



Easter 1980 at Alta Vista - 4 months after Jeff took up residence

Thursday 1 January 1981

Arrived at 4:45pm. Wind gusty from SE. Thick fog on coast, some mare's tails at sea during sunset. Temp. at 5pm was 60° F. Today is the first anniversary of my residency.

Friday 2 January 1981

Some high overcast in south in early AM. Heavy fog on coast. Clouds thickened with total cover by 4pm. Fog rose to Michael's Point by 2pm, and pulled back and coast was clear by sunset. Light sprinkles between 7:30pm and 9pm. Wind steady from SE all day. High temp. 66°

Low temp. 47° (at 3pm)

Temp. 50° at 10:30pm, some stars appearing.

Met Karl Teague, Karen Teague's son, today. While working on gate at Michael's Point, he approached me from Tin House looking for his mother's property north of Swiss Camp. I showed him the trail on his map.

Saturday 3 January 1981

Steady drizzle/mist from dawn till 3pm, dropping .18". At 4pm fog broke up and drew back to coast, with clear sky above. Installed another rain gauge next to existing one, to compare mineral oil vs. the usual method. Hopefully, mineral oil will keep rain from evaporating before amount can be read.

Finished gate at Michael's Point and ran some wire down the Partington side. Hopefully this will keep the horse from winding up at Krenkel Corners.¹

High 56°

Low 42°

Wind shifted from SE to N. at 3pm. Left at 5pm.

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Sunday 11 January 1981

.01"

Strong winds from SE all day. Cloudy front moving in from south, covering sky by noon. Showers from 3-4pm, .01". Trace of rain around 7:30pm.

Arrived at 6pm. Left Krenkel Corners at 3:30pm, riding Chink² and packing Frank Donkey.

Monday 12 January 1981

Cloudy in AM, wind still from SE. Overcast broke up during PM, with clear sky by 8pm. Wind shifted around noon, to the north.

Hi temp. 63°

Low temp. 46°

Worked on water line in AM, fixing the slope from White Pine to Stainless,³ worked on gate and fence at Michael's Pt. in PM.

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Saturday 17 January 1981

Partly cloudy all day, with wind from SE. Left Krenkel Corners with Frank packed. Arrived at cabin at 4pm. Eric Bernhard came along.

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Monday 19 January 1981

.10"

Rain from 12pm-3pm. Judith Goodman walked up for a stay.

¹ On Highway One

² Chinquapin, or "Chink," the horse.

³ Two of the springs supplying water to Alta Vista.

Winds from SE.

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Friday 23 January 1981

.26"

Partly cloudy in AM, with scattered showers, becoming steadier and colder in PM.

Packed Frank in today, arriving at 5pm. Pat Addleman visiting.

High temp. 48°

Low temp. 40°

Rainfall 6am-6pm .26"

Cold north wind today.

Saturday 24 January 1981

Partly cloudy in AM, thinning by noon, with slight drizzle, before sunset, at 5pm. Cold north wind all day.

Clear after sunset; moon had a ring tonight after it rose at 10pm.

Sunday 25 January 1981

Clear all day with wind from north.

Warm away from wind.

High temp. 54°

Low temp. 38°

Left at noon, pastured at Tin House 45 minutes, back with a load on Frank by 4:30pm.

Monday 26 January 1981

2.86

Light drizzle at 7am, with breeze from south. Clouds lowered all day with wind picking up from south. Spread dry range rye/clover mix – 8lbs. at goat pen and upper pasture, 8lbs. within house fence.

Raining hard by 3pm, with heavy gusty winds from south.

High temp. 47°

Low temp. 40°

Rainfall -	@ 9pm	.68
	@8am (1-27)	2.18
	Total	2.86

Tuesday 27 January 1981

2.2"

Strong wind from south all day. Periods of heavy rain with drizzle in between.

High temp. 47°

Low temp. 44°

Rainfall	by 6pm	1-27: 1.5"
	by 8am	<u>1-28: .7</u>
	Total	2.2"

Wednesday 28 January 1981

Wind turned in evening – it's now cold out of the NW.

Low temp. at 8am -38°

Left at 8:30am hoping trail is clear.

11am: trail wasn't clear. Tanoak down below pumphouse. Got chainsaw and am ready to try again.

Clouds pulled off ocean, with sun out by 10:30am. Still cumulus on Coast Ridge, and in NW.

.03" rain from 8am – 10am

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Friday 30 January 1981

2.0

Arrived at 5pm with Frank & Chink, after leaving Krenkel Corners at 3:15pm. Showery in AM, PM clear with cumulus on west horizon and top of Coast Ridge, clear after sunset.

Cold north wind last 2 days. Hail and snow last night, with snow level at 3,200' in AM, melting to patches by sunset.

Low temp. since Wednesday at 8am, 32° (probably last night).

High temp. for 2 days, 47°

Temp. today at sunset 5:30pm: 37°

Rainfall since 10am Wed: 2.0"

Saturday 31 January 1981

Clear in AM with high cirrus strips moving in from north in PM. Wind variable, but mostly from north.

High temp. 51°
Low temp. 35°
Temp. at 3pm 48°

Some small patches of snow and/or hail along waterline trail in ravines.
Still a few patches of snow on Anderson, Marble & Mining Ridge.

Left at 3:30pm.

Total for Dec. '80: 2.29
Total for Jan: 9.92
Total season to date: 12.21

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Wednesday 4 February 1981

Walked up from Tin House after Jack Sutton delivered Ralph Fairfield, Don Knott, Hans Ewoldsen and I. We walked back to Ralph's house in McWay Canyon via Ewoldsen Trail through West Fork McWay.

High temp. 62°
Low temp. 48°
Temp at 10:30am 56°

Wind from north.

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Saturday 7 February 1981

Cirrus thickened into late PM, then developed into high cumulus. Thin moon in west at 7pm. Winds light from south.

High temp. 2-4 thru 2-7: 63°
Low temp. 2-4 thru 2-7: 42°

Temp at 6pm: 50°

Packed in in PM – left Krenkel Corners at 3:06pm, arrived here at 4:40pm. Met Ralf Fairfield on Tin House Road⁴ cutting firewood. His sister-in-law and her friend came up to cabin for a half-hour.

Wind gusty from SE at 10pm.

Sunday 8 February 1981

1.9”

Rain started about 5am.

High ceiling in AM, lowering to this ridge by 11am, then raising and lowering over ridge here by sunset.

Rainfall	5am-2pm	.6”
	<u>3pm-11pm</u>	<u>1.3</u>
	Total	1.9

Strong south wind all day.

John Cluett and Miles, from Wales, came for dinner and stayed the night.

High temp. 53°

Low temp. 43°

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Sunday 15 February 1981

Rather warm breeze from north. Rode up with Frank in PM, arrived here at 2:30.

High temp. 67°

Low 42°

Wind from SE.

Ring around the almost-full moon at 10pm. 3 stars inside.

Strong north wind started up in late night.

⁴ Dirt road, closed to traffic, climbing from Vista Point, on Highway One, to the Tin House (which lies about a mile down the ridge from Alta Vista). The shortest, and steepest, route to Alta Vista from Highway One is to ascend the Tin House Road to its high point, then follow the trail up Michael Ridge. The other routes commonly used by Jeff were the longer, but more gently graded trail, up Partington Canyon, the (now long abandoned) Ewoldsen Trail from McWay Canyon, and the Agony Trail, rising steeply from Alta Vista to the Coast Ridge Rd.

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Sunday 22 February 1981

Dry, warm wind out of east all day.

Walked east boundary of Alta Vista and Swiss Camp, from water tank north to corner with Teague, then west to forks of creek and corner, then south to Hornet Flat and up to top of Waters Ridge. Found splitting yards above Swiss Camp by following old trail up from Swiss Camp. Found splitting area below Hornet Flat where Hans Ewoldsen says Trotter got wood for cabin. Lots of shakebolts, etc. left. Found campsite at Hornet Flat where Hans Ewoldsen says Overstroms camped while house was built.

High 72°

Low 59°

Temp at 5:30pm 60°

Monday 23 February 1981

Trace

Clear in early AM, with patchy fog on coast. Fog rose thru morning, forming heads on the Coast Ridge by noon, and looking like cumulus.

Low temp. 49°

Temp at noon 57°

Left at 1pm.

Air cooler and moister than yesterday, with wind from SE.

Trace of rain at Esalen at 10pm.

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Wednesday 24 February 1981

1.0 + Trace after 6am

Left Krenkel Corners at 1:20pm, arrived here at 3pm, left at 4:30pm.

Rainfall 2-24 thru 6am 2-25 1.0". Trace in morning.

Snow level from last night's fall was 3,000', with quite a bit remaining at 4pm on Michael's Hill and Coast Ridge south of Marble Peak.

High temp. 2-23 thru 2-25: 60°

Low temp. 2-23 thru 2-25: 33°
Temp at 3:15pm 2-25: 41°

Saw lightening off Lucia at 7pm.
Rain started in late PM.

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Special Note

Quite a bit of rainfall late in month, but no daily measurements taken. This was a period of cold rain from the north, with snow down to 3,000' in early March, which lasted 2-26 thru 3-5. During this period there was rainfall much of the time off the Lucia coast, with showers persisting there when other areas had cleared.

Approximate total for February = 5.21
5.21" = 4.46" recorded + .75" estimated for February 26-28.

Feb. total 5.21
Previous total 12.21
Season to date 17.42

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Sunday 8 March 1981

Clear in AM, with some cumulus on top of Coast Ridge after noon. Variable winds, mostly from north.

Warmer, high in low 60's.
Thermometer broken.

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Saturday 21 March 1981

6+" 3-15 thru 3-20

Clear in AM, cloudy by sunset. Rain started at 10:00pm

Rode up on Chink, sans Frank. Took Tanbark Trail. Several down tanoaks above switchbacks.

Rain in gauge was overflowing.

Rainfall 3-15 thru 3-20 was 6+"

Variable winds.

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Saturday 28 March 1981

Rode up in thick fog at 3:45pm from Krenkel Corners with Frank. Broke thru fog at Micheal's Pt. Arrived here at 5:15pm. Read 1.35" in rain gauge.

Fog descended past sunset, remaining at 1,500'. Wind cold from north.

Sunday 29 March 1981

Clear all day.

Very cold last night.

Wind from the north, strong and gusty.

Daffodils, red and blue penstemons, and filaree have started to bloom, as well as Jimbush. Poison oak and walnuts are leafing out.

Monday 30 March 1981

Cold east wind.

Clear all day, cold the night before.

Tuesday 31 March 1981

Foggy on coast, rising through the day to level off at cabin elevation by 10pm, when it cleared to coast.

Some cumulus in north and on Coast Ridge. Variable winds, mostly from north.

Total rainfall for March, approximately	11.03
Previous total:	<u>17.42</u>
Season to date:	28.45

Wednesday 1 April 1981

Trace of rain at 8am. Thick cumulus on top of Coast Ridge, more clouds high and out to sea. Clear on coast. Cool breeze from north.

Some *very* light sprinkles as I leave at 5pm.

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Saturday 4 July 1981

Trace

Sprinkle of rain at 4pm.



View from swing, Summer 1981

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Thursday 22 October 1981

Upper spring (farthest away) is dry except for the rarest drip from the right-hand wye.

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Sunday 25 October 1981

.01”

South wind all day; some high cirrus moved over in mid-afternoon. Fog rose in late afternoon, engulfing cabin. Rain started late in night.

Monday 26 October 1981

.04"

Rain stopped before 8am. Partial clearing, then light drizzle around noon, producing .04". Overcast higher in afternoon. Total between 8am and 8pm: .04".

Tuesday 27 October 1981

1.52"

Cloudy and windy (from south) all day. Rain started around midnight, ending by dawn. Very windy, with some loud thunder and lightening just after midnight.

Wednesday 28 October 1981

Partly cloudy before noon, with traces of rain. Overcast thickened thru PM with south wind picking up. Lots of lightening (every 7-8 seconds for several hours), but no thunder. Source of lightening lost in fog. Rain spatters from 10pm on.

Almost all leaves are gone from persimmon. 11 fruits this year, compared to 70+ last year.

Thursday 29 October 1981

Partly cloudy, lots of cumulus coming in from north. *Cold* north wind.

Total rainfall for October: 2.22"

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Wednesday 4 November 1981

Clear and somewhat balmy. SE wind most of day. High cirro-cumulus moving in during late afternoon. By sunset, fog rises and engulfs house.

Thursday 5 November 1981

.04" (as of 2pm) + .17" = .21"

Rain started 1am.

Trace of rain until 8am.

Scattered rain from 11am till 2pm; with .04 as of 2pm, rain still likely in late afternoon.

.17" between 2pm and dawn, 11-6.

Friday 6 November 1981

Rain in early AM, clearing by sunup, clear throughout day.

Saturday 7 November 1981

Warmer, with some cirrus moving over at sunset.

Sunday 8 November 1981

Some high cirrus.

Cut madrones near water tank for firewood.

Monday 9 November 1981

Met John Cluett on Coast Ridge. Drove to Cold Spring and he and I walked over Michael's Hill to Rubis Cabin. I walked back on road and he left for S.F.

Clear in AM, with increasing clouds in afternoon. Heavy front moves in from west before sunset.

Tuesday 10 November 1981

Alan & Regina & Sarah Eichman, Michele and Willie visited today.

Cloudy in AM, looking like rain. Some good rainbows around noon. Clear by afternoon.

Wednesday 11 November 1981

Heavy surf on ocean today. Incident with Tani, Lani and Matthew, and Jack & Luci at Partington Cove.

Thursday 12 November 1981

3.95"

High overcast in AM, fog on coast, which engulfed cabin after dawn. Drizzle started at 10am, becoming heavy by 1:30pm. .50" by 3:30pm. 1.56" at 6:00pm. (Howard Welch received 1.85" at 6pm at Hopkins')

Green Pea⁵ called at 10pm with phone call from Dick Price's wife – he is missing since he went jogging at 7am with dog.

⁵ The CB handle of Howard Welch.

Rainfall as of 8am (11-13-81) 3.95"

Heavy winds start in afternoon, continuing thru night.

Friday 13 November 1981

1.57"

Heavy winds and rain. Group of 4 from Esalen arrive around noon, looking for Dick Price. One group goes down Partington Canyon, and I take others down the Ewoldsen Trail to McWay. We meet Chris Morath and group, who walked up Ewoldsen Trail. I go back home.

Later Howard informs me via CB that Price's wristwatch and shirt were found up Rat Creek.

.67" at 7:30pm

1.17" at 9:30pm

1.57" at 8:00am (11-14)

Wind dies down at 9pm.

Saturday 14 November 1981

.32"

.03" rain 8am – 11am

Scattered sunny patches, little wind.

No rain from 11am thru 8pm. High overcast with occasional fog forming on coast. Large front moving in from west in afternoon.

Narcissus below cabin under walnut are shooting.

Nice sunset.

Howard calls at 7pm – Dick Price was found – spent storm in a cabin somewhere.

.29" between midnight and 8am 11-15.

Gathered just over 5 gallons of walnuts from 3 trees nearest cabin.

