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Tina Bowman: 3X List Finisher!

Tina, above, finished the list for the third time October 19 on San Joaquin Peak. Other list finishers joining her were, left to right, Bob Pickering, Doug Mantle, Ron Bartell, and Nile Sorensen (Photos by Cori Newton).



Echoes from the Chair

By Jim S. Fleming

Greetings to my fellow Sierra explorers, and hope that you have all had a safe and enjoyable time climbing in our favorite mountains this past year! I eagerly await the

next climbing season, as I am planning to get myself up there again, hopefully to earn my SPS Emblem. Speaking of those accomplishments, let's all cheer our intrepid Tina Bowman, as she recently completed her third SPS list on San Joaquin Mountain. Way to go, Tina! It will be my great privilege to give her the much-deserved kudos at the annual SPS Banquet, coming up on January 26, 2020, at Almansor Court in Alhambra. I encourage all of you to get your tickets as soon as possible to join our august group there! The program, by SPS members Michael Chamoun and Alexander Smirnoff, will surely be enjoyable and fascinating—their climbs of the highest summit in North America, Mount McKinley. Come join us! Hopefully, many of you have also heeded

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my call in the last column to become involved in our Section; we need all the energy and enthusiasm that we can muster to sustain our wonderful group. Have a safe holiday season! Looking forward to the next year and climbing in our Range of Light!

Cheers,

Jim

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Poster of the Sierra Peaks

Formerly, Kathy Rich was able to have the poster printed at her local Costco and mail it to those who wished to purchase it, but that store no longer has a photo center. What she recommends is that people order copies themselves from the Costco Photo website and pick them up at their local store. (Possibly Costco can mail them.) To get the pdf to use for printing, go the SPS web site here: <https://www.sierraclub.org/angeles/sierra-peaks/sierra-peaks-list-poster>.

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Denali: The Land of Ice and Snow

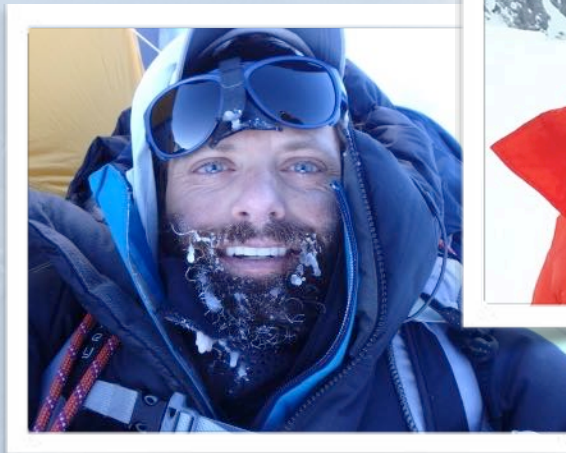
A Climbers' Conversation

In the spring of 2018, with favorable weather, SPS members Michael Chamoun and Alexander Smirnoff scaled the third most isolated peak in the world via the West Buttress. Join us as they share their first-hand accounts of what they experienced through photos, videos, and a Q & A.



Sunday, January 26, 2020

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Welcome New Members!

Brendan Black

Brendan Black has been involved with the Sierra Club since 2012, which is the same year he graduated from the Wilderness Travel Course. He lives on the west side of the Sierra Nevada, where he was born and raised, and he can often be found climbing peaks or lost in some horrendous bushwhacking adventure. He's even been known to enjoy a nature walk here and there.



Congratulations!

Tina Bowman

Tina finished the list for the third time October 19, 2019, on San Joaquin Mtn. (See story page 8). Tina is seen below with husband Tom Bowman celebrating on San Joaquin. Congrats!



Derek Tse

Derek Tse earned his M rating. Congratulations Derek, and thanks for leading for the SPS!

Congratulations!

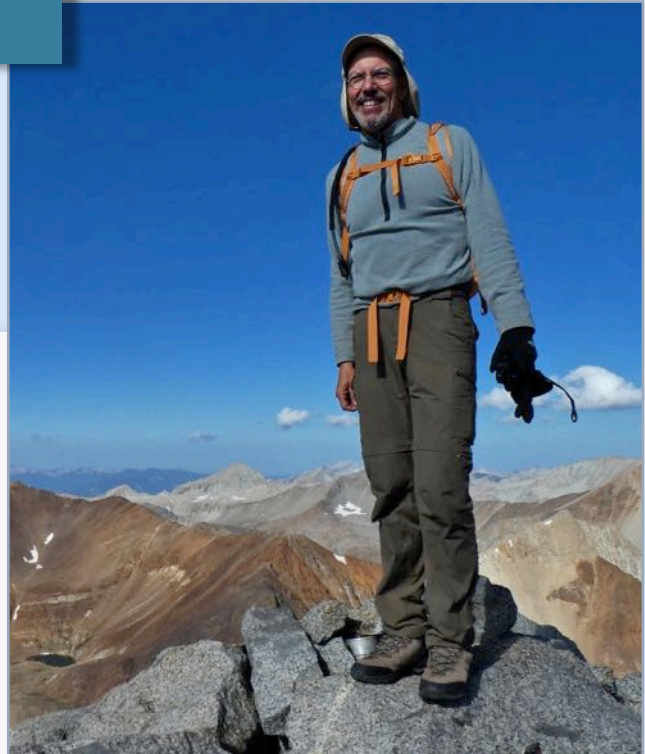
Philip S. Bates

Philip S. Bates earned his emblem on Mt. Brewer on September 24, 2016; Geographic Emblem on Mt. Keith on August 20, 2019; and Andy Smatko Explorer Emblem on Finger Peaks in August 2011.

Ratings for Scramblers now Posted

You may recall that we published an article in the April-June 2019 *Echo* by Philip S. Bates on his rating system for class 1-4 climbs that builds upon the Yosemite Decimal System. Phil's definitions of the various classes, along with peaks on the SPS list and non-listed Sierra peaks with the scrambling rating system designations, are now on the SPS web site. Check it out! We encourage you to add additional information and create a dialog with Phil about his system. Because the Scrambling Ratings are more detailed than the standard class 1-4, they are far more useful to us when we plan Sierra climbs. See <https://www.sierraclub.org/angeles/sierra-peaks/ratings-for-scramblers>.

Phil has also contributed an article about less traveled parts of the Sierra on page 13 of this issue.



Keith Christensen

Keith Christensen earned his senior emblem on Mt. Lola on October 13, 2019. Congrats, Keith!

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Around the Web

By Dave Sholle

Editors' note: Dave Sholle is our correspondent for this column sharing web links that SPS members may find interesting. If you see something you think would interest other members, please send it to Dave at dsholle@verizon.net.

There's a very thorough article on the deaths of three top alpinists on Howse Peak in April 2019: <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/sports/article-death-at-howse-peak-how-three-climbers-perished-on-an-alberta/>.

An article about hikers finding a mystery skeleton in the Sierra was sent in by Pat and Gerry Holleman: <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/10/19/us/skeleton-found-mount-williamson.html>.

A *Rock and Ice* article tells the story of two well-prepared and experienced women dying on Red Slate Mountain: https://rockandice.com/climbing-news/two-women-lost-on-red-slate-mountain-did-everything-right/?cn-reloaded=1&fbclid=IwAR3-PhFvhnPW-yCBjIPwaT_ieZ7WgmAgvFhAlgn-ixAK1Kk1ugZ1vUasDUA.

Nirmal Purja summited all fourteen 8,000 meter peaks in six months and six days: <https://rockandice.com/climbing-news/nirmal-nims-purja-summits-all-14-8000-meter-peaks-in-just-6-months-6-days-shattering-former-record-by-over-7-years/>.

Since our upcoming banquet is about Denali, here is a story about Walter Harper, the first to summit Denali: <http://www.alpinist.com/doc/web19f/wfeature-a67-wired-denali-universe>.

Alex Honnold on YouTube discusses and rates climbing scenes from various movies: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R7qSiEKntQA>.



Dare to Lead! Spring Leadership Training Seminar Set for April 18, 2020

Becoming a Sierra Club outings leader starts with curiosity and a love of the outdoors. What better way to step up and lead than by taking advantage of the training opportunities that the Angeles Chapter's Leadership Training Committee provides each year?

As home to one of the largest outings programs on the planet, the Sierra Club Angeles Chapter's many groups, sections, and committees sponsor 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 on April 18th in Culver City. Deadline to register is April 4th.

The seminar 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 costs \$25. The application is on-line with other information at <https://www.sierraclub.org/angeles/leadership-outings/leadership-training-seminar>. At this site, <https://www.sierraclub.org/angeles/leadership-outings/angeles-chapter-leadership-training-program>, you can learn more about the Leadership Training Program and view the LTC's upcoming offerings, which are also on the Schedule of Activities page. Scholarships are available for those with financial need. Apply to LTC Chair Anne Marie Richardson AMLeadership@gmail.com

Update: The Land and Water Conservation Fund (and adding a new bill to promote—Restore Our Parks)

By Vicky Hoover, Sierra Club Chair, LWCF Task Force

The historic Land and Water Conservation Fund, enacted in 1964 at the same time as the Wilderness Act, is called "America's most important conservation program." It probably has influenced far more people's lives than has the Wilderness Act. Unlike the Wilderness Act, the LWCF came with an expiration date, and twice recently Congress has ignominiously let it expire. The second time was just over a year ago, and victory came soon afterwards, when the bill to reauthorize the highly popular fund permanently was included in the big lands omnibus enacted early in 2019 called the Dingell Act. (John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act of 2019.)

So, now the LWCF is made permanent, no more worries about expiration. So, are we satisfied yet?

Well, no. The efforts last Congress to include in the reauthorization a provision to secure "full funding" for the LWCF—that is, to assure that the authorized amount of \$900 million per year would actually get appropriated and used each and every year—failed. So, now in the current Congress there are bills in both Houses to secure the funding and mandate appropriation of the full amount every year. These bills have proven very popular: the Senate bill now has forty-nine bipartisan cosponsors, and the House bill closed its co-sponsorship in late October with 232 cosponsors, considerably more than half the House.

Another action helping the LWCF happened on November 21, when the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee held a mark-up on the LWCF Senate bill and successfully passed it out of committee to the full Senate by a vote of thirteen to seven. Four Republicans on the committee joined the nine committee Democrats to move the bill forward.

