

### **Wednesday 1 January 1986**

30.24 at 9am

Read .01" in south gauge, trace in north. Fog up to 2,000' at 7am, 1,600' at 9am. Thin high cirrus over all of sky. Wind from the west. South wind in late afternoon. Fog at 1,400' at sunset, with thicker cirrus. Ring around sun at 4pm.

Precipitation total to date: 19.32"

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### **Sunday 5 January 1986**

.10

23.87

30.20 at 8am

Read 2.70 in north gauge, .85 in south gauge. Ceiling at approximately 2,700', raising and lowering slightly. Fog on ocean, noisy ships. Slight south wind. Drizzle before 8am, stopping right at 8. More light rain/drizzle from 8:30-11am. Then clouds break up, becoming fog, which lowers to 1,400' by sunset. Clear sky above. Bring down Popito rooster for Charlotte's flock.

### **Monday 6 January 1986**

30.33 at 8am

Clear sky, some fog in south out to sea. Wind from the east. Read .10" in north gauge. Cool this AM, .06" in south gauge. Clear all day. North wind in PM. Got a good view of Halley's Comet this evening. About 1/3 up between zenith and horizon, a fuzzy-star-like head with very long thin tail, 20-30 times length of head.

### **Tuesday 7 January 1986**

3.35 at 8am

A few traces of high cirrus and fog on coast up to 800'. Light south breeze. Mild to warm this AM. Fog lowers thru day, below hiway in PM, burned off by sunset. Hazy all day.

### **Wednesday 8 January 1986**

30.45 at 8am

Large patches of thin high cirrus, no fog on coast, hazier than yesterday. Wind from SE, mild temp. Halley's dim tonight because of cloud. Fertilized fruit and nut trees and did some pruning.

#### **Thursday 9 January 1986**

30.25 at 7am

Wind from north and east, alternately, in AM. Large patches of mare's tails in sky, clear on coast. Mild temp., large swells from west.

#### **Friday 10 January 1986**

30.38 at 8am

Hazy cirrus in far west, otherwise clear sky. Clear air to the south. Slight north breeze. Swells on ocean somewhat diminished. Cirrus covers all of western sky by sunset, and wind from the east.

Al Tyler shoes animals.

#### **Saturday 11 January 1986**

30.18 at 8am

Very slight SE wind in early AM, becoming strong and gusty before noon. Warm temp. Cirrus is thick in west in AM, covering 2/3 of sky by 2pm. Clear on coast, but hazy.

Finished pruning trees.

Madrones beginning to bloom.

#### **Sunday 12 January 1986**

30.20 at 8am

Gusty winds from SE, thin high cirrus covers all of sky, thicker in west. Clear on coast, but hazy.

30.00 at 10pm

#### **Monday 13 January 1986**

30.15 at 8am

Wind from north before 8am, apparently changing to east wind after 8. Patchy cirro-cumulus over all of sky. No fog. Cooler temp. SE wind in late PM.

2 earthquakes at 7:08, 7:09pm. 3.8 centered 2 miles SE of Moss Landing, and 4.7 20 miles SE of Salinas. Felt on coast, Esalen, etc., but not at Alta Vista.

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### **Thursday 16 January 1986**

.10  
24.62

Read .04 in south gauge, .05 in north.  
Drizzle starts in early AM hours, continues until around 8:30am, when it abates. Ceiling at approximately 2,500'. South wind, rather mild temp.

To hiway on foot, to meet Barber Coutchie & Steen for appraisal trip on Coast Ridge Rd. Mud turns us back south of Thorp Canyon. I walk back, arrive at 6pm.

More drizzle through night.

### **Friday 17 January 1986**

Bar. 30.45 at 8am

Read .08 in south gauge, .10 in north

Drizzle quits in early AM hours. Fog on coast up to 2,000' by 9am, lowering to 1,000' by noon. Clear on Coast Ridge in early AM, with cumulus developing on ridgetop by 11am. Some thin high cirrus. North wind early AM, SE breeze by 11am. Mild temp.

### **Saturday 18 January 1986**

30.20 at noon

Warmer temp., cirrus in most of sky, thin and high. Wind shifting all day. East in early AM, SE later, then occasional north and SE. Fog on coast to 1,000', clearing off after sunset.

Planted *fraise dubois* near root cellar.

### **Sunday 19 January 1986**

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24.62

30.00 at 11:30am

Fog on coast to 2,000' at 8am, burning off by 10am, with some remaining offshore. Patchy thin high cirrus, wind alternates from east to SE, to north in AM. Fog comes back in around 1pm, covering cabin.

To Kaye's for dinner. Drizzle around 7-8pm. Back up here by 12:30am, clear above fog at 1,000'.

### **Monday 20 January 1986**

30.15 at 11am

Some thin high cirrus, and fog bank offshore in far west. SE breeze, mild temps.

### **Tuesday 21 January 1986**

30.00 at 8am

SE breeze, large patches of high cirrus. Mild temp. in AM, becoming rather cool in PM. Clear on ocean.

Most of day at Ewoldsen's, picked up peach tree.

To Douglas' at sunset, Esalen, and Capricorn Party at Nepenthe.

Arrive home at 3am.

Large ring around moon.

### **Wednesday 22 January 1986**

.10

24.72

30.18 at 10am

Thick fog bank offshore in west. SE breeze, much cooler. Large patches of thick cirro-cumulus. Cloud layer thickens and lowers thru PM, with sprinkle of rain around midnight.

Bar. 29.98 at 9pm

### **Thursday 23 January 1986**

30.27 at 8am

Read .10 in north gauge, .09 in south. SE breeze, cold temp. at 8am. Fog on coast to 800-900', thick cumulus in west, south and east. Clear above, except for thin high cirrus.

To Pacific Valley on school business. Heavy surf on coast.

### **Friday 24 January 1986**

Very calm in AM, with SE wind in early afternoon, then north wind at night. Clear sky, no fog. Working at Swiss Camp.  
Cold at night.

Madrones in full bloom, very fragrant.

### **Saturday 25 January 1986**

31.17 at 10am

Warm SE wind – a moderately gusty Santa Ana in AM. Some scattered patches of high cirrus.

Worked at Swiss Camp.

### **Sunday 26 January 1986**

Warmer today, SE wind, scattered cirrus, clear on coast.

Worked at Swiss Camp.

### **Monday 27 January 1986**

30.02 at 9am

Cooler today, SE wind, more patches of cirrus, clear on coast, with haze and clouds in far west. Large swells coming in from west.

