

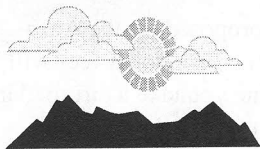
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Views from the Top

STAYING FOUND

by Paul and Vicki Freiman

What a great time I'm having! We did all the hikes listed in the last edition (Pinto Canyon - aka the Perfect hike- was perfect again. I was out of shape at the start of the 8,000 foot Outlaw trail, but doing it got me in shape in a hurry. The next day I felt mucho macho. Pyramid was done on a perfect day, and the views were awesome. After Pyramid we puzzled our way out of the mazes at Borrego Mountain-West Butte. What fun!

There is a no trespassing sign on the gate by Tecate Peak now, put there by the Indians, who consider the peak sacred. I called up Jerry Schad and asked him about it. The land is still BLM, as far as Jerry knows, but he will investigate. Well, whether it is BLM land or Indian land doesn't matter to me. The Indians would like us to not go up there and I will heed their wishes. Tecate Peak is hereby **delisted**.

I found a couple more Borrego Benchmarks on the maps, so the list is being rerun in this issue. The new ones are YAM and RICH. RICH was interesting to find. If you look at the Earthquake Valley Quad there is an unnamed benchmark between Quake and Seyer. I wanted to know what the name of this BM was, so I drove out to Blair Valley, parking by Quake, and took off over the washes to find it. The main BM post was found, but it was beheaded and didn't contain a benchmark. One of the two reference markers was found, but it too was beheaded. After a lengthy search the second reference marker was found, with BM intact, and thus we know of benchmark RICH.

Three cheers for member **HARLEY HAAG!!!** A few issues ago I had posted a request for an unused cell phone. See, you don't have to have the phone activated to call 911, so the club needed one in case of emergency. Harley donated an old phone. Thank you very much.

Let's welcome the new members: **JOHN CLAUS, JOANNE BURKARDT, JUDY HUMMERICH, AND ROGER AND SANDRA KEITHLY.**

Nature is often majestic, beckoning, and tranquil, or simply terrifying and deadly. When it's almost dark, you're exhausted, and suspect you're lost but can't think more clearly than that, the cold fear you feel can quickly turn to useless panic. Too often hikers move through space on automatic pilot, concentrating on the goal but missing the landmark scenery along the way. This all too common pitfall of hikers needs to be changed—to remain staying found.

One main reason people get lost is that they fail to thoroughly orient themselves to their surroundings at the start of a trip. When they reach the goal of the trip they're tired, and a natural tendency is to go on automatic pilot on the return. I made the trip up, so I can find my way back, a hiker thinks. Because it takes some effort to think when you're tired, this thinking can get you into trouble if you weren't paying attention when your mind was fresh. Here's an example:

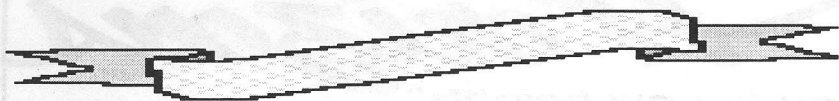
Ten years ago four of us were returning from a long day on the trail. One was slower and not more than five minutes back. It was an excellent trail, so I ignored my own rule about traveling in pairs when bringing up the rear. The one and only junction in the trail was about two miles from the trailhead and well marked, so I was confident that the lone sweep would take the correct turn. The rest of us returned to the cars. Fifteen minutes later the straggler hadn't appeared. Then twenty minutes passed. Darkness was imminent. We eventually found her hugging a tree at the trail junction, disoriented to place due to

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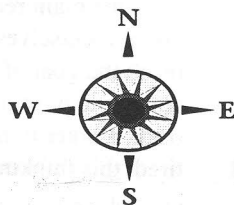
HIKER OF THE MONTH



November's HOTM award goes to the dynamic duo of **VIRGINIA CALIMLIN** and **SUE HOLLOWAY**. If there is a tough hike they want to do it. And about the 70 or so drive-ups or near drive-ups on the HPS list...NOT the way Sue and Virginia do them. They want to hike, not get through a list! Nothing too easy. In January they are peakbagging Aconcagua (Along with member John McCully and Ron Hudson). On April 29th, on the last hike of Al Holden's season, they will finish the SDPC list.



JAN CRIST is Hiker-of-the-Month for December. A few months ago Jerry Higgins was honored with the HOTM for being the "Human Mule" (or something of that nature) for slaving around mega-weight on a backpack. Jan is the female counterpart to Jerry. I couldn't believe it, Crist's pack weighed more at the end of the hike than mine did at the beginning. Jan is a very active leader in the San Diego Hiking Club, but she wants to stretch herself now, and find new hike trips for her group. Besides, she can beat everyone in SDHC in armwrestling and she needs new frontiers.



TRAIL TALK continued

"I'm just really tired and I want my friends to drive to the base and pick me up." The dispatcher explained that she would have to hike down the trail she had ascended. The visitor replied, "But you don't understand, I'm really tired." What happened next? "It turned out we got really lucky," the ranger said, "her phone battery died."

NEW FEES are proposed for the Anza-Borrego State Park. Five dollar fees will be levied each time you take a dirt road in the park. According to Beth and Ralph Davis who saw articles in the Borrego Sun, there will be about six drop areas where people can leave \$5 but apparently it will be on the honor system for two years. Enforcing this will be a problem, I'm sure. I'd like to thank the **REPUBLICAN CONGRESS AND GOVERNOR** for this tax increase. Instead of appropriating \$10,000 more for the State Park, they have to raise \$100,000 with new fees because it will cost them \$90,000 in administration costs! (Dollar figures are my estimates).

*** Tag Team

Dave Giese and I had covered fifty miles of Yosemite trails in the course of two ultra-long days. We crawled down the trail to Little Yosemite to find a place to collapse for the night. After cooking our meal, we dutifully locked up the rest of our food in a bear locker and called it a night.

The **BEAR** started in on the camp sites a hundred yards away and worked his way around. We could hear campers trying to shoo the critter out of their sites. The bear made his way around our site without a threatening move, then wandered over to the tent containing three people and all of their food. The three came charging out to intimidate the bear, so the bear ran off with the three in pursuit, leaving their tent wide open. Out of nowhere, a second bear appeared and grabbed the food. It had been a coordinated attack by two intelligent animals, and the humans had fallen for the decoy.

