



Rock Rendezvous: Volume 13; Issue 1: January 2003

Rock Rendezvous

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December Meeting Notes

Notes from a Christmas party - by Tom Kidd

This time I have really lost my notes... and if I wanted to recreate the conditions under which the notes were written I would have to drink a couple of beers, a couple of White Russians, maybe a glass or two of cheap red wine and then round out the evening with a Lagunitas Hairy Eyeball or some of the ballistic grade barley wine which the "other" Simon brought to the party. I am willing to do many things for the club, but as it is a "school night", I am not going to. I will just rely on memory instead so some of the usual detail will be lacking. Maybe I can cut and paste last year's report and see if anyone notices...

First up, a major thanks to Simon and Amy for hosting in their wonderfully improved new house. The new extension provided a great venue for the Christmas party, not just in the area to hang out, but also the upstairs room, which many availed of to avoid driving home. I myself spent the night in the west wing, woke to a hot shower and, like several others, had breakfast served to me by Simon and Amy. A better deal than most B&Bs. The house was done up for the evening with balloons and other decorations, including large text signs for the alcoholically impaired such as "RR Party Here", "Glass bottles here" and "rest room here". Either

that or the IQ of the club as a whole is in doubt. The biggest disappointment was the poor turn out – much fewer people than would be expected at an RR Christmas party. And there wasn't even a competing party the night before to steal away people's energies. This was despite Simon inviting his neighbors over, presumably to defuse any potential complaints to the police. Those of us who went had a good time, as evidence in part by the bedraggled appearance of those who emerged for breakfast. Someone even stayed sleeping through breakfast despite poor intentioned attempts to wake her up...

There was a brief interval in which voting went on. The usual story, people volunteered, were proposed, seconded and voted in with no controversy. No major upcoming trips due probably to the ski season and the weather. The Joshua Tree trip sounds as though it was fun, despite the frustrating weather and maybe we will hear about that in a later issue. Simon created the only real controversy when he raffled two framed posters. They belonged to Simon and Amy, but because they made the house bigger they no longer had room to put them on the walls. Go figure. Anyway, Karen was called upon to pull out the

winning raffle ticket. She pulled out her own... "I never win anything normally" (Normally, I don't get to pull out the raffle ticket, heh, heh). The second poster went to Chris and John. And then people went back to partying. Thanks once more to Simon

and Amy for putting in the effort to host. And effort is the right word to use as Amy ran around like a dervish in the wee hours of the morning cleaning up while others tried to continue socializing and created more chaos for Amy to clean... Happy Holidays!

'The Other Rock Rendezvous Party'

Photographs from Thanksgiving at Joshua Tree

This years Joshua Tree Thanksgiving bash was a resounding success, with over 50 people congregating on our two sites for a massive feasting, social and climbing weekend. I (your editor - Carolyn) requested photographs and articles from those of you who were present at the event. I have received plenty of excellent photos, but in the absence of any articles you have to put up with a few words from me as punishment!!! This year we were rained on for the second year running (this **IS** supposed to be the desert is it not?) – so some climbing time was lost to the weather on Friday, but then I did really enjoy lying in my tent on the Friday night listening to the sensuous sound of rain on the canvas. The party on Thursday night was a particularly

good one, with 2 turkeys cooked in Webbers, all the trimmings and plenty of malt whiskey. Talking of drinking, I have never seen a sense of panic sweep a climbing club quite like that instilled by Michael Brodesky with his 'alcohol ban' hoax. Some members are still reported to be in therapy. One wonders what the response would have been had his hoax suggest all climbing was banned from the park!!!

So enjoy the photographs below. Joshua Tree rock is particularly photogenic – add some of Rock Rendezvous best looking members, and we have what can only be a winning combination...



Left: Kevin on Bake and Flake, 5.8, Echo Cove (photo Torger).

Below: J.Tree campsite on a promising morning (Photo Eric)



Below: A merry crowd around the campfire (photo: Eric)

Right: Torger eating fire (Photo: Carolyn)



Left: Carolyn topping out on TipToe (5.7) Trashcan Rock (Photo: Simon Allen)

Right: Torger on Bacon Flake (5.9) (photo: Carolyn)

More Photographs From 2002...

Below: Torger gets his priorities right when selecting gear for a snow camping trip!!

(Photo:)

Right: Maike, femme fatale (Photo provided by Maike!)



And Finally...



Images from the Pinnacles this November (Photos: Kevin).

Left: Jan, leading (Swallow Crack 5.6?).

Right, Kathleen and Jessica preparing to climb Portent, 5.6.

Throughout the winter you will see trips to the pinnacles being suggested on the e-mail list. This location is ideal for those of you who are looking for their first outdoor rock experience. Swallow crack that day was Jessica's first outdoor climb!

The Treasurers Report

Karen Christie

We have \$1725, as of yesterday's deposit of the revenue from the JTree sites. There is one outstanding check for about \$145 to come out of that soon. Thus right now, we've got about

\$1580. Last year at this time, I think we had about \$800. Sabine transferred \$500 to me at the beginning of the year and the remainder later after outstanding checks cleared.

In addition, we're about to start collecting membership fees for next year. Last year, about 50 people renewed within the first 2-3 months, which would be \$750. Even a truly conservative number of 30 people would bring in \$450. This conservative number of 30 full price renewals would bring us to \$2030, but I suspect it will be more. Even after midyear, there was a steady trickle (1-3/month) of memberships at the \$7 rate.