The same day, the committee also passed out a somewhat related bill that we strongly support called "Restore Our Parks": S 500 and HR 1225 would fund the horrendous deferred maintenance backlog faced by most of America's national parks—including California's nine—plus many additional units managed by the National Park Service. Sponsored by Republican lawmakers, this bill has attracted even more Republicans, including fourteen Republican senators and 118 Republican representatives. For this also, the House bill has closed to further cosponsors at 329, more than three quarters of the House.

If the LWCF bill and the Restore Our Parks bills are so popular and both out of Committee and cleared to go to the full body for votes, aren't we very near victory?

There is one problem. While the House bills seem easily assured of passage, the Senate is another matter. Senate leadership is not enthusiastic over these two efforts to spend more money on our parks and other public outdoor places, perhaps especially in the case of "Restore Our Parks," which would require a brand new federal fund.

We continue to seek additional cosponsors in the Senate—especially Republicans who can more directly influence Leadership. While Californians cannot help directly on this—as both Senators are already cosponsors of both bills—we could potentially help indirectly. Do you have friends or family in Arizona, Indiana, Iowa, Tennessee, Utah, or West Virginia? These are states where we are lobbying a Republican senator to join one or both of the two bills, "Fully Fund LWCF" or "Restore Our Parks Act." If you do and would be willing to urge them to contact their Senator, kindly send an email to vicky.hoover@sierraclub.org with subject "Helping on LWCF or ROPA" and I can send detailed info. THANK YOU for helping America's national parks and public outdoor recreation places.



The Third Time's the Charm!

By Tina Bowman



At the end of the 2017 season, I had six SPS peaks left to finish the list, though one was Disappointment. I thought I might wrap it up in 2018, but no! For a host of reasons, I climbed only one Sierra peak in 2018, and it isn't on the list. Thankfully, 2019 was a different story. On a wonderful pack trip with Doug Mantle, Michael Gosnell, and Michael Chamoun, I climbed Emerald, The Hermit, Huxley, and McGee, saying "Never again!" after two of those climbs. Then Daryn Dodge, Paul Garry, and I climbed Disappointment and checked off that grudge peak. All systems were go, and I set September 28th for the 3xSPS list finish.

The forecast wasn't looking too great, but the National Weather Service indicated that the bad weather would be mostly after 11:00 a.m. As we drove to the Mammoth ski resort's main lodge Saturday, the weather turned grim, despite a splendid rainbow. The few sprinkles we'd had in Shady Rest Campground turned to serious rain and then hail to boot. And, boy, was it windy! The forecast said



Top: The Minarets, Ritter and Banner in view on the way to San Joaquin, October 19 (Photo by Cori Newton). At left: SPS list finishers at the party on September 28th (Doug Mantle is just out of the frame on the left). Front row, L to R: Barbara Sholle, Mary Motheral, Tina Bowman, Gerry Holleman, Pat Holleman. Back row, L to R: Ron Hudson, Ron Bartell, Larry Tidball (in front), Don Sparks (behind), Scott Sullivan, Corrine Livingston, Daryn Dodge (Photo by Tom Bowman).



gusts over 65 mph were possible, not something to be joyous about. Any normal trip I'd have cancelled long before, but for a list finish I clung to any ray of hope. Was the rainbow a good-luck token?

Many stalwart souls gathered in the parking lot, staying sensibly in their vehicles. Tom, my husband, and I, the crazy one, scurried amongst the cars, checking in, getting people to move to a different parking spot for fear of ticketing or towing, etc. Right off the bat, Doug hopped into our Tacoma, wedging himself into the jump seats and waiting out the insanity. Consolidated into fewer vehicles, we caravanned to Minaret Summit, where the hail had created a slick layer on the pavement and the world was looking rather white. Did I want to kill my friends by hypothermia? No! What price finishing the list again? After I dithered a bit, back we went to the main lodge and escaped inside to look out at the weather. The thought of postponing till the next day was problematic: would there be ice on the road? Snow? Finally, I decided to postpone the hike to some future date, but on the excuse that people had brought potluck items, we went ahead with

the party. Unconventional, but people trusted me to finish the list "sometime."

We had planned to reconvene at Shady Rest at noon for the party, but our heroine Christine Mitchell commandeered her brother's house in Mammoth Lakes for the event. Wonderful! Though the sun was out in town, it was still pretty nippy, so it was heavenly to be inside. A few people skipped the party for various reasons—Stephanie Gylden, Dan Richter, and Steve and Shane Smith—but we had a lot of people in Jeff's house: Christine and Ron Bartell, Doug, Mary Motheral, Don Sparks, Pat and Gerry Holleman, Barbara and Dave Sholle, Barbee and Larry Tidball, Ron Eckelmann, Daryn Dodge, Elena Sherman and Scott Sullivan, Anne Mullins and



Top: En route to San Joaquin, October 19 (Photo by Cori Newton). Above: On the summit of San Joaquin: Front row, L to R: Mary Jo Dungfelder, Tina Bowman, Doug Mantle, Ron Bartell, Nile Sorenson. Back row: Bob Pickering, Gary Schenk, Christine Mitchell, Cori Newton, Jeff Mitchell, Michael Gosnell (Photo by Tom Bowman).

Paul Garry, Corrine Livingston, Keith Christensen, Kathy Rich, Karen Andersen and Ron Hudson, and Tom and me. The champagne and Martinelli's sparkling cider were flowing, people fell on the pizzas like jackals, and we had all sorts of other goodies to feast on. In his inimitable way, Doug gave a wonderful speech/toast/roast (see accompanying piece). Christine gave me a tub of almond butter cups, most excellent, and Barbara a lovely, engraved glass star, which I kept wrapped in tissue at home until I earned it by truly finishing the list. Eventually we all said goodbye and went our separate ways.

Back to the calendar and email I went. Doug would be in North Carolina for a bit, so I rescheduled the hike for Saturday, October 19th, when he would be back. Though I was antsy to check San Joaquin off my list, Doug has helped me climb many, many peaks, including Devils Crag three times, and we've had so many wonderfully memorable trips over all these years—of course I waited till he was available. Out went the email invitation to the hike, again.

Doug and Mary Motheral were both on my very first SPS trip (to Red Slate and Red and White) in August 1980, and it meant so much to me that they came in September and again in October for the grand finale. Some friends who weren't available in September were able to come in October: Mary Jo Dungfelder and Gary Schenk, Michael Gosnell, Nile Sorenson, and Bob Pickering (who had just finished the list on Iron September 22nd). Ron and Christine came for the second time, and Christine's brother Jeff Mitchell and Cori Newton, aka Snownymph, and Tom were able to join in the fun.

This time the weather forecast improved as we approached the hike date—remaining sunny, getting a bit warmer, and diminishing wind speeds, which were as earlier forecast as high as 25-35 mph with gusts to 70 mph. Not pleasant, by I vowed to claw my way to the summit if I had to. By Saturday morning we were down to 20-25 mph winds with gusts to 40, I believe.

As before, we piled into 4WD vehicles—Jeff's 4Runner, Cori's Jeep, and our Tacoma—and caravanned to Deadman Summit, a road definitely requiring high clearance and 4WD. After the requisite milling around, we were off at the crack of 9:00. We dropped down to the saddle and began the roller-coaster hike along the ridge on use trail and eventually to the summit, taking a couple of breaks along the way. The views were breathtakingly clear—the Ritter Range, Mono Lake, peaks, peaks, peaks everywhere. The weather gods smiled on us, and we were often out of the wind and even had a lot of calm on the summit, which we reached at 12:20.



Above: Climbers negotiating the steepest, rockiest area of descent on the return hike (Photo by Cori Newton).

I had hauled an ammo box and large register book to the summit besides a bottle of Martinelli's and wasn't pleased to see a larger, silver-painted ammo box (no doubt placed by Greg Vernon) with a fine, large book going back to 2012 inside. Oh well. To my very great relief, Bob willingly carried my box back to the trailhead.

San Joaquin was my third SPS peak, which I climbed from Agnew Pass in 1980 before becoming a member, so it was rather fitting that it was my last peak for 3x. From the summit we could see Bloody Mountain, my first list finish peak (in 1992 with one friend—I wasn't really clued in yet about list finishes and party opportunities). My 2x SPS list finish was on Independence Peak along with Waucoba for 2x on the DPS list and Five Fingers for 2x HPS.

Some of us donned our funny hats for the summit photos. I wore my broken beanie copter (the ends of the propeller had broken off), which I first wore on my DPS list finish in 1994, but also a gnome hat, also worn on that first DPS finish. Cori had a chicken hat; Ron his Goofy hat. Besides the champagne and sparkling cider, we had LOTS of chocolate items; clearly these people knew me (and themselves) well x! After more than an hour, we started back, arriving about 4:00 and driving

back into town and on to another pizza party, this time at Z Pizza, where eight of us gathered: Mary Jo and Gary, Christine and Ron, Jeff, Cori, and Tom and me. I unveiled the star and opened the cards I'd received after the first party. They were all so perfect, but I burst out laughing after opening the one from Mary Jo and Gary—a sympathy card, signed “With sympathy and empathy for your peak-bagging obsession! 4 is next!”

I never started out to finish the list once, twice, or three times. I just kept after the next goal, like emblem up

to list finish and then list finish plus emblem, etc. This time around, however, I said “never again!” in all seriousness. No, zero, zilch, nada plans for 4x. Sorry, 4x is not next! Truly, cross my heart!

Along the way I have made so many terrific friends, and I was honored and delighted that a great number of them could join me in September for the would-be 3x and in October for the true 3x. Thanks for sharing this journey with me! I look forward to much more Sierra time with you.

Doug Mantle, speech maker extraordinaire, gave this toast at the party on September 28th.

A Brief (You May Not Think It Brief Enough) History of Multiple List Finishes

By Doug Mantle

We are told the founders picked peaks for the SPS List on their knees, scooting around maps laid out on a living room floor. The end product was to be a work-in-progress for life, not something ever to be dispatched once.

Perhaps the idea was similar for the HPS List, an earlier list. But Dick Akawie and Shirley kept having kids, and each in turn was escorted to the various high points until Dick, like John Backus, had finished up seven times.

Paul Lipsohn—and Dick Akawie too—aspired to be the first 2x on the DPS list. Their bad lungs kept them both from that distinction even though the desert list was relatively short then.

But the idea of 2x on the SPS List was not conceivable, a crazy idea. Thus it was that a very crazy guy named Cuno Ranschau got the idea and set off the pursuit. Eventually four folks did the 2x—including Tina, Greg Vernon, and RJ. In 1982 I chanced on Greg on the trail. He, arguably the most prolific of the first-time finishers, said to me: “I hear you are finishing the List twice. Why?”

