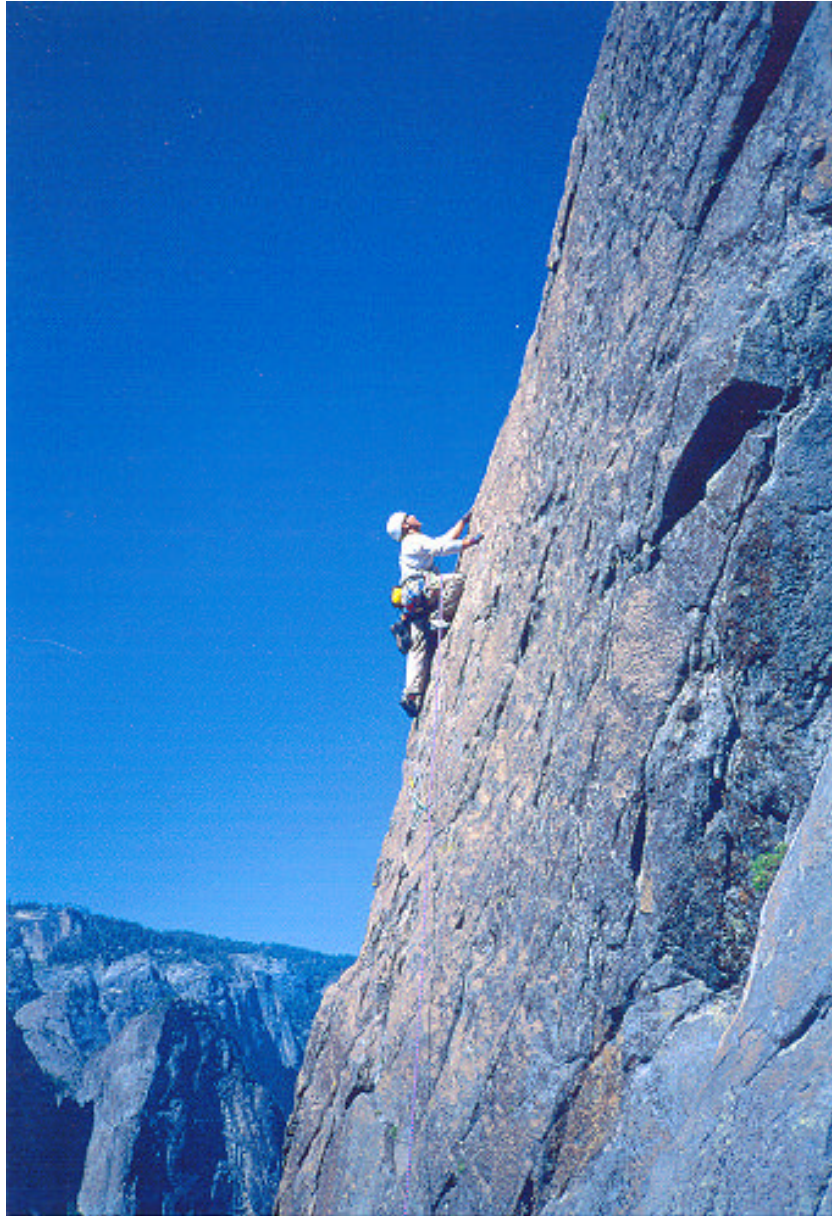


AUGUST 2003

ARIZONA MOUNTAINEER



*A stroll in Yosemite. Photo provided by
Tim Schneider*

THE ARIZONA MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

MEETINGS: The AMC normally meets the 4th Mon. each month (Nov. & Dec. meetings are usually the 3rd Mon.) at 7:00 pm at:

Los Olivos Senior Center
2802 E. Devonshire Ave.
Phoenix, Az.
(28th St. just north of Indian School Rd.)

BOARD MEETINGS: Board meetings are open to all members and are held two Mondays prior to the Club meeting at Los Olivos Center.

DUES: Dues cover January through December. A single membership is \$25.00 per year: \$30.00 for a family. Those joining after June 30 pay \$13 or \$15. Members joining after October 31 who pay for a full year will have dues credited through the end of the following year. Dues must be sent to:

AMC Membership Committee
6519 W. Aire Libre Ave.
Glendale, Az. 85306

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

Arizona Mountaineering Club
4340 E. Indian School Rd.
Ste 21-164
Phoenix, Az. 85018

SCHOOLS: The AMC conducts several rock climbing, mountaineering and other outdoor skills schools each year. Contact the Training & Schools Committee for schedules and costs.

NEWSLETTER

Send hard-copy stories and photos to Wally Vegors, 6151 N. 8th Ave., Phoenix, Az 85013 and electronic text or photos to <azmountaineer@azmountaineeringclub.org>

Electronic photos should be 300 dpi in JPG if possible but — whatever.

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THE AMC ACCESS COMMITTEE: The Committee works by itself and with the national Access Fund to maintain public access to climbing areas. If you know of areas that are threatened with closures or climbing restrictions, please notify the Access Fund representative Jutta Ulrich 602-234=3579.

