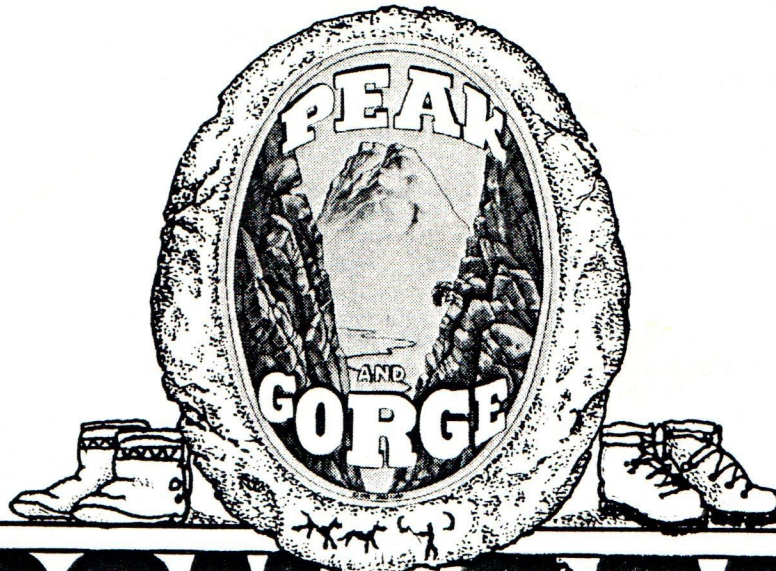


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THE CHAIR'S CORNER

Hope you've had a good summer thus far, taking advantage of these long days to hike far up into Kayopha's Range of Light (a choice name Steve Thaw gives to the Sierra) and other favorite spots. Aren't we lucky to have such wild lands so accessible? Too bad the hours of daylight are rapidly shrinking, and our travels will be further constrained when the winter storms set in. At least the fall weather could bring an end to the isolated rainstorms which have plagued several of our prior summer outings.

For the first time in this issue (oh boy!) are two lists of telephone numbers of people interested in specific kinds of private trips. Call if you want to hook up with partners for 1) **Rock-Climbing** and/or 2) bagging **Mt. Williamson** next year. I hope these people-lists prove more effective than what we've done in the past, i.e. encouraging individuals to lead/coordinate private outings of restricted activities, which never really caught on. If others want to continue in this vein with their own activity-specific people-lists, I can help identify people who may wish to be included. But before sending one in for publication in this newsletter, please get permission from those who are to be on the list.

Well, there are lists of this and lists of that, and at the risk of being all listed out, I'm planning to compile even more lists in the future:

- **Recognition (Emblem and List-Finisher) List** - It's been several years since a list of those who have achieved emblem status was published in this newsletter, so expect another soon (probably in the January issue). If you are qualified (see the NAS, SGS, and OGUL lists for what it takes) and have not sent in qualifying information, please do so in the next few months so I can include your name and what you've accomplished.
- **List of Lists (of Specific Objectives)** - Over the years I've been collecting different lists of peaks, gorges, hot springs, and whatever. Since it's impossible for me to make available all such lists, I plan to print up a chart of 1) who sponsors each list, 2) what objectives are on it, 3) what areas are covered, and 4) how to obtain a copy. If anyone is familiar with any such lists besides the NAS, SGS, OGUL, LA-SPS, LA-DPS, LA-HPS, LA-LPS, San Diego, and Mazamas, which I already have on file, I'd appreciate some details on it.

People often question the value of compiling lists of peaks, gorges, etc. While most of us outdoor-types have our own reasons (or no reason at all) for using them, I find choosing hikes/climbs from a recognized list an excellent approach to planning outings. It usually leads me some into spectacular area I'd never otherwise discover; hence, my perception of such lists as the quintessence of the knowledge and experience of many local mountaineers.

Happy Hiking, John Sarna (429-8024)