Sunday 15 November 1981

.96"

Rain started in night, continuing with breaks, thru noon. Dense fog, with moderate winds from SSE. Periodic heavy rains all day. Read .94" at 6:30pm.

Very quiet at midnight – cloud ceiling fairly level at 3,500'.

.96" at 8am (11-16)

Monday 16 November 1981

1.17"

Blustery winds from SE.

Ceiling at 3,500' with a few blue patches.

Long lines of swells coming over ocean from west.

Ceiling lowered to 3,000' with some drizzle at 3pm.

Ceiling lowers to below cabin after sunset. Rain started at 9pm, becoming heavy by midnight.

1.17" at 8am (11-17)

Tuesday 17 November 1981

Clear in west at 7am, still cloudy to south. By 8am all is clear, except some high cirrus in SW.

Very cold north wind.

Wednesday 18 November 1981

Cool, clear day with wind from north.

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Saturday 21 November 1981

.43"

Cloudy all day, with occasional sunny patches. Light breeze from north in AM. Worked on trail to Tin House, water bars, filling ruts and cutting branches that fell last week. Eric B. came up at noon. Rain started at 5:45pm, lasting off and on thru night. Light breeze from south started at ca. 4pm.

Sunday 22 November 1981

.02"

Drizzle after dawn - .02" between 8am and 10pm. Clouds lowering by noon, with sun above and clouds at cabin level.

Monday 23 November 1981

1.12"

High overcast in early AM, thickening thru day. Rain started at 3pm. .16" thru 7pm. Bob Foster brought Tom Mounts up Tin House Road so Tom could issue burning permit. I met them on their descent at 4pm, at Aquarium on Tin House Road. Tom left permit on porch.

Tuesday 24 November 1981

High cirrus at 7am, cumulus on ridge tops and in west. Some sun from 7-8am. Cumulus moving over ocean, looking drizzly at Pfeiffer Point at 7:45am. Rainfall at 7:45am: 1.12". 8am: FM radio reports rain in Carmel Valley. Looking drizzly toward Michael's Hill. Wind cold, from north. By 8:30am, front seems to have moved to South Coast Ridge.

Cumulus lifts by 2pm, except for South Coast Ridge. High cirrus, but sunny.

Wednesday 25 November 1981

Rain at night.

Thursday 26 November 1981

Raining off and on during day.

Friday 27 November 1981

Rain all day; with lots of hail during day.

Snow on Coast Ridge.

Saturday 28 November 1981

2.82

Rainfall total for 11-25 thru 11-28: 2.82" (bulk of rainfall on 11-27)

Scattered showers, sunny in afternoon.

Sunday 29 November 1981

Clear all day, except for clouds on Coast Ridge during mid-day, clearing by sunset. Cold north wind.

Total for November - 12.57
Total for Season - 14.79

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Wednesday 2 December 1981

Still patches of snow on ridge at top of Agony Trail.

Thursday 3 December 1981

Warm and sunny –

Sarah Eichman's 3rd Birthday Party here –
Sarah, Regina & Alan
Kathy Keenan, Sunshine
Jessica
Glen Oscar & Robert
Julyane & Andrin

Friday 4 December 1981

Warm & sunny –
Worked on Agony Trail, brushing and cutting trees.

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Tuesday 8 December 1981

Gusty SE wind, cooler today; brings in haze: by noon it looks like LA. Low fog on coast.
Cirrus moves in from west at sunset.

Wednesday 9 December 1981

.59

Clouds move in from SW, fog rises up from coast, covering cabin by 10am.

Clouds lower to 3,000', drizzle starts at 2pm.

Gusty SE wind.

Rain late into night.

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Sunday 13 December 1981

.02"

Wind from south. Overcast at 6,000'+, dropping to Coast Ridge by 10am. Fog rises from ocean, covering cabin by 11am. Light drizzle starts at 1pm, after ceiling forms at 3,000'. Fog on ocean. Drizzle occasional thru 4pm, when clouds lift above Coast Ridge.

.01" rain at 5pm

.02" at 8am (12-14)

Clear by midnight.

Monday 14 December 1981

Sunny and warm.

Light high overcast in north.

Wind from NW.

Narcissus bloom today.

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Saturday 19 December 1981

2.11"

Clear at 8am, with dark low cloud front in west, which moved in and over Coast Ridge by 11am. Drizzle started at 2:30pm, gradually increasing until heavy showers by midnight.

2.11" at 8am (12-20)

South wind all day.

Sunday 20 December 1981

1.17

Steady rain, sometimes heavy, all morning. At noon rain starts falling from north (north breeze). 8-10 varied thrushes in yard and in Ponderosas harvesting nuts(?)

Rain stops at 12:15pm.

Rainfall 8am-12:15pm .74"

Light rain resumes at 1pm, tapering off by 2. Clearing before sunset, with heavy clouds in west, south, and on Coast Ridge. Cold north wind.

.77" at 5pm

Starting at 10pm, occasional brief periods of heavy rain, with drizzle between.

1.17" at 8am (12-21)

Monday 21 December 1981

Lots of puffy cumulus over ocean and on top of ridge. Rainbows over Partington. Cold north wind.

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Thursday 31 December 1981

.15

Rainfall from midnight to 8:45am .15". After 8:45, clouds rise with view of ocean. Very cold, south wind. Rain at night, at times heavy after 8:45. Dec. 31 rainfall recorded on 1-2-82.

Approximate total for December = 8.05

Total for 12-1-81 thru 1-2-82 = 9.05

Total for season = 23.84

(Dec. 31 5pm) – (Jan. 2 7pm) = (1.15")

Friday 1 January 1982

Clear by 9am, with cold north wind all day. Scattered showers after sunset. Hail late at night, with snow/hail level at 3,000'.

Saturday 2 January 1982

Scattered showers on coast till mid-afternoon. Possibly snowing at Alta Vista. Rode in just after sunset in light snow flurry. Snow on roof. Snow flurries throughout day, according to Howard Welch at Hopkins'. Snow at Melville Mine.

Approximate total 1 Jan. – 2 Jan. = 1.0"

Sunday 3 January 1982

Trace

Partly cloudy in AM, cold, with ice on standing water ¼" thick. Front moves in from north, starting after dawn. Thickening and lowering, till rain starts at 9:30pm. Ceiling around 3,200' with rain. Wind cold from south all day.

Monday 4 January 1982

1.95"

Rainfall as of 10am .32" to be counted for 4 Jan. Very little rain between 9:30pm and midnight 1-3. Heavy south winds. Cold and strong gusts.

Total last season to 4 Jan. 81: 2.47"

Total this season to 4 Jan. 82: 25.79"

Rainfall at 4:30pm 1.17"

Some gale force south wind.

Rainfall at 9am (5 Jan.) 1.95"

Tuesday 5 January 1982

.04

Rain lets up around 10am, only a fine mist or drizzle after dawn. Wind from north after dawn, with thick clouds here, which rise throughout day. After noon, wind from south. By sunset, ceiling at 3,200'. Clear by 9pm.

Wednesday 6 January 1982

Clear AM, with occasional cumulus over Coast Ridge. Frozen puddles, wash bucket, lots of frost and frozen ground. Thawed by 10am. Wind cool from SE. Whales spouting off McWay.

Thursday 7 January 1982

Warm, NE winds, clear skies, lots of whales and pigeons.

Friday 8 January 1982

Frost on Tin House Road, along Aquarium, at 4pm.

Saturday 9 January 1982

Gusty NE wind, very dry, warm or even hot in sun.

Doug & John ride in at 8pm – full moon.

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12-15 January 1982

Winds from north and west, mild nights, balmy days. Cirrus in west in late afternoons. 13 January: deep tissue group from Esalen hike up, 13 in all.

Saturday 16 January 1982

Light south breeze, cirrus in west in AM, north wind in PM, clear.

Sunday 17 January 1982

Clear in early AM, high thick cirrus moves in from west, covering sun by 11am, wind from north. Fog out at sea. Rain at night. Storm out of south.

18-20 January 1982

Rain, rain, rain, snow, hail.

Thursday 21 January 1982

Rain in early AM, scattered showers, since 19th cold from north. Much snow visible down to 1,800'. Snow and hail patches visible from just above Aquarium, increasing all the way to cabin, where there was 3". Got snowed on during ride, at 5pm. Snow flurries during night. *Very* cold, 1/3" ice on/in washtub. Rainfall read 2.48" for 17-21st.



Alta Vista with a dusting of snow (photo from April 2001)

Friday 22 January 1982

Plenty snow for photos – high stratus clouds, still cool. Clear in afternoon. Walked to Marble Peak. Up to 18" of snow at top of Agony – 6" of hail beneath 6+" of snow.

Saturday 23 January 1982

Dug John Cluett out of snow at Marble Peak. Walked down Agony in decreasing amounts of snow. Clear and warming all day.

Sunday 24 January 1982

Warmer, variable breezes.

Monday 25 January 1982

.59

Cooler, SE wind, fog at sea moving on shore, engulfing cabin at 4pm. Rain starts at 11pm.

Tuesday 26 January 1982

.42

Rainfall at 9am - .59". SE wind, steady light rain. Warmer than last storm. Rain starts heavy from north at 10:30. 11:40 bright in west, edge of storm visible to NW. Rainfall at 11:40am 1.00"
Clear by 12 noon – total 1.01", except for cumulus on ridgetop and in west. North wind.

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Whale-watching at Alta Vista, January, 1982

Up here a half-mile above the ocean there's a commanding view of the coast – from Lopez Point to Pfeiffer Point – and all that passes between. Watching whale spouts one morning, I saw many groups – pods – of gray whales all exhaling at the same time, or within a couple of seconds of each other. All up and down the coast, one pod off Hot Springs, one off Anderson, one just to the north of McWay, all breathing at once – exhale, inhale, exhale, inhale, then the deep dive. All breathing to the same slow cadence, breathing together, to the slow rhythm of the sea. Ocean and whale, all whales, one being, just as are sky and birds, earth and man. Today I stand closer to the unity of this place.

J. Norman

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Tuesday 16 February 1982

Clear, with high cirrus moving in from south in afternoon. North breeze. Fog on coast in AM.

Feb. rainfall –

7th - trace
10th - .14
13th - .85
14th - 1.60
15th - 3.26

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Friday 26 February 1982

Gordon Newell has been at Clement's working on sculpture with Dan Whetstone since yesterday. They've been fitting the plywood templates for the tree-roots to the stone base.

Visited Sam & Eby for lunch. Had dinner with Doug & John and went to Cal. State Horseman's Assn. meeting with them and Tani & Lani. Talked to H. Weick about packing insurance.

Rain started in Carmel Highlands around 7pm. Rain /sprinkle thru the night.

Saturday 27 February 1982

Rainfall - .03"

Packed in, arrived cabin at 2:30pm. Rain gauge read .03"

Cumulus on top of ridge – ceiling at 4,000' at 9am, 2,000' at noon, raising to 4,000' by 4pm. Clear after sunset, although cirrus building up in west.

South wind.

Cold at night.

Met Sierra Club group along Tin House Road. They'd walked up Partington Canyon, lunched at Tin House, and were walking down road at 1:30pm. Carmen Remenyi among them.

Sunday 28 February 1982

Rainfall .15"

Thin high overcast, fog on coast to 1,000' in AM. Light gusty winds from south. Air rather hazy.

Left cabin at noon.

Rain starts on coast at 11pm.

Rainfall

Total for Feb:	6.03
Total for Feb, 81:	5.21
Total this season to date:	39.77
Total last season to date:	17.42

Monday 1 March 1982

Rainfall 1.29"

Rain throughout day – steady and gentle.

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Wednesday 3 March 1982

Rainfall .02"

Clear all day. Rain gauge read .02", mostly from 11pm 2 Mar. to 3-4am today.

Burned all cut brush from around house, and cut and burned chamise and lilac from lower trellis and near outhouse. Used charcoal pile below house for chicken barbecue and baked potatoes.

Put in water system for horses in old alfalfa field above water tank. Also new valve and faucet at standpipe below water tank.

Thursday 4 March 1982

Clear all day. Slight breeze from south and NW. All springs channeled into water line this afternoon. New leak near big cut oak – a big one. All new faucets and connections in horse corral are tight.

Cleared area around new trough and upper gate. Moved water trough and koi to corral, and hay, salt block, and finally animals at sunset.

Whitey⁶ turned up lame this AM.

⁶ The mule

Gusty winds from SE at night.

Friday 5 March 1982

Went down for the day with Chink & Frank, as Whitey still lame. Left at 10am.

Picked mussels at Partington Cove, gave some to Emil – left them in his mailbox. Bathed at Hot Springs. Got mail, packed in a bale of hay to upper corral, arriving at 6pm.

High overcast in AM, clearing to cirrus patches by sunset. South breeze all day.

Saturday 6 March 1982

Whitey much better today. Hoof feels hot (front right).

Felled 2 oaks west of garden below cabin and along trail around house. Bucked into moveable lengths and piled slash below.

Miles Baddeley (Birdman) called thru Howard to get together while he's in Big Sur.

Clear skies, wind steady from south.

Sunday 7 March 1982

Rainfall .14"

Strong winds from south.

Heavy high overcast at dawn.

Rain starts at 11am, with high overcast. Cloud ceiling lowers to cabin by 4pm.

Rainfall at 6:30pm - .10, at 10:30 pm, .13, at 8:30am 8 March was .14"

Birdman called at 8:30pm – we will meet at Esalen at 2pm during native plant walk.

Monday 8 March 1982

Trace of rain

Sprinkle of rain at 8am.

Ceiling raises to 2,800' at 9am, wind from the south.

Clearing to high puffy cumulus on top of ridge by noon.

Finished cutting trees along trail below cabin.

Fog moves in on coast by sunset to 500'.

Tuesday 9 March 1982

High overcast, fog on coast.

Left cabin at 10am.

Rain starts at 11-12pm.

Wednesday 10 March 1982

Rainfall .55"

Rain off and on all day.

Rainfall for today approximately .55"

Thursday 11 March 1982

Rainfall .42"

Rain all morning, becoming scattered in afternoon.

Left Krenkel Corners in drizzle at 3:15, arrived at cabin at 5:15. Rain stops at 4pm, with partial clearing at sunset. Occasional showers after 9pm.

Rainfall in gauge was .94" at 5:30pm.

Rainfall today approximately .39" plus .03 late at night.

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Monday 22 March 1982

Snow level up to 3,600'. Rode up and down today. Pockets of hail at Stainless Spring. Plenty of snow on Tin Can Ridge.

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Wednesday 31 March 1982

Rainfall for 3-27 thru today – 3.40"

Rain

Totals for March 1982:

3-1: 1.29"
3-2: .50"
3-3: .02"
3-7: .14"
3-8: trace
3-10: .55"
3-11: .42"
3-13: trace
3-14: 1.03"
3-15
thru
3-19: 1.61"
3-25: .28"
3-26: .09"
3-27
thru
3-31: 3.40"
Total
for
3-82: 9.33

Total this season
to date: 49.10

last season to date: 28.45
last March 81: 11.03

Thursday 1 April 1982

Rainfall 0.25"

Rain

Walked up in afternoon – 2 hours leisurely stroll. Hail pockets from Swiss Camp jct. on up. Heavy hail falling from Michael's Pt. on up, with plenty of hail in deep patches around cabin. Sun came out just before sunset and melted it.

