout leader with his sons on many backpacking trips. The Elderberry tour went well, and the next day we skied great corn above Onion Valley. John was hooked and a few weeks later he and I skied a steep line on Mt Baden Powell as well as many more trips since then. It was years later that John admitted to having never put skins on his skis before the morning we started up Elderberry Canyon. Not sure of the proper technique, John didn't say a word, he just figured it out by watching the rest of us. John is passionate about backcountry skiing, and I feel fortunate every time I have the opportunity to ski with him. He lets us know how special it is to be out there enjoying the backcountry with fellow enthusiasts. Under John's editorship, his passion found its way to *Mugelnoos* pages as he attempted to bring back some of the flavor found in issues from early days of the Section.

Others who have served as *Mugelnoos* editors:

Heiko Knapp	Jan. 2005 to Dec. 2005
Lorene Samoska	Oct. 2000 to May 2004
Don Ralphs	Oct. 1998 to May 2000
Andy Fried	Oct. 1991 to May 1998

Thank you to all who have volunteered their time and service to enable the Ski Mountaineers Section to reach its 75th anniversary this past November!!

Mt. Baden-Powell

9,399 ft – April 26, 2009

By Mark Goebel

Mt. Baden-Powell (BP) has long been a favorite late spring skiing destination of mine. When the snow on Mt. Baldy is long gone, the steep north facing slopes and gullies on BP (all would be considered at least black diamond runs at a major ski area) are still usually snow covered and easily accessible from the Vincent Gap trailhead on Hwy 2, just 5 miles west of Big Pines. The summer trail to the summit switchbacks up about 4 miles with a gain of 2800'. In spring, depending on the snow level, the trail will frequently be lost into the snow within the first 500' of gain. Then it's time to just boot up the slope until the summit is reached. (2 ½ hrs on the most recent trip) Usually we boot up carrying skis since the snow is still firm. It's a good idea to check forecasted weather and temperatures in the area just before a planned ascent. As we read in the Feb/Mar *Mugelnoos*, BP's north facing slopes can quickly turn icy and extremely dangerous. Aim for a day when the temperature will be well above freezing. Even then, carrying an ice axe can be valuable if you have to down climb steep or frozen snow. In May 2005, an axe would have been helpful when we had to down climb a near vertical section of snow to bypass a raging waterfall just above the Angeles Crest Hwy.

Once on the summit you can enjoy

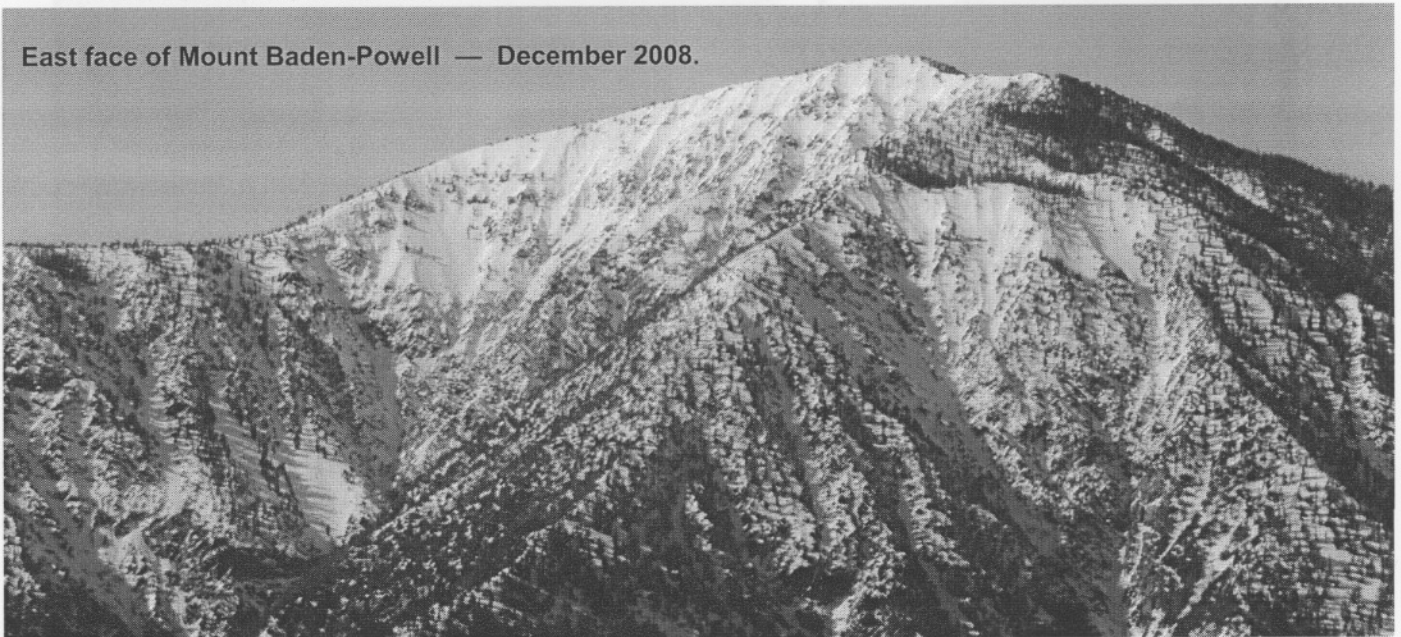
views south to the north side of Mt Baldy, Iron Mtn, and the steep drop down into the Iron Fork drainage. Snow permitting, energetic skiers frequently drop in on the south side for some bonus turns before their run down the north side. Watch for glider planes coming up from the desert area to the north. They frequently glide silently past the summit.

