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The Haute Route: Chamonix, France to Zermatt, Switzerland – Part I

by Lou Szekal

It all started as a dream of mine several years ago when I read an article about it in *Outside Magazine*. A 128-mile "hut to hut" trek with 40,000ft. of ascent and 36,000ft. of descent, through the Swiss Alps called "The Haute Route" (the high route). This route was originally established in the early 1800's to get cattle from town to town, and eventually has turned into the most well known cross country ski route in Europe. I thought I could convince 4-6 close friends to join Pam and me for a 2-week stroll through the mountains. Little did I know that 34 people would sign up and 16 would actually take this trip seriously. Our starting point was in Geneva on July 31, 2004. The Swiss equivalent of our Fourth of July was taking place. Parades, music, crafts and food filled the entire downtown area.

Geneva, SW to Chamonix, FR: We departed Geneva in several groups taking a train into France. It was beautiful a 3-1/2 hour ride through Montreux and past Lake Lucerne. After changing trains several times, we had our first entrée into the mountains, which took our breath away. Chamonix is located at the base of Mont Blanc and is considered the climbing Mecca of France. The hotel was quaint and the meal exquisite. We spent the evening shopping and relaxing at the outdoor cafés.

Chamonix, FR to Argentiere, FR: We were on our own until 2:00 p.m., which was our time to start hiking. Most of the group took the Cable Car and Chair lifts up to Aiguilles du Midi (12,320ft.), which is a mountain overlooking Mont Blanc. You could see the Mont Blanc base camp, which is where climbers start their early morning ascent to the 15,780ft. summit. Several people opted to stay and do some Para flying. The official "trek" started with a two-hour hike (book time) from Chamonix, which took us four hours. At this time we realized that people who spent a lot of time in the mountains established the times in the guidebook. After an hour I decided that we needed our first break...for ice cream (a good move on my part). It set the stage for a more relaxing trip. Our arrival in Argentiere was met with a charming hotel and again, wonderful food.

Argentiere, FR to Col de la Forclaz, SW: This was the start of the true mountain walks. 3,000ft. up and 3,000ft. down. Several people opted for the cable cars and the rest started our trek. We reached Col de Balme (our halfway point) and stopped for a lunch break. This was also the border of France and



Pam and Lou at Mt. Blanc

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The Haute Route (cont'd)



Hiking to Cabanes

Switzerland. We would now hike the remainder of the trip in Switzerland. The book said it was all downhill from here, but only after another 800ft up first - SURPRISE! But the views were worth it and we were greeted with our first glacier up close. During the last hour of hiking, we were greeted by our only major rainstorm of the trip. Icy glacier rain and hail poured down sideways as we ran to the hotel. We ate two servings of dinner and went to bed early awaiting the next day's adventure.

Col de la Forclaz to Champex: Most of us went on the "Alp Bovine" route while 3 people took the "Fenetre de Arpette" route. Either way, it was 4,500ft up and 4,000ft. down to Champex. It was a beautiful but steep walk (at times) up through forests to the meadows. Hundreds of cows with their oversized cowbells filled the air with chimes. We stopped for lunch at a 400 year old stone hut looking out to the snowcapped mountains and villages below us. Our trek down led us through moraine fields of talus and scree and several small river crossings. After strolling through a few hamlets, we reached Champex, a small ski village. Some of us stopped at the market for fruit, pastries and beer on the way to the hotel, which was built in



Climbing the Mountain Ladders

The Haute Route (cont'd)

the 1800's and in the same family for 4 generations. Before dinner we relaxed on the second floor patio overlooking the mountains, park, and Lac Champex.

Champex to Verbier: We hiked down 1,500ft. walking through several small villages to Sembrancher for a long lunch. This "Stone Walled" village was beautiful with its stone houses set Higgledy Piggledy on cobble stone streets. The flower boxes dressed each window and door with every color in the rainbow. After lunch we headed off for Le Chable, an old Roman village at the foot of Verbier, which was 2,400ft uphill and a 3-hour hike. Although it was a short day, we opted for a cable car ride up. Verbier is the largest ski resort in Switzerland with many outdoor cafes and shops. It was a perfect setting to relax and eat a great pasta dinner. It would be our last village before heading into the mountains and the remote cabanes.