Met Allen Coutchie, Dick Dalsemer & Brian Steen at Tin House, walk to cabin and to Swiss Camp for appraisal.

Cirro-cumulus thickening thru night.

### **Tuesday 28 January 1986**

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29.89 at 9am

SE wind increases this AM, cooler, with cirro-cumulus becoming thick and covering all of sky by 9:30am. Clear on coast. Cumulus becoming thick and dark in west in PM.

Picked up a swarm of bees, which were dumped on ground by beekeeper at Honey Rose's in Sycamore Canyon. Cannot find queen.

### **Wednesday 29 January 1986**

1.35  
26.07  
29.68 at noon

Sprinkle of large raindrops before 8am. Overcast high, 5,000'+ at noon, *very* strong gusty SE wind. Ceiling lowers thru PM, reaching 3,000' by 3pm. Brief periods of heavy rain thru PM, and all night. Wind reaching approximately 60-70 mph from time to time.

### **Thursday 30 January 1986**

1.10  
27.17  
29.67 at 8am

Read 1.35 in north gauge, .52 in south. Ceiling below cabin, strong gusty SE wind, less than yesterday. Frequent loud static bursts on radio. Rain and heavy rain all day and all night. Wind is very strong.

29.60 at midnight

### **Friday 31 January 1986**

.10  
27.27  
29.70 at 9am

Read 1.10 in north gauge, .24 in south. Heavy rain and strong wind from SE until 9am, then wind decreases to breeze and rain stops. Ceiling below cabin. Bar. 29.73 at 1pm, 29.66 at 2pm. Patchy clearing by sunset, ceiling still below cabin. Clear sky by 10pm. A brief period of north wind from 4:30-5pm, then almost no wind, *very* slight from SE.

### **Saturday 1 February 1986**

.90  
28.17  
30.01 at 8am

Read .03 in south gauge, .10 in north. Mostly clear sky with scattered cirro-cumulus. Cold, with a slight SE breeze. Loud surf and clear, but hazy, on coast. Cloud front in far west. Cloud front moves toward east all day, obscuring all of sky by sunset. Red Eye visits today. Hived new colony in one of Jensen's 4-frame nukes.

### **Sunday 2 February 1986**

Trace  
28.17  
30.20 at 10am

Read .42" in south gauge, .90 in north. Rain starts here about 2am, bar. 30.00+/- . Rain until daybreak. Ceiling below cabin at 10am, with bright patches above. Wind mostly from SE, occasional gusts from north.

Word came over CB that Steve & Rowena's house at Linus Pauling's Ranch at Salmon Creek burned to ground shortly before 6am. Also burned was one of the old Evans buildings there, from ca. 1918.

North wind steady after 11am, patchy blue sky at 5pm. Sprinkle of rain at 4pm. Patchy cumulus on Coast Ridge at sunset, clear by 10pm.

Planted Esther's Rubis peach where Santa Rosa plum was, between fig and old almond.

### **Monday 3 February 1986**

FROST  
.40  
28.57  
30.32 at 8am

Scattered cumulus throughout sky, ceiling at 3,800'. Clear elsewhere, air very hazy. *Cold* north wind. Light frost. Surf loud, with lots of white water on coastline. South wind starts about 9am, clouds thicken and lower to a 2,600' ceiling. Rain starts while I'm cleaning spring at 11:20am, very hard, then north wind at 11:55. Hail at noon. 30.06 at noon. Static bursts on radio all AM. Precipitation .32" at 12:15 in south gauge. Two more squalls move thru before 3pm, then clearing to scattered cumulus with an occasional light drizzle, lots of rainbows. Clear by sunset. John, Marilu & Scooter visit.

### **Tuesday 4 February 1986**

Read .40 in north gauge, .35 in south. Scattered cumulus in AM, mostly clear. Cold north wind.

To Pacific School for lab assisting.

Cold north wind in PM, beautiful cirrus sunset.

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### **Saturday 8 February 1986**

#### FROST

Low temp. last night was 30° F. Clear this AM, except for band of cumulus in west beyond Pfeiffer Pt. Breeze from the east varies with north wind. Frost on much of annual vegetation, roof tops, and the ground is frozen. Temp. 35° at 7am.

### **Sunday 9 February 1986**

#### FROST

Cold and clear in AM. Frost on grass, etc. Breeze from the SE. Some puffy cirrus above Coast Ridge.

To John Batz & Barbara's with Howard, Kara, for brunch.

Returned here after sunset.

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### **Wednesday 12 February 1986**

4.60  
33.76  
30.00 at 7:30am

Read .16" in south gauge, .55" in north. Ceiling below cabin, strong gusty SE wind, cold. Rain varies between light and rather strong.

Rain continues thru day and into night, heavy at times. Strong gusty wind, mostly straight from the south. Sam Goldeen reports 70 mph wind, 67 mph at Pacific School. Bar. 29.67, steady from 5pm to 10:30pm.

### **Thursday 13 February 1986**

1.20  
34.96  
Bar. 29.90 at 8am

Read 1.19 in south gauge, 4.6 in north. Rain let up in early AM. South wind continues, milder temp. Partial clearing at 7:30am, direct sunlight, view of Coast Ridge and Partington. Clouds move back in, slight drizzle starts at 7:45, continuing for an hour.



Ceiling below cabin. AM radio reports 8" of rain at Anderson Peak. Ceiling rises to 4,000' in midday, then lowers to 3,000' and rain starts at 3pm. Rain until 5pm, then lets up until ca. 9pm. *Very strong* wind. Rain moderate thru night, but intense wind. Bar. 29.75 at 9pm, 29.65 at 10pm.

### **Friday 14 February 1986**

1.3"  
36.26  
29.60 at 8am

Read .58 in south gauge, 1.2 in north gauge. Incredibly strong wind, greatest since 100 knot + were recorded at Anderson several years ago. Ceiling below cabin. Wind from SE. Half of tin from chicken shed roof blew away while I was feeding chickens. Part of Hopkins roof blew away at 10:30am. Goldeen reports 95 mph at his place at noon. Highest wind speed he recorded was 100 mph, the max on his gauge. Upper hive here blew over, set up at 2pm, tin lost from chicken shed, south edge barn roof lifting, nailed down. Lost most of paper off of porch, damage to doors. Tree damage too. This was stronger wind than 2-28-83. Wind and rain abate by 4pm, with scattered rain thru the night. Lightening show reported at Willow Creek last night. Bar 29.49 at 4pm, then 29.55 at 9pm.

