

BEAR TRACKS



The Newsletter of the U.C. Hiking Club

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MARCH 1986

The month of February had a lot going for it—rain, more rain, snow, sun, cold, warmth, wind. Well, more than weather was going for February. U.C. Hiking Club events, for instance. So here it goes. The month of February as seen by the U.C.H.C.

CARSON PASS SKI TRIP

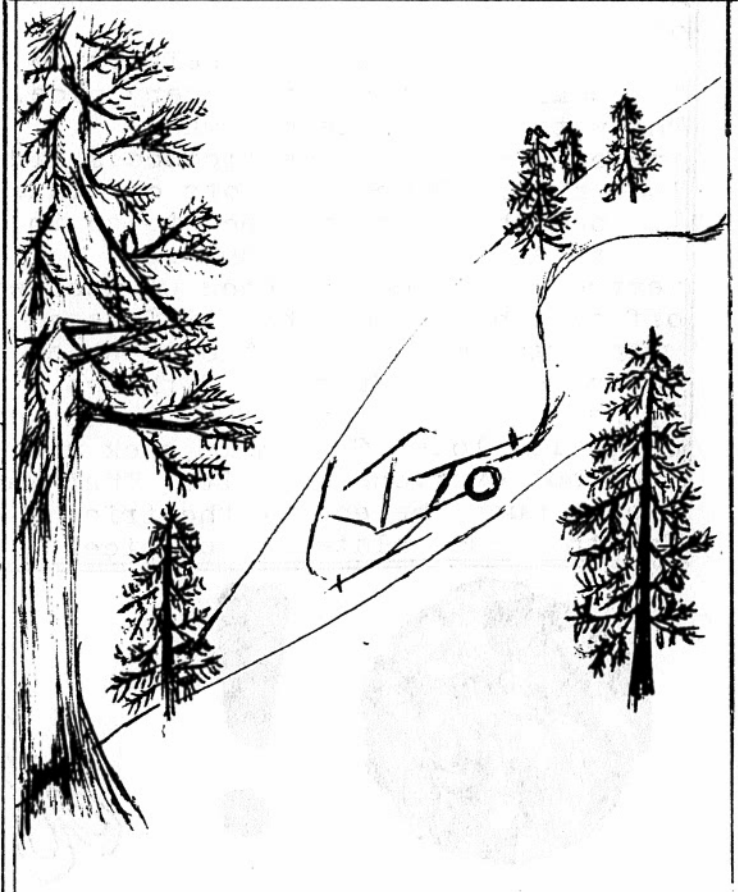


What a beautiful weekend! There was approx. 3 feet of new fallen snow, the temperature hovered at about 20°, and the sky was clear and blue. Perfect, I'd say. I guess that some would think that it was too cold. We left on Fri. night (the 7th) and finally got on the road after grocery shopping and dinner. Camping that night was along highway 88 in the driveway of a closed resort, which was perfectly agreeable to all. The next morning we continued up 88 to Carson Pass. There, Larry, Ruth and Paul got their first tastes of K-C skins. They all did fine with the help of Andy, Dan, Tahmina, and myself. The day was, as I said, beautiful, and I think that everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves, from the beginners who practiced on the lake, to Dan's, Andy's & my speed runs.

After that, we (group 1) met them (group 2) and drove down to Grover Hot Springs. "They" included Miguel Assaf, Sam, and Rob. After dinner, we thought that we'd relieve our muscles with a soak in the springs, but the silly thing was closed! But never fear, there were heated restrooms to keep us warm. Many of those who were new to snow-camping found Sat. night unbearably cold, and rightfully so—the temp. dropped to 12° F, that night. But we managed to get everyone moving on Sun. morning (with the aid of the heated restrooms) and

we were on the road again—this time to a little known area whose name I forgot (it was a campground closed for the winter). It was a great area, with open roads for the beginners, hills for the more adventurous, and a special event—telemarc races by Dan, Miguel and me, followed by general speed races for all. Then the Homeward road. Sigh.