- Bob Gross



A group of SDPC hikers, organized by Jerry Higgins, was out at Split Mountain enjoying the three days of Veteran's Day weekend. They found a **WEATHER BALLOON** on Split Mountain-West. We had previously found a weather balloon in Myers Valley on the Pinto Canyon hike. These new balloons have a Styrofoam encasement and have a return envelope with them. Let me know if any other club members find them.

JERRY SCHAD has a new website. Its url is www.latimes.com/hiking. The site is groovy (if I may be so bold as to use this

word). Check it out!

Ever wonder what the "16" stands for in A-16!? I did. So I asked Jessica Whilden at A-16. Here's what she said. "Originally Adventure 16 was created by a bunch of guys who wanted to do 16mm adventure films. They made their own equipment (backpacks) for their trips. In order to help finance their trips, they also sold some of the packs out of their garage. Eventually they were selling more and more packs and equipment while the film-making fell to the way-side. Now we're six retail stores strong and still carrying the name Adventure 16!"

In 1993 a woman called **911** from the top of Half Dome using her cellular phone. According to dispatch, she reported: "Well, I'm at the top and I'm really tired." The answering ranger asked if she felt sick. "No," she said,

think the distance was as long as it was between the junction and trailhead. When we had left earlier in the morning on the slightly downhill trail, we were full of excitement and chatting with one another, ignoring land features like this one. When we returned later in the day we were tired, and then the slightly uphill trail seemed wrong. The collective weary mind said, "I know we didn't come this far, and I don't recognize any of this." The straggler had turned around just 1/2 mile from the trailhead, the same spot where my other two companions started to question the trail themselves. (By the way, it was very wise for the straggler to "hug a tree", thus making it easy for us to find her.)

This happens to experts as well as beginners. I was in Death Valley with thirty companions, all experts, and on the return they saw a trail that none of them recognized along the route up, again about 1/2 mile from the trailhead, because they were busy chatting at the beginning of the hike. Because I was 100% sure of the route I was able to convince this stubborn group of desert rats to continue on the correct course.

Pay attention to your surroundings during the first 1/2 hour which is also the last 45 minutes! Some things to look for are (1) type of ground (sandy, rocky, light or heavy vegetation), (2) type of terrain (hilly, flat, ravines), (3) any signs, and (4) trail junctions. I mentally or physically mark where I am at 15 minutes and 1/2 hour. (Be sure to remove physical markers upon your return to eliminate potential confusion for future hikers.)

The mind makes bad judgments when tired, and it's most tired at the end of a hike. Be a safe hiker. Being alert to your surroundings when the mind and body are fresh is important so that you will "stay found."

Peak Climbing on the Internet!



Because anyone can access the Net from any location, we've just set up a multi-chapter list for peak climbers all over California. It's a new way to communicate with lots of people at once, and IT'S FREE! No time delay, and no stamps put on dead trees! There are already 300 subscribers on the Peak Climbing list, from areas like San Diego, Angeles, and Loma Prieta: Email is not geographically limited, and we all climb in the same places. In addition to the benefits above we are able to schedule private or last-minute trips that miss the newsletter deadlines, announce important meetings, get road and trail updates from those just returning from the mountains, or get news of accidents. This is an entirely new way to get and stay in touch with people who share your love of the wilderness.

To receive online activities schedules, news and newsletters about mountain climbing, gear reviews, stimulating backcountry policy discussions, etc., send email to

<listserv@lists.sierraclub.org> with this one-line message:

INFO lomap-peak-climbing

The INFO command will tell you more about the list, and how to subscribe. Read carefully, and DON'T send money! It's free.

Contact <eckert@netcom.com> for details or help contacting the right people.

Foot Notes

MARK ENCOUNTERS YET ANOTHER NEAR-DEATH EXPERIENCE

On Labor Day, after traversing from Charybdis to the base of the N ridge route on McDuffie (another loose piece of crud on the Black Divide), we had just filled our water bottles at the glaciated lake just NNE of spot elevation 12928. Not more than three hundred feet from lake shore, at 1:30 PM, we were walking single file up a sloping granite slab where we encountered a two or three foot shelf atop which sat three tire-sized boulders, all looking stable, despite the trickle of water flowing underneath them. There was some hesitation by the leader to proceed, but the second in our party merely grabbed one of the boulders and instantly they began to tumble down off the shelf. I was lucky enough to retreat out of the way of the falling boulders, but in my panic slipped and fell on some residual sand and scree. Fortunately, the boulders stopped before they could collide with me or the others below. I first thought I had broken my left arm, but was able to walk away with only a bruised left arm and a small gash on my left palm. Another member of the party sustained a shin ding. But, the "second" in our party wasn't so lucky and sustained a "crushed" left foot which I've now learned will eventually require pin(s) when partial healing completes. Walking out under their own power was NOT an option. As a group, we were fortunate there wasn't more carnage. Now, Ionian Basin is very remote and as a passing thought at the trailhead, I had decided to carry my 2-meter HAM radio. This was to be its third evacuation "call". After the dust settled, the leader took control and evaluated all the injuries. Clearly, a helicopter was needed for one, the rest of us were able to assist the evacuation effort. Two would stay at the lake with the immobilized victim, the other two (of our party of five) would "run" up to nearby Black Giant in an attempt to make HAM radio contact. We had moved the victim back to lake shore near a "flat" landing area/bivy site.

At approximately 2:30 PM I and one other headed for Black Giant's summit where we arrived at 3:05 PM. At that time I transmitted a Health and Welfare emergency call on the Silver Peak repeater which services the Bishop, CA area. Moments later a reply came from local HAM operator W6IWY. He then contacted the local Sheriff and "patched" me through to Deputy Nixon. Based on our location (Kings Canyon NP) Deputy Nixon determined we were out of his jurisdiction. He then connected me with KCNP/SAR at 3:20 PM. By the time the SAR/NP confirmed our location and scheduled a helo, it was 4:20 PM. We were told a copter would be there within 30 minutes. At 5:00 PM, a NP helo arrived via Enchanted Gorge, buzzed over the victim, flew/toured around Ionian Basin and then departed down Enchanted Gorge. Sitting atop Black Giant, we were puzzled as to their departure. Low on battery power, I was able to raise another HAM operator (N6RU) who was monitoring the conversation and he had his wife call 911 to investigate. The reply was the copter couldn't land and would try again at 7 AM the next

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WEEKEND OUTINGS



DECEMBER 8 SAND (UPPER COYOTE CANYON)

Paul 583-0266. Tough, eight hour day. NOTE CHANGE.

