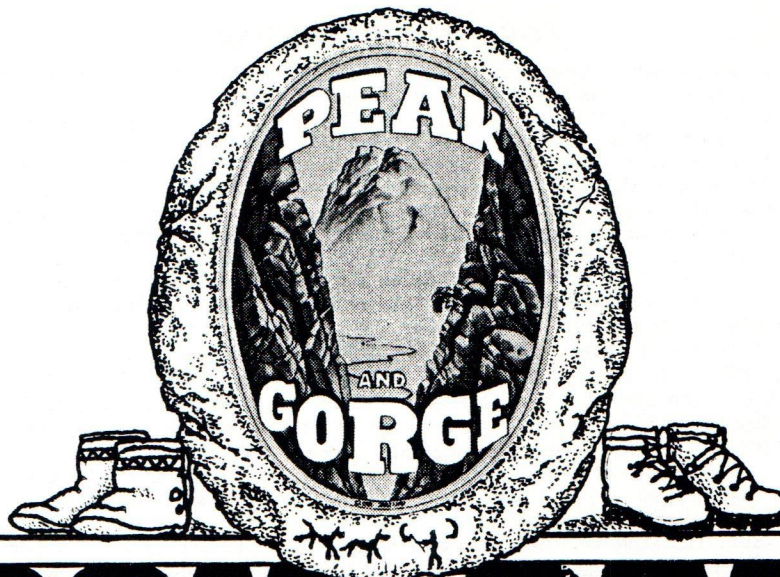


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SUMMER TRIPS in the Sierra, *SUMMER TRIPS* in the Cascades, SUMMER TRIPS in other states, summer trips even in late spring if the weather holds. Well, perhaps I've been reading too much Dr. Seuss, but now is the time to begin **planning summer trips**. To start off, I've asked Al Gutowsky, Rex Smith, John Watters, and probably other outings leaders to show slides of a few of our best peak climbs at our April social meeting. Please join us on April 23 and tell us what trips you'd like to see offered. I expect a greater number and variety of trips as more people begin leading Peak and Gorge type outings. Bob Buckles added two excellent car-camps to the spring schedule. With a little encouragement, Shep Iiams, Peggy Lehman, Brad Brooks, Rich Strohl, Tom Venus, Alan Cooke, Cristy Todaro, Judith Fairchild, and most recently, Jeff Gottesmann could be leading trips to help fill out the summer schedule.

Some good news for this summer is that it should be possible to find more routes up peaks, although drinking water may be in short supply (perhaps even at home). And if you plan to use the more popular trailheads, I suggest you **apply for hiking permits soon**. The first day the Forest Service is accepting reservations for permits is March 1 (February 1 for Yosemite). And don't forget to add a \$3 per-person, per-reservation, non-refundable fee for "quota" trailheads, mostly in the Inyo, Sierra, and Toiyabe National Forests.

And good news for outings leaders, Judith Fairchild will conduct a Wilderness First Aid class on April 10 which should serve the needs of outings leaders better than retaking the Red Cross Course, and it's deemed equivalent. Moreover, per a recent policy change, outings leaders in the Mother Lode Chapter may continue to lead trips for some time after their first aid card has expired, although past Red Cross certification (or equivalent) is still a leadership requirement.

Keep an eye on the monthly "Meeting and Events" schedule in the April and May *Bonanza* to see when we'll have the Dan Dobbins Memorial Award for Youth, or just ask John Watters (488-8467), who's coordinating the ceremony. Also give John the name(s) of any "youths" (under 23 years of age) who deserve recognition for their conservation or mountaineering activities.

Our January meeting was turned into a **Rock-Climber's Social**, sponsored by Judith Fairchild. While her wolves howled just outside, knowledge of special places to climb was shared by three resident experts: Jack Rankin, Doug Joy, and Bob Grow (who donated a rope from the Chapter's retired Rock Climbing Section). People generally hooked up with potential climbing partners, and a new list of interested parties was prepared for this newsletter. We also discussed forming an independent organization to arrange technical climbs, and reopened the issue of selling our section's ropes (to the new organization to get it/them off the ground).

It's now so very unlikely that the Club will obtain rock-climbing/ice-axe insurance in the near future that the Sierra Club Mountaineering Committee did not even put it on their Spring meeting agenda. For those interested, the meeting will be held at Angeles Chapter Headquarters on Sunday, April 7. The discussion will focus on the Club's 1992 Centennial Celebration and whether/how to include the role played by mountaineering in the Club's early formative years. A new policy may also be developed on the use of bolts (for rock-climbing) in Wilderness areas. As life goes on, we can at least choose where to follow.

