
Club Activities

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A.A.C., Oregon Section. Beacon Rock has been a constant access issue during 1995. For part of the year the entire rock was closed due to nesting peregrine falcons. The East Face is still closed and under constant political pressure by Gary Rall, the Portland Rock Gym members, Tim Olson and Jim Yoder, Cindy Morgan of the Mazamas, the Beacon Rock Climbing Club and others. There is a disparity between opening the face to unlimited bolting and open climbing. A majority of the rock climbers and many sport climbers I've interviewed prefer Beacon Rock's East Face be opened to power drills one year after it is opened to free climbing. This may prevent an immediate over-bolting and allow for a scrutiny of bolts placed.

In spring the Oregon section worked with the Mazamas to promote the Reinhold Messner Presentation at Benson High School. Reinhold did a book signing at Oregon Mountain Community. It was a chance for climbers to get a first-hand interview with the great 8,000 meter master alpinist.

After a number of months of work, we acquired the *Red Flag Over Tibet* video and worked with David Breashears in promoting the film. Steve Straunch and I organized the *Red Flag Over Tibet* program shown at the Mazama Club House. Steve Straunch was unable to attend the final program due to his big wall climb of Phundya-dapda in the Annapurna region.

ROBERT MCGOWN, *Chairman*

A.A.C., Sierra Nevada Section. In 1995 our section worked hard to improve communications both within the club and with non-members in the local climbing communities. Hosting the A.A.C. Annual Meeting last December in Oakland provided a perfect focal point for our efforts. The convention was well-attended by section members and local non-affiliated climbers. The relevancy of AAC activities was heightened by the many slide shows and discussions relating to Yosemite and California climbing history. As a result, our section membership has increased by 55% since the beginning of 1995.

Section activities in 1995 kicked off with a winter meeting at Bruce