Verbier to Cabane du Mont Fort: This was supposed to be a long and grueling uphill day. Before the trip started, we put teams of people in charge of each day's itinerary. This was Moe and Dave's day. They asked around in their best French "How can we get from here to there without going down 2,000ft. just to go back up 3,000ft.?" They got their answer, and it saved us 2,000ft. and 3 hours of climbing. Yea Dave and Moe! Some people took the optional cable car and met us halfway for lunch. We then hiked an easy 2 1/2 hours to our first cabane. Although most of this day's hike was flat or downhill, the last hour was spent climbing up to the cabane, which was perched atop a 500ft. hill at the base of 13,000ft. Mont Fort itself. The Cabane slept 80 people in a Dortoir (dormitory) setting. Even way out here, the food was plentiful and delicious. To end the day, the entire cabin celebrated Pam's 41st birthday.

Cabane du Mont Fort to Cabane de Praflauri: We left early to get good views of Ibex and Chamois. These mountain goat looking animals were everywhere and in very playful moods. This turned out to be a much harder day than the book or map showed. We went over 3 Col's (passes), all with 1,500-2,000ft. of elevation change. There were moraines, talus, scree, river crossings, snowfields and areas so steep that we had to hand packs to other people to get down. Half of this section had

no trail. We had to look for the trail marker painted on the rocks and went for it. Most of us stuck together helping each other with pack weight and negotiating the trail. The last group pulled in around 6:30 p.m. This was the busiest cabin, housing around 180 people and it was full. Again, more food, more wine. It was just awesome. We had a room that held all 16 of us, but it didn't matter. You could hear a pin drop by 11:00 p.m.

Cabane de Praflauri to Cabane des Dix: (Pronounced Dæes) It rained half of the night and into the morning. We wanted to get an early start, but the rain didn't end until 8:15 a.m. The sun came out and stayed out for the rest of the day, reminding us that weather in the mountains can change at any minute. We trekked up about 600ft. and it was downhill then flat alongside Lac de Dix for several hours to the Dix Dam. After that, a lot of uphill, keeping 12,694ft. Mont Blanc Cheillon and its gigantic glacier in front of me at all times. What a beautiful sight. After



