



Newsletter

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On the Threshold of Adventure



Welcome

to the Wilderness Travel Course Class of 2014

I think we all know the earth wins out in the end. We've seen evidence of ancient civilizations buried beneath Mother Nature's last word. We've witnessed her untimely reminders, from Mt. St. Helens to the devastating forest fires and hurricanes to the quick and effortless wrath of Asia's tsunamis. Despite our desire to control everything around us, the earth is always

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in charge. Dams will break, buildings will fall and nature will reclaim herself.

One might look at old city photos and think, "Wow, it sure looked different in those days." But look in the photo again — at the mountains, the trees, the animals and the sky. For those, nothing's changed. Step into the wilderness and you've stepped into a time machine: everything around you is no different from the world your ancestors inhabited.

A lush forest doesn't mind a fire; the trees will come back in 10, 20, maybe 50 years. But we might not. So we form groups like the Sierra Club to try and preserve that which nature will allow for our lifetimes and our children's lifetimes.

As a training arm of the Sierra Club, the Wilderness Travel Course will teach you that, by insulating yourself from the elements, you're robbing yourself of the oldest relationship man has. Teddy Roosevelt felt deeply enough to establish the National Parks System. Indeed, the Bible says we're to be stewards of the earth. WTC will teach you the skills to be comfortable and to weather the wilderness. Nature will teach you why those skills can change your life for the better... and for good.

Welcome to WTC, where your eyes will be opened and your feet

may be sore (pay attention to the boot lecture to placate your piggies). A good deal of this course will emphasize help over hinder. You'll learn which clothes will warm you, which boots support you and what food will sustain you. You'll learn to look at a map and see paths where there are no roads, to use a direction finding device that requires no batteries, and to release abilities in yourself that know no bounds.

Of course you'll also learn how to dig a snow cave, friction a slab, divine squiggle and take a split. You'll learn to carry more (stuff) while carrying less (weight), that canteens went out with the cavalry and that there is such a thing as too much food. You'll learn to layer, edge, plunge-step and kick-step; you'll learn to get high, but that too high may cause drowsiness, AMS, HAPE or HACE (not a very good time to be operating heavy machinery). You'll learn why the Atkins diet is not a hiking diet and you'll learn that cotton kills.

But the best, life-changing part of WTC? You'll make new friends (yeah, it's one of our sound bites, but it's true). Bonds and carpools will form, and you'll be one with the world's oldest G-rated recreation: you'll walk the earth. Side effects include tree hugging, disdain for "private property" signs and a strengthened heart — physically and emotionally.

There's a reason WTC Newsletter cover photos always include people. The Wilderness Travel Course is all about people. It's the portal through which the vague and the oblivious discover anew what has always been. It's like walking down a street that, for years, you've only driven.

So, walk on. Stop (smell flowers). Have fun and welcome nature with open fleece and sticky soles. Know you'll forever look back on WTC as the beginning of some of the best times of your life.

— Edd Ruskowitz, Editor





RESTING WITH GHOSTS

On a summer experience trip to Thousand Island Lake with Dennis Mariglia, Anna Chung, Joyce Sattler, Kristina Rojdev, Seth E. Dorfman, Maria Teresa Gordon and Jonathan Rono. Beneath the plaque and granite lie Conrad and Anna Rettenbacher, who died in 1934 while climbing Mt. Banner. Photo by Bob Myers

HEADLINE DEADLINES

For publication in the Spring 2014 WTC Newsletter: **February 21**

For publication in the Summer 2014 WTC Newsletter: **May 23**

These are the last days for outings to be submitted to the WTC Outings Chair. Provisional trips and leaders should already have an LTC review. Restricted trips should prepare a Mountaineering Application.

OUTINGS

Liability Waiver Notice To participate in a Sierra Club outing, you will need to sign a liability waiver. To see a copy of this waiver prior to attending the outing, please see www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms, or contact the outings department at (415) 977-5528 for a printed version.

Transportation Notice In the interests of facilitating the logistics of some outings, it is customary that participants make voluntary carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club does not have insurance for carpooling arrangements and assumes no liability for them. Carpooling, ride sharing or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel.

