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THE CHAIR'S CORNER

Happy New Year's !!! Here's a holiday message to rekindle thoughts of "auld lang syne" for many of us. Harry and Janet Erl send "Seasons Greetings from up North." In their card, they also grant us permission to reuse the original art-work Janet prepared for the OGUL Peak List for later editions of the list (or whatever). If you're in Carmel, visit Zantman's and see some of her other work. Since they moved to Yreka a couple years ago, Janet's role has been adeptly filled by another of our resident artists, Ellen Van Fleet, whose sketches often enhance pages of the *Boulder*. Keep an eye out for flyers on Ellen's shows in the Sacramento Area.

Those around when Harry became chair of the Section will recall that Janet served as editor of the first (January 1984) issue of the *Boulder*. So let's celebrate its sixth birthday at the January social meeting, after Terry Hubbard shows his slides "From Way-Up-There" on rock and ice climbing.

Our last couple of social meetings were well-attended. We saw some simply exquisite scenes at the November BYO Slide Show, thanks to John B, Johanne G, Shep I, Peggy L, Jackie S, John W, Ellen V, Pete Y, and myself. Several items of general interest were considered during the business part of the meeting. Selling the Sections's old ropes was voted down. I passed out a reformatted Tahoe OGUL Peak List for comments. And, John Watters took on the responsibility of preparing a letter from us to the Forest Service explaining that their "\$\$\$ for permits" proposal would be a hardship on our outings leaders (we can help John prepare comments over lunch at Julian's Kitchen, 18th and L St, January 4, noon). Of course, opinions on many more controversial issues were voiced at the annual December Pot Luck Party, although not at the business end of the meeting.

In the Calendar on the next page, check out Doug Joy's two training trips (Snow Camp and Land Navigation). Note also that the itinerary of the February meeting has been expanded to include a short slide show to complement our "sharing ideas for 1990 Peak and Gorge Outings and private trips" (if you have slides that may be of interest, please call Jackie at 457-6338). In addition, I'm revising our Section's "Tips for Trips" write-up which appears in the Bonanza. Suggestions on these and other matters are welcome at 429-8024.

Happy Hiking, John Sarna

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Dec 26-31, Tues-Sun - PCS trip up Los Vegas Area Peaks (possibly Spirit, Clark, Kingston, Old Dad, Mitchell, and Providence), Leader Bill Hauser, 408 243-4566.

Dec 30-31, Tues-Sun - MLC Ski Tour, Mt. Lassen, two vigorously paced day trips for experienced skiers, Leader, Dave Vandershaf, 933-3116.

Jan 6, Sat - MLC Day Hike, Gr. 2C - Mt Diablo Grand Loop, Eagle Peak optional, 11th & O at 7 a.m., Rain Cancels, Leader, Marilyn Jouini 334-7293.

Jan 6-7, Sat-Sun - DPS trip up Sombrero Peak & Jacumba Mtn in Anza Borrego State Park. Leader: Jim Kilberg, 213 655-6181.

Jan 13, Sat - MLC Intermediate Ski Tour, Stevens Peak, CSUS Arboretum at 6:30 a.m. Leader, Al Gutowsky, 457-3338.

Jan 13-14, Sat-Sun - PCS 21 mile backpack up Mt. Whittenberg. Leader: Anita Stewart, 415 965-2293.

Jan 13-14, Sat-Sun - DPS trip up Eagle & Pinto Mtns in Joshua Tree Natl Mon. Leader: Asher Waxman, 213 876-2889.

Jan 13-14, Sat-Sun - DPS trip up Pyramid and Brown Peaks in Death Valley NM. Leader: Doug Mantle, 818 362-5132.

Jan 16, Tues - Peak and Gorge SOCIAL MEETING - Terry Hubbard on Rock and Ice - Slides from Way-Up-There, at 7:30 p.m. Bring a snack to share. Bob Buckles will host, 6120 Rainier Ave, Rocklin, 624-3620 (exit Atlantic Ave/Taylor Rd from I-80, continue as Taylor becomes Pacific Ave, left on Sunset, left on Whitney, left on Rainier).

Jan 20-21, Sat.-Sun. - Mountaineering Training - WINTER CAMP. Build a snow shelter and spend the night in it. This has proven to be a fun trip in the past three years and teaches important survival skills. Try to attend the Jan. 16 meeting if planning this excursion. Leader: Doug Joy, 452-7126.