Now with Tina's 3x, all our other finishes, and forty years behind us, it's time that Tina, Greg, and I find a good psychoanalyst and get the answer. In the vernacular, we need to get our heads examined. Daryn, Corrine, it may not be too late for you to get help?

So now to Tina, the Goddess, all but three times the List.

Yes, an individual accomplishment, but she would be the first to share credit with those who helped her do it, and on this occasion, let us reflect on those no longer with us. Those who taught her how to hold an ice axe, tie a bowline, how to attain and hold the respect of a group.

She is grateful to them, misses them—sure, McRuer, Russell—but will agree that foremost among them would be



Doug Mantle toasting Tina Bowman on San Joaquin (Photo by Tom Bowman).



Doug Mantle and Tina Bowman at the September 28 party (Photo by Tom Bowman).

RJ Secor. And someone once remarked, she was “the love of his life”! Wait, no, I’ve mixed that up with another SPSer.

Arguably the toughest peak on the SPS List is Disappointment; Tina’s penultimate peak, it almost proved to be too much for 2019. Eighteen hours? The moraines and meadows of the South Fork and also Birch Creek are littered with the broken limbs and shredded tents of those seeking its summit with her these last two years. The victors, or rather survivors, are here, and well enough still to walk—Daryn? Paul?

Tina’s interests rank well beyond Sierra Peaks. She did well to finish in 2019 because, after all this was a “track year” as she won medals in hurdles and javelin in Iowa and Toronto this summer.

Her marriage to Tom is in its third decade. Tom’s company was Bowman Design Group, but Tom had designs on Tina way before that when Tom asked

Tina to marry him. She replied, “Will you lead me up Mt. Darwin?” And, by golly, he did.

Tina’s Fault

For the fortieth SPS anniversary, this was about seventy-five years ago, Barbee— Hoffman then, I think— suggested we prepare a segment called “Women of the SPS.” In a jiffy so many names came to my mind: List finishers, other excellent climbers, chairpersons, important section activists—beginning, always, with Bobbie Lilley, plus Tina, Barbee Tidball, Vi Grasso, Barb Sholle, Patty Rambert, yes, Patty Kline, Mary McMannes, Mary Motheral, Pat Holleman, the Hoovers, Kathy Rich, Nancy Gordon, on and on . . . So then I thought, maybe, instead, we should prepare a segment called “Men of the SPS.” Which suggests that Tina’s third List Finish, while perhaps a woman thing, is a pretty stupendous thing thing. Period.

Tina has served as our leader for more terms than Franklin Delano Roosevelt; she has been our paper editor longer and more effectively than Horace Greeley; adding up all those on her trips, she has headed more “troops” than General Eisenhower. All unique, all remarkable—

So, a toast to your finish this time around, Tina, and the next!

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Mt. Starr King (9096')—Part III, a Closer Look August 28, 2019

By Bill Oliver

[Part I—"The Early Climbs," Nov-Dec 1993 *Echo*]

[Part II—"Climbing Mt. Starr King," Jan-Feb 1994 *Echo*]

Yosemite is a land of many grand granite domes, half domes, and quarter domes. Four miles due south of Half Dome, Mt. Starr King stands out prominently as the highest of three adjacent, in-line domes. Quoting from the Whitney Survey report of 1865 relating to Mt. Starr King, once called the South Dome: "This is the most symmetrical and beautiful of all the dome-shaped masses around Yosemite; but it is not visible from the valley itself. It exhibits the concentric structure of the granite on a grand scale; although its surface is generally smooth and unbroken. Its summit is absolutely inaccessible."

Evidently George Bailey, a good friend and occasional climbing companion of John Muir, was not deterred by this report, as he and two companions made the first summit accession in the summer of 1875 (most sources say 1876;

refer to Part I). This was by the NE route. The first climb by the more popular SE route was achieved on August 23, 1877, by George Anderson (who had been the first to top Half Dome in October 1875), James Hutchings, and J.B. Lembert. [Refer to Part I for elaborations on these first ascents.]

Thomas Starr King (1824-1864) was a Unitarian minister (transplanted from Boston to San Francisco in 1861), a popular lecturer, and a nature writer. His eloquent oratory was credited by Lincoln with helping save California for the Union. He was also among the first to journey in and exult upon the wonders of Yo-Semite Valley—and he climbed mountains! [A peak in the White Mountains of New Hampshire, where he often vacationed, is also named Mt. Starr King in his honor.]

Part II, which can be found on the SPS website under Trip Reports ("Mt. Starr King—a Close Look" <http://sierrapeaks.org/archives/sps00191.htm>), details my first climbs of Starr King: the SE route on August 29, 1992, a CMC

Above: The domes of Starr King via telephoto from the Mono Meadows trailhead (Photo by Bill Oliver).

trip, and again on September 25, 1993, with a friend. The latter date included an ascent by the NE route. I have topped this peak eight times, always leading the first pitch. After an absence of seventeen years, I last climbed it on August 28, 2019, with two friends (another watching). My largest party was a cosponsored WTC/SPS trip, (the first E-rated WTC outing). Eleven in that group reached the summit, including our illustrious *Echo* co-editors, Tina Bowman and Beth Epstein, on July 15, 2000. My intent here is to focus again on details of the SE route.

This past August three climbing buds and I spent an awesome week adventuring in Yosemite. This began with a one-day descent of Tenaya Canyon (from Tenaya Lake to the Valley); a two-day commercial raft trip on the Tuolumne River; then a three-day backpack from Mono Meadow to the Valley, topping Starr King the first day and Half Dome the second. (Note: when submitting our wilderness permit application, online twenty-four weeks in advance, I could also request that we wanted a Half Dome permit. You do not have to specify which day you'll climb it. The entire group must be present when the ranger at the base of the cables checks your permit, and the person whose name is on the Half Dome permit must be present and show ID [can be a different person than on the wilderness permit], specified at the time of picking up the wilderness permit and listening to the ranger's talk [note that all members of the party must be present for this talk]. Also note that you cannot camp in Little Yosemite Valley the first night. From LYV one could also climb Clouds

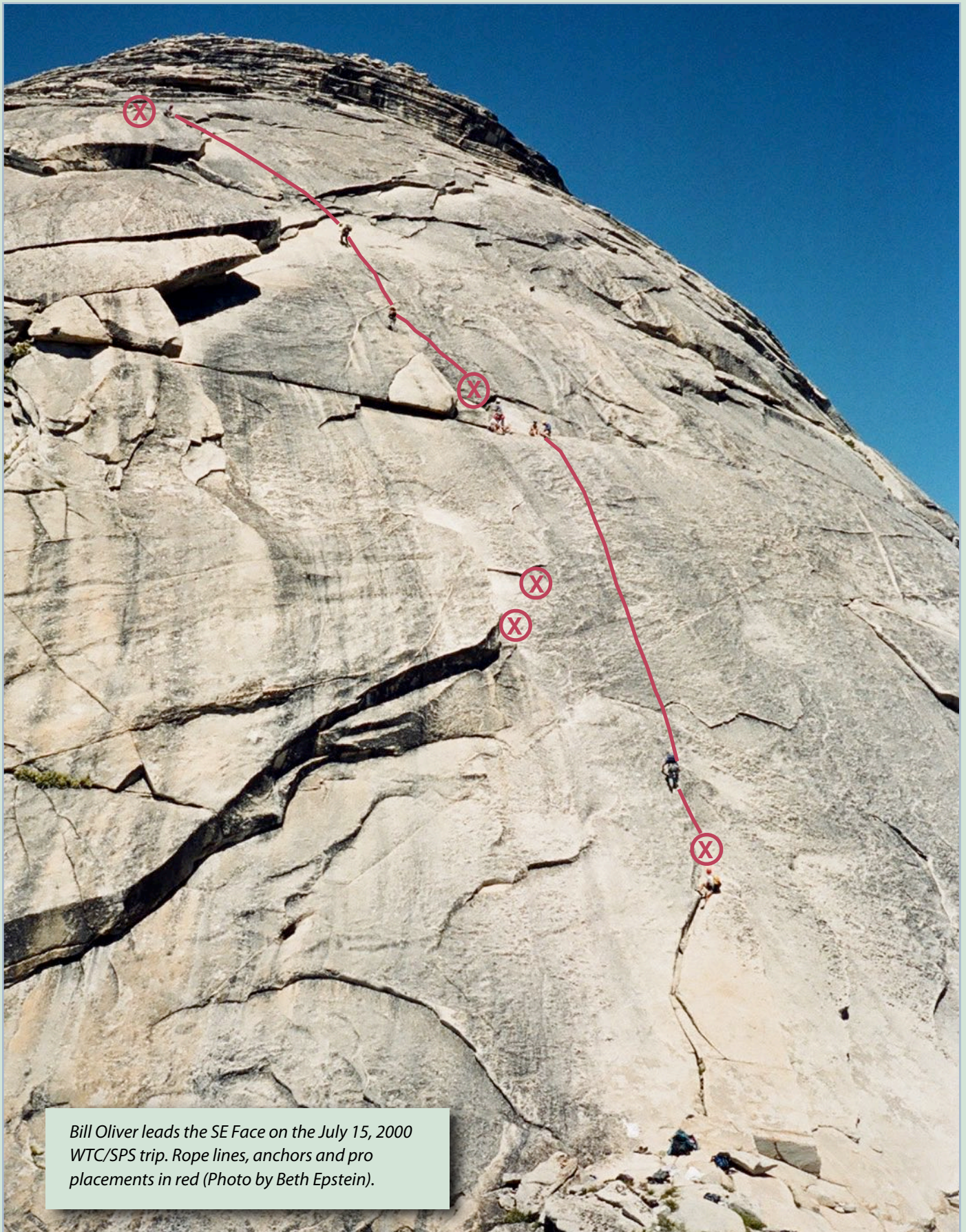
Rest, thus topping in one backpack the three SPS peaks closest to the Valley. Having set up a car shuttle, one could then descend to the Valley, rather than pack back up to Mono Meadow.)

Our departure from the Mono Meadow trailhead was delayed by first having to pick up the permit in the Valley. The initial section through the meadow was unavoidably muddy, as the trail there was being rebuilt to raise it a little above the marshy level. Two of us crossed Illilouette Creek with dry boots by rock hopping a little upstream; two just waded it (about ankle high) with boots already wet from the marsh. Soon enough we faced the standard cross-country, manzanita-avoiding long slog up to the lower of the two saddles between the three domes. We didn't arrive at the upper saddle, the start of the SE route, until about 3:00. (At seventy-six I'm quite the slower teammate, even though my much younger companions carry all the ropes and climbing gear plus some of my pack load.)

