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General Meeting

Date: November 13, 2007
Time: 7:30 pm
Where: Peninsula Conservation Center
3921 E. Bayshore Rd.
Palo Alto, CA
Program: Trans-Sierra Ski Tours
Presenter: Louise Wholey

Bill Tyler's program on climbing the North Ridge route of Everest has been rescheduled for spring.

Louise Wholey will show photos from two trans-Sierra Ski Tours, both from Independence to Woverton, one with Dave Beck, one with SMC. Come see the great beauty in our backyard!

Note that the November meeting is election time. Do not miss the excitement of choosing our next officers. Nominees are:

Lisa Barboza for Chair
Rod McCalley for Vice-Chair
Alex Sapozhnikov for Treasurer

Directions: From 101: Exit at San Antonio Road, go east to the first traffic light, turn left and follow Bayshore Rd to the PCC on the corner of Corporation Way. A sign marking the PCC is out front. Park behind.

Editor's Notes

An early excursion into winter stymied numerous trip plans into the northern Sierra. Yet trips are still possible. A group of 21 climbed at the Pinnacles this past weekend. We have just returned from climbing Bloody Mountain and Mt. Baldwin up Convict Canyon. It was definitely cool with short days, but snow is not a factor other than a bit on north-facing slopes.

Cold weather, however, has its own issues. One of them is that the freezing temperatures at night will cause havoc with water. My bladder had a solid plug in the fill opening by morning though I thought I had drained it. I had to chip away at it for longer than imaginable with my little Swiss Army knife. Taking the bladder apart and draining all the parts is important. The water filter is another source of grief. We kept our water bottles warm enough under our sleeping bags, but the water filter froze, so that we could not fill our bladders in the morning.

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Gear Corner

Snowshoes

By Frank Martin, PCS Equipment Guru
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By press time we have not received this article, but it is coming, so check the next issue of Scree.

Zamberlan Civetta Boot is Back

By Louise Wholey

People with wide feet have special problems finding backpacking boots that fit. In 1998 I bought a pair of Zamberlan Civetta boots and took them on a two week trip on southern Baffin Island across the Penny Ice Cap, birthplace of the last North American ice age. The boots (and trip) were great! We skied for about 10 days then packed everything in our packs (around 100 pounds each) for a 3 day to hike out on the trail. I had no blisters, though one fellow on the trip has bright red skinless feet by the end of the trip.

The last couple years I have anticipated the end of my boots. On the Labor Day trip to LeConte this year, the dreaded day arrived. Holes appeared in the soles of my precious boots. I have been looking for other boots for a couple of years with no success. As a last resort I scanned the web for Zamberlan's offerings. I got a number and called the local rep. They are again making these wonderful boots! I bought a pair through REI online and am back to mountain climbing.

Incidentally, my original boots have been resoled by Dave Page, <http://www.davepagecobblers.com>, who did an outstanding job. I have recently learned that Rick's Shoe Repair in Los Altos (2310 Homestead Rd., Ste. 1, 408-617-0066) can repair both Vibram soled boots and climbing shoes (5.10 type soles).

Underwear Tops

From Donna Saufley's post in the pct-l

Editor's note: Donna Saufley and her husband Jeff are PCT Trail Angels that not only house every PCT hiker who arrives at their home in Aqua Dulce, but they also wash everyone's clothes! The washing starts with de-lousing, then passes through 6 washes. The result is that whites are again white! And the horrible hiker smell is gone!

Donna Saufley says:

I'm with you on the Icebreaker clothing. We became zealous converts after "experiencing" some of their clothing in the hiker laundry. It was so different from anything else I've seen (and I've seen A LOT of clothing through the wash) I stopped in my tracks and ran to show it to Jeff. We had to try it and we're sold. It's all I ever want to wear these days. It's soft, light, durable, and is extremely effective at insulation. And, it doesn't stink or feel clammy like synthetics. I have started to look at other brands, but haven't tried any yet. The thing to look for is "ultrafine" merino wool. There are different grades of wool fibers, and the ultrafine is the softest. Absolutely no itchy-scratchy feeling.