—Heather



SOMEWHERE YOU'VE NEVER BEEN BEFORE - MARCH 1

O.K. So this trip wasn't to Modoc County as billed. O.K. So it was a daytrip, instead of a week weekend trip. O.K. So we only went to Pt. Reyes. But at least it was a part of Pt. Reyes that we had never been to before. Eleven of us went to Tomales Pt, the northern tip of Pt. Reyes. We all met the morning of March first and drove off in two cars and a bullet riddled Pinto station wagon.

Across the bay we rendezvoused in Inverness, visited the public library, and got some food. From there, we blasted through some 500,000 black and white cows (the pretty kind) to the small "Amish Commune" at the trail head. Then we did the hike, which turned out to be a pleasant 9 miles through coastal scrub and plain. There were numerous flowers out, including poppies, irises, and anonymous little groundlings. We had views of the ocean the whole way. At one point near the tip there was a large rock offshore with numerous seals on it. Along the way we ran into two herds of elk.

The big tamale itself is no big deal, although it is very nice. The water unfortunately was inaccessible, but the tidepools did look nice. There was lots of wind. It would be a great place to go in a whopper storm; get some real weather. On the way back we stopped off at a bottom of the cliff beach, which was real nice. There was a lot of good driftwood and things. We had a bit of a cliff climb to get out, with lots of crumbly rock and mud, but everyone made it. That was pretty much the end of the trip. Not the Modoc plateau, but nice.

AND GLO WENT TO DEATH VALLEY . . .

This was evidently a great trip with some 20 people in attendance. Look for the full gory details in next month's edition of Bear Tracks.

Nominations Next ^{for} Year

It's time to start thinking about next year and the U.C. Hiking Club. Next year, we will need more help running the club. Would you like to help? Do you know someone else who would like to help? Nominate yourself or nominate them! The following will be open:

President: supervises club in benevolent fashion, does finances, does figurehead duties.

Vice President: assists the president.

Secretary: does the P.R., puts together meetings, makes fliers, writes nasty letters.

Equipment Manager: responsible for all club equipment.

Bear Tracks Editor: does this.
+ several officers at large to assist the aforementioned.

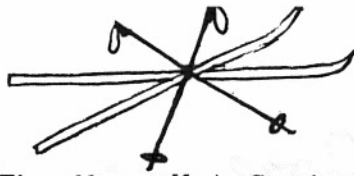
Hours are short, benefits are long. It can be a lot of fun. A meeting will be held toward the end of the semester to decide what's what. So, fill out the nomination form below and send it on in to 605a Eshleman Hall.

Yow! I would like to nominate

for the esteemed office of



Jon's Ski Corner



Rock Creek Trip - Jan 17-20

One of the good things about Christmas break is that it provides a large chunk of time during which you can go somewhere. This year, the somewhere was Rock Creek canyon in the eastern Sierra. Given the 8 hour drive it takes to get there, this is definitely a big-chunk-of-time-type trip. But the drive is definitely worth it, as the eastern Sierra is about as spectacular as it gets around here. Rock Creek canyon is uphill from Tom's Place between Mammoth and Bishop. It's a wide valley the goes up gradually to about 10,600', then abruptly to Bear Creek Spire, 13,713'. We took a day driving there and ate Mexican food in Bishop. We were Jon Sundquist, Miguel Appleman, Heather Shepherd, Don Aumann, and George Bell. Then the next day, we skied to Long lake at the end of the valley. The weather wasn't great - snow showers and a lot of wind, headwind that is. But the next two days it was beautiful. First we skied up to the base of Bear Creek Spire and skied down. George cut some fine telemarks, while the rest of us mostly crashed and burned. The scenery was incredible and the bowls perfect. The next day we went back up, more independently, this time. I worked on my telemarking on the perfect slopes, while George, crazy as he is, climbed to the top of Bear Creek Spire by himself. Then, alas, the fourth day came and we had to ski out, but it was all downhill, so it was fun. The bottom few miles were groomed by the Rock Creek Winter Lodge, so we got in some good slot-car skiing before heading home. Luckily, Martin Luther King was famous, so in his honor, we didn't have to be back the next day, so we gradually acclimatized ourselves to civilization by spending a night in Heather's Parents' cabin in Tahoe City.

