by Virgil Popescu

Below is a summary of our Management Committee’s plan regarding meetings, membership, outings, and of course the Sierra Echo publication. I am glad to inform you that we are making progress in these areas.

Meeting places: There will be different locations for our future meetings. One may be Newcomb’s Ranch, Angeles Crest Highway. We intend to schedule one as a pilot test. The lack of participation of our membership may eliminate these good intentions.

Membership: The new generation of WTC leaders shows more of a desire in scheduling Sierra trips, encouraging their students to join our section. Accordingly, we proposed to invite a WTC representative to be part of our M/C. We also intend to reactivate joint meetings with WTC, DPS, HPS, etc. Our Vice chair, Kathy Rich, proposed a new SPS Geographical Emblem. This good idea brought support and constructive comments and we hope new members.

Outings: In order to encourage leadership and increase, SPS trips, OMC approved the M-rock and M-snow ratings keeping the original M (both rock and snow). Also the LTC voted to drop the I/M/E requirement that one provisional lead be published in the Chapter Schedule of Activities. The LTC continues to encourage candidates to seek a diverse group of participants by publishing in the Schedule, the Southern Sierra, or by co-listing their outings with several Angeles Chapter entities. Now, we just need new leaders and new Sierra trips. By the way our Outings Chairs the Tidballs, did their best accepting and processing any of the last minute submittals.

The Sierra Echo Publication: Our Publication Chair, Sara Danta, is finally happy. The first electronic version has been published (posted). One time only the electronic edition has been supplemented by a similar hard copy. For our member without an e-mail address we will continue to sent a hard copy, as usual. There are also members who requested to continue receiving the Sierra Echo in hard copy format through the US mail.

The Website: By posting our Sierra Echo at our website made another person happy. This is our Webmaster, Larry Hoak constantly asking for new SPS info. He always said: “A stale Website is a dead Website.” So, to make our Website attractive we shall send him any info regarding to Trip Reports, SPS Activities, Member Achievements, Awards, etc.

An interesting idea came form Mr. Guy Dahmas, Albuquerque, NM, Sierra Club member. He is proposing to post a “Looking for Hiking / Climbing Partners section. The subject is taking in consideration.

Other important Subjects:

a) We have three new Committees: Nomination Committee Chair by Patty Kline, Election Committee chair by Dan Richter and of course Banquet Committee Chair by Gary Schenk and Henry Arnebold.

We strongly invite any new candidates for the new M/C. The candidates submissions shall by sent to Patty Kline.

b) The SPS Bylaws were revised in 2004. It has been a long process coordinated by our past Chair Joe Wankum. After the first review there are two suggestions:
1) To make small corrections, approve it, and send it to the next level.
2) To keep the bylaws as simple as possible (typical), and transfer the details to SPS M/C Committee; Polices and Procedures.

The M/C supported the 2nd suggestion. Kindly Mr. Larry Hook accepted to coordinate a Bylaws Committee. Any participation is welcome.

Comments and Suggestions are welcome. Contact me at [gillypope@ca.rr.com] or (818)951-3251, 9751 Amanita Ave, Tujunga, Ca 91042.

Best wishes, Virgil

New email address:
David Koskenmaki
kosk@frazmtn.com

Important Announcement Regarding Electronic Echo

Anyone receiving this edition of the Echo via email and wishes to receive future editions on hard copy or visa versa, contact editor s_wyrens@yahoo.com or 818-349-6019.

Special Thanks to Dan Richter for his original idea to go electronic!

Our Deepest Condolences

The SPS Management Committee sends heartfelt sympathy to the Danta family during this time of loss. Jean Danta (mother of Randall and Darrick) passed away quietly August 23rd attended by both her sons.

Submitted by Virgil Popescu

Last day for submission for next Echo: 11/23/08.

Late submissions will roll over into the following issue.
A PROPOSAL for a new SPS GEOGRAPHICAL EMBLEM

by Kathy Rich

SPS Geographical Emblem can be obtained by climbing 2 or more peaks from each of the 24 geographical areas.

Members are invited to make constructive comments for publication in the next Echo regarding this new emblem proposal. Send comments to Echo editor s_wyrens@yahoo.com (please indicate SPS Emblem in subject line) or via U.S. mail.

comments so far on GEOGRAPHICAL EMBLEM PROPOSAL

Totally like the idea of a “geographical emblem” as a worth-while goal for those who maybe don’t have time to do ALL the peaks and find it comparable to the recent Sierra Sampler that Darrick has spent so much time on, that I am now also working towards. Appreciate the time you guys have spent on these projects..................thanx Terry Flood

SPS TEES

Front: NORTH PAL
Back: FULL SPS LIST by geographic area with Mountaineer and Emblem. Peak highlighted

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$12 + $3.50 shipping ($4 shipping when ordering 2 or more shirts). Send your order to Patty Kline, 20362 Callon Drive, Topanga, Ca 90290 & make check payable to SPS

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## SPS Treasurer’s Report 2nd Quarter 6/30/2008

### Checking Account

**Income**

- Echo: 665.00
- Donation: 25.00

**Balance on 3/31/2008:** 2,566.23

**Income:** 690.00

**Balance on 6/30/2008:** 3,227.23

**Expenditures:**

- Website material: 29.00

### Savings Account

**Balance on 3/31/2008:** 4,935.54

**April Interest:** 2.03

**May Interest:** 2.09

**June Interest:** 2.02

**Total:** 4,941.68

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**FROM THE EDITOR**

The Sierra Echo is a quarterly publication of the Sierra Peaks Section of the Sierra Club’s Angeles Chapter. For more information, see the back of this newsletter. All questions, copy and photo submissions should be directed to Sara Danta, Editor, The Sierra Echo, preferably via email at s_wyrens@yahoo.com. Mailing address is 9741 Reseda Blvd., Unit 46, Northridge, CA  91324. The Echo will also be available as a PDF download at the SPS website and via a link to all SPS members opting for this method.