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- > **Aug 30-Sept 3, Thurs-Mon. SIERRA (Kayopha's Range of Light) PEAKS SAUNTER** John Muir Style - Mt. Finger (12,404'), Tunemah (11,894') in Kayopha's Range of Light. Send qualifications, carpool info, and \$3 permit deposit with Self-Addressed-Stamped-Envelope to Leader: Steven Thaw (415) 376-3380, 30 Woodside Dr., Moraga 94556.
- > **Sept. 1-3, Sat.-Mon. - Class 2 Peak Climb - SIMMONS AND PARSON PEAKS.** We leave Friday evening for Lee Vining. After an early breakfast, we'll drive up to Tuolumne Meadows wilderness parking area to start our hike; Rafferty Creek-Volgesang Lake-Volgesang Pass-Lewis Creek. Our base camp will be in the upper reaches of Lewis Creek or at Bernice Lake. On Sunday, we'll climb the two peaks. Trip limited to 10. Call for details. Leader: Al Gutowsky, 457-3338.
Sept 1-3, Sat-Mon. - MLC (20-mile loop) Backpack in Carson-Iceberg Wilderness, with optional climb of Whitecliff Peak on Sunday. Leader: Patrick Purcell, 428-0838 (6-9pm).
- Sept 8, Sat. - MLC (Maidu Group) Gr. 3D Dayhike** up Pyramid Peak via Sylvia Lake. Meet at the El Dorado Forest Supervisor's Office, 100 Forni Road, Placeville (Forni Road Exit from Route 50) at 6:00 a.m. Leader: Jim McErlane, 622-3436.
- Sept 14-16, Fri-Sun. - LA SPS climb** of Whorl and Matterhorn. Send Self-Addressed-Stamped-Envelope to leader: Dave Dykeman (818/991-2874), 27444 Rondell St. Agoura CA 91302.
- > **Sept. 15, Sat. - Class 2 Peak Climb - Gr. 3C Dayhike - CRYSTAL RANGE.** We start at Wrights Lake and hike to Lake Catherine where we'll start the cross-country portion of this trip, climbing the ridge in the vicinity of Peak 9441. We'll then climb the minor high points along the ridge until reaching the Rockbound Pass Trail which we'll follow back to our starting point. Meet at CSUS Arboretum at 6:30 a.m. Leader: Al Gutowsky, 457-3338.
- > **Sept. 15, Sat. - Gorge Scramble III - NEVADA POINT.** A short scramble on the Rubicon River from the Nevada Point Trail to the old washed-out bridge. Meet 7:30 a.m. at Bank of America in Roseville Sq. Leader: Fred Fischietto, 983-5607.
Sept 15, Sat. - MLC Gr. 3D Dayhike up Sierra Buttes. Meet at 11th & O at 7:00 a.m. Leader: Steve Mathias, (209) 944-5547.
Sept 16, Sun. - MLC - Gr. 3B Dayhike up Red Lake and Stevens Peaks from Carson Pass and down to Round Lake. Meet at CSUS Parking Lot at 7:30 a.m. Leader: Dick Brock, 424-2429 (10 a.m. to noon).
- > **Sept. 22, Sat. - Class 1 Peak Climb - Gr. 2B Day Hike - LIST FINISHER PARTY ATOP GENOA.** Help me celebrate completion of OGUL Peak List atop this piney peak on the east side of Lake Tahoe. Bring a gourmet snack to share. Meet at 11th and O at 8 a.m. Leader: John Sarna, 429-8024.
Sept 23, Sun., MLC Singles Section (Gr. 2C) Dayhike - MT ELWELL from Lake Basin Campground. Bring a swimsuit. Heavy rain or thunderstorm cancels. Meet at 7:30 at 11th and O. Leaders: Alan Cooke, 344-0957, Arlene Hoagland, 624-2922.
- > **Sept 25, Tues., Peak and Gorge Social Meeting - ANNUAL BYO SLIDE SHOW.** Show up to 25 of your best summer slides to new and/or old friends. Bring a snack to share and beverage of choice at 7:30 p.m. John and Lynne Besbekos will host (348-3584), 4428 Old Dairy Drive (north on I-80, exit on Elkhorn/Greenback, west on Elkhorn, right on Walerga, go 3 miles north, right on Old Dairy Dr, signed Antelope Park Subdivision).
- Sept 30, Sun. - SIERRA CLUB MOUNTAINEERING COMMITTEE ANNUAL MEETING -** at Sierra Club Headquarters in San Francisco (730 Polk St.), 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. AGENDA: mountaineering insurance restrictions; taking historic registers from peaks; nominations for next year's committee chair.
- > **Oct. 6-8, Sat.-Mon., JACKS PEAK (10,198'), McAFEE PEAK (10,439'), AND COPPER MTN (9911').** Let's sojourn north of Elko, Nevada and climb these 3 NAS Peaks in the Humboldt National Forest. We will also explore Wildhorse Hot Springs and the ghost town of Tuscarora. Call for details. Leader: Bill Hauser, 408/243-4566.
Oct 6-7, Sat-Sun. - LA SPS climb of Half Dome and Clouds Rest. Send Self-Addressed-Stamped-Envelope to leader: Dave Dykeman (818/991-2874), 27444 Rondell St. Agoura CA 91302.
- > **Oct. 7, Sun. Class 2 Peak Climb (Gr. 2C) Dayhike - GRANITE CHIEF, NEEDLE, AND LYON PKs.** We'll start from the tram in Squaw Valley, climb Granite Chief, then hike along the ridge to Needle (Class 3 summit block (optional) and Lyon. Bring \$9 for tram. Expect 6.5 miles (4 more if we miss the last tram down at 4:40 p.m.) and 2600' total elevation gain. Heavy snow will cancel. Meet at 11th and O at 7:30 a.m. Leader: Alan Cooke, 344-0957.
- > **Oct. 20, Sat, Class 2 Peak Climb (Gr. 2C) Dayhike - CARY PEAK (8726').** Weather permitting, we'll bag this seldom-climbed peak on the edge of the old Woodfords burn which overlooks Carson Canyon. Meet at 11th and O at 7:30 a.m. Leader: John Sarna, 429-8024.
Oct 13-14, Sat-Sun. - LA HPS climb of Antimony Pk, Eagle Rest Pk, Brush Mtn, and San Emigdio Mtn. Send Self-Addressed-Stamped-Envelope to leader: Patty Kline (213/455-1956), 20362 Callon Dr, Topanga Canyon, CA 90290.
Oct 20-22, Sat-Mon. - LA SPS climb of Piute Mtn. Send Self-Addressed-Stamped-Envelope to leader: Jim Murphy or Steve Thaw (415) 376-3380, 30 Woodside Dr., Moraga 94556.
- > **Oct. 23, Tues. Peak and Gorge Social Meeting - THE GREAT MURAL CAVE PAINTINGS OF BAJA** (and how to find them), presented by our host, & any overflow slides from the Sept BYO Slide Show. Bring a snack to share & beverage of choice at 7:30 p.m. Ellen Van Fleet will host, 1105 Alamos, Sacto 927-9288 (Between Del Paso and Rio Linda, north of Arden, in N. Sacto).
Oct 27-28, Sat-Sun. - LA HPS climb of Mt Pinos, Sawmill Mtn, Grouse Mtn, Cerro Noroeste, Tecuya Mtn. Send Self-Addressed-Stamped-Envelope to leader: Terri Astle, c/o Angeles Chapter.
- Nov. 4, Sun. MLC Gr. 3B DayHike** up Mt. Wittenberg & beyond. Meet at 11th & O parking lot at 8:00 a.m. Leader: Larry Stearns, 489-5340 (before 6:00 p.m.).
- Nov. 17, Sat. MLC Gr. 3B Dayhike, Bald Mtn. & Sugarloaf (3419').** Rain cancels. Meet at the 11th & O parking lot at 8:00 a.m. Regroup at the donut shop behind McDonalds in Placerville at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Patrick Purcell, 428-0838 (6-9 p.m.).
- Nov. 25, Sun. MLC Gr. 2C Dayhike, Mission Peak (2517')** in Alameda County. Rain cancels. Meet at the 11th & O parking lot at 8:00 a.m.; in Davis at Murder Burger at 8:30 a.m. Leader: Patrick Purcell, 428-0838 (6-9 p.m.).
- > **Nov. 27, Tues., Peak and Gorge Special Meeting, ROCK-CLIMBERS SOCIAL** to tell stories, plan private trips, etc. Bring a snack to share and beverage of choice at 7:30 p.m. Judith Fairchild (485-1010) will coordinate, 3561 Greenview Lane, in Sacramento, near Watt and Marconi.
- Dec. 9, Sun. MLC Gr. 2B Day Hike** to the top of Montara Mtn (1898'). Rain cancels. Meet at the 11th & O at 8:00 a.m.; in Davis at Murder Burger at 8:30 a.m. Leader: Patrick Purcell, 428-0838 (6-9 p.m.).