The Mono Hot Springs Attempted Trip

Feb. 14-17

Everybody was complaining that there was no new snow, and all the old snow was melting. Well, a week of storms changed that and dumped a ton (along with some rain, too, unfortunately). The only problem was we actually tried to take a ski-camping trip in the middle of it. We left Berkeley Friday night for Huntington lake in rain/snow. Maybe it'll let up we said. But in the morning, it was still the same. But we decided to go for it anyways. We made it about 6 miles and 1400' higher by two o'clock and noticed we were going very slowly and were all soaked all the way through and were cold. Deciding this was definitely not fun, and we all went on this trip to have fun, and the prospects for fun in the near future looked bleak, we headed back to the cars and back to Berkeley. Meanwhile, it kept storming for four more days. The foolhardy, but not stupid adventurers were Jon Sundquist, Steve Huskins, Neil Marcus, Mark Sullivan, Bruce Maple, Jon Schraeter, Robbie, and of course, Hillary Beck and his Baked chicken.

Spring Break SKI TRIP announcement

The next chance we get to have a long trip to the Eastern Sierra is Spring Break, April 12-21. For all or part of this, I plan to take a ski trip along the Sierra crest or therabouts. One trip I've heard is good is the Piute pass to Rock Creek tour through Humphry's Basin, but the route isn't finalized yet. This trip will definitely require at least intermediate ability, and some ski camping experience. I plan on this being one of my best trips ever, so it should be good.

Golden Gate to Mount Tam. - MARCH 15

Join Heather on this fantastic hike along the Marin headlands from the Golden Gate Bridge to Mt Tamalpais. This all day hike will take in some of the more splendid and seldom visited trails of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and lead the twelve miles to Mt Tamale Pie. There will be a pretrip meeting Wed March 12 at 7:00 pm in the UCHC office. Be there for the paper airplane contest that follows!

GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE TO MT. TAMALPAIS

March 15 (Sat)

Heather Shepherd 540-9192

Anza-Borrego Spring Break

Steve Glaeser will probably be leading a Spring Break Trip to the Anza Borrego Desert. We are still a little bit short on details at press time, but it will probably be a casual car camping event. Hiking and geology watching will be prominent activities. No doubt it will be a very interesting trip.

SPRING BREAK ANZA BORREGO DESERT

Steve Glaeser 525-1476

BIG SUR March 22-23

Glo Minaya will be leading a trip to Big Sur over the weekend of March 22-23. It will be a fairly long, strenuous, see if you can do it type trip from the inland reaches of Big Sur to the coast, but it will not be technically difficult. Expect to see a lot of scrubland, redwoods, and banana slugs on this trans coast range hike.

BIG SUR March 22-23

Glo Minaya 643-1481

GRAND CANYON Spring Break

There will probably be a trip to the Grand Canyon over Spring Break. We will leave Berkeley immediately after classes on the evening of the 11th of April and get to the Grand Canyon on the 12th. If there is a lot of snow on the ground, we might spend the first day skiing around on the rim; otherwise we will go straight down (and I mean down) to the river.

We will follow the Colorado River from a point near Desert View to it's junction with the Little Colorado River, and then head back. It will take about the entire week.

This is a great route; I did it three years ago. The scenery is unparalleled, the river is just too cool. The route is difficult, however. There are some very airy portions, a fair amount of up and down, and several long days. The rewards are definitely worth it though. This trip will be absolutely limited to ten people, and due to the difficulty, beginners must talk to me before they will be allowed to go. This is also a trip that calls for a pair of hiking boots; give yourself at least two weeks to break them in before the trip, if you don't already have them.