For the ski back down to Hwy 2, you have a several choices. Most recently, this reporter and Bahram Manahedji, starting at 1pm, descended a prominent gully that is just left of the trail when viewed from the parking area at Vincent Gap. From the high point just NE of the summit, we traversed on skis several hundred yards until we could see the gully falling away below us. We continued traversing a short distance further before making turns down among well spaced trees and eventually came into the side of the gully. The snow for the entire descent had an enjoyable soften surface with a firm base giving us confidence on the steep slopes. There is actually a second gully a little east of the one we descended, and it may be preferred as it avoids a nasty near vertical section in our gully when the two come together. Fortunately we were able to avoid this difficulty with a dicey traversing sideslip into the adjacent gully. We were now only about 600' above the car, but rocks and tree branches falling in from the bare slopes littered the snow finger continuing down the gully. We carefully made our way downward, traversing back and forth

among bushes until the snow ended. With our skis off for the first time since the top, it was only a short walk back to the car.

Another popular descent route goes straight north from the summit, down a broad treed bowl that eventually narrows into an obvious avalanche path continuing right down to Hwy 2 about 2/3rd of a mile west of Vincent Gap. The first time I skied this route (it's a little less steep than the eastern gully described above) there was so much snow that we skied right over the waterfall that is only a few hundred feet up from Hwy 2. The second time we had to deal with an exposed climb around the waterfall to avoid a torrent of water flowing back under the snow. One can also ski down following the trail route, but the snow may not continue as far down as it does in the gullies, and the lower section is steeper with tightly spaced trees. Beware, all of the gullies here are avalanche paths, so evaluate carefully the snow conditions before descending. In 2005 avalanches and flooding resulted in severe damage to Hwy 2 west of Vincent Gap. A new bridge has been installed over the washed out section and along with other repairs, the highway through to Islip Saddle may soon reopen. With the aid of a bicycle, one can access additional skiing opportunities on the north slopes of Mts. Burnham, Throop and Hawkins whenever the road is closed. The Crystal Lake, 7.5 minute topo map covers all of this area.

East face of Mount Baden-Powell — December 2008.