DECEMBER 14 COOLIDGE (NEAR THE SALTON SEA)

Paul 583-0266. NOTE DATE CHANGE.

DECEMBER 28-JANUARY 4 COPPER CANYON.

Enjoy New Years the right way! This fills up quickly. Carl Johnson 448-8542.

JANUARY 4-5 AGUA TIBIA BACKPACK Bag Eagle Crag and Agua Tibia. Up via Cutca Valley trailhead and down Wild Horse trail to Dripping Springs. Paul 583-0266.

MARCH 31 MONDAY DOUBLE 2X LIST FINISH

Take the day off work and join Al Holden as he leads the SDPC 2x List Finish for John Strauch and Paul Freiman on Puff, Moan and Windy. Al 273-2494.

WEDNESDAY

WALKABOUT

HIKES with JIM SUGG

Jim arranges hikes for Walkabout International every Wednesday. His hikes vary in length and time from 8-16 miles and from 5-8 hours hiking time. They cover all areas of the county within 1 1/2 hours driving time. Many of the hikes are unique to this group! Call 224-7895.

NOV 20 MT WOODSON. Ramona.

27 BOULDER OAKS TO LAKE MORENA.

DEC 4 SHEEPHEAD. Lagunas.

11 ADVENTURE! CUYAMACA PEAK from the West. Tough rock scramble.

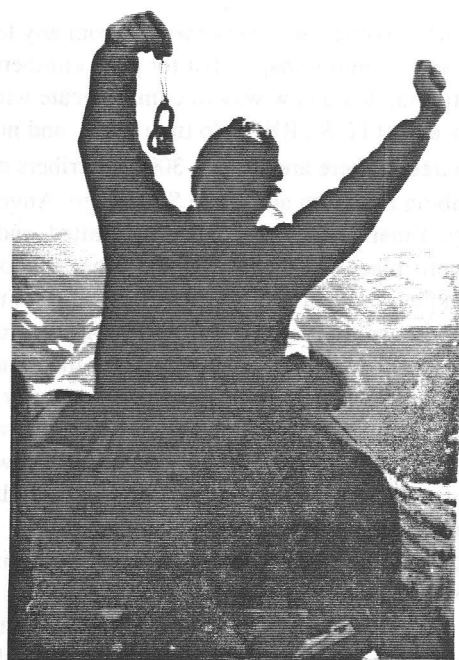
18 MORENA BUTTE

25 CHRISTMAS HIKE, PENNY PINES TO GARNET PEAK. 10-11 miles. Evan Bacas will be your Santa.

JAN 1 NEW YEARS HIKE, TBA



List Finish of the Colorado 14ers for Suzanne on Mt Sneffels (L-R: Terry Flood, Tim and Suzanne Pletcher, ?, ?, ?)



Suzanne holds the ever-achieving HOTeM Pole!

ALLEN HOLDEN'S WINTER HIKING

There will be hikes every Monday through April except Dec 9, Jan 20, and Feb 17, I will schedule Wednesday hikes those weeks. Hikers must call Al (273-2494) for times and trailheads. **NO NEWCOMERS ACCEPTED WITHOUT PRIOR INTERVIEW WITH AL.**

Please note changes in the Dec 11 and Mar 24 hikes over last issue.

NOV 25 PALM MESA. Up from Borrego Palm Canyon. An 11 hour dayhike.

DEC 2 HELLHOLE FLAT, with Hob, San Ysidro Ridge, Sirens and Goat.

DEC 6-8 DOS CABEZAS WEEKEND. Two hiking groups. Al leads Jacumba Mtn Saturday.

DEC 11 Wednesday. CUYAMACA PEAK from West side

DEC 16 SUNSET RIDGE. Straight up from cars. New areas. More rocks, less roads.

DEC 23 RATTLESNAKE SPRING. Schad's route, with maybe a twist of our own.

DEC 30 GASP AND GRUNT. Exploratory from Lark Cyn camp in McCain Valley.

JAN 6 PYRAMID AND PALM. One-way hike to waiting cars on S-22.

JAN 13 GRAPEVINE AND SENTENAC. Plum Cyn to Bitter Creek Cyn loop.

JAN 22 Wednesday. COTTONWOOD FALLS LOOP. Up the creek to S-1.

JAN 27 PINTO CANYON. To lower petroglyphs in one long dayhike.

FEB 3 ODE AND KAY. Exploratory loop from Borrego Visitor Center.

FEB 10 PINYON MOUNTAIN. In reverse with a new ridge.

FEB 19 Wednesday. INDIAN CASCADES LOOP. From Pine Valley. Pray for water.

FEB 24 WILSON PEAK, with Pinyon Ridge Highpoint. Loop from Culp Valley.

MAR 3 INDIAN HEAD. A new East side ridge route planned.

MAR 10 IN-KO-PAH SCRAMBLE. Up "Cool", down "Too Cool" washes. Long, tough day

MAR 17 WHALE PEAK EXPLORATORY. From Petroglyph trail. All new. No ducks.

MAR 24 EAST VALLECITOS from Alma Wash. Park at Elephant Trees Nature trail. Split Mountain.

MAR 31 PUFF, MOAN AND WINDY. Goat Cyn trestle, Indian

Hill, SDPC 2x Double List Finish (John Strauch and Paul Freiman).

APR 7 MILE HIGH AND ROSA POINT LOOP. Return via Marble Mtn and Wonderstone.

APR 14 GRANITE MOUNTAIN. The Shelberg route. New ridge, loop, no shuttle.

APR 21 FOUR FROGS-JACUMBA JIM LOOP. Schad's route. Tough up and down.

APR 28 PIKE AND CODY. From Los Coyotes Indian Reservation. A snakey, ticky bushwhack. Virginia and Sue's list finish.



The Happy Wanderers

Jog or Speedwalk

Call for info-- Donna and Edwin Gookin 286-7958
Gail and John Hanna 272-5141

The **Happy Wanderers** jog and speedwalk each **Tuesday or Wednesday** from 6-7 pm. Meet at 5:45pm for fun and fitness.

NOV 26 TUES. THANKFUL FOR HEALTH AND FRIENDS. Dana Landing boat launch area.