Rain in gauge was 3.63". .02" fell at night, with total from 3-27 to 4-1 3.65.
Approximately 3.40 inches estimated for 3-27 to 3-31, inclusive.

Snow level at 3,000' after hail/snow this AM, combined with snow/hail from last 4 days' cold precipitation.

Friday 2 April 1982

Rainfall 1.07

Patches of snow/hail at corral today.

Overcast at 3,500', cold south wind. Rain starts as drizzle at 4:30pm, increasing into night.

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Tuesday 6 April 1982

Rainfall .07"

Came up with Mark, Jonathan, Annika & Roger Newell. Beverly to walk up on Wednesday. Rain in AM, clearing in afternoon. One or two sprinkles of rain before sunset.

Rain in gauge was .19"
Approx. .07" fell today.

Jonathan found handsome 4" obsidian spear point in Tin House Road at upper stretch of Aquarium. Dark charcoal grey.

Wednesday 7 April 1982

Rainfall .01"

Mostly clear, with cumulus moving in and out from north. Occasional sprinkle of rain in afternoon.

Beverly arrives at noon.

Took soil samples from McWay side of Michael's Point for truffles.

John Cluett arrived at 4pm to spend night with us.

Large ring around full moon.

Thursday 8 April 1982

High thin cirrus. Weather is warmer. Ring around sun. We have Easter egg hunt in garden and barn. Newells and Cluett help me start to spade garden. They leave at 3pm.

Friday 9 April 1982

Thin high overcast. Warmer, with cool breeze from south.

There is still snow on Mining Ridge.
Leave at noon.

Rain starts at 4pm.

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Sunday 11 April 1982

Rainfall 4-9 thru 4-11 = 4.58"

Rode up in rain – started at noon. Rain stopped at 1pm; continued clearing thru day.
Arrive here at 4pm.

Many slides on Tin House Road – mostly below switchbacks. Spent 1.5 hours clearing one slide with handmade pick. No trees blocking trail.

Rain in gauge was 4.50 inches. Rainfall in early AM of 4-12 was .08". Total 4-9 thru 4-11 was 4.58".

Spring/seep flowing across Tin House Road about 75 yards down hill from jct. of Overstrom Trail. Wild pig rooting above seep may have softened soil and increased water retention.

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Saturday 17 April 1982

Started aligning staves on water tank – loosening bands, then pounding staves into place, then retightening. Still large gaps, mostly at base.

Sunday 18 April 1982

Chinked in gaps in water tank with redwood shims. Cleaned out tank and started to fill. Lots of leaks, but tank fills. Increased flow into stainless tank. Dozier came up and took pictures. Warm.

Monday 19 April 1982

Tank is overflowing! Very small amount over spillway, but lots of leaks. Needs to be drained and gaps sealed.

Warmer today.

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Friday 30 April 1982

Rainfall:

Total for April	6.24"
Season to date	55.34"
Last year to date	28.45"
April 1981	no rainfall

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Monday 31 May 1982

May total rainfall:	.09"
Season to date:	55.43

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Tuesday 29 June 1982

Rainfall .54"

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Monday 8 November 1982

Rainfall - .37

Rain stops by 7am.

Very cold north breeze.

Cumulus breaking up, rather warm and sunny at 9:30am. Clouds move in from SW, then clearing and lowering. Drizzle starts at 10:45, winds from south. .05" at 11:30, when showers end. Partly cloudy by noon. .07" at sunset. Winds and clouds increase through night. High winds from south, blows door open at 4am – much rain, very cold.

Tuesday 9 November 1982

.70 rainfall

Rain in gauge at 8am .37". No rain at 7:30am, starts up at 8. Snow on Coast Ridge to 3,400'. South winds. .05" at 8:30am, .13 at 12:30pm, .41 at 5pm. Snow level rose until mid-afternoon, then dropped back to 3,400' at 5pm. .55" at 9pm, with mostly clear sky and cold north wind.

.70 at 8am 11-10

Wednesday 10 November 1982

Rainfall - .23

Cold north wind at 8am, no rain. Heavy rain and hail from 8:30-9:45am - .20 at 9:45.
Rain from 2:15-3:30 - .23 at 3:30. Clouds rise and break up before sunset. Clear and *cold*
at night. North wind.

Thursday 11 November 1982

Clear and cold.

Traces of frost on wet timbers near tomatoes.

Traces of snow on Michael's Hill, Anderson Pk. and still lots on Mining Ridge.

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Wednesday 17 November 1982

Rainfall .94"

Still patches of snow on Mining Ridge. Most of persimmon leaves have turned vermillion
and dropped. Sprinkles of rain at 4pm and 5pm. South winds pick up thru night. Strong
south wind at 1am, heavy rain later. .94 by 8am 11-18.

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Tuesday 30 November 1982

Rainfall 7.85

Cold north wind, hail and thunder & lightening. Rode up in mid-day with John & Maggie
Murphy. 7.16" of rain in gauge. Left 1.11" in gauge to be added to 4-day total tomorrow.

Wednesday 1 December 1982

Rainfall .04

Hail on top of Michael's Hill. Rain in gauge at 7:30 is 1.80, making a 4-day total 7.85".
Cold north wind.

Scattered rain and hail in morning. Nice rainbows. Mostly clear in PM. North wind, but
warmer.

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Tuesday 21 December 1982

Rainfall 3.84

Strong south wind after midnight, spitting small amounts of rain. Rain increases in AM. .06 at 10am, .90" at 3pm, with *strong* south gusts all day, rain increasing thru and past 3pm. 1.69" at 5pm. Heavy rain through night.

3.84 at 8am 12-22

Wednesday 22 December 1982

Rainfall 1.72"

Gale force gusts from south, shifting to north around 3pm. Rainfall .83" at 4pm, 1.52" at 9pm, with cold north wind becoming less gusty, occasional hail after 7pm. *Cold*, gusty north wind thru night. 1.71 in gauge at 8am 12-23

Thursday 23 December 1982

Rainfall .03

Cold gusty north wind. Clouds broken up, ceiling 4,000-4,500', alternating periods of broken sunlight and rain, hail, snow. Good snow flurries between 8:30 and 8:45am. Precipitation .03 at 10am, snow flurries at 9:30 and 10:15.

Clearing, mostly, by sunset.

Friday 24 December 1982

Clear and cold.

Ground is frozen.

Snow on very top of Anderson, Michael's Hill & Mining Ridge.

Saturday 25 December 1982

Clear and cold.

Ground frozen ½" deep.

Snow remains on Mining Ridge.

Sunday 26 December 1982

Spaded middle terrace.

Monday 27 December 1982

Shoveled manure out of barn and hauled 18 wheelbarrow loads for middle terrace.

Tuesday 28 December 1982

Walked down Tin House Road and drove to town, came back via Coast Ridge Rd. and Agony Trail by near-full moon.

Wednesday 29 December 1982

First narcissus blooms today. Cold south wind. Aditgananda & Paul T. come up at sunset for eclipse.

Full moon today, or tomorrow morning.

Thursday 30 December 1982

Eclipse starts at 1:50am. Fully dark by 3, moon returns full by 4:30, sets at 7:15. Sunrise at 7:30am. Frost on ground by sunrise. Barbara Woyt & John Bates & kids come up at noon.

Cold NW wind. Cloud ceiling spotty at 2,400' raising to top of Coast Ridge before sunset. Clear and cold and big moon.

Friday 31 December 1982

Quite a bit more frost this AM. Ernst & Beverly Ewoldsen and 2 sons arrived at noon.

Saturday 1 January 1983

Warmer today, with mare's tails in SW in afternoon. Keith Vandevere & Acacia came up in PM.

Sunday 2 January 1983

Split firewood, shoveled shit, hauled hay.

Clear and warmer, cirrus in SW at sunset, winds variable, mostly from north.

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Thursday 20 January 1983

Clear and cold – NW wind.

1/8" ice on puddles, ground frozen, frost on grass. I leave at noon. Clouds move in from west in evening.

Friday 21 January 1983

Rain starts at around 8am.

Saturday 22 January 1983

Rain, fierce winds from south.

Sunday 23 January 1983

4.56 rainfall 3-day

Rain lets up at 9am.

I arrive at 2:30pm.

Wind from south. Sprinkles begin again at 1:30pm. Rain starts steady at 3pm. *Heavy* winds, possibly strongest this season, and rain 10pm-1am. Rain in gauge at 8:30am 1-24 is 4.56" for Fri., Sat., Sun.

Rainfall for this season to date is 32.43, to date last year: 28.31

Monday 24 January 1983

Rainfall .09

North wind by dawn. Showers until 9:30am, ceiling lifts to 3,000' at 10am, .09" at 11am. Ceiling 3,400' at 1pm. Ceiling rises to top of Coast Ridge at sunset, with storm front moving in from west. Totally clear at midnight with south wind since evening.

Tuesday 25 January 1983

Rainfall .04

8am: High overcast moving in from west; south wind, mild, slightly gusty. Winds increase thru day, becoming gale force by nighttime. Clouds thicken and lower to 3,200' by 11pm, when first sprinkle starts. Winds increase thru night. .04 in gauge at 8am 1-26. Thunder around 10-11am.

Wednesday 26 January 1983

Rainfall 1.96"

High winds – the highest ever blowing from south. Rain is light, rainfall at 2pm .04", at 5pm .11". Hard rains starts at 6pm, winds diminish after 6pm. Patches of barn roof torn

off, and I patched and nailed down boards to keep it on at 5pm. Back gate blown almost over, with north wind late at night. Sprinkles until dawn.

Thursday 27 January 1983

.18" rainfall

Thick high overcast at 8am. No rain. Cold north wind. Large quantities of brown effluent from Big Creek, Anderson Creek, Hot Springs Creek, and coming around Pfeiffer Pt. from Big Sur River.

Snow on Mining Ridge. Ceiling at 3,400' at 8:30am. Rain again at 8:45. North wind. Occasional drizzle. .17" at 2:30pm. Brief sunny periods in afternoon. .18" by sunset.

Friday 28 January 1983

Rainfall 1.42"

Front moving in from South. Strong south wind by 7am. Clear at 7, with clouds covering sky by 9am. Gusts increase by 11am. Strong wind all day, becoming very strong by 4pm. Rain starts at 4pm. Coffee can set on lower terrace to compare to rain gauge. Rain strong by 8pm. Hail at 10pm. Rain in gauge at 8:10 is 1.42", in coffee can 1.5". Storm shifts to the north at 9pm.

Saturday 29 January 1983

Rainfall .16"

Showers, cold north wind at 7am. Heavy hail storm at 8am, with lots of white drifts outside. Sky is blue at 8:10, with pretty thunderheads at sea and ceiling on Coast Ridge at 3,700'. Hail fields on Michaels Hill and Tin Can Ridge down to 3,400'. Showers around 10am - .08 at 11am, .15 at 7pm. Moon appears after 11pm. Sky clear at dawn. Total at 8am 1-30 .16.

Sunday 30 January 1983

Rainfall – Trace

Clouds increase in morning – breezy from south. Ceiling forms at 3,400' by noon, lowers to 2,600' by 4pm – showers at 4pm. Trace of rain, clouds lower, then dissipate 2 hours after sunset. Clear at 10pm.

Monday 31 January 1983

Clear in AM, with fluffy cumulus occasional on Coast Ridge. Breeze from south. Clear at sunset. Pruned grapes and gave them bone meal. Bone meal to persimmon also.

Tuesday 1 February 1983

Rainfall .09"

Clear in early AM, with cloud front in south and west. Slight south breeze. Clouds cover sky by noon. South wind increases. Sprinkle of rain at 3pm, 5pm. Mostly cloudy at night, with periods of thin patchy overcast.

Wednesday 2 February 1983

Rainfall .28"

Rain starts falling around 7am. Rainfall at 8am .09" for yesterday.

Showers end by 10am. .28" at 11am. Drizzle at 11. Slight drizzles on and off all afternoon. South wind continues, ceiling raises and lowers, vanishes. Partly clear at 8pm – rainfall still .28"

Thursday 3 February 1983

Mostly clear in AM, with clouds in west. Clear later in day. South wind.

Friday 4 February 1983

Rainfall .95

South wind, clear in AM. Puffy clouds on Coast Ridge all day. Cloud front visible in west at sunset. Clouds thicken at night. Rain starts at midnight, hard at times. Rainfall at 8am 2-5 is .95"

Saturday 5 February 1983

Rainfall 1.41"

Rain showers decrease after 9am. .10" at 10am, .20" at 3pm, .24 at 6pm. Rain increases after midnight. Rain in gauge at 8:30am 2-6 1.41.

Sunday 6 February 1983

Rainfall 3.39"

Rain from dawn to 11am from the south. Rain shifts to sporadic showers from north from 11am to 3pm. Rain mostly off and on from 3 to 6pm. Then steady rain from south after 6pm. Rainfall at 6:30pm .92", at 8pm 1.24". Seasonal rainfall as of 8pm is 40.25". Steady rain through night, light south wind. Rainfall at 8am 2-7 is 3.39".

Monday 7 February 1983

Rainfall 2.93"

Steady rain in morning, light south wind. .68" by 10:30am. Break in rain from 10 to 11:15am. Winds gustier by 1pm. Showers off and on from 11:15 to 3pm. Break in rain from 3 to 4. Rainfall at 3:45 is .97", 1.25" at 5:30pm. Thunder and static bursts on radio at 6:30pm. Winds shift at 7:30pm to north, with fantastic loud overhead lightening strikes and rumbles. Lots of hail. 2"+ at 8:30, when rain lets up. Ceiling is higher than Coast Ridge, with Anderson Pk. light visible, as are lights at Lopez Pt. on highway, and at Coastlands. Wind is from the south by 9:30pm. Sprinkles from south at 10:15pm. Gusty storm through night. Cold north winds later. Rainfall 2.93 at 8am 2-8

Tuesday 8 February 1983

Rainfall .01

Sprinkle of rain at 8:30, winds from north. Cold, clearing in west, with blue sky in west. Cloud ceiling at 3,400' on Coast Ridge at 8:30. High overcast with cumulus on Coast Ridge mostly all day. Wind mostly NW, with occasional south breeze. Rainfall total .01 from AM.

Wednesday 9 February 1983

Variable winds from south and NW. Some cumulus in AM, high overcast later. Milder. Started clearing brush from orchard below barn. Started taking out old fence. Most of the flowers on fruit tree below barn are past prime. Tried to move lower beehive – need another pair of arms. Bees very active on manzanita.

Thursday 10 February 1983

Warmer today. Winds as yesterday. Saw first fence lizard today. Fruit tree below lower gate opens first few flowers. Removed fence and cleared more brush. Lots of lilac firewood. Some high overcast all day, mostly clear in PM. Some sporadic high fog on coast. Huge waves from Hawaiian storm can be seen and heard.

