



Rock Rendezvous: Volume 13; Issue 4: April 2003

Rock Rendezvous

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March Meeting Notes

Tom Kidd reports from the Presidential Palace...

The March meeting was at Simon's sumptuous surrounds, and was only marred by the absence of Amy in Uganda. By all accounts she is enjoying herself there despite a multitude of daily challenges. Simon's new roommate is Jeff Pflueger, who also gave the evening's slideshow, and in doing so attracted far more than the usual RR crowd. He must have felt relieved that he had spent the previous 48 hours (according to Simon) agonizing over which slides to choose. And the really amazing thing was that he only showed the reject slides – National Geographic owns all the good ones! To all who saw the show, this seemed incredible.

As there were so many unfamiliar faces, Simon kept the proceedings short and sweet. We began by discussing the choice of the club logo. Mike Brodesky has done an excellent job of setting up a web based voting system (<http://www.cabinshare.com/survey/survey.html>, although voting may be over by the time you read this). There was some discussion about whether some of the logos were meant to be climbers or pitons; how another looked like an amputee climber and how one logo looked like an M. This prompted the suggestion that we change the name to

Mock Rendezvous; someone else worried about its similarity to the old MTV logo. Our valiant newsletter editor was absent (at a first aid class) but has appealed for articles and pictures.

The Pinnacles trip was very successful by all accounts – 15-20 people went; Simon got drunk and fell asleep in the car on the way home. Scott continues to lure members of the club to the dark side of climbing, namely ice, on an almost regular basis which is amazing given the warm weather we have been having. The latest convert is the aforementioned newsletter editor who went out and bought some top of the line gear. Les Wilson was wearing a shirt with a safari logo on it and acquired it during a three-week trip to South Africa. He is apparently up to his usual combination of adventurous activities of which climbing is only one component. Upcoming trips - There is Pat's City of Rocks trip at the beginning of May. Em's Grotto trip was postponed because she has tendonitis.

The next RR meeting will be in Linda Shen's house – this illicit many silent cheers as people remembered the wonderful hot tub from last time. The following meeting, Simon will probably be in the midst of a

conjugal visit to Africa and the Veep will have to host the proceedings.

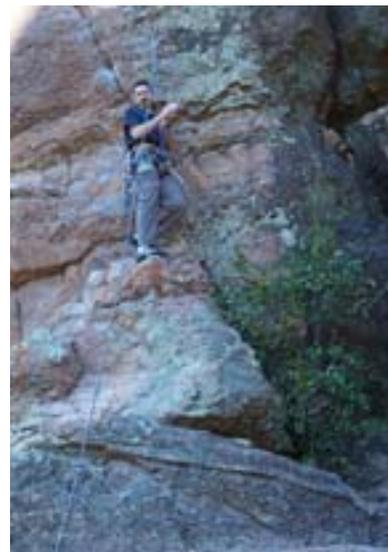
Jeff's slideshow was all about his last five summers in Alaska, although he has spent more time there over the years. His slides were from time spent working for Outward Bound in Seward, and climbing in the Brookes and Chugach Ranges further north. The slides were awesome and I was too busy watching to take many notes, but I'll list my favorite recollections. I should add that Jeff had two projectors merging in and out, music and an infectious enthusiasm. Beginning with Outward Bound, he had shots of rubber dinghies on a large river, followed by kayaks in front of an immense glacier plunging a long way to end up in the sea. They took the students out onto the Harding ice field to climb shale nunateks. This was a 14hr day for the students, but they were clearly having a blast. Perhaps