The first pitch commonly begins at the top of the prominent crack/flake rising from the saddle. Depending on the guidebook, it is rated anywhere from 5.0 to 5.5. An accomplished and fearless rock climber, willing to endure a huge runout, could head straight up the blank face to the ample ledge that ends the pitch. Most lead climbers, however, will veer left onto steeper terrain in order to place some pro among cracks. After the second cleans it, everyone else can head straight up on belay. I have always worn rock shoes on lead in order to feel more secure on the steep smooth face. From the start, the leader could



On the summit of Starr King, July 15, 2000. Front row left to right: Bill Oliver, Paul Graff, Scott Nelson, Kim Gimenez. Middle: John Robinson, Tina Bowman, Beth Epstein, Joanne Andrew. Back row: Greg Gerlach, Bob Wyka, Jason Lynch. (Photo by Beth Epstein)



Bill Oliver leads the SE Face on the July 15, 2000 WTC/SPS trip. Rope lines, anchors and pro placements in red (Photo by Beth Epstein).



Bill Oliver placing pro in the vertical section of the crack in 1992 (Photo by Jim Adler).

based anchors at the top of each pitch, although there will likely be a lot in place. Two 50-meter (165') ropes are needed to handle the two rapps, though 60 m (200') would be preferable, especially for leading the second pitch. On the first pitch having a third rope, dragged by the person on belay, would be efficient for pulling the belay rope back down. Because of the curve of the steep dome, it is non-trivial to throw the rope down to the start. These do not need to be thick heavy ropes. This past August, to save weight, we used two 8.1mm, 60m ropes. There are no

bolts anywhere, and none need be drilled. Climbing helmets are always advisable.

move diagonally left to the “small right-facing open book” (R.J. Secor’s guide). Another option is to head up about fifteen feet or so and then follow a vague horizontal line over to the flake. Based on the notes of all my climbs, I have usually placed three cams on the first pitch, but sometimes just two. That’s one or two in the near vertical portion of the arching crack, then one up to the right in the more horizontal portion of the same now-thin flake (refer to photos). I suggest bringing #1, #2, and #3 Camalots or equivalent. The section beyond the pro is less steep. The common anchor at the ledge is webbing around a large stone on the left side, not in view at the start. With the belay established, the rest of the team often climbs in their hiking boots.

The second pitch, a not-so-steep class 4, is most commonly and efficiently established by setting a fixed line, perhaps with a cam placed above half-way on lead. Then two people can ascend the rope concurrently with a prusik-type self-belay. A large flake can be strung with webbing for the upper anchor. It is likely that rapp slings will be readily spotted for the anchor. Then it’s a short scramble over blocks to the broad summit. The 1937 classic Sierra Club aluminum box is still secured to the summit. As it currently contains two full books, dating from 1982, I placed a new SPS register. (At signing, I mistakenly wrote 9X; it should be 8X.)

Gear: I have always used the small-medium Camalots, as noted. One should also bring webbing to sling the rock-

I really want to take this opportunity to give a shout-out to a pretty cool SPS climb led forty-two years ago by Chuck Stein, Gene Mauk, and Bill Birnbaum. Summiters included Gene’s three sons, plus a son each of Chuck and of Allan Conrad. On July 10, 1977, they placed an SPS-record twenty-four climbers at once atop Starr King. This exploit was detailed in the March-April 1978 *Echo*, and their summit group shot appeared on the cover. I am pleased to provide here a color print of that shot that Chuck sent me in 1993, as well as an image obtained recently of their register entry. I want to acknowledge also getting photos from Allan. We know Chuck is no longer with us; I’m unfamiliar with Bill’s whereabouts. What about Gene Mauk? As I was working this article, I had a delightful phone conversation with Gene. A triple list-finisher (SPS, DPS, and HPS), he had just entered his ninth decade. He can no longer climb, but with support from dear SPS buds, he has been plugging away at hiking the Pacific Crest Trail. California is complete. This past summer he got in about fifty miles in Washington, with 250 remaining, however. He hopes to finish off a final thirty miles in Oregon next summer. He’ll keep doing it as long as it’s still fun. Good for you, Gene, and all the best.

You might wonder how I obtained that 1977 register entry, as the current summit books date from 1982. Well,



Left: Gene Mauk and his boys atop Starr King on the '77 climb. Left to right: Rob (16), Gene (47), Steve (20), and John (14) (Photo courtesy Gene Mauk).

Below: Summit photo showing a record 24 SPSers atop Starr King, July 10, 1977 (Photo by Chuck Stein).

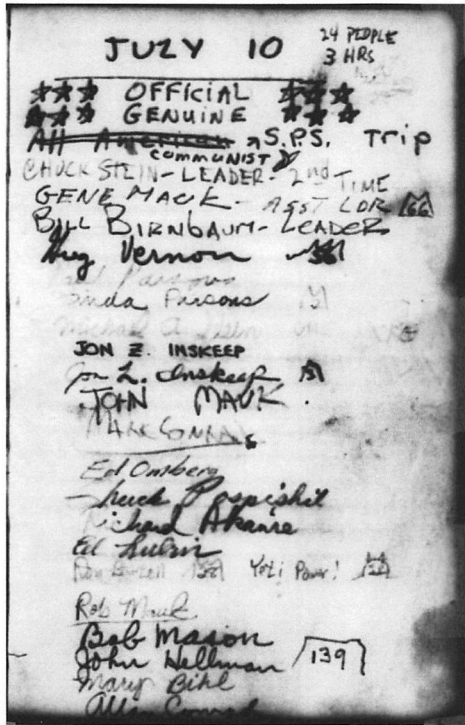


get this. The first Sierra Club register was placed on July 4, 1931. On May 29, 1937 the SC aluminum box was mounted, and the original register was removed and replaced with a new book. In the fall of 1991, this 1931-37 register was discovered in a box of recovered old SPS registers, which collection was maintained by then Mountain Records chair, Bill T. Russell. No one knew when or how the Starr King register got there. On April 2, 1992, at the direction of the SPS management committee, I mailed this book and a couple of other historic items to join the Sierra Club Mountain Records Collection at the Bancroft Library, UC Berkeley. The full 1937-placed book was removed around 1992 by Mark Spencer (author of *Southern Yosemite Rock Climbs*, 1988). It covered the period 1937-1982, and it now also resides with the Bancroft collection. So, the two earliest Starr King registers from 1931 to 1982 are

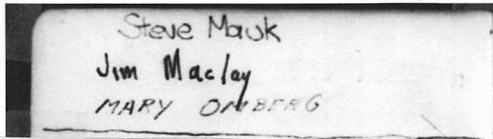
available at the Bancroft. Along comes Bill Amborn, a former rock climber himself and the grandson of Yosemite pioneering explorer/climber William Kat (1875-1972).

Kat, a Dutch immigrant, settled with his family in Oakland, California, in 1913, working as a carpenter and contractor. His "Yosemite Years" spanned 1927-1946. He originally worked as a finishing carpenter and artisan in the construction of the Ahwahnee Hotel (opened in 1927), then later for the Yosemite Park and Curry Company. In that period, he climbed Mt. Starr King nineteen times, a record number of ascents based on the 1931-82 registers, often taking young summer workers with him. Two Yosemite features were named by climbers for him: Kat Pinnacle and Kat Walk.

As an undergrad at UCLA in the early 1960's, Bill Amborn joined and became a leader in the Sierra Club's Angeles Chapter Rock Climbing Section; then later as a grad student at UC Berkeley, he was active with the northern RCS. In 2005 he took over from his mother the task of writing the fascinating story of his grandfather.



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 All American S.P.S. Trip

Chuck Stein – Leader – 2nd time
 Gene Mauk – Asst. Ldr. /66\
 Bill Birnbaum – Leader
 Greg Vernon /56\
 Paul Parsons
 Linda Parsons /2\
 Michael A. Stein /1\
 Jon Z. Inskeep
 Jon L. Inskeep /3\
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 Richard Akawie
 Ed Lubin
 Ron Bartell /128\
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 Rob Mauk
 Bob Mason
 John Hellman /139\
 Mary Bihl
 Allan Conrad

Steve Mauk
 Jim MacLay
 Mary Omberg

[Source: Bill Amborn's "Mt. Starr King, 1931-1982, the Peak Registers."
 Names here have been retyped to correct for spelling errors.]

Left: Register from the 1977 climb (Courtesy Bill Amborn).
 Below: Current SPS registers on Starr King (Photo by Bill Oliver).
 Bottom: Summit panorama showing L to R, Half Dome, Clouds Rest, Mt. Clark (Photo by Bill Oliver)



It would become a multi-year project, which ended in a biography of over 800 pages. Relevant to our story was his taking on the additional monumental task of transcribing page-by-page all the entries in the two 1931-1982 Starr King registers. Based on his microfilm copy of the pages, purchased from the Bancroft, his work is published with the

library's permission, and it is freely available online. The work includes many photos, tables, and charts, plus interesting footnotes on numerous entries. (There is a wonderful 7/21/38 summit shot of Kat with four young Curry workers on page 89.) It runs 532 pages, concluding with an index of all the signers. Trying to decipher the **(Continued on page 34)**





Sierra Summits with Solitude

By Philip S. Bates

After climbing peaks from three of the most popular Eastern Sierra trailheads, I was eager for some mountain adventures with fewer people. Readings and recommendations suggested two seldom visited corners of the High Sierra: Center Basin and the Volcanic Lakes. Just west of the Sierra's eastern crest and north of Shepherd Pass, Center Basin's numerous lovely alpine lakes and peaks have attracted few visitors since the John Muir Trail (JMT) was re-routed to the west after the construction of Forester Pass in the 1930s. Likewise, north and high above Kings Canyon's Cedar Grove, there is little foot traffic on the trail-less loop around the scenic Volcanic Lakes and the nearby peaks of the Monarch Divide and Goat Crest.

Given the heavy snow year and the bad reputation of both areas for mosquitos, I chose late August and early September for our two backpacks. My buddy Bill Van Woert accompanied me on both outings, with the addition of my wife Virginia for Center Basin and my brother Steve for the Volcanic Lakes loop. We targeted a dozen possible peaks to climb on the two outings, including seven on the SPS list. We decided the selected routes and late season conditions required no climbing gear, and fortunately we were right!