Edible Gear

From Elsa Nimmo via Brian Roach

We have all wished we could get rid of that extra pound or two at the end of the trip. Here is how. Eat your gear as you go. See <http://www.ediblegear.com>.

2007 PCS Trip Calendar

Nov 17 – Disaster Peak day hike

Leader: Lisa Barboza

Dec 8 – Pyramid Peak day hike

Leader: Lisa Barboza

Dec 15 – Mt. Diablo

Leader: Kelly Maas

Dec 28 – Backcountry Ski Series (#1)

Leader: Louise Wholey

Jan 5 ? – Juniper Serra

Leader: Arun Mahajan

Jan 18 – Backcountry Ski Series (#2)

Leader: Louise Wholey

Feb 15 – Backcountry Ski Series (#3)

Leader: Louise Wholey

Mar ? – Backcountry Ski Series (#4)

Leader: Louise Wholey

Apr 11-13 – Mt. Morgan (N)

Leader: Louise Wholey

Apr ? – Sawtooth, Owens

Leader: Charles Schafer

Private Trips Summary

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December 8, 2007 – Mt. Inyo

Mid-January 2008 – Kilimanjaro - Tanzania

March ?, 2007 – Round Top

March ?, 2007 – Mt. Lassen

May, 2008 – Nepal – Kailash - Tibet

PCS Trip Details

Disaster Peak

Peak: Disaster Peak

Date: Nov 17

Leader: Lisa Barboza (pcs-vice@att.net)

Co-Leader: needed

Day hike, snow and weather permitting.

Pyramid Peak

Peak: Pyramid Peak

Date: Dec 8

Leader: Lisa Barboza (pcs-vice@att.net)

Co-Leader: needed

Dayhike from Twin Bridges if no snow, else private trip.

Backcountry Ski Series

Peak: Tamarack Peak, Castle Peak, or Mt. Judah

Date: Dec 28, Jan 18, Feb 15, Mar ?

Leader: Louise Wholey (louisewholey@yahoo.com)

Co-Leader: Jim Wholey

Join us for a day of backcountry skiing in the Tahoe area. Advanced skiing skills; Randonee or Telemark skis. Climbing skis, avalanche beacon, shovel, and probe required. Location determined by snow conditions. We seek powder snow and will climb and descend multiple times. Limit 6.

Mt. Morgan (N)

Peak: Mt. Morgan (N), cl 2, ski mountaineering

Date: Apr 11-13

Leader: Louise Wholey (louisewholey@yahoo.com)

Co-Leader: Lisa Barboza (pcs-vice@att.net)

Join us for an extension of backcountry skiing – ski mountaineering in the High Sierra. TH is Rock Creek if open, else Hilton creek.

Ski to base of peak, snow camp, ski up and down peak, snow camp, ski out. Advanced skiing skills; Randonee or Telemark skis.

Climbing skis, avalanche beacon, shovel, and probe required.

Expect a hedonistic experience.

Trip Reports

Sonora Pass, September 29-30, 2007

By Louise Wholey

For this weekend Jim wanted to race around Tahoe on his bike on Friday, then go climb. The weather forecast did not look promising for mountain climbing, as it called for a storm with a snow level at 8000 feet to start at about 8 pm Friday. In the morning we awoke to 3 inches of fresh snow at 5800 feet and overcast skies.



September Snow in Truckee

Our plan to climb Virginia and Twin Peaks appeared doomed. We played lazy and enjoyed a big breakfast. Checking the Tioga Pass CAM at http://meteora.ucsd.edu/cap/tioga/tioga_current.jpg showed bright and sunny skies with no new snow! We had been fooled!