Jan 20-22, Sat-Mon - DPS trip up Granite Mtn & Palen Mtn in the Mohave Desert Scenic Area. Leader: Steve Smith, 619 375-2430.

Jan 27-28, Sat-Sun - DPS trip up Turtle & Whipple Mtns in East San Bernardino County. Leader: Dale Van Dalsem, 213 394-2682.

Feb 3, Sat. - MLC Intermediate Ski Tour, Mt. Ralston, CSUS Arboretum at 6:30 a.m. Leader, Al Gutowsky, 457-3338.

Feb 3-4, Sat.-Sun. - Easy Peak Climb - BACKPACK AND HIKE to the high point of the Panoche Hills (2684'), a grass-covered BLM Wilderness Study Area. Experience the joys of the heights and camaraderie of climbing without all the rigors. Newcomers can learn how to prepare for more strenuous Peak and Gorge Section Outings. Call for details. Leader: John Sarna, 429-8024. Asst Leader: Johanne Gaedeke, 927-9371.

Feb 3-4, Sat.-Sun. - DPS trip up Eagle & Pinto Mtns in Joshua Tree Natl Mon. Leader: Richard Fritsen, 818 359-2255.

Feb 10-11, Sat.-Sun. - DPS trip up Corkscrew & Pyramid Peaks in Death Valley NM. Leader: Dale Van Dalsem, 213 394-2682.

Feb 17, Sat. - MLC Yolano Group Day Hike - Putnam Peak north of Vacaville, Davis Library, 14th and C St, at 8:30 a.m. Leader: Jean Crossley, 795-2906.

Feb 17-18, Sat.-Sun - DPS trip up Last Chance Mtn. & Sandy Point in Death Valley NM. Leader: Igor Mamedalin, 714 786-3918.

Feb 17-19, Sat.-Mon. - MLC Day Hike with Car Camp - Carrizo Plain Natural Area and Caliente Mtn. Patrick Purcell, 428-0838 (6-9 p.m.).

Feb 17-19, Sat.-Mon - DPS trip up Avawatz, Manly, & Needle Peaks in Death Valley NM. Leader: Daniel Bleiber and Asher Waxman, 213 876-2889.

Feb 20, Tues. - Peak and Gorge SOCIAL MEETING - A meeting to share ideas for 1990 Peak and Gorge Outings and private trips, with slides to initiate discussion. We'll discuss where to go, how to get permits, and the logistics of trip planning (driving times, trailheads, etc.). Your reference material welcome. At 7:30 p.m. Bring a snack to share. Jackie Stroud will host, 4617 Buckingham Way, Sacto, 457-6338 (3 blocks south of Folsom in mid-town).

Feb 21, 22, & 25, Wed, Thurs, & Sun. - Training Class in LAND NAVIGATION - Learn Basic Map and Compass Skills. Evening classes 7-10 p.m. Wed. and Thurs. to present terminology and methods. Spend all day Sun. practicing in the field. Fee. Leader: Doug Joy, 452-7126.

Feb 24, Sat. - Day Hike, Gr. 2B/C - Montara Mtn. in McNee Ranch State Park. 11th and O at 7:30 a.m. Rain cancels. Patrick Purcell, 428-0838 (6-9 p.m.).

Mar 3, Sat. - Winter Peak Climb - LOON LAKE - MCKINSTREY PEAK (7933'). A longer-than-usual tour to this peak northwest of Loon Lake. The route runs outward via Ellis Creek and loops back via Jerrett Creek and Wentworth Springs. Outstanding views of upper Hellhole and the west side of the Sierras. 1500' gain and 16-18 miles requires an early start, 5 a.m. at CSUS Arboretum. Leader: Jack Rankin, 457-0776.

Mar 10, Sat. - MLC Ski Tour, Mt. Rose, for experienced skiers. Leader, Dave Vandershaf, 933-3116.

Mar 18, Sun. - MLC Day Hike, Gr. 2B - Mt Hood Regional Park. 11th & O at 7:45 a.m. Leader, Anita Jewett, 442-1151.

Mar 20, Tues. - Peak and Gorge - SOCIAL MEETING - Desert Features: Western Sahara, Mohave, Patagonia, and Great Basin, a presentation with slides by John Watters at 7:30 p.m. John Sarna will host, 12 Park Vista Circle, Sacto, 429-8024 (west on Florin from I-5, right on Greenhaven, left on Park Vista).