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**SPS Annual Banquet**

The Sierra Peaks Section Annual Banquet will be held on Sunday, January 31, 2009 at Taix French Restaurant in Los Angeles. The tickets are only $35.00 per person. A flyer will go out with the next newsletter so you can make your reservation(s). The program will be announced at that time. Remember to mark your calendar and come enjoy a great time.

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**MEETING INFORMATION**

The 2008 SPS Management Committee will hold meetings every other month at a location to be determined. Please contact SPS Chair Virgil Popescu at (818) 951-3251 or for meeting times, date and place.
In Loving Memory of Jean Danta
July 21, 1922 - August 23, 2008

Jean passed away quietly on the evening of 23rd August 2008 in Northridge after a brief illness, age 86 years. She will be greatly missed.

Bill Bradley joined the Sierra Club in 1969 after remarking at the beauty of the mountains in California. A Connecticut native, Bill moved to Whittier, CA in 1966 and immediately began hiking and trekking in the San Bernardino range. Looking for a wider and higher venue for his beloved climbing Bill struck upon the Sierras and presto a love affair was born. He set about climbing all the peaks on the Sierra Peaks Section list and the Desert Peaks Section list. His great love of the mountains and wilderness areas, in the Sierra and elsewhere, was a catharsis for Bill who often said, “After my family, there is nowhere else I would rather spend my time.” Bill led numerous climbs, in both Sierra Club Sections, and assisted on many others. He submitted Mt. Whitney three times and climbed extensively in Washington, Oregon and Arizona as well. Bill Bradley passed away June 9th 2008 at the age of 75. He is survived by his wife Connie, five children (Cliff, Clyde, Cheri, Carol and Chris), his brother Bob, and five grandchildren (Christie, Evan, Erin, Laura and Stephanie). He will be dearly missed.

- Christopher Bradley

Funeral services for Candace “Candy” Ross, 61, a lifetime resident of Bishop and Inyo County, were held July 31. Born Aug. 20, 1946 in Lone Pine, Candy died July 24, 2008.


Candy was a Human Services supervisor for County of Inyo and worked at the Independence library before finding her home with the Dept of Social Services. Her wealth of knowledge and passion to help others can never be replaced. Candy was a loving friend and co-worker and will be remembered forever. She also had been a member of the Sierra Club since 1964. She is survived by her husband, Tome Ross of Bishop and several cousins.

Bill served on SPS Management Committee between 1979-1981. He was Alt. Officer in 1979, Vice Chair in 1980 and Chair in 1981. In addition, the SPS website shows he earned his SPS emblem in 1982 and senior emblem in 1983. He was also active in the Chapter Leadership Training and served as an instructor in both snow and rock climbing and received an Outing Service award from the Chapter.

Bill Bradley 1933 - 2008

Candace “Candy” Ross 1946-2008

Snow banners on Mt. Williamson, 14,384 ft., from Independence

Taken from Tom & Candy’s book “The Border of the Sky....”
Management Committee
Meeting Minutes

SIERRA PEAKS SECTION
Approved Management Committee Meeting Minutes
Held Thursday May 29, 2008
at the home of Virgil Popescu

Call to order: 7:00 pm.

Members present: Henry Arnebold, Darrick Danta, Dave Endres, Virgil Popescu, Kathy Rich.
Guests: Sara Danta, Dan Richter.

Announcements:

1) SPS Outing Policies and Procedures: OMC now requires that each Sierra Club leader be current in national policies. This requirement can be satisfied by completing OLT 101 (basic leader training), available on the Angeles Chapter website. Leaders need to refresh leadership training every four years; the deadline is July 1, 2008.

2) Bylaws: In 2003 efforts were begun to revise and update the SPS Bylaws. Some of the proposed changes were discussed, along with procedures for modifying the Bylaws. The issue was tabled pending receipt of an electronic version of the Bylaws with additions deletions indicated with both and strike-through.

3) Initiative to rename North Palisade in honor of Dave Brower: The Committee again addressed this issue, though reiterated its earlier decision to support naming an unnamed Sierra peak in honor of David Brewer, but not North Palisade.

Committee Reports:

1) Outings Report: New trip submissions had been previously approved via email.

2) Treasurer’s Report: Henry Arnebold reported that at the end of the first quarter of 2008 funds on hand were: $2,566.23 checking; and $4,935.54 savings.

3) Web master Report: Larry Hoak (via email) renewed his call for new material to go on the SPS website.

4) The Sierra Echo Report: Sara Danta reported that the last Echo cost around $800 to print and mail. In an effort to save money and “go green,” she, with the help and advice of Larry Hoak, Dan Richter, and others, investigated ways of producing and distributing an electronic version of the Echo. Beginning with Vol. 52, No. 3 Jul-Sept 2008, all SPS Members would receive a hard copy Echo, but everyone with an email address would also receive a link to an electronic color version with hyperlinks. Members wishing to continue receiving hard copies of the Echo must so notify the Editor by Aug 31. Sara was roundly congratulated for her fine efforts not only at producing the Echo, but also for investigating means of making the electronic version available.

5) Geographical Emblem: Kathy Rich proposed a new Emblem comprised of climbing 50 SPS Peaks total, 2 from each of the 24 geographic regions. The Committee approved of the concept, which will appear in the next Echo for general comment.

Adjournment: 8:55 p.m.
Leadership Training Committee release

July 1, 2008

Leadership Training Committee release
Contact: Ron Campbell, LTC Vice Chair
714-962-8521
campbellr@verizon.net

Club will offer outdoor leadership training October 4

Interested in becoming an outings leader for the Club?

Angeles Chapter is home to one of the largest outings programs on the planet – thousands of trips ranging from beach barbecues to mountaineering expeditions.

You can take the first step toward becoming a leader by attending a class offered by the chapter Leadership Training Committee on Saturday, Oct. 4. The class covers all the basics of leadership. Experienced leaders will tell you how to plan a trip, prevent problems on the trail and make sure that everyone – including you – has a great time. They’ll also explain good conservation and safety practices. And they’ll give you tips for getting your “O” rating quickly and then, if you choose, pursuing more advanced ratings.

The all-day class at the Griffith Park Ranger Station costs $25. The application is on page 69 of the Angeles Chapter Schedule #308. It’s also online at angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc.

