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## D E A D L I N E S

Due to a long backpack trip, the Editor needs to advance the submission deadline for the August issue of Scree.

Please send entries no later than Wednesday, July 22. This one-month change does not affect future issues.

### A Reason to Sign In

A group of PCSers and Day Hikers climbed Mt Hutchings recently. We encountered a rotted register in an unsealed glass jar, so we all signed in on the back of a business card.

This letter was recently received from a noble hiker, who has been sent a complimentary issue of Scree and our collective thanks:

(the bag belonged to David Ress)

Hello .

About two weeks ago I climbed Mt. Hutchings in Kings Canyon Park. I read in the summit register that you climbed the mountain over the Memorial Day weekend. It's a fine mountain, isn't it?

On the summit I discovered a little green and red bag, shaped like a football, containing pocket knife, matches, suntan lotion, etc. I was wondering whether either you, or one of your party (Donathen, David, George, Caroline, Dan, etc) might have lost this little bag?

Sincerely,  
Carl Raillard

# EMAIL

Since Email submissions have been available, the response has been tremendous. The PCS modem never enjoyed the widespread use that was anticipated, which probably means that most of you are slacking off on the job (where you use Email).

In order to service this traffic, the Scree Editor has a new (and better) Email address. Those of you who work at home or type up PCS stuff at work can now send to "eckert@netcom.com".

Please discontinue use of the old Email path. The editor will return an acknowledgement message when your entry has been received, so please do not call just to check on delivery. The Email system is not immediate, but submissions will generally be received and acknowledged within several days. If you can send items during the month, the Editor will appreciate the chance to pick away at the task of assembling entries.

## Deceptive Advance Trips

I hear a lot of people saying how it's great that there are so many trips being led this summer - more than in the recent past. But I think that's deceiving because we have them all in one list, something we aren't used to. In truth, we still need more trips to meet the demand. For example, consider the following weekends:

And most other weekends have only a single trip scheduled. Remember that the National Forest permit reservation system only lasts through Sept. 15. That leaves open half of September and all of October, two of the best months in the mountains.

— Vice Chair/Scheduler

Aug. 1-2.. ..... No two-day or official trip this weekend  
Aug. 15-16. .... No trip  
Sept. 26-27.. ..... No trip  
Oct. 10- ..... No trip

# CONE PEAK TRIP

Cone Peak is in the southern park of the Ventana Wilderness in Los Padres National Forest. We assembled after breakfast near Santa Lucia Memorial Park; the camping area was refreshing with the sound of running water due to good spring rains.

We hiked through heavily wooded areas for the first 3-4 miles, checking the poison oak closely, as it appeared to "ascend" to face level from the sides of the trail. We climbed to more arid country through an old burn area by midday. Lunch was enjoyed on a good view ridge, as we then proceeded to the first night's camp at Cook Spring by mid-afternoon after 6 miles and about 2,600 vertical feet. The spring was located about 100 feet below after happening on its rather obscure sign.

Although our plan was to goof off for the afternoon, why do that when you can bag a peak? So we took off for Cone Peak, "only 3 miles away." However, we did not count on taking the wrong trail (actually the trail we took appeared to go directly to the peak but it bypassed it by 2 miles).

As a result, we did bag Cone -- about 7 pm -- and the view was spectacular, including a good view of the Pacific. The good news about our return to camp was the spectacular sunset; the bad news was hiking in the dark for an hour. Luckily, several members had headlamps (has this ever happened before?) and we stumbled into

camp after 14 miles and about 5,000 vertical feet gain. Home-made pasta dinner tasted great in the light of flashlight batteries borrowed from Charles Schafer!

On Sunday we enjoyed our leisure time, as no one really wanted to go all the way down and bag Junipero Serra also. Unfortunately, we had to backtrack as there was no convenient loop. Arroyo Seco was a refreshing stop on the dry trail.

The trip overall was quite stimulating and fun; next time, we plan to read the topo closer!

