

Nov. 3, 2001

Katherine Connor

~~Amor Vincent
Lovingly given~~

& Gordon Q as the bearer

(The butterflies are crawling
down my shirt)

In memory of Steve Rahl & Fr B.

Been a long time
coming - Great -
Carter McElroy, PT

4 November 2001

It's many miles from the lands of
my grandparents to this peak.

I came with an offering and in
dedication to my fellow New Yorkers
who gave their lives this September
Eleventh.

Tim Canova

11/4/01
Many Blessings and Prayers
To the Tohono O'ODHAM
People for Safety &
To this sacred place
May all our prayers
Be heard & answered
- Gabine Manfor -
Chief Harry L. Wallace
& Lake Charles Nation
Long Island, NY

4. XI. 01 Robert Cruz.

I left stuff here and
it was taken by someone
who claims to maintain
this Peak. Who asked
the thief to take things
from here. He should bring
them back & leave it alone.
My grandfather was here, my uncle was

I was here several times and my ancestors
have been here too. Quit being so
arrogant and imperialistic you
crazy American!!! R.C.

Nov. 4, 2001

My second time here it still looks and
feel like my homeland May the gods be
with you and take care of you until you
return. for all my relation!

Fernando Is Martinez
Hailed O'Doham.

Nov. 9, 2001

Awesome Peak - Great View

1st TIME UP HERE - great vibes up here
(center of the universe... definately)

FREE Soco - SE ARETE - great climb
now i'm going back down the same way!

JOHN (THE GAMBLER) ROSHOLT

NOV 9TH 2001 ARON RALSTON via Forbes Rte.

Albuquerque, NM ~ Best wishes to my friend
Howard who is getting married on Sunday! ~

Nov. 9th 2001 Mark VanEckhout via Forbes
Los Alamos, NM Wish you were
here Howard. Great views but
could do without the Bush wedding

Nov 9 & 10 2001

great view. A magical place.

3rd summit for me first for my
son. Hate to leave

Kevin & Jeremy 1411

9.10.01

IT IS ONLY THROUGH EXTREME
PLEASURE & COMFORT THAT WE
RETURN WILLINGLY TO ADVERSITY.

- YVON CHIOURNALD

FIRST TIME HERE AND QUITE POSSIBLY
THE LAST... MOVIN TO CALIFORNIA.

STAY SAFE, KEEP IT REAL & TAKE THE
TIME TO LOOK IN FRONT OF YOU!!

ALL MY RELATIONS...

BOOTS DAVENPORT
UNITY, MAINE

NOV. 10, 2001

JURGEN

AMANDA

SUZANNE

JAMES

DOUL

Summit 5:53 pm

TIME TO GET DOWN!

AWESOME!!

11/11/01

My first Technical summit so far!
Awesome feeling on top. You really get a sense
of the Marin and Sonoma Topography of the SW.
Muggy & poor air, but still beautiful. Adventure
Cedars Class 2001

Alex
(representing for Jersey!)

11/11/01

What a beautiful place this is.
I hope that it stays that way. We had a flawless day of climbing here. We will definitely be back.

Ben Traxler
Cleveland, Ohio

11/11/01

Nut Brown Hare
- Solana Beach California
- SE Arete
- with Keith Fieldhammer
Randy O'Connell
X Mortals

11-17 BRUNN BONADON summits
AGAIN, MY GIFT IS TO THE
GODS - AND NOT TO THE MIGRA.

11/17/01 Great climb, great weather
The sun is disappearing,
gotta go!

Darin + Sharon

11-18-01 Mike Deeloo and Rick
Gilbert arrived after sundown
to this amazing place. Its
cold and we need to get
our asses down the mtn!

That's enough, were just!
~~The Mtn~~ "Gumba"
~~Mike~~ "Deel"

(later that same night)

Well we didn't make it down.
The beautiful mtn wants us
for overnight guests. We both
feel very honored and set a
huge fire for the occasion
and have pretty much acknowledged
that we will not sleep but
we might partake of the
sakayawka that someone so
kindly and graciously →

left. Pictures of this event
can be seen by emailing
mikedreelan@hotmail.com
mikedreelan@ "

Some of you might ask "how did
you not make it down": good
question. Although we sought
out ~~keep~~ Rappel routes we did
not find as ~~wire~~ bolt or webbing local.
We made a simple choice and
wondered what our loved ones
would have us do. We could
~~risk~~ it all and try to get
down. Or we could build a
huge fire and wait for the
sunshine.