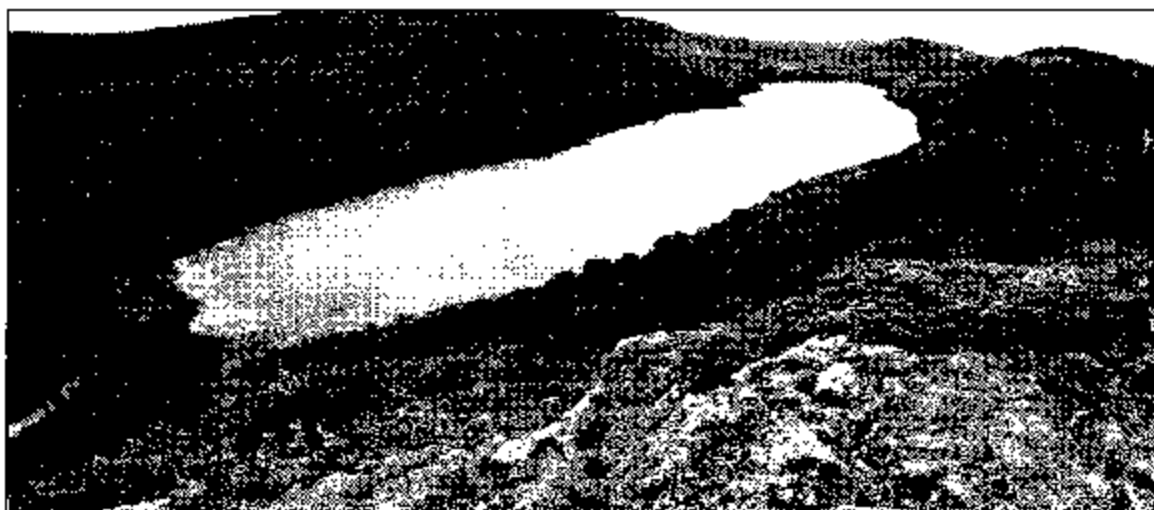
Cabane Dix

crossing several narrow ridges, a snowfield, and the final Col, Cabane des Dix was sitting, perched up on a hill at the base of the glacier. This was a beautiful cabin that was originally built in the late 1800's as a stop for cross-country skiers. It held 140 people, but this night, there were only about 40-50. The proprietor served everyone an aperitif and then another great meal. This was the end of our remote cabanes. Up until today, we could not say which day had the best views, as every day got better and better. Tomorrow we head for the small ski village Arolla.

(Look for Part 2 in the November issue of the SOLAR Ray)

Not Just for Harry Potter

by Elizabeth Schaab



Lake of the Clouds

It is so hard to put into words the magic that was backpacking the Lake Superior Trail (LST) in the Porkies from August 27-September 1. I'm sure it's partly because backpacking is so new to me, having just completed the Spring Backpacking class this year. Things like the campfires at night, where there is nothing TO do but relax, with companionable silences, interspersed with laughter and conversation. Delight at finding that a backcountry campsite has a vault toilet — but without walls in the middle of the woods. Bathing in the lake, sweaty and mud covered, after a tough day on the trail and feeling so refreshed you could (almost) go back out and hike the trail again. Grumbling, "Another damn hill," only to find at the top an incredible breathtaking vista. These are probably standard experiences to seasoned backpackers, though I imagine they never grow old.

It was also magical because I'd wanted to hike the LST for so very long, having been to the Porkies many times. One of those dream come true events. Although the first day there were semi-nightmarish times. I'd experienced some rugged trails in the Porkies. Reading up on the LST there was talk of it being one of the most challenging in the park, with several steep ravines we'd encounter the first day. Challenging and steep I'd dealt with; challenging and steep with a 40ish lb backpack is a whole other animal. They were SO steep, I had to be coached up and down frequently as well as being loaned a second walking stick. I fell more times than I remember, once needing to be pulled up by my backpack, like an errant kitten, since between the mud, the tree I was tangled in and my pack, I couldn't move.



Starting the Lake Superior Trail



A Beautiful Crossing

Not Just for Harry Potter (cont'd)



On the Escarpment Trail

Dave Sweeton earned extra points in heaven. We were co-leaders (ha!). The original idea was he would mentor me in leading a trip. This was true for the planning phase, but once on the trail it was all him, including keeping me upright and ON the trail. Our other partners in the adventure, covering about a 40 yr age range, were Chuck Svalya, Bill Lynch, Sharon Smelter, Jason Vanderjagt, Chris Meyers, Josh Weage and Ted Kosik. Just a cool, cohesive group of people. I learned from all of them. This trip made me realize anew, that SOLAR isn't just about learning things in the many classes, but by talking to and observing seasoned members, whatever their age.



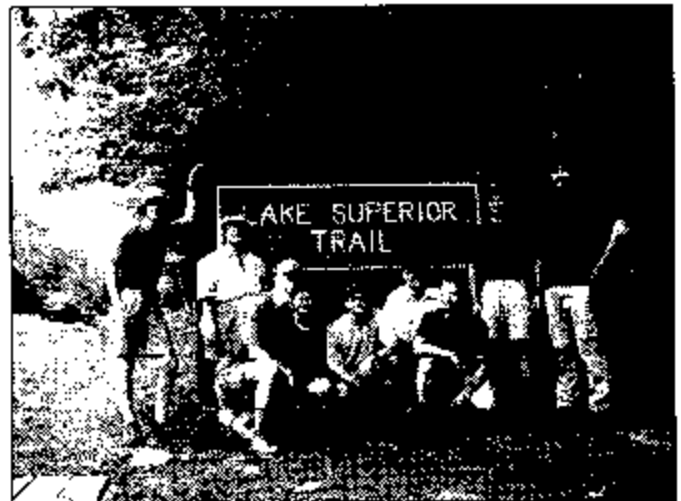
Lots of River and Stream Crossings

We had reasonable weather, minimal well-timed rain, sleeping and waking to Lake Superior rumbling in the background, always visible from our campsites, always a presence on the trail. Day hikes to other scenic areas of the park, waterfalls, foot soaking in a sun-drenched river, lounge chairs with ottomans made of rocks on the beach, plenty of the general high that comes of being in the woods, and more moments than there is room for. I value the many photographs I have, but there are many more just plain imprinted on my soul.