THE ACCESS FUND: This is a national, non-profit, climber's organization that works to maintain access to climbing areas nationwide. Climbers can join The Access Fund by mailing an annual, tax-deductible donation of \$20 or more to: The Access Fund, P.O. Box 17010, Boulder, CO 80308, or giving it to the AMC Club Treasurer to be sent to The Access Fund in your name. A donation of \$20 or more is needed to receive Vertical Times, The Access Fund newsletter. One can also join electronically — <<http://www.accessfund.org/Join.html>>

THIS MONTH IN THE AMC

- 1 Index, Club Info.; Birthdays this month
- 2 Board Meeting Minutes
- 3 Discounts, Treasurer, Equipment to Rent
- 4 Jared Ogden show on Patagonia & Tibet
- 5 President's Corner; Members' Page
- 6, 7, 10 Classic San Juan Climbs
8. New T-shirt; Map and Compass Class, and Indian Creek Outing
- 11 Outings, Scree
- 12 Outings for August; Leader list.

AMC NEWSLETTER

The *Arizona Mountaineer* is published monthly by the AMC. Items for publication, subject to approval, should be sent to the editor at 6151 N. 8th Ave., Phoenix, 85013. Photos and other mountaineering photos are welcome (please submit prints). Climb write-ups ARE welcome. For info call the editor at 602-246-9341. Address e-mail to vegors@worldnet.att.net. Advertising in the *Arizona Mountaineer* is accepted, subject to approval, at the following rates:
Personal ads: free to members.
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SEPTEMBER Deadline: 15 August 2003

HOT STUFF!!!

Are the backs of your hands healed up?

Yes? Mostly —

Then you are ready for another fling with Indian Creek's colossal cracks over Labor Day Weekend.

(This time bring plenty of tape.)

Ever been lost or confused, or ... uncertain?

Enhance the heck out of your map and compass skills with Chris Query

AMC LIBRARY

You must be an AMC member; i. e., your name must be on the most current membership list.

The circulation period is 1 month. Materials are due at the next general club meeting. The overdue fine is \$2 per title per month. Please contact the librarian if unable to return your books and tapes.

The circulation limit is three titles per person. One of these may be a videotape, for which a \$50 deposit is required. Each guidebook requires a \$25 deposit.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Gary Hendrickson 1, Barton Santello 1, Mark Trainor 6, Tom Kreuser 11, Steve Tillery 11, Justin Hall 12, Jennifer Ottolino 14, Kit Strole 15, Dayna Aston 16, Kathy Sharp 17, Matthew Stairs 19, Ram Voorakaranam 19, Debby Brown 21, Chris Query 21, John Ainlay 22, Aaron Ewing 23, Jim Waugh 24, David Elkins 30, Tim Lange 31

MINUTES OF THE AMC BOARD MEETING: July 14, 2003

Members Present – Filsinger, Granger, Keedy, Kocher, McHenry, Ulrich, Ward
Committee Chairs Present – Miller, W. Schroeter, Vegors

- I. A quorum being present the meeting called to order at 7 PM
- II. Minutes of June meeting were approved as published
- III. Treasurer's Report approved as submitted
- IV. Presidents Update: Membership is 373.
- V. Old Business:
 - A. Insurance update – We do not have a quote yet from K&K but we are communicating and the quote should be in our hands by next meeting. The WOGA quote that we received is good until August.
 - B. Land Advocacy –
 1. The Scottsdale issues are ongoing. Tax money for land acquisition has been spent. Other sources of land acquisition need to be identified.
 2. Allen Watts is now on board to cover Maricopa County issues and the White Tank Mountain Trails issues.
 3. More representatives are needed for other areas.
 4. Adopt-a-crag Day – REI may or may not participate. There is a group from ASU who also may have sent a proposal.
 5. Chris Lesniac from South Mountain Park has contacted us about having a presence at their Public Lands Day Sept 20, 2003. We need someone to head up this project.
 - C. We will delay publication of Outing Leader status documents pending possible revisions.
 - D. Newsletter Distribution – Wally needs text for Newsletter early this month, as he will be out of town. Schroeter will assist during Wally's absence.
 - E. AMC Documents on Web Site – they are being used.
 - F. Risk Management – Waiver for School Manuals – No action.
 - G. Statutory Agent for AMC is now Filsinger. Paper work will be done to transfer that to McHenry.
- VI. New Business:
 - A. First page of Newsletter to be revised. Wally has new text.
 - B. Kirra will be asked to set up a Newsletter Input address on the website for all Newsletter inputs.
 - C. 2004 Budget Requests – Committee Chairs and Officers should start preparing their 2004 Budget inputs.
 - D. 40th AMC Anniversary Celebration – McHenry has had no feedback about the 40th Anniversary. Looking

for people interested in this project.