### **Saturday 15 February 1986**

.30  
36.56  
29.65 at 8:30am

Read 1.3 in north gauge, south gauge tipped over. Moderate south wind until 8:30am, then slight north shift, then light wind from SE. Ceiling at 3,500' until 7:30am, then below cabin. Loud thunder at 7:30, then lots of static on radio. Occasional rain squalls, with SE wind alternating from gusty to almost calm. Continues thru day and all night.

### **Sunday 16 February 1986**

1.95  
38.51  
30.01 at 8am

Read .30 in north gauge. Ceiling below cabin, SE wind, gusty at times. Brief downpour at 8:10am, then very little rain, some drizzle, until serious rain starts at 2pm. This continues until just before sunset. Then occasional drizzle thru the night. Ceiling remains below cabin, gusty SE wind continues.

### **Monday 17 February 1986**

4.35  
42.86  
30.08 at 8am

Read 1.95 in north gauge. Gusty SE wind, ceiling below cabin. Drizzle off and on from 7am to 10am. Rain decreases, then serious rain falls from 2-8pm. After 8pm, there are periods without rain. Drizzle and moderate rain fall from 8pm to 8am. Gusty wind gradually decreases thru night. Bar. 29.88 at 2pm, 29.95 at 8pm.

### **Tuesday 18 February 1986**

1.50  
44.36  
30.07 at 8am

Read 4.35" in north gauge.  
Light SE wind, ceiling below cabin, no rain, at 8am. Still no rain at 11:40am, bar. 29.93. Cut firewood, Alan Eichman visits, then heavy rain from 3-6pm, bar. 29.78 at 7pm, wind gusts up to 70 mph (48 mph at Pacific School). Rain squalls off and on to 7pm. Large slide closes hiway at Captain Cooper School. Rain diminishes after 10pm, when brilliant lightening is seen here. Rain off and on thru night.

### **Wednesday 19 February 1986**

.05  
44.41  
29.94 at 8am

Read 1.5" in north gauge.  
Slight south breeze. Ceiling below cabin, rain off and on until 7:45am. To Marble Peak, leave here at 10am, arrive back at 1am 2-20. Occasional light showers thru day. North wind started around 8:30, shifting back and forth until I leave.

### **Thursday 20 February 1986**

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44.41  
30.21 at 8am

Read .05 in north gauge.  
Clear and crisp at sunup! Big cumulus puff in far west. Light NW wind. Broken cumulus increasing in west and north at 8:30. Cumulus builds up on Coast Ridge thru AM, ceiling dropping to 2,500' by 3pm. Bar. 30.05 at 3pm. After 3pm, ceiling rises, and cumulus breaks up. Clear at 7pm. Bar. 30.20 at 7pm. Cold temps.

After-storm cleanup. Bee colony from Honey Rose starved out.

### **Friday 21 February 1986**

30.41 at 8am

Cold breeze from north, clear sky. SE wind develops by afternoon. Patchy cirro-cumulus increase in afternoon, becoming mostly clear by 7pm.

Cleared 2 large madrones and 2 large tanoaks from trail over flats between Tin House Road and Swiss Camp turnoff. Very little damage and no trees fallen on Tin House Road.

Ring around moon.

Spring at upper Tin House Road begins flowing across road.

### **Saturday 22 February 1986**

30.29 at 10am

Slight SE breeze, mild temp. Patchy cirrus, clear on coast, but cloud layer in far west.

### **Sunday 23 February 1986**

More cirrus today in AM, decreasing in afternoon. SE breeze, mild temp. Fog on coast, burning away in PM.

### **Monday 24 February 1986**

Fog on coast up to 200', burning off by midday. Warmer today, 74° at noon.

Pruned and cultivated grapes, potted cuttings from Thompson Seedless.

Small black winged termites pour out of dirt tubes under stove. Tubes protrude from cracks between stones on floor. They move by the thousands toward the south facing window and almost all fly out.

Insects began appearing around 11am, finished by 4pm. This occurs every year at a Wild Cattle house for the past 10 years according to "Pig Packer." 1,650' Full moon today.

### **Tuesday 25 February 1986**

Warmer today, slight SE breeze. Clear on coast after fog burns off at 10am.  
To Kaye's

Huge shooting star over Pfeiffer Pt. 20 minutes after sunset. Seen from Coastlands.

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### **Saturday 1 March 1986**

Bar. ca. 29.95

Fog up to 2,000' at 6am, 1,500' at 8, 1,800' at 9am, then lowers steadily thru day, at 400' by sunset, but patchy. Mostly NW wind, occasionally shifting to SE. Patchy cirrus in AM, clear above at sunset. Pleasant temp.

Connie McCoy here for photos.

### **Sunday 2 March 1986**

30.12 at 9am

Patchy fog on coast to 1,000'. Clear sky above. West breeze at 9am. Warm temp.

### **Monday 3 March 1986**

Fog on coast, clear and mild above.

To town. Back after dark.

Madrones re-blooming and very fragrant at night.

### **Tuesday 4 March 1986**

Fog on coast, clear sky above until 4pm, when large band of high cirro-cumulus move over sky.

### **Wednesday 5 March 1986**

Fog on coast thru AM. Warm with light SE breeze. Some high cirrus. To town to talk to Brian. Dinner at Kaye's.

### **Thursday 6 March 1986**

.10  
44.51

Fog on coast to 1,000'. Light SE breeze in AM.

To Pacific Valley School.

Back up at sunset, fog up to Orchid Flat, and high cirro-cumulus above.

### **Friday 7 March 1986**

5.65  
50.16"  
30.13 at 8am

Rain starts at 6am, steady till about 6:50. Read .10 at 8am, with ceiling at 4,000'+ and no rain. Then a fine drizzle starts at 8:15, which continues until ca. 7pm, at which time moderate to heavy rain begins, continuing thru night. Wind increases after dark, still from the SE. Ceiling below cabin after 8am.

### **Saturday 8 March 1986**

.05  
50.21  
29.88 at 9am

Heavy rain at 7am, at which time I dump gauges: 3.00 in south gauge, 5.5 in north – the highest 24 hour figure yet. Rain diminishes after 7:30, north wind starts at 8am, and rain stops. Ceiling below cabin. Wind alternates between north and SE thru day. Some break up of clouds around noon-4pm, then thicker. Thunder around 6pm, then heavy rain squall at 7pm. Rainfall at noon was .15 in north gauge, or 5.65" for 24 hours. 29.88 at 7pm and strong gusty north wind. Cold. Stars visible at 9pm.