Mail the application and check, payable to Sierra Club, to Steve Botan, LTC Registrar, 18816 Thornwood Circle, Huntington Beach 92646. You also can reach Botan by phone (714-963-0151) or e-mail (sbotan@pacbell.net).

Applications and checks are due Sept. 20.

Scholarships are available for those in financial need. Apply to LTC Chair Tina Bowman (tina@bomdesigngroup.com).

SPS List Serve

You can find the information you need as a subscriber by checking out our listserv support site. Go to this address to enroll for the SPS E-mail list service: http://angeles.sierraclub.org/sps/listserver.htm.
Leadership Training Program Seminar

Oct 4, 2008  Fall LTC Program Seminar  Steve Botan
Apr 4, 2009  Spring LTC Seminar  Steve Botan

Wilderness First Aid  http://wildernessfirstaidcourse.org
2008

Nov 7-9  Wilderness First Aid Course, Harwood Lodge  S. Schuster


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Rock Practices and Checkouts  2008

Various Dates  M/E P Vertical Adventures
(This is not a Sierra Club activity, but can prepare candidates for rock checkoffs.)
http://www.verticaladventures.com/

Snow Practices and Checkouts  2008

Snow travel, avalanche, and related training - Kurt Wedberg’s Sierra Mountaineering Intenational  (This is not a Sierra Club activity, but can prepare candidates for snow checkoffs.) http://sierramountaineering.com

Environmental Awareness

Look at the Chapter’s Schedule of Activities for outings sponsored by the Natural Science Section, such as the Hundred Peaks Section. Check also the LTC website. The LTC website has a calendar of events & info about training not offered by the Sierra Club: http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc/
M RATING FAQ

The Angeles Chapter has recently added two M-level ratings. These FAQ’s relate to the original M rating as well as the new M-rock and M-snow ratings.

What is the M rating?
An individual is qualified to lead all M-level outings: rock, snow, or rock and snow combined. This rating is the original M-rating.

What is the M-rock rating?
An individual is qualified to lead M-rated outings where M-level rock travel (but no M-level snow travel) is required.

What is the M-snow rating?
An individual is qualified to lead M-rated outings where M-level snow travel (but no M-level rock travel) is required.

What is the training and certification process for the original M rating?
If an I rated leader:
- Pass M rock and snow technical check-offs
- Be current in wilderness first aid and CPR
- Provide evidence in a climbing resume of experience on an appropriate number of rock and snow experience trips at Class 3 or higher to reach provisional status, as assessed by the Provisional Lead Committee (PLC) of LTC
- Lead two successful provisional outings, one that includes at least 100 feet of 3rd class rock climbing and another that consists of at least 400 feet of elevation gain on a snow slope between 25 and 35 degrees requiring the use of an ice axe
- Complete the M-level written exam.

If non-rated or O-rated, in addition to above:
- Be current in wilderness first aid and CPR
- Complete two days of environmental awareness training
- Pass the I/M-level navigation check-off.

What is the training and certification process for an M-rock [snow] rating?
If an I rated leader:
- Pass an M rock [snow] technical check-off
- Be current in wilderness first aid and CPR
- Provide evidence in a climbing resume of experience on an appropriate number of rock [snow] experience trips at Class 3 or higher to reach provisional status, as assessed by the Provisional Lead Committee of LTC
- For M-rock: lead a provisional outing including at least 100 feet of 3rd class rock climbing.
- For M-snow: lead a provisional outing consisting of at least 400 feet of elevation gain on a snow slope between 25 and 35 degrees and requiring the use of an ice axe.
- Complete the M-level written exam.

If non-rated or O-rated:
- Be current in wilderness first aid and CPR
- Complete two days of environmental awareness training
- Pass the I/M-level navigation check-off
- Pass the M rock or snow technical check-off
- Provide evidence in a climbing resume of experience on an appropriate number of rock [snow] experience trips at Class 3 or higher to reach provisional status, as assessed by the Provisional Lead Committee of LTC
- Lead two provisional outings: one I- or M-level provisional outing that demonstrates navigation and one for M-rock or M-snow (see above) (one provisional lead must be a back pack)
- Complete the M-level written exam.

Where can I get the M written exam and how do I take it?
The exam may be requested from the LTC Administration Chair at any time after attending a seminar and is also available on-line.
at the LTC web site under “Forms.” It is completed at home and submitted to a designated LTC member for evaluation. If the
exam is satisfactory, the evaluator will return the exam with comments to the candidate and notify the Administration Chair that
the candidate has successfully passed the exam.

How do I achieve provisional-M status?
Once a candidate has satisfactorily completed all of the requirements aside from provisional outings, the candidate should send
his or her climbing resume to the LTC Chair for evaluation by the PLC. Once the candidate is approved by the PLC, the LTC
Administration Chair will notify the Safety Committee, which will recognize the candidate as a provisional leader. The candidate
may then submit proposals for provisional outings.

How should I prepare my resume?
See the LTC website for a model resume and pointers for preparing the resume.

Who approves my provisional outings?
Your Outings Chair, Safety Committee and often the Mountaineering Oversight Committee (MOC).

What is the Provisional Lead Committee (PLC)?
Consists of the LTC Chair, Vice-chair, Rock Chair, Snow Chair, and Administrative Chair.

What is the Mountaineering Oversight Committee (MOC)?
The MOC is a Sierra Club National Committee that reviews and approves applications for restricted mountaineering outings,
i.e., outings that involve the use of ropes, ice axes or other mountaineering equipment. These outings are restricted to Sierra Club
members only and are designated by the “R” in “MR” and “ER” in trip ratings.

What is the difference between an M and M-restricted outing?
An M trip is one in which the leaders do not expect ropes, ice axes, or similar mountaineering equipment to be used. For M-
restricted outings leaders expect someone might want a rope belay or that the group will encounter snow requiring the use of ice
axes and possibly crampons for safety. M-restricted outings must be approved by the MOC (applications available at the LTC web
site), are open to Sierra Club members only, and require that each participant and leader submit a medical form prior to the outing
(available at the LTC web site).