- VII. Old Business
 - A. A proposal from the Rental Equipment Chair, Tom Burmer is attached to the Board Packet. The Board should review this proposal. McHenry will call an Electronic Meeting to Vote on this proposal.
 - B. Grand Canyon Cleanup Chair is Scott Hoffman. Date set for October 4, 2003. Lead School will be moved to Sept. 23-28
 - C. Door Greeter for July Meeting will be Dave Larimer.
 - D. Dave modeled the new AMC tee shirt which will be available for sale at the July meeting for \$15.00
- VIII. 1. Presentation made by Wayne Schroeter on proposed changes to *AMC Multi-Pitch and Back Country Outing Plan* and *AMC Multi-Pitch and Back Country Leader Guidelines*. Following discussion, motion made, seconded and carried to adopt these documents as amended. These documents will be published in the Leaders area on the AMC web site.
2. Discussion held on format of AMC official documents on the web site. No action at this time.
- IX. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM

NEW MEMBER

Jason Sartor

SAME OLD RAG BUT A NEW ADDRESS

Please note that you can now send photos, stories and announcements to the newsletter at its new address — azmountaineer@azmountaineeringclub.org. This is so people won't have to break into my house to use my computer if I up and die or move to Fiji. The old address still works too, of course. But use the new one for AMC e-mail stuff. — Ed

ECO-GRUMP OF THE MONTH

'Tis a pity that 'route-setting' is now the province of attorneys and insurance companies. Oh for those happy carefree days of long ago — Ya seen a rock; ya clumb it. Then ya had a beer.

DISCOUNT DIRECTORY

The following merchants currently offer a discount to AMC members.

Arizona Hiking Shack - 11645 N. Cave Creek Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85020, 944-7723

Show your AMC membership card and get a 15% discount.

AMC RENTAL EQUIPMENT:

EQUIPMENT	Lb-Oz	Qty	Cost/Wk
Tents:			
4-season 2-3 man 7-6	1	1	10.00
4-season 2 man	6-0	1	6.00
3-season 2 man	5-0	3	5.00
4-season 1 man bivvy	1-15	1	7.00
Sherpa Snowshoes	8	1	5.00
MSR Alpine snowshoes			15.00
Ski poles (var. sizes)	4		0.50
Ice Crampons.....			15.00
Snow Crampons (sizes 6-14).....	10		2.00
In-step crampons.	1		2.00
Gaitors (Goretex)	2 pr		2.00
Ice axes (70-90 cm)	12		2.00
Snow shovel.....	1-10	2	5.00
Snow pickets;flukes	10 @		5.00
MSR Multifuel Stove.....	1		3.00
Yates Big Dudes .#6, #7			5.00
Haul bag	1		10.00
PortaLedge	1		50.00
Jumars	3		5.00
Climbing shoes.....	Various sizes	...	Call

EQUIPMENT RENTAL GUIDELINES: Your name must be on the most current membership list. Deposit required; varies by item; generally \$20-\$50. The two-personal-checks system works best. Advance reservation suggested. If not using the reserved equipment, please call and cancel. Call Linda Locke at 602-997-4235 for shoes. For everything else, call Tom Burmer 480-354-1392.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Statement of Operations

01/01/03 Thru 07/13/03

Category Description	Amount
INCOME	
Advertising	320.00
Equipment Rental (incl shoes)	223.00
Interest.....	19.28
Membership Dues	5,170.00
Mountaineering Schools	400.00
Program Income	10.00
Tee Shirts & Etc.....	239.00
Training	7,100.00
TOTAL INCOME	13,481.28
EXPENSES	
Access Committee00
Access ,other	137.41
Administration	1,165.50
Bouldering Contest.....	300.00
Capital Exp .(mntng)	59.30
Classification	475.00
Equipment Maint	125.00
Insurance.....	956.01
Library	41.90
Merchandise Exp	644.40
Mountaineering.....	72.85
Newsletter	1,986.96
Outings	80.78
Programs	1,762.09
Service/Bank Charge	51.57
Training	5,839.96
Uncategorized	195.54
TOTAL EXPENSES	12,731.86

OVERALL FOR YEAR TO DATE..... 749.42

ACCOUNT BALANCES (05/09/03)

CD Account.....	5,220.24
Savings	1,668.32
Checking	11,586.34

TOTAL CASH ASSETS

OTHER ASSETS (Club gear mainly)

OVERALL TOTAL.....

Jared Ogden

Patagonian Express & Jarjinjabo Towers, Tibet

Monday, August 25,
Los Olivos Senior Center. 7 PM



Mark Synnott and Pete Alhens in the Jarjinjabo Towers with Jared Ogden.

Come see Jared Ogden's slides from Tibet, along with stories of a Fitzroy Blitz with Topher Donahue during one of the busiest seasons ever in Patagonia.

AMC Meetings are from 7 - 9 pm at the Los Olivos Senior Center,
2802 E. Devonshire Ave. 1 block north of Indian School on the east side
of 28th St.

Non-AMC members are asked for a \$5.00 admission fee



PRESIDENT'S CORNER / MEMBERS PAGE – August 2003

As an all-volunteer organization, we survive and thrive on contributions from members – like YOU! Lots of hands make the tasks easier and faster. There are many opportunities to volunteer and contribute – the upcoming fall schools, the land advocacy committee, and recruiting new members are a few ways to help.

Right now, there are 3 volunteer opportunities of special importance to the club. Your commitment to step forward and help fill these positions would be greatly appreciated!