- > Dec. 11, Tues., Peak and Gorge ANNUAL POT LUCK CHRISTMAS PARTY at 6:30 p.m. Brad Brooks will host, 7500 Cottontree Way, Sacto, 682-3810 (near Power Inn and Gerber Rd, east of Hwy 99).
Dec. 16, Sun. MLC Gr. 2B Day Hike up Mt. Tamalpais (2571'). Rain cancels. Meet at the 11th & O parking lot at 8:00 a.m.; in Davis at Murder Burger at 8:30 a.m. Leader: Patrick Purcell, 428-0838 (6-9 p.m.).

NOTE: Some outings carried by other Sections and other Chapters of the Club (NOT marked with a ->) are listed for your information. Details are provided in other Sierra Club Publications; prior consultation with the outings leader is recommended for those unable to check the original (more detailed) description of the trip. MLC = Mother Lode Chapter; SPS = Los Angeles Sierra Peaks Section; DPS = Los Angeles Desert Peaks Section; HPS = Los Angeles Hundred Peaks Section; PCS = Loma Prieta Chapter Peak Climbing Section.

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

CONGRATULATIONS

Bob Buckles awarded Tahoe OGUL EMBLEM
on July 24, 1990

Alan Cooke awarded Tahoe OGUL EMBLEM
on August 8, 1990

ROUND TOP PEAK (10,381'), 22 July 1990

Flashback to summer 1986: The climb up from Caples Lake had taken its toll. By the time my wife and I reached Round Top Lake, I was sick and could not eat lunch. But when Claire expressed some interest in walking up the side of Round Top, climbing fever seized me. I trudged up the steep trail until I met her where the serious rock began. Claire didn't have any interest in continuing and I promised her that I would be only a few minutes continuing to the summit. Fatigue, altitude sickness, climbing alone...the gravel covered rock had me scared. Everywhere I looked was a thousand foot drop and no sense of security. I turned back after making the false summit to "a small steep-sided cleft, which perhaps separates the brave from the wise." (THE TAHOE SIERRA, Jeffrey Schaffer)

Two years later I was returning with help to make this peak: John Besbekos and Alan Cook. I wasn't sure what to expect on this trip. We had an easy ascent to the rock as we were taking the short way in from Carson Pass (less than 4 miles and 2000' feet.) But what about that exposure at the cleft? No problem! What had been threatening two years before was just exciting today. Even the "cleft of death" was just a cautious class 3 rock climb down 10 feet. A little care, a few jokes about the routes down, we were there. Another example of how subjective "difficult" climbing is.

For those who have not climbed Round Top, it is an excellent short climb with enough class 3 and exposed drops to give you a taste of serious climbing. Even if you don't cross to the true summit, the view is fantastic. Standard approach is on west side up a trail from Round Top Lake. Circle slightly to the left where the trail dies out and then head straight up to the false summit. Schaffer indicates that you should go below the cleft on the right (South) side on a precarious gravel slope. We chose to climb down solid rock just a few feet right of the center of the cleft. Just don't take too long if your spouse is waiting for your return "in just a few minutes." They get more nervous than most climbers.

Bob Buckles

GOOD NEWS FROM THE PHOTO DEPARTMENT

Eastman Kodak has introduced a panorama format camera called STRETCH 35 which I have tested and found to be a useful tool for recording views. A small, lightweight, disposable camera, the STRETCH 35 produces a $3\frac{1}{4}$ x 10 print of good quality that does a more excellent job of capturing a view (say from the top of a peak) than a standard 35mm camera. It is easy to use (point and shoot) and contains 12 frames per camera. Purchase price and developing comes to about \$1.50 per print.