— Rex Naden

*Cone Peak 5, 155' via Arroyo Seco Trail, April 4-5, 1992. Participants: Debbie Benham, Lenore Cymes, Charles Schafer, Kelly Maas, Aaron Schuman, Barbara Schildt and Rex Naden.*

## OVERLOAD!

Noreen Ford graciously agreed to do some of the Scree typing this month. This means that there is now too much material for the current issue.

If an item you submitted is not here, just sit on the edge of your seat for a month. Articles will be published in roughly chronological order. The editor gets to choose, so send money if you care!

*And Thank You for Your Support-Ed.*

# GRACEFULLY GLISSADING TO GLORY

The annual PCS Picnic was held again on the slopes of Mt Shasta on Memorial Day weekend. What a gathering it was, with 18 adventure-loving participants showing up and, in an amazing show of endurance and determination, 17 making it to the summit. Unfortunately, determination was not enough to overcome muscle cramps from preventing one person from making the final portion of the climb.

The desirable-to-be-with group consisted of Debbie Benham, Brian Boyle, Janice Bradford, Jim Curl, Dodie Domish, Noreen Ford, Anne Gaillard, Patty Haight, Liz Harvey, Gary Jost, Chris Kramer, Deac Lancaster, Peter Maxwell, Mike Meredith, Jim Ramaker, Charles Schafer, Kai Wiedman (assistant) and George Van Gorden (leader).

There were many differences from “traditional” Shasta trips. For a start the route was the Hotlum-Bolan, on the north side. Also, in contrast to the usual at this time of year, the warm temperatures (around 80” in Mt Shasta City) turned any cold problems into heat problems during the climb. We were easily able to drive all the way to the North Gate trailhead, even in normal cars (clearance is not a problem with a little care), where there was not a sign of any snow.

On getting out of the cars we discovered the place was infested by bees, including big bumblebees which seemed to be turned on by the smell of sunscreen. We weren’t anxious to loiter around in these conditions and were on our way around 10.15 am. George had brought some plastic stakes with orange flags in case of bad weather and Liz got the job of carrying many of them. She reminded me of the Good Fairy, with a plentiful supply of magic wands.

We had to climb quite some distance before finding any sign of snow. Our camp site was a huge flat area at 9600’ which, amazingly, was completely free of snow. George’s recommendation not to bother with carrying snow shovels paid off.

Snow stakes were still useful for the tents, however, because the ground was very loose and soft, like coarse sand. We made this by early afternoon and had the rest of the day to laze around in the sun and warmth - not at all an alpine experience. Several people had not brought “summer” gear and looked ready to explode through overheating.

The scenery at camp was spectacular. We were in the midst of large chunks of volcanic rock of all sorts of contorted shapes giving an atmosphere of some grotesque

alien landscape, with Shasta looming immediately above. Debbie had brought a pack of cards and after some initial problems in finding players, a lively game of Hearts started up. This turned out to be the social center of camp for a while, with many joining the game and then leaving again.

We all agreed to aim for a 6 am departure the next day, so it was up at 5 am to a glorious sunrise. The temperature was a positively balmy 36". We actually got under way at 6.20, not bad considering George did not use any threatening gestures or give a countdown. Very soon after the climb commenced clothes began being stripped off, not to be used again until nightfall, it was so warm.

After about 1/2 hour the slope steepened and we stopped to put on crampons, with another group of climbers, roped up for the Hotlum glacier. At this point our party split into two. Kai had planned a diversion at the top, described as "easy but airy" in the Fifth Season guide. Those of us interested in doing this (Kai, Noreen, the two Jims, Brian, Deac, Dodie, Chris, Mike and myself) headed off on our own. We'll now tell the tales of the two groups separately.

Kai's Courageous Climbers soon became Wiedman's Wilted Wanderers, such was the intensity of the sun, the warmth of the air, and the punishing pace. Long Johns were rolled up as well as sleeves and plenty of water was

consumed each stop. As we got close to the elevation of the Hotlum headwall, the views of the glacier were dramatic, and the angle of the sun highlighted the ice and crevasses beautifully.