DEC 4 WED. SIGHTS AND LIGHTS OF TIERRASANTA. Tierrasanta Rec Ctr (East of 15 on Clairemont Mesa Rd).

DEC 10 TUES DEL CERRO RUNAROUND. POTLUCK TO FOLLOW! Meet at 5946 Wenrich Dr (off College).

DEC 18 WED HOLIDAY LIGHTS OF BALBOA PARK. Federal Bldg in Balboa Park, off Presidents Way.

DEC 24 TUES HOLIDAY LIGHTS ON THE SEA. Western part of Spanish Landing, near restrooms (off Harbor Dr).

JAN 1 NEW YEARS SPECIAL TIME—9AM. Welcome 1997 atop Cowles Mountain. Meet at trailhead, corner of Navajo and Golfcrest.

JAN 7 TUES SAN DIEGO RIVER PATHS. Mission Valley Center, west of Focus Montgomery Ward (off Msn Ctr Rd).

JAN 15 WED MISSION VILLAGE AND STADIUM LOOP. SE corner of Aero Dr and Daley Ctr Rd (MacDonalds, southern lot).

JAN 21 TUES SOUTHERN SHORES OF MISSION BAY. Boat launch parking at Dana Landing.

JAN 29 WED CLAIREMONT AND BAYPARK NEIGHBORHOOD RUN. South Clairemont Rec Ctr —3605 Clairemont Dr.

FEB 4 TUES MT HELIX RUN. Porter Park, SW corner of University Ave and La Mesa Blvd (Go E from Spring St on Univ to La Mesa).

FEB 12 OB PIER AND FARMERS MARKET. Channel side of Robb Field (Off W Pt Loma at Bacon St).

Two more benchmarks (BM)s were found, YAM and RICH, so the list is reappearing with the corrections. The names aren't on the topos, but the BM triangle symbol is there. Hunting notes: There is no BM on Corps, so just go to the area and find the petroglyphs. Pelvis is reportedly also absent the BMs, but there will be a register can soon. SOTO is incorrectly placed on the 15 minute Clark Lake map, but the 7.5 minute is correct. There are a few cases around Clark Lake where the poles are still up (after about 55 years of wind and floods)! Isn't that amazing. Thank goodness for the poles, otherwise it is like finding a needle in a haystack when the BMs aren't on peaks. PLEASE NOTIFY ME ABOUT ANY UNUSUAL PROBLEMS. I have been to 98 of the benchmarks, so I can probably verify your finding. NOTE: The name of the BM is listed as it appears on the map and doesn't take into account any misspellings or variations on the actual benchmark. The actual benchmark spelling is listed in parenthesis. These are USGS benchmarks only, not Parks and Beaches or various other BMs.

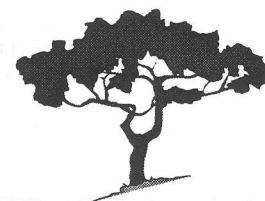
BENCHMARK LIST FOR IN & AROUND ANZA-BORREGO STATE PARK

by Biff and Skippy

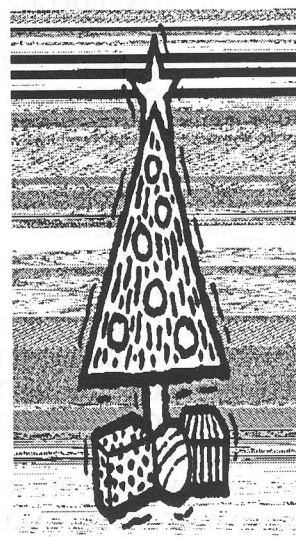
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	7.5 MINUTE MAP	BENCH MARK	ELEV.	LOCATION	COMMENTS
_____1.	BUCKSNORT MOUNTAIN	SAND	4,560	R.5E/T.8S/Sec 18	
_____2.	BUCKSNORT MOUNTAIN	COMBS PEAK	6,193	R4E/T.9S/Sec 7	
_____3.	BUCKSNORT MOUNTAIN	COLLINS	4,559	R5E/T9S	
_____4.	BUCKSNORT MOUNTAIN	KNOB	3,431	R5E/T9S	
_____5.	COLLINS VALLEY	YAM	5,825	R5E/T8S/Sec 10	
_____6.	COLLINS VALLEY	ELDER	3,433	R5E/T9S	
_____7.	COLLINS VALLEY	PALMS	3,121	R5E/T9S	
_____8.	COLLINS VALLEY	WASH	1,402	R5E/T9S/Sec 21	
_____9.	COLLINS VALLEY	HOUSE	2,040	R6E/T9S/Sec 18	
_____10.	CLARK LAKE NE	CLEO	1,596	R6E/T9S/Sec 9	Pole still up.
_____11.	CLARK LAKE NE	SARG	1,890	R6E/T9S/Sec 10	Pole not up.
_____12.	CLARK LAKE NE	CORP	979	R6E/T9S/Sec 11,	BM not there.
_____13.	CLARK LAKE NE	SHACK	726	R6E/T9S/Sec 13	
_____14.	CLARK LAKE NE	WYE	907	R7E/T9S/Sec 18	Pole still up.
_____15.	CLARK LAKE NE	CUTE (Cut)	1,337	R7E/T9S/Sec 17	Pole still up.
_____16.	RABBIT PEAK	RABBIT PEAK	6,623	R7E/T9S	BM is not the highpt.
_____17.	RABBIT PEAK	DAWN	2,795	R8E/T8S/Sec 31,	NOT Elev. 6582
_____18.	RABBIT PEAK	RUTH	5,070	R7E/T9S	
_____19.	RABBIT PEAK	ZOSEL	4,853	R7E/T9S	
_____20.	RABBIT PEAK	CRAB	4,485	R7E/T9S	
_____21.	RABBIT PEAK	ALICE	3,594	R8E/T9S	
_____22.	OASIS	TUFF	202	R8E/T8S/Sec 35	
_____23.	OASIS	NUT	(32)	R9E/T8S/Sec 31	
_____24.	OASIS	POINT	394	R8E/T9S/Sec 2	
_____25.	OASIS	ROCKS	655	T8E/T9S/Sec 11	
_____26.	OASIS	TOUR	172	R9E/T9S/Sec 6	
_____27.	OASIS	COOLIDGE	2,242	R9E/T9S/Sec 19	
_____28.	SEVENTEEN PALMS	ABE	1,410	R8E/T9S/Sec 35	
_____29.	SEVENTEEN PALMS	SLIP	832	R8E/T9S/Sec 36	
_____30.	SEVENTEEN PALMS	LOW	423	R9E/T9S/Sec 32	
_____31.	SEVENTEEN PALMS	HIGH	1,833	R8E/T10S/Sec 11	
_____32.	SEVENTEEN PALMS	COOL	857	R8E/T10S/Sec 12	
_____33.	SEVENTEEN PALMS	HOT	469	R9E/T10S/Sec 5	
_____34.	SEVENTEEN PALMS	TEEN	512	R8E/T11S/Sec 1	
_____35.	SEVENTEEN PALMS	SUGAR	371	R8E/T11S/Sec 2	
_____36.	SEVENTEEN PALMS	MESA	293	R9E/T10S/Sec 28	
_____37.	SEVENTEEN PALMS	CLUMP	251	R9E/T10S/Sec 27	
_____38.	SEVENTEEN PALMS	DUSTY	314	R9E/T10S/Sec 15	
_____39.	SEVENTEEN PALMS	BOYER	158	R9E/T10S/Sec 14	
_____40.	SEVENTEEN PALMS	TIPY	137	R9E/T10S/Sec 22	
_____41.	SEVENTEEN PALMS	HAVEN	121	R9E/T10S/Sec 22	
_____42.	FONTS POINT	ROSA	5,038	R8E/T9S	
_____43.	FONTS POINT	LUTE	1,172	R7E/T10S/Sec 12	