We took off as soon as we could with no clear plan where to go. It was beautiful - crystal clear - around Tahoe and down 395. At Hwy 108, Jim turned up toward Sonora Pass. I had suggested climbing Leavitt Peak, which we did, starting about 1 pm. We followed the PCT until it dropped into a bowl to skirt a sub-peak. We left the trail and climbed the ridge to near the summit, then traversed toward Leavitt Peak. We climbed an extra 250 feet by taking this route. Though the traverse was somewhat exposed class 1, there was a fixed rope! We chose to take the "use" trail to the top due to the late hour, but the 3rd ridge to the right certainly looked inviting. The view from the top was spectacular.



Tower Peak and Beyond from Leavitt Peak

Our return was down to the PCT which we followed back around the sub-peak. This route loses about 250 feet and is longer, but has no exposure. We shortened the route back by dropping down the steep "use" trail to the pass to avoid a couple miles through the big meadowy cirque. The 10 mile round trip took 6 hours.

On top of Leavitt Peak, a fellow hiker had told us how to climb Stanislaus Peak, so we planned that for Sunday. We needed water so we drove down to Kennedy Meadows, hoping to have dinner in a restaurant there. It worked fine; the store was still open and had bottled water. The kitchen staff helped me fill another jug. We had a very neat dinner. Everything from soup to dessert was covered in the low price. The inexpensive Kennedy Meadows label wine tasted fine. That was Saturday night. Little did we know that Sunday night the building would become ashes. How terribly sad!

Rather than struggle with trying to find a campsite in one of the campgrounds in the dark we drove back to the pass and put up our tent in a non-campsite. After a late start we hiked up the Saint Mary's Pass trail and continued on the trail to Stanislaus Peak.



View from Trail to Stanislaus Peak

The views from the trail were great, far better than from its neighbor, the Pacific Crest Trail. We could see Mathes Crest in Yosemite as well as the other jagged summits above Tuolumne Meadows. Our trail became a "use" trail as we scampered up the peak. There was some scrambling near the top which was class 2. Again the views were great! The 10 mile round trip took 4 1/2 hours.

Up the Armstrong Col

Colosseum, Mt. Cedric Wright, Mt. Baxter

May 26-8, 2007

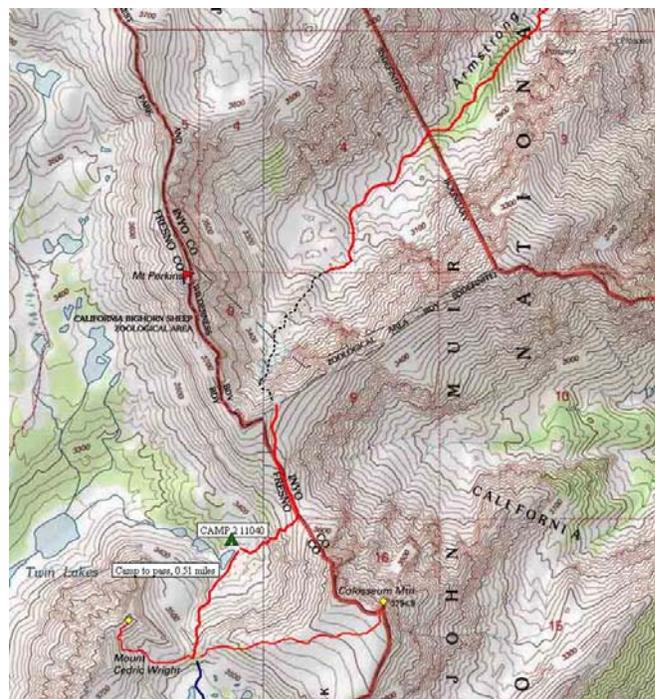
By Lisa Barboza

We found solace in the high peaks, untrammled and trailless.

