



Rock Rendezvous



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Spring is in the air ... yes, it is!

A small but perfectly formed newsletter this month. Torger was kind enough to be March Climber of the Month – see his profile on page 2.

Simon and Amy took a trip to Lee Vining for a spot of back country skiing and relaxing at Buckeye Hot Springs. See pictures from their trip on page 3.

On page 4, you'll see the most up-to-date list of upcoming RR trips. The spring Red Rocks trip is available for sign up at the Web site – make sure you're on the list!

Unfortunately, we don't have meeting notes from February's meeting in this newsletter as no notes are available, but be sure to come to the next meeting on March 7 to catch up with club news.

As always please think of this newsletter when you're out and about. This winter may be quiet for trip reports but spring is around the corner and the mountains are calling!

I hope you'll let us share your adventures in this newsletter soon.

Cheers! --- *Linda*

Climber of the Month



Name/nickname: Torger
No. of years climbing: 14
RR member since: 1992 I think, I have RR newsletters from July, 1993
First climb: Beaver Street Crack, 5.9 top rope
Climbing goal for this year: To go climbing at a gym again
Favorite climbing destination: Joshua Tree Natl. Park
Favorite post-climbing eatery: Hidden Valley Campground
Favorite climbing gym: Not yet
I want to climb like: My cousin Bret, tenacious.
I do not want to climb like: Bozo, those shoes...you know.

Best thing that your climbing partner could say: We've got all day.
Worst thing that your climbing partner could say: I thought you had the rope.
What does your family say about your climbing: The usual, be careful.
Person most like to be stuck on a ledge with: Sue Edwards, she has so much experience with unplanned bivouacs!
Favorite travel destination: Kenya
Non-climbing interests: Ski, mountaineering/ touring and bicycle touring
Climbing motto: Driving home is much more dangerous than going climbing.
Advice to new climbers: Keep your butt over your feet on a slab. Don't put your lunch down your pants on a multi-pitch route.

TRIP REPORTS

Buckeye Hot Springs

Simon and Amy spent the past Presidents' Day weekend back country skiing near Lee Vining and relaxing at the secluded Buckeye hot springs in Bridgeport. They stayed at the same hotel as Scott and his ice climbing partner who were there to scale the frozen waterfalls of Lee Vining. Here are Simon and Amy's pictures.



Trail to the hot springs



Simon takes a dip



Amy's unique double-pole ski method



UPCOMING TRIPS:

The annual RR outing to Red Rocks is available for sign up at the RR Web site. Red Rocks has a little bit for everyone, from sport, to trad single pitch and all-day multi-pitch affairs. There are plenty of moderate lines, and a large array of hard climbs. Pick your poison, and go.

Below are sites in the Valley that Scott has reserved for RR. The sites will be available for sign up on the RR website about a month before trip date.

Rock Rugrats has a site in Yosemite for its spring trip. Details are below. Everyone is welcome on the Rock Rugrats trip, but please reserve the parking spaces for the kids and their grown-ups – thanks.

<i>DATES</i>	<i>TRIP VENUE</i>
3/30 – 4/1	Red Rocks
4/14 – 4/15	Upper Pines, Yosemite
4/28 – 4/29	Upper Pines, Yosemite
4/28 – 4/29	Lower Pines, site #13, Yosemite with Rock Rugrats
5/5 – 5/6	Upper Pines, Yosemite
5/12 – 5/13	Upper Pines, Yosemite
5/19 – 5/20	Upper Pines, Yosemite
5/26 – 5/28 Memorial w/e	Upper Pines, Yosemite
6/2 – 6/3	Upper Pines, Yosemite
6/9 - 6/10	Upper Pines, Yosemite



NEXT ROCK RENDEZVOUS MEETING:

MARCH 7, 2005

The next RR meeting will feature slides from Amy Moses' recent trip to Railay in Thailand. Sun, sea and a lot of hard climbing – yeah!

Keep your eyes peeled for the venue details in your e-mail inbox soon.

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.