Happy Hiking, John Sarna

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- > **Mar. 2, Sat. MONUMENT PEAK**, a winter peak climb. A moderately vigorous ascent of this 10,067' peak in the Carson Range SE of South Lake Tahoe, involving 12 to 14 miles and 3000' to 4000' elevation gain. Great views of Tahoe, the Sierra, & Carson Range. Various points of interest lie along the way, as well as excellent downhill running possibilities on the north-facing descent. Meet at CSUS Goethe Arboretum at 6:00 a.m. Leader: Jack Rankin, 457-0776.
- Mar. 3, Sun. MLC (Gr 3B) Dayhike up Mt Wittenberg**. Meet at 11th & O at 8:00 a.m. Leader: Pat Purcell, 428-0838 (6-9 pm).
- Mar. 8-10, Fri.-Sun. ODS Backpack of 15 mi with 7 mi dayhike in Owlhead Mtns near DV**. Leader: Steve Tabor, 415/357-6585.
- Mar. 9-10, Sat.-Sun. DPS climb of Tin and Dry Mtns in Death Valley**. Leader: Maris Valkass, 213/379-8592.
- Mar. 15-17, Fri.-Sun. ODS 18 mi backpack in Turtle Mtns, w/pinnacles, wildflowers, & mesas**. Leader: Marty Dickes, 415/482-4159.
- Mar. 16, Sat. MLC (Grade 2B) Dayhike with lunch on Table Mtn in the Monte Bello Open Space Preserve and Yerba Buena Nursery**. Meet at the 11th & O parking lot at 7:30 a.m. Leader: Pat Purcell, 428-0838 (6-9 p.m.).
- Mar. 16-17, Sat.-Sun. DPS climb of Pyramid & Corkscrew Mtns in Death Valley**. Leader: George Toby, 818/345-2459.
- Mar. 16-17, Sat.-Sun. HPS climb of McPherson, Peak and Fox Pks in the Los Padres Natl F.** Leader: Alan Coles, 213/420-9270.
- Mar. 23-31, Sat.-Sun. ODS backpack in Organ Pipe Cactus NM & Pinacate Craters (in Mexico)**. Ldr: Steve Tabor, 415/357-6585.
- > **Mar. 26, Tues. ARID ENVIRONMENTS FROM THE ROCKY MTNS TO THE BADLANDS**, a slide show at 7:30 p.m. by John Watters (488-8467), who will host the meeting. Bring a snack to share and beverage of choice to 845 Fulton Ave, Apt 2056, in Sacramento, north on Howe from Hwy 50, right on Northrup, right on Fulton, walk in driveway just past gas station.
- > **Mar 30, Sat. - MT ROSE CREST PEAKS** - a winter peak climb. A very long tour from Nevada Hwy 27 to the high crest south and north of Mt Rose with a large variety of peaks available for our pleasure. Traverse the largest grouping of high peaks (over 10,000') north of Yosemite Valley. Great views of Lake Tahoe, Reno, Truckee, Washoe Valley, and more. Some travel after dark is expected. Call for details. Leader: Jack Rankin, 457-0776.
- Mar. 30-31 or Apr 6-7, Sat.-Sun. Tentative ODS/Museum tour of Coso Mtn petroglyphs & hike**. Ldr: Davis Muller, 415/549-2645.
- > **Mar. 31, Sun. MT. HOOD (2730') Class 1 Peak Climb, Gr. 2C Day Hike**. Moderately-paced hike to the top of this Sonoma County peak with just over 2000' elevation gain. Enjoy the panoramic view from our lunch stop atop Gunsight Rock. February rains are likely to bring March wildflowers. Heavy rain cancels hike. Meet at the 11th & O parking lot at 8:30 a.m. or at Murder Burger in Davis at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Gary Campbell, 454-5140.
- Apr. 6, Sat. MLC Gr 2B Dayhike of Mt Tamalpais, East Pk**. Meet at 11th & O at 7:30 a.m. Leader: John Besbekos, 729-2725.
- Apr. 13-14, Sat.-Sun. DPS double list finisher on Nelson Pk**. Leader: Dale Van Dalsem, 213/822-0274.
- Apr. 19-21, Fri.-Sun. ODS Car Camp at Eureka Sand Dunes, 3rd highest in U.S, w/pk climb**. Leader: Steve Tabor, 415/357-6585.
- > **Apr. 20, Sat. WILDERNESS FIRST AID TRAINING** on how to handle medical emergencies while in the back-country, offered by Judith Fairchild, M.D. For MLC Outings Leaders, successful completion of this training course is considered equivalent to the standard Red Cross Course. Limited to 12. Call 485-0107 for reservations.
- > **Apr. 23, Tues. A FEW OF OUR BEST PEAK CLIMBS**, slides taken by Outings Leaders to stir the imagination for potential summer trips. At 7:30 p.m. Bring a snack to share and beverage of choice. Al Gutowsky (457-3338) will host; 5700 Shepard Ave; from H St near CSUS, turn north on Carlson, then right at first stop sign.
- Apr. 26-27, Fri.-Sat. ODS 10 mi backpack, 18 mi dayhike in Deep Springs Valley & Inyo Mtns**. Ldr: Marty Dickes, 415/482-4159.
- > **Apr. 27-28, Sat.-Sun. PINNACLES NATIONAL MONUMENT - Car Camp/Day Hikes**. Drive down early Saturday and hike 10-15 miles around Pinnacles' rock formations. On Sunday, a Cl. 1, Gr. 3B climb of Chalone Peak (3304') will precede the drive home. Call for details. Leader: Bob Buckles, 624-3620.
- Apr. 27-28, Sat.-Sun. HPS climb of Cobblestone, White, Snowy, and Black Pks**. Leader: Alan Coles, 213/420-9270.
- May 4-5, Sat.-Sun. DPS climb of Inyo and Keynot**. Leader: Igor and Suzanne Mamedalin, 714/786-3918.
- May 4-5, Sat.-Sun. HPS climb of Tehachapi, Double, Black Liebre, Burnt and Sawmill Pks**. Ldr: Charlie Knapke, 714/530-1310.
- > **May 17-19, Fri.-Sun. MONO LAKE CRATERS, Desert Pk Climb**. Drive to "Mono Basin Natl Forest Scenic Area" Friday evening, car camp, and spend two days hiking/exploring the craters, huge cinder cones, and other points of interest. Itinerary subject to group interest and weather conditions. Expect Gr. 3B level day hikes. Call for details. Leader: Bob Buckles, 624-3620.
- > **May 18, Sat. in the CRYSTAL RANGE**. To get in condition for summer trips, we'll hike/climb/explore some high points in and about this southeastern part of the Desolation Wilderness. Trip location depends on snow and road conditions. Meet at CSUS Arboretum at 7 a.m. Leader: Al Gutowsky, 457-3338.
- > **May 25-27, Sat.-Mon. MATTERHORN AND VIRGINIA PEAKS**. The objective is to climb one or both these peaks along Yosemite's Sawtooth Ridge as well as explore Horse Creek Canyon. We'll leave Friday evening and begin the hike from Twin Lakes on Saturday, backpacking up the Horse Creek Trail to base camp at a tarn lake below the canyon. Pace will be moderate. Call for details. Leader: Al Gutowsky, 457-3338.
- May 25-26, Sat.-Sun. HPS climb of Hildreth, Monte Arido, and Old Man Mtn**. Leader: David Eisenberg, 818/247-4635.
- May 25-27, Sat.-Mon. ODS Backpack of 15 mi with hike up Sentinel Pk near Death Valley**. Leader: Steve Tabor, 415/357-6585.
- > **May 28, Tues. ATTAINING THE SEVEN SUMMITS, FROM MCKINLEY TO EVEREST**, a multi-media presentation by Colin Fuller, a former Peak and Gorge member/mountaineer. At 7:30 p.m. Bring a snack to share and beverage of choice. Bob Buckles (624-3620) will host; 6120 Rainier Ave, Rocklin. Going east on I-80, exit on Taylor Rd, continue as Taylor becomes Pacific Ave, left on Sunset, left on Whitney, left on Rainier.
- > **June 1, Sat. - OLD MAN MTN (7789')**, a Gr. 3C dayhike, class 2 climb from Eagle Lakes Road. Have lunch, water, and lug-soled boots; the steep part is off-trail. Meet at Murder Burger in Davis at 7:00 a.m. and at the 11th & O parking lot at 7:30 a.m. Leader: John Sarna, 429-8024, Assistant Leader: Pam Coleman, 756-8955.
- > **June 8, Sat. in the CRYSTAL RANGE**. Hike/climb/explore some high points in and about this part of the Desolation Wilderness. Trip location depends on snow and road conditions. Meet at CSUS Arboretum at 7 a.m. Leader: Al Gutowsky, 457-3338.
- June 8-9, Sat.-Sun. HPS climb of Owens, Mt. Jenkins, Morris, and Aquila Pks**. Leader: Frank Dobos: 213/221-8301.
- > **June 15, Sat. - SNOW MTN (8014')**, a 15 mile, 2000' gain, Cl 2 climb with possible side trip up Devil's Pk (Cl. 3). Have lunch, water, & lug-soled boots; half the hike is off-trail. Meet at the 11th & O parking lot at 7:30 a.m. Leader: John Sarna, 429-8024, Assistant Leader: Cristy Todaro, 729-5349.
- June 15-16, Sat.-Sun. DPS climb of Boundary & Montgomery**. Leader: Maris Valkass, 213/379-8592.
- > **June 25, Tues. - GORGE SCRAMBLE CLINIC / POT LUCK PICNIC**: Join us for an introduction to gorge scrambling. We'll show you what to bring and how to keep it dry. Prior participants are invited to show slides of their favorite trips. Bring a good portion of food (main dishes preferred) and beverage to share at 6:30 p.m. Cristy Todaro (729-5349) will host, 8269 Central Ave., in Orangevale; from Greenback, go north on Sunrise, turn right on Woodmore Oaks, turn right at its end, and park in cul-de-sac.
- July 3-7, Wed.-Sun. SPS provisional climb of 7 Yosemite Backcountry Pks**. Ldrs: Dave Petzold, Dale Van Dalsem, 213/822-0274.
- July 4-8, Thurs.-Mon. HPS climb of San Gorgonio + 10 Pks**. Leader: Terri Sutor, 619/455-0786.