Friday 11 February 1983

Rainfall .70"

South wind all day, sometimes gusting to ca. 20 mph. Then high overcast, mare's tails thicken in afternoon with front moving in from west. Fog forms on coast at noon, rising up to cabin by 5pm. Rain starts after midnight. .70" at 8am, with fine drops. First madrone flowers on trees near barn. Jim brush, ceanothus, "environmentalista brush" according to Blanco Diablo, is beginning to bloom.

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Thursday 24 February 1983

Rainfall .13"

Walked down at 8am, in town by 10, started back up hill at 3pm, arrived back here at 5pm. Found lots of horn-of-plenty chanterelle⁷ in tanoaks just above Tin House Road on lower trail. Cold, north wind at 8pm, almost-full moon with ring. Rain started in early AM. Strong gusty south wind. Rain at 8am 2-25 is .13"

Friday 25 February 1983

Rainfall 1.28"

Rain slows 8-9am. Winds pick up after 9, rain steady, sometimes rather hard. .30" at 1:15pm, 1.26" at 5:30pm. Wind from the north after 4pm, rain ceases after 6pm. Moon visible at 7:30pm, with some cumulus to south and thin high cirrus. 1.27" at 8pm. Wind from south again at 9pm, clouds inundate cabin. Rain at 8am 2-26 is 1.28"

Saturday 26 February 1983

Rainfall .40"

Lots of puffy cumulus, ceiling at 2,000', but patchy; clear sky, clouds alternate. South winds increase thru day. High overcast thickens and lowers, ceiling at 2,800' at 4pm. Rain starts at 5:05pm, occasionally hard until midnight. Winds sometimes gusting heavily. Rain at 8am 2-27 is .40"

Sunday 27 February 1983

Rain - .71"

A little sun at 9am, then clouds thicken, wind increases from south. Sprinkles of rain at 9:30am, 5pm, 6pm, then rain in earnest after 7:30pm. Wind steady, but not strong, out of south. .01" of rain at 5pm. HEAVY RAIN and hail at 10pm, .49" at 10, .71" at 8am 2-28.

Monday 28 February 1983

Rainfall .85" – to date 52.86"

Steady high winds from south in AM. Sporadic rain, ceiling below 2,600'. Coast visible at 8am. Winds increase, becoming gale force by noon – approaching winds of Jan. 26.

⁷ *Craterellus cornucopioides*

Had to nail battens on south side barn roof. Lightening bolts over Partington Ridge 2-3pm. Heavy horizontal rain.

Baking bread, watching for leaks. High winds continue into night. .37" at 5:30pm. Lightening visible 2 miles or so to south at 7:30pm, continuing to 10 or so. High winds and rain alternate with periods of calm thru night. March comes in like a saber-tooth tiger. Rain at 8am, 3-1 is .85", due to high winds. Battened more of roof at 10:30pm. This storm probably stronger than 1-26. A chair-under-doorknob storm. Watched tree branches break around me at 5pm. Nailed outhouse door shut at 10:30pm.

Tuesday 1 March 1983

Rainfall .65"

Ceiling below 2,600'. Gusty winds from south in AM. Occasional sprinkles, becoming heavier after 9am. Heavy rain and hail at 11am. Static bursts on radio separated by long periods between distant thunder. Radio news at noon says Palo Colorado Rd. closed, and hiway one closed at Rocky Creek. First time in a while that Big Sur cut off to north and south. Electricity off in Big Sur since yesterday. Lightening visible at noon, to west over Partington Ridge. Winds continue thru day, rain picks up after 7:30pm.

Lots of static bursts on radio. Doug Walling reports hiway closed between Hurricane and Little Sur, probably for several days.

Radio reports 3 tornados hit S. Cal. yesterday and earthquakes (3-4 Richt.) yesterday and today in L.A. One tornado damaged L.A. Conv. Center. Must have been a tornado here yesterday. Almost direct hit by lightening at midnight. Brushing teeth and saw flash to east then immediate incredible blast. Then lots of rain and hail. Blast was preceded by period of calm wind and no rain.

Rain and wind thru night. Rainfall at 8am 3-2 is .65"

Wednesday 2 March 1983

Rainfall .75"

Strong south wind, with periodic showers. Ceiling below 2,600'. Little change in weather, with showers becoming heavier in afternoon. Wind dies down after 7pm. Mike Peña reports via CB that 200 yards of hiway north of Bixby slid out, and CHP says it will be 10 days before *any* traffic can get thru. Say mail will be flown in. Rainfall at 8am 3-3 is .75"

Thursday 3 March 1983

Rainfall 1.08"

Slight breeze from south becoming clear at 8am, thick cumulus on Ridge, ceiling at 3,000', some blue sky in west. Coast visible from Lopez to Pfeiffer. Then ceiling lowers and slight rain starts at 8:10. Rain on and off all day. Variable winds, mostly from south, occasionally from west and north in afternoon. Rainfall .44" at 5pm. Winds mild. Rain off and on thru night. Rainfall on 3-4 at 8am is 1.08". A disaster center has been set up at B.S. F.S. with Mary Harrington in charge.

Friday 4 March 1983

Rainfall .11"

Clouds break up in early AM, mostly clear at 8am, with cumulus in west, south, and on top of Coast Ridge. Winds are from NW. Wind becomes south after 2pm. Clearing by sunset, with a little cumulus on Coast Ridge. Totally clear by 10pm, with high thin overcast at 11, totally overcast with lowering ceiling at midnight. Drizzle at 8am, south wind, rainfall .11" on 3-5.

Mike Peña reported via CB Friday night that the Anderson Peak people told him they had recorded a "peak" wind speed of 93 knots (115mph) the day of the big wind on 2-28. Big slides on hiway at McWay and Torre now. Electricity on in Big Sur south to Torre. No Green Pea yet. Helicopter tried to get supplies to Marble Pk. today but too cloudy, will try tomorrow. John has food specifically for them, though they report all is OK.

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Friday 11 March 1983

Rainfall .04"

Clear in early AM. Clouds increase and thicken thru day. Clouds cover top of Coast Ridge by sunset. Light rain begins at 9:30pm, decreasing by midnight. I get up at 3:30am, walk down and arrive at convoy at Little Sur at 6:30am. Take off at 6:45 for slow exciting drive thru destruction at Hurricane Pt. Washouts of most of fill sections, huge landslides and gully washes above road on Brazil pastures. Drive home via convoy at 6pm. Leave Krenkel's at 7:10, arrive afoot here at 8:55.

Saturday 12 March 1983

Rainfall 2.86

Thick clouds on Coast Ridge in AM, with light rain starting at 9:30am, continuing more or less till noon, then thick mist. Drizzle starts again after 6pm. .03" at 6pm. Rain increases through night. Storm shifts to the north around 8am 3-13. Rain at 8am 3-13 is 2.86.

Sunday 13 March 1983

Rainfall .58"

Rain mostly from the north after 8am. Winds stronger than from the south. Fine drizzle off and on thru morning. .48" at 11am, .57" at 6pm. Rain mostly ceases after 2pm, with clouds lifting, becoming broken cumulus at 2,000' – 3,000' at sunset. Sprinkle around 7pm. Then crystal clear and cold all night.

Monday 14 March 1983

Rainfall T

Clear at dawn, with cumulus increasing on Coast Ridge. Big rainbow over Partington Canyon at 8:30am. Trace of rain from rainbow at 8:45. Cumulus decrease after noon, clear at sunset save for a few cumuli in west. Strong cold north wind, gusty, all day.

Tuesday 15 March 1983

Wind decreases, quiet by 10am. Clear, with some thin high cirrus. Cirrus increases by mid-afternoon. Less at sunset. Wind from south after 2pm. Clear all night.

Wednesday 16 March 1983

Rainfall 1.01"

Winds increase from south. Clouds move in from west, covering sky by 9am. Clouds thicken and lower, rain starts at 11am. Winds quite strong. Winds die down by 2pm, coming from the north by 6pm. Rain ceases at 5pm, .70" at 6pm. Showers occasional at night. 1.01" at 8am 3-17.

Total for season 62.39 as of 8am 3-17

Thursday 17 March 1983

Rainfall 1.10"

Broken cumulus at 8am, winds from south. Ceiling at 3,600'. Rain starts about 9am, becoming quite heavy by 10am. Static bursts on radio. Heavy hail from south at 10:37, more hail and rain occasional thru day. Showers taper off thru night.

1.10 at 8am 3-18

Season total 63.49

Friday 18 March 1983

Rainfall .11"

Cumulus at 3,600' at 8am, breeze from south, cumulus broken, more coming in from west. Scattered showers in AM, clearing after noon. Clear at sunset with scattered cumulus. Rain in gauge at 8am 3-19 .11".

Season total 63.60"

Saturday 19 March 1983

Rainfall T

Clear at 7am, with line of cumulus in west, increasing thru AM, becoming thick overhead by 10am. Wind from north, cold. Cumulus scattered thru day, with cirrus buildup in west at sunset. Wind from the south after 5pm. Trace of rain overnight. Snow was visible today on Mining Ridge.

Sunday 20 March 1983

Rainfall .57"

Cold south wind, cumulus at 4,000", solid. Sprinkle of rain at 9am. More rain starts at 11am, ceiling below 2,000', wind steady and strong from south. Rain off and on through day, showers occasional after sunset. Wind from north after 7pm. Rain at 5pm is .52", at 8am 3-21 is .57".

Season total: 64.17"

Monday 21 March 1983

Rainfall .52"

Cumulus on top of Coast Ridge at 8:10am, wind from NW. Cumulus in west and south. Cold. Ceiling stays at 3,500' most of day. I walk to Marble Pk., with small hail falling from 4:30pm on. All of Coast Ridge walk is in drizzle/hail. Rain stops after 7pm, then starts after midnight. Rainfall at 8am 3-22 is .52".

Season total is 64.69"

Tuesday 22 March 1983

Rainfall .43"

Rain begins in early AM, continues to noon. Cold north wind after 11am. Clear/broken cumulus after 3pm. Rainfall at 8am 3-23 is .43".

Season total 65.12"

Wednesday 23 March 1983

Rainfall 1.51"

Broken with thin clearing cumulus at 6:30am, more cumulus moving in from west, lowering, rain starting at 10:30am. Wind wild, cold, from south. Ceiling at 4,000'. Rain stops at 2pm, clouds rise, then lower at 5pm, with rain starting at 6pm. .88" at 9pm. Rain heavy from 7-8pm, coming from north. Stopping except for occasional showers after 9pm. Heavy hail at 11pm and 2-3am, with close lightening strikes at 11 and 2. Some rain at 7am. Rainfall at 8am is 1.51". Season total is 66.63". Large hailstones last night.

Thursday 24 March 1983

Rainfall .59"

Cold NW wind.

Clouds move in right after 8am, hail at 8:10 with thunder and lightening. Hailstones this AM up to 1/4" dia. Stones start out small, after 1st minute attain max size, then become smaller again as squall moves on south.

Rain and hail off and on all day and thru night. Heavy in afternoon. Clear after midnight. Up at 4am. Clear. Rain in gauge is .59"
Season total: 67.22"

Friday 25 March 1983

Rainfall T

Up at 4am, mostly clear, with cumulus in west and north. I leave at 5:45 and drive south due to big slide at new Sycamore Gulch bridge at Selvig's. Incredible damage between here and Pacific Valley. Then over Nacimiento Grade to Jolon, then to King City via Lockwood - San Lucas Rd., due to slides on Jolon Grade that supposedly will take months to repair. King City to Monterey, then back again. Arrive here at 9:45pm. Clear here mostly, with cumulus. Trace of rain in gauge.

Saturday 26 March 1983

Rainfall .35"

Thin high clouds moving in from west, wind from south. Clouds thicken, with cumulus appearing on Coast Ridge by 10am. Clouds thicken thru day. Rain begins around 9pm, continuing thru night. .35" at 8am 3-27.

67.57"

Sunday 27 March 1983

Rainfall .37"

Rain continues till 11am. Then clouds raise with some blue sky by 2pm. Most cumulus gone from west by 5pm, but thick in south and east. Thick cirrus moving in from west, with line of cumulus in west at 5:30pm. Wind from south. Thin high clouds thru night. Rain at 8am 3-28 is .37". Season total 67.94"

Monday 28 March 1983

Rainfall T

Cirrus thickening in west, high thin cirrus elsewhere. Cold south breeze. Cirrus comes and goes, becoming warm in afternoon. South wind all day. Clouds thicken after 7pm. Trace of rain at 9pm.

Tuesday 29 March 1983

Cumulus thickening thru AM, becoming defined at 2,700' by 2pm, then raising and disappearing by sunset. Clear by full moonrise at 8pm. Winds from north. Warmer. Extended outhouse grape trellis today, split a lot of oak firewood. Talked to Amanita and Cos Sis⁸ tonight – from Judith's new CB at Willow Ck.

Wednesday 30 March 1983

Warm and beautiful morning. Light NE breeze. Hauled horse manure on lower terrace, split more wood. Talked to Peña about Dolan Creek Br., which has shifted – NW corner has moved 8 and $\frac{3}{4}$ " toward ocean since 3-28, when I started noticing a lot of brown sediment off Dolan Cr. Area. Big slide at Selvig's trailer will possibly be cleared for one lane by Friday.

Thursday 31 March 1983

Perfect spring day – hauled horse shit and finished filling lower terrace. Cleaned upper terrace. Spaded in alfalfa patch and grubbed a lot of poison oak. NE breeze – warm, clear all day except for patch of cirrus in sunset. Rainfall to date this season: 67.94"

Friday 1 April 1983

Clear and warm. Went down hill and learned of new sliding at Selvig's, which killed Skinner Pierce, operating loader. Arrived at slide at 2pm, Pierce having died when he went down the slide at 12:50.

⁸ That's what the names look like, anyway ...

Saturday 2 April 1983

Went to town, walking over active Selvig Slide at 7am and crossing again at 10pm. Fortunately, it had dried out a lot. Had to carry Mocho over since he messed up leg in dogfight. Weather is clear and windy from north.

Sunday 3 April 1983

Clear and windy from north.

Monday 4 April 1983

Less windy today, occasional cumulus. Arrived here at 4pm. Large tanoak fell in switchbacks on Tin House Road. Wind increases at night. Anderson Pk. getting 25 knot north winds.

Tuesday 5 April 1983

Rainfall .01"

Gusty east winds up to 20-30 mph here. Billowy, fat cumulus coming over Coast Ridge from NE. Clouds thicken after winds diminish. Occasional sprinkle of rain from 3-5pm. .01 in gauge at 6pm. Skies are clear after sunset. Winds cease after dark. Anderson Pk. reports temp. of 35° at 9pm. Much milder here.

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Friday 8 April 1983

Mostly clear. I walk up from Krenkel Corners at 7:32pm, arrive here at 9:09pm, after spending time in Pacific Grove with Kay Sutherland, Kathy, Midge, Connie, Mom & Joaquin.