44.	FONTS POINT	PAINT	973	R7E/T10S/Sec 15
45.	FONTS POINT	FONTS POINT	1,294	R7E/T10S/Sec 34
46.	FONTS POINT	SHARP	696	R8E/T9S
47.	FONTS POINT	PALM	2697	R8E/T10S
48.	CLARK LAKE	SOTO	1,240	R6E/T9S/Sec 21
49.	CLARK LAKE	NOLL	688	R6E/T9S/Sec 25 Pole still up.
50.	CLARK LAKE	CAMP	594	R7E/T9S/Sec 30 Pole not up.
51.	CLARK LAKE	DARE	632	R7E/T9S/Sec 28 Pole still up.
52.	CLARK LAKE	COYOTE	3,192	R6E/T9S/Sec 35
53.	CLARK LAKE	MIST	1,101	R7E/T10S/Sec 18
54.	BORREGO PALM CANYON	RACK (Rock)	2,010	R6E/T9S/Sec 20
55.	BORREGO PALM CANYON	AHERN	1,068	R6E/T9S/Sec 31
56.	BORREGO PALM CANYON	PIKE	5,571	R5E/T10S
57.	BORREGO PALM CANYON	CODY	5,586	R5E/T10S
58.	BORREGO PALM CANYON	YSIDRO	6,147	R5E/T10S
59.	BORREGO PALM CANYON	HOB	4,853	R5E/T10S
60.	BORREGO PALM CANYON	TUCK	3,828	R5E/T10S
61.	BORREGO PALM CANYON	KAY	3,587	R5E/T10S
62.	BORREGO PALM CANYON	ODE	1,510	R5E/T10S/Sec 36
63.	BORREGO PALM CANYON	GEM	715	R6E/T10S/Sec 31
64.	RANCHITA	YAP	4,128	R5E/T11S/Sec 11
65.	TUBB CANYON	GOAT	4,232	R5E/T11S
66.	TUBB CANYON	WEBO	4,173	R5E/T11S
67.	TUBB CANYON	TED	2,000	R5E/T11S
68.	TUBB CANYON	RASS	1,877	R5E/T11S
69.	TUBB CANYON	HANS	929	R6E/T11S
70.	TUBB CANYON	WEE	4,068	R5E/T11S/Sec 16
71.	TUBB CANYON	CHIMNEY ROCK	4,640	R5E/T11S/Sec 8
72.	TUBB CANYON	BONNY	4,574	R5E/T11S/Sec 17
73.	TUBB CANYON	HUT	4,280	R5E/T11S/Sec 17
74.	TUBB CANYON	HOPE	4,000	R5E/T11S/Sec 20
75.	TUBB CANYON	BAKER	4,084	R5E/T11S/Sec 21
76.	TUBB CANYON	WILSON	4,573	R5E/T11S
77.	TUBB CANYON	DON	4,275	R5E/T11S/Sec 20
78.	BORREGO SINK	WOODS	647	R7E/T11S/Sec 19
79.	BORREGO SINK	ENSIGN	561	R6E/T11S/Sec 9
80.	BORREGO SINK	CAL	1,006	R7E/T12S/Sec 6
81.	BORREGO SINK	SHIP	1,616	R6E/T12S/Sec 3
82.	BORREGO SINK	PERPENDICULAR BLUFF	1,741	R6E/T12S/Sec 11
83.	BORREGO MOUNTAIN	BANK	360	R8E/T11S
84.	SHELL REEF	COACH	565	R8E/T11S
85.	SHELL REEF	MUD	447	R8E/T11S
86.	SHELL REEF	LOAF	208	R9E/T11S/Sec 6
87.	SHELL REEF	HIDE	288	R9E/T11S/Sec 7
88.	SHELL REEF	OCOTILLO	455	R8E/T12S/Sec 14
89.	BORREGO MTN SE	SPLIT	1,170	R8E/T13S/Sec 25
90.	BORREGO MTN SE	PLANO	149	R9E/T13S/Sec 7
91.	BORREGO MTN SE	CERRO	720	R8E/T13S/Sec 12
92.	BORREGO MTN SE	WHIT	319	R9E/T13S/Sec 22
93.	WHALE PEAK	YAK	3,657	R7E/T12S
94.	WHALE PEAK	WHALE PEAK	5,349	R6E/T13S/Sec 24
95.	EARTHQUAKE VALLEY	GRAPEVINE MTN	3,955	R5E/T12S
96.	EARTHQUAKE VALLEY	ARENA	3,504	R6E/T12S
97.	EARTHQUAKE VALLEY	SHAKE	3,055	R6E/T13S/Sec 20
98.	EARTHQUAKE VALLEY	FOOT & WALKER PASS	2,867	R6E/T13S/Sec 19
99.	EARTHQUAKE VALLEY	REGO	3,680	R5E/T13S/Sec 14
100.	EARTHQUAKE VALLEY	QUAKE	3,164	R6E/T13S/Sec 29
101.	EARTHQUAKE VALLEY	RICH	2664	R6E/T13S/Sec 30