Mar 24-25, Sat.-Sun. - PCS Ski Trip & Snow Camp in Yosemite to Dewey Point, Ray Stafford, 415-591-9348.

NOTE: Some outings carried by other Sections and other Chapters of the Club are listed for your information. Details are provided in other Sierra Club Publications, prior consultation with the outings leader is recommended when unable to check the original (more detailed) description of the trip.

PRIVATE TRIPS: Space available for anyone who wants to call or write in a private trip.

The Peak Climbing Section (PCS) chair, Sandy Sans announced in the Dec. 1989 Scree that a reservation fee of \$6 will be charged per person on trips requiring the \$3 reservation fee to be levied by the Forest Service in Inyo, Sierra, and Toiyabe National Forests. Sans states, "the extra money will first go toward paying the reservation fee for slots that did not fill, and secondly, toward a fund for next year's reservation fees." Also, "each leader will use his or her own money to make the reservation," but in cases of financial difficulty, an advance is possible. Once a participant has confirmed, there will be no refunds unless a replacement is found.

Climbers in Southern California are attempting once again to form a separate outings organization, currently known as XYZ Mountaineers, in response to the current insurance dilemma. I received an application form requiring a summary of climbing experience as well as a signature acknowledging waivers will be necessary on each trip. A New Year's outing has been announced to climb Signal Peak (class 4), Castle Dome (class 3), and Picacho Peak (class 5). I joined an official outing to these peaks in 1987 and can testify that it is an excellent outing--terrific scenery, great peaks, excellent climbing, and superb leadership (same leaders assisting on 1990 trip). Also, Sierra spring snow climbs are being planned. More as news comes in.

Scree announces that SMC is recalling their 1988 "Himalayan ice axes" and CMI is recalling their ascenders purchased between Mar. 1 and June 22, 1989. Contact me if you want more details.

The Angeles Chapter Hundred Peaks Section (HPS) Lookout reports a new record--- a quadruple list finishing by Bob Emerick. He began the day by finishing the SPS list at 12:07 a.m. on Mt. Morgan (the higher one, 13,748'), then climbed Black Mountain #6 (extreme Southern Sierra) twice (HPS list two times), then climbed East Ord Mountain (near Barstow) to finish the DPS list.

The DPS Sage reports on a proposed Petroglyph National Monument to protect "5,280 acres of West Mesa, an area outside Albuquerque, New Mexico, for the preservation, study, and interpretation of the more than 15,000 Native American and early historic petroglyphs found there." The article describes the area as "outstanding," and of "international significance along with the rock art sites of paleolithic Europe, Australia, Algeria, and South Africa."

A recent compiling of the 268 HPS listed peaks shows over half are 1300' gain or less, with 20 drive-ups. Of the rest, only 90 are 2,000' gain or more, with Rabbit Peak #2 with the most gain at 6700'. Many of the peaks are done together, saving on gain. This may assist in understanding the 143 list finishers, the multiple list finishers, and a certain Sam Fink who has 3,655 total peaks (most that I know of). I wish that I lived in Southern California!

Pete Yamagata

STILL CRAZY AFTER ALL THESE YEARS-----

Came in today with my inflatable Winnebago, gas generator, and television set. Chopped down 53 trees, killed 10 deer and 12 birds, built a dam on a creek, approved high tension wires through this area, polluted the lake, invited all my mining and oil exploration friends to come up and plunder. Had a great time.

James Watt

P.S. Also desecrated two sacred Indian burial grounds, and burned three beachboy records.

Seen in Grubb Hut register on a Singles hike led to climb Castle and Basin Peaks by Jeanne Shealor 7-16-88

Submitted by Pete Yamagata

Never being a person to plan vacations ahead of time, I began my week sitting around the house trying to decide whether I had the funds and initiative to go anywhere since my wife had to work. The next day I was headed east on highway 50, stopping at every point of historical interest to find out what town had blown away with the fall of gold, silver or copper prices. I ended the day at Great Basin National Park. This is one of the newest national parks and is still marked as Lehman Caves National Monument on many maps. The next morning I took the guided tour of the caves which have been a tourist attraction since the 1880's. For those interested in caving, there are over 60 caves in the area and the park service is looking to make caving a major attraction. They currently schedule weekend guided tours to other caves in the area in addition to the standard Lehman tourist route.