When we got to the point of making the diversion, we sized up the messy looking rock on which we would have to climb. It was fitting that our leader was an honorary official of the Shasta Bail-out Bunch, because at that moment many more members were signed up. Now being united, we decided to take the normal route instead.

As it turned out, this was no picnic, because the final gully we had to climb was full of loose rock, and several pieces became dislodged by people above us, one particularly nasty 12" diameter chunk stopping itself in snow just before I had to make my final decision which way to leap. Topping this gully, for the first time the summit was suddenly visible, and it was only about 5 minutes away, half hidden in the cloud which had just blown in.

We arrived at the register around 12.15. There were the usual Memorial Day crowds up there and there was quite a waiting list to get the register and sign it. The sun came and went as clouds breezed past, but there wasn't much wind and it wasn't all that cold. Kai cracked the whip around 1 pm and we headed back down again.

Descending the loose gully we saw Charles and Janice but there was no sign of the others. We found out later that they had traversed around to the other side and summited using the final portion of the south side routes. This avoids the loose rock and would be a preferable alternative. We were able to plunge step our way back down the first steep snow, avoiding having to put our crampons back on at all.

Once we had got around the last bit of rock outcrops the fun really started. The warmth of the air and the sun had softened the snow to a perfect glissading consistency, so it was into rain pants for some of the best glissading imaginable: high speed descending with showers of snow every time the boots dug in a little. We were able to descend in this manner almost the whole way, and were back in camp by 3.30. That made 6 hours up and 2 1/2 hours down.

While all this was going on, the group of "slower but determined and valiant" climbers, led by a "determined to bring everyone to the top" leader, George, kept going steadily, not so far behind the faster group as Kai's voice could still be heard for a long while. We took breaks, ate snacks, regrouped and drank regularly and even took some pulse checks to monitor our efforts. We also passed some roped parties without stepping on their ropes with our sharp crampons. Such care was not always appreciated though. Our group had the utter misfortune to cross

words with a bona fide "arsehole". There were actually three groups of roped mountaineers with paid guides. We intersected with two of the groups several times, literally criss-crossing while traversing several gullies. One leader, who looked like a villain from *Oliver Twist*, or a deadbeat pirate, and his group, who looked worn and NOT happy, were slowing down on a section of rock between two snow gullies. We were almost to the top! Anne asked to pass, and quickly did so. I (Debbie) started to pass below them when the leader barked, "That's not how you hold an ice axe - you could fall on those rocks and really hurt yourself". I ignored him.

As we reached the end of the rock, near the sulphur springs, once again the pirate leader blasted us with, "Are you people a consolidated group - are you together or what?". Even Anne's question of "What do you mean" did not deter the fellow from lecturing on the perils of climbing Shasta and listing all the people who had died this past year. Perhaps he was trying to impress his clients.

By 1:45 all but one reached the top. The descent was no picnic as facing the steep snowy slopes downward was a challenge against fatigue. Lightening from threatening dark clouds obscured the joy of glissading, but we all made it back to camp by 6 pm.

In an attempt to "beat the traffic" going home, the departure time the next morning was set for 8 am, amidst some grumbling

## Trip Classifications

about having to get up at 6 am. This did get us home early, although a good alternative which other parties could consider, is to spend the 3rd day in the area, rather than stuck in a car in heavy traffic. In particular, a hike over to the ice fall at the terminus of the Hotlum Glacier looked as though it would be well worth it.

The big mistake of the trip was to stop at the bagel shop next to the **Fifth Season** in Mt Shasta City for lunch and some of us order some of the cooked breakfast dishes. They were delicious, but the service was TERRIBLE..

While everyone else got their sandwiches, ate them and left, we had to wait 4.5 minutes just to get our meals. What's worse, they told us we would have to wait only "10 or 15 minutes". They definitely don't have their act together with large crowds.

