

Rock Rendezvous

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Cinco de Mayo Celebration!

May 5, at 7:00 p.m.

The next meeting is on Cinco de Mayo, (May 5th for those who don't speak Spanish) so come ready to celebrate in South of the Border style. Inez says if you bring the margarita mix of your choice, she'll spike it for you. Body shots are optional. Bring chips, salsa, guacamole or something in the spirit of the event. All the fun of Mexico without the Montezuma's revenge. A special treat for the holiday, Christian Santelices, renown Bay Area climber and big wall ascensionist, will give a slide show on his climbing adventures in Mexico, and perhaps slides from Patagonia as well. It will be held at Kristin Rains' house (No, not my trailer, I live in a real home now.) **64 Lower Crescent Avenue in Sausalito.**

Nos vemos!

Please note that parking is limited so it will be really important to carpool.

Directions from San Francisco:

Go across the Golden Gate Bridge and take the Spencer exit. Turn right at the first street onto Spencer. See *From Spencer* for the rest.

Directions from the East Bay:

Come across the Richmond/San Rafael Bridge. Take the second exit onto Sir Francis Drake Blvd. (101 South). Continue past San Quentin, past the ferry building, under the railroad tracks and get onto 101 South. Drive South for 10 minutes or so and exit Spencer Ave. The off ramp curves around and under the freeway. At the stop sign turn right. Turn left at first street onto Spencer which is at the fire station/bus stop.

From Spencer Ave.:

Follow it down the hill, past one stop sign to where the road T's. Turn right onto Sausalito Blvd. Stay right at the next intersection with Sunshine and continue on Sausalito Blvd. Turn Left onto Crescent. Park. Walk down Crescent to the next intersection and my house is the first house on the left (North) on Lower Crescent Ave. The hill is steep so where your approach shoes.

By Ferry:

Take any of the ferries from San Francisco to Sausalito. Walk South through town on Bridgeway. Follow the street as it turns right and go towards the Golden Gate Market. Walk up the street, passing the market on your left. At the end of the street are a set of stairs. Walk up. At the street, turn right and walk up. You are now on Lower Crescent Ave. and my house is the last one on the right.

Upcoming Trips

The Valley is beautiful these days! The bears are already out in force this year so be very careful with food. Jason's car door looked like old tin foil after a bear named Barcelona was through with it.

Yosemite Valley trips

- May 1-2 (1 site - Upper Pines) - Kevin Kachadourian, 510-664-9770 or kevink38@ix.netcom.com
- May 8-9 (1 site - Upper Pines) - Mitchell Yee, 415-334-8032 or mitchyee@slipnet.com
- May 29-30 (2 sites- ????? Pines) - No trip leader yet.
- June 5-6 (1 site - Upper Pines) - Inez Drixelius, 510-643-9948 or inezdrex@uclink.berkeley.edu
- June 12-13 (1 site - North Pines) - No trip leader yet.

Jason Ucker has a couple campsites in the Valley, and may have a couple extra spaces. Contact Jason at 415-397-6620 or e-mail him at jason@lucadigital.com.

- May 22-24 (North Pines)
- June 12-13 (North Pines) - a separate site from the June 12-13 trip noted above

*Note: Trip leaders are still needed for the May 29-30 & June 12-13 trips to the Valley. New members are encouraged to lead trips.

April Minutes

Our thanks to Craig Boyak for letting us use his Albany home for the April meeting. Paul Minault, in his work with the Access Fund, said that we will receive an invitation to join Save Sierra Lakes, a conservation cause which is trying to

save Silver Lake and Caples Lake by Highway 50 in El Dorado County from being drained for a subdivision. Inez replied we will now be proud receivers of Victoria's Secrets catalog since we have given our mailing list to Save Sierra Lakes, but Pat assure us we do not sell our mailing list, and that our group charter is to get together, socialize, and exchange information. Activism is outside our forum but if anyone is interested, there are many worthwhile conservation and climbing causes that Paul or others can steer one to. Pat said the American Alpine Club has a weekend community service program that provides a good way to meet people. Please contact Pat for the dates. Paul also suggested that we perform one community service project a year. Please give comments. We had some new faces at the meeting. Stan Goldman is from the East Coast and is getting back into climbing. Rosie Andrews worked at Patagonia in Ventura before relocating to Berkeley. She use to climb with Tom when he was a child. Rob Jameson use to climb in the Gunks and now lives in San Francisco. He is looking for partners to climb with in the Sierras (he has enough partners for the Gunks). Also at the meeting was Walter Kral of San Francisco. Rob Peterson of Sacramento served in the Peace Corps in Africa. Anastasia Telesetsky likes climbing on limestone and aspires to be a human rights lawyer. Stephanie Robinson is now attending U.C. Berkeley. Rock Rendezvous extents a warm welcome to all the new folks and we look forward to adventures with our new friends (boys....be nice).