Magic.



All Natural Stone Chairs



End of the Lake Superior Trail

Climbing the Jungfrau

by Pete Lamb

I hadn't planned to climb the Jungfrau, which incidentally means young virgin. It just came about by luck. After the SOLAR Haute Route group left Switzerland this August, I took a train to Grunewald in Switzerland to see the Jungfrau. The woman in the guide's office asked me if I would like to split the cost of a guide with a German guy to climb the Jungfrau. It seemed like a good idea. I didn't know my climbing partner, the guide or the grade of the climb, but what the hell. I've got a spare \$500. Let's give it a go. Right!

All the equipment is available to rent and my hiking clothes were adequate for this climb of over 4000 meters. The weather was supposed to improve into the weekend and I was to meet the guide Andreas and Manfred Schulz my climbing partner at the hut on the side of a mountain called the Monck.

To get there I caught the train from Grunewald (expensive), which runs up inside the north wall of the tiger. This is a fantastic train ride. The hike is a 45 minute hike from the station. I met Manfred on the way and we hit it off right away (he spoke English better than I). Andreas showed up at supper and we three shared a congenial meal together with Manfred translating for Andreas.



Manfred, Andreas, Pete

Sunday morning was clear and star filled at 3:00 a.m. as we left the hut to walk down to the glacier. We were to stop at the station to drop off gear and use their bathroom facilities,



Jungfrau Summit

as well as put on crampons and rope up. This was the strange part of the trip. It was like the start of a James

Bond movie. The station is inside the mountain. We went in and put our spare gear in a janitor's room (Andreas had contacts). The place was dark and empty, but the loud speakers kept repeating standard messages in different languages and the bathrooms were deep inside the tunnels. It was very strange. We clanked along dark tunnels by the light of headlamps, roped up and in crampons, through the big storm doors that guard the entrance and out onto the star lit glacier. I felt like I worked for Dr No.

Crossing the glacier, we had some adrenaline pumping moments. I went through snow bridges into crevasses twice and Manfred three times, once into a hole I had left when I fell through. We got ourselves out because we did not go all the way through and dangle on the rope inside the crevasse. These are still the Alps. A line of headlamps leads to the base of a rock buttress, which we started to climb. It was quite steep, mixed rock, and ice. I was climbing poorly, grabbing at stuff and scrambling with my feet, my crampons making loud scraping noises and my mouth felt like it was stuffed with cotton wool. I may have been a trifle nervous. After about 5 minutes of this, I felt an intense burning in my left leg. I had managed to spike myself with the crampon heel points. The pain helped me to focus on what I was doing, and I started to climb more fluidly. We eventually arrived at a broad snow ridge, and it got light as we progressed along it. The sun came up as we started up some very

Climbing the Jungfrau (cont'd)

steep snow slopes front pointing with our crampons, up to an even steeper slope that we had to traverse diagonally across. This was not the place for a slip. The snow was at about 75 to 80 degrees with an awful drop about 30 feet below us. No chance for self-arrest. Andreas was paying particular attention to my crampon technique and giving me pointers. One takes note and applies the lessons learned very quickly under these circumstances.

Eventually the slope eased and became a scramble on mixed rock and snow onto an airy ridge, which led to the summit. We were exposed to a stiff frigid wind on the ridge, but the summit was a small snow covered plateau tipped out of the wind and at 10 past 10 we sat in the sun and ate lunch. Andreas was very