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The WTC newsletter is published quarterly for students and staff of the Wilderness Training Committee and is distributed at class sites. It is also available at WildernessTravelCourse.org as a download in PDF format. All questions, copy and photo submissions should be directed to Edd Ruskowitz, WTC Newsletter Editor, at hikinedd@yahoo.com

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On the Cover 2013 WTC/OC Students Karyn Strong and Steve Kotzbauer celebrate on an Experience Trip to 11,878' Silver Peak in the John Muir Wilderness. Photo by Matt Hengst.

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The outings published in this newsletter are sponsored by a variety of Sierra Club groups and sections. As a WTC student, your training places you in good standing with other groups and sections of the Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club who welcome your participation in their outings. For a full listing see the Chapter's Schedule of Activities or go to angeles.sierraclub.org

ET WTC Experience Trip Trips that qualify as WTC experience trips.

TI Trip of Interest Outings of interest do not qualify as WTC experience trips, but can be... well, very interesting.

TR Training Opportunity WTC students should find many of these trips within their abilities.

MT Mountaineering Technically challenging, typically not suited to WTC students. Strong students with prior mountaineering experience may qualify.

January 11-12 | Sat-Sun

LTC

TR M&E/R Rock: Indian Cove Checkout, Joshua Tree National Park

M and E level rock practice and checkout for LTC leadership candidates. Practice Saturday, checkout Sunday. Restricted to Sierra Club members with technical rock climbing experience. Climbing helmets and harnesses required. Email climbing resume to Leader: Patrick Mckusky. Assistant: Dan Richter.

January 12 | Sun

WTC

TI O Conditioning Hike to Temescal Peak (2126')

Enjoy a moderately paced conditioning hike over a truly scenic stretch of the Santa Monica Mountains. The hike covers 7.5 miles rt and 1200' gain to Temescal Peak, approximately 3 to 3.5 hours. Meet at 9AM at the entrance to the fire road at 1803 Michael Lane, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272. Wear sturdy hiking shoes, bring the 10 essentials (especially sunscreen and water since there is little shade), and a snack to enjoy at the summit. Rain does not cancel. Ldr: Gillian Bailey, Asst: Sarah Schuh-Quist.

January 30 | Thu

WTC

TI O Into the Urban Wild – Stair Hike 1 of 5

2.6 mi, 1.5 hrs. Get in shape for outdoor adventure by exploring the urban wilderness of the Hollywood Hills. We'll put our legs to good use enjoying the meandering staircases. Bonus points for carrying a heavy backpack. Meet 6:30PM at Beachwood Market, 2701 Belden Drive (90068). Bring water, adventurous spirit, strong legs and appreciation of stairs. Heavy rain cancels. Ldr: Sarah Schuh-Quist, Co-Ldr: Homer Tom.

February 2 | Sun

LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS

TR I Mt. Pinos Navigation Practice on Snowshoes

Ever wonder what it is like to navigate in snow? Find out on this navigation practice as we take a cross-country route to Mount

Pinos (8831'). Four miles round trip, 700 feet gain. Snowshoes required. Send email/sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to Leader: Robert Myers. Co-Leaders: Ann Pedreschi Shields, Adrienne Benedict, Jane Simpson.

February 8-9 | Sat-Sun

LTC

TR M&E/R Rock: Sheep Pass Checkout, Joshua Tree National Park

M and E level rock practice and checkout for LTC leadership candidates. Practice Saturday, checkout Sunday. Restricted to Sierra Club members with technical rock climbing experience. Climbing helmets and harnesses required. Email climbing resume to Leader: Patrick Mckusky. Assistant: Dan Richter.