After getting out of the ground I headed for Wheeler Peak, the literal high point of the park at 13,063 feet. The most direct route is about 5 miles and 3000' one way from the Wheeler Peak campground. The trail is fairly easy until final approach of the summit where trail gives way to large broken but stable rocks. Though the route was easy, hiking conditions were marred by a horrible wind from the moment I emerged onto the ridge joining Wheeler to Bald Mountain (11,562'.) Of about a dozen people I met on the way up, more than half turned back because of the wind. After wondering if I was the crazy one for a while, I finally reached a point where I could see ridge top in reach and as I continued to climb the wind subsided below gale force. The ascent took about 4 hours, just like the guide book says (Hiking the Great Basin, Sierra Club Books, chapter 21 contains an excellent description of this area.) The peak still had some snow running down the east side of the ridge. The desert valleys had a beautiful blue-green hue 6000' below. What the guide book didn't mention was how grueling the descent would be for those of us with bad knees. The broken rock, which was only a minor nuisance on the way up, was a set of crazy tilted stairs going down. I took three hours getting back to the car.

The next morning I visited the bristlecone pines and permanent ice field nestled in the cirque below the peak. This is a nice 2-3 hour hike with informational signs indicating ages, etc. of several of the outstanding trees. I looked in awe at these gnarled ancient survivors straddled between a world of permanent ice and the more hospitable land of soil and greenery.

By noon I was on the road again, continuing southeast without any particular destination. Eating lunch in Milford, Utah I noticed Cedar Breaks National Monument on the map. I got there just in time for to grab a campsite and take in an evening hike. At 10,000' elevation the canyon rim is perfect in July. The wildflowers along the rim trail were great and the woods were full of marmots. I saw a group of 7 in one place alone. Unfortunately trails in this small park are limited to a couple short 2 mile routes and an unmaintained route 8 miles one way to get to the canyon floor.

After finishing the second short hike I was on the road again, this time towards Bryce canyon. This was one of the low points of the trip. With the Fourth of July coming, I had trouble finding a campsite though I got to the park before noon. While sight-seeing with the rest of the mob, I got to see a few hundred video cameras. Bryce is not well

designed for summer hiking. It's hot. It's dusty. And all roads lead downhill. If you head for the canyon floor in the morning, you will roast coming out. If you head down in the afternoon, you either won't go far or will return in the dark. I settled for an evening hike and left the next morning.

Next stop Zion. So why am I heading south when it's hot? It turned out to be the right move. Though the campgrounds at Zion were crowded, the other people didn't disrupt the experience as much. Despite the heat, arriving at noon turned out great. At Zion you can hike up the Virgin River canyon in the water just about as far as anyone would want to go. I spent three hours at it and met some people who had started from an access point 18 miles up river. After a short rest I hiked up the west wall of the main canyon which was now in the shade. The next morning I finished off with a four mile hike up the east wall which was already very warm with a 7:30 start. I pitied those starting up as I returned at about 11:00.

To finish the description of my trip quickly, I saw the North Rim of the Grand Canyon. By then it was too many miles driven for one too many canyons. My return across the desert was by way of Caliente, Tonapah, Hawthorne, and Yerington. DO NOT pass up the one gas station in Rachel. I almost did. Highway 50 is not the loneliest highway in the country. I had a great trip even without air conditioning for the truck. Either I'm crazy or a member of the Peak and Gorge Section. Do this trip before summer.

Bob Buckles

MORE ON FACTORY OUTLET SALES

I would like to mention some of the bargains possible in attending a factory outlet sale. Last spring I went to the North Face sale and purchased a pair of climber's pants with a coupon for \$11.04 after tax. I also purchased a heavy duty latest fashion polo shirt for \$29.99--in Sac it was \$45.00, although it went on sale later. Also in Berkeley were shirts going for \$4.99, but only in size small.

Last New Year's I visited the Robbins Shop in Modesto where I grabbed two pairs of Billy Goat Pants for \$5.00 each--here they go on sale for about \$29. In San Francisco I bought one original Patagonia T-shirt for \$5.00 and their flannel shirts were going two for the price of one.

I have regretted that these opportunities are not known or ignored by most Sacramento climbers and hikers. Why ruin expensive Levis when loose-fitting, cheap, comfortable, and durable brand name pants can be had? The selection is often much better than in the local stores, with some items available only at the main outlets.