### **Sunday 9 March 1986**

1.40  
51.81"  
30.00 at 8:45

Read .05 in north gauge, .23 in south, but most of south precipitation fell prior to 8am 3-9, so amount for south gauge ca. same as north. Ceiling 4,000'+ at 7am, at 3,800' at 9am. Cold SE wind, feels like snow. Puffy cumulus out to sea. Wind increases and ceiling lowers to 3,000' by 3pm, when rain starts. Rain increases, and wind also, with heavy rain at 8pm. Then rain slows, but wind increases. Bar. 29.65 at 9pm. *Very* high wind all thru night. 80 mph reported on Partington. Seems close to 100 here.

### **Monday 10 March 1986**

.48  
52.09"  
29.49 at 12:45pm

Read 1.4 in north gauge, .30 in south. Wind decreases around 3-4am. Rain sputters and spits a little. Still moderate gusty SE. Heavy hail fell around 6am. A little rain around 8-9am, then it stops and wind decreases to ca. 20 mph.

Upper hive knocked over, new grape leaves stripped, etc. Gusty blasts occasionally, then downpour at 12:30, heavy rain and hail. Over by 1pm. NW wind at 1:30pm. Heavy rain from west and NW at 2:45pm. Periodic showers from north continue through night. Stars visible off and on.

### **Tuesday 11 March 1986**

1.40  
53.49  
30.10 at 8am

Read .45 in north gauge, .48 in south. Mostly clear blue sky at 7am, cold north wind, but ca. 5 mph. Cumulus increases, with nearly total overcast by 9am. 30.05 at 8:45. Heavy surf. Sprinkle around 9:15. Patchy cumulus thru 4pm, then higher cirro-cumulus moves in from west. SE wind after 3pm. Complete overcast by 5:30. 29.93 at 6pm. Rain starts falling at 7pm, becoming heavy by 9-10pm. Continues thru night.

### **Wednesday 12 March 1986**

.80  
54.29  
30.04 at 8am

Read 1.4 in north gauge, .83 in south. Mostly clear at 7am, with some high thin cirrus. Cold temp., with wind alternating from the south to from the NE and north. Surf somewhat less. Cirro-cumulus invasion from west in late AM, becoming totally overcast by 2pm, ceiling at ca. 5,000'. Ceiling lowers thru afternoon, with wind direction shifting. Ceiling at 3,800' by dark. Rain starts in early AM.

### **Thursday 13 March 1986**

.05  
54.34  
29.89 at 9am

Read .80 in north gauge, .63 in south. Rain showers, moderate to light, with SE wind, until 7:45, after which rain diminishes to moderate sprinkle and wind comes mostly from the north. Ceiling at 2,600' at 7am, then rises to 4,000' by 9am, north wind, light rain. Rain peters out by noon. Ceiling lifts, and opens up in west, with lots of cumulus out to sea beyond edge of cloud.

Mostly clear at sunset, with puffy cumulus on ridge and at sea. Cool north wind. 29.86 at 6:30pm. There was a light drizzle at 3pm. Saw golden eagle ca. 3pm.

### **Friday 14 March 1986**

#### FROST

1.30

55.64

30.03 at 8:30am

Read .05" in north and south gauges. Sky mostly clear at 7am, with bank of cumulus in west and south. Cold east wind alternates with north wind. Lots of frost on roofs and grass. Surf much lower. Wind is calmer at 10am, and cumulus has retreated to far west. Clear in afternoon. To hiway and checking slide at Vicente and bath at Hot Springs. Front visible at sunset in far west. Total overcast by 10pm. *Cold* south wind. Wind picks up to 30 mph gusts, and first light sprinkle at 1am. 29.88 at 1am.

### **Saturday 15 March 1986**

1.65

57.29

29.84 at 10am

Read .33 in south gauge, 1.30 in north. *Heavy* rain and 70 mph wind at 6am from south. Ceiling at or below cabin. Wind stops at 8:30, then starts in from north. Rain slacks off, but remaining steady and moderate with large drops. Ceiling at 4,000' at 10am. Cold temp. Rain stops at 10:30, break in clouds in west. Sunshine here at 11:30, hail and snow visible on top of Hot Springs Pk. and Anderson. Sanderson got 2.75" from 8:30-10am. Front in west at 11am, moves in with total overcast and south wind at 12:30. Rain starts at 1pm, ceiling at 3,200'.

Esalen search party looking in Hot Springs and Buck for lost work scholar. Rain off and on thru afternoon with several hail storms. Ceiling below cabin at 5pm, SE wind getting gustier, then at 5:30 north wind starts, some rain and hail. Thunder and lightening fairly close at 5:45, then ceiling lifts to 3,000' and clouds break up at 6. South wind starts at 6:30 and some rain, lightening. At 9:30pm, incredible lightening storm very close, and very heavy hail, out of South. Bar. 29.48 at 9:30. Hail deluge 9:30-35pm, everything white. Even heavier hailstorm at 2:15am, lightening directly overhead.

### **Sunday 16 March 1986**

.53

57.82

29.86 at 9am

Read 1.65 in north gauge, 1.55 in south. Rain off and on until 8:30, then ceiling raises to 3,900'. Lots of hail on ground. Blue in west, no rain, at 9am. Light north breeze. Clouds thicken by 11am, when I hike to Coast Ridge, to Rubis Cabin and Andy Pk., looking for Wolfgang. Got lots of snow at Andy Pk. at 2-3pm. Light rain here at 3-4pm. Clouds break up, mostly clear at sunset.

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#### **Thursday 20 March 1986**

30.36 at 7am

Clear sky with some cirrus. Some low fog far out to sea. SE breeze.

To town with Kaye, dinner at Coastlands, back after dark.

Madrone blossoms fragrant at night.  
High cirrus at night, ring around moon.

#### **Friday 21 March 1986**

30.16 at 1:30pm

Mostly clear, a few cirrus. No fog on coast.  
Light SE breeze, warm temp.

To Kaye's in afternoon to call Hopkins, Safeco.

#### **Saturday 22 March 1986**

30.03 at 4pm

More cirrus than yesterday, some low fog a few miles offshore. SE breeze, warm temp.

Danny Wold rides by on bike. At 3:20pm a small hatching of black termites occurred; a couple of hundred moving from under stove to west and south window. Over by 4pm.  
Temp. outside 72°, moon will be full on Wednesday.

#### **Sunday 23 March 1986**

Mostly clear and rather warm all day. Some cirrus in afternoon.

Clear on coast.