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. ODS = Oakland-based Desert Survivors; 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

Recognition (Emblem and List-Finisher) List

The Peak and Gorge Section Records show the following people have requested and received recognition as an emblem-holder or list-finisher. If you are qualified (see our Northern Alpine Section (NAS), Sierra Gorge Section (SGS), and Tahoe OGUL Qualifying Lists for what it takes) and have *not* sent in the necessary documentation, please do so. Recognition of your accomplishment(s) will be printed in a subsequent newsletter and recorded in the Section's archives.

NAS Emblem

1970 Gene Markley
1971 Leo Krastins
1972 R. J. Furnoy
1972 Roger Monroe
1972 Ernest Isaacs
1972 Jim Wirick
1972 Peggy Gerick
197? Carlton Lund
1972 Dan Dobbins
1972 Elinor Olsen
1973 Pete Yamagata
1976 Bill Hauser
1977 Al Gutowsky
1977 Dave Kaplan
1978 Bart O'Brien
1978 Loretta O'Brien
1979 Rachel Anderson
1979 Heather Anderson
1979 Howard Steidtmann
1980 Steve Thaw
1981 Jeannie Raber

NAS Emblem (cont)

1981 Bob Klein
1982 Harry Erl
1985 Don Weiss
1986 Debbie Bulger
1986 Roger Rollins
1986 John Sarna
1987 Roger Ehret
1987 Jackie Stroud
1987 Camille Nahlovsky
1987 Boris Nahlovsky
1988 Harry P. Ley
1989 John Watters
1989 John Besbekos
1990 Rex M. Smith

NAS Super-Emblem

1986 Pete Yamagata (3x)
1987 Jackie Stroud
1987 Boris Nahlovsky
1990 Rex M. Smith
1990 John Sarna

SGS Emblem

1970 Gene Markley
1971 Leo Krastins
1971 John Schwind
1971 Janice Schaap
197? Carlton Lund
1972 Howard Allred
1972 Bob Elder
1972 Elinor Olsen
1973 Dave Dubie
1973 Gordon Nash
1976 Susan Puccioni
1976 Robert Chesney
1976 Steven Markley
1978 Steve Rodgers
1979 Howard Steidtmann
1980 Helen Wauters

OGUL Emblem

1983 Harry Erl
1983 Howard Steidtmann
1983 Pete Yamagata

OGUL Emblem (cont)

1986 Debbie Bulger
1986 John Sarna
1987 Roger Ehret
1987 Jackie Stroud
1987 Bill Hauser
1987 Camille Nahlovsky
1987 Boris Nahlovsky
1988 John Besbekos
1989 John Watters
1989 Marilyn Jouini
1990 Peggy Lehman
1990 Rex M. Smith
1990 Bob Buckles
1990 Alan Cooke
1990 Roger Winters

OGUL List Finisher

1987 Boris Nahlovsky
1990 Pete Yamagata
1990 John Sarna

Dates represent when the qualifying information was sent in, not when status was achieved.

ATTENTION ROCK-CLIMBERS

Some names and phone numbers of people interested in getting together for private rock-climbing excursions are listed below (thanks to a second phone survey by Judith Fairchild and her survey during the Rock-Climber's Social she hosted as part of a Peak and Gorge Meeting):

✓ Balaguer, Oscar: H443-6171 (5.8) has rope & rack	Hoffman, Donald: H209-946-0896, W209-944-6361	Scagliotti, Randy: H331-7430
Bily, Jim: W922-1592 → disconnected	Hollis, Shelly: 889-1136 (5.8)	Skaglund, Jon: H707-763-3885
Brooks, Bradley: H682-3810, W635-6699	Joy, Doug: H452-7126, W447-3497 (5.9) has rope & rack	Strohl, Richard: H756-5087 ← will call back
Buckles, Bob: H624-3620	Lehman, Peggy: H452-5057, W445-3478	Todaro, Cristy: H729-6049
Fairchild, Judith: H485-0107 (5.6) has 2 ropes & rack	Miller, Stephen: H453-7682	Thaw, Steve: H415-376-3380
Gottesmann, Jeff: H758-9942 (5.8) has rope	Rankin, Jack: H457-0776 (5.6) has rope & rack	Van Fleet, Ellen: H927-9288, W924-0740 (5.7) has rope
Grogan, Sue: 878-1910 (5.8)	Reed, Robin: H923-1553	Venus, Tom: H894-1415, W342-6956 (5.9)
✓ Grow, Bob: H362-8962 (5.10) has rope, etc.	Richardson, Steve: H989-8942, W643-6064	Verhoef, Wim: H422-1512, W665-3404 (5.7) has rope & pro
Hinkle, Barbara: H332-5466	Robinson, John: H685-2505, W388-4639	Watters, John: H488-8467
	Sarna, John: H429-8024, W324-0870 (5.4)	Wenner, Terry: H444-7464
	Sawyer, Andy & Carol: H442-4215	Yamagata, Pete: H444-6319 (5.4) has two ropes & pro

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need to call Lori Domarchuk 712-1888 (5.6) - will call back
Jack Stroud 457-6330
Jacob Moore 833-8357
Rachel Stearns 956-1700
will call back 5.8-5.9 for my
back pack

CALIFORNIA MOUNTAINEERING CLUB UPDATE DECEMBER 22, 1990

The CMC is proceeding well, with about 200 members and a fine Winter/Spring schedule. The winter portion of the schedule includes a desert climb, rock climbing, and snow travel sessions. Peak spring snow climbs include Irvine, Bradley, Colosseum, Shepards Pass area, Bolton-Brown, Black and Diamond, Shasta, Red-and-White, Red Slate, Trojan, Tyndall, Sill, Polemonium, Cathedral, Dana, Virginia, Twin, Dade, and Mills, with advance notice on summer outings including Darwin and vicinity, Haeckel (north face), Devils Crags, and the Palisades.

