



Rock Rendezvous: Volume 13; Issue 5: May 2003

Rock Rendezvous

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April Meeting Notes

Simons presidential address from Aprils steamy meeting at Chez Linda Chen...

CHEERS!!!



Rock Rendezvous Brits in a stew... Simon (President), Carolyn (Editor) and Paul (visiting member from Britain) enjoying Linda's hot tub at last months meeting!
We were talking climbing – honest!!!

Actually... I have to admit, I have been unable to open Simons presidential address on my computer (my fault), and as our President is now in Africa visiting Amy, and the newsletter needs to go out imminently, I will have to try and remember as much as I can about what went on at the meeting... Sorry Simon!

Firstly, I would like to thank Linda Chen for hosting this months meeting. Once again her home, garden, and hot-tub were greatly appreciated by those of us there. We had a good turnout for the meeting, where Simon revealed the new Rock Rendezvous logo. This logo SHOULD have been

on this newsletter for all to see, but unfortunately it was in the same e-mail as the meeting notes, which I had problems with, so sorry folks – I shall have it up and running by next month... In addition to beautifying the newsletter, several other uses were proposed for the logo. Simon is going to be lobbying interest in T-shirts soon. He is planning to have good quality t-shirts made up, and will be taking orders in advance of commissioning printing... Several other ideas for Rock Rendezvous product were put forward at the meeting, including hats, thongs, and branding irons!!!

Allen Currano provided us with a slide-show in two halves. In the first half he showed us some pictures of climbing at various locations, including some exciting photos from an ascent of Lost Arrow Spire, and the Tyrolean traverse to return to the top of Yosemite Falls!!! One story (excellently illustrated with cartoons by Rock and Ice illustrator Jeremy Collins) was from a recent climb in Tuolumne (Cathedral Peak if I remember correctly). Allen was heading up with two friends, when they encountered a group of three gripped novices telling them what an epic they had, and how they had got their **brand new** ropes stuck on rappel high on the peak, and not been able to recover them. Allen and co. paused long enough only to confirm the location of the ropes, after which ensued a race for the summit such as could only be inspired by three climbers racing to collect only two free brand new ropes!!!

Finally Allen showed us a digitally imaged slideshow of his ascent of The Nose in just over 24 hours. Thanks Allen for a real inspiring slideshow, with a good dose of humor too!

Sonora!!!!

Photos from Mei and Allen...



Allen and Mei Climbing at The Grotto,
Sonora



Simon K. and Noriko climbing at The Grotto. Shortly after this picture was taken Simon took a surprise fall as a hold came off in his hand!!



Mei Climbing at the Grotto

Next Month

Next month I promise I will have the new logo adorning the pages of our newsletter.

I also plan to have a spread on the recent Red Rocks trip, so if you were on this trip, and have any photos or anecdotes, please send them to me at carolynldent@aol.com. Thanks to those of you who have already sent something in... I hope to convey to some of you what a pleasure it was climbing at Red Rocks, and plan to have another trip there sometime in the future!!!

The usual call for articles, photo's etc stands. I know one or two of you have mentioned trips that you have photos from (you know who you are), so if you have time to put something together then it would be great to have more for the newsletter!

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
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.

September October?	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.thehmc.co.uk	Carolyn
October/November	RED ROCKS , Nevada – Yes please!!! This place is SO COOL I am dying to get back ASAP!!!!	Carolyn
November - Thanksgiving	Joshua Tree	join the feast!
Date	Location	Organizer

Next Meeting: Tuesday May 6th, 2003, 7:00pm

This month Allen Currano is hosting our meeting at his house in San Lorenzo. There will be a barbeque going, and a slackline available. Bring beer, snacks, and anything you want to throw on the barbeque...

Cams in need of TLC??? Bruce will be giving a cam repair demo!!!

Directions to Allen's House (these are the correct version circulated in the final e-mail) in San Lorenzo: 1750 Bandoni Ave, San Lorenzo 94580.

Phone is 510-612-0784 (cell) 510-317-0411 (Home).

From the North:

I-880 South toward San Lorenzo

Take the I-238 exit toward I-580/STOCKTON/FRESNO. 0.09 miles

Take the ramp toward WASHINGTON AVENUE. 0.19 miles

Turn LEFT onto BEATRICE ST. 0.02 miles

Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto WASHINGTON AVE. 0.73 miles

WASHINGTON AVE becomes VIA ALAMITOS. 0.49 miles

Turn RIGHT onto VIA MANZANAS. 0.32 miles

Turn LEFT onto CHANNEL ST. 0.30 miles

CHANNEL ST becomes BANDONI AVE. 0.20 miles (cross intersection at bockman, veer slightly right (do not turn right onto bockman)

1750 is on the left, a few houses after the first street on the left. It is a yellow house and usually has a white van in the driveway. Park on the street, parking is free and plentiful.

From the South:

880 North toward san lorenzo

Take the A STREET Exit (the last hayward exit, before the 238/580 exit)

Turn LEFT at the light at the end of the ramp on A STREET

Turn RIGHT on HESPERIAN BLVD (when you can't go straight any more)

Turn left on BOCKMAN (**two** lights down, 76 and Washington Mutual on corner)

Go 0.9 miles, past 1 light and 1 stop signs

Turn SLIGHT LEFT at a stop sign onto BANDONI AVE. you will see CHANNEL st on the **right**, and a park on the **left**. You probably won't see the sign for BANDONI, but turn **left** anyway.

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The nearest bart station is a tossup between Hayward and Bayfair. It's a long way to walk from either one, but if people want to bart, I'm sure a pickup can be arranged (in advance, of course).

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.