

all: a talented accomplished mountaineer with strong people skills.

As one of its most respected leaders, Dave was soon nominated and elected to several management positions in the SPS, serving as its Chair in 1985. When the Sierra Club abandoned mountaineering in the late 1980s, he was instrumental in the creation of the California Mountaineering Club, and served as its third president. One of the duties of the leader of these organizations is to write a column to appear in their newsletters. Aside from the obligatory discussion on club policy, his columns frequently addressed risk management in mountaineering, telling the membership how to Climb Smart before it became a national slogan. And this makes his death hard to accept and understand. He was killed descending the northwest arête of Devils Crag No. 1 in the High Sierra.

Dave was born in Tacoma, Washington. He studied electrical engineering at the university level, yet he never graduated. Dave was one of those gifted "mustangs" who climbed very high in the electronics industry without a formal college degree. He spent most of his career at Litton Industries, designing electronic guidance systems for ships and aircraft. He was so skilled in this field that he had a Top Secret security clearance to design the inertial navigation systems for the United States submarine fleet. He also personally installed and tested the inertial navigation system in Air Force One. In May, 1996, Dave received the prestigious Silver Snoopy Award from NASA. The Astronaut Office gave this to Dave for his professionalism, dedication, and outstanding support that greatly enhanced space flight safety and mission success to the manned space program.

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MICHAEL R. FRANKLIN
1945-1996

Michael R. Franklin, born December 31, 1945, in Boston, Massachusetts, was killed in an auto accident on January 3 near his home in Herriman, Utah. He is survived by his wife, Cheryl.

Michael joined the AAC in 1983. An electrical engineer, he was vice president of Franklin Service in Salt Lake City, Utah. Notable ascents over a lifetime of all-around climbing include: *The Black Dike* in New England in the early 1980s, the Chouinard-Herbert and Steck-Salathé routes on Sentinel and the third pillar of Mt. Dana in Yosemite (at age 48), the south face of Mt. Moran and the *Snaz* in the Tetons, *Black Orpheus* in Red Rocks and "Russian Style" ascents of Mts. Elbrus and Kazbek in the Caucasus. In Utah, he made early ascents of *Frozen Assets* and *Hogum's Heroes*, the first ascent of *Stratosphere*, and the first winter ascents of the south face of Monte Cristo and the northwest face of Storm Mountain. Michael's passion, courage, humor, wide ranging skills in the mountains and big truck will be missed by many. His ashes were scattered on the summit of one his favorite Sierra peaks after one last climb with five of his regular climbing partners.

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RICH DAVIDSON
1950-1996

Rich Davidson, 46, of Los Alamos, New Mexico, and his tent mate Debbie Marshall, 31, of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, died while climbing Annapurna IV in Nepal on October 4. The two suffocated in their sleep at 18,000 feet when unusually heavy snowfall collapsed their tent. Rich's and Debbie's bodies were recovered by their climbing partners and laid to rest on a hill-