Skiing to Galena Peak via Mill Creek

By Alvin Walter

Back on Saturday, 2-23-08, I invited some friends to ski to Galena Peak via Mill Creek and the Mill Creek Jump Off, as I saw a decent window of weather forecast for the day following 6 to 10 inches of new snow. We were able to ski right from our cars in the Vivian Creek trailhead on a solid base with about an inch of light and dry grapple to a very steep chute that drops straight down from the top of Galena where we passed a large accumulation of avalanche debris. From that point the drainage got steeper and the accumulations of grapple spilling down from the ridges grew substantially deeper posing some avalanche risks from both sides. We worked our way up to the Jump Off and about half way up on skis. We then booted it up to within about 50 vertical feet of the saddle with packed skis. At that point the wind had created an ice slab that we had to crampon up and just over the saddle to the other wind protected side. From there we skinned about two thirds the way up to Galena on

wind packed snow with some icy sections and booted it the last third of the way to Galena Peak where we skinned out along the west ridge that is slightly higher. From there I could look straight down to Jake who was positioned close by the avalanche debris we passed earlier so that he could be in a good position to film us skiing Galena and Mill Creek. By 2 way radio I kept him informed of how things were going and the fact that there were some large dark clouds quickly approaching that were going to make us begin our descent very soon. The skiing back down to the jump off was not the fun we were hoping for as it was icy and hard packed with a bit of powder in one aspect. At the jump off, the clouds had gotten to us and we had a bit of new snow with a lot of wind. Crampons and ice axes were an absolute must to get part way down the headwall to a point where the snow was soft enough to hold a ski edge. We did have a very good time skiing from here in the grapple down to where Jake was able to get some movies of us. At that point, we helped Jake pack his movie making equipment and together we skied the next couple of miles on the gently sloping terrain all the way back to our cars.

The day was a fun filled adventure for all of us in our spectacular Southern California Backcountry doing an unordinary trip with a fine group of friends. Thanks to Scott S., Heiko, and Jake for joining me. A couple weeks before I invited Scott B. to join me to ski to the Dragon's Head via this same route over the Jump off and conditions were epic spring with a close wildlife encounter that he wrote about in this forum at that time. The substantial January snowfall and cold temperatures made for a snow-pack that made these unique ski trips possible. I hope to be writing about more in these areas as the years progress.



Photo above by Alvin Walter



Birthday Trip to Pinos, Sawmill and Grouse

Feb 20, 2010

Article by Reiner Stenzel

The weather forecast issued a winter storm warning. That's when they usually close the Pinos Mtn Road. We considered to call it off, then decided to gamble and won. The road was open and the storm was benign.

We gathered at 8am at the road end on the Mt Pinos parking lot. There were a few no-shows and some additions, so that we ended up with a group of 11 when we took off for Pinos at 9am.

The participants were Tom Marsh, Kat Seiple, Bahram Manahedgi, Tim Jones, Jim DeRose, Ken Deemer, Jason Rivera, Matthew Testa, Bill Lutz, Mike Rector and yours truly. We left in overcast weather with light snow fall. Visibility in the meadows was poor but Pinos is hard to miss. We were on the summit at 10am. No point to look for condors in the fog.

Some downhill turns got us into the saddle north of Pinos. Then it was again skinning uphill toward Sawmill. Once in a while the clouds opened up and we had sunshine. It was a fine backcountry scenery with rimed trees and large untracked snow fields. By 11:15am we were on Sawmill Mtn, signed the register (first group since October 09), and enjoyed a short snack

break. On a sunny day one would have been able to see Mt Whitney, but not when the clouds swirl around.

We descended to continue the ridge to Grouse. Each peak is preceded by a low saddle, like on a roller coaster ride. At lunch time, 12:30pm, we were on Grouse Mtn, found a nice patch of dry soil just below the cairn. There we settled down for the fun of the day. We celebrated two birthdays — Jim DeRose's exactly on the day and my 70'th two days earlier. The champagne bottles popped and the happy hour started. We shared an almond cake and everyone was in a happy talkative mood. But little by little it got quieter and soon most of the group was flat on the ground and sleeping in the sunshine.