This trip involved driving vehicles up the Armstrong canyon road (4WD required), to near the base of the Armstrong col. We left 2 vehicles at the Sawmill Pass Trailhead in order to retrieve the vehicles left up the canyon. We (Steve Eckert, Daryn Dodge, Brian Roach, Lisa Barboza, Harry Langenbacher, Tim Hult, Jim & Louise Wholey, and Sam and Emily) at 5:30 PM at the Sawmill pass trailhead. We left 2 cars and 2 4WDs at the trailhead, and took 3 4X4s up the canyon. Harry and Tim both had high clearance 4WD pickups, and Brian drove Suzi (our Suzuki) up slowly behind them. Recommend high clearance 4WD minimum for this trip. We had to stop several times to roll rocks out of the road, and just as we turned into the canyon proper, our progress was blocked by a 4 foot diameter boulder. Seeing 5 strong men wrestling with this boulder proved to be difficult, and we eventually were able to move it enough to clear the road. While we were doing this, we moved a small boulder and found a perfect purple scorpion (the first I've seen in the Sierra), ready to do battle with us. It took us about 2 hours to move the vehicles up canyon and set up camp, and we were able to have a fire. The campsite in this canyon appears to be seldom visited, although the road was passable for the most part.

Day 1: Saturday, May 26th. We awoke, got going by 6:30 am for the climb up the col. To reach the base of the col, you follow the creek drainage, up some talus and boulder hopping until you reach the bottom of the col proper. The snow was in good condition, we all had crampons and ice axes. Louise led the climb to the top while some of us stayed behind with Sam and Emily. Since this was their first trip out in a while, they were climbing slowly and decided to turn around early in the climb. They eventually made it back to the cars, and we'd like to climb with them again. The col is about 1400 feet high, about 35 degree slope, and the snow was good for climbing. Once at the top of the saddle, we looked south to see Colosseum, Cedric Wright, Baxter, and Acrodictes (named after a Sierra grasshopper, *Acrodictes philopagus*, and feeds on rock lichen).

It wasn't too late in the day, and we didn't have time to climb Colosseum; as a result, we headed down to the lake system just north of the saddle between Cedric Wright and Colosseum to make an early camp; where we had a leisurely dinner. These lakes gave a fine view of the two peaks above us.



Up Armstrong Col, camp 1, climb 2 peaks

Day 2: Sunday, May 27th. Climb Colosseum (12451) Cedric Wright (12372) Breaking camp at 630 AM we proceeded up the snow slope to the saddle between Colosseum and Cedric Wright. On the way, we met Nils Sorenson, on a solo climb of several peaks in the area. The snow was soft enough, and the slope mild enough, to not require crampons. We dropped our packs at the pass and made a leisurely push for Cedric Wright. There are several ways to climb this peak, we opted to head west from the saddle, around a small cliff (it goes over the top from the saddle), and then dropped into a gully which had snow at the top. We crossed the gully, crossed a band of reddish gray rocks and went up just west of the rockband to the summit. The summit is reached after some low 3rd class. Then we went back down to the saddle, and climbed the sandy slopes of Colosseum, which is Class 1 or 2 to the summit. Great views followed, looking up and down the crest and into the Owens Valley. Our goal for the rest of the day was to camp at or below Sawmill pass. We proceeded down to the dogleg shaped lake below the saddle, and headed for Sawmill pass. A windy site at the pass itself had a small lake with water, but we wanted to be sheltered from the wind. Twenty minutes of exploration found a sheltered spot on the east side of the pass, in good position to climb Baxter the next day. We had water from melting snow, and protection from the wind.