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Monday 11 April 1983

Rainfall .04" 68.01"

Very cold. NW wind, lots of cumulus at 5,000' moving over from NW. Ceiling lowers to generally 3,800' all day, with cloudy periods and sunny periods. Light rain at 9:30, light hail (3/32" diameter) at 10:30am and 3pm, light rain at 3:30pm, 5pm, 6:30pm. Worked on beds below cabin and started taking out live oak near big mock orange.

Charlotte reported over CB that they received 1" of snow at 6am, which melted quickly. They are at similar altitude.

Noisy yipping coyote could be heard from Swiss Camp to south side Michael's Point and back to Swiss Camp between 11am and 4pm.

Tuesday 12 April 1983

Rainfall Trace

Cumulus increasing after 8am. Mostly clear before that. *Cold* north wind. Slightest amounts of rain at 12:30pm, hail at 1:30 and more fine rain at 2:30pm.

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Sunday 17 April 1983

.57" 68.59

Rain stops by 10am, .04", then starts up again at 6pm, but occasional. Gusty strong south wind. Ceiling below cabin by 9pm. Static bursts (lightening) on radio between 7pm and 11pm. More rain and wind off and on thru night. Rain in gauge at 8am 4-18 is .57".

Monday 18 April 1983

.25"

Wind diminishes after 9am. Ceiling below cabin. Rain starts after 10am. Off and on thru day. Ashton & Marilu DePeyster walk up, arrive at 3pm. Rain in night after midnight.

Tuesday 19 April 1983

.28" 69.12"

Rain starts up after 10am, gusty south wind. Rain off and on thru night.

Wednesday 20 April 1983

.44 69.56

Rain stops mostly from 6am to 9am. Rain from 9:15 to 10am, more from 1 to 2pm, and from 4 to 6pm. Winds from south till 5pm, then gentle from north. Occasional light sprinkle after 6pm. Rain in gauge at 8am 4-21 is .44"

Thursday 21 April 1983

.03 69.59

Clear in early AM, with fog engulfing cabin by 8am. Light drizzle in mid-day, more in night. Slight south breeze all day. Cabin in fog all day. Spent day burning slash from first oak tree near garden, then dropped other oak and started burning it. Lots of firewood for this winter. Rain in gauge is .03".

Friday 22 April 1983

Slight south breeze at 8am. Ceiling at 3,200' and lowering. I walk down Tin House Road and arrive at Krenkel Corners at 11:15. Drive over slide at JP Spring, which apparently had slipped 6" last night. Very messy. Judith Verens Springs and some Esalen folk on south side. I drive to town via Jolon. Cloudy and windy from south all day.

Saturday 23 April 1983

Rainfall 1.23" 70.82"

I leave Carmel at 9am, to Greenfield via Arroyo Seco. Slide west of Garland Park in Carmel Valley has blocked road. Traffic drives along river below Carmel Valley Rd. This slide in Big Sur would be nothing, but here is big potatoes. Rain starts in Big Sur at 9am. Heavy rain by 1pm. When I arrive at JP slide, *Much* rock coming down, so I move car to mouth of McWay Cyn. and walk up Ewoldsen Trail. I arrive here at 4pm. 1.20" in gauge at 6pm. 1.23" at 8am 4-24. Rain mostly stops after 4pm.

Sunday 24 April 1983

.45" 71.27

Clouds lower in AM. South wind. Slight sprinkle at 9am. Rain on and off all day. Rainfall at 8am 4-25 .45". Wind from north after noon.

Monday 25 April 1983

Cumulus on Coast Ridge all day. South wind beginning after 3pm. Crystal clear by 8pm. Near-full moon.

Tuesday 26 April 1983

Rainfall .03 71.30

Clouds move in from west and cover sky by 8am. South wind all day.

I ride down hill and arrive on hiway at 8:20am and ride to Selvig Slide to meet horseshoer. Arrive at slide by 9:10. Sprinkle of rain at 9:30, worse at noon, and a little at 12:30.

I ride to van parked at McWay Cyn., load groceries and visit Aditja.⁹ Ride back up Tin House Road. Arrive here at 6:45pm. Broken clouds at moon rise, then thick overcast all night. South wind. Trace of rain during day. .03 in gauge from 7am – 8am 4-27

Wednesday 27 April 1983

1.84” 73.14”

Heavy rain after 9am. Strong south wind. Ceiling below cabin. .62” by 3pm. Dick Price and Steve Harper walk up to look at campsites for Esalen wilderness trips. Peña reports that CalTrans stuck a bulldozer in mud under Dolan Cr. bridge. Trying to open up trapped water. Bridge has moved 2’ since earlier this month and if it moves 3’ state will close bridge to traffic. Rainfall at 6pm is .94” and at 9pm is 1.25”. 1.84 at 8am 4-28

Thursday 28 April 1983

.52” 73.66

No rain from 7am. Strong gusty south wind. Ceiling below cabin. Rain starts at 11am, off and on all day and into night. Wind decreases after dark. Rain at 6pm is .45”, at 8am 4-29 .52”.

Friday 29 April 1983

.69 74.35

Mostly clear at 7am, with cumulus on Coast Ridge to north and in west and south to sea. South wind.

Front moves in from West. I ride down at 11:30am, big slide at bottom of Tin House Road, wiping out gate and area below. I remove gate and posts and slither thru mud. Pack grain over JP Slide and ride back up hill during torrential rain. Slide at Tin House Road very active on way back. I won’t ride over it till it dries out. Rain in gauge at 3pm .38. Rain at 8am 4-30 is .69”. Lots of hail in PM.

Saturday 30 April 1983

.80” 75.15”

⁹ Or something close to that ...

Rain thru morning. Gusty south wind. Lightening and hail after noon. Rain until 6pm, then ceiling lifts to 2,800' and rain stops. .62" at 6:30pm. Rain and hail diminishes after 8pm, partly clear at night. Rain in gauge at 8am 5-1 is .80.

Sunday 1 May 1983

Rainfall T

Mostly clear in early AM, some cumulus on Coast Ridge and in west, increasing thru AM, ceiling below cabin by 10am. Slight drizzles thru afternoon. Then clearing by sunset. NW all day.

Monday 2 May 1983

Clear in am, with low cumulus in west. South wind at 8am. I walk down Ewoldsen Trail, drive to slide at Wing Gulch, which will take several more days to clear. Drive back to McWay, then walk above JP slide on County Trail (water line trail). Much slippage on trail with water line broken in many places. Looks like slide is shearing off from trail itself. Walk down redwood gulch south of Krenkel Corners. Walk along hiway to Partington Pt. and turn on radio, and P. Addleman tells me of 6.5 Coalinga Quake. I must have been walking at Krenkel Corners when it happened, but didn't feel it. Walked over Selvig Slide and drove to town. Beautiful clear day with some cumulus.

Tuesday 3 May 1983

Arrive at Selvig slide at 7pm. Walk up Partington Canyon. Arrive here at 10:30 with Stu Horowitz, on way to Esalen. Patchy cumulus all day, south wind. Then total overcast after midnight.

Approximately 40 GPM in drainage at third switchback coming up Partington Canyon Trail. Waterfall 50 yards upstream flowing fully. I've never seen any water in this gully before.

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Friday 6 May 1983

Clear in AM, except for cumulus in west at 8am. Light south breeze. Walt Trotter, Jack Sutton and another State Park official, Pat Chamberlain and Beaux Von Protz, and 3 CalTrans engineers show up at 10am to examine possible routes for bulldozers to reach JP slide. One route would go thru Alta Vista. I take up with them and go as far as grassy ridge straight up from Oak Pt. on Tin House Road above Kelly Cyn. They may opt for a route up from Seaview Cyn. to Old County Trail, then straight across above JP BSP spring gulch to slide. I spend afternoon spading garden, splitting wood and cutting chamise below outhouse and cabin. Clear in PM, except for some cumulus. Cirrus patch in west during sunset. South wind all day.

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Monday 9 May 1983

Clear and cold north wind. Cumulus.

I walk down and drive from McWay thru Jolon to Monterey, then down coast and park on Coast Ridge Rd. above Agony Trail.

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Thursday 18 August 1983

Rainfall .12"

Mild SSE wind, with cumulus increasing since last night. Thick cumulus bank by 9am, covering Anderson by 10am. Heavy thundershower at 10:30, with .06". No rain from 11am on, but plenty of clouds. Cool - 62° at 10pm. Rain starts in early AM, becoming noisy on roof at 7:30am (8-19). According to USFS, several lightening strikes in Ventana Wilderness, but no fires as of 5pm.

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Tuesday 20 September 1983

.04 rainfall

Very light trace of rain at 4pm – from Hurricane Manuel. More traces in late night, then strong gusty winds 7-8am, 9-21, with scattered rain.

Wednesday 21 September 1983

.43"

Rain thru AM, tapering off in afternoon.

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Friday 18 November 1983

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Saturday 19 November 1983

1.55 11.58

Rainfall in garden gauge is 1.3"

Total season to date on copper gauge is 11.58

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Monday 21 November 1983

First Frost

Frost this morning in terraces below cabin. Clear, cold NW wind. Some cumulus out to sea.

Tuesday 22 November 1983

.09" 12.16"

Cleared toyon below south walnut trees. Burned toyon slash and dry cut chamise and oak slash from last spring. Drizzle started off and on at 3pm. Down for hay, 1 bale and 150lbs. grain, in afternoon. Rain in gauge at 8am 11-23 is .09".

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Wednesday 30 November 1983

.10 16.44

AM: *Heavy* south wind. Very little rain. Clearing by nightfall.
.10 in copper gauge, .2" in garden gauge.

Thursday 1 December 1983

Cut brush in terraces below barn, and burned that and old brush. Extended clearing east of east walnut tree. Reporter from Washington Post had lunch. North wind in afternoon. Some cumulus on Coast Ridge, but clear at night.

Friday 2 December 1983

.27 16.71

Clear in AM with some cumulus on Coast Ridge. Cumulus in west in afternoon. North wind until 3pm, then cold south wind. Ride to Esalen for bath, McWay Cyn rough. Lots of chanterelles. Clouds building up at night.

Saturday 3 December 1983

.17 16.88

Rain starts at 4am, heavy wind. .27 in copper gauge for 12-2, garden got 1.0 (4-8am). Wind from NW after 10am. Cold wind and occasional rain. A little hail at noon.

Sunday 4 December 1983

Clear cold N wind in AM. Cumulus in W.

We have excursion to slide, with Blanco Diablo riding horseback, Wally, Red Tail, Hook, etc. etc.

Monday 5 December 1983

FROST

Cold in AM – frost near outhouse, frozen ground in garden. Frozen water in garden hoses. Clear with some high cirrus in west.

Tuesday 6 December 1983

Town run

Wednesday 7 December 1983

Installed new CB antenna. Very good reception. Light north wind. Some high cirro-cumulus.

Thursday 8 December 1983

.19 17.07

Last year 19.45

High clouds lowering and covering sky by noon. High fog rises off coast and covers cabin by 1pm, clearing off by 4pm. SE wind picks up all day, strong at night. Small amount of rain by midnight, more thru night. Gathered chanterelles near dump. Hard to find good ones.

.19 copper gauge

.60 garden gauge

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Friday 16 December 1983

.22" 19.05

Last Year to date: 19.45

South breeze all day. High cirro-cumulus moving in from west from dawn, covers sky by noon. High fog comes up from west, in and out from noon on. Planted two varieties carrots, nantes & danvers; beets; Romaine & Red lettuces. Thinned and weeded other lettuces, beets, carrots. Transplanted some parsley. All on upper terrace. Heavy mist at 8pm, with drizzle after midnight.

.22" in copper gauge at 8am 12-17; .15" in garden

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Tuesday 20 December 1983

Dug 3 holes below barn for fruit trees.

Mostly clear, some clouds, cold north wind.

Wednesday 21 December 1983

Rainfall – Trace

Cold north wind. Clouds increase and thicken thru day. Emptied outhouse into 5 fruit tree holes, dug 2 holes by lower bush below swing.

Thursday 22 December 1983

Rainfall .01

Slight north breeze, cold.

Thick overcast at 3,200' ceiling. Andy Pk. reported snow at midnight last night. Trace in copper gauge.

Rode to Hot Springs.

Friday 23 December 1983

Rainfall .16

Strong south wind. Ceiling raises to 5,000', then lowers in evening.

Saturday 24 December 1983

1.00

This year to date: 20.22

Last year to date: 25.97

Very strong south wind. Ceiling below cabin most of day. *Strong* gusts by nighttime. Heavy periodic rain.

Sunday 25 December 1983

1.02

This year to date: 21.24

Last year to date: 25.97

Rainfall in copper gauge for 24 hours is 1.00. Precipitation in garden for 22-24 incl. is 3.10.

Raining off and on from midnight on thru 9am. Winds decrease after dawn.

Light to moderate rain off and on all day. Wind from the north from noon to 2pm, then from south. Light drizzle after dark.

1.02 in copper gauge

1.10 in garden gauge

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Sunday 18 November 1984

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Cold north wind in AM. Clear at dawn with cumulus moving in and thickening by 9am. Clearing by noon. Met Sierra Club at Tin House at 12:30. DeYoe, Remenyi, Benois, Joyce Stevens, Lorri Lockwood, Corky Matthews.

Monday 19 November 1984

Clear, no wind in AM, mild. South wind picks up in afternoon. Cut wood.

Tuesday 20 November 1984

24 hrs.: .2

This year to date: 8.91

Last year to date: 12.07

Very red sunrise at 6:30. Mostly clear, with clouds moving in by 9:30, rain at 10:40, fine drizzle, increasing slowly. South breeze becoming north at noon. Rain stops at 2pm. Clear at sunset. Rain again at 10pm. Cold.

Rainfall at 5pm .15 in south gauge, .20 at 8am Wed.

Wednesday 21 November 1984

FROST

Trace rain

Frost this morning on barn roof and potato patch (west terrace), temp. 37° at 6:30am. Windy *cold* north wind. Clear with anvil cumulus in west and south. Rainfall .2 in south and north gauges. Cumulus thickening on Coast Ridge, trace of rain by 1pm. Slight sprinkles in afternoon. Cold north wind. Cumulus at sunset.

Thursday 22 November 1984

FROST

Trace

Clear, cold, 40° at 6:30am, south wind. Frost on roofs. Leave for Santa Rosa 9am. Trace of rain at night.

Friday 23 November 1984

1.3
10.21
16.34

South wind all day, *cold*, clouds increasing thru day. Ceiling at 4,000' at sunset. Rain starts at 10pm. Rainfall at 8am 11-24 is 1.3 in north gauge and .65 in south gauge. Strong south winds at night.

Start walking up Tin House Road at 5pm with pack, arrive at 6:40pm. *Dark*.

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Thursday 29 November 1984

FROST

Clear with some very thin high overcast in north. Cloud bank in west. Wind from SE, gentle frost in potato patch at 7:30am. Overcast thicker by evening. South wind all day. Ring around moon.

Friday 30 November 1984

Thin high overcast sweeping over sky all day. SE wind alternating with NW wind. Ring around half-moon.