If I have already successfully completed one of my provisional M rock or snow trips, how do I apply for the new rating?
Contact the LTC Administration Chair.

What are an “appropriate” number of experience trips for my resume?
The number may vary, depending on quality as determined by the Provisional Lead Committee, which will approve or disapprove
the potential leader to lead provisional trips based on what it considers sufficient experience in the kinds of trips that Angeles
Chapter M (and E) leaders typically lead. A candidate may be asked to gain more experience before proceeding to the provisional
stage. Consult your Outings Chair, as well as the LTC Chair for advice.

What do I do If my intention is to get only an M-rock [snow] rating?
Inform the LTC Administration Chair.

What other Angeles Chapter or National Sierra Club standards do I need to be aware of?
Sierra Club membership currency, first aid currency, and OLT101 currency (first aid and OLT101 are current for four years),

Links and contacts for guidance, training and trips
LTC (http://www.angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc)
- Includes links for the LTC Chair, Rock and Snow Chairs, etc.
- Includes advice and information for leaders, including a “Model M/E Climbing Resume”
- Includes forms for leaders and provisional leaders
SPS (http://www.angeles.sierraclub.org/sps),
DPS (http://www.angeles.sierraclub.org/dps),
HPS (http://www.angeles.sierraclub.org/hps),
WTC (http://www.angeles.sierraclub.org/wtc)
Training and experience can also be obtained through SCMA (http://www.rockclimbing.org/) and Sierra Mountaineering
International (Kurt Wedberg) www.sierramountaineering.com/
Still licking its wounds, the Independence area covered with as much as 20 feet of mud, the destruction of some 20 homes and questions about the future of Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery.

The major flood and mudslide that hurled down from the Sierra mountains Saturday afternoon blocked the Highway and destroyed homes in its path. Tonight, authorities planned a community meeting at the Legion Hall at 5pm.

The Independence Civic Club has set up a fund at El Dorado Savings Bank in Lone Pine to help people whose homes have been destroyed or damaged in the Oak Creek Flood. Those who wish to donate to the fund can send a check to the Independence Civic Club, Attn: Flood Relief Fund, P.O. Box 482, Independence, CA 93526.

The loss of the trout race ways and valuable brood stock hit Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery. We have calls in to authorities to see what will happen next. Meanwhile, the highway remained a problem with Oak Creek waters still out of the stream bed and rushing toward the highway.

Caltrans Director Tom Hallenbeck was on scene yesterday and talked to us about the difficult clean-up:

Hallenbeck said that crews were trying to get the water to go back into the Oak Creek stream channel and away from the highway.

As for the weather system that created this disaster, our Forecast Specialist Dennis Mattinson said it was “an absolutely intense, high altitude cell that released torrential rain.” Mattinson checked a sophisticated, remote weather station at Oak Creek Campground. The last rain level reading before the system was destroyed by the mud and water measured 7.6 inches of rain. An astonishing amount of rain since the entire year barely measures 5 inches. Mattinson said all signs of anything were gone from the campground, including trees. He estimated that the torrent of water and mud in the some 50 foot ravine mounted a 20 to 25 foot wall of mud. Mattinson said the weather cell let loose over the Sierra, not the Valley floor - so it was concentrated on the higher elevations.

Late yesterday more floods closed Highways 136 and 190 into Death Valley. The flood hit 10 miles east of Olan-cha and stranded several vehicles. The Sheriff’s Department, CHP and Caltrans went to work to rescue them.

At last report, travel through the mudslide area remained possible and relatively fast.

A note from the Forest Service - they have resumed issuance of wilderness permits to the Mt. Whitney area, Cottonwood pass area and Onion Valley. Baxter Pass is closed.
Sept. 6-7 | Sat-Sun  
I: Matterhorn Peak (12,264):  
Climb this emblem peak in Northern Yosemite on a two-day trip and enjoy the spectacular vistas of the Sawtooth range. Total 10 miles roundtrip, approx. 5,300’ gain. E-mail leaders with conditioning and experience. Ldr: VIRGIL POPESCU, Co-Ldr. PAT ARREDONDO

Sept 6 | Sat  
I: Clouds Rest (9,926’):  
Scot Sullivan’s List Finish Day hike of Clouds Rest in Yosemite National Park, near Tuolumne Meadows. 16 miles round trip and 2700’ of elevation gain. Bring something to share for lunch on the summit. Hikers should have good conditioning. Party goers only also welcome for post hike celebration/ pot luck dinner. Send SASE to: Ldr: LARRY TIDBALL Co-Ldr: BARBEE TIDBALL

Sept 6-7 | Sat-Sun  
MR: Dragon Peak (12,927’)  
Saturday backpack into the seldom-visited Golden Trout Lakes from Onion Valley (2.4 mi. and 2,200’ of gain) on trail. Sunday cross-country climb up the south ridge of Dragon Peak and its unique 3rd class summit pyramid (1.5 mi. rt, 1,420 gain), return to camp and pack-out. Restricted to SC members with rock experience and comfortable with exposure. Send SC#, completed medical form, and climbing resume, email/sase, to Ldr: PAUL GARRY. Asst: VIRGIL SHIELDS.