Taking the longer but easier route over Kearsarge Pass, the backpack from Onion Valley to Center Basin is roughly eighteen miles, with 4300 feet of aggregate elevation gain. The final two miles follow the route of the old JMT, which departs the current JMT one quarter mile north of the outlet stream from Center Basin. The junction of the old and current JMTs is marked by a rock cairn, which is obscured by trees when hiking southbound. A nearby bear box above Bubbs Creek provides another landmark.

After a five-hundred-foot elevation gain, the old JMT reaches the open expanses of the lower basin, where scattered, small conifers and numerous lovely alpine lakes, tarns, and streams provide a multitude of good campsites. We picked a well-protected campsite near the northeast corner of 11,175-foot-high Golden Bear Lake, the largest of the basin's lakes with fabulous views of four SPS peaks (Center Peak, Mount Keith, Mount Bradley, and University Peak) and the dramatic Center Basin Crags, which stretch between University and Bradley peaks.

A view south from Center Peak, with Mt. Keith, Junction Peak and Pass, Forester Pass visible from left to right (Photo by Philip S. Bates).



Left: Mt Bradley colored by Alpenglow. Our descent route is visible in the center.

Below: A sunset view from Golden Bear Lake towards the Center Basin Crags (Photos by Philip S. Bates).

Reflecting our desire to explore the basin and old JMT, we decided to limit our climbing to one peak a day. Since I recently climbed University Peak and Bill did not relish the scree slog up the peak's southwest side, we focused on Center, Keith, and Bradley, selecting longer, tougher Class 3 routes up each peak and shorter, easier Class 2 descent routes. Center Basin Crag #5 was left as a possible addition. Virginia decided she was content exploring nearby lakes, the abandoned JMT route, and 13,200-foot Junction Pass at the south end of the basin.

We started with Center Peak, the shortest and closest mountain. The east ridge, which begins a bit southeast of Golden Bear Lake, offered steady, enjoyable scrambling up slabs and boulders to the apparent summit directly above the lake. After a few Class 4 moves to what we thought was the summit, we noticed a slightly higher boulder a few hundred feet to the



southwest. At the base of the higher boulder we found the summit register and then took turns hauling ourselves to the top. Although Secor says the summit boulder is Class 4, we thought the moves were a bit tougher, but with minimal exposure. The summit register averaged only three to four entries per year, which proved to be the norm for most of our peaks during the two backpacks. We quickly descended the broad, sandy east chute, returning to camp by lunch, and spent an afternoon exploring the lower basin.

The next day we traversed Mount Keith on a long, fun, ten-mile loop. Steadily climbing past a series of higher lakes surrounded by increasingly stark terrain, the old JMT becomes fainter beyond Golden Bear Lake but is still easy to follow in most places and often marked by rock cairns. The final long switchbacks to Junction Pass were partially covered by icy



sun-cups, which posed no difficulties. The austere, rocky pass provides breathtaking views of Forester and Shepherd passes and a vast panorama of surrounding peaks, dominated by nearby Junction Peak. From the pass Bill and I stayed near the top of the ridge for most of the 1.5 miles to Keith's summit, though at times the route threatened to become much tougher than the advertised Class 3. Lots of enjoyable scrambling and continuous fine views make for a very nice climb, as promised by Secor. After a summit lunch, we quickly descended the northwest slope over easy terrain until the final five-hundred vertical feet when we had to negotiate around a series of small cliff bands. Still, we returned to camp before Virginia, who enjoyed a more wide-ranging exploration of the upper basin and pass.

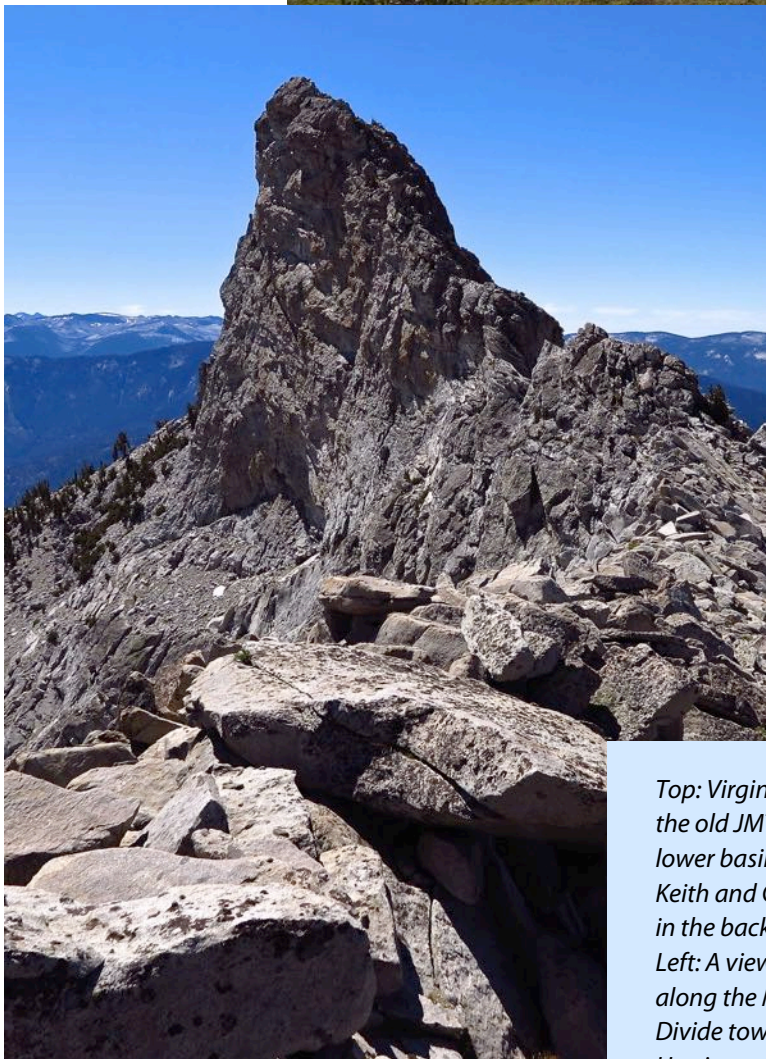
On our last full day in the basin, we climbed Bradley via the south ridge, which we reached by scrambling up slabs from from a small lake southwest of the peak. From our camp there appeared to be a significant gap between the peak's lower south and higher north summits. Accordingly, we thought our most efficient route would be circumventing the south summit on the east side. We were wrong. Our route resulted in lots of unstable, Class 3 scrambling that twice led to cliffs, forcing repeated retreats before we finally emerged near the saddle, which proved to be an insignificant dip below the south summit! From the saddle a short climb up a narrow, east-side chute

led us to a brief scramble up boulders to the summit. Reviewing the summit register, we found only one 2019 entry and just a few entries per year over the past decade. Though the Center Basin Crags stretching below us to the north looked very enticing, we had wasted a lot of time with our poor route selection and had promised to meet Virginia back in camp by early afternoon. As a result, we chose to make a quick descent of the loose talus chutes on the west slope, often scrambling down opposite sides of the gully to avoid showering one another with falling debris.

As expected, we saw very few people during our stay in Center Basin, with our primary company provided by a small herd of deer that grazed beside our tents each evening. Alas, Bill's hopes for fishing between climbs met with disappointment due to the minimal trout left by efforts to re-introduce endangered frogs to the basin's lakes. Indeed, the lakes are full of frogs!

Two weeks later my brother Steve and I met Bill at the Sentinel Campground near Cedar Grove in Kings Canyon. The next morning we left Bill's car near the

Above: The view down Mt. Keith's southwest ridge with Junction Peak and Pass in the distance (Photo by Philip S. Bates).



Top: Virginia hiking on the old JMT in the lower basin with Mt. Keith and Center Peak in the background. Left: A view southwest along the Monarch Divide towards Mt. Harrington (Photos by Philip S. Bates).

planned end of our backpack at the Copper Creek Trailhead and then drove my car a few miles down canyon to our starting point at Lewis Creek Trailhead. An early start provided lots of shade and moderate temperatures during our initial backpack of 6.5 miles, with 3400 feet of elevation gain. We reached Frypan Meadow by lunchtime but found the established campsites covered by the elaborate setup of two older gentlemen supported by the local pack station. As it turned out, the two gentlemen campers were the last people we would encounter until the evening of our fifth day. After some searching, we eventually reconstructed some long-abandoned sites off the trail about a quarter mile beyond the junction with the “unimproved”

use trail to Grizzly Lake. Later in the afternoon we spent an hour scouting out the beginning of the often invisible trail to Grizzly Lake, which the next day would take us much of the way to the Monarch Divide.

Our scouting and light daypacks allowed us to make good time the next morning, hiking the use trail up 2000 feet and 3.5 miles to Grizzly Lake before scrambling up slabs, talus, and boulders



Left: A view of East Kennedy Lake, Kennedy Pass and Kennedy Peak from our pass into the Volcanic Lakes (Photo by Philip S. Bates).

another mile and 1000 feet to Despair Pass (10,680') on the Monarch Divide. The views from the pass were spectacular in all directions: north down the Gorge of Despair into Tehipite Canyon; south across Kings Canyon towards the Great Western Divide; east along the Monarch Divide to the distant Palisades; and west to the abrupt, nearby granite tower of Mt. Harrington. We all scrambled west and then

south along the ridge to the base of Harrington's north face, where Steve decided he was content to enjoy the views while Bill and I climbed the peak. The north ridge provides about 350 vertical feet of steep, Class 3 scrambling, though some short Class 4 is encountered, if one stays on the ridge top above the peak's dramatic east face cliffs. The summit register revealed only two previous entries for 2019 and few visits in previous

Right: A series of small lakes on our loop around the Volcanic Lakes (Photo by Philip S. Bates).





Left: The view north from Mt. Hutchins towards Granite Pass, Munger Peak and Goat Mountain (Photo by Philip S. Bates).

Below: Bill and I on the summit of Peak 10,697 or "Bear Claw", as we thought fitting (Photo by Stephen Bates).

years. After a few minutes enjoying Harrington's fine views, we rejoined Steve to explore the upper portions of the Gorge of Despair. Our attention was drawn to the ridge forming the east side of the gorge, especially a prominent, rocky crag about a mile north of the Divide. As we started up Peak 10,697's exciting south ridge, Steve decided the scrambling and exposure was more than he wanted. Bill and I continued, enjoying some fun Class 3 and a little Class 4 scrambling that benefited from lots of convenient chickenheads. We could find no summit register so we decided to name the peak "Bearclaw," reflecting the ridge's wild appearance. From the summit boulder our north view looked down on nearby Tenderfoot Peak and the domes of Tehipite Canyon. We rejoined Steve just below the Divide at a lovely tarn that offered reasonably warm water for washing up before returning to camp after sunset.