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Tuesday 4 December 1984

FROST

.05

14.58

16.88

Cold south wind in AM. Mackerel sky of fast moving cirro-cumulus, thick in west and south. Frost in potato patch. Barometer at 9am is 30.14". Temp. at 8am is 42°.

Clouds thicken thru day.

First drops fall at 11pm. Rain on and off thru night.

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Tuesday 11 December 1984

Trace

16.18

18.83

Clear in AM, with cirrus thickening thru day. South wind in AM, north wind after noon. Clear from sunset to midnight, after which clouds move in from west. Robert brings Joy & Rachel up.¹⁰ Joy bred Dec. 6, due May 4, Rachel bred Aug 10, due Jan 6. Rachel takes 3 and a half hours to walk up Tin House Road and trail.

Wednesday 12 December 1984

Trace

16.18

18.83

Drizzle, very light, before 7am. Starting up at 7:30 again. Ceiling drops to below 2,600' by 8am. Light drizzle continues, north wind. Precipitation over by 9am, with storm moving south. Clear at 11am, except in south, with line of clouds in west. Cold north

¹⁰ Goats

wind, continues all day, increasing after 7pm to *extremely* strong north wind, very cold. Clear.

Thursday 13 December 1984

Clear, *strong* north wind persisting, cold, 36° at 7am, no frost. Wind decreases somewhat after 8am. Extremely good visibility. Anderson Pk. reports 10 trees over Coast Ridge Rd., pines and 3 oaks around Pick Pk. 41° at 10am. Strong winds continue through day. Cirrus in west at sunset.

Wind stops by midnight.

Friday 14 December 1984

Calm, with gentle north wind at 8am. Clear sky, visibility almost as good as yesterday. 44° at 8am. Pleasant all day. Thin line of clouds in *far* west at sunset, clear otherwise. Clouds moving over sky at midnight.

Saturday 15 December 1984

1.6	29.9 at 7am
17.78	29.66 at 3pm
18.83	29.9 at 11:15pm

Ceiling at 4,000' at 7am. Gusty south wind. Fine drizzle at 8:15, increasing by 8:30, over at 9am. Ceiling below 2,600'. More rain by 9:30am, increasing until noon, then shifting to north wind and heavy drizzle by 12:30. .9 in south gauge, 1.5 in north gauge at 3:30pm. Some blue sky in west at 4:30pm. Drizzle off and on until 8pm, when slight hail falls. Snow flurries mixed with hail 9-10pm. Clear at 10:30pm, 32°, snow dusting over bench, grass. Grass frozen, ice forming on puddles. North breeze. Snow again at 11:15pm. 2mm diameter pellets. Steady fall, little wind, 32°. Everything white by 11:30. ¼" snow at midnight.

Sunday 16 December 1984

32° at 7am. 1" of snow, everything white and very beautiful. Clear, with anvil cumulus in west and south. *Cold* north wind, moderate in speed. 30.16 at 8am. Ice on puddles. 1.6 in north gauge, 1.05 in south gauge. Most of snow melted by noon. Cumulus increases on Coast Ridge after 11am. Ceiling at 4,000' at 1pm. 44° at 1:30pm. Clouds disperse by sunset. Clear, except for some cumulus in *far* west. South wind from noon on. 36° at 10pm. Clear.

Monday 17 December 1984

FROST

.20	30.02" at 10am
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17.98 29.82" at 10pm
19.05

Heavy frost in AM, lingering until at least 10pm in shade. 40° at 8:30am. Frozen ground. Snow remains on north windowsills, other shady places. South wind continues all day, with cirrus and cumulus increasing after sunset. Sky covered by 10pm. Spots of rain by 11pm.

Tuesday 18 December 1984

.10 29.89" at 8:30am
18.08
19.05

Rainfall in north gauge is .2, south gauge is .15. High cirro-cumulus spitting light rain. Moderate south wind. 38° at 8am, with break in cloud cover in west. New snow down to 3,500' south of Anderson, no snow north of Anderson Pk. Pacific Valley area received 2.7" this period, with 3" of new snow at Nacimiento, snow to 2,000' at Red Tail's; upper Prewitt. South wind all day, clouds breaking up by noon, with patchy cumulus and cirrus, very clear air. .10 in north gauge, .08 in south gauge, read on 12-19.

Wednesday 19 December 1984

Trace
18.08
19.05

Patchy clouds in this section, becoming clear in north and west, black clouds and rain in south in AM. South wind. Sprinkle of rain 6-7pm. 38° at 10pm. Snowing on Plaskett Ridge at night. Trace of rain read 12-20.

Thursday 20 December 1984

.07 30.18" at 9am
18.15
19.05

Cloudy, ceiling below 2,600'. Light rain beginning at 9am. Very light south breeze at 9am. Rain is over by noon, with clouds gradually breaking up, and clear at sunset. North wind, very light, after noon. 37° at 10pm. .07 in both gauges read 12-21.

Friday 21 December 1984

FROST 30.40" at 7am
High temp. 49°

Clear, with cumulus in far south and west. 37° at 7am. Heavy frost everywhere, frozen ground. Light north breeze. Wind becomes southerly after noon. High scattered cirrus. Clear at sunset. Ocean very calm. Saw first whale this season from hot springs.

Saturday 22 December 1984

30.20 at 1pm
Low 42°, high 61°

Gusty SE winds in early AM, becoming calmer after 10am. Scattered cirrus. Mild temps. Light north breeze after noon. Last of snow is gone from Mining Ridge.

Sunday 23 December 1984

30.26" at 8am
Low 47° High 66°

Clear sky, very light NW breeze.

Chink is injured on barn door – no riding for a while.

Monday 24 December 1984

30.14" at 9am
Low 51° High 70°

Temp. 61° at 9am. Light SE wind, clear sky.

Hike to Coast Ridge Rd. to get groceries.

Tuesday 25 December 1984

29.89" at 3pm
.10
18.25
21.14

Very slight south breeze. Thin line of fog far out to sea and thin band of cirrus in far west. Cirrus increases all day, fog rising thru afternoon, covering cabin by 4pm. South wind increases. 50° at 5pm.

Wednesday 26 December 1984

29.92" at 8:30am
.28
18.53

21.88

Rain starts at 6:30am as fine drizzle, hard rain by 7:30, strong south gusts. Read .10 in north gauge and .05 in south, for yesterday's period. 40° at 8am. Light rain off and on after 8am. No rain after 4pm, clear sky by 9pm. Cloud ceiling rises to 5,000'+ after 3pm. South wind all day.

Thursday 27 December 1984

29.88" at 9am
Low 40° High 55°

Light north wind in AM. Read .28 in north gauge, .19 in south gauge. High thin cirro-cumulus move in from north. Clear in far south and west. Mostly complete overcast by sunset, clear by 9pm.

Friday 28 December 1984

29.92" at 5pm FROST
Low 42° High 56°

Light frost in AM. Wind shifting from north to south and back all day. Clear in AM, with cumulus and cirrus increasing after noon. Mostly overcast at sunset. Clear at 8pm, more clouds later.

Narcissus start blooming today.

Saturday 29 December 1984

FROST 30.26" at 10am
Low 38° High 52°

Extensive frost this AM. Cold south breeze. Mostly clear, some cirrus in west. Rather hazy. Wind shifts from south to north all day.

Sunday 30 December 1984

30.40" at 9:30am FROST
Low 42° High 68°

Light frost in AM. Clear, light south breeze, at 8am. Wind shifts from south to north by 9am. Continues to shift all day. Clear all day.

Monday 31 December 1984

FROST 30.18" at 10am

Low 44° High 68°

Clear in AM, but hazy below 2,000'. Very light frost on grass in early AM.

Weather data from 1984:

Total rainfall from 1 July 84 to 31 Dec. 84 is 18.53"

Last season to Dec. 31 84 was 22.30

4 mornings with frost in Nov. 1984

8 mornings with frost in Dec. 1984

Tuesday 1 January 1985

FROST 30.24" at 5pm

Low 47° High 70°

Very light frost on grass in AM. Wind switches from south to north all day. Clear sky all day.

Built terraces by root cellar. Judith planted seeds everywhere.

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Friday 4 January 1985

30.40" at 10am

Low 55°

Very strong SE winds in morning, diminishing after 9am. Thin high cirrus moves in from west, thickening thru AM. Ocean very flat, air clear, and large swells on ocean coming in from west at 11am. Wind from north after 3pm. Cirrus throughout day.

Manzanita in bloom on lower Agony Trail.

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Sunday 6 January 1985

30.05 at 5pm

.30

18.83

22.30

Mild earthquake felt at 10:35am. Thick high cirrus. Wind from the south, gusty in early AM, becoming gentle by 8am. Sprinkle of rain from 12-1pm. South wind thru night. Real

rain starts at 5am on 1-7, becoming heavy at 6am, tapering off by 7. Little rain at 8am, but gusty south wind and ceiling below 2,600'.

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Tuesday 8 January 1985

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19.68
22.30

Rachel delivered 3 kids before 7am, 1 buck, 2 does.

Wednesday 9 January 1985

30.125 8am 30.09 5pm
.01
19.69
22.30
High 48° Low 39°

Clouds in from north through the night. Dawn, thick cover broken far down the South Coast. Breaking up over cabin by sunrise – solid and dark to north. Closing back in and drizzle by 9am.

Wind at cabin 1-3 irregular from north and south.

Thursday 10 January 1985

30.30 at 8am
.01
High 48° Low 40°

Clear sky – wash of fog from backcountry over Marble Pk. and Hot Spring – dissipating on coast side. Wind 5-20 north, dropping to 1-5 after sunrise.

Felt cold all night.

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Monday 14 January 1985

30.18 at noon
High 69°

Mild wind from south, cirrus in west. 60° at noon. Started pruning fruit trees.

Tuesday 15 January 1985

30.03 at noon
Low 52° High 69°

Scattered high cirrus, variable wind. Dehorned does.

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Thursday 24 January 1985

30.18 at 9am

Mackerel sky with thick cumulus puffs. 50° at 9am. Cold south wind. Got peach cuttings from Rubis tree.

Released 8 nuts from water tank bands.

Friday 25 January 1985

Cold south wind. Thick low cirrus. Lunch at Hans & Esther's. Grafted peach cuttings, picked up Apex plum.

Saturday 26 January 1985

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Cold NW breeze. Cumulus thickens, lowering to 4,500' by 9am. To Walter & Mary's for Big Sur Historical Society work party. Rain there at 10:30am and 1pm. Back here by 4:30, ceiling at 2,200'. Drizzle at 5pm. Clearing by sunset, with patchy cumulus.

Sunday 27 January 1985

FROST 30.40 at noon

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Low 38°

Moderate frost on roof, grass in AM. Cumulus thickens after clear dawn, ceiling at 3,200' by 1pm. Light south breeze in AM, north after noon. 48° at 1pm.

Monday 28 January 1985

30.20 at 10am

.10

19.79

23.03

Rain starts at 7:30am, off and on thru AM. Snow mixed with rain and hail from 10 till noon. Cold north wind. Rain stops after 1pm, with cumulus breaking up. Mostly clear at sunset. 40° at noon. 37° at 9pm.

Tuesday 29 January 1985

FROST

30.27 at 8am

Heavy frost in AM. Clear, with cumulus in west, cold, north breeze. 37° at 8am.

Wednesday 30 January 1985

FROST

Light frost on grass.

Thursday 31 January 1985

Cold windy from north. Picked up groceries at hiway. Wild pig in Orchid Flat.

Friday 1 February 1985

.45

20.24

23.25

Cold NW wind. Some scattered cumulus thru day. Thick cirro-cumulus forms in west at 4:30pm, covers sky by 5:30, drizzle by 6:30. Very fast moving storm. Periods of moderate rain alternate with drizzle.

Saturday 2 February 1985

FROST

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20.24

23.25

Low 33°

35° at 8am. Cold NW wind. Clear, with some cumulus in west. Ice on some puddles. Frost on grass. Wind reduced in PM, continuing cold NW. Some cumulus in west and on ridgetop.

Sunday 3 February 1985

FROST

.06

20.30

23.25

Sprinkle of rain starts at 7am. Snowfall in early AM on top of Coast Ridge. Cumulus build-up from west, with clouds covering ridgetop after 8am. Ceiling below cabin by 9. Heaviest rain at 8am. Cold north wind. Clouds break up after noon. Patchy cumulus with occasional wet snow thru afternoon. Beautiful cumulus sunset. Mostly clear at night, with light rain at 11pm. 36° at 8am and 8pm.

Monday 4 February 1985

FROST

Dusting of snow down to 3,500' on Coast Ridge. Frost on grass, some ice on puddles. North wind beginning to pick up after 8am. Clear, with some cumulus in west.

Tuesday 5 February 1985

FROST

Heavy frost in AM, NW wind all day, some cumulus on Coast Ridge in mid-day, decreasing in afternoon. Higher cirrus all day. Visit from Judith & Norma Bohner. Old plum tree blooms.

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Friday 8 February 1985

30.00 at 9am

2.16

24.36

23.71

Strong south wind, heavy rain in AM. Ceiling below cabin. *Very* heavy rain thru AM, north wind starts at noon. Rain diminishes. Bar. 29.89 at 12:30pm. Rainfall ca. 2.05 at 1pm. Bar. 29.95 at 2pm. Very little rain after 1:30pm. 2.16 at 4pm. Clearing by sunset. Cold north wind becoming strong after 8pm.

Saturday 9 February 1985

FROST

Low 32°

Very cold north wind, clear sky. Ice everywhere, frozen hoses, ground very hard. Some patchy cumulus. Frost.

Sunday 10 February 1985

FROST

Mostly clear, with thin high cumulus in west and south. Light cold south breeze. Some ice, some frost on grass. Ground is frozen.

Cleared regrowth below cabin.

Santa Rosa Plum blooms. Old almond in full bloom.

Monday 11 February 1985

30.45 at 1pm

Some cirrus, mostly clear. Variable winds, balmy, high in mid 60's. Clear all afternoon.

Tuesday 12 February 1985

30.22 at 1pm

Clear, warm (60° at 8am), south breeze. 70° at 1pm, 72° at 2:30. Pulled *Lotus*,¹¹ weeded clover, planted Apex plum, released 5 nuts at water tank. Gusty SE-NE-NW winds in afternoon. Some cirrus in west and south in PM.

Wednesday 13 February 1985

30.20 at 9am

Gusty winds from north all night. Clear in AM. Warmer today, with winds shifting from south to NW several times during day. Wind persists into night. Temp. at 2pm 74°. Scattered high cirrus. Apex plum blooms today.

Thursday 14 February 1985

30.40 at 7:30am

Temp. 64° at 6:45am, 70° at 8:15am. Released 5 nuts at water tank in AM. 18 loose now. 78° at 1:45pm. Got 1 bale hay and 150lbs. feed from hiway. Light variable winds in PM. Some cirrus at sunset. Hazy.

¹¹ Presumably deerweed, *Lotus scoparius*

Friday 15 February 1985

30.13 at 12:30pm

Light SE breeze in AM. Loosened 5 bolts at water tank in AM. 75° at 12:30pm. Some cirrus in west. 79° at 2pm. Fog moves in close to south coast in PM.