The CMC was organized in 1989 as an alternative to Sierra Club outings, due to the unwillingness of the Club to support mountaineering outings because of financial considerations in terms of liability insurance. For more information contact Pete Yamagata at (916) 444-6319.

Lists of Lists of Peak and Gorge Type Objectives

Over the years I've been collecting written material on different peaks, gorges, hot springs, and other outings objectives. To promote interest in such items, I've printed below a synopsis of those lists (and some books which itemize objectives) focusing on peak and gorge type objectives. If you are aware of any other such lists or relevant books, I'd appreciate it if you could give me some particulars. Thanks to Bill Hauser and Pete Yamagata for helping compile this one.

John Sarna, 916/429-8024

NAME OF LIST {Min Possible Rqmts for Emblem} & particulars

Peak and Gorge Qualifying List {10grgs/E, 15pks/E, 50pks/SupE}

Consists of 283 peaks within a days drive of Sacramento [in California, Nevada, Oregon, and one in Utah] and 58 gorges in the northern Sierra Nevada [all in California].

Tahoe OGUL Qualifying Information {10pks/Emblem}

Consists of 63 peaks in the Lake Tahoe area [in California and Nevada].

Coastal Peaks List (Proposed) {no Emblem yet}

Consists of 293 peaks between California's Central Valley and the Pacific Ocean [all in California].

Sierra Peaks Section (SPS) Peaks List {25pks/E, 100pks/SenE}

Consists of 247 peaks in the Sierra Nevada [in California and one in Nevada].

Desert Peaks Section (DPS) Peaks List - {15pks/Emblem}

Consists of 97 peaks in the Mohave, Great Basin, Sonoran, and Baja Deserts [in southern California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, and Mexico].

Hundred Peaks Section (HPS) Peak List {100pks/E, 200pks/Bar}

Consists of 272 peaks above 5000' in elevation and within a few hours drive of Los Angeles [all in southern California].

Lower Peaks Committee (LPC) List {no Emblem}

Consists of 49 peaks below 5000' elevation and within a few hours drive of Los Angeles [all in southern California].

San Diego Peaks List {no Emblem yet}

Consists of 107 peaks within a few hours drive of San Diego [all in California, south of Los Angeles].

Cascade Peaks {5,6,10,18,&20pks/pin-award}

Consists of 6 major peaks in Washington, 20 volcanic and 18 non-volcanic peaks in the Cascade Mountains [in Northern California, Oregon, and Washington].

The Mazamas Peak List {3,9,&16pks/certificate}

Consists of 16 major peaks in the Cascade Mountain Range [in Northern California, Oregon, and Washington].

The 50 State High Points {more is better}

Consists of the high point of each of our 50 states.

Diplomas de Honor {100pks/Diploma}

Consists of the "Trilogy", the three most important peaks in Mexico; "Penon del Diablo de Baja California", peaks in Baja, and the "Cumbres del Kondem Baro", their 195 official peaks [all in Mexico].

Cinco Aiguilles (Five Eagles)

Consists of the Five Eagles (peaks over 15,000' in elevation) & the most important mtn in each of Venezuela's 23 states.

All peaks over 14,000 feet in the Colorado Rockies (53), recognition by The Colorado Mtn Club, 2530 W. Alameda Ave, Denver.
All peaks over 11,000 feet in the Canadian Rockies (about 13), recognition by The Alpine Club of Canada (403/762-4481).

SOME BOOKS AND GUIDES WHICH ITEMIZE PEAKS AND GORGES

The Climber's Guide to the High Sierra (1976), A Sierra Club Totebook by Steve Roper, published by Sierra Club Books: 530 Bush St., San Francisco, CA 94108.

Desert Peaks Guide, Part I (1975), edited by Walt Wheelock, published by La Siesta Press, Box 406, Glendale, California.

Desert Peaks Guide, Part II, Death Valley Country (1986), by Walt Wheelock, published by La Siesta Press, address above.

Southern California Peaks by Walt Wheelock.

Desert Peaks Road and Peak Guide (continually updated), Desert Peaks Section, Los Angeles Chapter, Sierra Club, available for \$22.00 from: DPS Treasurer: Bill Tryon, 22502 Susana Ave., Torrance, CA 90505.

Hundred Peaks Section (HPS) Peak Guide (continually updated), Hundred Peaks Section, Los Angeles Chapter, Sierra Club, available for \$28 from: Bob Thompson, P.O.Box 633, Montrose, CA 91021 (individual peak guides sold for \$20 @ with SASE).

Attaining the High Point of each County in California (in progress), will be available in a year or so from Wilderness Press.

Fifty State Summits - Guide (1988), publ by Jack Grauer, 2005 SE 58th Ave., Portland, OR 97215; 503/232-5596.

Climber's Guide to North America by John Harlan

Guide to the World's Mountains (1990), by Michael R. Kelsey, publ by Kelsey Publ Co., 456 E. 100 North, Provo, UT 84606.

Utah Mountaineering Guide & the Best Canyon Hikes (1986), by M. Kelsey, publ by Kelsey Publ Co., addr above, 801/373-3327.

On Top of Oregon by D. Hall

The Climber's Guide to the Olympic Mountains (1972), publ by The Mountaineers - Seattle: 300 3rd Ave. W., Seattle, 98119.

Cascade Alpine Guide, to 3 geographic areas (1981-89) by Fred Beckey, publ by The Mountaineers - Seattle.

A Climbing Guide to the Colorado Fourteeners (1984), by W. Borneman and Lampert, Pruett Publishing, Boulder, Colorado.

The Colorado Fourteeners, a Condensed Guide, by the Colorado Mtn Club, 2530 W. Alameda Ave, Denver, Colorado.

Colorado's Other Mountains (1984), by Walter Borneman, publ by Cordellera Press, Inc.

Guide to Wyoming Mountains and Wilderness Areas by O. H. Bonney, Swallow Press.

Climber's Guide to the Rocky Mountains of Canada by R. Kruszyna.