### **Monday 24 March 1986**

A lot of cirrus to west in AM, covering all of sky by afternoon. Cooler than yesterday. Some fog on Dolan, Hot Springs ridges at 2,000' in morning. Gone later.

Doug & John visit. Oro breaks leg and is destroyed.

### **Tuesday 25 March 1986**

30.02 at 9pm

Clear sky all day, clear on coast. Light north breeze, warm temp.

Sam & Darien Hopkins visit.

Good news from Brian Steen over CB.

### **Wednesday 26 March 1986**

Warm in AM, with NE breeze becoming gusty by 10am. Some cirrus in sky in AM, clear on coast.

To town, cure default, talk to Clements, see Brian and new appraisal.

Leave hiway at sunset, with a lot of cirrus in west. Arrive at full-moon rise. East wind.

### **Thursday 27 March 1986**

30.00 at 10:30am

Very hazy air, gusty SE wind in AM. Thin high cirrus in most of sky. Clear on coast. Mild temp. Wind decreases somewhat in afternoon.

Bar. 29.90 at 9pm

Fog comes in after 10am, reaching 1,400'. Fog at 1,000' by sunset.

### **Friday 28 March 1986**

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57.82

29.97 at 6:30am

Fog on coast to 400' at sunrise, rising to 800' by 9am. Light north breeze, warm temp. Hazy air, some thin high cirrus over most of sky. Leave here at 9am, to Hopkins via Coast Ridge Rd. at noon, visit Howard, Nancy. Leave via South Hopkins trail up North Fork to Cold Spring. Arrive home 7pm.

Fog at 1,800' at 5pm, 2,400' by sunset. Cabin socked in at 8pm, with south wind. Lots of thick cirrus above fog at sunset.

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### **Monday 31 March 1986**

.05  
57.87  
29.95 at 6:30am

Felt earthquake here at 3:55am. News reports indicated 5.3 centered east of Fremont, with some minor damage in that area.

Fog up to 2,000' at 6:30am, clouds on Coast Ridge down to 3,000'. Eaves dripping. Slightest breeze from SE.

To hiway and library-sitting, while Kaye meets with Panetta. Drizzle starts in Big Sur Valley at 5pm, leave hiway at 5:45, here by 7pm. Drizzle continues, clouds decrease at 9pm. More drizzle at night. Wind from north.

### **Tuesday 1 April 1986**

30.80 at 7am

Read .05 n north and south gauges. Drizzle until 7am, then cloud layer thins, with partial clearing at 8:30-9am. Open sky in west at 9am, then clouds thicken and socked in by 9:30am. South breeze. Sky brightens again after noon, some sun by 1pm, ceiling at 2,800'. North breeze, 29.92 at 1:30pm.

Strong north gusts start at 4:30pm, continue thru night. *Cold* cumulus mass moving in from west at 4pm, retreats just before sunset. Clear at night.

### **Wednesday 2 April 1986**

30.22 at 9am

Cold gusty north wind, clear on coast, with a line of cloud in distant west. Clear above.

To town, talk to Brian & Zad.  
Back here at 11pm.

South wind at 11pm, clear sky.

Spring on upper Tin House Road begins drying up.

### **Thursday 3 April 1986**

Rachel gives birth to 3 buck kids. 1<sup>st</sup> born, the largest, is dead when I go to barn at 8am.

North wind in AM, becoming south breeze later, cool temp. in shade. Sky mostly clear with some thin, high cirrus. Cloud bank in far west.

### **Friday 4 April 1986**

.30  
58.17  
29.85 at 11am

South breeze, cool. Thin high cirrus throughout sky. Cloud bank in west, closer than yesterday. Hazy air. Rachel still has portions of placenta unpassed. Clouds move in from west and cumulus forms on Coast Ridge south of Anderson. Total overcast after sunset.

South breeze picks up after noon. Rain reported at Prewitt at 10:30pm. Rain here in early AM. Bar. 29.80 at midnight.

Rachel passed placenta in afternoon during browsing.

### **Saturday 5 April 1986**

.15  
58.32  
29.85 at 8am

Read .30 in north gauge, .24 in south. Rain stops by 7am, cirro-cumulus covers sky, ceiling at 4,000'+. Patchy fog at 1,800' along coastal hills. *Cold* south wind. Spitting rain starts again after 8am, continues until sunset. Rainbows. Clouds break up after 5pm.

To Emil's for his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday. Walked down Tin House Road, up Partington Canyon.

### **Sunday 6 April 1986**

.05  
58.37  
29.84 at 10am

Read 1.5 in north gauge, .11 in south. South breeze, patchy clouds at 7am, complete overcast at 8, then broken clouds again and sunshine at 10am, ceiling at 3,800' on Coast Ridge. Slight sprinkle at 9:30-10am. More rain/drizzle at noon. Clouds clear off by 2pm, and just a few clouds on top of Coast Ridge by sunset.

John comes up and we attend Oro.

**Monday 7 April 1986**

.04  
58.41  
30.05 at 8am

Read .05 in north gauge and south. Clear sky at 6am, with clouds moving in and covering sky by 8am. Drizzle starts at 9am, ceiling at 4,000' and getting lower.

To hiway, meet Al Tyler at 10, then work at Esalen bucking Eucalyptus till noon. Lunch, bath, Al Tyler at 3pm. Back here at 5:30 in a light drizzle. Ceiling at 2,200' and rising. Mostly clear sky at 10pm. South wind.

**Tuesday 8 April 1986**

30.27 at 8:30

Read Trace in north gauge, .04 in south.

Light south breeze, mostly clear sky, at 7am, with a few high cirrus. By 8:30, cumulus form on Coast Ridge. Thick ceiling to 3,000' at 9am, then diminishing to a few puffs by 10am.

To Pacific Valley School, back here at 8:30pm.

P.V. 2.5 hrs.

**Wednesday 9 April 1986**

30.19 at 7am

Clear sky and light south breeze at 7am. Clear on coast.

To Esalen for chainsaw work.

Back here at 8:45 pm.

Fog bank in far west in afternoon, and some scattered high cirrus.

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**Tuesday 15 April 1986**

.07  
58.48

30.00 at 9:30am

SE wind, cold temp.

Thick cirro-cumulus deck moves in from west. Ceiling at 3,700' at 9:30am. Patchy fog on coast.

Ceiling at 2,600' when I leave for hiway, visit Harding, Doug & John, mussels at Kaye's. Back here at 1:30am. Rain from about 1-5pm. Clear sky after 10pm, then more clouds in west. Cold south wind.