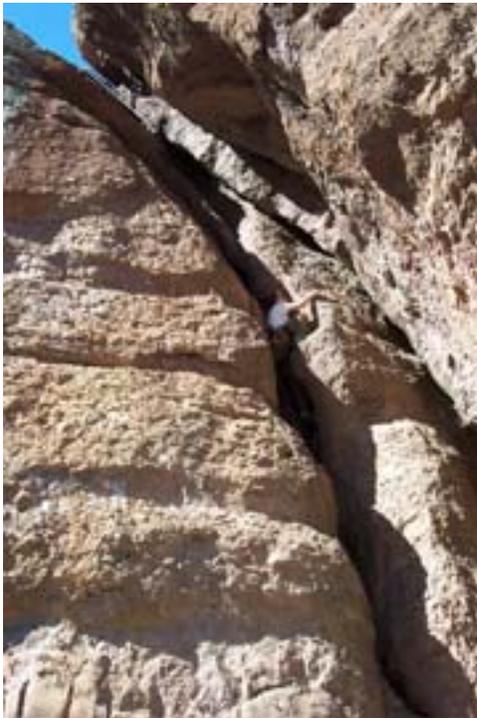
the most memorable shot was the students gathered on the top of a peak with the blue sea in the far distance. Onto the spectacular granite of the Chugach Range which photographically was overshadowed by the colors of the fall vegetation. They spent 18 days in the range and had to take in a lot of gear and supplies. The heavy load prompted the bush pilot to enthusiastically kiss his wife goodbye, which left the team wondering if they should have brought so much stuff. It was this sort of shot that made it such a memorable slide show. Another one was of the Pole Star and the Big Dipper behind the Northern Lights. There was climbing of course, and 20ft falls, and competition between teams, aid pitches to the summit block etc. but the scale of the Alaskan scenery was what most impressed me and my neighbors on the sofa. Thanks to Jeff for the slides, and to Simon for hosting.

Pinnacles...

Kevin's Photographs from the March Pinnacles Trip

Thanks to Kevin for sending me these pictures from the recent Pinnacles trip. I only wish that I knew who the climbers were, and what routes they were on – so if you are featured here, apologies for your anonymity... It seemed a shame to leave them out, but next time *please* let me know Kevin!!! That chimney looks particularly nasty, but I am sure it was all good traditional fun in the best sense of the word...





Red Rocks – April 24th-29th

This trip will definitely run.

We have a group campsite booked which will hold 10-20 people, and is well located for getting to the climbing. The campsite is booked for the nights of Thursday April 24th through Monday 28th (departing Tuesday 29th) There is also the possibility of staying in motels/hotels/casino etc in Las Vegas.

Climbing – there is a mixture of single and multi-pitch climbing available at Red Rocks. I know many people like to come along with a regular partner, but I am also encouraging of the idea of experienced climbers coming on this trip without a partner pre-arranged, and then linking up with the group on a daily basis for individual climbs...

There are still a limited number of spaces available on the campsite, so please e-mail me (carolynldent@aol.com) if you are interested in this trip include the following information... Let me know your degree of interest (definite or just interested?), whether you prefer to camp or stay in a hotel, fly or drive.

This should be a good trip, and I have heard no rumours of an alcohol ban at Red Rocks to date!!

City of Rocks – May 1st-4th

City of Rocks National Monument is a 50-square mile area in Southern Idaho clustered with hundreds of granite towers. Internationally famed for its magnificent rock, sporting thousands of routes of any difficulty, the "City" is an ideal place for honing your climbing skills in a relaxed high desert atmosphere. Routes vary in length between one and six pitches and encompass all genres of climbing including cracks, bolted faces, slabs, chimneys, and roofs. The climbing at the City can be so enjoyable for almost any level of climber. The rock is quite positive and produces a high friction surface for the rubber. The many towers of rocks that lay in the fields of the City are in many wild and crazy shapes and forms, almost surreal like.

Please contact Pat McLaughlin if you are interested in this trip. If you wish to go and do not have Pats contact details e-mail carolynldent@aol.com and I will pass them on to you.

2003 – Proposed Trips

Updated trip list... As it currently stands, 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 (carolynldent@aol.com) or one of the organizers listed. I can also help put you in touch with the organizer if you do not know their e-mail. 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!!!