Sawmill Pass, camp 2, climb Baxter, hike out

Day 3: Monday, May 28th – Climb Baxter (13136), hike out. We left camp by 5:45 to climb Baxter. We hiked up the small valley south of our camp and east of the ridge that drops to Sawmill pass. After about .5 mile, we came to the north ridge bulge of Baxter, rising about 1000 feet. We traversed, in low CL3 on the west side of the bulge, gaining the ridgeline below Baxter. At that point, it levels off somewhat and the climb to the peak starts after about .2 mile. We traversed east below the peak, there were a few easy CL3 spots but mostly CL2 all the way to the summit. We had also intended to climb Acrodes but the snow cover was significant on the CL3 ridge between the two peaks, and we decided to leave that peak for another day. We summited at 9:30 AM, spent a quick 15 minutes reading the register and absorbing the incredible view, and headed back to camp. This peak is climbed infrequently, even though it's relatively close to east side trailheads. Back at camp by 10:30, we broke camp and headed down the 9 mile trail down Sawmill pass to the trailhead back in the valley. The Sawmill pass trail is well maintained, and a great place to go fishing. Sawmill lake is reputed to be a great spot – and no wonder – climbing up to these lakes from the TH goes from desert to pine forest, and involves an elevation change of 4600 feet to 10,100 feet, and a distance of 7 miles. On the way down, we came to a visible reminder of the below normal snow season in the Sierra – a lake, completely empty except for a ring of black mud on the boulders – very unusual, particularly this early in the spring. A sobering reminder of the vagaries of climate in the High Sierra. We rushed down this long downhill, 6600 feet from the pass, to get the vehicles down from Armstrong camp.

Back at the trailhead, the drivers went back up to Armstrong camp in Daryn's jeep, while the rest of us either waited in the coolness of Scotty's spring (some were still on their way down from Sawmill pass). The vehicles were retrieved, and we began the long trip home after a successful summiting attempt on 3 wonderful Sierra peaks.

Why I Hike, Which Could Read Why I Climb

Editor's Note: This set of thoughts on hiking the PCT could easily be applied to peak climbing. The same kind of experiences and physical/mental demands prevail, though some trips are only a weekend and thus do not involve the same level of continuous all-consuming effort to keep going. It was found on a hiking bulletin board and posted on pct-l. Normal people just do not understand.

- I hiked the trail because life was made of experiences, and I hoped to have as many as possible.
- I hiked the trail because unfulfilled dreams became regrets, and I intended to have as few as possible.
- I hiked the trail to share in something unique that few have known, or will ever know.
- I hiked the trail to experience beauty, to be immersed in it.
- I hiked the trail to see and to better understand the country I lived in.
- I hiked the trail to learn about my own limitations.
- I hiked the trail to learn about how the world worked, and to better understand my place in the natural order of things.
- I hiked the trail to avoid living a life that had already been played-out by countless others.
- I hiked the trail to think, to dream, to imagine and to reflect, unencumbered by the distractions of modern life.
- I hiked the trail to endure mental and physical hardships, and perhaps become stronger as a result.
- I hiked the trail to learn what was truly important in my life, in any life.
- I hiked the trail to separate my wants from my needs.
- I hiked the trail to meet people, and learn from them.
- I hiked the trail to live an active life rather than a passive one.
- I hiked the trail to gain perspective, not only to think, but to live "outside the box"
- I hiked the trail to be able to share the experience with others who either could not or did not care to do it themselves.
- I hiked the trail to achieve a level of physical conditioning I'd never though possible.
- I hiked the trail to experience things that could not be described with words or pictures.
- I hiked the trail to live not in fear, but in wonder.
- I hiked the trail to embrace "my demons" and decide to live with them rather than run away from them.