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### **Saturday 19 April 1986**

Warmer today, with moderate amounts of high cirrus. Rather windy from SE all day. Cirrus decreases in afternoon. Temp. in 70's.

Supered upper hive, fixed chopper.

### **Sunday 20 April 1986**

Warm and sunny. Left here to meet Kaye for trip to Nacimiento, missed her, back here by 12:45. Hot day. At 2:30pm, a swarm emerged from lower north hive and massed on chamise branch at edge of dozer road below barn. Hived into nuc. At 4pm.

Madrones very fragrant at night, lupine in daytime.

### **Monday 21 April 1986**

Another hot day, some fog on coast to 500'. Fog rises thru day, and is at 1,000' by sunset. Very little wind.

Examined parent hive of swarm, found no eggs, larvae, and only one intact queen cell. Found 6-7 shredded queen cells, so did not remove QC's for introduction into nuc. Parent hive with lots of drones, unhealthy looking frames. Needs new foundation. Supered parent hive and took frame of brood and put in nuc. Replaced brood frame with empty. To hiway in PM, P.O., call Brian. Back here at 8:30pm.

### **Tuesday 22 April 1986**

.01  
58.53

Fog up to 2,000' at 7am, cooler breeze from SE. Fog rises steadily, covering cabin by 11:30am. Bright above at noon. Fog becomes higher and thicker here until 7:30pm, when fog lowers to 2,500'. South breeze with occasional periods of wind from NW.

### **Wednesday 23 April 1986**

29.92 at 7:30am

Read .01 in south gauge. Socked in this AM, from 5:30am, with *very light* south breeze. Breeze increases thru AM, reaching 20 mph.

To hiway, call Brian, see Margaret O., Kaye, Doug & John. Brought down Willy Goat to John.

Clouds break up by 4-5pm, becoming *cold*. South wind continues. Back here by 9pm.

### **Thursday 24 April 1986**

Clear with some patchy cumulus on Coast Ridge, cold south wind. Hazy air. Saw full eclipse of full moon at 4am.

To hiway and Pacific Valley School Amoebas.

Cold north wind in afternoon with patchy cumulus.

Back here at 9pm.

P.V. 3 hours

### **Friday 25 April 1986**

29.89 at 4:30pm

Slightly warmer today, south wind. Lots of thin high cirrus, and patchy fog on coast, at 9am. By noon, top of Coast Ridge socked in with cumulus, which is gone by 4pm. Hazy air. Whitecaps on ocean in AM.

### **Saturday 26 April 1986**

Mild temp. Clear sky with a little cirrus. north wind: Ned Larson hikes in from Mill Creek via Coast Ridge.

Cirrus builds up in PM, covering most of sky in afternoon. Cooler in PM, with south wind in mid afternoon., then north and later gusty at sunset.

Body of Mark Byrne found on the Nacimiento River: had been dead 2 weeks.

### **Sunday 27 April 1986**

Warmer this AM, clear sky. Clear on coast. Ned hikes back to Mill Creek via Coast Ridge and Cone Pk.

### **Monday 28 April 1986**

Light breeze from NW in AM. Cooler today, some cirrus. Fog off the coast. To hiway, see Kaye, to town, talk to Brian. Dinner at Kaye's.

Back here at 1am, *cold* north wind.

### **Tuesday 29 April 1986**

29.85 at 6:30pm

Gusty variable wind in AM, mostly from east and SE. Warmer than yesterday, becoming mild, in mid-70's, in afternoon. Some cirrus in AM, clear in PM.

No fog on coast.

NW wind in afternoon.

Hazy air.

### **Wednesday 30 April 1986**

Mild and sunny.

To Pacific Valley for tidepool recon.

Back here at 6pm, mild temp.

P.V. 1 hour

### **Thursday 1 May 1986**

Patchy cumulus develop on Coast Ridge, clearing by noon, with thick cirrus above. Cirrus clear later.

To Pacific Valley for tidepool trip. Talk to Brian, tells of Audubon offer.

Dinner with Kaye.

Back here at midnight.

Fog/cumulus at 2,000' level, in patches.

P.V. 3 hrs.

### **Friday 2 May 1986**

.11  
58.64  
29.88 at 8am

Clear in AM, north breeze. Rather cool temps. Cloud bank in west and south moves in, starting at around noon, and by sunset there is total overcast, with ceiling at 4,000'. South breeze starts in PM.

### **Saturday 3 May 1986**

.25  
58.89  
30.00 at 8:30am

Rain by 3:30am, probably earlier. Light south breeze. Clouds break up around 7am. Patchy fog/cumulus up to 4,000', and larger mass of cirro-cumulus in west at 8:30am. Read .11" in south gauge. Cloud mass from west covers cabin by 9:30; rain starts again at 10, becoming rather hard around 10:30. Stops by 11, with north wind. .18 at 11. Clouds break up, with patchy fog/cumulus until 3pm, when it's mostly clear. Clear by 10pm.

### **Sunday 4 May 1986**

.07  
58.96  
30.10 at 8am

Rain at 6am, quitting briefly at 7:30, then starts again at 7:45. Read .25 in south gauge at 8am. Rain stops by 8:15. North wind all AM. Ceiling below cabin at 6, at 2,600' at 8. Sky brightens by 8:15, patchy blue in south. Rain starts again, off and on until 12 noon. After noon, gradual clearing, with cumulus masses moving in and out until 6pm. All clear by 9pm. North wind all day.

Cut firewood and set posts above chicken shed.

### **Monday 5 May 1986**

30.05 at 7am

Read .07" in south gauge. Mostly clear sky, some thin high cirrus, and large cumulus mass in mid-distance in the west. Cold temp, north breeze.

Go to town, see Brian, make payment. Later see Clements, and that whole bad scene. Spend night at Kaye's.



## **Tuesday 6 May 1986**

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58.96

Arrive here 8:30am. Cold gusty NW wind. Large cumulus puffs at 3,000' move over from north all day. Sprinkle of rain around 1pm. Clear at sunset, except for cumulus in west.

## **Wednesday 7 May 1986**

Clear sky, less windy than yesterday. North breeze, and cold. Line of cumulus in west.

To hiway, see Kaye, dinner with Doug & John, who leave for Eng. tomorrow.

Back here by midnight.

## **Thursday 8 May 1986**

Warmer today, variable winds. Work on vines, cut grass around fruit trees.

## **Friday 9 May 1986**

Mild temps., wind from SE, to Pacific Valley for school.