Contact info for the ldrs of these trips appears in the main Sierra Club Schedule or, if signing up via our website, click on leaders name and a link will take you to leaders email address. To apply as a participant on an outing, send a SASE (or email if requested), SC member number, experience resume, conditioning routine, home and work phone numbers, email address (if applicable), rideshare information and, for restricted trips only, the medical information form. All participants on Sierra Club outings are required to sign a standard liability waiver, available at [http://sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms](http://sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms), or from the Outings Department at (415) 977-5528. All outings designated MR or ER are restricted trips open only to Sierra Club members with the appropriate rock or snow skills. Participants are required by the National Sierra Club to complete the medical information form, available at [http://sierraclub.org/outings/national/participantforms/forms medical](http://sierraclub.org/outings/national/participantforms/forms medical). For all trips, standard or restricted, all participants on Sierra Club outings are required to sign a standard liability waiver. If you would like to read the Liability Waiver before you choose to participate on an outing, please go to: [http://sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/](http://sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/), or contact the Outings Department at (415) 977-5528 for a printed version.
Sep 12-14 | Fri-Sun  
**SPS**  
**I:** Giant Sequoia Nat’l Monument  
**II:**  
Leisurely paced exploration of the most easterly sequoia grove in the Sierra, a look at another grove and climbs of two unlisted peaks coupled with two nights of extended happy hours. Part of an “old-timers” series, this outing will emphasize renewing acquaintances with longtime climbers and welcoming newcomers. Camp both Fri and Sat pm at Quaking Aspen off Cal 190 in Tulare County. Separate hikes Sat to two sequoia groves and a stroll up Dome Rock (7221’), total hiking 7.5 miles with 1500’ gain. Separate climbs Sun of Baker Pt (7754’) and Baker Pk. (7992’), total hiking 4.2 miles with less than 1000’ gain and some Cl 2 on Baker Pk. Afterward, consider hiking up Sunday Pk, once SPS listed but now HPS listed, and departing a different way in this scenic part of the Sierra. Send sase with H&W phones and e-mail address to Asst Ldr: JERRY KEATING. Ldr: GORDON MACLEOD. Asst Ldr: BARBARA LILLEY.

Sep 13-14 | Sat-Sun  
**WTC, SPS**  
**I:** Mt Tom (13,652’):  
Strenuous climb to the top of massive Mt Tom out of Bishop. Sat backpack 4 mi, 2200’ to camp at Horton Lake. Sun climb Mt Tom 7 mi round trip, 3700’ gain, then pack out 4 mi. Send SASE or use e-mail, with info on Sierra experience, WTC leaders name, conditioning, and carpool info to Ldr: ED MORENTE. Asst: JOHN CYRAN.

Sep 14-15 | Sun-Mon  
**WTC, SPS**  
**MR:** Mt. Winchell (13,768’):  
Fall climb through gorgeous meadows to the Palisades. Sunday backpack 6 miles, 3500’ to Sam Mack Meadows. Happy hour Sunday night. Monday climb Mt Winchell 2 miles, 2500 feet via Class 3 East Arete and return. Restricted to Sierra Club members only. Helmet, recent experience on Class 3 rock, and $5 permit fee required. Send climbing resume including recent conditioning to Ldr: RON CAMPBELL (campbellr@verizon.net). Asst: VIR-GIL TALBOTT.

Sep 27 | Sat  
**SPS**  
**I:** Muah (11,016’), Trail Pk (11,673’):  
End the SPS season with pleasant but long dayhike with the girls, Mary Mac and Tina. Moderately paced from Horseshoe Meadow, Muah is 12 mi. and 3,000’ gain. Add Trail Pk, 3 mi. and 1800’ gain. Join us for a pizza party in Lone Pine on Saturday night. Send email/sase, phones, recent conditioning to Ldr: TINA BOWMAN Asst: MARY MCMANNS

Sept 28 | Sun  
**LTC, WTC, HPS**  
**I/M/E:** Grinnell Ridge Navigation:  
Navigation Noodle in San Bernardino National Forest for either checkout or practice to satisfy Basic (I/M) or Advanced (E) level navigation requirements. To receive homework assignment, send navigation experience/training, rideshare info, H&W phones, prefer by Email to Ldr: HARRY FREIMANIS. Asst: ROBERT MYERS.

Oct 4 | Sat  
**LTC**  
**Leadership Training Seminar:**  
Become a qualified Sierra Club Leader. Registrar: STEVE BOTAN

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Oct 11 | Sat  | LTC, WTC, HPS
I: Mt Lowe (5603’):
Beginning Navigation Clinic: 5 mi, 500’ gain. One on one with an instructor, learning/practicing map & compass. Beginners to rusty old timers welcome. Not a check off. Resent no-shows require a $25 deposit, refunded at trailhead. Send large sase early with ck made out to Sierra Club, H&W phones to Ldr: DIANE DUNBAR. Co-Ldr: RICHARD BOARDMAN.

Oct 19 | Sun  | LTC, WTC, HPS
I/M: Indian Cove Navigation:
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Nov 07-09 | Fri-Sun | LTC, WTC
C: Wilderness First Aid Course: Runs from 8 am Fri to 5:30 pm Sun. Includes lodging, meals, practice first aid kit. CPR within previous 4 years required to enroll. $190 with SC#/$200 non-member. Full refund thru Apr 11. For application, contact Ldr: STEVE SCHUSTER

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Dec 6 | Sat  | LTC, WTC, HPS
O: GPS Class: Introduction to Global Positioning System at Eaton Canyon Nature Center, Pasadena. Apply early, no registration at door, start 9 am indoors. Focus on Garmin models includes features, selection, operation, use with maps (provided), hands-on field practice in afternoon. We have Loaner GPS. Send sase, phones, email, any GPS experience and model, $20 (LTC no refund after Mar 31) to Ldr: HARRY FREIMANIS. Asst: ROBERT MYERS

Dec 13 | Sat  | LTC, WTC, HPS
I: Mt Lowe (5603’):
Beginning Navigation Clinic: 5 mi, 500’ gain. One on one with an instructor, learning/practicing map & compass. Beginners to rusty old timers welcome. Not a check off. Resent no-shows require a $25 deposit, refunded at trailhead. Send large sase early with ck made out to Sierra Club, H&W phones to Ldr: DIANE DUNBAR. Co-Ldr: RICHARD BOARDMAN.

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As I backpack up towards Kearsarge Pass out of Onion Valley, the trail is unusually crowded with hikers coming down.

Their packs look suspiciously small. It’s Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) through-hikers coming out for re-supply in Independence. Every 20 minutes or so, another group. It continues unabated as I head south towards Forester Pass. I’ve hit the “center of the herd” heading north to Canada for 2008. It brings back memories which make the miles pass more easily.

The crowd disappears abruptly when I turn off onto the trail to Center Basin: I will see no one until I hike out on the last day. I consider myself a good route-finder, and I follow the faint trail to timberline without difficulty. A magnificent campsite, surrounded by peaks in every direction. Elk graze in the meadows below, and I startle Coyotes each day in the basins above.