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Tuesday 19 February 1985

30.01 at 9pm

Very little wind in AM. Fog on coast to 1,400'. To Melville Mine to help salvage at upper claim. Got a tree¹² from Blanco. Walked back up at night. Fog clearing in PM. Gusty north wind above 2,000' at night. Clear.

Wednesday 20 February 1985

29.86 at 1:30pm

Cold north wind. 50° at 8am. Clear sky and air. Wind becoming gusty after 11am. Wind gusts continue, diminishing after sunset.
Bar. 29.82 at 4pm.

Thursday 21 February 1985

29.97 at 10am
Low 40°

Light NW gusts occasionally in early AM. Clear sky, air, no fog. Fire in brush at Pt. 16, ½ acre, controlled at 10am. Wind from SE after 10am.

Friday 22 February 1985

Clear on coast. Warm and mild here. Visit Howard Welch and get mail, library. Brought up 2 bales oat.

Saturday 23 February 1985

30.20 at 10am

¹² Close as I can come ...

Fog forms on coast after 8am, becoming total by 9, up to 2,200' by 10am. Light north breeze.

Sunday 24 February 1985

Mild day. Watered and weeded. 70's today. George Harlan ran his truck off road on ranch, rushed unconscious to hospital 1pm. Possible skull fracture.

Monday 25 February 1985

Foggy on coast. Walked to spring, increased intake considerably. Loosened 6 nuts at water tank. Started soaking fruit trees. Lots of gopher work, but all trees are alive and sprouting. High in mid-70's.

Tuesday 26 February 1985

30.10 at noon

Clear on coast. Breezes mostly from SE. Watered and gardened. Loosened 6 nuts in afternoon. 4 to go.

Fog comes in on coast after sunset.

High in the low 70's.

George Harlan asked for a drink of water, still in intensive care at Community Hospital.

Wednesday 27 February 1985

30.04 at 8am

Fog socked in here. Ceiling below cabin, layer apparently thinning above corral area.

South breeze. Lots of drip under pines. 42° at 8am. Mark Byrne's house on Jeremy Wilson property, Partington, burned to ground 10am. Clearing here by 10am. I burn brush below barn. Wind picks up at sunset.

Thursday 28 February 1985

North wind this AM. Clear sky.
I go to town.

Friday 1 March 1985

.36
24.72

26.36

Cold NW wind. High fog moves in. Ceiling below cabin by mid afternoon. Clearing after sunset, with scattered clouds. Snow starts falling at 9pm in small grains. Off and on snow all night. 40° at 9pm. Arrive from town at 6pm.

Visit George Harlan at hospital. John & Ruth also there.

Saturday 2 March 1985

30.13 at 9am

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24.72

26.36

Snow flurries in AM. .36" of precipitation in rain gauge. I use propane torch to melt snow in gauge for reading. $\frac{3}{4}$ " snow around house, more in drifts. Little snow under trees.

Snow level at 2,400'.

Scattered clouds at 9am, no snow falling.

Light snow flurries throughout day, with scattered cumulus.

Dug 18 holes for grapes opposite clothesline.

Sunday 3 March 1985

.04

24.76

26.36

Strong cold north wind. Sky clear. Some snow remaining in shady north slope. Reception for Gordon at John Batz' gallery in Highlands. We bring Harry Dick Ross. Drizzle in Carmel at 10pm. Arrive here 2am. Clouds just moving in from north. Cold north wind at 2am.

Monday 4 March 1985

30.25 at 3pm

.01

24.77

26.36

Rain in early AM. .04 as of 8am (for yesterday). Cold north breeze. .01 from 8am-9am. Ceiling at 3,300', then partial clearing by noon. Clear by sunset.

Tuesday 5 March 1985

30.12 at 9am

.76
25.53
26.36

Cold south breeze in AM. Thick clouds down to 4,000'. 40° at 9am. Snow falls by 11am, continuing thru 4pm on and off. ¼" by 4pm, when rain/slush falls. Snow at 3pm was falling in 1-2" diameter chunks. Heavy hail on and off around 6pm. Bar. is 29.86 at 6pm. .24" at 6. Heavy hail alternating with rain thru night. South wind in night. Some thunder and lightening in night.

Wednesday 6 March 1985

30.03 at 8am
29.84 at 6:30pm
.48
26.01
26.36

Cold south wind at 7am. Ceiling at ca. 2,600'. ¼ -1/2" snow/hail on ground. 34° at 7am. .76" in gauge for yesterday. Little precipitation from 8-10am, then mixed rain, snow and hail from 10 till 2pm. Rain increases after 4pm, becoming heavy 5:30-6:30pm. Strong south wind all day. Occasional heavy rain and hail thru night. North wind after 8pm. Snow accumulation reported along hiway at Salmon Cr. in afternoon.

Thursday 7 March 1985

30.12 at 7pm

Periods of light rain until 7:30am. Broken clouds at 8am. Some hail remains, but melting fast. Appreciable snow down to 3,300'. Steady clearing thru day, with a few cumulus at sunset. Cool, wind from north.

Prepared holes along clothesline for cabernet and chardonnay. North Coast Ridge Rd. reported closed by snow above 2,600' by Ron Felton.

Friday 8 March 1985

FROST 30.13 at 10am

Cold south breeze at 7am. Light frost on grass. Then extensive overcast of cirrus at 5,000'. Ocean clear and calm. Snow remains to 3,400' on Micheal's Hill. Planted grapes along clothesline, starting from west end, 3 type A chardonnay, 3 type B chardonnay, and 12 cabernet.

Overcast breaking up in afternoon, mostly clear by sunset. Clouds front in west at sunset.

Saturday 9 March 1985

29.99 at 10pm
.35
26.36
26.36

High cirrus covering most of sky in early AM, thickening all day. Clouds forming on Mining Ridge by sunset, and very dark in south and west, with virga in west. Light rain at 8pm. Rain starts again at 10:30pm. Strong south wind. High ceiling.

Sunday 10 March 1985

30.15 at 8am
30.11 at 9am
1.30
27.66
26.36

Read .35 in north gauge, .26 in south gauge. Ceiling is below cabin. Strong south wind. Little rain from 8-10am. 30.00 at 11:30am. Rain on and off until 4pm. More rain from 9 on thru 8am 3-10. Low ceiling and strong south wind throughout.
Temp. is 48° at 5pm
Bar. 29.96 at 10pm

Monday 11 March 1985

30.16 at 8am
.10
27.76
26.36

Gusty south wind in AM.
Ceiling below cabin. Periodic heavy drizzle/rain, from dawn thru 9am. Bar. 29.97 at 11am. North wind after 12 noon. Periodic showers after 1pm. Bar. 30.00 at 3pm. Some clear sky in south and west in afternoon. Sky mostly clear by sunset, totally clear at 10pm. North wind picks up in night.

Tuesday 12 March 1985

30.21 at 9am

Thick fog around cabin, thinning occasionally. Clear on summit of Coast Ridge. Slight south breeze. Rain in north gauge is .05", south gauge is .10. NW wind after 2pm, becoming north after sunset. Fog lowers after sunset, becoming clear to coast by 10pm.

Wednesday 13 March 1985

FROST 30.04 at 11am
 29.98 at 10pm

Light frost on grass and fresh earth. Clear and hazy. Light NW wind. Fog moves in from west after noon, close to coast by sunset. Finished loosening all the nuts on water tank.

Thursday 14 March 1985

30.04 at 7am

Fog on coast to ca. 500'. Light NW wind. Clear sky, but hazy. To Big Creek for field trip with Pacific Valley School. Walked to Burnettes Cabin. Steelhead. Fog rises thru day to 1,800' by sunset.

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Thursday 21 March 1985

Cold north wind.
Preparation for party.
Foggy on coast.

Friday 22 March 1985

Clear and mild day. Light north breezes. Some fog patches on coast. Killed, dressed and hung Billy Goat. Dug fire pit and started fire.

Saturday 23 March 1985

Goat Bar-B-Q/Spring equine-ox fest. Roast Billy the Kid, with Judith, Glen, Oscar, Douglas & John, Rob K, Charlotte: 15 total. Beautiful clear day, light variable breezes. Mild weather and good food.

Sunday 24 March 1985

South wind, clear in AM, with cumulus building up on Coast Ridge after noon. Thick cloud ceiling at 3,500' at 3pm, dissipating by sunset. Clear at night. John Batz, Barbara Woyt & Ehren visit.

Monday 25 March 1985

30.14 at 9am

NW wind all day. Scattered cumulus on Coast Ridge in afternoon. Cold.

Tuesday 26 March 1985

29.98 at 3pm
2.95
31.64
28.44

Cold south wind at 7am. Cloud front moves in from west, with clouds overhead by 7am, covering sky to south by 8. Light snow and hail from 9:30am to 10:30am, then increasing rain all day. Ceiling below cabin by noon. Heaviest rain from 5-7pm. North wind after 9pm. Rain off and on thru night.

Temp. 37° at 8am, getting into mid-forties as rain increases.

Wednesday 27 March 1985

30.00 at 10am
.37
32.01
28.44

Lots of scattered cumulus, ceiling below cabin. Light, cool north wind. Cabin in and out of clouds in AM. 2.95 on north side and 2.64 on south. Light rain on and off from noon to 7pm, then periods of heavier rain and hail. Wind is north or NW most of day, with occasional SW gusting during daylight.

Thursday 28 March 1985

FROST
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32.01
28.44

.37 in south gauge, the same in north gauge. Mostly clear sky with towering cumulus/anvils. *Cold* north wind. Ice on shallow puddles. Frost on fresh garden earth, grass. Dusting of hail/snow on meadow above Swiss Camp. 39° at 8am.

Very light sprinkle of rain around 11am-noon.

Friday 29 March 1985

Strong steady north wind, milder than yesterday.

Replaced stovepipe in cabin and leveled stove.
To Marble Peak for supper.

Sky with some very high extensive cirrus.

Saturday 30 March 1985

30.42 at 8am

Milder today. Light north breeze. Variable mid-day breezes. To hiway for hay. Strong north wind after 3pm. Clear.
Temp. in high 60's at noon.

Sunday 31 March 1985

30.16 at 4:30pm

Warm and pleasant day, light north breeze, some very thin and high cirrus. Temp. approaching 80°. 73° at 4:30pm

Total rainfall for March 85:	7.65
Total for this season to date:	32.01
Total for last season to date:	28.65

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Wednesday 3 April 1985

Fog on coast to 500'. Clear and a little cooler this AM. North wind stronger than yesterday.

To Erik Jensen's for Queen Bees. Blanco, Wally & Paul Bohner, Ralph Evering visited this evening.

Thursday 4 April 1985

Requeened hives.

Started new hive with 2-year-old queen.

Foggy on coast.

Light south breeze.

Clear sky above in AM, becoming dark with cirrus in west by sunset. Temp. cooler than yesterday.

Robert saw a turkey just below Michael's Pt. around 10am.

Requeened north upper hive first. Amber Queen killed, new Red marked clipped amber queen (born 1984) introduced.

Requeened north lower hive second. Killed black queen, introduced unclipped unmarked amber queen, born 1984.

No queen in south lower hive. No brood, little honey or pollen. Introduced new Red marked clipped amber queen (born 1984). Also introduced 2 frames of brood from north upper hive.

Took Green marked clipped amber Queen (born 1983) and gave her 8 empty drawn frames and 2 frames of brood from north lower hive. This is now south upper hive.

New queens from Erik Jensen, Gorda Mtn., 3 Apr.

Friday 5 April 1985

29.95 at 10am

Fog level up to ca. 2,200' most of day, once coming up to cabin around noon. Clear sky above. Cooler than yesterday. Brian Lyke & Jim Christner visit.

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Monday 8 April 1985

High fog on coast – warming up on ridge.

Covered beehives with sheet metal.

Tuesday 9 April 1985

Clear on coast.

To the highway for hay.

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Friday 12 April 1985

Bradford house and studio burned to ground 9-10am. Some brush burned. Thompson house threatened.

Weather warm, with light variable breezes.

Night wind 7-10pm.

Saturday 13 April 1985

Hot - 87° at 2pm.

Clear on coast.

75° at 9pm

Sunday 14 April 1985

Low fog in and out on coast. 83° at 11am, breeze at 1pm from south, temp. 77°. Clear sky, but hazy. 70° at 3:30pm. Checked queens in hives. All queens laying, except in lower north hive, which had no young brood, eggs, or queen. Will move green queen from upper south hive to lower north. Fog rises in afternoon. Fog comes in during night. South wind.

Monday 15 April 1985

29.89 at 8am

Cabin inundated with fog. Cold south wind. Ceiling at 1,900'. To town with Pacific School for Science Fair at Fairgrounds. Clearing somewhat in late PM. Fog below cabin at 7pm, then rising again in night.

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Wednesday 17 April 1985

29.93 at 8am

.04

33.05

29.09

Heavy mixed overcast, rain until 5am.

At 8am, north wind, broken sky in north, heavy clouds and rain showers in Pacific Valley. Thick cumulus towers and thinner high cumulus. Read 1.00" in north gauge, .96" in south. Some rain at 10-12am, then overcast lifts thru afternoon, becoming clear by sunset, with high line of clouds in west. Brought Brad Pinkerton up in PM.

Thursday 18 April 1985

Clear in AM, slight cool south breeze, line of clouds in south and west at 2,000'. .04 in south gauge, Trace in north gauge. Mostly clear in mid-day, fog in and out around 2,000'. Checked bees around 3pm, discovered eggs in lower north hive. No need to switch queen. DePeysters arrive.

Friday 19 April 1985

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33.05
29.97

Clear in early AM, with thin high cirrus increasing thru AM. Fierce north wind, very cold, on coast. Light breeze up here. To town for saw chain, etc. Arrive here at sunset, a beautiful red one. Cirro-cumulus quite thick.

Saturday 20 April 1985

.60
33.65
29.97

Slight precipitation in very early AM, T by 8am, but cold north wind and some rain from then until noon. To State Park for Walt Trotter's retirement. Met Pete Bartowick SR. Says Welcome Gate meant for Lathrop Brown's chagrin. Cold south wind after noon. Cloud ceiling at 4,500' in AM, at 3,000' by sunset; thick overcast everywhere. Rain falls after 8pm, becoming moderate at 9:30pm, then decreasing.

Sunday 21 April 1985

29.88 at 9pm
.02
33.67
29.97

Surrounded by cloud. Fine mist/drizzle falling from early AM to 7:30am, when sun almost fully visible. Clouds build up again shortly thereafter. At 8am, south breeze, .60 in north gauge, .55 in south gauge. Temp. 46° bar. 29.91. Slight drizzle in AM. North wind after 2pm. Bright sky after 3pm, and sun appears at 6:30pm, with cloud steadily lowering. Beautiful sunset, new moon. Fog at 1,800' at 9pm.

Monday 22 April 1985

Clear and cool in AM, winds variable, some fog lingering in upper Hot Springs and Big Creek canyons. .02" in south gauge, T in north.

Variable winds and clear in PM.