102. EARTHQUAKE VALLEY	SEYER	2,749	R5E/T13S/Sec 26
103. EARTHQUAKE VALLEY	MOUND	2,380	R5E/T13S/Sec 33
104. EARTHQUAKE VALLEY	BUCK NORTH	3,769	R5E/T13S/Sec 29
105. CUYAMACA PEAK	GAR	5,063	R4E/T14S/Sec 1
106. MONUMENT PEAK	ROOST	4,351	R5E/T13S/Sec 32
107. MONUMENT PEAK	DOME	3,056	R5E/T13S/Sec 33
108. MONUMENT PEAK	WASH	2,771	R5E/T14S/Sec 3
109. MONUMENT PEAK	GARNET MTN	5,669	R5E/T14S/Sec 20
110. MONUMENT PEAK	MONUMENT PEAK	6,271	R5E/T15S/Sec 1
111. AGUA CALIENTE SPRINGS	GUARD	1,592	R6E/T14S/Sec 12
112. AGUA CALIENTE SPRINGS	AGUA	1,429	R7E/T14S/Sec 7
113. AGUA CALIENTE SPRINGS	STORE	2,000	R7E/T14S/Sec 18
114. AGUA CALIENTE SPRINGS	CALIENTE	1,608	R7E/T14S/Sec 20
115. AGUA CALIENTE SPRINGS	DIABLO	2,440	R7E/T14S/Sec 3
116. AGUA CALIENTE SPRINGS	STAGE	2,816	R7E/T14S/Sec 32
117. ARROYO TAPIADO	PELVIS	1,011	R7E/T14S/Sec 26 No BM present.
118. ARROYO TAPIADO	ANDY	1,847	R7E/T15S/Sec 3
119. ARROYO TAPIADO	VALLE	872	R8E/T15S/Sec 6
120. ARROYO TAPIADO	LOST	865	R8E/T15S/Sec 3
121. CARRIZO MTN NE	GERT	767	R8E/T15S/Sec 2
122. CARRIZO MTN NE	EAGLE	2,371	R9E/T14S/Sec 1
123. CARRIZO MTN	LECKIE	638	R8E/T15S/Sec 14
124. CARRIZO MTN	CARRIZO MOUNTAIN	2,408	R9E/T15S/Sec 35
125. SWEENEY PASS	PALM	1,927	R7E/T15S/Sec 23
126. SWEENEY PASS	EGG MOUNTAIN	902	R7E/T15S/Sec 24
127. SWEENEY PASS	MINE	1,850	R8E/T15S/Sec 26
128. SWEENEY PASS	MORTERO	1,910	R8E/T16S/Sec 23
129. SWEENEY PASS	GRUNT	2,144	R7E/T16S/Sec 26
130. SWEENEY PASS	WINDY	2,442	R8E/T16S/Sec 30
131. SWEENEY PASS	MOAN	2,939	R8E/T16S/Sec 29
132. SOMBRERO PEAK	SOMBRERO PEAK	4,229	R7E/T15S/Sec 29
133. JACUMBA	GASP	3,223	R7E/T16S/Sec 35
134. JACUMBA	GROAN	2,732	R8E/T16S/Sec 31
135. JACUMBA	PUFF	2,716	R8E/T16S/Sec 32
136. JACUMBA	JACUMBA	4,512	R8E/T17S/Sec 9
137. JACUMBA	CABEZ	1,665	R8E/T16S/Sec 26
138. JACUMBA	MT TULE	4,647	R7E/T17S/Sec 11
139. IN-KO-PAH GORGE	JADE	3,587	R8E/T18S/Sec 1
140. IN-KO-PAH GORGE	PUTO	3,503	R8E/T18S/Sec 12
141. IN-KO-PAH GORGE	NOPAL	4,274	R9E/T18S/Sec 6
142. IN-KO-PAH GORGE	WHIP	4,318	R9E/T18S/Sec 7
143. IN-KO-PAH GORGE	SMUGGLER	4,548	R9E/T18S/Sec 8
144. IN-KO-PAH GORGE	QUIRK	4,031	R9E/T18S/Sec 5
145. IN-KO-PAH GORGE	GOLD	3,866	R9E/T18S/Sec 5
146. IN-KO-PAH GORGE	TAHE	4,121	R9E/T18S/Sec 8
147. IN-KO-PAH GORGE	JOE	2,140	R9E/T17S/Sec 36
148. IN-KO-PAH GORGE	JACK	2,118	R9E/T18S/Sec 2



MERRY CHRISTMAS

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morning. Apparently, the winds were too strong for the "ship". We decided to head back to camp, let the victim's party bivvy (which we had previously arranged as a contingency anyway) and then head towards them at first light. About 9:30 PM, we saw two headlamps heading into our Helen Lake camp when we learned a second copter made a daring attempt and extricated the victim at 6:10 PM flying them out to the west to the Kern/Kaweah hospital.

Several observations :

HAM radios (and cellulars) in the wilderness can stop a bad situation from becoming worse. As a HAM radio operator you need to know what repeaters are accessible from your location and you do need to experiment, preferably away from those who are offended by their use. Like any other skill, you need to practice. 2-meter HAM radio repeaters typically are located atop mountains while cellular phone sites are primarily located along highways.

This makes 2-meter radios much more preferable. HAM radio licenses are FREE and ideally everyone in the party should carry a radio. New technology has brought down both price and weight. Consider the alternative of NOT having a radio. It could take days to accomplish the same result(s). A space blanket at the victim's site made a substantially visible landmark. Furthermore, a strip of the space blanket was used as a wind sock for the copter's pilot. SAR teams and government agencies seem to have different skill and knowledge levels about place names and map savvy. I had to tell the Sheriff the county I was in while the NP wanted place name(s) (e.g. Ionian Basin, Muir Pass) and the SAR team accepted UTM coordinates and "one mile S of Black Giant and a mile north of Mt. McDuffie on the Mt. Goddard 7.5' USGS topo". Furthermore, you need to remain calm and objective, almost professional when relaying and disseminating all these details.

Keep a note pad to track the chronology of events and victim's specifics.