By 1:30pm, the Siesta time was called off and we started our return with a fine run down through open forest. Luckily, nobody hugged a tree. Uphill appeared more strenuous than before, wonder why? We decided to bypass Sawmill due to incoming clouds, and after more up and downs we finally arrived back on Pinos. The clouds dropped rapidly and we skied down in a whiteout. In the trees we found some powder stashes, but mostly it was crusty snow. The storm did not produce a lot of snow.

We were all safely back at the cars before 5pm. Everyone had a good time and we are looking already for the next Birthday celebration trip. Thanks to all for a good time and especially to Tom for his patient sweep as co-leader.

"No point to look for condors in the fog."





Photo by Mike Rector

Birthday celebration on Grouse Mountain — February 20, 2010.

Happy Birthday, Jim & Reiner !!

Rock Creek Yurt Trip

March 6-8, 2010

Trip report by Tom Marsh



Hot off the internet !!

For the trip report and lots more great photos, go to the SMS website:

<http://angeles.sierraclub.org/skimt/trips/rockck10/rockck10.htm>

Skiing powder

The Hut

Baldy Hut —

first weekend of February, 2010

By May Adachi

There was plenty of rain in LA the days coming up to my Baldy hut hosting the first weekend of February, 2010. On Friday night, February 5, my brother John Hatch & I planned to meet Bill Lutz & new SMS members Bobby Miller & Larry Young at the hut. It was still raining in the Baldy village, mid-Friday afternoon, but it was clear when we started walking from the trail head at 5 pm. Bill soon caught up with my brother & I, and we arrived at the sweet, sweet hut about 8 pm — just in the nick of time as it started to blizzard. Bobby & Larry arrived an hour later. We were all soaked when we came in, but warmed soon enough, thanks to the wood stove fires we made, and the food we cooked. Skiers were in & out of the hut all day Saturday with conditions on the mountain often blizzardy & foggy. Still, the snow in the bowl that I experienced for a short while in the afternoon was lovely. I couldn't take the biting blizzard, though, and the fog was rolling in.

Late in the afternoon, after everyone had come in, there was a knock at the door. A group of 7, headed by Ver Pen, asked if there was room to stay. There was, so we were now 15 staying the night! Ver & his group had planned to camp, but were more than a little happy to change their plans, as they were wet! We all ate, chili & beans included, and drank wine and a nice Scotch provided by Ver's group. They even had a bottle of coconut wine, I heard, but by the time it was opened I'd already konked out upstairs. We woke to blue, blue skies, and a lot of snow on Sunday morning. After digging out the outhouse (it had to be dug out twice on Saturday!), some skiers went off towards the peak as a small group. I skied in the bowl into the afternoon. The snow was absolutely wonderful. There were no ski tracks but Bill's & mine & a split boarder's, until a small group descended later in the afternoon. After closing the hut at 3 pm, the remaining 6 of us skied almost all the way down to the trail head — my first time. Simply fantastic! Thanks, everyone, for coming to the hut.

To next February!

"...and the fog was rolling in."

May Adachi capturing a shot of Jim Garvey skinning up Baldy's West Ridge on January 30, 2010

(The weekend before the weekend that May describes in her report above, and minutes before the Bowl was completely socked in with a thick bank of fog.)

The SMS will be hosting a slide presentation
by Kurt Wedberg
Mountain Guide
and owner of Sierra Mountaineering International

on:

Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at 7:30 PM
at the Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium
4730 Crystal Springs Drive

Kurt Wedberg founded Sierra Mountaineering International in the fall of 1995, after he had been guiding professionally for ten years. Sierra Mountaineering International or SMI is currently positioned to guide climbs throughout the Sierra and Joshua Tree and to guide expeditions to all seven continents in the world. See the following website for more info:

sierramountaineering.com

This event will be one of the few opportunities this season for SMS members to get together off the mountains and catch up on what everyone's been up to with the great snow this season! This will also be a great opportunity to attract and introduce new members. So spread the word and bring your friends along!!