Some faults are the fall-off in focus, or sharpness, on the ends of the print, and, while it uses 35mm film, the image does not fill 2 frames to make a 24mm by 72mm negative but instead a 13mm by 36mm image on the negative.

I have perennial problems with labs processing my slides onto print film correctly, so I have often thought of carrying a second camera loaded with print film to get better results. But, as often as each climb comes on the edge of succeeding, I really don't need to spend the time interchanging equipment, the weight of another camera body, and a second carrying case, or having to take off my pack to get out the second camera. The STRETCH 35 is small enough to be carried in a large pocket.

I would recommend hikers and climbers invest in such an inexpensive gadget to astound friends and other climbers with such unique prints. Reprints can be made, but as of yet, Kodak will not enlarge to panorama format prints but to standard 5x7, 8x10, 8x12, etc. I am hoping for a 8 x 24 print enlargement which would really be impressive! I also wish Nikon would develop a panorama lens that Kodak can process and print in the same way, as the Kodak lens is not real sharp, as the lens is probably plastic. That way one would not have to throwaway the camera after shooting a roll.

Also available are, of course, the FLING (standard 35mm) and the WEEKEND (waterproof) disposable cameras.

Pete Yamagata

NEW SIERRA PEAK

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of Sequoia National Park, the Sequoia Natural History Association has sponsored an outing to climb and dedicate a 13,255 foot high point to be named "Centennial Peak." The register placement involves a 25 mile hike each way over 6-7 days. If I am correct, this is the high point just south of Milestone. Roper says Cl. 1-2 from Colby Pass.

from the "Sequoia Bark"
submitted by Pete Yamagata

ATTENTION PEAK CLIMBERS

Names and phone numbers of those who may be interested in climbing Mt. Williamson are listed below (call-ins from John Sarna's cancelled Sierra Club Outing in July):

Seth Hall	H448-2252 W485-6117	John Sarna	H429-8024, W324-0870
Bill Hauser	H408-243-4566	Ellen Van Fleet	H927-9288, W924-0740
Donald Hoffman	H209-946-0896, W209-944-6361	Ed Vandercook	H482-0113
Bup Kingston	H209/634-8929	John Watters	H383-6150, Summer 736-1251
Boris & Camille Nahlovsky	H677-4600	Pete Yamagata	H444-6319

ATTENTION ROCK-CLIMBERS

Names and phone numbers of those interested in private rock-climbing excursions are listed below (per phone survey by Judith Fairchild):

Balaguer, Oscar	H443-6171	Richardson, Steve	H989-8942, W643-6064
Bily, Jim	W922-1592	Robinson, John	H685-2505, W388-4639
Brooks, Bradley	H682-3810, W635-6699	Sarna, John	H429-8024, W324-0870
Fairchild, Judith	H485-1010	Sawyer, Andy & Carol	H442-4215, W324-7963
Grow, Bob	H362-8962	Scagliotti, Randy	H331-7430
Hinkle, Barbara	H332-5466	Skaglund, Jon	H707-763-3885
Hoffman, Donald	H209-946-0896, W209-944-6361	Strohl, Richard	H753-7657
Joy, J. Douglas	H452-7126, W447-3497	Thaw, Steve	H415-376-3380
Lehman, Peggy	H452-5057, W445-3478	Van Fleet, Ellen	H927-9288, W924-0740
Miller, Stephen	H456-7582	Watters, John	H383-6150, Summer 736-1251
Reed, Robin	H923-1553, W447-2854	Wenner, Terry	H452-7242
		Yamagata, Pete	H444-6319

TAHOE OGUL PEAK LIST

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Peak and Gorge Section, Mother Lode Chapter, Sierra Club

PURPOSE: To encourage peak-climbing in the Lake Tahoe Region.

BACKGROUND: OGUL is the Washoe Indian word for mountain bighorn sheep. The Indians hunted this agile mountaineer in both the Sierra Tahoe Region and the Basin and Range to the east. Though now extinct in the area, this once great mountain sheep is a fitting symbol for our Tahoe OGUL List.

RECOGNITION: The Peak and Gorge Section will recognize significant accomplishments in climbing peaks on this list by publication in our Boulder Newsletter. Emblem status is conferred on those who have reached the summits of:

- 1) 10 star (*) peaks on this list,
- 2) 5 star (*) and any other 10 peaks on this list, or
- 3) Any 20 peaks on this list.

List completion status is conferred on those who have reached the summits of all peaks on this list.

For recognition, a list of peaks climbed indicating the date of ascent and the leader of the outing (if any) should be submitted to the Peak and Gorge Section Chair whose phone number appears in the Chapter Outings Schedule. A Tahoe OGUL T-shirt is awarded, at cost, to those who have achieved emblem status.

THE NAS & SGS LISTS: In addition to the OGUL List, the Peak and Gorge Section maintains a list of Northern Alpine Section (NAS) peaks and Sierra Gorge Section (SGS) gorges. NAS peaks cover a much wider area than the OGUL list and provide opportunities to explore a variety of mountain ranges throughout California, Nevada's Great Basin, and adjoining states. Gorge Scrambles on the SGS List bring one into remote, wild, and scenic places in California where few people have gone before. Recognition is given for significant accomplishments in each.

INTERPRETATION: The peaks are classified as Star (*), Emblem (X), and Mountaineer () peaks according to their view, difficulty, and dominance of an area. Star peaks are primary in setting with exceptional views and are generally of greater difficulty. Emblem peaks are secondary. Mountaineer peaks comprise the remainder. All provide a rewarding experience.