— Peter Maxwell  
Anne Gaillard  
Debbie Benham

These classifications are to assist you in choosing trips for which you are qualified. No simple rating system can anticipate all possible conditions:

C/ass 1: Walking on a trail

C/ass 2: Walking cross-country, using hands for balance only.

C/ass 3: Climbing which requires use of hands, occasional use of a rope.

Class 4: Climbing which requires rope belays.

Class 5: Technical rock climbing.

Private trips are listed only because readers might be interested in them. They are not authorized, insured, sponsored or supervised by the PCS or the Sierra Club.

## Becoming A Mountaineer

You come to PCS meetings, sit and listen to the glowing trip reports, and want to sign on the to the next Himalayan expedition -- BUT, you don't know how to get your way up to mezzanine if the escalator's not working.

PCS's Mountaineering Committee (Kai Wiedman, Noreen Ford and Peter Maxwell) have decided to help you in your quest to have safe and fun mountain experiences. Each month in Scree will

appear a Mountaineering Training Column with lots of advice and information. The main bulk of these columns will be excerpted directly from a book that should be on all of your bookshelves, Mountaineering. The Freedom of the Hills

Next will be a section "Ask Mr. Mountain" where any questions (personal or otherwise) will be answered. For instance, what's the best layering system, recommen-

dations for packs/boots/sleeping bags, backcountry culinary hints, best peaks for meeting singles, topics for cozy around the campfire moments, etc. Finally, each month will appear "PCS HINTS" -- handy dandies developed and tested in the field that will save you time and headaches. Please call or write in questions and/or hints to: Noreen Ford, 112 Garcia Avenue, #301, San Leandro, CA 94577 510-430-2631.

For all want-to-be mountaineers ready to enter the program, this first column provides the list of required textbooks. And, your first assignment is to read at least the introduction of each before next month's lecture.

## . REQUIRED

Mountaineering: The Freedom of the Hills, 5th Edition, The Mountaineers, Seattle, WA, 1992.

Everything you want and NEED to know. Topics include: approaching the peaks -- preparation and equipment, climbing fundamental, navigation, alpine cuisine, safe climbing, the mountain environment, first aid, basic snow travel. Available in soft cover, \$22.95, Tower Books.

The Complete Walker III, 3rd Edition, Colin Fletcher, 1984.

Fletcher's entertaining style of writing also covers a lot of wisdom. Topics include: Why Walk?, Housekeeping and Other Matters, and Pleasant Quotes for Contemplative Walkers

## . RECOMMENDED

The Climber's Guide to the High Sierra Steve Roper, Sierra Club Books: 1976. A collection of approach information and tantalizing (sometimes too scant) route descriptions of Sierra peaks. The guide is organized into 11 chapters, each covering a general region in terms of geography, climbing history and approaches.

Many people Xerox Roper's route description before going on a trip -- a suggestion is to Xerox not only the peak you are planning to ascend but also the surrounding pages (sometimes you need that surrounding information to help find your peak or get off your peak back the right way to camp!)

Fifty Classic Climbs of North America, Steve Roper and Allen Steck, Sierra Club Books, 1979. The authors have selected these climbs based on excellence of climbing -- challenging rock, pleasant/varied climbing, no unaesthetic loose sections, bold/sweeping ice slopes and ridges, and an airy and rewarding summit. Included are photos, detailed firsthand accounts, and much history. You can really learn a lot about technique and how to think on a mountain by reading this book.

## . WATERPROOFING

Waterproof your boots before EACH trip.

Waterproof both INSIDE and OUTSIDE your boot.

Use an oven pre-heated to 350 and then turned off to pre-warm boots for maximum absorption.

## . NAVIGATION 001

For those who would like to Learn or brush up on navigation skills, there will be an evening seminar and hands-on trip sponsored by the Mountaineering Committee. The evening course will be on Wednesday, August 19 from 7-9 pm in San Mateo. Topics to be covered include basic map reading, compass use, route selection hints, and using the compass to

find the bathroom. Everyone interested is invited to attend this evening symposium.

The hands-on trip is limited to seven members and will take place on August 28-30 (see Official PCS Trips section for more details ). The final exam involves finding your way to the top of Simmons Peak.