February 13 | Thu

WTC

TI O Into the Urban Wild – Hike 2 of 5

3.5 mi, 2 hrs. Get in shape for outdoor adventure by exploring the urban wilderness of the Echo Park. We'll put our legs to good use enjoying the meandering staircases. Bonus points for carrying a heavy backpack. Meet 6:30PM at Delilah Bakery, 1665 Echo Park Avenue (90026). Bring water, adventurous spirit, strong legs and appreciation of stairs. Heavy rain cancels. Ldr: Homer Tom, Co-Ldr: Alex Prieto

February 27 | Thu

WTC

TI O Into the Urban Wild – Stair Hike 3 of 5

5.5 mi, 2.5 hrs. Get in shape for outdoor adventure by exploring the urban wilderness of the Franklin Hills. We'll put our legs to good use enjoying the meandering staircases. Bonus points for carrying a heavy backpack. Meet 6:30PM at Casita Del Campo, 1920 Hyperion Ave (90027). Bring water, adventurous spirit, strong legs and appreciation of stairs. Heavy rain cancels. Ldr: Dave Scobie, Co-Ldr: Niels Quist

TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE ON AN OUTING, follow the instructions listed in the trip description and provide all the information requested by the leader, typically your name, address, home & work phone numbers, WTC leader's name, the name and date of the outing you wish to join, and your experience and physical conditioning. You may be placed on a waiting list if a trip is full. If your plans change and you need to cancel your reservation, it's very important that you contact the leaders to let them know your revised plans, even if you are on the waiting list.

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March 13 | Thu**WTC****TI O Into the Urban Wild - Hike 4 of 5**

5.0 mi, 2.5 hrs. Get in shape for outdoor adventure by exploring the urban wilderness of Silver Lake. We'll put our legs to good use enjoying the historic staircases, including the famous Music Box stairs, and enjoy the views from the top as we climb the streets of the neighborhood. Bonus points for carrying a heavy backpack. Meet at 6:30PM at Cafe Tropical, 2900 Sunset Blvd (90026). Bring water, adventurous spirit, strong legs and appreciation of stairs. Heavy rain cancels. Ldr: Alex Prieto, Co-Ldr: Anne Mullins

Mar 27 | Thu**WTC****TI O Into the Urban Wild - Hike 5 of 5**

5.0 mi, 2 hrs. Get in shape for outdoor adventure by exploring the urban wilderness of Glassel Park. We'll put our legs to good use enjoying the meandering staircases. Bonus points for carrying a heavy backpack. Meet at 6:30 PM at the Rite Aid on 4044 Eagle Rock Blvd (90065). Bring water, adventurous spirit, strong legs and appreciation of stairs. Heavy rain cancels. Ldr: Niels Quist, Co-Ldr: Alex Prieto

March 29 | Sat**LTC****TR Deadline to Register for Leadership Training Seminar**

Last day for receipt of application and payment by LTC Registrar for April 12 seminar to be held at Eaton Canyon Nature Center, Pasadena. See LTC website (<http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc/>) for registration information. Next seminar: Fall 2014.

March 29 | Sat**WTC****TI I Last Chance Mountain (8456)**

Enjoy a beautiful cross-country, springtime day hike to Last Chance Mountain at the north end of Death Valley National Park. The hike will be 7 miles round-trip with approximately 2300 ft. of gain. Optional car camp Friday & Saturday nights under a new moon near the entrance to decommissioned Crater Mine. You may pair this trip with the day hike to Sandy Point on Sunday, March 30. Bring 10 essentials, 3 – 4 liters water, and a pleasant demeanor. Wilderness Travel Course, or similar experience & training, is encouraged. Send experience, current conditioning and contact information to Leader: Benjamin Bowes (bowes.benjamin@gmail.com). Assistant: Will Mcwhinney.

March 30 | Sun**WTC****TI I Sandy Point (7062)**

Cross-country, springtime day hike to Sandy Point near the north end of Death Valley National Park. This hike affords panoramic views of the Eureka Valley and snowcapped Eastern Sierra Nevada Mountains in the distance. 11-mile round-trip with approximately 2000 ft. of gain. Optional car camp Saturday & Sunday nights under a new moon near the entrance to decommissioned Crater Mine. You may pair this trip with the day hike to Last Chance Mountain on Saturday, March 29. Bring 10 essentials, 3 – 4 liters water, and a pleasant demeanor. Wilderness Travel Course, or similar experience & training, is encouraged. Send experience, current conditioning and contact information to Leader: Benjamin Bowes (Bowes.benjamin@gmail.com). Assistant: Will Mcwhinney.