Trip Leader Policy

Trips are open to Rock Rendezvous members and their guests on a first-come, first-serve basis. For trips with pay campgrounds (i.e. - Yosemite), costs are \$5 per member per night, and \$7 per guest per night. Trip leaders stay for free. Nightly fees are owed for all nights of the trip regardless of how many nights you stay. For example, if the campsite is reserved for Friday & Saturday nights, but you only stay on Saturday night, you still owe for Friday night. The reason for this is that the space is essentially used by you on both nights since we can't give the space to someone else only for one night. Also, it puts an unnecessary burden on the trip leader to keep track of who arrived on which night. Once you confirm with the trip leader that you are signed up you are financially committed unless a replacement can be found. Anyone not paying the campsite fees will be subject to the scorn and ridicule of their fellow climbers, may imperil their membership status and, in extreme cases, may be asked to step outside for a spanking. Let it be noted that if spanking becomes an incentive for non-payment of campsite fees, this benefit, uh I mean, penalty will be revoked.

Responsibilities:

Keep list of people going on trip.

- The week prior to the trip contact people going to coordinate carpooling effort.
- Collect money for campsite fees (if necessary)
- Coordinate Saturday evening potluck (if desired)
- Give collected campsite fees to Treasurer, along with the names of any members still owing money.

Benefits:

- Guaranteed spot on the trip.
- Do not have to pay any campsite fees. - Guaranteed spot for your car at the campsite.
- Get to see your name in the newsletter (Wow!)
- Admiration and respect from your fellow climbers.
- Would be at the top of the invite list if a spontaneous group orgy broke out on the trip.

- May get to see Bruce Bindner in his underwear.

Drawbacks:

- May get to see Bruce Bindner in his underwear.

Mind The Gap

With the loss of the Dirty Dozen from the newsletter roster, we are in sore need of more grist for the mill. We know there are adventures, climbing or otherwise, that each and everyone could share. Take some time out to share a story, poem or editorial with the rest of the group. You'll be surprised at how many people actually read the darn thing. And, if you don't have any stories burning a hole in your pocket, you can always do what the professionals do: make something up. Better yet, how about profiling one of your fellow Rock Rendezvous members? Got some interesting stories on someone? There are plenty of characters that make up the RR family, and there's no better way to get to know a person more intimately than to ask them all sorts of personal questions



Kevin K. on Black Butte, Carson Pass

Hallo Darlings!

Annie McThutch back again dealing with some climbing related agonizing.

Q. My cat has started to treat my Power bars as territorial markings, and this actually reflects the feeling of my taste buds towards this food source. Trouble is most other things just don't keep as well on long trips. Do you have any suggestions?

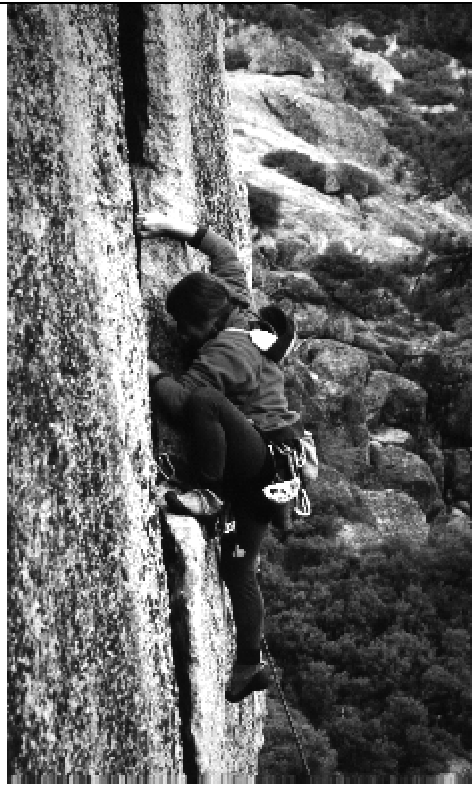
A. The traditional food of choice for that mountaineering master race, the Scots, is of course haggis. And so easy to make at home too! Simply mince a sheep's heart, grate a liver, mix with some moist oatmeal and pour the mixture into a sheep's stomach. Exclude the air, sew up the stomach and simmer for three hours. The wonder of this ancient dish is that it keeps for weeks! Should the weather get warm, the haggis exudes a cooling layer of surface water to ensure freshness. More calories than a box of Power bars...

Q. An obvious problem area in my ice climbing technique is making the transition to free hanging icicles. Any advice?

A. An undercut move can work well, ensuring that you have a well-seated heel to toe hook to counteract the swing when you cut loose. In fact, an undercut stroke from your leading ice axe into the icicle can make it easier to pivot and gain the ice above. Move as quick as you can and use a 'figure of four', heel hook or whatever you can find to avoid the last resort which is a one arm lock off. (This is a genuine excerpt from a recent High magazine and seems pretty ridiculous. To paraphrase the Rolls Royce salesman, "if you need to ask, you won't be able to do it".)

Q. My friend is giving to free soloing hard climbs and at totally inappropriate moments, particularly at the crux, yelling "take!". What should I do?