Visit Barbara at Pacific Valley store and have dinner with Connie & Keith Harlan. Back here at 10pm.

P.V. 3 hrs. (20.5 hrs. total)

## **Saturday 10 May 1986**

Some patchy fog up to 1,400' in AM, burning off before noon. Light breeze from north in AM, and becoming SE in PM.

Walk down to Jim House Spring<sup>1</sup> after 4pm, locate hog wire.

## **Sunday 11 May 1986**

29.95 at 9:30am

Clear, a little hazy, with fog/cumulus bank in west. Cool in AM, light SE breeze.

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<sup>1</sup> Although there is no mention in Clark's *Monterey County Place Names* of any feature bearing the name Jim House, Clark does refer to a "Jim Howes Spring" in this location in his discussion of Waters Ridge.

To Kaye's for chainsaw work and dinner.

Back here at 11pm.

### **Monday 12 May 1986**

Warmer today, fog in west and south. Hazy air, a couple of cumulus in AM, but clear sky later. Wind from SE in AM, NW in afternoon, SE at sunset.

Temp. in 70's in afternoon.

### **Tuesday 13 May 1986**

29.97 at 9am

Fog on coast, patchy to 1,000'. Lots of fog in west. Light SE breeze, warmer than yesterday at 10am. Clear sky.

Temp. ca. 80° at 2pm. Fog burns off by mid-afternoon. Cirro-cumulus appears in west as large front at 10am, moves south and east, covers sky by 3pm, when a gusty north wind starts. Wind dies down by sunset, and cirrus are gone, except in west.

Packed hog wire up from Jim House Springs.

### **Wednesday 14 May 1986**

29.90 at 10:30am

Fog on coast to 1,400'-1,600'. Some scattered thin high cirrus. Air hazy, wind light from SE. Temp. as yesterday.

Worked on lower grapes, put up hog wire above chicken coop. Mare's tails in afternoon, turning into thick cirrus by 4pm, when wind picks up from north. Clouds mostly dispersed by sunset, but north wind is 35-40 mph.

Fog burns off by 1pm.

### **Thursday 15 May 1986**

29.93 at 8am

Strong north wind until 6:30am, decreases to 10-15 mph, some gusting from NE. Whitecaps thick on ocean, thick fog bank in mid-distance in west. Cooler temp. this AM. Sky clear, air cleaner.

To Pacific Valley School, and Sanderson's for dinner. Home at 9pm.

P.V. 3 hrs.

**Friday 16 May 1986**

Much warmer today – high 70's at least.

Hazy air, with controlled burn in Hunter-Liggett causing drift smoke over ocean south of Willow Creek.

SE wind now and then.

**Saturday 17 May 1986**

Hot day. Some light breeze from south. A few cirrus clouds, but otherwise clear. Hazy air.

Worked on grapes.

**Sunday 18 May 1986**

Warm this AM. Some fog to 800' at Lopez Pt., burning off by noon. Fog offshore.

To Pacific School for Blanco's 88<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Back at midnight.

**Monday 19 May 1986**

Cooler today. Breezy from the north. Cirro-cumulus in afternoon.

Fog on coast in AM, burning off later.

**Tuesday 20 May 1986**

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58.96

Much cooler today, thick fog on coast to 1,000', burning off by 11am. Lots of high cirro-cumulus.

To town with Kaye, visit David in hospital, see Brian, dinner at Kaye's, back here at 11pm.

Sprinkle of large raindrops in Carmel at 4pm.

Thick cirro-cumulus front moves over at 10pm, from west, north wind. Ring around moon. Drops of rain here at 11pm.

### **Wednesday 21 May 1986**

Cold north wind starts in early AM. Whitecaps on ocean. Mare's tails in sky all day. Wind gusts up to 25 mph throughout day, until 4pm, when wind begins shift to east. Gusty east and SE wind thru night.

### **Thursday 22 May 1986**

29.95 at 8am

Gusty east wind every so often until 8am, when it becomes calmer. Thin high cirrus throughout sky. Cool temp., clear on coast.

To Pacific Valley School, and dinner at Goldeen's for Judith's birthday. Back here at 11:20pm.

P.V. 4 hrs.

### **Friday 23 May 1986**

Warmer today, with thin high cirrus, thicker than yesterday, over all of sky. North breeze, muggy air. Clear on coast.

To Harry Dick's on Partington for lunch with Howard W., Walter & Mary, Frank T., Sam & Eby, Nancy H., Harry Dick & Linda, Judith. Depressing to see the ruin of his studio, messy house. Back here at 7:30pm.

### **Saturday 24 May 1986**

29.95 at noon

Much warmer today, south breeze, clear on coast, hazy air, but no clouds. 80° at noon.

### **Sunday 25 May 1986**

Temp. as yesterday, clear on coast.

To John Batz' for lunch by Barbara, Verens, Emile Norman in attendance.

To Kaye's, dinner with David & Charro. Back here by 10pm.

### **Monday 26 May 1986**

Cooler today, low fog on coast to 200', burning off by afternoon. Light north breeze.

### **Tuesday 27 May 1986**

Somewhat warmer today. Fog on coast to 800'. Some cirrus in south, but clear elsewhere.

To Kaye's, then to Gorda to pick up radiator. Work on car.

Back here at midnight.

### **Wednesday 28 May 1986**

Back down to Kaye's, finish installing radiator.

Foggy on coast to 1,000', clearing by 10am.

Back here by sunset.

### **Thursday 29 May 1986**

Foggy on coast to 1,000'. Socked in all day.

To Anderson Pk. for Pacific Valley School field trip.

Dinner at Kaye's, back here by 10:30pm.

P.V. School 3 hrs.

### **Friday 30 May 1986**

Foggy on coast to 1,000', clearing in mid-afternoon, back in by sunset.

Judith arrives at 5pm.

### **Saturday 31 May 1986**

Foggy on coast to 1,600', lowering to 1,000' by noon, partial clearing by 6pm, then back in by sunset.

Earthquake in early AM. Worked on bees – upper hive has apparently swarmed some time ago. No surplus honey, but lower middle hive has the most.

Judith leaves after lunch.

Lots of smoke from control burn in Nac.

### **Sunday 1 June 19986**

Thick smoke layer at 2,800'-4,000' from USFS control burn in Negro Fork.

Fog on coast to 2,000'. Cool SE breeze.

To Kaye's to help David move. Back here by 10pm.

Fog at 2,000'

### **Monday 2 June 1986**

Fog in and out at cabin 6-8am, mostly at 2,500'. Light east or SE breeze.