Contact Noreen Ford at 51 0-430-2631 for information or to sign-up for either the evening session or the hands-on trip.

— Mountaineering Committee

# ADVANCE TRIP SCHEDULE

These trips were listed in advance for your convenience only. Unfortunately, some trips are not being written up at all, so "open season" is hereby declared by the official PCS Scheduler. Do not sign up for trips unless you are positive you have the time to go:

# denotes trips that are definitely private

N denotes new trip or new information

Date	Class	Destination	Leader
July 11-12	2	Twin Pks, Mt Silliman	Aaron Schuman
July 11-12	2-3	Devil's Postpile / Minarets (car camp)	Gary Pinson
July 17-19	3	Mt Lyell, Mt Maclure	Cecil Magliocco
July 18-19	3	Tower Pk	John Flinn
July 18-19	2	Amelia Earhart Pk	Peter Maxwell
July 18-26		# Jefferson, North Sister (Oregon)	Eugene Miya
July 24-26	2	Mt Langley	Chris Macintosh
N July 25-26		# Mt Darwin	Mike Meredith
August	3	Mt Hoffman (co-leader needs leader)	Sally Glynn
August	ice	# V-Notch Couloir I Mt Sill	Eugene Miya
Aug 8-9	2	Pyramid Pk (Tahoe)	John Flinn
N Aug 8-16	mix	# North Cascades (Washington)	Kelly Maas
N Aug 22-23	3	Rogers Pk	Kelly Maas
Aug 29-30	2	Simmons Pk	Noreen Ford
N Aug 29-30	2-3	Red & White Mtn	Roger Crawley
Sept 4-7		# Kearsarge Pass to Taboose Pass (wl peaks)	Eugene Miya
Sept 5-7	3	Mt Stanford (south)	Peter Maxwell
N Sept 12-13		Tuolumne Meadows (car camp)	Cecil Magliocco
N Sept 12-13	2	Graveyard Pk	Roger Crawley
Sept 19-20	2	Mt Hutchings	Aaron Schuman
Ott 2-4		Great Western Divide "marathon"	Butch Suits
act 3-4	3	Virginia Pk	Gary Pinson

# Official PCS Trips

Official PCS trips must be submitted through the Scheduler (see back cover).

## Minarets Car Camp

When: July 11-12 Class 2-3

Where: Mammoth Mountain Area

Leader: Gary Pinson 408-997-0298

Classic Minaret loop hike with Class 2 ascent. Next day Class 2-3 ascents. Non-hikers can tour Devil's Postpile, gondola up Mammoth Mountain, or lounge by the river or in hot springs. Lakes waterfalls, many restaurants, etc. nearby. Camp fee \$6.00 each before June 15th (\$8.00 each after).

## Silliman & Twin

Date: July 11,12 (Sat-Sun) 11188'

Where: Sequoia National Park Class 2  
Triple Divide 15' Quad

Leader: Aaron Schuman  
home 415-968-9 184  
work 415-335-1901  
email schuman@sgi.com

Co-Leader: WANTED

From the Lodgepole trailhead (6720 ft) on Generals Highway, we'll hike 8 miles to our campsite at Twin Lakes (9000 ft). After we make camp, we hike 1/2 mile to Silliman Pass (10400 ft), then 1/2 mile cross country to Twin Peaks (11000+ ft). Sunday, we'll hike 2 miles cross country to Silliman Creek, then up to Mt Silliman.

## Lyell

Date: July 17-19 (Fri-Sun)

Where: Lyell & McClure Class 3

Leader: Cecil Magliocco  
home 408-946-1238

Meander up Lye11 Canyon and ice axe your way to the highest point in Yosemite.

## Tower of Power

When: July 18-19 Class 3

Where: Tower Peak 11,755'

Leader: John Flinn  
home 415-968-2050  
work 415-777-8705

Be prepared to travel fast and light - We'll have to hustle to climb this landmark northern Yosemite peak in a weekend. The approach is roughly 12 miles. Stragglers will be left behind (except, of course, the trip leader).