Anniversary Celebration – The AMC turns 40 next year! The board is looking for ideas on celebrating our fortieth anniversary? What should we do and how should we do it? To make our celebration happen, volunteers for an Anniversary committee will be needed. The committee will plan and carry out our anniversary activities. Remember – life begins at 40!!

Newsletter Distribution Committee Chair - currently vacant. This position coordinates getting the paper newsletters from the printer, rounds up volunteers to fold and staple, gets the newsletters addressed, stamped and taken to the post office, and helps distributes copies to the local stores and gyms. The task takes about 6-8 hours once a month, around the date of the general meeting.

Programs Committee Chair – currently held by Steve Tillery. Want to hobnob and converse with big-name climbers? This is the place to do it! Steve has been doing a great job on programs; he would like to move on at the end of this year. The program calendar for fall is pretty well filled up; you would start booking for 2004 programs. This position takes several hours a month of finding, contacting and scheduling various speakers to present at our club monthly meetings. You manage the Programs budget, and act as liaison for the speakers when they visit. And sometimes, you get to go climb with the big names when they visit us!

A few thoughts on helping out: Yes these positions and tasks do take time. However, they are not lifetime commitments. You could take one of these for a year and then transition to someone else. Or, get a group together, a committee of more than one! Newsletter Distribution would easily work with individuals rotating the task monthly. Grab a group of friends, and then you only do it every few months. The anniversary celebration is an opportunity to create some great fun and memories.

Sign up with any board member – your fellow climbers will be immensely grateful!!

Articles for the Newsletter – Newsletter email Address

How many of you have been on a summer road trip? From what I've heard, quite a few!! So how about writing a travelogue of your summer climbs for the newsletter. Those of us stuck in the hot city would appreciate hearing of cool places and cooler climbs.

And you can submit your articles, by email, to the club newsletter email address. The new email address for articles is

azmountaineer@azmountaineeringclub.org

Write an Article—your Newsletter Editor will thank you!!!

Indeed he will! Yes, Yes, Yes. — Ed.

PS — Don't forget photos...

Adopt-A-Crag Community Service

Reserve the day: Saturday Sept. 6, 2003.

AMC will participate in the Annual Adopt a Crag Project, coordinated by the Access Fund and sponsored locally by REI.

Specifics will be announced later via e-mail, newsletter, and at the August meeting. We will do some trail work, clean up, or other maintenance near a climbing area. Possibly we will work together with REI and/or other Phoenix area groups.

For more for more information, if you want to help, or if you have ideas for the project: Contact Jutta Ulrich (ulrichj@t-bird.edu, 602/234-3579).

It is with great sadness that I report that AMC member Steven Towle passed away on June 14, 2003 as the result of a backcountry skiing accident at Roundtop Mountain in Alpine County CA. Steven was 36, and is survived by his wife Anna and daughter Nimue.

—Anna George

ALPINE ROCK IN SOUTHWESTERN COLORADO — — Erik Filsinger

I sat by the stream, listening to the series of five cascades, and reflecting that it taken me two whole days to get rid of the urban clutter in my mind and actually to see the columbine and bluebells, to hear the water and wind, and to feel the shade of the pine trees, and to smell the clean air. How sad that I had gotten so detached from my Source. For those who have worked with Psychocybernetics this is my peaceful place where I commune with my guides. My wife Susan was reading *Cloud Dancers* and I was rereading a Wayne Dyer volume for the second or third time.

Susan and I had just returned from a successful ascent of the Wham Ridge on Vestal Peak (13,864). This classic alpine rock ascent in the Grenadiers in the Weminuche Wilderness between Silverton and Durango, CO, has been done by a few AMC'ers over the years, but I would really recommend others putting it on their lists. But it does take a bit of effort and coordination to get to its base.

The adventure started in Silverton, where contrary to fact I had been led to believe that one could catch a Southbound train to Elk Park easily and less expensively than the Durango-based ticketing. We were able to buy a ticket, but now Elk Park is a whistle stop only on the last train of the day and the pricing is actually the same as from Durango -- monopolies at work! But I wish the Silverton ticket agent had known the game. He sold us 2:00 p.m. tickets. The 2:00 conductor refused them and we had to wait for the 3:30 train... So our adventure got off to a late start at about 4:00 p.m. at the Elk Park trailhead. An incredibly strong woman, Susan's 65-lb pack was the equal of my 65 pounder (measured weights). And she did an incredible job throughout the trip.

Two and a half hours later we arrived at the Beaver Ponds that mark the departure from the Colorado Trail to the side trail up to Vestal Basin. Being late in the day, we camped with horror stories from a couple nearby of the 25 person CHAOS group proceeding us up the valley (CHAOS stands for Colorado Hikers and Outdoor Society). Take about negative energy!

The next morning we were pleased to hear from two USFS rangers that they had tracked down the CHAOS group and ticketed them for several violations, including the 15 person CO wilderness person limit and various assorted camping violations related to lack of tent dispersal, camping close to streams, etc.