The next day consists of Mount Keith, with a side-trip to slap the base of the summit block of “Bat Pinnacle” (Even a technical rating of “California Class 3” is usually beyond my solo capabilities, so this is the closest I’ll ever get to that summit. Those last few vertical feet might as well be the moon). After a “full body workout” on the north-slope talus of Mt. Keith, the view is “forever” in all directions. I question the “Class 2” rating of the dangerously loose rubble of the northwest slopes of Mt. Keith (“never again”), but the hike back to camp down the original John Muir Trail route from Junction Pass serves as a relaxing end to the day.

Two different guidebooks give two different technical ratings for the south ridge of Mount Bradley. Guide #1 says “Class 2”, while Guide #2 says “Class 3-4”. I’m hoping for the former, as the route looks more fun than the steep chutes on the west side. After hours of thrashing, I conclude that if there’s an easy route on the south ridge, I’m not finding it. I make a mental note that if I ever run into R.J. Secor, I’ll ask him about it.

A personal observation on technical ratings. Ski areas rate the difficulty of their runs with “green, blue, black”, but the rating is relevant only to that area. One area’s “green” run can be equal to another area’s “blue” run. A similar situation exists with guidebook climbing ratings: There is “Colorado Class 3” and “California Class 3”. A Colorado guidebook “Class 3” has always been within my solo capabilities, but a California guidebook Class 3 rating rarely so. I keep this in mind when planning Sierra trips.

I conclude the sand-slog up University Peak would be a great snow-climb (that Kearsarge Lakes route is looking better all the time…), but that’s not now. I manage to cliff out a number of times on the traverse to University Pass, which is a combination of humor (how did I…?) and annoyance. (Mental note: Don’t bother with a backpack over U-Pass unless it’s snow-packed). A short side trip to another “ridge bump” challenges me just enough.

It rains that evening for several hours, which I consider unusual for this time of year in the Sierras. Little do I realize the “significance” of this event.
The west chutes of Mt. Bradley go well. The rubble is more stable than expected, and the “north fork-main fork” combination of chutes makes for a semi-loop. The summit of Center Peak is the classic “search the ridge for the frost-shattered block of granite that rises three feet higher than the others”. Now knowing the route, the descent is pleasant. A first aid kit left behind by a climber last fall is so well preserved it looks like it was dropped last week. (It has sentimental value, it turns out, so I mail it back when I return home).

A high metabolism dictates that I eat an enormous amount of food, so the backpack out is always dramatically lighter than the hike in. Having maintained a good pace, I have time for a side-trip to Mount Gould from Kearsarge Pass on the way out. Because the Class 3 section is the final summit block (“I only have to get to there”), it goes without issue. The views are a smoke-filled haze. That rain storm a few days back has set off many fires to the west, I am told.

On the descent, a gaggle of PCT through-hikers is lounging at Kearsarge Pass. Discussion reveals that several were not even born when I through-hiked the PCT. Sobering. Another observation is that I was younger than they are now. Not sure how I feel about that.

Dragon Peak looks beyond my solo abilities, so a day-hike of Kearsarge Peak seems appropriate. The “Class 1 route via trails on the southeast side” sounds appealing. But, after fruitlessly searching at the road switchback for the start of the trail, and seeing nothing on the slopes above, I conclude that the mining trails are long gone; a victim of erosion and vegetation growth. I return to the Kearsarge Pass trailhead and ascend via the Golden Lakes trail and Lucy Pass. In the summit register, I read that the “Snow-Nymph” summated less than one month earlier by the “Kearsarge mines route”. So much for my route-finding capability! (Another summit, another humbling experience). From the summit, the smoke is so thick that I cannot see the White Mountains or Inyo Mountains across Owens Valley. The radio reports worse conditions to come. Big Sur is burning. I turn east for home.

Tired of going solo; climbing partner wanted.

I travel to the Sierras each summer for backpack/peak-bag vacations. The typical vacation is 2-3 weeks, involving several trips up to 7 days each, backpacking into a base camp and day-hiking peaks. I am not particularly fast, but am in excellent shape and have lots of stamina (early starts, go all day). Technically, I can sometimes manage a Sierras Class 3 rating when solo, but often need help (moral support or a belay). I always need a belay on Class 4. I have climbing experience, and can belay others and lead (very) low 5th Class. I am better on snow climbs. My travel dates are flexible.

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Grads on the Dome

Joy and I pulled ourselves slowly up the final section on Yosemite’s Half Dome cable route and we each drew in a deep breath.

A head, son’s Sean and Brian were almost on the summit. Below us stretched a solid line of hikers very slowly ascending or descending the crowded cables that stretched up the steep and slick granite slope. More were arriving at the base of the cables every few minutes. It had taken us an hour to climb the 700’ cable section, delayed by nervous hikers clutching both cables and unwilling to release a hand so another hiker to pass the opposite direction. Some boldly passed the crowd by climbing outside of the cables.

A day hike of Yosemite’s Half Dome is not only a strenuous hike (16 miles RT & 4,700’ gain), but requires some good logistical preplanning to deal with highly popular Yosemite Valley. Our day had started at 4am when we packed up our campsite in the Wawona campground, and made the 45 minute drive to the Valley. (A month before, searching online, this was the last campsite available in the Park.) As we drove through the Valley, majestic Yosemite Falls in full flow caught my eye in the predawn light. Pulling into a parking space near Camp Curry, some hikers were already starting out. We had a quick tailgate breakfast and by 6:30 we joined more hikers moving towards Happy Isles and the start of the John Muir Trail. Needless to say, hiking Half Dome is not your usual Sierra wilderness experience. We were almost always in sight of other hikers. Think of it more as a pilgrimage. Studies have estimated that 500 to 1500 people are on the trail to Half Dome each day! Noon to 2pm is the busiest time on the cables. Clearly the hike is becoming more and more popular. Four years before, on Labor Day weekend, Sean and I, along with Keith Martin hiked Half Dome, and while there were many people on the trail, we were able to move up and down the cables without delay. One hiking guide writer said he would choose Half Dome if allowed only one hike in the Park. The Park Service is concerned about crowding and its affect on a hiker’s wilderness experience and safety on the cables. A permit system to limit Half Dome hikers is a future possibility according to a NPS 2006 Half Dome Day Use Study. For more information, Google “Half Dome Crowding”.