Tuesday 23 April 1985

Variable winds in AM, clear on coast, etc. Strong north wind in PM, increasing thru night. Tilled terraces.

Temp. in mid-60's

Wednesday 24 April 1985

30.20 at 11:30am

Strong gusty north wind, slacking off in late AM. 68° at 11:30am. Whitecaps on ocean. Hazy, but clear.

Thursday 25 April 1985

Tilled flat below cabin.
Clear north wind becoming strong in PM. Cold at night.

Friday 26 April 1985

Very windy off and on. Wind is warmer and becomes variable in PM.

Saturday 27 April 1985

Warm and clear. Some fog off Pfeiffer Pt., very low, south and east breezes. 70° at 1pm. Tony Staude, John Batz, etc., etc. visit. 60° at 9pm.

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Saturday 6 July 1985

.01”

Rat Creek Fire starts – lightening in afternoon.

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Tuesday 9 July 1985

North upper hive burned.¹³

¹³ A year later (on July 10, 1986), Jeff wrote that the fire was fought at Alta Vista “from mid-day 7-10-85 to mid-day 7-11-85.” Only a single beehive and a single plum tree (hit by the burning wax from the hive) were lost to the fire.



Firefighters rest in the Alta Vista barn during the Rat Creek Fire



A helicopter carries a bucket past Alta Vista as the Rat Creek Fire winds down. Dozers cutting a firebreak down Michael Ridge also cleared the front yard.

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Friday 18 October 1985

Packed in 30 drug rehab clients to Swiss Camp

Saturday 19 October 1985

Packed in more food to Swiss Camp

Sunday 20 October 1985

1.70"

3.55"

1.06" in south gauge

1.70" in north gauge

South wind all day with cloud layer rising from 1,000' as fog in AM, to surrounding cabin at noon. Raises by sunset to ridgetop. Rain starts at 10pm. Strong rain thru night.

Group visits here in afternoon. Arthur Patterson walks thru.

Monday 21 October 1985

Trace

3.55"

Clear in AM, cold north wind, some thunder clouds, and thunder and lightening in AM. Packed out campers from Swiss.

Tuesday 22 October 1985

Packed out camper's gear.

Spring area affected by heavy rain. Stainless steel collector basin washed down canyon. Area where it was has been flushed clear to bedrock. 6' chasm. Lots of pipe torn out at 2nd spring, that gully also down to bedrock. 9 slides on highway. McWay picnic area inundated with mud and rocks. Many people have had water systems torn out or silted up.

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Thursday 24 October 1985

Packed garbage out of Swiss Camp.

Friday 25 October 1985

Packed last of garbage from Swiss Camp.

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Saturday 9 November 1985

1.1"

Clear, cold south wind alternates with cold north wind. Cirrus later in afternoon, becoming thick at sunset. Slight drizzle at 9pm, with north wind. Later in night wind comes from south and rain becomes heavier.

Worked on re-contouring front yard, sealed stovepipe.

Sunday 10 November 1985

1.95"

Read 1.1" in north gauge, .87 in south.

Cold wind, sometimes south, sometimes north, changing every half hour or so.

Heavy rain until around 2pm, then north wind with lighter rain thru afternoon. Thick wet snow flurries 4-5pm. Rain off and on thru night.

Monday 11 November 1985

Trace of snow

Low temp. 25°

Fairly heavy hail at 5-6am, rain and hail from 6-7:30am. Cold north wind, clearing by sunset. Snow flurry at around 3pm.

Read 1.8" in north gauge and 1.95" in south gauge at 8am.

29.56 at 8am

29.80 at 5pm

Tuesday 12 November 1985

29.72" at 10am

Trace of snow

High 52° Low 35° FROST

30° at 6:30am. Ground frozen, frost, 1" ice in buckets, light north wind, clear except for some anvil cirrus in south and west. Snow level to below cabin. Corn snow dusting

ground here, thick down to 3,600'. Cold south wind in PM, and high cumulus thickening toward sunset. Slight sprinkle of corn snow at 5:30pm. 40° at 5pm.

Wednesday 13 November 1985

Barometer 30.10 at noon
High 50° FROST Low 40°

Clear in AM, except a few cumulus in west. Cold south wind, 51° at noon. Not as clear air as yesterday. Plenty of frost in early AM (until 10am), and snow remains down to 3,800'. Very thin ice on chicken waterer.

Thursday 14 November 1985

FROST

Frost on bare earth in garden, cirrus and cirro-cumulus in west and south. South breeze. Barometer 30.15 at 11:30am. Snow remains on top of Coast Ridge. 67° at 2:30pm

Friday 15 November 1985

Bar. 30.35 at noon 30.09 at 1:45

South breeze, cirro-cumulus thick in AM. 67° at noon. Thicker cumulus in afternoon.

Saturday 16 November 1985

Trace

Thick cirro-cumulus front moves over sky in early AM, total overcast by 9am. Slight north breeze. Ceiling ca. 5,000' – at 10:25am – sprinkle begins then, lasting ½ hour. Ceiling down to 3,500' at noon, then raising, until mostly clear at sunset. A few cumulus on ridge tops and some cirrus in west.

Walked up Agony and met John & Marilu with new trailer for Marble Peak. Also Burt, Wilbur, Jo Kooyman. Set up trailer at Helispot. Tom Mounts arrives later. Walked down at 9pm. Clear, 40° at 9:45pm, north wind. Last of snow melts today.

Sunday 17 November 1985

Bar. 30.25 at noon
Trace

North wind, cold, 15 mph. Clear sky, except a line of cumulus in far west and south. 49° at 10am.

Cumulus puffs increasing on Coast Ridge in afternoon, becoming partly cloudy overhead just after sunset. Sprinkle of rain at 8pm.

Hauled 7 loads firewood on Whitey.

A shack at Emilia Newell's burned to ground at sunset.

40° at 7pm
Cold north wind all night.

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Wednesday 20 November 1985

Bar. 30.10 at 7pm
.28

Immense virga rainbow at 6:45am, from Michael's Hill to far out at sea to SW. Cloud deck passes from west to east thru morning. Drizzle starts at 1pm. Cold north wind. Drizzle over by 9pm, with thin high cloud layer and fog up to 1,800'.

Tried to cut firewood at Kaye's, rained out at 1:30.

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Saturday 23 November 1985

29.95 at 7:30am, 29.70 at 4pm
1.50"

Strong south wind. Sprinkles off and on throughout day. Ceiling fluctuates from 5,000-6,000' to 3,000' until sunset, when it lowers to 2,600' – or less. Hard rain begins at 4:30pm. Very strong south gusting.

Chuck Barber + 4 do Swiss Camp timber cruise.

Sunday 24 November 1985

2.50"
29.57 at 11:25am
29.50 at 9pm

Very strong south gusts. Ceiling below cabin. Read 1.5" in north gauge, .65" in south. Gentle rolling earthquake felt at 11:25am. Reported by Red Tail 2 seconds before being felt here. Very strong south winds and rain at 11:25am. Quake was 3.9 Richter, in Lockwood. Strong winds to mid-afternoon, then tapering, with occasional showers all night.

Replaced cover of south lower hive early this AM, having been blown off last night.

Monday 25 November 1985

Trace
29.48 at 8:30am
29.47 at 9pm

Read 2.5" in north gauge .90" in south. Light to moderate rain this AM. Wind from east, ceiling at 4,000'+. Wind gusts to 10-15 mph. Wind shifting to north in PM. Clouds break up, with a few cumulus in south at sunset. Beautiful afternoon. Sprinkle of rain 8-9am and at 3pm. Showers from Lopez Pt. to Willow Cr. in AM. Totally clear by 8pm. Cool north wind. Dick Price reported lost or missing after hike in afternoon.

Tuesday 26 November 1985

Dick Price has died in Hot Springs (I think) canyon. An accident of some kind, reported over CB. Missing since last night.

Mostly clear, some high cirrus, cold south wind. Fog on coast up to 1,400'. Bar. 29.90 at 9am. High cirro-cumulus at night. Totally overcast.

Jack Mahoney killed this afternoon when his car goes over Hurricane Point.

Wednesday 27 November 1985

.15"
30.00 at 9pm

Thin high cirrus over most of sky. Mild temps. Slight south breeze. Fog up to 1,800-2,000'.
Cloud layer thick enough to obscure full moon.

Thursday 28 November 1985

2.4
13.43
29.85 at 8am, 29.60 at 5pm

A fairly good earthquake felt here at 7:14am, reportedly a 4.5 30 miles SE of Hollister. Rain began early this AM, read .13 in south gauge, .15 in north gauge at 8am for yesterday. Ceiling below cabin, south wind to 10 mph. Rain decreases after 11am, to very light drizzle at 5pm. Wind still gusty from south. Socked in. .53 in south gauge at 2pm. Cloud bursts after 9pm, with south wind.

Friday 29 November 1985

.33
13.76
29.48 at 8:00am 29.55 at 5pm

Read 2.4 in north gauge, 1.58 in south. *Very* hard rain off and on from 6:30-7:30 this AM. Ceiling below cabin until 8:30, then lifting to ca. 4,500'. North wind begins around 7:45am, then becomes strong and gusty after 8am. Showers off and on thru day. Ceiling below cabin in late AM and early PM, then raises again to ca. 3,000'. Cold north wind thru night.

Saturday 30 November 1985

FROST
29.90 at 8am

Read .33" in south gauge, .2 in north. Clear overhead except for thin high cirrus. Low thick cumulus layer to west and south. Cold south wind, frost on grass, roofs.

Sunday 1 December 1985

1.4
15.16
30.03 at 8am 29.58 at 10pm

Steady south wind at 20 mph, gusty to 35 in AM. Ceiling alternates from 2,000' to 4,000', then lowers to below cabin after noon. Wind increases, becoming *very* strong by 4pm, when rain begins. *Extreme* high wind thru night, with periods of heavy rain.

Monday 2 December 1985

2.3
17.46
29.70 at 7am, 29.63 at 8am, 29.60 at 8pm

Read 1.4 in north gauge, .22 in south. Wind slightly less than last night, from south, ceiling below 2,600'. Still gale force up here. Grape arbor knocked down, front bench blown off, lots of scatter in front yard. Beehives OK. Wind dies down after noon. Rain

tapers off after 1pm, wind from south all day. Read 2.15 in north gauge at 2pm. More showers off and on thru night.

Tuesday 3 December 1985

29.98 at 8am

Read 2.3 in north gauge, .79 in south. High fog level here, above it at 6am, then rising after 6:30. 200' visibility at 8:30am. Slight south breeze. High cirrus at dawn.

Wednesday 4 December 1985

.16

17.62

Fog up to 1,800' this AM, south breeze.

To town for Big Sur Land Trust, etc., leave hiway for home at 7:30pm. Cloud layer at ca. 4,000'. Rain starts at 12:30am.

Thursday 5 December 1985

30.15 at 8am

Read .15" in north gauge, .16 in south. High fog up to cabin in AM, with some cumulus drifting by at 4,000', on a north wind.

Clear at sunset, except for cirro-cumulus patches. Variable winds in afternoon and at night.

Friday 6 December 1985

.01"

17.63

30.33 at 8am

Lines of fog on ocean west and north of Pfeiffer Pt. Thin high cirrus, SE wind in AM.

North wind in afternoon. Beautiful cloud formations in SW at sunset. Thin high cirrus at night.

Saturday 7 December 1985

.02"

17.65"

Read .01" in south gauge, Trace in north, at 8am. Rain/drizzle started around 6am. Clouds thicken after 7am, drizzle off and on until 11am. North wind throughout. After noon, ceiling rises to 4,000' – then breaks up into scattered cumulus puffs on a north wind at 2pm.

Clear at sunset with cold north wind.

Sunday 8 December 1985

FROST

.01

17.66

30.35 at 8am

Read .02" in south gauge, Trace in north.

Anvil cumulus in west, south, east, clear above. Some rain out over ocean at 7:30am. Very cold, moderate north wind. 40° at 7:30am. Frost on boards, earth, grass. Cumulus diminish at noon. To Newell's for BSLT meeting. Leave hiway at 6:30, arrive 8pm here, in slight sprinkle.

Light rain off and on thru night, cold gusty north wind.

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Thursday 12 December 1985

FROST

30.20 at 8am

Clear, light north breeze. Low temp. 36° last night. Thin, thin ice on chicken waterer. Frost on grass, soil. Thin cirrus wash in west and south. Frost on Tin House Road at "Aquarium" and frozen ground at 10:30am.

To Pacific School re: job offer, asst. in lab science. Accepted.

Saw Halley's Comet for the first time. A dim cue-tip. Visible with binoculars and, just barely, with naked eye. Directly overhead at 7pm.

Friday 13 December 1985

FROST

30.35 at 8am

30.15 at 11:30

Thin high cirrus over all of the sky. Large swells on ocean from the west. Less frost than yesterday. SE wind at noon.

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Monday 16 December 1985

30.15 at 3pm

Clear in AM, warmer, SE wind. Air very clear. Checked bees this PM –

Upper south hive –
Found queen, no brood

Lower south hive –
Found queen, no brood

Lower north hive –
Didn't find queen, no brood

Cirrus in west and south at sunset. Moderate to strong gusty east winds after sunset.

Tuesday 17 December 1985

Bar. 30.35 at 8:30am

Slightly hazier today, but sky clear, SE breeze. Mild temp.

Town run.

Wednesday 18 December 1985

Clear sky, very slight breeze from east. Warm, temp. in 70's during day.

Toni Nicklaus brings Kaffe Fassett & Doug. Walk to Tin House and back via firebreak. Reseeding looks good. Some fiery cirrus on horizon at sunset.

Narcissus bloom today.

Thursday 19 December 1985

30.28 at 8am

Very clear air and sky. Light north and east wind. Mild temp. this AM.

Friday 20 December 1985

Clear, light SE breeze.
Warm temps.

To Esalen
Mussels from Partington Cove.

Saturday 21 December 1985

30.12 at 7:30pm

Clear, almost no wind, light SE breeze after noon. Large swells from west. Warm.
Solstice

Sunday 22 December 1985

30.28 at 9am

Cirrus in south and east at sunrise, clear elsewhere. Slight south breeze. Cirrus in half of sky by 9am. Thick cirrus over all of sky by sunset.

Monday 23 December 1985

30.20 at 9pm

Cirrus all day, from scattered to covering half of sky. South wind.
Heavy swells on ocean. Warm temps., in 70's.

Tuesday 24 December 1985

30.05 at 8am

Large cirrus streaks, covering half of sky in AM. East wind, warm temps.

Wednesday 25 December 1985

Cirrus patches throughout sky. South wind, warm. Clear on coast, fairly clear air.

To McGowan's for dinner.

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Tuesday 31 December 1985

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30.16 at 8am

Read .18" in south gauge, .35" in north. Fog up to 2,200' and cloud layer on Coast Ridge with ceiling at 3,000', clearing after 8:30am, showing a thin high cirrus layer above.
Slight south breeze.

To town, leaving Carmel in drizzle at 5pm. Arrive here at 8pm. Clear sky, fog up to ca. 2,000'.

Steve Jaegar died today.