A. Take your friend aside and point out this feature to him/her. Suggest that this habit is actually a cry for help from his inner child, and in reality means "take...your medicine". Having convinced your friend of this, your local veterinarian should be able to supply a suitable tranquilizer or two.



Lisa, Lover's Leap



Kristin, Carson Pass

March Minutes - Just a little Late

Our glorious leader apologized for the cancellation of the February meeting which was due to warnings not to travel on the radio and seemed somewhat silly given the number of stars you could count over San Francisco that night. Oh well. Moving swiftly on, the success of the RR dating service was noted in the form of four engagements. A new club motto, "try it, it works", was suggested. Our treasurer, Peter "well on his way" Grace, has moved to a new address: 278 Santa Clara St., Brisbane, CA 94009. So rush those dues checks off to him there. News of previous members: Ian Glass is now married with child; Michael Hoel was at a conference in Kirkwood (tough, huh?) and briefly in the bay area. New faces were Jason, Scott (who made it to the last meeting), Andrea, Jocelyn and Claire. The latter trio were looking for information on climbing Shasta. As they are going in the company of Dave "50 Valley pitches in two weeks" Sorric, they should be just fine.

Dave Moss had been climbing in Leeksburg, Alabama where the routes have very un-PC names, but he refused to give any examples. Wuss. Max, Lisa, Kristin, Chuck and Sabina had all been in the Great Ski Race, with Max and Lisa both coming 27th in their respective classes. Still up in the Tahoe area, the ice on Snowshed Wall has been providing sport for Tom Lambert and others, but apparently a big chunk has now fallen off. The Forest Service would like to be asked before any such creations are engineered in the future...what's the name of that big reservoir above the Emeralds? Mount Shasta has also been a popular destination. With spring in the air (briefly), people are planning trips to Red Rocks (Jason, Sue, Inez), and the East side of the Sierras (Kevin: April 11th-19th). The Pinnacles may have reopened by now, and are hopefully safe. (Never, I hear you cry!) My notes record that at this point, Peter said he wanted to dry out, but I cannot recall why.

There was also a discussion of security on the world wide web with many have concerns about their names and addresses being in an on-line database, even though it is password protected. Having seen our lab server get thoroughly hacked in recent weeks, I can sympathize.

Finally, one last random quote from the meeting: "Whatever I'm doing, I'm looking for people to do it with".

Say Cheese

We're looking to do some housecleaning in the photo gallery, so if you've got some photos that you'd like displayed but don't have a scanner, you can send them to Pat McLaughlin (10 Fountain St., SF, 94114), and he will scan them for you and return to you free of charge. Blackmail photos are welcome.

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Portaledge for Sale:

Fish double ledge with 5 season fly (400 danier, 2 port holes numerous sash points). Comes with VCN haul bag, lots of daisies, shark fin dividers. Excellent shape -only used 4 nights-- 1 practice and 3 on Zodaic.

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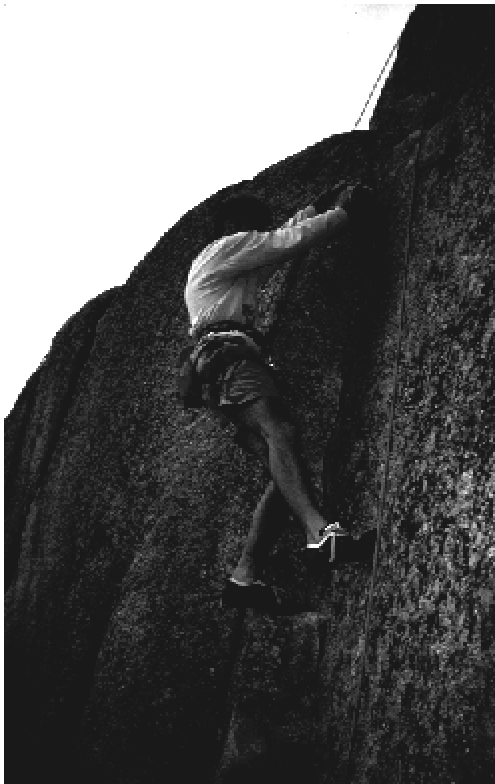
617-628-6057 Steve

Weekday Partners Needed:

My schedule has recently become very flexible. I'm looking for a partner to share a midweek Yosemite climbing experience with. The weather is great, the crowds small. How 'bout, say, tomorrow? Like I said, flexible. If you have the time and share the passion, give me a call at home. tonedog@netcom.com or 415 661 1630 -Scott

Warning/Disclaimer

San Francisco Rock Rendezvous is not a teaching organization and does not endorse nor insure rock climbing. Trips advertised in the newsletter are private and are only listed to allow for the coordination of carpooling and camping. Each participant on a tri is solely responsible for his or her safety during the entire trip, including the transportation to and from the climbing area and site, and any necessary insurance.



Tom Kidd in Joshua Tree.