People, or no people; hiking alongside Vernal and Nevada Falls in full flow is an experience and sight not to be forgotten. As we made our way over the pre-dome before the cables, vistas opened up, and I felt an excitement as the backcountry and familiar peaks on the horizon came into view. Far below, we could see and hear the roar of water flowing through Tenaya Canyon, and impressive falls on Snow Creek. Fortunately we had a clear summit day, for in the following week wildfire smoke would envelop Yosemite. Also of note, down the face, were 2 rock climbers completing a one day climb of Half Dome’s NE Face.

Before leaving the summit, Sean took a family photo to commemorate not only our family outing, but academic achievements obtained in June by: Joy – PhD Nursing, UCLA; Sean – high school graduation; and Brian – middle school graduation. Of course they were wearing their caps and gowns. As for me, it was 43 years before, to the date, that I first hiked Half Dome. A good day indeed!
Family on Half Dome

Cables Crowd
My good friend and frequent Sierra climbing partner Brent Crookham had talked about day hiking Mount Baxter for several years. But due to the mistiming of schedules and the Sierra snow pack, we put it off for a few years. Finally, 2007 brought a dry winter to the Sierras and we took a shot at his trip. Brent and I do our best to day hike Sierra peaks, but we’re definitely not into the Sierra Challenge and I had my doubts about this trip. Our journey would not take us up the usual route via Baxter Pass, but instead up an unnamed creek which empties into the North Fork Oak Creek—one might call it the North Fork of the North Fork Oak Creek—Ugh! This way offers a steeper, but more direct ascent of Mt Baxter.

We met late afternoon at Baxter Pass Trailhead and spent a peaceful night at this pleasant spot which has a toilet and shaded area. We began hiking on the Baxter Pass Trail at 5:30am and in about a mile, the trail crosses the unnamed creek and heads up North Fork Oak Creek. We did not cross, but left the trail and hiked cross country up the north side of the unnamed creek doing our best to dodge the manzanita. After a couple hours of tedious hiking, we had to up climb 200 or so feet due to the steepened terrain near the creek then down climb back to creek bed to continue on our way. Just a note: earlier, we could have crossed the creek and caught a ridge which takes one past this up climbing. As we made our way back down to the creek, I took note of where we could gain this ridge for our return trip.
From this point, we stayed in the creek bed (dry at times!) and followed it all the way up to a small, unnamed lake-a gorgeous spot at 10,500ft. If doing the trip as an overnighter, this makes an ideal spot to camp. We stopped for lunch and studied the path ahead. We could now see the Sierra crest and we identified the chute we needed to lead us up. There are several chutes in this large, amphitheater-like area that look tempting to take, but we had a first-class cheat sheet. Harry Langenbacher posted some helpful pictures on Summitpost.com. One of the photos showed the different chutes and their group’s route which was very helpful. Here’s the web link: [http://www.summitpost.org/object_list.php?object_type=3&parent_id=151657](http://www.summitpost.org/object_list.php?object_type=3&parent_id=151657)

So we stashed our ice axes and crampons at the lake, and made the climb up. In a normal snow year, the area would be covered in wet stuff and it would be a more enjoyable climb with crampons. As it was, the chute was steep and filled with loose talus—the usual Sierra gunk. In fact Brent let loose a large rock that flew down my way. When climbing chutes like this, we usually climb with each other or keep a good distance between. After the scream of “Rock!”, I quickly took cover and watched it fly by me. This area was the toughest part of our day. Thankfully, from the top, it was an easy 15 minute hike west to Mount Baxter’s summit. Along the way, Brent and I saw a group of nine Bighorn Sheep which quickly disappeared into the rock.

After taking in the always incredible Sierra views and signing yet another new register, we retraced our steps down to the lake and retrieved our equipment. Further down, I steered us to the ridge on the south side of our creek and we followed it all the way to the brushy manzanita area. It definitely was not an easy walk, but I would recommend this way, especially with a group as it avoids some class 3 climbing we had to do on our way up.

Upon returning very tired before dark, we met a biologist named John. He was kind enough to speak to Brent and I for a ½ hour about Sierra Bighorn Sheep situation. Not a month later, after day hiking Whorl and Matterhorn, I stopped into the Mammoth Lakes Visitor Center and saw a DVD called “Counting Sheep” and John Wehausen was on the cover, so I had to buy it. It’s an excellent documentary about the effort to restore the Sierra Bighorn Sheep population and the problems encountered along the way.

Although this route is tedious, cross-country hiking and climbing most of the way, it is a shorter alternative to the usual approach to Mt. Baxter.
Old climbers don't die of natural causes; they think they are still 34 and can do anything, anytime cause they did it before.

Decided to reclimb my first Sierra peak from 35 yrs ago, Muah Mtn in southern Sierra out of Horseshoe Mdws.

Got up there Sat eve at dark and got going at 8am. Had kind of checked map but the first time I did it was as a BMTC backpack, along with Trail Peak on a Sunday in 1973. My recollection of the approach and peak climb were forgotten after all this time.

Had 2.5 qts of water and I figured it would be an easy meander along the trail, probably find water, then an ascent up and walk out early. Ha!

It was 700’ gain getting there and 1000’ getting out before the peak. That was another 1500’ so the day’s work was about 3000’ gain. Even so, should be doable even for a white-hair like me.

Took me until noon to get to base of mountain and I started up on scree and pine needles. Just kept at it, taking breather breaks all the way. In the old days, would have run up the damned thing.

The top of peak has 3 false summits. Yes, I climbed all of them. Had I stayed on the north slope, would have saved mucho energy and summited earlier.

Finally got on top of the right rock pile at 2:45pm. Stayed 5 min and left. By the time I got back down on the trail, it was 4:15pm and I was very low on water.

Began walk back out and knew there was water down in Dutch Mdws but cows were feeding and pooping so decided not to chance it.