Elevation (ELEV.) is the height of the summit (in feet) above sea level.

Each peak on the list can be located on a USGS topographic 15-minute quadrangle (TOPO MAP). These are available from many stores that sell mountaineering equipment or directly from the U.S. Geological Survey, Denver, CO 80225. In some areas, 7-1/2 minute quadrangles are also available which show greater detail.

Peaks are assigned two difficulty ratings (CLASS AND GRADE). It is assumed that climbers use the least difficult, but not necessarily the most commonly-used, route accessible by automobile (not a 4 wheel drive vehicle). Driving time is not a factor. A class of 1 to 6 is assigned to convey what type of terrain may be encountered. Briefly, Class 1 is hands-in-pockets hiking; Class 2 is rough cross-country travel; Class 3 is simple climbing with some exposure; and Class 4, 5, and 6 represent increasingly difficult climbing requiring the use of ropes and special equipment. A class prefaced by an "S" is sometimes added to convey a greater degree of difficulty in climbing a summit block. Grades are assigned as follows: 1) up to 5 miles round trip, 2) 6-10 miles round trip, 3) 11 to 15 miles round trip, etc. and A) up to 1,000' total elevation gain, B) 1000' to 2000' total elevation gain, C) 2000' to 3000' total elevation gain, etc. For example, a 21-mile jaunt climbing a total of 3500 feet is graded 5D. See the Mother Lode Chapter Outings Schedule for a more detailed explanation of these ratings.

WARNING: Hiking and climbing conditions do change, and some information given here is subjective. The Peak and Gorge Section does not accept responsibility for outdated or incorrect information. Please help future climbers by sending corrections to the Peak and Gorge Chair who is listed in the Chapter Outings Schedule.

IN THE SIERRA NEVADA

	<u>ELEV.</u>	<u>USGS TOPO MAP (15')</u>	<u>Least Difficult Route Possible w/2WD Drive-In</u>		
			<u>CLASS</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>FROM</u>
<u>North of Highway 70</u>					
* Adams Peak	8197	Chilcoot, CA	2	1B	Logging road to southwest of peak
<u>South of Highway 70</u>					
* Mt. Fillmore	7715	Downieville, CA	2	1A	Johnsville Road
Mt. Elwell	7812	Sierra City, CA	2	2B	Lakes Basin
Haskell Peak	8107	Sierra City, CA	1	1A	Haskell Peak Rd to southwest
Sierra Buttes	8587	Sierra City, CA	1	2C	Packer Lake
<u>North of Highway 80</u>					
* Mt. Lola	9143	Donner Pass, CA	1	1B	White Rock Lake
English Mtn	8373	Emigrant Gap, CA	2	1B	Catfish Lake
* Black Butte	8030	Emigrant Gap, CA	2(S-3)	2B	Grouse Ridge Lookout
x Old Man Mtn	7789	Emigrant Gap, CA	2	2C	Fordyce Summit
Signal Peak	7841	Emigrant Gap, CA	1	1A	Fordyce Summit
Basin Peak	9015	Donner Pass, CA	1	3C	Castle Peak Trailhead (I-80)
* Castle Peak	9103	Donner Pass, CA	1(S-3)	2B	Castle Peak Trailhead (I-80)
<u>South of Highway 80</u>					
x Devils Peak	7704	Donner Pass, CA	3	1B	Cascade Lakes
x Snow Mtn	8014	Granite Chief, CA	1	3C	Cascade Lakes
Mt. Mildred	8398	Granite Chief, CA	1	2B	Logging road near Dolly Creek

IN THE SIERRA NEVADA (continued)