The side trail to Vestal basin gains about 1500 feet in 1.5 miles and is steep and narrow. For those who have done it, you will remember that the term "trail" is actually pretty generous when applied to this torture path. At any rate, we made it up to the Lower Meadow under the amazing North Ridge of Arrow in a couple of hours and had the rest of the day to get situated and prepare for our Sunday adventure...the Wham on Vestal.



Erik and Susan

The Wham Ridge is actually a triangular face, broad at its base and fairly low angle, gradually rising to a point amid increasing steepness. I know that Dan Bolin did the standard 5.4 Wham with NOLS about five years ago and Sean Colonello and Craig Parrish did the 5.6 variation up the center of the face a couple of years ago. Normally you hike to the left hand bottom of the face and then cross higher on grassy ledges to the right edge (or head up from the middle of the face for the tougher variation). Trying something different amid glorious weather, we started at the very base and scrambled directly up the bottom third of the face to the middle of the highest grassy ledge. Depending on the line you take

Wham Ridge on Vestal and North Ridge of Arrow – contd.

the guidebooks tend to list this as a 5.3 section of the Wham.

The rock is a beautiful quartzite, very similar to the top rock band on Squaw Peak. Smooth in slabby, but with great cracks and angular holds. Honestly for anyone with a reasonable rock climbing background they could take any line they chose. Being somewhat of a traditionalist I usually look for lines of weakness and crack systems.

We continued scrambling up Class 4 terrain on the right edge of the face, but having taken along some pro and a rope (highly recommended), we eventually started taking some alternative lines in the middle of the face. I would guess that if the classic route had one 5.4 pitch, we added a bunch more in that degree but probably didn't get into much continuous 5.6 terrain. Also, we climbed the whole thing in mountaineering boots, but if someone were to go there, I would recommend taking rock shoes. That would allow you to follow comfortably just about whatever line you found attractive.

In near perfect weather (some thunderstorms various places around us), we summited the fore-peak top of the Wham in less than 4 hours from our camp. We ran into a neat fellow from Durango who soloed the classic Wham and descended with us. A devotee of Yoga, he and I shared various spiritual thoughts about intertwining climbing with enlightenment. I want to contact a group he is going to guide for called Life Enhancing Adventures. Sounds interesting!

As some of you have noted, the descent down the standard route on the South Face is a little more challenging in some ways than the Wham itself. Fortunately we had done that ascent with Mark Hubble last year and were able to dispatch with it peacefully.

We were back in camp in early afternoon and I sat down by the streambank. I arose to gain wistfully at the soaring ridge/face in front of our campsite. Michael Covington (of Telluride/Himalayan fame, not Climax) reported on a route up the middle of this immense face on Arrow Peak (13,803). Again, the face is actually a ridge which is referred to as the North Ridge of Arrow. More about that later. Mike has been quoted in guidebooks as saying that if you take the tree covered ledges of 4th class terrain from lower left upward to the right, you are placed in the middle of the face with 4 great 5.6 pitches and then a bunch of exposed 4th class higher up. Here is our

experience. I would block the climb into six sections: approach climb, steeper face climbing, a narrowing ridge of scrambling, a screed section and climb to the sub-summit ridge, the harrowingly narrow subsummit ridge, and then the final scramble to the summit.

Monday a.m. we arose and hiked a very short distance to the bottom of the face/ridge. It was a pleasure not to have to worry about morning dew wetting our boots and pant legs...a far departure from last year. The scrambling up through gullies and tree covered ledges was challenging, both physically and mentally as there was much loose and exposed terrain.

We finally achieved the designated highpoint of the treed ledges. A mountain goat had obviously made his home there, complete with a scraped out bedding side and lots of wool laying about.

We roped up, racked up, and put on our climbing shoes (Thanks to Glen Dickinson's sale price I had a great pair of EB's climbing shoes to try out). I led up a broken area and then onto some slabby stuff, ending with a belay on an isolated tree about 47 yards up. Susan followed and brought me my five or so pieces I'd placed. The next pitch stepped around a blocky section and then went up a slab to another ledge. I would guess they were in the 5.6 range, although if in the PHX area a few steps from a car rather than two days out it might have been rated a degree or two easier. The photo in Garrett's guidebook by Mike Covington is just about the way the whole ridge looked.

I made a mistake in judging the next pitch and ended up overrunning the better belay ledge after about 35 meters and had to do a somewhat hanging belay part way up the next slabby section. I then shortened the next pitch (interestingly the ledges seemed to occur perfectly at about 35 to 45 meters out each time). As best I can recall I ended up doing 4 or 5 pitches of this tougher terrain. I also agree with Covington's comment that the top of the 4th pitch (or so) was tougher to pro because the rock fracturing produced a lot of triangular shaped cracks at that point.

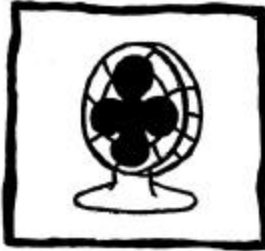
We then did a whole long section of roped simul-climbing, when necessary done as a running belay. The very broad buttress on the right of the face began to narrow, with the left side as viewed
(Continued on page 10)



THIS SUCKS



THIS BITES



THIS BLOWS



THIS ROCKS

The new AMC t-shirts are in! Back design above. The front has the colorful AMC logo, like our previous shirts had. I've got S, M, L, XL, XXL in 4 colors: Slate Blue, Burgundy, Rust, Avocado Green. Shirts are 100% cotton, \$15 each. I'll be selling them at club meetings so be sure to bring some money!