30 Hikes in Alaska (1967) by Bill Hauser, publ by The Mountaineering Club of Alaska, P.O. Box 2037, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

Climber's Guide to Montana by P. Caffey

Guide to the New Mexico Mountains by Herbert Ungnade.

Mexico's Volcanos (1981) by R.J. Secor, publ by The Mountaineers - Seattle: 300 3rd Ave. W., Seattle, WA 98119.

Mountain Names (1984) by Robert Hixson Julian, publ by The Mountaineers - Seattle: 300 3rd Ave. W., Seattle, WA 98119.

List of Books on Mountaineering: (Michael) Chessler Books Catalog Twenty-Two (1990), Evergreen, Colorado; call 800/654-8502.

ORIGINATOR OF LIST and how to get a copy

Sierra Club, Mother Lode Chapter, Peak and Gorge Section

Send \$2/pamphlet to Peak & Gorge Treasurer: Boris Nahlovsky, 3276 Amethyst Lane, Cameron Park, CA 95682.

Sierra Club, Mother Lode Chapter, Peak and Gorge Section

Send \$.50/list (pamphlets gone) to Peak & Gorge Treasurer: Boris Nahlovsky (address given above).

Sierra Club, Mother Lode Chapter, Peak and Gorge Section

Send \$0.50/list to: Peak & Gorge Treasurer: Boris Nahlovsky (address given above).

Sierra Club, Los Angeles Chapter, Sierra Peaks Section

Send \$1.00/list along with a self-addressed-stamped-envelope (SASE) to SPS Secretary: Bob Wyka, 3866 Via Dolce, Marina Del Rey, CA 90202.

Sierra Club, Los Angeles Chapter, Desert Peaks Section

Send \$0.50/list (a check) along with a self-addressed-stamped-envelope (SASE) to DPS Treasurer: Bill Tryon, 22502 Susana Ave., Torrance, CA 90505.

Sierra Club, Los Angeles Chapter, Hundred Peaks Section

Send \$1.00/list along with a SASE to HPS Treasurer: Alan Coles, 5637 Keynote St., Long Beach, CA 90808.

Sierra Club, Los Angeles Chapter, Lower Peaks Committee

Send a Self-Addressed-Stamped-Envelope (SASE) to: Gordon Lindberg, 800 Arroues, Fullerton, CA 92635.

Some members of the Sierra Club, San Diego Chapter

As of 1988, Amentia Allegro and Rass Web; C/O San Diego Chapter, Sierra Club were compiling this list.

The Mountaineers - Seattle

Direct correspondence to: Attn: Executive Director, 300 Third Ave. W., Seattle, WA 98119.

The Mazamas

Phone inquiries to 503/227-2345 in Portland Oregon.

The Highpointers Organization

Newsletter available from: Jack Longacre, Route 2, Box 71, Mountain Home, AR 72653.

Club Exploraciones de Mexico

Direct correspondence to the club at: Oficinas, Bodegas Y Talleres, 5a, Constanca No. 101, Tels 526-75-80 y 529-05-58, Mexico 2, D.F., "Proxima" Apertura de Bodegas, Av. 100 Mts. No. 1179, Mexico 14, D.F.

Club Andino de Venezuela

Direct correspondence to the club at: Apartado 66, Merida, Venezuela.

PINNACLES NATIONAL MONUMENT

In April I plan to lead a weekend trip to Pinnacles National Monument. This is an excellent area for day hikes but the drive is about four hours each way from Sacramento. Highlights include viewing unusual geology, abundant wildflowers, and soaring birds.

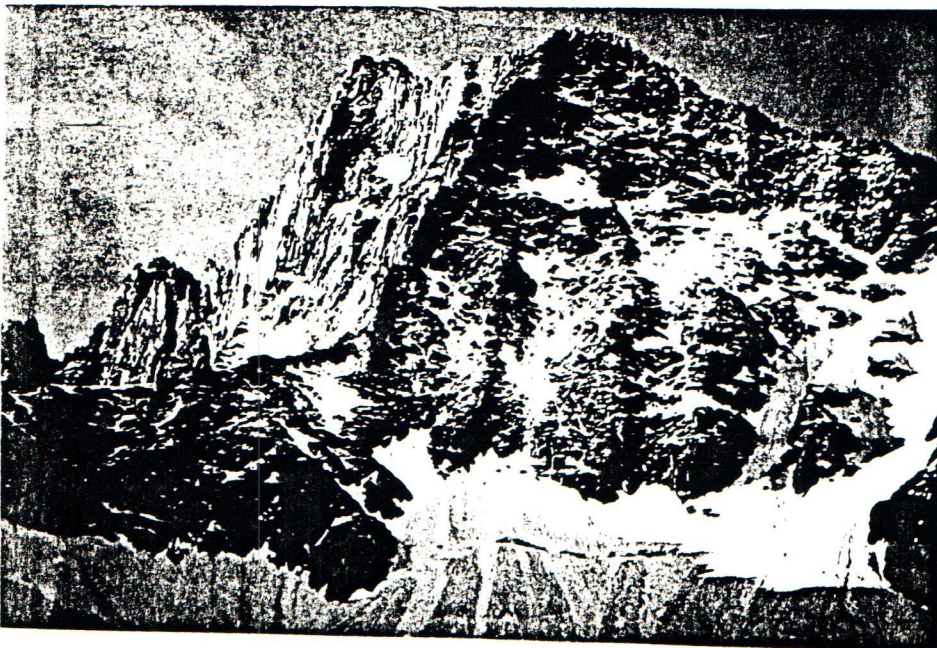
The Finnacles get their name from the reddish rhyolite spires which straddle the center of the park, rising more than 1500 feet over the surrounding land. Though intimidating from below, several excellent trails bring you close to the high point without more than a few looks over the steep cliffs. The views from the top are excellent, looking over the coastal range on all sides. Another attraction is the two "cave" systems in the park. These are really narrow canyons roofed over by giant boulders. Bring a flashlight and watch your head.

The wildflowers are excellent during spring. With four different habitats, the variety is enormous. In one morning, you walk from the riparian community along Chalone Creek, thru the chaparral, climbing into a foothill woodland with grass meadows, and finally reach the xeric (arid) rock lands. Each has its own set of vegetation and all bloom together in the weeks before summer begins.

Animal life is also abundant. A major attraction is bird watching, especially the vultures as they soar around the spires. While eating lunch at the top, you will often watch a turkey vulture glide less than 100 feet away. Other animals sighted include deer, rabbits, snakes, and, on one occasion, a wild boar.

