

received the American Motors conservation award that same year. Other volunteer service included terms as Executive Director of the Desert Protective Council and Regional Vice-President of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs.

Art joined the American Alpine Club in 1957 and remained a member until his death. He was chairman of the Southern California Section 1965-67. Over the years, he built up an outstanding mountaineering library, which he willed to the AAC.

Art is remembered by those who knew him as a very hard working organizer who believed in doing things "by the book." His strong opinions sometimes led to conflict with others, but no lasting grudges seem to have resulted. He was quite short and rather stocky, yet is said to have climbed with the sureness and grace of a cat.

All who have climbed in Southern California, or enjoyed her mountains and deserts, have partaken of Art Johnson's legacy. Let us thank him and salute his memory.

JOHN G. RIPLEY

TONI HIEBELER  
1930-1984

ALEŠ KUNAVR  
1935-1984

It is unusual for the *A.A.J.* to publish obituaries of non-members, but in 1984 we have suffered the loss of three very close collaborators of our journal. Toni Hiebeler, his wife Traudl, Aleš Kunaver and the helicopter pilot plunged to their deaths on November 2 while on an aerial photographic flight of the Julian Alps between Jesenice and Bled, Yugoslavia. Tim Lewis, commemorated below, died of cancer earlier in the year. All three could always be counted on to supply valuable information and assist in other ways with the *A.A.J.*

Toni Hiebeler was an outstanding climber with some 50 new routes in the Alps to his credit, perhaps the most outstanding of which were the winter ascents of the north faces of the Eiger in 1961 and the Civetta in 1963. He was doubtless the foremost mountain editor of the German-speaking world. He founded *Bergkamerad* in 1957 and edited it for six years. In 1963 he founded *Alpinismus*, which he edited for many years. In 1982-3 he undertook the editorship of *Bergsteiger*. He published many mountain books, often illustrated by his marvelous photographs. Whatever he turned his hand to he gave the touch of excellence.

Aleš Kunaver was one of the best Yugoslav climbers. The climbs he did in his homeland and other parts of the Alps were outstanding. He led seven Yugoslav expeditions to the Himalaya, among the most notable of which were those to the south faces of Makalu and Lhotse. He was a key figure in the establishment of a school for training Nepalese mountain guides at Manang. Aleš com-

bined a warm gentle spirit with forcefulness. He was thoughtful and kind. He upheld the welfare of less favored mountain peoples as if they were his own. As the Yugoslav representative of the UIAA, he could always be counted on to see the broad aspects of problems. He helped countless times with this journal. These two are a great loss to the world of mountaineering.

TIMOTHY IFOR MORGAN LEWIS  
1944-1984

Tim Lewis, editor of *Mountain* from 1978 to 1984, died of cancer on August 23. He changed the magazine's international scope and style to match a rapidly evolving climbing world and changing tastes.

He was born in Aberystwyth, Wales in 1944, son of two teachers. The family subsequently moved from Wales to London. Educated at Dulwich College and Jesus College, Oxford, he took an Honours Degree in Modern History in 1967. After post-graduate work at University College, Bangor, between 1972 and 1977 he lectured in General Studies at Derby College of Further Education.

Lewis' interest in climbing began at school, developed at the University and continued throughout the late sixties when he was based in North Wales. In 1970 he edited the *Climbers' Club Journal* and in 1972 revived the moribund *Rock-sport*. In 1977, in partnership with Geoff Birtles, he purchased *Mountain*, moving its base from London to Sheffield. After a year Birtles left, while Lewis teamed with me to continue publishing *Mountain*.

Although sometimes acerbic, Tim had many friends and associates who valued his inner warmth, loyalty and wit. As editor, he traveled much and developed links with foreign climbers, notably with the French, the Americans and the Czechoslovaks. In Czechoslovakia, climbers have provisionally named an unclimbed sandstone tower in his memory.

PAUL NUNN, *Mountain*

NICHOLAS VANDERBILT  
1958-1984

Nicholas Vanderbilt and his companion, Francis Gledhill, disappeared in August 1984 while attempting the Wishbone Arête of Mount Robson (12,972 feet), highest peak in the Canadian Rockies. Repeated helicopter searches of the entire mountain failed to find them and to date no trace of either climber has been discovered. Although not much is known about the circumstances of their deaths, a few facts are clear. Early on the morning of August 21, in perfect weather, Nick and Francis left the climbers' hut at 8,400 feet. Snowfall which had accumulated over the previous several days apparently impaired their progress, because they were seen below the junction of the Wishbone at midday