## Langley

Date: July 24-26 (Fri-Sun) 14,027'

Where: Mt. Langley Class 2  
Southern Siena

Leader: Chris Macintosh  
home 415-325-7841

Up to 6 people can join on this 3-day trip to "the southern end of the climber's Sierra" (Roper).

## Pyramid

When: August 8-9 Class 2

Where: Pyramid Peak 9,983'

Leader: John Flinn  
home 415  
work 415

Nothing hardcore about this trip to the highest peak in the Desolation Wilderness near Lake Tahoe. Casual approach, easy ascent, home in time for "60 Minutes." Pack your aloha shirt and an impetuous little Merlot for happy hour. Beginners welcome.

## NEW: Mr. Rodgersj

Date: Aug 22-23 (Sat-Sun) 12,978'

Where: Rodgers Peak Class 3

SE Yosemite: Merced Pk, Devils Postpile, Mono Craters maps (15')

Leader: Kelly Maas  
home 408-279-2054  
work 408-944-2078

Co-Leader: Co-Leader wanted

Rodgers Peak is about a mile south of Mt Lye11 and only 136 ft lower. The climb is class 3 from Marie Lakes, which we'll reach from the east by hiking up Rush Creek from the June Lake loop off Hwy 395. If time allows, we might also try some of the smaller peaks between Rodgers and Mt. Davis. The hike to camp may be close to 10 miles, with good elevation gain. \$5 to reserve a spot.

## Mt Hutchings

Date: Sept 19,20 (Sat-Sun) 10785'

Where: Kings Canyon Park Class 2  
Marion Peak 15' Quad

Leader: Aaron Schuman

Co-Leader: Chris Kramer  
home (until mid-June) 4 15-967-3446  
work 415-926-6861

Starting at Zumwalt Meadows trailhead (503 5 feet), at the end of highway 180, we'll hike 5 steep miles up to our campsite at Lower Tent Meadow (7825 ft). Sunday we climb 3 miles cross country to the summit and return to the cars.

Q. Doctor, did you say he was shot in the woods?  
A. No, I said he was shot in the lumbar region.

## Private Tips

Private trips may be submitted directly to the Scree Editor, but the Scheduler may be able to help the leader avoid conflicts (see back cover).

## NEW: Mt. Russell Day

Date: July 11 (Saturday) 14,086'

Where: Mt. Russell Class 3  
Whitney Portal trailhead

Contact: Jim Curl  
home 408-371-0760  
work 408-452-6506

Come join me on a dayhike of this beautiful peak, less than a mile from Mt. Whitney. It is only 5 or 6 miles from the parking lot, but the route includes about 5500 feet of elevation gain and is class 2 much of the way. Plan on getting to the trailhead early Friday evening so you can get a good night's sleep. It's an 8-10 hour drive from the Bay area.

## NEW: Ritter Romp

Date: July 20-22 (Mon-Wed) Elevation

Where: Mt Ritter  
Devil's Postpile 15' topo

Contact: George Van Gorden  
home 408-779-2320

Monday, meet at Mammoth Ranger Station 7AM. Drive to Agnew Meadows and walk into Lake Ediza and a bit beyond. Tuesday, climb Ritter. Easy route, although ice axe and crampons are needed. Wednesday, back to cars by noon.

## NEW: Langley

*Date:* July 24-26 14,027'

*Where:* Mount Langley Class 2

*Contact:* Chris MacIntosh  
home 415-325-7841

Three day trip to this southern most of the big peaks. We'll probably camp at Cottonwood Lakes and bag the peak on Sat., leaving plenty of time for the long drive. Limit: 6 people.