—Sally

"Indian Creek", UT

August 29 thru September 2nd.

Drive up on Friday night (Aug 29) and camp out, usually at Newspaper Rock State Park or near the reservoir. The drive takes about 6-8 hours through Kayenta and Monument Valley into Utah. Indian Creek is on a mix of private and BLM land. The camping is dry with no facilities.

Participants climb on Saturday, Sunday and Monday and then return to Phoenix on Tuesday. Indian Creek is full of single-pitch cracks (and some multi-pitch); plan on bringing tape for your fingers. No limit. Contact Richard Horst at (623) 434-4769 (just back from enjoying Alaska's miserable weather) for further details.

Learn Where it's at — and where you are.

It is my intent to offer an introduction to a map reading and land navigation course to the Arizona Mountaineering Club. This course will outline many of the basics on land navigation. There will be a strong focus on the USGS 7.5 min topographic maps. A small charge will cover cost of materials.

Things to be covered:

- How USGS maps are generated
- Map interpretation, focusing on the 7.5 min quad series
- Navigation with map and compass, even if you only have one of the two
- Basic Altimeter and GPS integration to land navigation
- Numerous navigation techniques and tricks

The course will include two nights of instruction August 5th and 7th with many visual aids and the students will be presented many hands on exercises. Also one full day in Flagstaff August 9th (or alternate areas due to fire restrictions) to practice the newly acquired skills on a land navigation course that will I will set up for the day.

Please RSVP to: Chris Query(602) 323-5927
cquery@hotmail.com

Room mate wanted: \$400/ month 1/2 utilities
42st and Union Hills. Great neighborhood, 4
blocks from 51 access. Contact Scott @ 602
821-9536

San Juan Range, Colorado, Guidebooks

Best San Juan guidebook: Robert F. Rosebrough, The San Juan Mountains (check out references to my father John Filsinger on pages 64 and 81 from his climbing in the early 1950's there, and to our friend Clay Patten with six-pack abs on page 8).

Best Overall 13'er book: (forget the crowded 14'ers and do the more exciting 13'ers!) Gerry and Jennifer Roach, Colorado Thirteeners.

Classic High Thirteener book: Mike Garratt and Bob Martin, Colorado's High Thirteeners.



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2. The **staff** at the Arizona Hiking Shack **are climbers** too. You get knowledgeable, friendly advice on gear, places to climb, and the absolute best fit on harnesses, shoes and helmets. The Arizona Hiking Shack is locally owned and has been selling gear to valley climbers since 1972. We take pride in helping to select the right hardware for your climbing adventures. (Besides most of us are AMC members also!)

At the Arizona Hiking Shack, **AMC Members get a 15% discount** on everything they buy, everyday of the week, every week of the year. Why? Two Reasons. First, we respect the job the AMC does. The AMC not only teaches people how to climb safely, they also teach an ethic of responsibility to the outdoors that is essential to keeping our climbing areas open. Second, you learn to climb in the valley. . . well, like it or not. . . we consider you one of OUR homeboys or girls and simply said, we want your business! Ultimately, we know you have many choices when it comes to purchasing your equipment and by having a great selection of gear, a knowledgeable staff, and totally killer deals, we hope you'll come shop with us.

WHAM ON VESTAL AND NORTH RIDGE ON ARROW, SW COLORADO — (From page 7)

from camp becoming a secondary slope. Soon the face had become a defined ridge, with some sections a few feet across, but mostly a comfortable and blocky ten feet or so to work upward on.

At the end of this section of ridge we were dumped onto a broad s cree slope that itself led to the sub-summit ridge. This section was a welcome relief and we had a leisurely rest stop. A scramble up the the sub-summit ridge resembled the Wham in character and texture. I was dismayed, however, to achieve what I had thought might be the sub-summit and yet to see that in fact the summit was pretty far off and we were faced with a very narrow ridge line.

By narrow, I mean sections that were detached pinnacles and spires. Loose plates stood on end. No option to walk along the top. I would guess that this part of the climb was maybe only 200 yards long, but the exposure was several hundred feet on the left and at least 1000 feet on the right. To make matters worse, it was all loose! Was that suitcase size block I was crawling over going to capsize? Mentally tough to say the least. In fact, after three rope lengths of mental challenges and a finger-tip traverse or two across gendarmes, I could tell that the undertaking was taking its toll on us and I opted to rappel to the standard ascent line on a ramp that was now coming in from my left. We made a couple of raps down the vertical face. For better or for worse, from below I could see that probably another rope length, or two at the most, would have taken us through it, but we had made our best effort and probably chosen a good path. It was an easy scramble up to the summit on 3rd class terrain. Having started at 7 a.m., we summited at 3:00 p.m., doing 99.9% of the North Ridge. For what it's worth, if late in the day or with weather coming in, I would actually recommend traversing left from the scree section under the sub-summit and joining the standard ascent route there. The sub-summit ridge is not adequately described in guidebooks and is actually fairly harrowing. It should be undertaken with all due deliberation.