Anyway, despite the week's events, we bagged : Fiske, Goddard, Scylla, Charybdis, Black Giant (twice), McDuffie, Huxley, Darwin, Goethe, Lamarck.

Mark, aka KD6LDK

Recently, Steve Eckert, who runs a Sierra Club hiking BBS (a computer Bulletin Board Service) on the internet was alarmed, by what he found.

From: Mike Vandeman

<mjvande@pacbell.net>Subject: SFB**
Wildlife Committee Resolution against
Promoting Wilderness Recreation To: sc-
sfbay@igc.apc.org (Sierra Club Bay
Chapter)

Wildlife Committee Resolution To be
discussed at 7:30 p.m., November 18,
1996, 85 Second Street, San Francisco

Whereas:

1. We are in the midst of a worldwide extinction crisis. According to the IUCN (International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources), one fourth of all of the world's animals are threatened with extinction.

2. This is primarily due to loss of habitat, but also partly due to the introduction of exotic species. Loss of habitat needn't be total destruction, but can also be simply too much human presence.

3. Recent research has shown that the mere presence of humans, and hence any type of recreation, can be harmful or even deadly to wildlife. Also, people often carry exotic species into areas where they have never existed, often causing great peril for local species.

4. It is obviously necessary to experience wilderness in order to understand and appreciate it, but too much human presence inevitably denatures that wilderness and makes it unsuitable as habitat to many species.

5. Technology which opens up new areas of habitat (e.g. rafts, climbing gear, or mountain bikes), or new time periods (e.g. cross-country skis or night-vision goggles), greatly decrease spatial and temporal refuges for wildlife.

6. Access to wilderness can create a desire to protect it, but can just as easily initiate a desire to exploit it. Wilderness recreation can teach people to love

wildlife, but it can also teach (mislead) them (nonverbally) that such recreation is not harmful to wildlife. It is a 2-edged sword.

7. Wildlife invariably prefer (and, therefore, need) that we leave them alone. In particular, they can not distinguish biologists from recreationists.

8. Wildlife have as much right not to be molested in their homes as we do.

9. The Sierra Club is often accused of wanting to protect wilderness so its members can recreate there (i.e., for selfish reasons). To the extent that this is true, it hurts the conservation cause. A focus on protecting wildlife for its own sake, in the long run, is safer and has more chance of uniting all of mankind in a campaign to save our remaining species.

Now therefore be it resolved:

1. That the Sierra Club actively oppose the use of technology (e.g. 4-wheel-drive vehicles, mountain bikes, night-vision goggles, climbing equipment, etc.) to make wildlife habitat more accessible.

2. That the Sierra Club stop actively promoting wilderness access and wilderness recreation.

3. That the Sierra Club begin actively promoting the setting aside of some habitat areas that are off-limits to all humans ("pure" habitat), preferably connected to each other by wildlife corridors that are also inviolable, and surrounded by "buffer" areas where only minimal human access and use is allowed. I am working on creating wildlife habitat that is off-limits to humans ("pure habitat"). Want to help? (I spent the previous 8 years fighting auto dependence and road construction.)

<http://www.imaja.com/change/environment/mvarticles>

Steve wrote to Mike, and Mike replied to parts of Steve's message.

Steve >Personally, I think ya shoulda stuck with the cars & roads, Mike. I can't get too optimistic about finding much popular support for walling off the Wilderness

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areas. Mike retorts: This is not about getting popular support. It is about protecting wildlife. If we can do that while gaining support, so much the better, but the ultimate goal of the Club is still conservation. If it were just a recreation club, I wouldn't be a member, much less a Life Member.

Steve >I have forwarded the notice of meeting to several activities section lists. >If this resolution passes, most of the members of those sections will leave >the Sierra Club, and I will be leading the charge.

Mike: Good! Anyone who is in the Club only to have fun in the wilderness, and wants to protect it only as long as it doesn't interfere with that activity, inhibits efforts to protect the very wildlife that make that wilderness fun. Where are the Activities folks when the Wildlife Committee meets? Or even the Conservation Committee? People who only want to protect wilderness so they can recreate there give the Club a bad name.

Steve >Extremism on all sides is to be avoided.

Mike: If this is extreme, it is just extremely honest — something we can never get enough of. The REAL issue is not whether something is "extreme", but whether it is honest and correct, which it is. On the other hand, if you are using "extremism" just as an insult, it has no place in the Club. I am working on creating wildlife habitat that is off-limits to humans ("pure habitat"). Want to help? (I spent the previous 8 years fighting auto dependence and road construction.)

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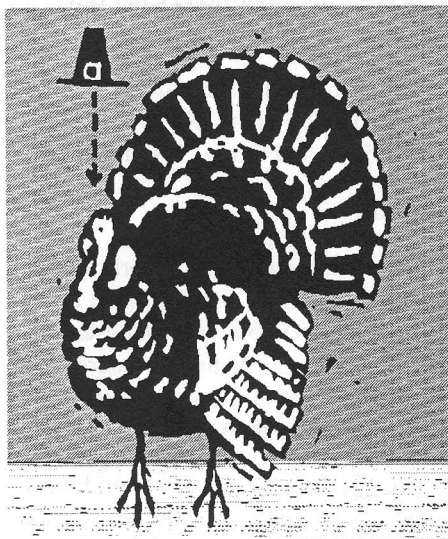
Steve replies to Mike's letter.

Mike writes >If we can do that while gaining support, so much the better, but the ultimate >goal of the Club is still conservation. If it were just a recreation club, >I wouldn't be a member, much less a Life Member.

Hmmm. Here is the Statement of Purpose from the Sierra Club Bylaws:

2.2. The purposes of the Sierra Club are To

explore, enjoy, and protect the wild places of the Earth; to practice and promote the responsible use of the Earth's ecosystems and resources; to educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment; and to use all lawful means to carry out these objectives.



Now this is a turkey!

It looks to me that if you eliminate exploring and enjoying, you are violating a bylaw. Let it go. You can't counter exploitation with a chastity belt. You can't counter extremism with extremism. Two wrongs don't make a right. etc, etc, etc. SRE eckert@netcom.com

And one last comment from Beren Erchamion
<beren@PA.MOTHER.COM>

Mike Vandeman
<mjvande@pacbell.net> proposes that the Sierra Club begin actively >promoting the setting aside of some habitat areas that are off-limits to all humans.