## MORE: Darwinism

*Date:* July 25-26 13,831'

*Where:* Mount Darwin Rating:  
Mount Darwin topo (7.5') Class 4

*Contact:* Chris Kramar  
home 510-796-6651  
work 415-926-6861

*Assistant:* Mike Meredith  
home 4 15-969-9773

We're planning to climb the east face right side route described in Roper. Bring your own equipment, your own belay partner, and mutate into your own route. Those fit enough to survive the ascent will be treated to a brief lecture on the history of modern biology with details on why Mt. Lamark is shorter than Mt. Darwin and an aside on why the '92 presidential election represents an evolutionary dead end. Class 3 routes on Mt. Haeckel will be accessible from base camp. And if you can think of something more interesting to do out of Lake Sabrina, we've got permits.

## Cascading With Kelly

*When:* August 8-16

*Where:* North Cascades

*Contact:* Kelly Maas  
home 408-279-2054

The mountains in and around North Cascades National Park afford true alpine climbing unlike anyplace else in the lower 48. I'll be spending an active week up there trying to get in as much climbing as possible between rainstorms. Experienced and motivated mountaineers may contact me if interested.

## NEW: Recess Time

*Date:* Aug 8-9 (Sat-Sun) 12,836'

*Where:* Recess Peak Class 2-3  
Lake Thomas Edison Mt. Abbott Topo

*Contact:* Debbie Bulger  
home 408-457-1036

*Assistant:* Assistant  
home Phone  
work Phone

Long backpack to this class 2-3 peak due east of Lake Thomas Edison. Approximately 3200 ft. gain to base camp. Then another 2000 ft. to the summit. This peak was named after your favorite class in elementary school.

## NEW: Navigation

*Date:* Aug 28-30 (Fri-Sun) 12,053'

*Where:* Simmons Peak Class 2-3  
Yosemite, Tuoiomne Meadows

*Contact:* Noreen Ford  
home 5 10-430-263 1

After a pre-trip navigation seminar on Wednesday, August 19, 7-9 pm, we'll be honing our navigation skills on this trip. Plan to carpool up Friday night, carcamp in Yosemite, and make an early start from Rafferty Creek trailhead on Saturday morning. We will hike in 10 miles (not much elevation gain, honest!) to make our camp in a lake basin below Amelia Earhart, Vo-

gelsang, and Parsons Peaks. We hope to summit on Simmons (and get views of Lyell) on Saturday and have time for an optional hop up Vogelsang on the way back Sunday. Bring at least one new joke and be prepared for heated Hearts card games. You must attend the navigation course in order to join this expedition.

## NEW: Red & White

Date: Aug 29-30 (Sat-Sun) 12,850'  
Where: Red & White Mtn Class 2-3  
McGee Creek / Hwy 395 area  
Contact: Roger Crawley  
home 415-321-8602  
work 415-324-2721 x470

Starting at 8000', the trail follows beautiful McGee Creek about 7 miles. Camp above 10,500'. Sunday we climb the steep talus SE slope. Apres hike soak at Hot Creek.

## V-Notch ice

When: Sometime in August

Where: Eastern Sierra

Contact: E. Miya 415-961-6772.

The "V-notch" is a 900-foot high, 50-degree ice couloir which rises above the Palisade Glacier between Mt. Sill and North Palisade. This is not a beginner ice climb.

The crux is usually surmounting a near vertical schrund. 6 people max. Each climber should be capable of leading any ice pitch, should have own gear (rope, crampons, ax/hammer/tools, ice screws, biners and other rock pro) and should be capable of ascending the complete climb (900-ft) in approximately 3 hours or bailing.

The leader reserves the right to send a slow party back on short notice. Partner/climbers must have experience to

do this climb on their own. An opportunity to ascend Mt. Sill can follow completion of the climb for those who want a summit.

## NEW: Graduation

Date: September 5-7 (Sat-Mon) 13,963'

Where: Mt Stanford Class 3  
Kearsarge Pass Mt Whitney Topo

Contact: Peter Maxwell  
home 408-737-9770

Assistant: Kelly Maas  
home 408-279-2054

Graduate from Stanford with 70 degrees. These are of the highly sought-after fahrenheit variety. Be a step above Caltech (a nearby peak). All it takes to earn such fame is to participate. Roper states that this peak has several routes up, "none of them trivial". We head over Kearsarge Pass and follow the John Muir trail up Bubbs Creek to a high campsite, which will set the stage for our ascent the next day and the graduation ceremony on the summit.