Andreas and Pete



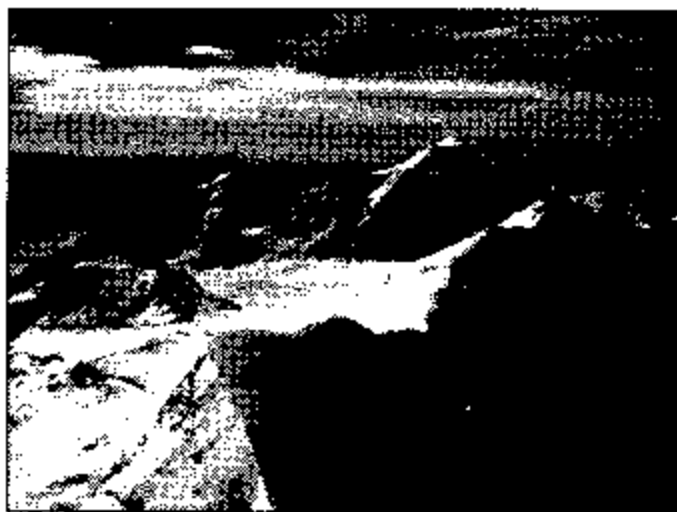
Manfred & Pete at the Top

insistent that we sat on a rope or pack. I suspect he had seen climbers zoom out into space before, when they plunked down on snow with nylon pants on.

I had been giving some thought on the way up to the fact that we would have to reverse this climb at some point, and Manfred had repeated several times that a climb is not over until we are off the glacier, which was a hint not to relax until we were down. I knew that. I am not a halfway climber. The climb down was actually done very fast. Manfred front pointed down on a rope tight to me, and Andreas held us both as I rappelled down at the same time. We belayed him at a belay point as he came down in about five great jumps. It was amazing to see. He took us off a

shortcut through the icefall. He said it looked good, but to move fast as it was a dangerous place. Actually I did not need to be told that. I could see where large, very large, blocks had fallen from the ice walls that were on each side of us. This shortcut put us on the glacier, which we crossed without incident, but we did have to skirt several extremely large crevasses.

Once off the glacier we unroped and walked up to the rail station where Japanese tourists pushed each other out of the way to take our photo. That was a bit strange! Inside the station we had a beer and I took a first look at my leg. I was a bit surprised. My pants were covered in blood on the inside, and I could see the muscle at the back of my knee moving through a hole that would take seven or eight stitches to close. I did this damage without tearing my pants, which is good as they were expensive.



Alps Mountain Range

SOLAR Program Schedule
From the SOLAR Program Director
Linda Rodrick

OCTOBER PROGRAM

"Bats of the World" Just in time for Halloween!
By: The Organization for Bat Conservation
(See details below)

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

November: Experience (and consider taking!) SOLAR's
Upcoming winter classes through the following presentations:

"Winter Camping" by Tom Oloffo
"Mountaineering" by Lou Szakal
"Winter Survival" by Doug Laayk

December: SOLAR'S Annual Holiday Bash with a new twist!
Celebrate the "Holidays around the World"
In recognition and celebration of our own SOLAR diversity.
We encourage members to bring an ethnic dish to pass!
Yes, we'll still have a D.J. and dancing!

January: "The West Coast Trail" presentation
By fellow SOLARites

Please Note. All programs will take place at Colony Hall immediately following the SOLAR Business meeting.



More about the October Program

Award winning "Bats of the World" program featuring live bats



Step into the world of bats and discover the tremendous species diversity surrounding these mammals. This program begins with a slide presentation introducing bats from around the world. Topics include echolocation, hibernation, migration, food preferences, and mega and micro bats. An interactive question and answer session discussing bat conservation around the world will follow. Since this program features live animals, it must be pet free with cell phones turned off.



SOLAR OCTOBER 2004 CALENDAR

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OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

5	TUE	GENERAL MEETING	COLONY HALL	Tom Hayes Linda Rodrick	thomashayes@wideopenwest.com lindamra@aol.com
15-17	WKND	Program: Bats			
27	WED	WALKERS COLOR TOUR	Jordan River	Don Wold	dwold12972@aol.com
29-30	FR/SA	MOONLIGHT CANOEING**	Proud Lake	Heavner Canoe	248-685-2379
		SOLAR HAUNTED HALLOWEEN KIDS EVENT	Bald Mt. Cabins	NEED VOLUNTEER TO LEAD	
30-31	SA/SU	SOLAR HAUNTED HALLOWEEN ADULTS EVENT	Bald Mt. Cabins	Tom Oloffo	mcmountainman@yahoo.com