There is a chance that the permits needed for all the Grand Canyon trails will not be granted. If this is the case, we will probably go North to Oregon instead and do some volcano skiing and lava hopping in the Cascades before coming back along the coast.

Either way, the trip will be April 12 - 20 (the entire break) and will be good fun. Stay tuned to the trip board for late breaking news.

GRAND CANYON SPRING BREAK - APRIL 12-20

-Miguel Appleman
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WEDNESDAY MEETINGS

At 7:30 pm in 605A Eshleman

PAPER AIRPLANE CONTEST - MARCH 12th

At this meeting, we will be staging a paper airplane contest. Yes, it is about time that the UCHC, having staged hiking, skiing, and climbing events for decades, paid tribute to that other great activity, PAPER AIRPLANE FLYING! Undoubtedly paper airplane flying has a larger following than any other sport known to man, with the possible exception of trash can basketball. It is the true sport of kings; it is now time for the UCHC to participate.

There will be five categories for this contest:

- Distance
- Time Aloft
- Aerobatics
- Novelty Value
- Overall Beauty

Winners in each category will receive valuable prizes:

- Outdoor Gear
- Food
- Trips
- Drinks

Rules for the contest are fairly simple. Planes are limited to at most 3 8 1/2 x 11 sheets of bond paper, paperclips, tape and staples. All entries must be made in the office during the course of the event (We will supply supplies). You can enter as often as you like, but can only enter one of each design. Judging of the last three categories will be by consensus of the participants. Prizes will only be awarded to UCHC members, although the contest is open to all (UCHC memberships will be available at the event for \$5/year). Complete rules are available in the office or on the tripboard...and remember, cheating is encouraged, just as long as you're not caught.

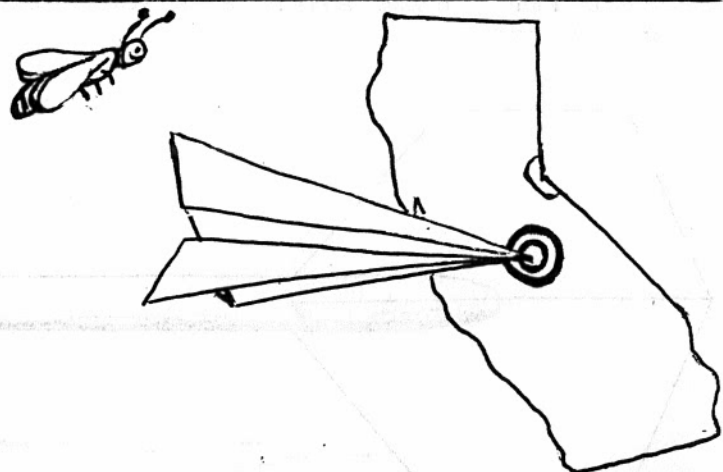
ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS - MARCH 17th

For those of us who really can't stand what the powers that be are doing to our environment, we are conducting an environmental issues evening. We will spend the evening doing what we can (letter writing, etc.) to help.

DART TRIP DECISION NIGHT - March 26

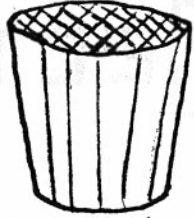
If you're attending the Dart Trip, attendance at this meeting is absolutely mandatory. Bring yourself, munchies, drinks and especially your "bibles" (Zippy Comix, Organic Chem texts, Ansel Adams portfolios, etc.) for the swearing in. Then start throwing darts at the map to decide where we're spending the weekend (Aim carefully). Afterwards, eat, drink, and celebrate or drown your sorrows.

If you're not attending the Dart Trip, it's still great to go watch the festivities and participate in the bash afterwards. The location of this event will be announced shortly.



WEDNESDAY MEETINGS, II

TRASH CAN BASKETBALL - APRIL 2



What sport has the world's largest following? What's the biggest participant sport in the universe? You got it, if you read the previous page. It's trash can basketball! The UCHC will officially recognize this sport this evening. We will hold a brief tournament, some horse, a three point shooting contest, and a slam dunking contest before retiring for refreshments.