	ELEV.	USGS TOPO MAP (15')	CLASS	GRADE	FROM
<u>West Side of Lake Tahoe</u>					
Anderson Peak	8683	Donner Pass, CA	1	3C	Donner Summit
Tinker Knob	8949	Granite Chief, CA	2	3C	Squaw Valley
* Granite Chief	9006	Granite Chief, CA	1	2C	Squaw Valley
x Needle Peak	8971	Granite Chief, CA	2(S-3)	3C	Squaw Valley
Lyon Peak	8891	Granite Chief, CA	2	3C	Squaw Valley
x Twin Peaks	8878	Tahoe, CA-NV	2	2B	Barker Pass
Ellis Peak	8740	Tahoe, CA-NV	1	1B	Barker Pass
<u>Southwest Side of Lake Tahoe - East Ridge</u>					
x Rubicon Peak	9183	Fallen Leaf Lake, CA	2	1C	Rubicon Estates, Lake Tahoe
Phipps Peak	9234	Fallen Leaf Lake, CA	2	3D	Bayview Trailhead (Hwy 89)
* Mt. Tallac	9735	Fallen Leaf Lake, CA	2	2D	Fallen Leaf Lake
x Dicks Peak	9974	Fallen Leaf Lake, CA	2	3D	Fallen Leaf Lake
x Jacks Peak	9856	Fallen Leaf Lake, CA	2	3D	Fallen Leaf Lake
<u>Southwest Side of Lake Tahoe - West Ridge</u>					
Tells Peak	8872	Robbs Peak, CA	2	3C	Van Vleck Ranch Road
McConnell Peak	9099	Fallen Leaf Lake, CA	2	3C	Van Vleck Ranch Road
Silver Peak	8930	Fallen Leaf Lake, CA	2	3C	Van Vleck Ranch Road
x Red Peak	9307	Fallen Leaf Lake, CA	2	3C	Van Vleck Ranch Road
x Mt. Price	9975	Fallen Leaf Lake, CA	2	2D	Wrights Lake
* Pyramid Peak	9983	Fallen Leaf Lake, CA	2	2D	Twin Bridges (Hwy 50)
Ralston Peak	9235	Fallen Leaf Lake, CA	1	2C	Sayles Flat (Hwy 50)
<u>South of Lake Tahoe</u>					
Waterhouse Peak	9497	Freel Peak, CA-NV	2	1B	Luther Pass
Stevens Peak	10061	Markleeville, CA	1	1C	Hwy 88, via Crater Lake
x Red Lake Peak	10061	Markleeville, CA	1(S-3)	1B	Carson Pass
<u>South of Highway 88</u>					
* Round Top	10380	Markleeville, CA	2(S-3)	1B	Woods Lake
Hawkins Peak	10023	Markleeville, CA	2	1B	Burnside Lake Road
Markleeville Peak	9417	Markleeville, CA	1	1B	Blue Lakes Road
* Jeff Davis Peak	8990	Markleeville, CA	5	1A	Blue Lakes Road
The Nipple	9340	Markleeville, CA	2	1B	Blue Lakes Road
* Mokelumne Peak	9332	Silver Lake, CA	2	3C	Shriner Lake Trailhead
<u>North of Highway 4</u>					
x Raymond Peak	10011	Markleeville, CA	2	3C	Ebbetts Pass
x Reynolds Peak	9690	Markleeville, CA	2(S-3)	2C	Ebbetts Pass or Wet Meadows
<u>South of Highway 4</u>					
x Silver Peak	10774	Markleeville, CA	2	3D	Noble Canyon Trailhead (Hwy 4)
* Highland Peak	10934	Markleeville, CA	2	3D	Noble Canyon Trailhead (Hwy 4)
Lookout Peak	9584	Markleeville, CA	2	2B	Pacific Valley (Hwy 4)

IN THE CARSON RANGE, SIERRA NEVADA

<u>Northeast of Lake Tahoe</u>					
* Mt. Rose	10776	Mt Rose, NV	1	3C	Mt. Rose Summit (Hwy 431)
<u>East of Lake Tahoe</u>					
x Snow Valley Peak	9214	Carson City, NV	1	3C	Spooner Summit
Duane Bliss Peak	8658	Carson City, NV	2	2B	Spooner Summit
Genoa Peak	9150	Carson City, NV	1	2B	Daggett Pass
<u>Southeast of Lake Tahoe</u>					
* Freel Peak	10881	Freel Peak, CA-NV	2	1D	Fountain Place
Jobs Sister	10823	Freel Peak, CA-NV	2	2D	Fountain Place
x Jobs Peak	10633	Freel Peak, CA-NV	2	3D	Snowshoe Springs (Hwy 88/89)
Wade	9367	Freel Peak, CA-NV	2	3C	Snowshoe Springs (Hwy 88/89)

IN THE PINE NUT MTNS (East of Highway 395)

x Mt. Siegel	9450	Mt. Siegel, NV-CA	2	2C	Slaters Mine to north of peak
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IN THE SWEETWATER MTNS (East of Highway 395)

Desert Creek Peak	8969	Desert Creek Peak, NV-CA	2	1C	Risue Canyon Road
x East Sister	10402	Desert Creek Peak, NV-CA	2	2C	Rickey Mine to north
x Middle Sister	10859	Desert Creek Peak, NV-CA	2	3D	Rickey Mine to north
* South Sister	11339	Fales Hot Springs, CA-NV	2	3C	Sheeles Camp
* Mt. Patterson	11673	Fales Hot Springs, CA-NV	2	2C	Lobdell Lake
x Wheeler Peak	11664	Fales Hot Springs, CA-NV	2	3D	Swauger Creek

RECON ON MT. GAYLEY (4118m)

JUNE 22-25, 1990

This trip started with dinner Friday evening at our car camp high above Big Pine, CA. The six of us, all dedicated SPS'ers, partook of the famed Mantle's gourmet feast. The group was working on the wines (Chardonnay, Hungarian Gewurztraminer, and Pinot Noir) when George Hubbard, then 14 peaks away from list finishing, and I arrived from the Central Valley. We began with Vodka laced carrot sticks along with Geronimo peppers, pickled French shallot, and smoked scallops, followed by Gouda cheese with pate on Valley Lahvosh Hearts. Sprouts and lettuce were topped with Bangkok Memories. The main course was Basque marinated barbequed veal with roasted Maui onions and barbequed asparagus. Fresh peach pie served admirably as dessert. The quail's eggs and pate were left for high camp.

Naturally, everyone was raring to go at 5:30 a.m., and four of us eventually arrived at Lake Elinore (11,000') to wonder about the two women who had gone to the wrong lake presumably to return to the cars tomorrow. In the meantime, Doug, who had arrived at camp by 10:30 a.m., had soloed Palisade Crest (class 4) to place ducks and fixed ropes to expedite the next day's climb.