## NEW. To All o' You

Dater Sept 12-13

Where: Tuolumne Meadows  
Yosemite

Contact: Cecil Magliocco  
home 408-946-1238

first weekend away from the summer crowds in the Tuolumne Meadows Group Campsite. A couple of climbs will be lead, but come and do your own thing if you like.

Non-climbing family members are welcome (small ones too).

*The leader had nothing to do with the terrible trip name pun-Ed.*

## NEW: Graveyard

Date: Sept 12-13 (Sat-Sun) 11,494'

Where: Graveyard Peak Class 2  
Edison Lake area

Contact Roger Crawley  
home 415-321-8602  
work 41.5-324-2721 x470

I wouldn't drive a hearse over the long, winding, old-time road, but the hike isn't deadly. Meet at High Sierra Ranger Station, about 15 miles past Huntington Lake at 7AM.

Hike starts at Edison Lake (7600'). It's about 7 miles, I reckon. Sleep with the dead at Graveyard Lakes (10,000'). Come alive at Mono Hot Spring before the trip home,

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NEW: Brewer Blitzkrieg

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Date: Ott 2-4 (Fri-Sun) 13,570'

Where: Brewer, Farquhar, etc. Class 3  
Kings Canyon / Cedar Grove

Contact: Butch Suits  
home (before 10pm) 415-964-4227

With light packs and resolute hearts we will loop around the northern end of the Great Western Divide, climbing four major peaks along the way: South Guard, Brewer, North Guard, and Farquhar (12,960' to 13,570').

From the bowels of Kings Canyon (5,000') we will access the peaks via Onzel Creek and descend Sphinx Creek, gaining (and descending) about 12,000'. Because this trip is very strenuous, participation is limited to strong third-class climbers with whom I have climbed previously. Both high camps will be around 11,000'.

## Meetings & Deadlines

PCS meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month. Each month's meeting location and time is printed in the Scree which arrives near the first of that month.

You may Email or FAX entries to the Editor as indicated on the back cover. A computer dialup (modem) is available upon request, and both DOS and high-density MAC diskettes can be sent.

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Long handwritten entries should be submitted one week earlier or they may not be included (depending on how much free time the editor has). Please notify the editor if your contribution must be included in the next Scree.

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Before we recess, let's listen to one last exchange involving a child:

Q. And lastly, Gary, all your responses must be oral. O.K.? What school do you go to?

A. Oral.

Q. How old are you?

A. Oral.

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## Next Meeting:

*LOCAT/ON:* Pacific Mountaineer, 200 Hamilton, at the corner of Emerson in downtown Palo Alto (see map below).

*TIME:* 7:30 PM Tuesday (7114192)

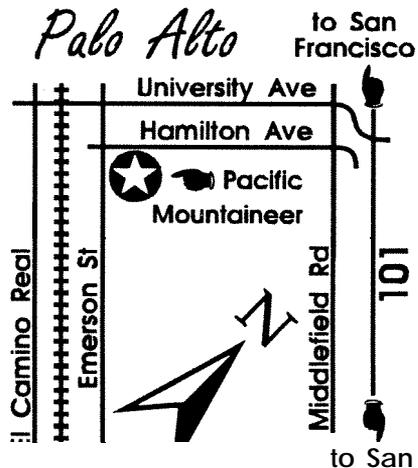
*REMINDER:*

Bring your own reusable cup to cut down on waste, and \$1 to repay the member who provides refreshments.

## Clearly Canadian

Al Tompkins, erstwhile PCS member, will present slides of alpine climbs in the Canadian Rockies and Bugaboos. Also included are climbs south of the border in the Sawtooth Range of Idaho.

Peaks include Andromeda, Mt Assinaboine, Snowpatch Spire, and Elephant's Perch.



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