The next morning we hauled our backpacks up another 3000 vertical feet covering the remaining 4.5 miles to 10,820' Kennedy Pass, where we gained another panoramic perspective on the Monarch Divide. We decided to descend the pass to an attractive, nearby tarn and set up camp before climbing Kennedy Peak, which lies up the ridge a half mile west of the pass. With Steve deciding to relax and explore our new surroundings, Bill and I re-hiked the badly eroded switchbacks to the pass and then ascended the ridge, enjoying a mix of easy cross-country hiking and periodic boulder-hopping. As we approached the summit, we were suddenly enveloped in fast-moving clouds that often obscured our views. The clouds were accompanied by a cold front that produced a very chilly evening, sending us to our sleeping bags at an early hour.

After enjoying a colorful sunrise, we



backpacked downhill a mile to gorgeous East Kennedy Lake, which is bordered by impressive cliffs to the south. We scrambled along the north shore until we reached the beginning of a grassy gully heading northeast up to a ridge east of the lake. After a moderate, 700-foot vertical climb, we reached a shallow saddle, where we gained our first view of the stark Volcanic Lakes. Descending on a mix of slabs and talus we reached treeless Lake 10,199 in time for lunch. We then hiked north along the west shore until we could descend to Lake 10,077, where we found protected campsites among the trees by the lake's northern outlet stream. The next day we completed our loop of the Volcanic Lakes, heading briefly north down stream before turning east and then south on the outlet stream from Lake 10,284. Easy cross-country travel on slabs beside a waterway of lovely tarns, lakes, and cascades eventually delivered us to the east shore of Lake 10,288. Here we climbed east up

another steep, grassy gully to the ridge top before contouring mostly eastward along the Divide to Granite Pass (10,673') and descending on trails to our planned campsite at Granite Lake (10,080'). After discussing our climbing plans for the next day, however, we decided that Grouse Lake would better serve our needs. With some misgivings, we packed up again, hiked up over The Lip (10,380') on the Copper Creek Trail and followed an intermittent use trail to Grouse Lake (10,469'), finding nice campsites about dusk. At the lake we encountered two Northwestern fishermen, who were the first humans we had seen since noon on day one.

Our long, tiring fifth day made our last two days much easier and more enjoyable. Hiking around the north shore of Grouse Lake, we scrambled up convenient rock slabs to the saddle between the Goat Mountain and Munger Peak. We elected to stay near the top of Goat's northwest ridge during our ascent, only traversing below the ridge line to avoid a

Wilderness Permit Info

In addition to the permit information described below, most reservations for the Inyo National Forest and the Desolation Wilderness up to 48 hours in advance of entry can be handled at: <http://recreation.gov>

INYO NATIONAL FOREST

Web site: www.fs.usda.gov/main/inyo/home
Pick up permit closest to departure trailhead.

Eastern Sierra InterAgency Visitor Center, Lone Pine, CA
(760) 876-6200

White Mountain Ranger Station, Bishop, CA 93514
(760) 873-2500

Mammoth Lakes Visitor Center, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
(760) 924-5500

Mono Basin Scenic Area Visitor Center, Lee Vining, CA 93541
(760) 647-304

KERN PLATEAU

Web site: www.r5.fs.fed.us/sequoia

Cannell Meadow Ranger District
105 Whitney Road
P.O. Box 9
Kernville, CA 93238
Phone: 760/376-3781 fax:
760/376-3795

Tule River Ranger District
32588 Highway 190
Springville, CA 93265
Phone: (559) 539-2607

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

Web site: www.nps.gov/yose
Reservation requests for summer trips (mid-May through September) are accepted from 2 weeks to 24 weeks in advance on-line or by writing to
Yosemite Association
PO Box 545
Yosemite, CA 95389

By phone: reservations for summer trips are accepted by calling (209) 372-0740.

Obtain your free permit from the Wilderness Permit Station nearest your departure trailhead. Call (209) 372-0200 for permit station locations.

If entering park from Cherry Lake in the Stanislaus National Forest to Kibbie Lake and Lake Eleanor in

Yosemite, you must get your permit from the Stanislaus National Forest Ranger Station on Highway 120 in Groveland. Call (209) 962-7825. If entering the park from Chiquito Pass in Sierra National Forest, permits for the whole trip must be obtained from the forest Service in North Fork. Call (559) 877-2218

SEQUOIA AND KINGS CANYON NP

Web site: www.fs.usda.gov/sequoia
47050 Generals Highway
Three Rivers, CA. 93271-9599
Phone (559) 565-3766 for permit & trail info. Fax (559) 565-4239

SIERRA NATIONAL FOREST (WESTSIDE) ENTRY

Web site: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/sierra>
Ansel Adams Wilderness—North
Bass Lake Ranger District
57003 Road 225
North Fork, CA 93643
Phone: (559) 887-2218

Ansel Adams Wilderness—South
John Muir, Kaiser and Dinkey Lakes
Wildernesses
Pineridge/Kings River Ranger District
29688 Auberry Road
Prather, CA 93651
Phone: (559) 855-5355

few pinnacles. Scrambling up a mix of boulders and talus led us to the summit ridge, where vast views unfolded to the east, including the breathtaking Muro Blanco way below us. A short boulder hop south brought us to the summit, which was the highpoint of our backpack. We enjoyed a speedy descent by staying below the ridge on numerous sandy benches and chutes. After some lunch at the saddle, Bill and I scrambled between boulders and bushes up the southwest slope of Munger Peak, where we found an old summit register with few entries in a badly battered tin can. The

summit offered excellent views west to Granite Pass and the Monarch Divide, including distant Kennedy and Harrington peaks. We were back to Grouse Lake by mid-afternoon, permitting time for some very successful fishing before watching a spectacular sunset over the soaring spires of Sixty Lakes Basin.

Not content merely to hike down the Copper Creek Trail to Roads End, we decided to take a three mile detour up Mt. Hutchings on our final morning. We dropped our backpacks just below The Lip and quickly hiked south along the ridge to

**SPS Management Committee Meeting
Monday, October 21, 2019 8:00 p.m.
Via Conference Call**

1. Call to order at 8:00; present on the call were Jim Fleming, chair; Alexander Smirnoff, treasurer; Paul Garry, vice chair/banquet; Laura Newman, fifth officer/outreach; Tina Bowman, secretary; Phil Bates, outings; Dan Richter, archives.
2. Standard business and reports.
 - a. Approval of minutes (August)—Done via e-mail.
 - b. Chair—see new business.
 - c. Vice Chair—We’re all set at Almansor Court, just need to give them a head count. Ticket prices are \$45 again, and the menu options are in place. Tom will make up the printed program. Tina will send the banquet flyer pdfs to Paul for posting on the SPS Facebook group and to Joe Wankum for posting on the SPS web site.
 - d. Outings—No new SPS outings scheduled, as usual for this time of year. Phil attended the Outings assembly on Saturday the 19th and will work on outreach at WTC graduation this coming weekend with Megan Birdsill, so both SPS and DPS will be represented. They’ll have a table with the SPS banner and DPS flag if possible. How can those items get from Jim to WTC graduation? Jim will make sure he has the items and be in touch with Phil, Paul, Megan, Laura, and Dan about transferring them. Paul will also take SPS stickers for the table, and there will be sign-up sheets for email addresses for follow-up messages and free first-year subscriptions to the *Echo* and *Sage*. Phil will work on other outreach discussed previously.
 - e. Treasurer’s report—The SPS has \$9,643.61 in the bank.
 - f. Emblem Committee Report—Bob Pickering finished the list on September 22nd on Iron Mtn. Tina B. finished the list for the third time on San Joaquin Mtn on October 19th.
 - g. Outreach—no report.
 - h. Archives—Bob Cates has worked on the SPS photo archives, such as the Bressell collection, to establish

provenance, the who, what where, and when of each photo. This material will go into the chapter archives and thus into National’s. This should be available soon at the chapter’s web site.

- i. *Echo*
 - i. Deadline for next issue is November 24 (January-March issue)
 - ii. Laura has many issues to scan from Greg Gerlach and is hoping to get some issues from Bob Ayers.
 - iii. Move to HTML version (update)—no progress.
 - j. Mountain Records—no report. Tina took an ammo box and large book to San Joaquin, but there was an even larger ammo box and book already there (placed in 2012).
 - k. IT—no report.
 - l. Website—National has reconfigured the web site some.
 - m. Conservation—no report.
 - n. Safety Chair—no report.
3. Old business
- a. October 19th was the Annual Chapter Outings Assembly. See 2.d. above.
 - b. Dropping Pete Yamagata from SPS Facebook because of his offensive posts. Discussion about blocking him and making the group private and decision to see whether he continues to post inappropriate material.
4. New business
- a. Chapter award nominations are due November 1st. Do we have someone to nominate? Send suggestions by email to Jim.
 - b. Nominations for people to run for SPS management committee? All five of us will run again. It would be good to recruit others to run as well at least to get their names out there.
 - c. Next meeting will be on Monday, December 9, at 8:00 via teleconference.

Respectfully submitted.
Tina Bowman
Secretary

Minutes approved by email.

just below the summit. The last few hundred vertical feet entailed scrambling up boulders and slabs to a scenic summit, including views of many of the peaks, passes, and lakes we had visited over the past few days. We found a register of tattered pages with few entries in a small glass jar. After enjoying the summit for half an hour, we retraced our steps to our packs and then hurried down the Copper Creek Trail, covering the eight miles and 5300-foot descent in about three hours. Our quick descent allowed us to reach the Cedar Grove cafeteria just before it stopped serving lunch! We stuffed ourselves with real food and cold drinks before completing our car shuttle and heading for home.

For solitude and summits, our two outings were quite successful. Indeed, we did not encounter another soul on our nine mountain climbs, which included six SPS peaks.

We Need Your Stories!

We need YOU to submit reports of SPS and private climbs, Trail Tech articles, Mystery Peak challenges, and anything else you think would be of interest to *Echo* readers! Please send submissions to co-editor Tina Bowman at tina@bowmanchange.com.

Thanks!