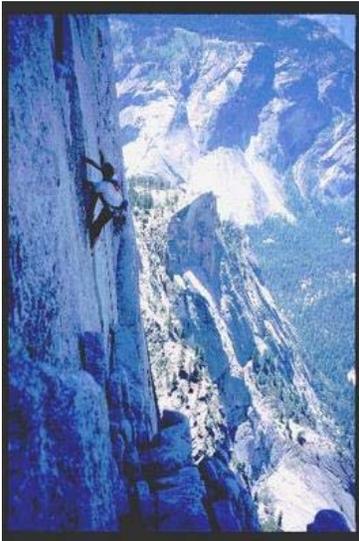
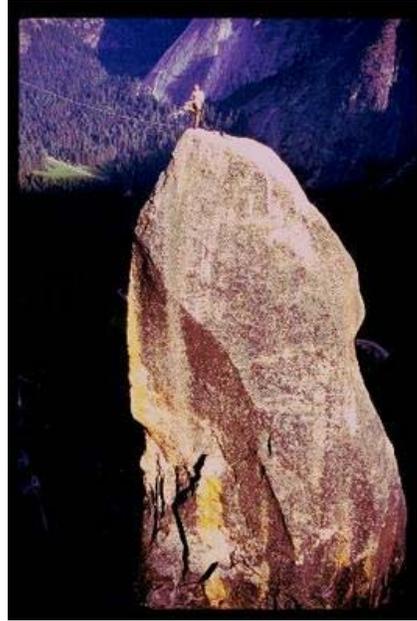
Date	Location	Organizer
Spring	Yosemite Valley trips. Check website for dates/sites:	http://www.rockclimb.org/rr/trips.html
18 th – 19 th April	Yosemite Valley , campsite booked.	Available for sign-up nearer the time
24th - 29th April	Red Rocks , Nevada. Trip filling up, but we still have a couple of spaces on the campsite, and motel accommodation is available in the area.	Carolyn and Jan
1-4 May	City of Rocks , Idaho	Pat McLaughlin
2 nd /3rd May	Yosemite Valley , campsite booked.	
9 th /10 th May	Yosemite Valley , campsite booked.	Available for sign-up nearer the time
30 th /31 st May	Yosemite Valley , campsite booked.	Available for sign-up nearer the time
6 th /7 th June	Yosemite Valley , campsite booked.	Available for sign-up nearer the time

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
27 th /28 th June	Tuolumne Meadows , campsite booked.	Available for sign-up nearer the time
11 th – 13 th July	Tuolumne Meadows, GROUP campsite booked.	Available for sign-up nearer the time
late June/early July	Lover's Leap	Volunteer needed...
4th July	Courtwright Reservoir	Simon K.
August/September?	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 March 4th, 2003, 7:00pm

As promised in the notes, our next meeting will be at Linda Shens house in San Francisco, directions are below... Bring bathers and a towel if you want to use the hot tub...

This month's slideshow extravaganza will be presented by Allen Currano. He will be showing slides from some of his climbing trips over the last year, including Mt. Shasta, Lost Arrow Spire, Half Dome, and Red rocks. It will also include the first ever west-coast presentation of the "Nose-in-just-slightly-over-a-day" digital multi-media masterpiece, created by Rock and Ice Illustrator Jeremy Collins. They might be slower than Hans and Yuji, but they take a lot more pictures! Don't miss it!



A selection of pictures from Allen Currano, who will be showing his slides at this months meeting...

Directions to Lindas house:
300 Foerster Street at Hearst Ave San Francisco
Cell 650 740 5664

From East Bay:

80 -> 101 -> 280 South to Daly City
Exit at Monterey Blvd and go straight at the light
Turn left at Foerster Street
Go one block to Hearst Ave
The house is to your left at the corner of Foerster and Hearst

From South Bay:

101 North

Stay on 101 for 15 more miles AFTER you past the airport. Do not take 380.

280 South to Daly City

Exit at Monterey Blvd and go straight at the light

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The closest BART station is Glen Park, about 10-min walk to Lindas place.

MUNI 23, 43 and 36 go right by Lindas house.

Warning/Disclaimer

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