Prizes will be awarded to winning teams and individuals, as well as losing teams and individuals and maybe even some in between. Rules will be announced shortly (keep an eye on the trip board). We will supply balls and baskets. So lace up your high tops and check it out... but beware! The UCHC basket is tough!

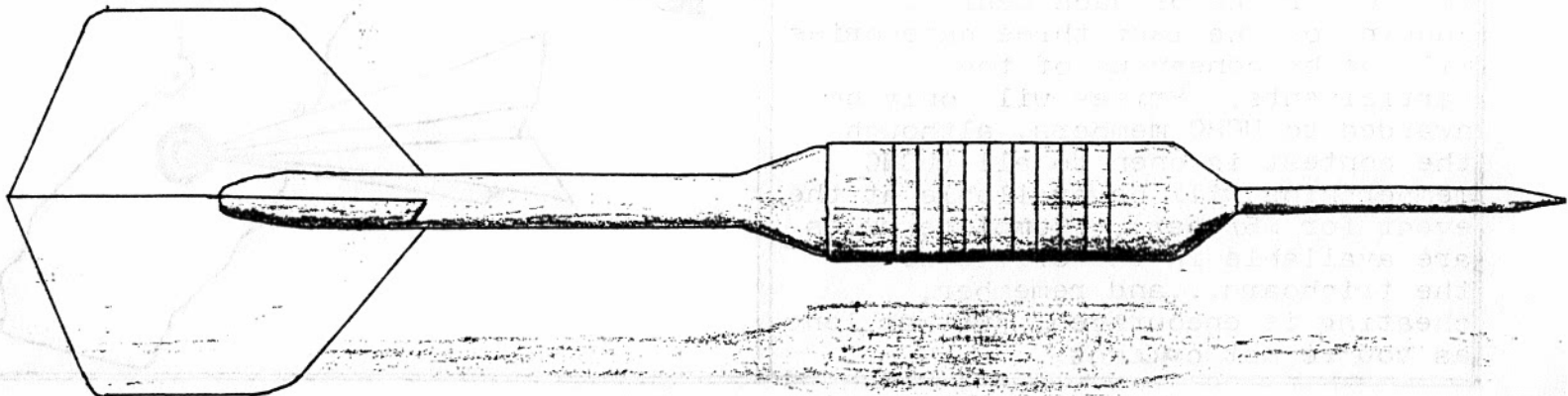
DART TRIP RECOVERY PARTY!











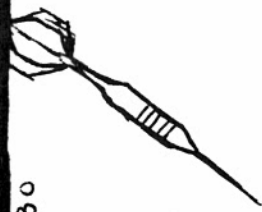
Wed. April 9, 7:30

This is the official Dart Trip recovery party!!! Come and see all the pictures from the trip, contribute to the write up in our trip log, and pig out on refreshments. If you didn't come on the Dart Trip, come along and see what you missed.

DART TRIP '86

This most glorious of all trips will occur this year between March 29 and 30. If you do not already know what it's about, it is a trip, the destination of which is decided by throwing darts at a map. The map this year includes all of California and some of Nevada; this map will be divided into several hundred regions. The first of these regions to get three darts in it on the night of Wednesday the 26th is where we get to (have to?) go. We then go there and do whatever is appropriate for the region. If we go to the Big Sur region, we'll watch banana slugs, and if we go to the Reno region, we'll gamble. Whatever we do and wherever we go, we will have fun. On this trip we prove that the U.C. Hiking Club can go anywhere and always have fun. Sign up for this trip in the office to reserve your space on the 1986th annual Dart Trip, and save the evening of the 26th for decision night!



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31	1	2 7:30 pm Trashcan basketball	Remember! April 9: Dart Trip recovery/party Watch for U.C.H.C B-B-Q in April Spring Break: { Grand Canyon - Miguel Eastern Sierra Ski - Jon Anza Borrego - Steve			

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