Gumby (Rick Gilbert) wants
a few important things noted
besides our stay the night
reason.

First, we have limited chow.
Less than three pinches each.
Less than 2 quarts of water.
2 packages of "GU", and two
granola bars. And Gumby's
headlamp is dead.

(GUMBY SPEAKING)

I've always said you have to expect and accept any eventuality. Well, I couldn't expect a platoon of LADY BUGS crawling up my pants. So it goes. I just shake 'em out.

But no unnecessary risk needs to be taken tonight. So I'm late for work tomorrow. Exactly how important should that be next to undestabilizing this mission? This great expedition and confirmation of our existence?

Times like this, things boil down to absolute necessity. Isn't this one reason we all do this?

To gain real sublime perspective on our lives and our world.

I am thankful for this opportunity.

11/19/01

I have wanted to climb this awesome feature for ~20 years. It is much more inspiring than I imagined. The strike is one of a kind. I am very glad we have the time to take in the beauty of this vista. Thanks to the Tohono O'odham people for sharing this wondrous place with us!

Lynn Zerbe

What a magical voyage this trek was - a true lesson in simply being (which is very close to being simple). Our trip began as a typical climbing plan hatched in the comfort of our home in Carson City, Nevada last spring. We ordered maps, visited websites for route information and then proceeded to forget about it until shortly before the trip began, when we changed plans at the last minute. We didn't want to lug all our climbing gear on the plane for a few hours of climbing. So we decided to just hike the peak. Then we forgot to pack the map.

we'd bought 6 months ago. And we found out in Tucson that the "easy" route was generally done with ropes. As our once ambitious plans flickered and threatened to go out, we finally accepted the trip for what it should've been from the start — just an opportunity to explore the beauty of another corner of the Earth and see what we can see. So we set out this morning, just the two of us on the trail, with no idea whether we'd get to the top or not. ~~I~~ I didn't even care really; I just wanted to experience the place and take it how it came. Ah, but the Sonoran jungle is like a paradise to us sage-brush-Nevadans! Tons of birds, a coyote that yawned in our general direction, and a million happy yuccas, sotals, and oaks. The rock beckoned us up, providing the finest in-cut

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holds an un-rope person could want
(only a minor anxiety lingers in my
head as I drink in this Tohono
O'odham panorama) before our descent.
On top finally, the wisps of oak-
woodsmoke incense from ~~the~~ last
night's overnight guest's dying embers, (see
and the spiritual trinkets of the
summit shrine seemed to complete
this simple journey perfectly.

Thank you to the Earth, sky, and
sun for ~~this~~ gift of this day -
and its simple lesson.

Tom Gray, Carson City

11/20/01

We came up the SE arete,
and enjoyed the climbing very
much. Happy to be here on the summit.
Babo's bussings on my family and
those I love.

Sigrid Stanley
Cuttingsville, Vermont

Lizards lurk on Babo, so do
we. Hello Ma and Pa' and
big sister, I wish I could
be with you for the holidays.

But soon I hope you will visit.
Sid is the #1 Dog
~~PAND~~ Carlisle, MA

11/24/01 came up Forbes route, fun climb excellent views 3 hours from the ranch fabulous hike
Rory Stark

11/24/01 came up Forbes w/ 1204y -
3 hours top - not bad for
1st AZ ascent - Take care
All - John Smith

11/24/01 I
IT'S BEEN TOO LONG (10+ YEARS)
SINCE MY LAST VISIT. TOOK WAY
TOO LONG TO MAKE IT TO THE
TOP. HOPE WE GET BACK TO
THE TRUCK BEFORE DARK. I'll
BE BACK SOONER NEXT TIME. THANKS
FOR THE RECHARGE BABO!

— JOHN FIFE - TUCSON

I LOVE my husband! ↗
I DID IT! I DIDN'T THINK
I WOULD BUT HERE I AM,
DRINKING IN THE VIEW. HOPE IT'S NOT
TOO LONG TILL MY THIRST BRINGS
ME BACK TO BABO!

DEANNNA FIFE - TUCSON

11/30/01 M. & L. MERRIGIANO FORBES R2
Breathtaking view & a fun day!

11/30/01 Born of Water, Good route
stellar rock got lost on one
of the last pitches but back on
clouds came in and this place
look on a mountainaire and fast,
Ryan Crochere

11/30/01 Babo is cool - Born of Water good route. Great
weather to give it "alpine" feel - clouds,
wind. Hope the descent is easy to find
as the route. Dave LePere.
-First climb in AZ!