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Moonrise Awaits your Camera



Award-winning local photographer John Senser is leading another of his unique YA backcountry trips to photograph the full moon rising from North Dome in late June. As long as you have some backpacking experience and you have a camera, this Outdoor Adventure presents a rare chance to capture something very few photographers ever will. A fairly easy trail, two nights camped, and top-notch instruction from a skilled professional. Come join us!

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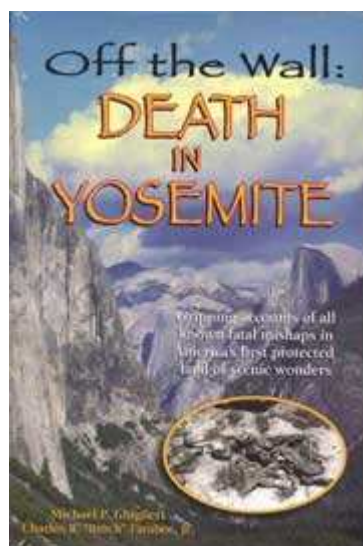
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Just Released: *Off the Wall: Death in Yosemite*

***Off the Wall: Death in Yosemite* by Butch Farabee and Michael Ghiglieri**

Hardcover \$36.95
Softcover \$24.95

A drunk tourist falling off a 1,430-foot waterfall, a marijuana-filled airplane crashing into a pristine high-country lake and a Russian immigrant jumping off Half Dome to free his soul are a sampling of the compelling stories that fill a new book chronicling all known fatalities in Yosemite National Park. The book's co-authors, Michael Ghiglieri and Charles "Butch" Farabee (a retired park ranger), have written other books about national parks, including a similar book about deaths at Grand Canyon National Park by Ghiglieri. The intent of the Yosemite book is twofold: to compile a history of the park's deaths while at the same time entertaining people



Memorial Announced for King Huber



N. King Huber, U.S. Geological Survey Scientist Emeritus, Fellow of the Geological Society of America, and recipient of the U.S. Department of the Interior Meritorious Service Award, passed away in his sleep February 24. He had been battling cancer since last summer. King, a Ph.D. graduate of Northwestern University, worked for the USGS for 40 years. During that time and throughout his 13-year "retirement" he produced a series of classic geologic investigations. He was the author of *The Geologic Story of Yosemite National Park*, which has been reprinted many times, as well as the *Yosemite National Park Geological Map*. He worked actively on products related to his beloved Yosemite up until the time of his death, just putting the finishing touches on a new book, *Geological Ramblings in Yosemite*, currently in press.

King's first introduction to the Sierra Nevada was in June of 1955, when he and his wife drove up Lee Vining Canyon over Tioga Pass and into Yosemite. Having grown up in the relatively flat terrain of northern Minnesota, mountains of any kind were new to him, and little did he know that this magnificent mountain range would define much the rest of his career and the next 50 years of his life. King's long-time Sierra studies were interrupted twice, once in 1959 to serve in the Director's Office in USGS headquarters in Reston, VA, and then again in 1966 when he began a four-year project mapping the geology of Isle Royale National Park in Lake Superior. In 1994, after 40 years with the USGS, King formally

with real-life accounts of fatal mistakes. Ghiglieri said he wanted to intersperse some survival stories to keep the 608- page book less predictable. "People's fascination with death seems morbid, like cheap thrills," he said. "But underlying that fascination is learning lessons that could save lives."

From the Union Democrat article by Mike Morris

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[When is that Road Going to Open?](#)

With summer just around the corner, the National Park Service has recently activated their website for road Tioga and Glacier Point Roads plowing progress. Visit <http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/tioga.htm> for details

[Where in the World is Beth?](#)



YA's Interim President Beth Pratt is currently representing the Yosemite region on a Rotary International professional exchange in Japan. This winter she embraced the Japanese culture, learned to speak Japanese, investing in state-of-the-art

luggage, and is now visiting many areas of Japan while giving presentations to Rotary clubs, schools, and businesses. During this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, Beth says she "looks forward to sharing my passion for Yosemite and my work, as well as learning from the Japanese people."

A published author, Beth is maintaining an enlightening and entertaining web-based journal called "Beth's Excellent Japanese Adventure: My Search for Good Sushi and Godzilla." You can read her updates at <http://bethpratt.squarespace.com/journal/>

retired with more than 60 significant scientific publications to his credit. He continued to work another 13 years as a USGS Scientist Emeritus producing more than a dozen new publications, including both technical and popular laymen's guides to geology.

Throughout his career, King understood the importance of communicating the geologic story of the many places he studied.

Bringing the geologic story of several national parks to the public's attention, he wrote popular guides to the geology of Isle Royale National Park, Devil's Postpile National Monument, and Yosemite National Park. YA Education Coordinator Pete Devine, who has known and worked with King for nearly twenty years, considers King's departure a great loss for the park and its visitors. "My wife and I visited King about a week before he passed away. He was so pleased to have finished his book - not for himself, but for the public who will make use of it."

King is survived by his wife of 56 years, Nan, their two sons, a sister and two grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, April 20 at 1:30 p.m in the courtyard patio of Building 2 at the USGS Menlo Park Science Center, 345 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park, Calif.

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