I disagree. Working toward keeping a few hikers out of a few wilderness areas is like polishing the doorknobs on your ocean-side house while hearing the rumble of an earthquake that will bring a tsunami. In a few decades our population will double, bringing on a 1) irresistible demand for more resources (many of the

untapped ones being in wilderness areas) to maintain the standard of living we currently enjoy, 2) the consequences of this standard of living for twice as many people, i.e., the secondary effects already mentioned, i.e. more impacts to air and water pollution (in wilderness, too) and 3) an even greater expectation by the larger populace for much more destructive (than hiking) forms of recreation in these areas (recalling the Barstow to Vegas cross-country motorcycle race). These dwarf the effects of hikers.

Rene Tio <rtio@CISCO.COM> wrote:
>Let's focus on the big problems. Remember that >the minority "developed" world is responsible for using up a majority (70%?) amount of >the world's resources.

This is not at all reassuring. The rate of increase of population in the (majority) developing world is much higher than here. Masses of starving people are unlikely to care much about preservation of wild areas. Think about the reason for desertification in northern Africa. Even worse for the environment is the prospect of equalization, i.e. providing people in the developing world with a similar standard of living to those in the developed world. Doubling the standard of living for quadruple the population in the world quadruples the impact on world environmental resources including wilderness. Unfortunately, the last policy discussion I read from the Sierra Club on world population growth is even less reassuring. I recall one statement in particular, attacking the problem of population growth in the third world by assisting in efforts to feed the hungry therein. Such an inability to deal realistically with population growth, like population growth itself, IS one of the big problems. Ghandi used to filter his drinking water because he was concerned about killing the microbes in the water. While I respect his personal choice to do so, I must discount any real positive result. Just as he reached the point of diminishing returns in his efforts, I conclude that a similar point of diminishing returns has been reached in trying to prevent any people from going into wilderness areas.

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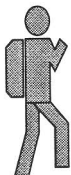
SDPC AWARDS

by current members

MINI-MACHO AND MINI-MACHETTE (50 OR MORE PEAKS)

0. Pre-SDPC honors to Hannah North, Russ Weber and Gordon MacLeod.

1. Wes Shelberg
2. Paul Freiman
3. Al Holden
4. Jim Sugg
5. John Strauch
6. Terri Astle-96
7. Laurie Jenkins
8. Carol Murdock
9. Chris Landa
10. Lorin Mitts
11. Terry Flood-56
12. Sue Holloway
13. Virginia Calimlin-70s
14. Richard Whitcomb-86
15. Robert Pinsker - 82



MACHO (100 or more peaks)

1. Paul Freiman 2x
2. John Strauch 2x
3. Carol Murdock
4. Jerry Higgins
5. Sue Holloway

MEGA-MACHO (List Finish)

1. Paul Freiman
2. John Strauch
3. Carol Murdock
4. Jerry Higgins

BORREGO BENCHMARK CLUB (BBC)

1. Paul Freiman - 98
2. Lorin Mitts - 87
3. Jerry Higgins - 82
4. Carol Murdock - 70s
5. Terri Astle - 50s



A San Gorgonio Ridge "Grand Tour" Private Trip, August 10 1996 by Erik Siering

I had this recurring notion to dayhike from Fish Creek to Angelus Oaks, traversing the San Gorgonio Ridge, and topping each of the designated, "named" summits. Silly, I suppose. Likely it had already been done. Most were peaks I'd hiked before. It would certainly be a strenuous day. Yet it remained appealing in a warped manner. I once even considered making it a scheduled Chapter outing. But who would be nuts enough to join, let alone list or co-lead this death march? Solo it was. First, let's do the numbers.

Distance (miles): 37
Elevation gain (feet) 9,200
Elevation loss (feet): 11,700
Time (hours): 15
Peaks (in order): 17 Grinnell Mtn, 10K Ridge, Lake, Zahniser Pk, Bighorn Mtn, Dragon's Head, San Gorgonio Mtn, Jepson, East Dobbs, Dobbs, Little Charleton, Alto Diablo, Shields Pk, Anderson Pk, East San Bernardino Pk, and San Bernardino Pk.

A full moon would have been nice, but my work schedule forced me to hike at a nearly new moon. That made the daylight more precious. So I parked at the Fish Creek trailhead, hoping to see my truck again within 24 hours. I started up the trail at first light; Ann Kramer would meet me at the Angelus Oaks trailhead at a predetermined 2000 hr (8pm—ed.) that evening. I warily observed the gloomy morning clouds, as it had showered the prior afternoon, and the latest forecast included a chance of thunderstorms. Summited Grinnell, 10K, and Lake by the standard approach from Fish Creek Saddle. Startled a deer as I dropped over the north end of Lake. Then, after a short spurt up and over Zahniser, I took the Sky High Trail from Mine Shaft Saddle. Quit the trail at 11,000ft for the depressing drop to Tosh's Tarn. Followed by the steep, loose straight up to Bighorn, and the

very pleasant Dragon's Head ridge. Atop San Gorgonio itself by 1230hr. The usual weekend crowd was there. I'd attained the highest point and most of the gain. Storm clouds were gathering over my destination and exit (!), the San Bernardino Divide. I pressed on, betting and hoping that the heavy clouds might hold. They would. Jepson was followed by another (ugh!) drop to East Dobbs and Dobbs. Once back up to the trail, it was largely distance, as the remaining peaks (bumps?) were but brief detours from the Summit Ridge and San Bernardino Peak Trails. Chatted with rangers at Dollar Lake Saddle. Fibbed about my day to keep them satisfied and unalarmed. I replenished my water (3 liters) with a side trip to High Meadow Spring. Then up Alto Diablo, Shields, Anderson, and the San Berdoos in quick succession.

Finally at 1800hr, I dropped from San Bernardino Pk down the trail to Angelus Oaks. Almost won my race with the departing sun. Savored a cold beer, and a warm welcome from Ann and her spry mastiff, George. What a respite from the Sierra climbing summer!

[In a past life I thought about doing what you did. Al Holden and I did most of the peaks (12), but as a two-dayer. We were very proud. NEVER in my wildest dreams have I even thought about it as a single day event. I know some club members who would have loved to have joined you. Next time notify the Peaks Club! Needless to say, YOU DA MAN, ERIC. WOW!—ed.]