Our main expenditure and raison d'etre is booking campsites. Last year, we spent about \$1300 total for the entire year. However, money from the earlier ones had started arriving before many of the later ones were even booked, so we don't really need the full \$1300 in the account right now. We ran at about a 20% loss on campsites

for the year until JTree, which made an enormous profit (\$300).

There are some other expenditures, mailing paper newsletters to those who want them, slide projector bulbs (rather expensive at \$30 each), but these totaled maybe \$300, another \$200 for picnic for the Access Fund cleanup day picnic and the Xmas party. These last two were pretty optional expenses, and were pretty late in the year, by which time we knew campsites were only slightly in the hole, and we had plenty of money in the account.

In view of the excess, I think we could look at lightening the account by at least \$600, probably more like \$800, and still have more than enough to take care of next year's expenses.

2003 – Proposed Trips

The bit you have all been waiting for... Here is a list of proposed trips for 2003 that has been compiled on the basis of suggestions of members. Many of those members have said that they would be willing to lead the suggested trips, if they go ahead as planned. Many of the trips on this list are not yet definite. It will take interest, organization and enthusiasm on the part of the organizer and Rock Rendezvous members to ensure trips will indeed happen...

If you wish to help out with any of the proposed trips, or have opinions on the locations and suggested times that trips should run, then please do e-mail me (cdent@sangamo.com) or one of the organizers listed. If you wish to organize a trip to an additional location please contact me, with a proposed time (this does not need to be exact) and I can add it to the list. Suggested locations include...a Desert Towers trip, the Grotto, the Balls, Fresno Dome, Needles, CA, Goat Rock, Mt. Diablo, Cosumnes River, Devil's Tower, Castle Rock, Mickey's Beach, Mt. Tamalpais, Indian Rocks, Golden Gate Wall, Pinnacles National Monument, and Mt. St. Helena, Napa Valley... The possibilities seem to be endless!!!

Date	Location	Organizer
Winter	Ski touring trips will be posted to the newsletter/mailling list or contact any of these individuals to get a ski trip going:	GianLuca, Tom, Nicole, Simon K., and/or Em (see website for email)
Winter	Ski touring: If you want to ski, the <i>Sierra club</i> has lots of trips. Here is a small selection from their calendar, reposted by permission of Chris K.	The complete schedule is at their website .
Winter	Ice Climbing trips will be posted to the newsletter/mailling list or contact:	Scott J. (see website for email)
Note	Winter climbing and skiing trips are weather permittind. All normal RR	

	liability waivers apply. You are completely on your own recognisance, especially for trips requiring mountaineering or technical ice skills.	
11th and/or 12th January	Pinnacles National Monument	Carolyn
26th January	Pinnacles National Monument day trip	GianLuca
21st & 25-26th Jan	Wilderness First Aid 20hr course - Outdoors Unlimited	http://www.cas.ucsf.edu/ou/firstaid.html
7-17th Feb	someplace warm , I have 10 days - where should I go?	Adam
15 th -23 rd Feb	el Potrero Chico , Mexico!	Adan
14-17 February	Snow Camping in _____	Simon K.
Spring	Yosemite Valley trips. Check website for dates/sites:	http://www.rockclimb.org/rr/trips.html
March	the Grotto - possibly earlier <i>depending upon weather/road conditions</i> . Persons with 4wd/high clearance vehicles needed as drivers.	Em
28th Mar - 1st April or longer	Joshua Tree	Adam
25th - 27th April	Red Rocks , Nevada. Long weekend or week for those who can. Group camp or motel?	Carolyn and Jan
1-4 May	City of Rocks , Idaho	Pat Mclaughlin
Late Spring/early Summer		
May/June	Sonora	Bruce/Em
May/June	Tahquitz/Suicide Rock	Adam
Summer	more Valley and Tuolumne trips. Check website for dates/sites:	http://www.rockclimb.org/rr/trips.html
late June/early July	Lover's Leap	Adam?
4th July	Courtwright Reservoir	Simon K.
July-???	Owens River Gorge	Carolyn
August	Tuolumne Meadows . Check website for dates/sites:	http://www.rockclimb.org/rr/trips.html
Autumn	Back to Yosemite Valley . Check website for dates/sites:	http://www.rockclimb.org/rr/trips.html
September	Goat Rock	Adam or Nicole

September	Mt. St. Helena , Napa Valley	????
October	Joint HMC/RR Valley trip , with UK visitors from the Hertforshire Mntn Club: http://www.herts-mc.swinternet.co.uk	Carolyn Dent
October	Red Rocks , Nevada	prime time to go
November - Thanksgiving	Joshua Tree	join the feast!
Date	Location	Organizer

Next Meeting: Tuesday January 7th 2003, 7:30pm

Scott has kindly offered his apartment once again for the January gathering. He is also providing us with a slide-show on his ice climbing exploits in Canada. If Scott's previous performances are anything to go by, this will be a slide-show that should not be missed!

Warning/Disclaimer

San Francisco Rock Rendezvous is not a teaching organization and does not endorse or insure rock climbing. Trips advertised in the newsletter are private and are only listed to allow for the co-ordination of car pooling and camping. Each participant on a trip 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.

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