April 12 | Sat**LTC****TR Leadership Training Seminar**

Become a qualified Sierra Club leader. Seminar at Eaton Canyon Nature Center, Pasadena. For information, see the LTC website (<http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc/>). Deadline for receipt of application is March 29. No registration after this date or at the door. Next seminar: Fall 2014.

April 12-13 | Sat-Sun**LTC, WTC, DPS****TR I Navigation: Places We've Saved Noodle in Mojave National Preserve**

Join us for our 10th navigation outing at this jewel of the Mojave which was preserved under the California Desert Protection Act as a result of the efforts of Sierra Club activists and others. A basic to advanced cross-country navigation workshop will be conducted out of the Mid Hills area in the pinyon and juniper forests at 5500 elevation. Potluck and social on Sat, and for those arriving early on Fri. Limited to 14 participants. Send email/sase to Leader: Robert Myers. Co-Leaders: Virgil Shields, Ann Pedreschi Shields, Adrienne Benedict.

April 23 | Wed**LTC, SPS, DPS, WTC****TR M/E-R Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP9)**

Basic Safety System: First of four climbing workshops open to Sierra Club members with prior roped climbing experience. Today's indoor evening workshop of four hours reviewing ropes, harnesses, helmets and basic climbing gear will take place in Pasadena. As space is limited, priority will be given to participants who commit to all four workshops. Send email or sase, phones, Sierra Club number, resume to Leader: Dan Richter. Assistant: Patrick Mckusky

Apr 26 | Sat**LTC, SPS, DPS, WTC****TR M/E-R Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP9)**

Belaying: Second of four climbing workshops open to Sierra Club members with prior roped climbing experience. Today, at Stoney Point in Chatsworth, focus is on belaying and principles of anchor building. As space is limited, priority will be given to participants who commit to all four workshops. Send email or sase, phones, resume to Leader: Dan Richter. Assistant: Patrick Mckusky

April 26-27 | Sat-Sun**LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS****TR I Navigation: Warren Point Navigation Noodle**

Navigation noodle at Joshua Tree National Park to satisfy the basic (I/M) level navigation requirements. Saturday for practice, skills refresher, altimeter, homework, campfire. Sunday checkout. Send email/sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to Leader: Robert Myers. Assistant: Phil Wheeler

May 3 | Sat**LTC, SPS, DPS, WTC****TR M/E-R Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP9)**

Rappelling: Third of four climbing workshops open to Sierra Club members with prior roped climbing experience. Today, at Stoney Point in Chatsworth, focus is on rappelling. As space is limited priority will be given to participants who commit to all four workshops. Send email or sase, phones, Sierra Club number, resume to Leader: Dan Richter. Assistant: Patrick Mckusky

May 3-4 | Sat-Sun WTC, 20's & 30's Section**ET | Eagle Mountain #1 (5350')**

Join us for an enjoyable cross-country backpack trip into the Eagle Mountains of Joshua Tree National Park. 12-mile round-trip with 2400 ft. of gain. The Eagle Mountains are an appealing destination that mark the transition between Colorado Desert and higher-elevation Mojave Desert ecological zones. Desert saltbush, creosote bush and cholla cactus of the low-elevation Colorado Desert give way to uniquely beautiful Joshua Trees as we hike to the peak of Eagle Mountain #1. Saturday we will hike 3.5 miles off-trail to dry camp area, set up camp and then hike 4.2 miles round-trip to summit. Return to camp for happy hour and good conversation. Sunday morning will begin at a leisurely hour to break camp. On the return hike we will visit historic Mastodon Mine and Cottonwood Spring. Bring 10 essentials, all water, and a pleasant demeanor. Wilderness Travel Course, or similar experience & training, is encouraged. Send experience, current conditioning and contact information to Leader: Benjamin Bowes (Bowes.benjamin@gmail.com) Assistant: Dwain Roque