Whether you join my trip or go on your own, it is a place worth visiting. My preference is to enter the park from the east via Hollister on Hwy 146. Be sure to go before summer. The trails are hot and dusty by late May. And once you start up the hills, there is no water to be found due to the porous rock. For a pleasant one day hike, start at Chalone Creek Picnic Area and take the High Peaks Trail along the rocks. Descend to Bear Gulch Reservoir using the Rim Trail, then go thru the Bear Gulch Caves to the Ranger Station. Return by way of Bear Gulch Nature Trail to the Picnic Area. This will give you a good view of the variety of habitat and has the most pleasant ascent to the Pinnacles. Total distance is about 9 miles and 1600' elevation gain.

Bob Buckles. 20 Feb 91



NORMAN CLYDE PEAK (13,855'). Here the north face is clad in snow after a late June storm. This is considered by many to be the Sierra's toughest peak. Multiple 4th class pitches are required to attain the summit.--PY

NORTHERN ALPINE SECTION PEAKS LIST NOW AVAILABLE

A reprint of the current 1985 edition of the qualifying list of peaks can be ordered by sending \$1.00 to the Peak and Gorge Treasurer, Boris Nahlovsky, 3276 Amethyst Lane, Cameron Park, CA 95682.

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LAVEAGA PK. (3801')

JAN. 27, 1991

Keeping with the idea of climbing as many peaks on private land as possible and Sneak Peak Section (SPS) philosophy that no one has the right to exclude other people from climbing a named mountain peak; 3 of us guerilla warfare climbers met at 6 a.m. at the underground bunker of "Raoul Mocho" in San Jose, California del Norte.

Arriving in Tres Pinos and over to the famous Quien Sabe Valley we hit a thick tule fog allowing us to see only 5 ft. in either direction. Luckily the gate on the San Benito Cattle Co. was opened...we drove right through the Feedlot Ranch Complex and no one could see us because of the thick tule fog!! We drove up a narrow road toward Potrero Peak and parked our car in a grove of sycamores totally out of sight from the ranch below!! The climb was nice--the fog cleared miraculously and the whole Quien Sabe Valley was opened up for us. It was like doing a wilderness peak--no signs and no trails---Really the sense of pioneering upwelled within us!! We explored a cave--debated where the summit was--did a nice 10' of 3rd class on the peak and got to the top by 12 noon. A register was found in a tiny film can. John Angle and Susan Sealy signed in Feb. 3, 1974!! We signed in, took photos, and marvelled at the view over the Central Valley fog all the way to the Sierra Nevada Range and west to Santa Ana Mountain and Henrietta Pk.

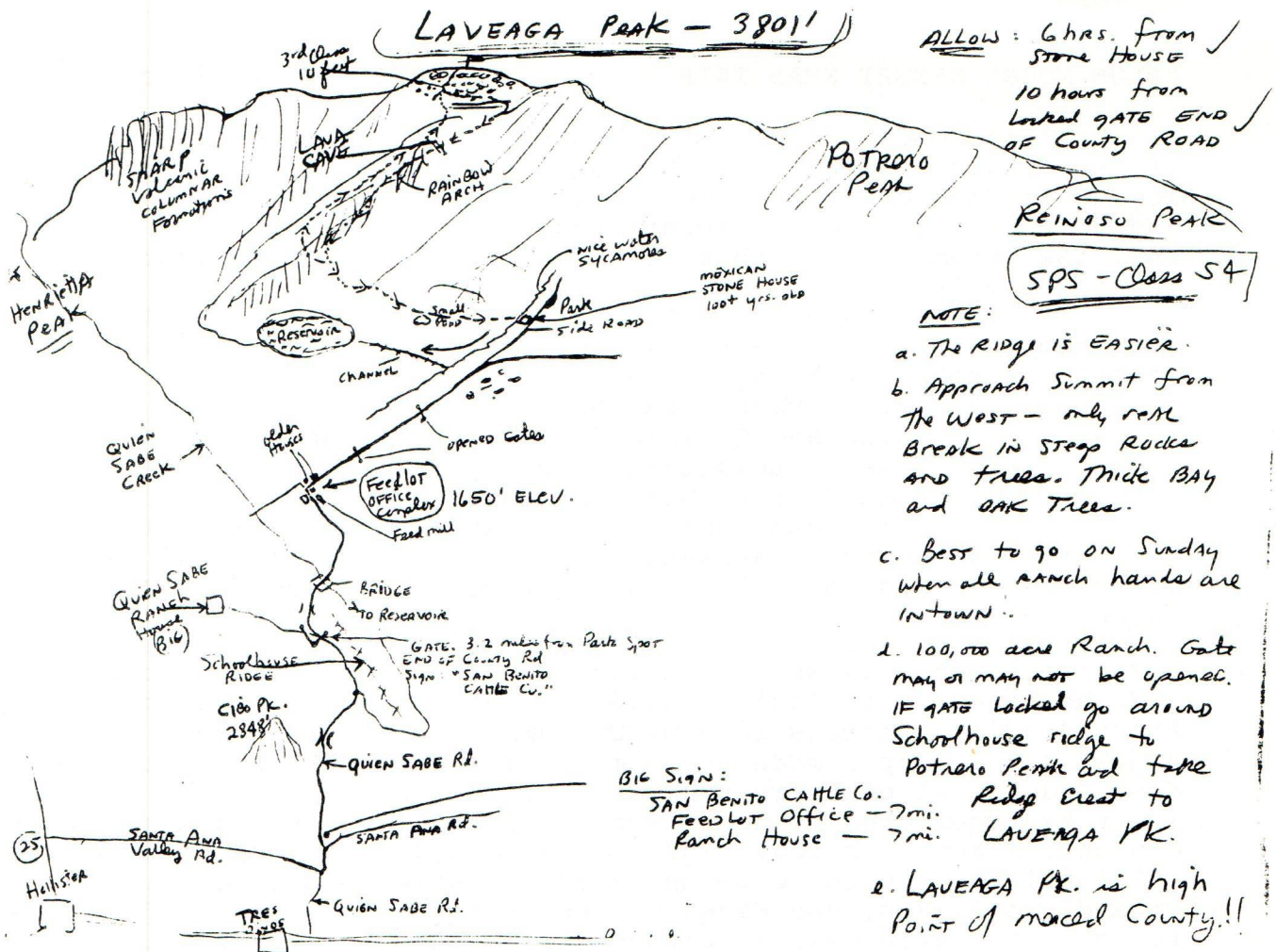
We came down the ridge, saw a natural arch and came back to the car. We saw a truck go right up our road but luckily they must not have seen our car.

We were lucky to get through the ranch so easy in the tule fog plus it being Sunday...without the fog and on a work day we'd be sure to be approached by ranchers!! The old stone house was really a historic thrill...I could visualize how the old stone house would be if it was in a State Park...fences, parking lot, ranger mobile home, R.V. campground, etc. Here the stone house was just sitting there in all its natural glory.