SPS Income Statement 11-22-2019

	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	Final	Final	Final	Final	Final	Final	YTD
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
INCOME												
Echo Subscriptions	1,730	710	380	200	130	1,835	1,360	1,560	1,560	1,540	1,380	1,400
Banquet Income	3,165	270	-	-	-	2,800	2,905	4,645	4,110	3,760	2,705	2,650
Donations	911	1,730	60	30	30	340	440	560	666	878	605	673
Merchandise Sales	92	-	-	-	-	39	27	276	350	157	67	142
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Income	5,898	1,220	440	230	160	5,014	4,732	7,041	6,686	6,335	4,757	4,865
EXPENSES												
Postage	364	-	-	-	-	609	(4)	14	938	522	314	292
Printing	364	-	-	-	-	578	898	640	706	433	418	315
Merchandise	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	196	234	130	-	17
Raffle	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	250	-	-	-	-
Banquet Expenses	4,252	90	-	-	-	3,216	4,206	5,640	4,772	4,710	3,553	3,715
Bank Fees	16	-	-	-	-	18	2	10	6	11	5	(101)
Website	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	268	36	-	-	-
Charitable contributions	-	-	-	-	-	400	-	-	200	200	200	200
Outreach	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	899	254	82	-
Membership meetings/activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,257	174	-	101
Register Related	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	57	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	5,016	90	-	-	-	4,821	5,103	7,019	9,048	6,493	4,572	4,539
OVERALL TOTAL	882	1,130	440	230	160	193	(371)	22	(2,362)	(158)	184	326
Cash In Bank	9,781.02											



Outings

We've chosen the photo at left showing climbers ascending Mt. Emerson on an SPS trip to represent the outings section. Do you have a photo you would like to see here? If so, please send your submission as an email attachment to tina@bowmanchangethe.com or via USPS to Tina Bowman.

Ascending Mt. Emerson on August 27, 2017 (Photo by Mat Kelliher).

Jan 11-12 | Sat-Sun

LTC

I: Indian Cove Navigation Noodle: Navigation noodle at Joshua Tree National Park to satisfy the basic (I/M) level navigation requirements. Saturday for practice, skills refresher, altimeter, homework, campfire. Sunday checkout. Send email/sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to Ldr: Robert Myers. Asst: Ann Shields.

Jan 11 | Sat

LTC

M-R: Navigation Workshop on 3rd Class Terrain: This navigation workshop is limited to individuals participating in the Indian Cove Navigation Noodle and is intended to explore special navigation issues that arise on 3rd class terrain. Class 3 rock travel experience required. Restricted to Sierra Club members. Helmets and medical forms required/

SPS outings can always be viewed online on the electronic Angeles Chapter Schedule of Activities:

<http://angeles.sierraclub.org/activities>
<https://sierraclub.org/angeles/sierra-peaks/outings-schedule>

group size limited. Send email/sase, SC#, class 3 experience, conditioning, contact info to Ldr: Robert Myers. Co-Ldr: Jack Kieffer.

Jan 26 | Sun

SPS

Annual Banquet: Join old friends and make new ones at our banquet held at Almansor Court in Alhambra. Social time begins at 5:00, dinner at 6:30. See the ad in this issue of the *Echo* for information about registering, location, and program.

April 4 | Sat

LTC

Leadership Training LTP Seminar: Deadline to register. For more information see <https://www.sierraclub.org/angeles/leadership-outings/leadership-training-seminar>.

April 18 | Sat

LTC

Leadership Training LTP Seminar: Get more information here: <https://www.sierraclub.org/angeles/leadership-outings/leadership-training-seminar>.

May 1-3 | Fri-Sun

LTC

C: Wilderness First Aid Course at Harwood Lodge: The course runs from 7:15 am Friday to 5:00 pm Sunday. Fee

OUTINGS

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includes instruction, lodging, and meals. Proof of CPR within previous 4 yrs required to enroll. Fee \$315 (full refund until 9/27). For sign-up, see instructions and application at www.wildernessfirstaidcourse.org.

May 23 | Sat

LTC

I: Navigation: Beginning Clinic: Spend the day one-on-one with an instructor, learning/practicing map and compass in our local mountains. Beginners to rusty old-timers welcome, and practice is available at all skill levels. Not a checkout, but it will help you prepare. Many expert leaders will attend; many I-rated leaders started here in the past. 4 mi, 500' gain.

Visit the SPS website for an even more up-to-date listing of upcoming trips at <http://www.sierraclub.org/sps>

Also, please check at summitregister.org whether a peak needs a register book or pencil before you go on a climb.

Send sase, phones, rideshare info, \$25 deposit (Sierra Club), refunded at trailhead to Leader: Diane Dunbar. Co-Ldr: Richard Boardman.

Oct 17 | Sat

LTC

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SPS Outings

By Phil Bates, SPS Outings Chair

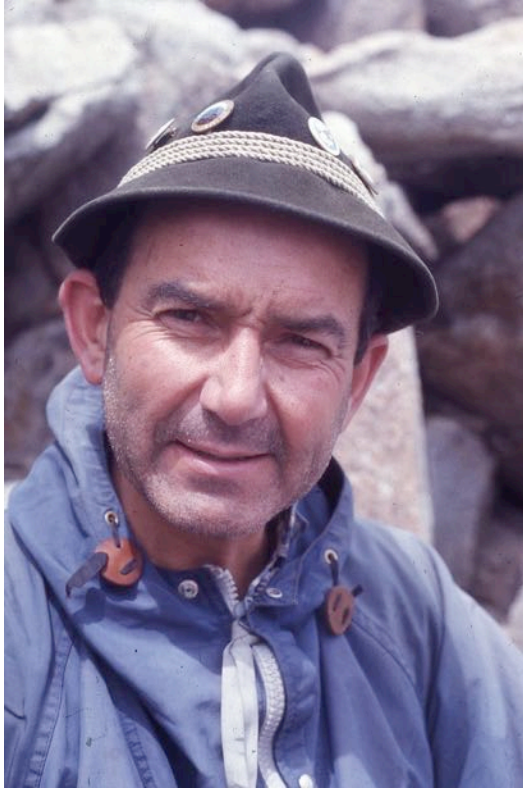
Well, given the recent snow fall, it appears that the summer alpine climbing season is officially over and mother nature has once again started the process of building our spring climbing snow base. Various forecasts project a below-average snow pack. While such will not be good for the California forests and water resources, it should allow for climbers to gain access to the high Sierra earlier than last year without the additional weight of technical gear.

I suggest that it's never really too early to start planning the next season's alpine climbs, both on snow and after the snow melts. It's really nice to be able to bypass talus fields on snow, but it does require some more gear and training. Remember that Inyo

wilderness permits can generally be reserved six months in advance and that it would be a good idea to start planning and scoping out permits in January.

As some of you might already know, the National arm of the Sierra Club will require that all outings use a new and more extensive waiver form for ALL Sierra Club sponsored outings. The Angeles Chapter Safety Committee and Ron Campbell have worked very hard to try to make the new form as painless and useful for our outings program as possible. Here is the current link to the new group and individual forms: <https://www.sierraclub.org/angeles/leadership-outings/forms-resources>

Last, we would very much like to have more SPS members lead posted trips next season. So please contact me if you need guidance or support in setting up trips. Remember to give the outings chair(s) and the MOC time to review and approve any M, MR, or ER trips.



Gordon McLeod

July 26, 1924 - November 14, 2019

By Jerry Keating

Legendary mountaineer/explorer Gordon MacLeod died in his sleep in 2019 after climbing more than 5,000 named and numbered peaks in the Far West as well as exploring an untold number of remote canyon sites in Arizona and Utah. He fully savored exploring remote locations and then moving on to new locales.

Born in Texas but growing up in San Francisco, Gordon served in the Army during World War II. After that, he completed his undergraduate studies at UC Berkeley and

Above: Gordon closeup on August 25, 1973, on Forester, a three-day SPS trip that started on a Friday and entered Yosemite National Park (Photo by Jerry Keating).

then moved on to graduate studies at Caltech, later becoming a TRW engineer in Southern California. Apart from his studies and employment, Gordon developed his affection for the Sierra Nevada. And it was sometime after the late 1950s that he met Ansel Adams in Yosemite Valley and gained Adams' sponsorship to join the Sierra Club.

From then on, Gordon became a regular in Angeles Chapter activities, leading frequent climbs and serving as chair of the Desert Peaks Section and vice chair of the Sierra Peaks Section. In 1979, he was honored with the Angeles Chapter Outings Service Award.

If anyone ever questioned Gordon's commitment to climb and explore, remember the gasoline shortage of 1973. It was then that motorists could refuel their vehicles on either the odd or even number that appeared last on their license plates and find a station that still had fuel and not huge waiting lines. Gordon's response was to install an additional fuel tank on his station wagon so he could get to work and then drive roundtrip to the Sierra or other distant locations without having to refuel.

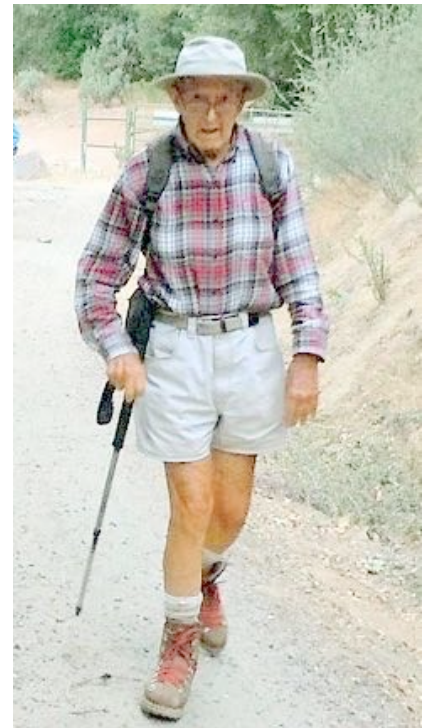
By 1978 Gordon was among the select few who had climbed the full lists of SPS, DPS, and Hundred Peaks Section summits. In fact, six of these individuals gathered in October 1978 on an unlisted peak (Schwaub) near Death Valley. Each, including Andy Smatko, had moved on to unlisted peaks and locations in the Sierra and deserts.

For Gordon, some of these locations included backpacks to the depths of the Grand Canyon and Paria Canyon or to locations few knew little about.