May 10-11 | Sat-Sun LTC, SPS, DPS, WTC**TR M/E-R Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP9)**

Rock climbing techniques and anchors): Fourth of four climbing workshops open to Sierra Club members with prior roped climbing experience. This weekend completes the series of AMP workshops at Joshua Tree National Park and focuses on climbing and anchors. As space is limited priority will be given to participants who commit to all four workshops. Send email or sase, phones, Sierra Club number, resume to Leader: Dan Richter. Assistant: Patrick Mckusky

May 17-18 | Sat-Sun WTC**ET | Mt Waterman area "Son of a Nav Pack"**

Looking for an opportunity to improve your navigation skills? Join us on this cross-country romp to the areas around Mt. Waterman. We'll pack in about 3 miles and about 1300' to a dry camp on Saturday. We'll spend Saturday and Sunday exploring the area, practicing navigation, looking for wildflowers and taking in a peak. Sunday we will pack out. Bring enough water for two days. Send email with contact information and recent experience to Adrienne Benedict. Ldrs: Adrienne Benedict And Ann Pedreschi Shields.

May 31-Jun 1 | Sat -Sun WTC/SPS**MT M-R Mount Abbot (13,704')**

Snow mountaineering outing for Sierra Club members only. Sat backpack from Mosquito Flat trailhead to camp by Mills Lake, 3.5 mi, 1,800'. Sun cross-country snow climb of Mount Abbot from Mills Lake, third-class via the Abbot glacier, 2 mi rt, 2000', then pack out. Helmets, ice ax, crampons, medical form and recent snow and 3rd class rock mountaineering experience required. Send e-mail with resume of recent mountaineering experience and conditioning, H&W phones, and rideshare info to Ldr: Stephanie Smith. Assistant: Mike Adams.

June 7 | Sat LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS**TR | Navigation: Heart Bar Peak (8332')**

Practice navigation for Sunday's checkoff on this 7 mile round trip, 1400' gain hike. We will take a cross-country route to Heart Bar Pk and practice micro-navigation skills along the way. Send email (preferred) or sase, with contact info & recent conditioning to Leader: Robert Myers. Co-Leaders: Jane Simpson, Adrienne Benedict, Ann Pedreschi Shields

June 8 | Sun LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS**TR | Navigation: Grinnell Ridge Noodle**

Navigation Noodle in San Bernardino National Forest for either checkout or practice to satisfy Basic (I/M) or Advanced (E) level navigation requirements. Send email/sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare, to Leader: Robert Myers. Assistant: Phil Wheeler

August 3 | Sun LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS**TR | Navigation: Mt. Pinos Navigation Noodle**

Navigation noodle in Los Padres National Forest for either checkout or practice to satisfy Basic (I/M) or Advanced (E) level navigation requirements. Send email or sase, navigation experience/training, rideshare info, contact info, any WTC, leader rating to Leader: Robert Myers, Assistant: Phil Wheeler.

September 21 | Sun LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS**TR | Navigation: Grinnell Ridge Navigation Noodle**

Navigation Noodle in San Bernardino National Forest for either checkout or practice to satisfy Basic (I/M) or Advanced (E) level navigation requirements. Send email/sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare, to Leader: Robert Myers. Assistant: Phil Wheeler

November 15 | Sat LTC, WTC**TR M-R Navigation: Workshop on 3rd Class Terrain**

This navigation workshop is limited to individuals participating in the Indian Cove Navigation Noodle and is intended to explore special navigation issues that arise on 3rd class terrain. Class 3 rock travel experience required. Restricted to Sierra Club members. Helmets and medical forms required/group size limited. Send email/sase, SC#, class 3 experience, conditioning, contact info to Leader: Robert Myers. Co-Leader: Jack Kieffer.