With another 4:30 a.m. wake-up call, Doug, Randy, and George left for Palisade Crest. I left for Gayley 20 minutes later. After realizing a slow time for the first 1300', and encountering hard snow with some imposingly steep snow fields between the third class peak and myself, I chose to return for camp and depart for Brainard Lake to wait for George, whose plan was to climb Bolton Brown and Prater. Incidentally, George had run 3 marathons in the past year, and Doug 4 or 5. George arrived at 5:30 p.m., successful on Palisade Crest, but depressed about Monday. But on Monday, while I waited and tanned at camp, he did Bolton Brown. I packed out at 4:00 p.m., expecting him to follow on his return to camp. I had a nice dinner at Glacier Lodge (brochette of Moroccan chicken on Armenian rice). Unfortunately, I spent a mildly stressed night wondering about George, who finally came down the road the next day at 6:30 a.m., having been caught by darkness the night before. Home by 4:15 p.m., and, after a forced diet on both nights in camp, I was feeling good and ready for another weekend!

COLUMBINE PEAK (12,652')

JUNE 30-JULY 2, 1990

This was an official/private (?) rescheduled California Mountaineering Club outing to climb North Palisade led by Steve Thaw, with whom I had ridden down from the North to meet 4 others from Southern California. We started from South Lake to hike over Bishop Pass to camp at a high sandy area (11,800') in Dusy Basin. I had just seen the movie video "Always," which worried me enough to decline reclimbing the peak, fearing "my number might be up," being somewhat superstitious, especially since the Palisades have had rockfall.

Instead, while the others crossed Thunderbolt Pass to successfully climb the standard west side U-notch route, I slept late and finally got moving at 10:12 a.m. to climb Columbine Peak. Reaching the top by 1:15 p.m., I shot a lot of film recording the "fine" views of the Palisades and talked briefly with two others who had climbed the ridge from Knapsack Pass. A register had been placed by the Sierra Register Committee--- a 4" wide PVC pipe--lots of room and easy to open! Inside was a box of slides developed from a camera of a hiker/climber who had been killed on Mt. Whitney. I didn't have time to look at them. A scree run led me to take a chute headed more directly to Lower Dusy Basin, but it ended in a 100' cliff. I thought I would have to reclimb the entire chute to get out of that mess, but I managed to traverse/downclimb into an adjacent chute. I was back to camp by 4:15 p.m. The tired North Pal group returned by 7:15 p.m., with stories of narrow ledges, snow-filled chutes, and thousand foot exposure.

After sleeping till 7:00 a.m. the next morning, we returned slowly over Bishop Pass to the cars. We finished the weekend with pizza in Bishop, sharing photos of a past trip.

Pete Yamagata

I think spring is the best time of year to visit the Sweetwaters, when it's literally brimming with water from spring-fed streams. This mountain range is virtually unknown to the masses who frequent the nearby Sierras; so it's seldom visited, even though open to unlimited car-camping and hiking. Last June, a group of us successfully climbed the four northern Sweetwater Peaks (3 from the OGUL List), but were rained out of another climb of the higher Patterson, Wheeler, and South Sister, last fall. I had a good incentive to schedule a retry this spring, needing the latter two peaks to be able to finish off the list this fall.

So, on the night of June 22nd, Friday, four cars with 8 people converged from many directions (only one car from Sacramento) to camp in the isolated stands of pines near Lobdell Lake, 9200' in elevation. After a late start, we followed the route Tom Venus pointed out on his up-to-date (1989) 7-1/2 minute USGS map, which led us behind the lake to a 4x4 road that turned into a trail and then into another 4x4 road, taking us all the way up to the top of the highest point in the range: Mt. Patterson. There we had a close encounter with a lone hiker, namely Malcomb Bower, whom we had expected to meet us at the start of the climb (could he have been impatient?). After a bout of picture-taking and the like, the wind, cold and forceful, caused several lightly-clad members of our group to join Bill Hauser and opt for a trek back to camp. The rest of us continued toward Wheeler Peak along a rather obscure 4x4 high-ridge road. The summit register on Wheeler revealed that it's infrequently visited compared to Mt. Patterson, although only 110' lower in elevation. Returning back toward Patterson, Tom, Malcomb, and Bob Buckles split off to traverse three rather imposing 11K' bumps, while John Watters and I took a short-cut across some scree to link up with the trail below. Both groups watched the others traverse across the many-colored, geologically-diverse rock formations common to the area around Patterson, which certainly rival those in Death Valley. Unfortunately, the more colorful mineralization contains the seeds of its own destruction, an increasing number of mining roads, which now literally cut up the mountain.

Due to the ever-present danger of losing someone, I've always thought it unwise to split up into smaller groups. This time, though, as our split-up group regrouped at camp, we actually ended up with two more than the number we started with. A couple of teenagers had somehow got their spanking new 4x4 truck partially submerged at the edge of Lobdell Lake, and their pathetic looks told us they desperately needed a ride to more populated parts. God must have intervened in their scouting trip (for deer) as they maintained that they were trying to avoid the lake when they got stuck although the road *was* a hundred feet away from the lake! I heard Malcomb entertained them by taking pictures of their truck in the ooze. In any case, their predicament gave those of us in Bob's car an excellent excuse to drive into Bridgeport for dinner. What befell the two teenagers in Bridgeport is a longer story, although their truck *was* mysteriously absent from the lake the next morning. Our Bodie-Mining-Company dinner did almost made us late for a demonstration of how to cook/burn burgers over an open fire without getting your hands fried in the process, care of Brian and Gary from San Jose.