Most stores will have a sign-up mailing list, and I can organize carpools on short notice if I know who's interested. Refer to issue #31 (June 1989) for some factory outlet locations or please phone me at (916) 444-6319 as I am on a number of mailing lists and I usually know what sales are going on locally. For instance, there is a sale at the Robbins shop through Dec. 30, 1989, and some of you may have received the Marmot newsletter recently.

I also subscribe to other Sierra Club outings newsletters, and people from other chapters have been advertising to sell used equipment (reasonable, sometimes bargain prices) or even to give away gear (retired or quit climbing?).

Pete Yamagata 12-13-89

COASTAL PEAKS LIST?

The BOULDER editors would be interested in publishing anything the readers would like to submit regarding local peaks that can be hiked during the winter.

Point Reyes has several hikes that provide surprisingly steep routes up to high points that provide a little of that same sense of accomplishment that peak bagging brings. Here are some of my suggestions:

(1) Mt. Whittenberg, 1407', is the high point of Point Reyes. Start from the Bear Valley trailhead at the visitor center. After a quarter mile turn right onto the Sky trail. A steep 2.5 miles later you're on top, a rounded grassy area with magnificent views.

(2) Mt. Vision, 1282' / Pt. Reyes Hill, 1336'. A side road off Sir Francis Drake Blvd. goes nearly to the top of this ridge so you can either start from the top and go down to Limantour beach and loop back up, or drive to the shore and start up from the beach. Most hikers seem to prefer starting from the top so they can have lunch on the beach. Good views of Drakes Estuary, trail ranges from lush woods to open meadows to coastal marsh.

(3) Fir Top, 1324'. From the Five Brooks Trailhead, 5 miles south of the visitor center on Hwy. 1, follow the Stewert trail to the Greenpicker trail. This densely forested hike reminds me of the Great Smokies.

Anyone else with a favorite route up Mt. Diablo, Mt. Tam., Mission Pk., Mt St Helena? How about an "official" list and an emblem? Let us know.

JOHN BESBEKOS

REGISTER UPDATE

In a letter from the Sierra Register Committee printed in the Sept-Oct SPS Echo, a report was briefly made as to what other climbing organizations in the U.S. do with their registers. This greatly influenced my attitude toward this issue, and you may favor the removal/preservation plan after reading this:

The Colorado Mountain Club-founded in Denver, 1912, over 7,000 members. The CMC's policy is to return each full register to the Club's archives. The Office manager commented that people come from all over the U.S. to look up an entry one may have made as a kid with his/her parent, or an oldtimer wanting to see his/her friends' names, etc.

The Mazamas-organized on the summit of Mt. Hood, 1894, about 2700 members. Filled registers are brought back to the Club's library for preservation and public reference.

The Mountaineers-founded in Seattle, 1906, about 11,500 members. Completed registers are retrieved and deposited in the archives at the University of Washington, where they are available to the public.

Pete Yamagata 12-13-89

ANOTHER REGISTER UPDATE

Steve Thaw tells me that the results of the 1989 Sierra Peaks Section (SPS) election were to continue the policy of leaving the registers on the summits permanently.

Pete Yamagata 12-14-89

THE MT. TAMALPAIS EXPEDITION (OR WHERE DO YOU GO WHEN IT'S WINTER AND YOU DON'T SKI?)

The Sierras are covered with snow, your backpacks are stuffed back in the closet, your cross-country skiing experience consists of one REI trip to the groomed trails of Royal Gorge. You get a reminder from Dick Brock to submit trips for the Bonanza, now what do you do?

If you tend to shy away from doing too much driving requiring chains or snow tires you head for the coast. I therefore scheduled a hike up to East Peak (the high point on Mt. Tam) for Saturday Dec. 9. At 2500' this may not seem like much of a peak, but compared to its sea level surroundings it is relatively imposing.

Depending on the trailhead, you can plan a 1,000' to 2,000' gain with the trail varying from gradual to quite steep. For my trip I chose a route with a fairly gentle 1200 foot gain. I try to schedule at least one hard hike for veterans and one easier one to attract beginners or people new to the Sierra Club. This one fulfilled that purpose by bringing in some new faces on the five men and five women who showed up, including one exchange student from Austria.