Just kept hiking and ran out of water by 6pm. Took another 2 hrs to get back to truck at 8pm, a total of 12 hrs non-stop moving.

I was tired and thirsty and the cold beer in the cooler was a gift.

Knew I didn’t have energy to climb Trail Peak on Monday so drove home and arrived home in Big Bear at 2am.

I realize that I’m not 34 anymore and can’t jump over high buildings like I used to. But it sure was fun pushing myself and making a success of the trip.

Maybe I’ll do it again in 35 more years.
We met at Agnew Meadow for this climb on Saturday morning. Our party was Virgil Popescu (our co-leader), Alexander Smirnoff, Kathy Rich, Ted Tassop, and Augustin Barajas. We got off to a false start when getting out the sign in sheet I realized that I had lost my wallet. It turned out that I had left on the shuttle bus that I had caught from Mammoth Resort and we were able to get started with less than two hours delay.

Saturday we hiked up to Lake Ediza where we pitched camp on the northwest side of the lake and relaxed for the remainder of the afternoon.

Sunday we were up at 4:20 for a 5:15 start. We hiked up to Ritter from our camp to the base of the Southeast glacier route. We avoided the class 3 ledges described in Secor by taking the snow slope to the left of the cliffs as suggested on Summitpost.
This alternative was easy and looks much preferable to the exposed route described in Secor. We followed the glacier up to the chute and that up to the talus above. After climbing the talus to the summit we were at the top around 11 am. We were joined on the summit by Wayne Martin.

Since most of party felt good (except Virgil, who was recovering from a virus) we decided to head down the north slope to the Ritter Banner saddle and attempt Banner. This turned out to be quite challenging and involved considerable 3rd class down climbing. We got to the saddle at about 1:30 pm. We headed up Banner, which was a relatively straightforward talus climb to the top. Kathy left us in the dust heading up, leaving us wondering what she ate for lunch. It must have been better than my collection Cliff bars and Power bars, which stayed in my pack all the way back to the parking lot.

Wayne had climbed Banner the day before having climbed up via the saddle. I was grateful for his pointer to the correct way down here. There are two low points along the saddle and the south most one heads down a chute that cliffs out. We headed down the north most chute. It was steep and I was glad that the snow was soft when we were on it. I was feeling the altitude at this point and Virgil was feeling the effects of his recovering illness. We were slow and did not get to camp until about 6:30 pm. We were beat at that point and I was thinking that I should have made it a 3-day trip. Nevertheless, we broke camp and headed back to Agnew Meadow. We got back at about 10:30 pm, a very tired bunch.

Thanks to everybody for hanging in there and, especially, Virgil for battling with his illness and Augie for toughing it out on his first Sierra Club trip.

Virgil Poescu coming up the Southeast Glacier on Ritter. Augustin Barajas following closely behind.
We were a fine group: Danielle Carlin, Dave Chapman, Rudy Fleck, Marlen Mertz, Brian Smith, Doan-Trang Trang, Louise and Jim Wholey. Barbee and Larry Tidball and I were the leaders. We gathered at the Pine Creek Trail with the intention of starting at 7:00 a.m., but we hit the trail more like 7:35, minus Barbee. She headed back to Bishop to pick up the permit, which had not been left in the overnight box. This was to her advantage since she was able to stop frequently to photograph the wildflowers on her hike in to camp.

The pack station was getting ready for the season, but the horses and mules were yet to arrive. We admired wildflowers as we made our way up the trail, taking breaks fairly frequently, checking out the Brownstone Mine at the end of the old road portion of the trail where tungsten was mined. I had been worried about crossing the outlet of Pine Lake, vaguely remembering a submerged log crossing. My worries were for naught—a great log, cut flat on top, greeted us. From here we had some rain and hail off and on. Farther along at Upper Pine Lake we found huge stepping stones that made a pretty easy crossing. Not far from Honeymoon Lake, our camp destination, the rain increased for a bit, then stopped when we arrived at the east end of the lake where we found excellent and numerous spots for our tents. We set up camp about 1:00, and Larry and I went back down the trail a ways to meet Barbee, excited about her flower photos. Back in camp we had rain off and on,
at one time steadily—perfect for reading and dozing in our tents. Once the rain passed, I went out exploring, checking out the stream crossing and snow slope near the start of our route to climb the peaks. Though we handled the rain well, the mosquitoes were a bit much at times.

Sunday morning we left camp at 5:35, going a very short distance on the Italy Pass trail, turning off it just past the stream crossing I had scouted on Saturday. We avoided much of the snow as we started our cross-country route to Royce Pass, but hit the snow in the upper portion. After nice breaks below and at the pass, we dropped down a short distance and traversed the Royce Lakes. Jim elected to fish and then met us back at camp while the rest of us climbed.

The snow was steep but somewhat soft as we neared the Merriam-Royce saddle, following footsteps. After a break at the saddle, we left ice axes and crampons and followed Larry up to Merriam. From the summit we had excellent views of emblem peaks Goddard, Darwin, North Pal, Abbot, and Ritter, maybe even Split. Back down at the saddle, Trang elected to wait for us there while we trudged up to Royce, the front group getting there in forty-five minutes from the saddle. We started down about 1:20, making...
good time with the sandy portions. Most of us plunge-stepped down the snow from the saddle, but Barbee and I did sitting glissades once we were on a gentler slope.

Rather than return via Royce Pass, we went cross-country to Pine Creek Pass and picked up the trail down below it. I’d gone this way before and had mentioned it, thus igniting Larry’s curiosity about it. In hindsight, I see that I should have kept my mouth shut since this was longer than our route this morning. Still, we saw a new area, but much of the trail was muddy or under water. Back at camp about 4:30 and later, we packed up and headed out. Many of the big stepping stones near Upper Pine Lake were now under water since we were later in the day than yesterday to this spot after hours of sun melting the snow, but we managed them without incident. The way out, of course, seemed never ending. We started reaching the cars after 8:00, most of us at 8:20 or later. My Avocet recorded about 7,800’ gain for the two days, and we went about nineteen miles, most of them on Sunday. We were tired but happy campers as we started for home and other adventures.
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