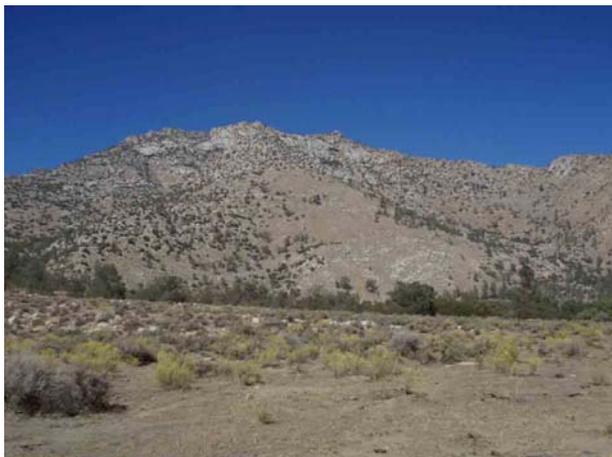
Pilot Knob (S), October 14, 2007

By Louise Wholey and Lisa Barboza

Abstract: October 13th 2007

Day 1: Doyle Ranch Road TH to Summit: 4.9 miles and 3300 feet

Detailed directions: From Bakersfield, head east on Hwy 178 past Lake Isabella. In the town of Onyx, turn left at the sign for the Onyx Ranch Road (Doyle Ranch Rd). Park your car just before the creek (S. Fork Kern River), cross the bridge. We saw a ranch hand (cowboy) who gave us permission to go onto the private property. On the right hand side, there's a tubular metal gate, you can squeeze thru the gate and go down a dirt road for about 1.6 miles. You will pass a motley collection of trailers (and some dogs that will bark but are friendly), parallel a small creek on the N side of the road, go around a butte to the north, staying on the road all along, and then come to open ground where you can see the peak.



Pilot Knob from the South

Though Silver Peak with Aaron was Louise's plan for the weekend, Mother Nature had different ideas. She dumped heavily on California on Friday. We heard cheers across our extra dry state. Meanwhile a severe case of cabin fever struck me. In a desperate effort to seek health and eternal happiness, I boarded an automobile (not an airplane!) to ride with Lisa over hundreds of miles for 4.5 hours to the southern Sierra. Dinner at Paradise Cove by Lake Isabella rewarded us for a mid-afternoon departure on Saturday. Across from the restaurant was a campground that proved ok though a bit noisy for the night.

At 5:30 am coffee preparation initiated the day. A short drive took us to Onyx where we turned onto Doyle Ranch Road. Lisa charmed a handsome local cowboy into saying it was just fine to cross the private property to climb the peak. Actually he said many people do it, which we doubted later when we found no recent entries in the summit register. We scrambled through their fence and hiked about 1.6 miles on a dirt gravel road past a strangely behaved (cowering) but seemingly friendly (wanted to be petted) pit bull. Once past a ridge on the north side of the road, you come to open ground and a myriad of cowtrails. It's best to get closer to the

peak on the road, and turn off the road when you no longer see large boulders on the sandy flats to the north.

We ascended just below the southwest ridge on the west side of the large south bowl, then crossed toward the middle of the south bowl when cliffs blocked our way toward the top. Cactus, pointy yucca, and brush were a constant threat to skin, clothes, and packs, but the heat was too much for long pants and shirts. We went up to the ridge too early and ended up in some 2nd class, with some low 3rd class (in brush!) – So don't do that; traverse further over to the east before you start the climb to the southeast ridge. We reached the ridge top close to the 5500+ foot saddle described in reports of people ascending the east bowl. This ridge will take you to a broad saddle on the south side of the peak. Many cairns marked the remainder of the route to the summit.

For our descent we first tried to retrace our steps and follow the south ridge from the saddle, but the brush was unmanageable, so we went back to the saddle on the south side of the peak and descended the gully that drops to the west from the saddle. We danced down the top two-thirds of the way on loose sand. At about 3600 feet, at Louise's insistence, we traversed to the left and continued down a combination of brushy sand scree slopes and water-polished rocks and ledges. Finally we reached a welcome cowpath leading down toward the gravel road. The lower part of the route that Lisa wished to follow straight over a small hillock would have lead further out to the west and may have been easier, but nothing on this peak appears to be easy due to brush, cactus, polished rock, and steep terrain.

The suspension of this peak by the Hundred Peaks Section, <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/hps/>, has made a big dent in the number of trips. The last entry in the register was for a PCS trip in May 2006. We were the first entry of the year, though a few weeks later, Daryn Dodge and Steve Eckert made a successful summit from the north (see <http://climber.org>). Apparently, the logistics of dealing with private land discourages people, not to mention the brush.

