



Rock Rendezvous: Volume 13; Issue 10: October 2003

Rock Rendezvous

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September Meeting Notes

By Kevin Kachadourian

Simon brought the meeting to order, and began by thanking Scott for hosting. This was followed by lots of cheers and applause. The first business of the evening was a report on the recent clean up at Summit Rock. There was a crew of about 20 there, including 8 from the Rock Rendezvous, and 8 from Class 5 climbing gym. The area has been developed a lot over the years and is a great place for climbing, now that bags of glass, plastic and cans are gone. The climbs include a 5 star 5.8! Photos were taken to document, and will be in the next newsletter. During the day there was discussion of outreach efforts by the Park Service to bring students out to the parks. This reporter did get the chance to make some pretty interesting upside down chimney moves retrieving a few bits of glass (any excuse to climb).

Upcoming trips were discussed to the extent that the upcoming Thanksgiving trip to Red Rocks was reviewed. We have 40 spaces, and are trying to better the festive crew of over 60 people that made it to J-Tree last year. Oncaveat was that people should not sign up if they are not sure if they're going. It looks to be a great trip, in the grand Thanksgiving tradition of the Rock

Rendezvous, the drinking club with the climbing problem.

In announcements unrelated to climbing, it was related that Tioga Pass Resort now has free internet hook ups if you have a notebook and card (I didn't get what type of card; lan, modem,?). Torger is already making preparations for a Bradley Hut ski trip the end of January or beginning of February (the food cache has been started). There was also talk of a Martin Luther King weekend trip to Lassen. The business portion of the meeting ended with a discussion of organizing a sponsorship campaign to counter the CCC. While they require sponsorship to climb out, we could sponsor what? We are not about sponsorship, we're aboutdangar, beer?

After the business, Scott gave a slide show from Burning Man, which did include some climbing; and ice climbing near Calgary. The ice climbing included Ice Crabby, which prompted Scott to posit 'where to get a screwin'. For those of you who didn't come to the meeting, you missed any photos of Carolyn naked at Burning Man! Thanks to Scott for hosting and the slideshow.



And Introducing...

New members who talked to Kevin Kachadourian...

(as always, the reporter disavows any knowledge of what he is talking about, and should he be caught or killed,....)

Justin Smith.

Justin hails from Washington, and has been in the Bay Area for 4 months. He had met members in Washington, and wasn't frightened enough to avoid us after he moved here. Justin has been climbing for about 6 years, in JTree, Smith Rock, the Titan River Canyon, among other locations. He climbs it all: trad, sport, sandstone, granite ('I like to have fun'). In addition to climbing, Justin likes mountain biking, and snowboards like a madman. When he's not risking life and limb in the mountains, Justin is a painter. He paints houses for money (painted his first Victorian a few days before the meeting), and when not painting houses, he creates narrative representational paintings. Welcome, Justin, to the meeting, and to the Rock Rendezvous.

Paul Managan.

Paul lives in San Francisco. He moved here from New York about 4 years ago. A search for a better place brought him to the South Bay, but he ended up in San Francisco (\$7 emails were somehow a part of the explanation). Paul has climbed at Mission Cliffs, Donner, Tahoe, and in Mexico on a beach near Oaxaca (seen in the movie 'Y tu Mama Tambien'). Paul loves trad, but will climb sport if that's all there is. Not only does Paul climb, but he snowboards, and was seen managing a Summer camp in the Appalachian. When he's not climbing or snowboarding, Paul works as a commercial photographer, which he has been doing for 11 years. He was known once as the king of the beer bottle (was that the full or the empty beer bottle?). Welcome to the Rock Rendezvous, Paul.

Sam McGeehan.

Where is Sam from? It's not real clear. Portland, Oregon; Trenton, New Jersey; Boseman, Montana, perhaps in that order. Sam claimed that Boseman was the first step in his return to the West (big first step). He has lived in the Bay Area for 3 years, and doesn't like the traffic. He lived for 2 years in a house full of climbers on Filmore. He has climbed at Castle Rock, Mt. Diablo, Yosemite, Donner, St Helena (the Bubble, which was a good total experience, the Grotto (which was really fun), JTree, Owens, and some bouldering in Bishop. Sam has been leading since last Thanksgiving. In addition to climbing, Sam likes road biking, volleyball, hiking, and outdoor photography. He supports his outdoor habits working in architectural drafting and construction management. Welcome, Sam.