Starting from the Pan Toll ranger station off the Panaramic Hwy., we hiked up through evergreens to the mountain theater. after regrouping we took the Rock Springs trail which provided spectacular views of the bay and ocean as the fog below began to clear up. We continued up the gradual ascent until our next regrouping at the West Point Inn, a pleasant spot to refill water bottles and sit on the porch admiring the panarama. From here we increased our elevation gain slightly and eventually crossed the highway and followed it to the summit parking lot (yes, you could have driven here). There were restrooms and a snack bar (features that are glaringly lacking on most NAS peaks). From this point the hearty troop of mountaineers wound their way up the final quarter-mile rocky trail to the top. After an hour of lunch, lounging and photos we headed down the Fern Creek trail. This is quite steep and mostly shaded. I believe this would make an excellent training hike if started from Muir Woods. It is steep, provides a 2000+ foot gain and is quite scenic with a good sense of solitude through most sections. Eventually however we veered off onto the Old Stage Road, made a last regrouping at the West Point Inn and then rambled back down to the cars. Everyone enjoyed there summit conquest and hopefully some interest in bigger mountaineering was kindled. JOHN BESBEKOS

RALSTON PEAK (9235')

Pete Yamagata

NOVEMBER 18, 1989

Rex Smith and I decided at the last moment to attempt to snow climb this peak for a good workout, figuring the paucity of storms would mean the snow (1 month old) had crusted and consolidated. We were both shocked by the view driving around the bend on U.S. 50 just before Strawberry. It was almost all bare! Well, we still took our ice axes and gaitors, but our route was sure to be the trail route from Sayles Flat. The ground was fairly dry, and the weather was nice. We took the trail up to the saddle (8400') where the trail drops to the NW, then headed up rocks, sand, and patchy snow to the summit, where we arrived 2½ hours after starting.

We found a few seraps of a register, with Marlene Mirassou and Anna Chaput signed in with a Maidu group outing. After awhile, I decided to leave a book and can for the notepad and scraps already there. The views were extraordinarily clear, and the cirque just north of the summit was still covered in snow. The Crystal Range and Lake Aloha were still lightly dusted. I took lots of photos, as it was BEAUTIFUL! We were on top about 45 minutes when we were joined by an elderly couple who had followed us up. We were down after 1½ hours, and back home by 6 p.m., so I could attend the Vandershafs' pre-season ski party. Lots of great food and company. A great day!

Meeting Friday night at Rose Certini's place in Merced, Steve Thaw, Steve Tabor, Rose, and myself piled gear into two cars for this short jaunt to the Great California Desert. Rose wanted some practice as she was leading a Sierra Club National trip in 1990 to the East Mojave. Steve Tabor is a long-range backpacker, having walked from Anco Nuevo State Park (California Coast) to Aspen, Colorado, in one long 1500 mile trip. Incidentally, I had seen his account of his route and travels in the Mt. Jefferson register in 1986. Steve Thaw just wanted to see the desert, and I needed to get out.

Leaving Merced by about 8 p.m., we drove to a desert camp just outside Barstow. We were greeted by a early desert sun and chill winds. I waited for the others to cook breakfast, then, finally, on passing through downtown Barstow, I got my Carl's Jr. breakfast sandwich and coffee. Thaw had to see Daggett, as John Muir had passed through there once. Then we drove south on dirt roads for about 20 miles to begin our ascent of East Ord. I started out ahead, hoping the others would catch me as I stopped to take pictures and rest, but they must have been moving awful slow. I headed for one high point which I presumed by my reading of a DPS trip report to be the high point, but alas, no register. I pondered over the existence of what seemed to be another high point to the south, and decided to attempt the 1-2 hour traverse. It took about 1 hour, and a register was found. I tried to shout to the others who had followed me to the top of the lower peak. It was cold and deciding to wait was to risk getting chilled and getting caught out after dark. I headed down a ridge which led down a rocky, dry streambed which required a lot of serambling. Back to the cars by 4:00 p.m., I waited anxiously for the others. Finally, Certini and Thaw came rambling in, with Tabor a little behind. We drove back to I-40 and then about 80-90 miles east to a camp near Kelso Dunes.

The next morning, Rose's car needed a jump start. Thaw and I climbed to the high point of the Kelso Dunes, which took me about 1½ hours. I tried vigorously to make the dunes "sing" by taking a steep descent, but all I heard was the sound of sliding sand. We had lunch at Kelso Station, and then Rose guided us to a petroglyph site in the Cinder Cones area. Driving back to Kelbaker road, we then found a nice hill with a view to watch the long desert sunset. Thaw took me several miles to Baker, where I could have a roast beef sandwich at the Arby's. We came back to find Certini and Tabor finishing up with their camp-out meal.