If you'd like to help with setting up for the presentation and refreshments, please contact Jim Garvey: jim_garvey@sbcglobal.net or cell 310-809-0792

"Images of America, SKIING IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA"

by Ingrid P. Wicken, 2007,

127 pgs, Arcadia Publishing (\$19.99 paperback)

Book Review by Mark Goebel

Ingrid P. Wicken is the author of *Pray for Snow: The History of Skiing in Southern California* and the founder and owner of the California Ski Library. Her most recent book *Skiing In Southern California* presents the Southern California ski story by way of photographs and brief narratives. Readers learn that popular early winter destinations included Lake Arrowhead for popular winter carnivals beginning in 1927, Big Bear Lake's first ski lift in 1938, and Big Pines was nationally known for world class ski jumping contests. Chapter 2 is "Sierra Club Skiing" with many photos of Sierra Club Ski Mountaineer Section members, early ski ascents in the local mountains, building the San Antonio (one

is of my father helping to carry a large metal barrel up to the Baldy Hut in 1935. When I first hiked to the hut in the later 1950's, he pointed to the barrel sitting in the basement and proudly told that "he helped to carry it up") and Keller Ski huts, and SMS races on Baldy and San Geronio. Other chapters cover ski jumping, Southern California ski clubs, well known local skiers, the development of local ski areas in the San Bernardino and San Gabriel Mountains, San Geronio skiing, and early skiing in the Eastern Sierra. For anyone interested in local ski history, *Skiing In Southern California* belongs on your shelf along with Ingrid's earlier book. I found my copy at the Booky Joint in Mammoth Lakes.

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Definition of Private Trips vs Scheduled Sierra Club Trips

Private trips are not Sierra Club activities, and they are not sponsored or administered by the SMS or the Sierra Club.

"Private" does not mean that they are "exclusive" or "closed to the public." In the contrary, friends and newcomers are equally welcome to join, just like on "official" Sierra Club trips.

The Sierra Club has no information about the planning of "private" trips, makes no warranties about the quality, safety, supervision or management of "private" trips and provides no liability insurance for any leaders of "private" trips. The organizers of "private" trips need not be approved SMS Leaders or even members of the SMS or Sierra Club. There are no official leaders on "private" trips — just friends skiing together without legal responsibilities.

"Private" trips are listed on the SMS website and in The Mugelnoos because these trips might be of interest to SMS members. "Private" trips are often organized on short notice or when two "rated" SC leaders are not available to lead the trip.

"Private" trip announcements should be submitted by e-mail to SMS Webmaster.

"Private" trips are not sponsored or administered by the Sierra Club. All participants are equally responsible for their own safety and the safety of the group. There is no official "Leader". "Private" trips are outings among groups of friends. Everyone is expected to know and follow the basic safety standards that are practiced on SMS trips. "Private" trips are as safe as Sierra Club trips. The difference is that you are responsible for your own actions, and your safety is not delegated to a leader.

Ski Mountaineering Trips

Anytime there's snow, 2010

TL: Wherever the Best Snow Is
Impromptu climb & ski trips wherever the best snow is.
Contact the leaders for latest info:
Alvin Walter (awalter@pacbell.net) or Reiner Stenzel

Jan 16-17, 2010, Sat-Sun, SMS Sponsored Trip

TL: San Bernardino Mountains:
Climb & ski from the Valley of the Falls in the San Bernardino Mountains to do some challenging chutes.
Leader: Alvin Walter awalter@pacbell.net,
Asst. Leader: Ellen Feeney.

Jan 16-19, 2010, Fri-Mon, SMS Sponsored Trip

TL: Mammoth:
Join us for 3 days skiing in the Mammoth Lakes area. Stay in comfortable condo, ski mountain or join local ski tour. Cost includes 3 nights condo, 2 dinners, happy hour and continental breakfast. \$35 cancel fee before 12/15. Entire fee non-refundable after 12/15 without suitable replacement. Send email/sase phones, \$245 with SC#/\$265 non-member (Ski Mountaineers) to Leader.
Leader: Tom Marsh. Co-Ldr: Randy Lamm.