Adams Peak, October 21, 2007

By Louise Wholey

An early winter almost shut down peak bagging in the northern Sierra but the most recent storm had a snow level of between 8500 and 9000 feet. While Saturday was still not clear in the mountains, Sunday dawned a brilliantly clear cool day. We left Truckee for the north at 8 am, after a hearty breakfast and several home-made cappuccinos. The drive to Frenchman Lake via Hwy 89, 49, 70, and 284 took only an hour. We traveled the dirt roads beyond that in another half hour, not as long as we remembered from our unsuccessful attempt a year earlier. There were two signs at important intersections indicating which road goes to Mt. Adams. One of them was a short road on my GPS, but the road was in good shape for a 4 WD vehicle and went beyond the end shown by the Map Source topo map in my GPS.

We knew exactly where to park, unlike last year when we passed the right spot and drove down a road our car not climb back up. To get back to the right spot we had to drive all the way out on a variety of roads and back to the parking spot at the crest of the road, identifiable by its multiple spots to pull of the road. Coordinates on the GPS were N 39.90265 W 120.11390.

We also had some insight into which way to go. The previous effort had been directly up the obvious ridge to the false summit, then down and across a plateau to rocks leading to the summit. Last year the rocks were coated with several inches of fresh snow. Rather than climb rocky ridge crests we struggled, forcing our way through manzanita growing down the hill against us. The slippery rocks near the summit forced us to abort our final summit push. Progress was just too slow for our very late start. Had we been able to see the peak perhaps we would have found a way, but with only a GPS to guide us and no idea what the terrain was like, other than unclimbable snowy rocks and much brush everywhere else, we knew the peak would still be there for a later try.

This year we could see the peak! How fine! We chose to go further right to avoid the manzanita we had encountered on the ridge starting at about 7500 feet. It put us in the trees where the brush is less prolific. At the top, however, we again had to push through terribly thick brush. We were buried in it above our waists. We should have scrambled to the left (north) up the false summit. Once beyond the brush we ascended from the south toward a point east of the summit, then turned northwest near the top. The peak was the western of two peaks that appeared to be the same height. It did have an SPS summit register.

For the descent we could see a route that went toward the west from the plateau through a non-brushy valley. We found far less brush going this way, but we failed to traverse left enough to reach the car directly. We went about 100 feet too low and climbed back up over the last hills using GPS guidance. The best route is to descend the left side of the open valley to about 7500 feet, then traverse significantly left to get on the ridge below the terrible brush.

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Dec 8 – Mt. Inyo

Contact: George Van Gorden
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We will meet in Lone Pine fairly early on Sat. morning. We will caravan to the trailhead at 4500 feet or 5500 feet if we have four-wheel drive. We will be climbing by first light and plan to summit by 1PM. This is a desert mountain, and there won't be any water. We will plan to be back to our cars before dark. If we start from the 4500 trailhead, round trip will be about 10 miles, 8 miles from the four-wheel trailhead. Snow is possible on the upper part of the climb and so we will bring ice axes.

Mid-January 2008 – Kilimanjaro - Tanzania

Contact: Warren Storkman (650-493-8959,
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Climb Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. Take an optional safari. Inquiries are welcome.

March ?, 2008 – Mt. Lassen Climb

Contact: Stephane Mouradian
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Overnight snow camp, ski or snowshoe. Crampons and ice axe required.

March ?, 2008 – Round Top

Contact: Arun Mahajan (arun.mahajan@att.net)

Annual day trip from Carson Pass on skis or snowshoes. Crampons and ice axe required.

May, 2008 – Nepal – Kailash - Tibet

Contact: Warren Storkman (650-493-8959,
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We're off again for one of Warren's great trips!

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Climbing Classifications

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

Class 1: Walking on a trail.

Class 2: Walking cross-country, using hands for balance.

Class 3: Requires use of hands for climbing, rope may be used.

Class 4: Requires rope belays.

Class 5: Technical rock climbing.

Deadline for submissions to the next Scree is Monday, November 26th. Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month.



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