November 15-16 | Sat-Sun LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS**TR | Navigation: Indian Cove Navigation Noodle**

Navigation noodle at Joshua Tree National Park to satisfy the basic (I/M) level navigation requirements. Saturday for practice, skills refresher, altimeter, homework, campfire. Sunday checkout. Send email/sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to Leader: Robert Myers. Assistant: Phil Wheeler

December 7 | Sun LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS**TR | Navigation: Warren Point Navigation Noodle**

Navigation noodle at Joshua Tree National Park for either checkout or practice to satisfy the basic (I/M) level or Advanced (E) level navigation requirements. To participate, send email/sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to Leader: Robert Myers. Assistant: Phil Wheeler

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To reserve your place on an outing,
follow the instructions on page 2.

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GIVE YOURSELF SOME CREDIT

By Sharon Moore

If you're working on an advanced leadership rating for the Sierra Club, you know that to earn an I or higher rating you need 2 days worth of Environmental Awareness credits. Fortunately, the Natural Science Section is offering a variety of options in 2014. Even if you are not working on a rating, these are amazing trips. Please see the Outings page for more information, visit the online Schedule of Activities, or check the links below.

Snowshoe/Cross-Country Ski Trip to Chilao Campground February 22

<http://bit.ly/1j4fL7>

There are two snow trips this year, ideal for those who love winter outings. First is a one-day trip in the San Gabriel Mountains on Saturday, Feb. 22. We plan to go to Chilao Campground, but if there isn't enough snow, we'll continue driving on Angeles Crest a highway until we find some. Last year we drove to the end of the plowed highway at Islip Saddle and took the highway and service road into Little Jimmy Campground. We were the first to go into this area and had fresh snow all the way. You would need to add one more day trip to complete the LTC requirement.

Winter Ecology Workshop at June Lake March 21-23

<http://bit.ly/1a2Ye9K>

The second snow trip is the Winter Ecology Workshop, a weekend in June Lake, where you will learn about the winter survival methods of mountain plants, animals and birds; how to identify the tracks of animals in the snow; plus the complex and exciting geology of the Mammoth/Mono Lake area. You will have the option to snowshoe or XC ski.

Channel Islands Adventure March 29-31

<http://bit.ly/1j4fqyh>

If snow is not your thing, how about a live-aboard cruise to three fascinating islands? Weather permitting; we will go to Santa Cruz, Santa Rosa, and San Miguel Islands. Half day or full day leader-led hikes feature wildflowers, wildlife, and other magnificent island features. Naturalists will accompany us. The highlight will be brilliant giant coreopsis displays. We might see juvenile elephant seals at close range, and we can take some time to kayak in sheltered coves.

Nature Knowledge Workshop June 6-8

<http://bit.ly/19qoSbW>

Now in its 44th year, the Nature Knowledge Workshop is a wonderful weekend of discovery in the San Bernardino Mountains. Professional naturalists share their expertise in a variety of natural history topics such as reptiles, birds, plants, mammals, insects, Native Americans, and earth science studies through hands-on and special interest workshops. The workshop takes place at a church camp with dormitory cabins, a central cafeteria, and hot showers (you can pitch a tent if you prefer).

Eastern Sierra Summer Car Camp July 18-20

Although still in the planning stages, our summer car camp and workshop will feature a variety of hikes exploring the flora, fauna, and geology of the Sierras. More information to come!

2014 marks the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act. Celebrate wilderness in 2014 by learning more about its wonders on one or more of these trips. We'll see you in the snow, on the water, and on the trail!

A group of nine hikers are posing on a rocky trail. In the background, a large natural rock arch frames a view of a valley with a green tree. The hikers are dressed in outdoor gear, including hats, backpacks, and a red and white WTC flag. The scene is set against a backdrop of layered sandstone cliffs under a clear blue sky.

Bridge to Somewhere

It's Vegas, baby! WTC instructors and graduates fly the colors on Bridge Mountain in Red Rocks.

Front left to right: Dave Evans and Linda Robb (OC), Ann Marie Richardson (SGV), Sridhar Gullapalli (WLA).

Standing rear left to right: Semira Chadorchhi (LB/SB), Ban Uong (WLA), Rana Parker (WLA), Ted Lubeshkoff (SGV).

Photo by Peter Lara (LB/SB)