In the morning, we drove to Baker and west on I-15 to ZZYXZ turnoff and south 5 miles on dirt road to the Desert Consortium dormitories. No one was around so we looked for an hour on our own. We returned to Barstow and Rainbow Basin. While the others had lunch, I hiked around photographing the colors and patterns in the uplifted and folded geology. Steve and I left early to return to Merced early enough to get home at a decent hour.

Pete Yamagata

COLBY MOUNTAIN (9631')

OCTOBER 7, 1989

Boris and I joined Steve Thaw and his girlfriend Andrea for this trip to the south rim of the Grand Canyon of the Tuolumne in Yosemite National Park. This was intended to be a Bay Chapter backpack trip, but all of them dropped out with Boris and I to join them for a day just to get the peak. We took the Ten Lakes trailhead and followed the trail north. Steve and Andrea started out ahead and it took Boris and I a lot of fast walking to catch them. We passed by Half Moon Meadow and followed the trail up to the pass and plateau that divides the Merced and Tuolumne River drainages. The views were a great panoramic sweep of the peaks from Tioga Pass to Tower Peak. To get to Colby Mountain, we had to go cross-country and drop to a saddle and then up the other side. I was told that the view here down into the canyon was tremendous, but trees and topology blocked any view of the river. There might have been a better vantage point north along the ridge past pt. 9645', but we opted to relax on what we could determine to be the high point of Colby Mountain, and left one of Boris's Tupperware registers. After returning to the trail for a long conversation, Boris and I headed back to the cars, arriving after two hours, and had another Mexican dinner in Oakdale before calling it a weekend.

Pete Yamagata

UNBEGOTTEN CONGRATULATIONS

This space is reserved for recognizing mountaineers who attain emblem or list-finisher status by completing a certain number of peaks or gorges as prescribed in our NAS, SGS, and OGUL Guides. Unfortunately, no one has requested either emblem or recognition since October. *However*, there are two special gals whom I have reason to believe recently completed emblem requirements, but have neglected (oh no) to send in particulars so we can formally recognize them. Of course, there's a number of others in this Section who have long since qualified, but for some reason, have not written down and sent in a list of their accomplishments. If you recognize yourself in these words, please send me a list of objectives and dates-done so I can announce it here and record the gory details in our Section's archives for future reference. Others can help provide incentive, and perhaps, carry pen, paper, and lists of requisite objectives on car-pools to encourage on-the-spot recording so as to ease the chore of documentation. Please send any qualifying information to my address (on the back page). Thanks.

John Sarna

FOR SALE

Epoke 900 skis, 200 cm. wax, 3-pin bindings. \$50

Patagonia Bunting Jacket. Large. Charcoal. Hardly used. \$35

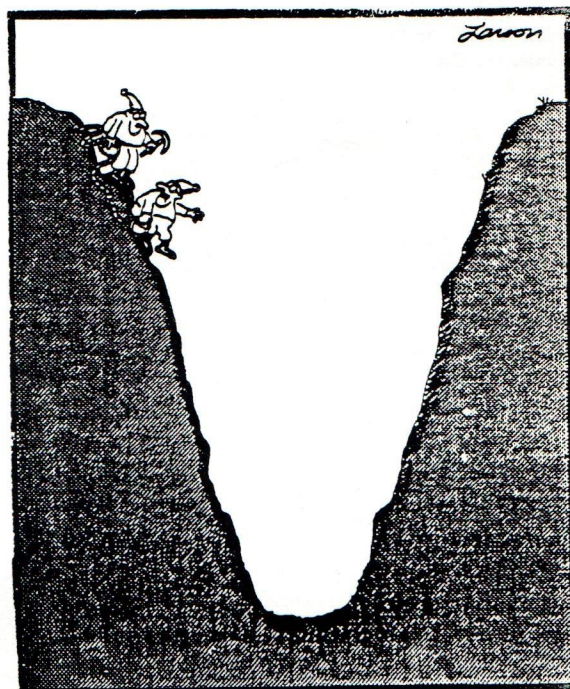
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Call Pete Yamagata, 444-6319