Another two hours deposited us back in camp. Yes, we did compare 8.5 hours up with the 2 hours down. Says something about the nature of the climb, but I'd really recommend the first half at least. It was a beautiful alpine rock climb in fantastic position.

A strong team could do what Mike Covington suggests and actually start the technical pitches at the very tongue of the ridge, about 4 pitches lower. He says about 5.6, but I think you would have to be very

picky about your line to find that. After walking along the whole base the following day, I felt most lines would be in the 5.9 and up rating, but, heck, I'm no Mike Covington (of either fame).

Back in camp with an extra day to play with, Susan and I made a sincere but limited attempt next day to traverse a couple of mountain passes and skirt mountain valleys to get to Garfield Peak, the westerly most of the Grenadiers and the impressive summit down valley to the south as you leave Silverton's one and only stop sign. It would have been nice icing on the cake, but it was just a bit much in our time frame, so we bagged it after scoping it out for the future.

Wednesday a.m. we leisurely arose and broke down camp for the hike out. Four hours placed us at the train siding in Elk Park. I had just walked over to the river and was undressing when a train came up-valley. The first train of the day, I knew that we had to wait to the third train before catching a ride to Silverton. The train stopped right by this surprised skinny dipper and I quickly began putting assorted clothing pieces on and running around the engine to the "boarding" side. About 30 youngish males were picking up their backpacks that had just been unloaded from the box car. Not being ever accused of being shy, I simply asked the conductor if he minded if we jumped on board since they were stopped anyway. Being polite and not mentioning that I had my shirt inside out, the conductor said, "Sure, Why not," so Susan and I hopped an early ride that saved us maybe a 2 hour wait. You know, it never hurts to ask.

You know the rest of the story... 40 degrees nights became 115 degree days in about 8 hours of driving. What fun...

— Erik F.

For a listing of useful San Juan guidebooks, turn to page 8.

and should contact the member planning the outing. You are responsible for your own safety, not the person leading the outing. You should always be aware of the risks involved in outdoor activities and conduct yourself accordingly.

Wednesdays **North Mountain Hikes** after work. Rogil Schroeter 623-878-3914 or
rogil.schroeter@honeywell.com.

Commercially Provided Training and Events

The events listed below are provided by commercial outfitters for the benefit of AMC members. They are not AMC Outings, nor are they led by AM Outing Leaders, though they may be open only to AMC members. The commercial outfitter is solely responsible for all aspects of the outing, not AMC. While, in most cases, an AMC member may provide a service by AMC collecting the names of prospective participants and handling the logistics of out-of-town events, participants will sign up directly with the commercial outfitter.

None scheduled at present.

Scree(d) — by Wally

Funny thing happened while I was cleaning out my storage shed. Three boxes of a magazine I used to write for — they went. Ten binders of park ranger/police training manuals — that too to recycle (and good riddance). A stack of museum design and display publications — outdated, gone. Fourteen inches of files on management fads — Ick. Fie. Pooh. Trash! An 8-inch stack of manuals on teaching radiological monitoring, fallout shelter building, light, medium and heavy duty rescue — ah — um — lets think about that.

Heaven forbid that knowing the 50% live/die ratios at different distances from various megaton bombs or how to operate a radiation monitor would ever be useful. But with Korea trying blackmail, Pakistan, India, China, Israel, South Africa and who knows else having nuclear bombs, it is déjà vu the 1960's all over again. Aanh — they don't take up much space, especially for a guy who has all the hand tools necessary to build a log cabin from scratch. Now as to those six big cartons of Christmas tree decorations and the huge sack of pine cones ...

It appears that a batch of outdoor-type mail order houses are in the process of melt-down, judging from the sales they are having. If, unlike me, you don't have everything you need (all still perfectly serviceable, dang it) then this would be a grand time to assemble your climbing and camping outfits. If you have a job, that is.

It seems reasonable to me to assume that if you are a plant manager who has more plant capacity than he needs to produce everything that people are able to buy, then there is not much incentive to add more or new

equipment to produce still more stuff that people won't buy.. It would be more reasonable for owners to put any tax windfalls into stocks invested abroad, where production costs are lower. Or maybe into nice, safe tax shelters until this situation shakes out.

I worked three school summers with the USFS, part of it "with one foot in the fire" but also doing stand improvement sale marking, range analysis (putting in "before" transects to provide a baseline on changes over time) plus the usual trail work, etc.

Arizona's forests were originally largely stripped of most marketable logs, resulting in the "release" of millions of seedlings taking advantage of the light, space and moisture. If the thinning contract includes many darkbarked rapidly growing jack pines to get bidders (the droop limbed yellow mature trees largely gone), they will recreate the situation after the initial logging phase — another doghair thicket in ten or 20 years down the road..