Two extended trips are among my cherished memories of being with him on trips longer than two days. One was on the three-day Fourth of July weekend in 1975 when we led an SPS backpack of greater than forty-five miles into the Siberian Outpost and Boreal Plateau to experience seldom-visited peaks. Gordon carried a small flask of potent rum to share with our 13 participants. He mixed "MacLeod Specials" for the group and just a few sips at day's end at camp were to "straighten out weary toes." Then in April 1982, he led a much longer backpack for a smaller group from the North Rim of the Grand Canyon down Tuckup Canyon to the Colorado River and along the river to Lava Falls before regaining the North Rim. As always, his planning and execution were extraordinary, enabling participants

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Right: Gordon in camp on May 20, 1972, with a cup in hand in Armstrong Canyon in the eastern Sierra. Far right: Gordon starting the hike to Goat Mtn. on September 11, 2011, as part of the SPS old-timers trip based at Bass Lake (Photos by Jerry Keating).



to follow him on cross-country terrain that included a roped descent in Tuckup Canyon and frequent bushwhacks along the river.

Later, Gordon, Barbara Lilley, and this writer joined in leading a series that started in 1999 to bring old-time SPSers and newcomers together so each could benefit from the others' experiences. The series was formalized in 2005 as part of the SPS' 50th anniversary observance and ran each year through September 2014.

Gordon was a regular at SPS banquets and, along with Barbara, each was honored in January 2016 with the SPS Lifetime Achievement Award, the first two ever given by the section.

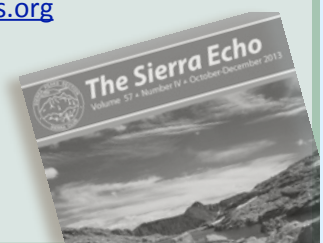
Gordon's quest to experience new locations came to an abrupt end after he returned from a desert climbing trip with Barbara in July 2016. He tripped and fell on a sidewalk near his Simi Valley home and broke his hip as well as a leg bone. The injuries required prolonged medical care and eventual relocation to an assisted-living facility in Thousand Oaks. However, Gordon persevered until his passing, seeing Barbara just hours before. And as Mary McMannes showed in a photograph that appeared in the

October-December 2019 issue of *The Sierra Echo*, he was in good spirits in July 2019 during a 95th birthday celebration with Barbara, Mary Mac, and Erick and Ellen Schumacher.

Let us always cherish this legendary man whose admiration and respect for our mountains and deserts should be as everlasting as was his interest when Ansel Adams invited him to become a member of the Sierra Club.

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Gordon McCleod

By Barbara Lilley

Although born in Texas, Gordon was raised in San Francisco, and his first peak (as a very young child) was Mt. Davidson, high point of San Francisco City/County. His first Sierra peak was Half Dome, which he climbed with his mother and brother in the 1930's. His second peak was Mt. Whitney on a backpack fishing trip in 1958. He remembers meeting me on top as I came up the east side on a RCS trip.

Gordon originally joined the Sierra Club (as a life member) to support its conservation objectives. He was sponsored by Ansel Adams, from whom he took a course in photography in Yosemite. But as he lived in Los Angeles, he was sent the Angeles Chapter schedule. He started going on scheduled trips and was soon hooked on climbing peaks. It was probably 1962 when he went on a two-week Sierra hike led by Tom Amneus.

He finished the DPS list in less than three years. Other list finishes were delayed by two years of downhill and backcountry skiing. This ended when another skier ran into him at Mammoth and broke his leg, which required a lengthy recovery. In spite of this (and a ten-year marriage), he was eventually able to finish both the HPS and SPS lists. He also led numerous backpack trips to explore the canyons of Utah and Arizona.

Looking for new peaks to climb, he then led many trips to unlisted peaks for both the SPS and DPS. Since I had the same idea, I joined him on a number of these trips. He was also kind enough to repeat the HPS and DPS peaks that I had not climbed, thus enabling me to finish those lists. I also joined him in Colorado on vacation trips to climb all the 14,000' peaks there.

Since we were both dedicated peakbaggers, it seemed logical to retire at the same time (in 1986), and the next twenty-five years were spent climbing peaks in the west—Wyoming, Colorado, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Oregon, and Arizona, plus many more in California as



Gordon McCleod and Barbara Lilley on a climb of Tower Peak led by Gordon and Erich Schumacher, September, 1994 (Photo courtesy Barbara Lilley).

PASSAGES

On Mt. Hoffman, 2004, Left to Right: Barbara Lilley, Gordon McCleod, Rich Gnagy and unidentified woman (Photo courtesy Barbara Lilley).



well. We also explored Utah's canyons on day hikes. He stopped serious hiking at age ninety, due to a balance problem, but he still accompanied me on trips, handed me the GPS with the correct waypoints, and waited at the vehicle while I climbed the peak. He was also able to add some drive-up peaks, mostly current or former fire lookouts, to his list.

While serving in WWII, he trained at one of Patton's desert training camps—Camp Bouse, south of Parker, Arizona. Sixty years later he returned to visit (the town of Bouse has annual tours) and assisted in naming a nearby peak "Camp Bouse Peak," which he had climbed several years earlier.

Unfortunately, in July 2016, he took a fall on the sidewalk (showing where the danger really lies), broke his hip and leg, and was in a wheelchair in an assisted living home until his passing in November 2019. He still enjoyed reading the SPS and DPS newsletters.

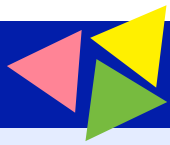
It was certainly my fortune and pleasure to have known and climbed with Gordon. Without his expert

leadership I never would have climbed as many peaks as I did. He was a strong, competent leader and tried to make sure everyone got up the peak. He was a legendary peakbagger; his climbing list of over 5000 peaks is on the internet on "Lists of John."

Alan Stringer

We were sad to learn that Alan Stringer, an SPS member since December 2018, died while apparently climbing Mt. Darwin in November. See this news article: <https://ktla.com/2019/11/07/huntington-beach-man-missing-after-hiking-in-inyo-national-forest/>

Thanks to long-time member Dave Vandervoet for sharing the information with us.



Mystery Peak Challenge Answer



Last issue's puzzle from Shane Smith was a tough one, and no one sent in any answers. See the annotated version of the billboard above for the answer.

Mt. Starr King by Bill Oliver (Continued from Page 18)

register scribbles was a daunting task, and SPSers may note Amborn sometimes was slightly off. There is no entry by Norman Clyde. It is possible, however, that a page with his signature was ripped out. A final appendix includes several page images shot by Mark Spencer of the in-place register. That short segment begins with SPSer Ron Hudson's entry on 5/13/82 in which he wrote: "Nice to read my Mom and Dad's names, 7/28/39."

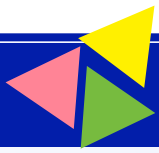
Bill Amborn's *Mt. Starr King, 1931-1982, the Peak Registers* may be accessed on Dan Anderson's prolific Yosemite website: www.yosemite.ca.us, specifically here: www.yosemite.ca.us/library/The-Mt-Starr-King-Registers-1931-82.pdf If downloaded as a pdf doc, it is designed ideally to be viewed in a two-page format: the register on the left, the typed transcription on the right. The Yosemite and mountaineering communities have been wonderfully gifted by Bill Amborn's prodigious masterpiece. We are deeply indebted to his passion and labor of love in

seeing this project to completion over several years. Please share it widely.

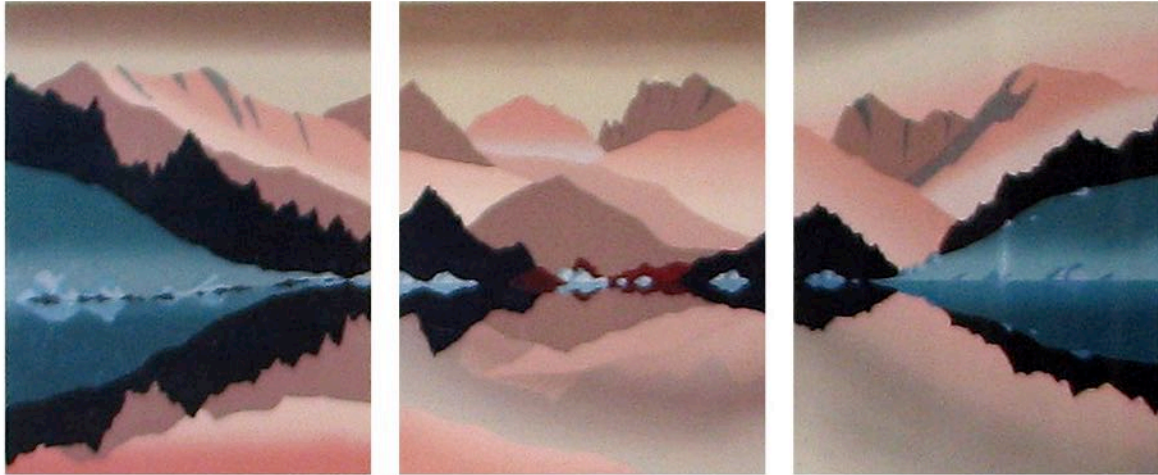
P.S. In concluding Part II of this story, I had mentioned that the U.S. Capitol's statuary hall has two statues of prominent figures chosen by each state, noting that Fr. Junipero Serra and Thomas Starr King represented California. Update: by action of the state legislature in 2009, King was removed in favor of President Ronald Reagan. I'm personally ok with that swap, taking great comfort in knowing that "the most symmetrical and beautiful of all the dome-shaped masses around Yosemite" continues to be named Mt. Starr King.

Thanks for reading this far and wishing for you a safe and rewarding climb of this magnificent peak.

11/25/19



Mystery Peak Challenge



This occasional just-for-fun puzzle is for you to figure out which Sierra peak or peaks are featured in the image. If you have a fine mystery peak puzzle to challenge *Echo* readers, please send it to tina@bowmanchange.com. We welcome any mountain images, including those from popular culture—imagery used and abused in film and print!

This issue's puzzle is a triptych serigraph made by Edna Erspamer, whose life and talents were celebrated in our September issue. Can you identify the location and the peaks? Thanks to Campy and Ski Camphausen for providing a reproduction of their print.

Send your answer to Tina Bowman at tina@bowmanchange.com.

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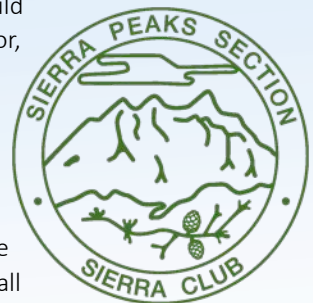
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