OCTOBER CLASSES

1-3	WKND	BASIC BACKPACKING CLASS PRACTICAL #2	Pictured Rocks	Carol McCririe	cmccririe@sbcglobal.net
6	WED	ADVANCED LAND NAVIGATION- Class	EMS	Karl Overheul	cyberromad@backpacker.com
7,14,21	THUR	SEARCH & RESCUE- Class	E. Pointe HS	Tom Hayes	thomashayes@wideopenwest.com
9-10	WKND	ADVANCED LAND NAVIGATION- Practical	Waterloo	Karl Overheul	cyberromad@backpacker.com
20	WED	BASIC LAND NAVIGATION- Class	EMS	Karl Overheul	cyberromad@backpacker.com
22-24	MUTLI	SEARCH & RESCUE- Practical	Island Lake	Tom Hayes	thomashayes@wideopenwest.com
23-24	MUTLI	BASIC LAND NAVIGATION- Practical	Waterloo	Karl Overheul	cyberromad@backpacker.com

UPCOMING CLASSES

November	12-14	Women's Outdoor Wkshp	Bald Mt.	Peggy Medved	HiYa@voyager.net
Dec.-Feb.	TBD	Winter Camping	TBD	Tom Oloffo	mcmountainman@yahoo.com
Jan.-March	TBD	Basic Mountaineering & Safety	TBD	Lou Szakal	Everest2006@aol.com

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Jan. 28-Feb. 7	Cross Country Skiing**	Austria	Leslie Cordova	lesliegene@aol.com
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Articles are due October 8 for the November RAY issue to Pete Lamb at Petekandu@yahoo.com

FOR INFORMATION ON JOINING THE SOLAR CLUB, CONTACT PENNI LOPEZ (248) 477-7547 OR VISIT WWW.SOLAROUTDOORS.ORG

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SOLAR HAS A NO-REFUND POLICY. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND AN ACTIVITY YOU MAY
"SELL YOUR SPOT" TO ANOTHER CLUB MEMBER

** DENOTES NON-SOLAR ACTIVITY (Solar will not be held responsible for these activities)

Got a trip idea? Want to lead a trip? Want a list of potential locations?
Contact Pam Riehl Szakal

Each month all trip leaders are entered into a drawing for
Trip Leader of the Month

August winner - Lou Szakal- Haute Route, Switzerland



Canoeing for the Fall

by Margaret Martin

Get Lunar Party (Lunar Eclipse Night) Be whisked through the waters in a canoe or kayak to watch the moon rise over the lake. Return for pizza, smores, hot chocolate, soda, and see the lunar eclipse beginning at 8:45 p.m.

Date: Thursday October 28th

Price: \$25 (includes dinner and rental)

Time: Arrive at 6:00 p.m. 6:30-8:00 p.m. Fiddle

Dinner from 8:00-9:00 p.m. Eclipse at 8:45 p.m. & Bonfire (at two locations)

You need to pre-register by contacting Rose Marie at Heavner Canoe Rental Huron River, Proud Lake State Recreation Area 2775 Garden Road, Milford, Michigan 48381 Phone: (248) 685-2379 Fax: (248) 684-7939 Email: Alar@heavnercanoe.com Web Site: <http://www.heavnercanoe.com/>

For more information, call Margaret Martin at 734-721-2821 or e-mail at XLMPLUSCART@aol.com.

Advanced Land Navigation

By Karl Overhaul

There are two Land Navigation classes this fall. Basic Land Navigation and the new Advanced Land Navigation. Both classes are \$40.00. Details of the classes are below. *You must attend all classes to pass!!*

The Basic class is full, but contacts me if you're interested and I'll add you to the waiting list. If you don't make it in this class, the next will be held sometime in May. Watch the calendar, as this class sells out quickly.

The long awaited Advanced class is being offered for the first time this year. This class begins where the Basic class left off (which is why Basic is a requirement...) and will cover GPS and other advanced techniques. I have a few spots left, but they're going quickly!