Jan 23-24, 2010, Sat-Sun, SMS Sponsored Trip

TL: San Gorgonio:
San Gorgonio ski and snowcamp to ski the nearby chutes and bowls on Jepson, Charleton, and San Gorgonio. Suitable for intermediate & advanced skiers.
Leader: Alvin Walter awalter@pacbell.net, Asst: Ellen Feeney.

Feb. 5-7, 2010, Fri-Sun, "Private Trip" for anyone qualified

TL: Baldy Hut:
Spend the night at hut and ski peaks, chutes & bowls & maybe back side of Baldy. Suitable for intermediate & advanced skiers.
Leader: Alvin Walter awalter@pacbell.net, Asst: Bill Lutz

Feb. 13-14, 2010, Sat Sun, SMS Sponsored Trip

TL: San Bernardino Mountains: Climb & ski from the Valley of the Falls in the San Bernardino Mountains to do some challenging chutes. Leader: Alvin Walter awalter@pacbell.net, Asst: Ellen Feeney.

Feb. 20, 2010, Sat, SMS Sponsored Trip

TL: Pinos-Sawmill-Grouse Ski-Party: Join a local ski tour with leader's 70'th birthday party on Grouse Mtn. Champagne and cake on the summits. Must be able to SUI.
Leader: Reiner Stenzel. Co-Ldr: Tom Marsh.

Feb. 27, 2010 Sat SMS, Orange County Sierra Singles, & Wilderness Adventures

TL: 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.
Leader: Mark Mitchell, Co-Ldr: Carol Tucker

Mar 6-7, 2010, Sat-Sun, SMS Sponsored Trip

TL: Alice & Kidd:
Climb & ski Mt. Alice & Mt. Kidd out of Big Pine in the Sierra. Suitable for intermediate & advanced skiers.
Leader: Alvin Walter awalter@pacbell.net, Asst: Ellen Feeney.

Mar 6-8, 2010, Sat-Mon, SMS Sponsored Trip

TL: Rock Creek Ski:
Join us for 3 days of skiing in the Rock Creek area. Limited number of spaces in yurt with snow camping option. Cost of yurt \$75. Intermediate or better skier, metal edge skis, climbing skins. Send experience, address, e-mail and phone to Leader.
Leader: Tom Marsh. Co-Leader: Reiner Stenzel.

Apr 3-4, 2010, Sat-Sun, SMS Sponsored Trip

TL: Onion Valley Ski:
Join us for 2 days of skiing. Ski Kearsarge Pass on Saturday and Sardine Canyon on Sunday. Car camp at Upper Grey's Meadows. Intermediate or better skier, metal edge skis, climbing skins. Send experience, address, e-mail and phone to Leader.
Leader: Tom Marsh. Co-Leader: Randy Lamm.

Apr 3-10, 2010, Sat-Sat, "Private Trip" for anyone qualified

TL: Sierra High Route:
Proposed Trans-Sierra ski via the High Route (Shepherd Pass-Wolverton). Skiing, snowcamping, and physical stamina are required qualities. (Great trip! See reports on similar previous trips at:
<http://angeles.sierraclub.org/skimt/trips/hirte09/hirte09.htm> & <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/skimt/trips/hirte91/hirte91.htm>)
Person initiating the trip: Alvin Walter awalter@pacbell.net. Co-Leader: Bill Lutz.

Elections will be held in April
Volunteers are needed for the Nominating Committee

Elections for the Section Central Committee of the SMS will be held in April.

The Nominating Committee will name a slate of candidates in March. Reiner Stenzel has volunteered to serve as Chairman of the Nominating Committee, but we need two additional members to volunteer to form the required three member Nominating Committee. If you'd like to serve on the Nominating Committee, please contact Reiner.

(Note: Current Central Committee officers cannot serve on the Nominating Committee and Nominating Committee members cannot be nominated to serve as officers on the Central Committee.)

Nominations can also be made by the General Membership, so please send your nominations to Reiner.

Reiner Stenzel's contact info: stenzel@physics.ucla.edu or 310-454-8787

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