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| 1 Spenco Second Skin Dressing Kit | 24 Actifed tablets (decongestant) |
| 1 bulb irrigating syringe | 24 Mobigesic tablets (pain, fever, inflammation) |
| 5 pkgs. Nu-Gauze, high absorbent, sterile, two-ply, 3" x 3" | 24 Meclizine 25 mg tablets (nausea, motion-sickness prevention) |
| 1 Surgipad, sterile, 8" x 10" | 2 Ammonia inhalants (stimulant) |
| 2 Elastomull, sterile roller gauze, 4" x 162" | 24 Benadryl 25 mg capsules (antihistamine) |
| 2 Elastomull, sterile roller gauze, 2 1/2" x 162" | 10 Bisacodyl-5 mg (constipation) |
| 10 Coverlet bandage strips 1" x 3" | 25 Diasorb (diarrhea) |
| 1 Tape, hypoallergenic 1/2" x 10 yds. | 25 Dimacid (antacid) |
| 1 Hydrocortisone cream 0.5%, 1-oz. tube (allergic skin) | 2 pkgs. Q-tips, sterile, 2 per package |
| 1 Triple antibiotic ointment, 1-oz. tube (prevents infection) | 1 Extractor kit (snake bite, bee sting, wound care) |
| 1 Hibiclens surgical scrub, 4-oz. (prevents infection) | 6 1-oz. vials for repackaging the above |
| 1 Dibucaine ointment 1%, 1-oz. tube (local pain relief) | 1 Over-pak container for the above |
| 1 Tetrahydrozoline ophthalmic drops (eye irritation) | |
| 1 Starr otic drops, 1/2-oz. bottle (ear pain, wax) | |

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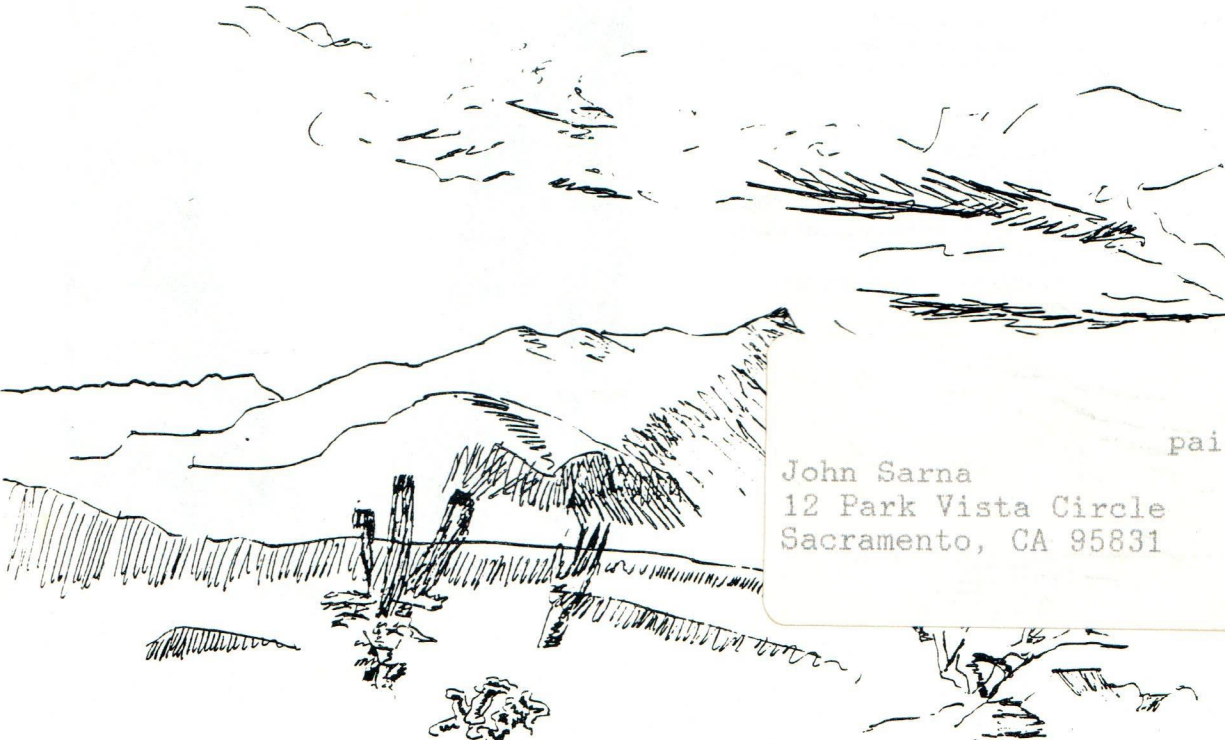
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