Thaux, Karl

Basic Land Navigation:

When: Wednesday, October 20th, 6:30 PM-9:00 PM- EMS Farmington Hills

Saturday, October 23rd, 9:00 AM- Sunday, October 24th, 1:00 PM- Waterloo Rec. Area

What you will learn:

- Map reading Skills
- Taking & plotting compass bearings
- The 3 north's & Declination
- Navigation strategies
- Primitive Navigation
- You will be participating in a cross-country route finding exercise.

Advanced Land Navigation:

When: Wednesday, October 6th, 6:30 PM-9:00 PM- EMS Farmington Hills

Saturday, October 9th, 9:00 AM- Sunday, October 10th, 1:00 PM- Waterloo Rec. Area

What you will learn:

- Map Datums
- Plotting locations with Longitude\Latitude & UTM Grid
- Creating elevation profiles
- Using a GPS
- Computer Navigation software primer
- You will be participating in a cross-country route finding exercise.

Contact:

Karl Overhaul, Email (preferred): CyberNomad@Backpacker.com Phone: (248) 890-0728

Cross Country Skiing in Austria—January 28-February 7, 2005

By Leslie Cordova

Seefeld, Austria



Trip Description. This non-SOLAR trip is one of those trips of a lifetime. The dates are January 28 - February 7, 2005. The plan is to ski in the Seefeld Austria area, with over 100 miles of superbly tracked cross country ski trails. These trails connect to numerous villages where you can get something to eat or drink. Seefeld is a quaint Austrian alpine village and served as the cross country ski venue when the Winter Olympics were held twice in Innsbruck. You can also take the train into Innsbruck (16 miles) or to various cities in Germany. There is winter hiking too, as Seefeld maintains an extensive trail system. Or you can relax and take a sleigh ride, ice skate or downhill ski.

Trip Summary. This trip includes round trip air from Chicago to Munich, private bus transport from Munich to Seefeld, 9 nights lodging, 9 breakfasts, 9 dinners, trail passes

for cross country skiing or hiking and entry to the Seefeld Pool Complex. The cost is \$1,800 per person for double occupancy, \$1,950 per person for single occupancy.

A deposit of \$200 is needed ASAP. Sound like something interesting??

Contact Leslie Cordova for more information. (248) 547-5626 or lesliegene@aol.com.

SOLAR Tip by Pete Lamb

For the people who took the mountaineering class: Climbing a mountain is as much a head game as it is physical, even more so actually. Unless you keep a positive attitude, as the climbing gets tougher you will give up and tell yourself, "I can't do this or it's too hard, or I didn't want to do this anyway, and it's not fun any more. As soon as these negative thoughts creep in, your legs will lose power, and you will struggle or give up. If the weather gets bad and you are really struggling, these negative thoughts can make the difference between making it down the mountain safely and not getting down it at all.

Everyone who does hard physical sports has these negative feelings and has to learn how to fight them. You have to learn the tricks that work for you. I personally rarely look at the top of a slope. I just look two or three steps ahead. I glance up to navigate, but I don't look at how far it is. I know I can do the next two steps, and I do them. I then concentrate on the next two. Another trick, which some of you may have noticed in me but maybe not understood, is I get miraculously cheerful the more difficult the situation gets. I have been using this as a coping strategy for



Pete climbing the Jungfrau

so long it has become a part of me, and you all thought I was just crazy. Right. So if you are part of a climbing group, you have a commitment to your rope team to keep negative thoughts at bay. It is the job of everyone to help keep team members' morale high. It can mean the difference in making it back for supper or making it back in a bag.

SOLAR is a non-profit Club with 400 plus members dedicated to the intelligent enjoyment of nature and outdoor pursuits.

Membership is only \$40 a year per person (\$75 per family) and includes discounts to a number of retail outfitters, access to club owned equipment, a monthly newsletter, and a chance to meet hundreds of other like minded adventurers drawn together by a common love of pristine lakes, breathtaking vistas, virgin forests and scenic shorelines, and the experiences to be found there.

SOLAR MEETINGS

Are held the first Tuesday of every month in Southfield at the Colony Hall, 21780 Evergreen (between 8 & 9 Mile Roads) at 7:30 p.m. Visitors can come in for free.

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