Smith Rock, Oregon – Memorial Day Weekend

The second of three trip reports from Sylvain

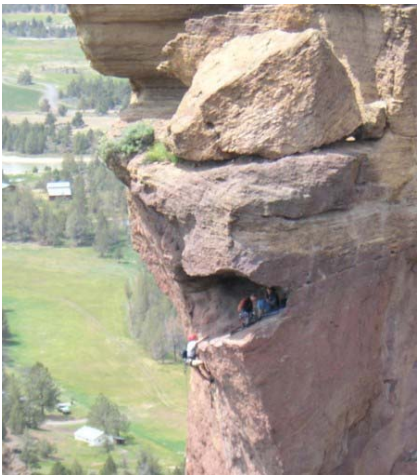
Obviously there is nothing very original in this trip, but as I heard that some RR members have still not been to Smith, I hope to convince you that you have to go soon!

I do not have my guide book with me to double check my poor memory... So all my comments below are subject to interpretation!

General view:



Monkey face: You can only see Monkey face from the backside of Smith. The party on the face is climbing what looks like a very fun but crowded 5.7 A0. A bolt ladder brings you in the Monkey's mouth. I believe that the mountain behind Monkey face is Mt Jefferson (?).



Beta:

Trip: About 10 hours drive from the Bay.

Season: Not too sure. I went there twice at the end of September when it can be pretty cold in the morning. May was perfect except for half day of rain.

Gear-climbs: The routes are mainly single pitch bolted. But it is worth it to bring a rack as there are some excellent crack as well. Some of the first bolts are very high and a cheat stick maybe helpful.

Lodging: there are two campgrounds. I only know the one close to Smith. There is no designated area. You just pitch your tent wherever in the campground limit.

Favorite climbs: there are a lot of good routes. A place I really like is the Mesa Verde Wall. It is on the backside of Smith so it is a very good way to get out of the weekend crowds. The knobby face "Screaming Yellow Zonkers" (10b), the arête "Moon of Pluto" (10d) and the short but very intense "Reason to be (10d)" definitely deserve their star ratings.

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, Consumnes 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/Trip Leader
18 th /19 th October	Joint HMC/RR Valley trip , with UK visitors from the Hertfordshire Mountaineering Club: http://www.thehmc.co.uk	Carolyn
October 11 th -12 th	Smith Rock or Owens River Gorge	Jan and Adan
November - Thanksgiving	Red Rocks – a different location this year!	Reservations will be available soon
Date	Location	Organizer

Next Meeting: Tuesday October 7th, 2003, 7pm

(sorry folks, this one's history by now!)

This month we will be back at Kevin Kachadourian's pad in Oakland for the meeting. The slide show will be by Ricardo Lagos, who recently completed an astonishing first climbing season with a solo ascent of Zodiac on El Cap! Good one Ricardo!

As usual festivities will get under way at around 7.00pm. Please remember to bring some food and beer!!

See you there...

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Directions:

Note: please walk down the driveway and use the side door, as the front door currently leads to someone's bedroom! No deliberate mistakes please...

From SF and all points north of Oakland: take whatever roads get you to I-580 south. After you pass Fruitvale and 35th avenue, get off at High Street. Turn left and go under the freeway. At the first light, turn left onto MacArthur. Take the next right onto Maybelle Street (Kragen Auto Parts and Roma Pizza are on the corner). After 2.5 blocks, just as the street starts to climb, the house will be on the right.

From all points south of Oakland: take whatever roads get you to I-580 north. After you pass the exit for highway 13, take the next exit for MacArthur Blvd./High Street. At the stop sign, go straight. The exit ramp becomes Calaveras Ave (for a few meters), and then merges onto MacArthur. At the next light, go straight past High Street. Take the next right onto Maybelle Street (Kragen Auto Parts and Roma Pizza are on the corner). After 2.5 blocks, just as the street starts to climb, the house will be on the right.



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.