We drove out right through the Ranch Complex again. Saw one worker's truck but no people--luckily. Got to the main gate and it was locked!! Here we were--a successful guerilla warfare climbing team and locked in the ranch at 4:30 p.m. We tried to jimmy open the electro-hydraulic gate but no luck. I carry a blowtorch and carbide tip saw and 3 ft. snips in my car---I was all ready to get into top guerilla warfare action when I thought--Hey, lets hold off a while anyway...Sure enough a truck drove up..."Hey, what are you guys doing in here"... We said we were geologists looking at the volcanic pinnacles and metamorphic pillow lava!! We showed him rock samples we collected. He bought it and he turned to be a real nice guy. Anyway he let us out after a great conversation about ranch history, the drought (see that hill over there...that grass should be 1 foot...instead of bare dirt), and cow-boys. Little did he know he was talking to Raoul Mocho, Popeye Iacocca, and Eddie the Eagle.

Raoul Mocho! 1/29/91

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DESERT SURVIVORS CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 15, 1990

Approximately 60 people attended the annual holiday gathering of the Desert Survivors. NAS people there included Steve Thaw, Bill Hauser, Rex Smith, and myself. Following social hour and a potluck dinner, slides were shown, first by Steve Tabor, President of the Desert Survivors, then by various persons including myself. Areas shown included the Black Rock Desert (NV), the East Mojave and Death Valley areas (me), the Stepladder Mtns., the Gobi Desert, and the Chuckwalla Mtns. All of the slides were of high quality, with most people watching.

Strangely enough, I was the only one dressed in Patagonia, as others were attired in various formalwear, including slinky black evening gowns and shirts and ties. But, I recommend going next year!

Rex and I had paid a visit to the North Face Factory Outlet earlier that day, while in Berkeley, and I picked up some great deals in polypro (\$21 for tops and bottoms), and noted many other deals on clothes and equipment.

Pete Yamagata

MT. DIABLO (3849') LOOP HIKE

FEBRUARY 17, 1991

Rex and I left town at 10 a.m. and began hiking from Mitchell Canyon (elev. about 580') by 11:45. We hiked to the summit in 3 1/4 hrs. around the south side via Prospector's Gap. We saw a single poppy and some western wallflowers in bloom (Spring is here!). We enjoyed the tremendous views to San Francisco and Stockton along with the tourists, and then descended around the north side via Juniper Camp. We were back to the car by sunset (5:45 p.m.). Rex put the stats at 4000' gain and 14 miles. A snack at the Pittsburg Taco Bell finished this fine day.

Pete Yamagata

The "Blue Moon" (i.e. 2 full moons in the same month) caused a lot of astrologic predictions. As you'll see in this trip report the following predictions came true: "Climbers are going to be very aggressive and do things much more spontaneously... They'll be more instinctual and less reasoning and there'll be a feeling of resentment about having to obey laws..."

We all met in Baker, California, at 7 a.m. It was a cold morning with temperatures in the teens. The following people arrived/met in Denny's (formerly Pike's) in Baker:

Bill Hauser, San Jose
Boris and Camille Nahlovsky, Sacramento
Howard Steidtmann/ Tobi Tyler, Hayward
Roger Ehret/ Marilyn Hanson, Tacoma, Washington
Ron Hudson, San Bruno/ Hanna North, Boise, Idaho

I had planned to do Avawatz but due to record cold and 4WD requirements, we decided to do "Old Dad" but Boris already did "Old Dad" so I suggested Granite #1.

GRANITE #1 (6762'). We all regrouped at Kelso and viewed the old R.R. train depot as well as Kelso Dunes. Using my old trip reports and the Desert Peak Section Guide we parked near Cottonwood Spring at about 4600'. Left cars 10 a.m. On summit 1 p.m. and back to cars by 4 p.m. All 9 people made the summit. The big Joke was that Boris had done Granite #1 but forgot he did it, but seeing his name in the register he remembered he did climb it! The going was granite boulders, canyons, mixed with agave and juniper/pinyon. The register is now on 6800' point but used to be on 6786' pinnacle (old topo-ed.). Howard, Tobi, Ron, and Hanna climbed 6786' as well and left the group to do a Loop trip down to Cottonwood Spring. All in all it was a nice climb and Roger received a nicely wrapped birthday present on the summit. We all regrouped in Needles for a victory dinner at Howard's favorite pizza spot. That night we drove to Vidal Jct. Some camped out; some got a motel in Parker, Arizona. We all planned to meet at 7 a.m. for Whipple Mtn. on 12/28/90. Camille and Boris stayed at the Kasbah.

WHIPPLE MTN. (4130'). We all met at Vidal Jct. at 7 a.m. except Camille who had a cold/flu which lasted pretty much the rest of the outing. Following my past trip report and special map we arrived at the trailhead at 9 a.m. Boy, it was a long sandy road up that wash. Some places it was so faint we had to get out of the cars and see which way the road went! Anyway we all (8) left at 9 a.m. Finding the concrete leaching tanks and up the wash went fine but no luck at all to find what the obvious pinnacle was that the guide talked about. Eventually we just headed up a ridge to a false summit and in high winds were on top at 12:30 p.m. Great views of Lake Havasu and peaks all the way down to Kofa Pk. We decided to do a traverse of Whipple and returned down a long ridge. Ron Hudson and Hanna North literally flew off the summit when they asked to leave the group. Here they told us of their plans to do Turtle and Mopah in one day!! These people were extremely fast running up and down peaks and I never saw them again. Boris saw them on Turtle the next day heading over to Mopah at 1 p.m. They made Mopah at 3 p.m....no one knows if they had to bivvy or not! Anyway, Whipple was a long tiring climb of 7 hrs. and the long sandy road out a wash was very tiring.

We all regrouped for a Chinese dinner in Parker, Ariz. 12/28/90. Except for Hudson and North. Boris wanted Turtle the next day but looking at the road in the guide I talked Roger into doing Chemehuevi Pk. with me because the start was off a powerline road. Heading out toward my campspot near Vidal Jct., I saw 3 kit foxes along the road!!

12/29/90 CHEMEHUEVI--Bill and Roger Ehret
TURTLE---Boris, Tobi, and Howard

CHEMEHUEVI (3694'). After driving up to the good powerline road Roger and I left at 9 a.m. Hiked forever up a sandy flat and wash to an obvious canyon saddle and on to the top. A beautiful black gabbro dike pierced the whole mtn. reminding me of the dike on Mt. Moran. The black dike ended almost on the summit! Early morning heavy clouds gave way to a sunny day with almost tropical humidity. We were on top at 12 noon. Cars at 2:30 p.m. Roger's boots had a great affinity for jumping cholla but he made it out safely.