Only 5 of the original 9 decided to go after South Sister the next morning (and not one of those who ate the hamburgers). Overcast skies were not a deterrent, as this sister was the last of six OGUL-listed peaks in the Sweetwaters for each of us. The route was primarily cross-country; so naturally, there was some rather vigorous discussion of route-finding on the way. Bill wanted to pass a small lake shown on his map, and John wanted to avoid certain scree slopes. Periodically during the "discussion," we kept on walking through the pines heading directly toward the peak (with some ups and downs), and sure enough, a good route for the final ascent eventually became obvious. It still involved a lot of uphill to gain the summit, but once on top, the remarkably clear skies allowed excellent views, giving the more experienced Great Basin climbers opportunity to name numerous mountain ranges in the distance. On the way down, we did take a break at Bill's Lake, but had to leave quickly due to an assault by mosquitos. Just below the lake was a trail that proved to be the best route back, winding us through the pines to the saddle we'd left hours before. We then traversed down to relish a cool walk along some creek-trails, which eventually led us back up to the cars. The scenery was magnificent, as can be demonstrated by the 100+ slides I took.

Thanks to Tom Venus for assisting, to Bob Buckles for driving his 4x4 from Sacramento, and to the other participants for making it a great trip.

Patterson, Wheeler, and South Sister in the Sweetwater Mountains (120 miles due west of Sacramento).

DRIVING: 3+ hours from Sacramento to Sonora Junction (Hwy 108 & 395) and 1.7 miles east to a dirt road marked Burham Flat Road. Go north on this 2-WD road, turning right (east) at a high point onto another 2-WD road leading up to Lobdell Lake.

HIKING: **Mt Patterson** - find the 4-WD road on the northeast side of the lake which parallels, then crosses Desert Creek; follow it all the way past Montague Mine to the top. **Wheeler Peak** from Mt. Patterson - follow a faint dirt road south along a ridge; leave the road when it comes down off the ridge, hiking the last 1/4 mile east to the summit. **South Sister** from Lobdell Lake - continue driving north from Lobdell Lake on a 2-WD road; soon after passing Sheeles Camp, cross the small creek on the right to enter a canyon leading down into Desert Creek. Park there and follow the road to a trail which continues down to meet Desert Creek. Turn right, up the creek, and follow it until it turns south; continue up through the sage on the left side of a broad canyon (past some aspens) to gain a saddle just east of the 9777' bump. Look for a stock trail due east of the saddle and follow it through the pines. On reaching a green valley with springs, find and follow a faint road as it goes up the valley to the southeast until the peak is in full view, where you can pick your route.

DESERT FLOWER

June 1990

Here I am in Phoenix, attending a conference tomorrow. The desert is in bloom on this April 29 Sunday as I set off from the trailhead intending to climb Superstition Mountain. Armed with instructions from the Desert Peak Section, I find the trailhead despite the fact all the street names have been changed since the write up was published.

The trail quickly runs into an old jeep road closed since wilderness designation. Cacti are quickly reclaiming the right of way, as they flaunt their brilliant yellow and pink blooms. I have never seen saguaro before, and here they are in bloom! Plump green stalks bulge from the ends of their arms and tops like candle crowns worn to celebrate a Swedish Christmas. The waxy white flowers are three inches across with yellow centers.

The trail winds into Hieroglyphic Canyon where Indian petroglyphs adorn the rock faces. The rocks themselves cradle precious pools of water still cool and clear this early spring morning.

Here the trail ends, and I begin climbing in earnest picking each step carefully to avoid cactus spines, loose rock and snakes absorbed in catching a few rays. After about 1500 feet elevation gain I take a break. I am carrying three

liters of water. The sun is hot. I haven't seen anyone since setting out this morning.

Then, over the rim of the slope below comes a man followed by two dogs. He is surprised to see another person and heads to the south to avoid me. I resume progress toward the summit 1500 feet above. This mountain is supposed to be second class, however, the route is elusive indeed, and I end up on some interesting third class rock.

The man reappears. He is also headed for the summit and must assist his dogs as we climb higher. At the top the dogs cannot make it, and I proceed while their master finds an alternate route. When he and the dogs arrive on top, I have been there for twenty minutes and have signed the register.

The view is spectacular. Weaver's Needle rises to the northwest; the town of Apache Junction spreads to the east. The man is packing a 357 magnum pistol. He has two rounds of birdshot for snakes and the rest regular bullets. My New England upbringing is unused to pistol packing-hikers. We choose a second class gully for the descent to make it easier on the dogs. Suddenly a rattlesnake buzzes a warning. The man draws and cocks his pistol before I can blink.

"I'll blow your head off," he warns the reptile.

"Don't shoot," I say. "It'll back off."

But the snake remains coiled. The stranger tosses stones at the rattler who reciprocates by vibrating its tail. My heart pounds, anticipating the explosion. "Let's try this way," I suggest, leading up the ravine bumping into an agave with my bare leg. The stranger reconsiders, uncocks his weapon and follows.

"My name's Alan," he volunteers. I smile. "I'm Debbie."

As we descend, the route again becomes third class. The dogs cannot easily follow. Soon I am pushing the large dogs off boulders into Alan's waiting arms eight feet below. Fritz and Angel would have preferred an easier route, but would have followed Alan anywhere. The way becomes easier. Now we are talking about the cactus blossoms. Alan points out the bullet holes in the saguaros.

"Who does that?" I ask.

"Jerks," he replies.

I give Alan a pint of water for his empty canteen and show him the petroglyphs as we water the dogs. Back at the cars Alan reflects, "You know, I could have had that head and rattle for my mantelpiece."

"I'm sure the snake was thinking the same about you," I counter.

We smile. The desert has indeed blossomed this day.

—Debbie Bulger

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