Widely spaced small trees make poor lumber — look at any lone-growing "wolf" tree. It has a short, rapidly tapering trunk with many low limbs.

There is no substitute for a virgin forest where one tree's death frees the light and moisture that releases a hoard of seedlings. Their competition makes long, straight logs.

The only way to simulate that is to have a glorified Christmas tree farm, thinned every five or ten years — an impossibly labor intensive operation, given western conditions and the world's (temporary) oversupply of lumber.

AMC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Participation in AMC outings requires club membership. Outings vary in degree of danger. When you participate in an outing you should be both physically and mentally prepared and equipped with the appropriate gear. You should always be aware of the risks involved in outdoor activities and conduct yourselves accordingly. The Outing Leader is not responsible for your safety; you are. Please contact the Outing Leader before going on an outing, discussing your capabilities with the Outing Leader. You must be over 18 years of age to participate, or must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult, and obtain prior consent from the Outing Leader. Those accompanying minors are responsible for the minor's safety.

WHEN & WHERE & WHAT & WHO

- Aug 2 **Paradise Forks or Mt. Elden** (depending on weather). Crack climbing from 5.7-5.10 or 5.4-5.10. Limit 8. Wayne Schroeter wschroeter@cox.net or (602) 402-1631.
- Aug 5,7,9 **Land Navigation** Class, two eves and weekend, Chris Query, cquery@hotmail.com (602) 323-5927 (Page 8)
- Aug 16 **Overlook or The Pit** (depending on weather). Crack climbing from 5.6-5.10 or sport climbing from 5.8-5.10. Limit 8. Wayne Schroeter wschroeter@cox.net or (602) 402-1631.
- Aug 29-Sep 1 **Indian Creek, Utah**. Amazing crack climbing. Richard Horst 623-434-4769. (Page 8)
- Sep 6 **Adopt a crag** — details next issue. — Jutta Ulrich (Page 5)
- Sep 27 **Grand Canyon Cleanup** —Details 25 Aug — Scott Hoffman
- Sep 23 **Lead School**. Sep. 23, 24, 25, 27, 28 — complete info next issue
- Oct 08 **Basic School** Instructor Meeting
- Oct 14 **Basic School**. Oct. 14,16,18,19,21,23,25
- Nov 01 **Queen Creek Cleanup and Climb**
- Nov 05 **Anchors School** Instructor Meeting
- Nov 11 **Anchors School**. Nov. 11,13,15,16
- Nov 26 **Joshua Tree Thanksgiving**. Nov. 26-30

To request outings: call outings chairperson Monica Miller 623-362-0456. To cancel after saying you will participate in a climb, call the outing leader as soon as possible; there may be a waiting list. Also, the leader will know not to wait for you on outing day.

BILLBOARD — Other Scheduled Events

Outings listed in this section are not AMC sanctioned outings. Any AMC member can list an event he or she is planning and which is open to other AMC members. The member does not have to be an approved AMC Outing Leader. If you wish to participate you should be physically and mentally prepared with the appropriate gear
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AMC OUTING LEADERS

Requirements for becoming a leader: take the basic, AARS and Lead classes (or equivalents), be a member for at least one year, complete a basic first aid and CPR class (8 hours or more), and be approved for leadership by at least five current leaders through formal application process and by the Board of Directors. Contact Dave Larimer at 480-425-9689

Tom Conner	480-897-7623	Tim Medlock	719-494-1171	Wayne Schroeter.....	602-402-1631
Eric Filsinger.....	602-906-1186	Jeff Nagel	602-318-9538	Jef Sloat.....	602-316-1899
Jeff Hatfield	480-783-8779	Paul Norberg	602-808-9244	Mick Strole	520-856-3335
Scott Hoffman	623-580-8909	Paul Paonessa.....	602-493-7356	Rick Taylor.....	623-487-8507
Richard Horst.....	623-434-4769	Chris Query	480-967-9268	Frank Vers	480-947-9435
David Larimer.....	480-425-9689	Tim Schneider	480-497-8377	Tim Ward	602-212-1929
Sally Borg Larimer...	480-425-9689	Rogil Schroeter	623-878-3914		

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AMC Outing Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Paradise Forks (or Mt Eldon)
3	4	5 Map & Compass Class <i>M-1st Qtr</i>	6 <i>Sunrise 5:44 Sunset 7:27 M-rise 2:43p</i>	7 Map & Compass Class	8	9 Map & Compass Field Day
10	11 <i>Full Moon</i> AMC Board	12	13 <i>Sunrise 5:49 Sunset 7:17 M-set 7:10a M-rise 8:40p</i>	14	15	16 Overlook (or the Pit)
17	18	19 <i>Last Qtr Moon</i>	20 <i>Sunrise 5:54 Sunset 7:09 M-rise 12:04p on 21st</i>	21	22	23
24	25 AMCMtg Ogden on Patagonia & Tibet	26	27 <i>Sunrise 5:59 Sunset 7:00 M-set 7:29p New Moon</i>	28	29 to Indian Creek UT	30 Indian Creek Cracks
31 Indian Creek Cracks	1 Sep (more crack climbs)	2 Sep (Return to Pnx)				