TURTLE (4298'). Parker, Arizona. We returned to Camille's motel room early and sure enough, Boris, Howard, and Tobi were right behind us. They all said Turtle was easier than Whipple but the road was very long and sandy with bad washes. They really needed Howard's 4WD pickup. Boris found a desert turtle shell on the peak! I took a welcome bath in Roger's motel room to relax my nerves after being interrogated by 2 tribal police cars just outside of Parker while I was watching the sunset over a can of sardines. I had the feeling I was in Mexico---i.e. guilty until proven innocent rather like in the U.S.A.... innocent until proven guilty.

12/30/90. MOPAH. I took a rest day and Boris, Tobi, and Howard climbed Mopah. Evidently there was 2 class 3 sections where Howard roped up. All in all they said it was an interesting climb. They saw Hudson's and North's signatures on top at 3 p.m.

12/31/90. SHEEPHOLE MTN.(4593'). We all met at Sheephole Pass for a cold climb on Sheephole (near 29 Palms). Camille was still sick so Boris, Howard, Tobi, and I did Sheephole. 2000' of class 2 with very few flat spots. Tobi thought Sheephole was the most arduous peak of all 5. We found it to be lots of bouldering fun. It took us 6 hours round trip. Nice and warm in the canyons. Nice (almost class 3) summit. Our main aid was the tripod on top to help us find the correct granite pinnacle since the summit area is loaded with granite picachos.

We had a big Mexican dinner in Barstow... After I got a flat tire and had to pay \$146.31 for a replacement in Barstow. We traveled through Amboy, Calif. and Bagdad, Calif. Yes, Virginia, there is a Bagdad, California!!

Bill Hauser, San Jose

LAST CHANCE TRAIL

FEBRUARY 10, 1991

Rex and I left town at 12:45 p.m. to drive to Michigan Bluff and started by 2:08 p.m. to hike into the Middle Fork area to El Dorado Creek. We arrived at the bridge in one hour (1700' loss). This is a scenic area close to Sacramento. We hiked part way up the Deadwood Trail past the collapsed stone house and turned back at 3:30. It took me about 2 hours to hike back out of the canyon to the car. Howard Steidtmann recommends this trail for its workout potential (4000' gain round trip to Deadwood), and I made the hike to Bake Oven with my arm in a cast in April '89.

MT. RALSTON (9235')

JANUARY 27, 1991

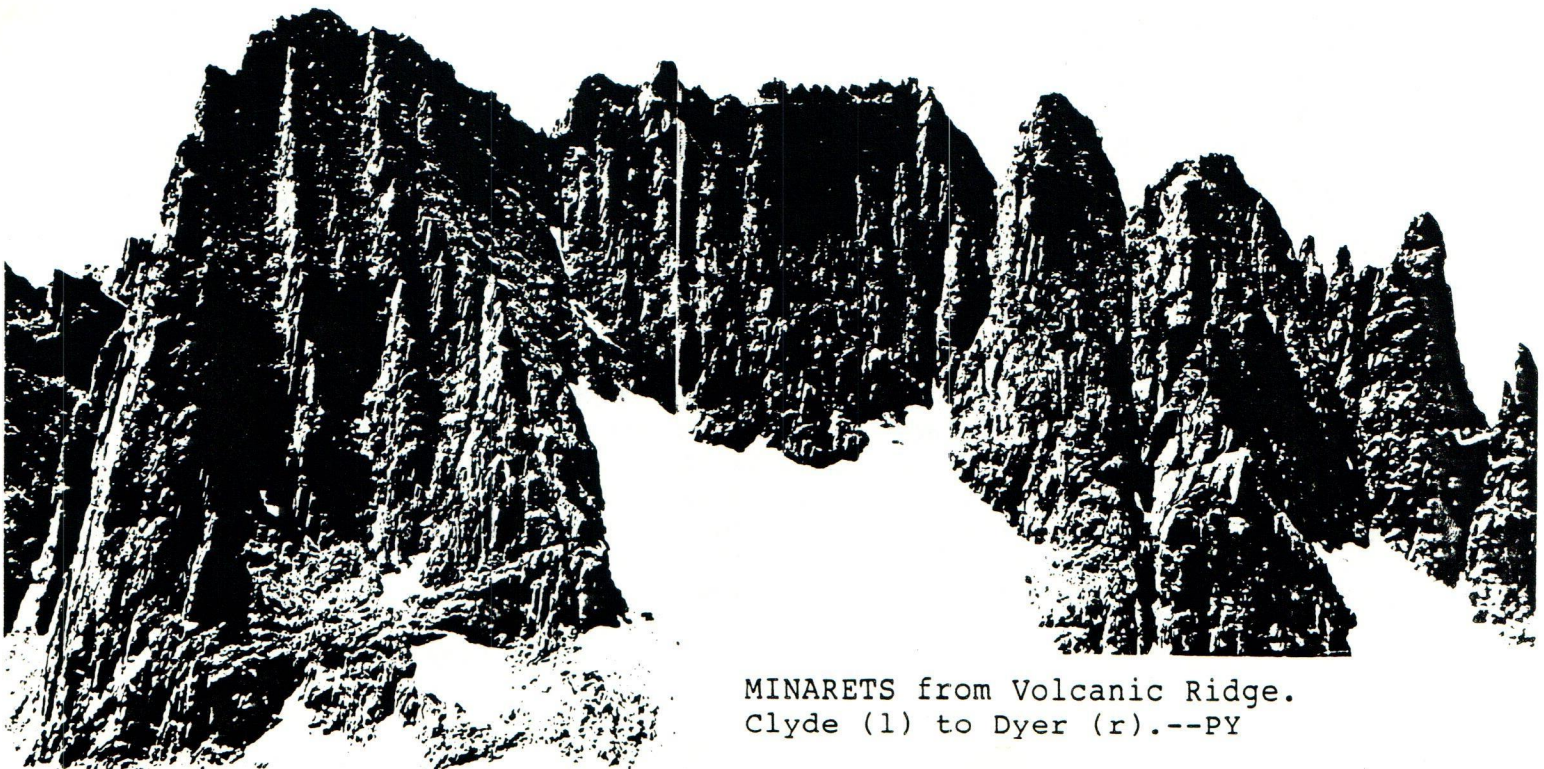
Rex and I began hiking at 10:15 a.m. from Sayles Flat. We had anticipated a relatively clear trail, the last significant snowfall having been before Christmas, but ice and snow covered about 75%. Our ascent time was 3 hours, including time spent postholing to the knees on the last 500'. My register placed in Nov. 89 was still there, but full, so I placed a new book. My can had lost its lid, but a plastic bucket and rock served as cover. Down in 100 minutes.

Pete Yamagata



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