To Salinas to meet Dad, in Carmel with Brian Steen, Zad Leavy, back here at 8:45pm.  
Fog patchy up to 1,800'. Cool north wind at 9pm.

### **Tuesday 3 June 1986**

Much warmer this AM. Light north breeze. Fog bank far out to sea. Clear sky. Smoke coming from USFS control burn near Chalk Pk.

To Kaye's and Pfeiffer Ridge to move David. Voted at Grange.

Back here at 7:30pm. Beautiful sunset with lots of cirrus in west.

### **Wednesday 4 June 1986**

Cooler today, with entire sky covered with patchy cirrus. Fog on coast to 700'. Light north breeze.

To town, meet with partners, dinner at Vandevere's.

Back here at 12:30am

### **Thursday 5 June 1986**

To Pacific Valley School, back home by 6pm.

Cool, fair weather.

P.V. 3 hrs.

### **Friday 6 June 1986**

To town, met with Margaret Owings, Steve Webster, at Monterey Bay Aquarium, Vern Yadon. Call Pat Steen, found out Audubon Society approved money for Swiss Camp.

Back here by 8pm.

Cool, fair weather.

### **Saturday 7 June 1986**

Gusty north wind, cool and clear. Foggy in town.

To Carmel Highlands for Harry Dick Ross's 87<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Libby Shields Marge Johnsen, Gordon Newell, Bettina Toleston, Paul Rink, Nancy Hopkins, Judith Goodman, Emil White.

Visited Howard Welch in hospital.

Back here by 8pm.

### **Sunday 8 June 1986**

Much warmer, some patchy fog out to sea. Walk up Agony Trail, visit John & Marilu. Talk about water line work. Fire at Molera Park, across river from Ranch buildings, 40 acres, started at 2pm, out by 5pm. Control burn at Chalk Pk. goes out of control, spots over Coast Ridge Rd. into Mill Creek, 5+ acres, ~~under control~~ around 1am on 10 June.

### **Monday 9 June 1986**

Warm. North breeze. Clear on coast, hazy air. Fire in Mill Creek reported under control by 11am. 86° here at 2:30pm. As of 2:45pm "Nacimiento Fire" is 50 acres east of South Coast Ridge Rd. and 10 acres west of road. Using helicopter bucket drops. Several FS & Military units and tankers on same. Outlook "favorable," but erratic winds.

Winds become SE after noon here. Some cirrus in afternoon.

### **Tuesday 10 June 1986**

29.85 at 9am

Fog on coast at 1,400' at 7:30am, and 1,600' at 9:30am. Wind from SE, cooler than yesterday. Air hazy, sky clear. Lots of equipment remains at Nacimiento Fire. Wind becomes strong and gusty after early AM, with 40 mph gusts. Wind diminishes after sunset. Fog rises to 2,100' by 2-3pm.

Clouds in far west at sunset.

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### **Saturday 14 June 1986**

Some patchy fog up to 1,500', burning off by 9am. Very pleasant AM.

To Pacific Valley School for talent show/graduation/birthday party. Back here by 11pm.

Firefighter injured on Nacimiento Fire 1 mile west of Ponderosa Camp.

### **Sunday 15 June 1986**

Some low patchy fog offshore, a few cirrus clouds above. Fog burns off by 10am. SE breeze in AM, NW wind later.

Don Usner visits; writing book on trails/natural history of Big Sur Coast.

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### **Tuesday 17 June 1986**

30.02 at 9am

Fog up to 500' in AM. Cool temp., south breeze. Somewhat hazy.

To Kaye's by 11am. Double layer of clouds form in early afternoon. Low fog and cumulus layer on top of Coast Ridge south of Partington. Clouds clear by sunset.

100 acre brush fire at Molera Park, east of hiway and just south of Old Coast Rd., contained by 5pm.

Cool night here, and damp. Arrived at 11pm.

### **Wednesday 18 June 1986**

30.07 at 9am

Cooler this AM than last. Hazy air near coast. Thick cumulus layer flowing over Coast Ridge around Tin Can Ridge and Hot Springs Peak. Light south breeze.

To town for vets – Mocho with foxtail in ear, rabies immunization; negative blood test for heart worm. See Jud & Joyce, talk to Brian, June.



Back here at 8pm.

### **Thursday 19 June 1986**

Mild temp., SE breeze, no clouds or fog. Lots of whitecaps on ocean. Al Tyler shoes Whitey & Chink.

Back here at 5pm.

Gusty east wind in late PM and early AM.

### **Friday 20 June 1986**

Wind gentle from SE. Air somewhat hazy, no clouds or fog. Ocean with a few whitecaps.

Warm day today.

John Magee & Barbara & Mike walked thru.

Very little wind in PM.

### **Saturday 21 June 1986**

Loud large rockslide this AM at 5:45, down near Swiss Camp from the sound.

Light low fog moves in to shore by 10am, 200' high. Light N breeze, warm day. No clouds, hazy air.

Met Audubon people and Brian on trail below Swiss Camp at 11:30am. Vern Yadon, Curetons, Joyce Stevens, Carmen Remenyi, 20+ in all for hike to "Davis Woods," then here for some of them.

### **Sunday 22 June 1986**

29.85 at 9pm

Fog on coast to 600'. Light north breeze, no clouds, hazy air. Fog stays at 600' all day.

Cleaned root cellar.

86° at 2pm

88° at 3pm

### **Monday 23 June 1986**

29.92 at 6:30am

Fog on coast to 600'. Light north breeze, hazy air. No clouds. Temp. 73° at 6:30am., 77° at 7:30am. To town by 10am, shopping, to Big Sur Library at 1pm, dinner with David, Charro & Kaye. Back here around 3am Tuesday. Fog at 1,400' at 2am.

### **Tuesday 24 June 1986**

Fog on coast to 1,400' this AM. Light SE breeze, hot temp. No clouds, hazy air.

To vets for Mocho – diagnosed as “allergic reaction.” Leave here at 3pm, back at 9pm.

Fog up to Orchid Flat at sunset.

### **Wednesday 25 June 1986**

29.85 at noon

Warm day, little wind at 8am, nice SE breeze at noon. Fog on coast up to 1,400'. Thin wispy cirrus over all of sky. Not as hazy as yesterday.

Probably escaped campfire burns ½ acre in Soberanes Creek,<sup>2</sup> south of Esalen, started in a redwood grove. 5pm-8pm.

Thicker layer of cirrus moves in from west in afternoon.

### **Thursday 26 June 1986**

Fog at 2,100' at 8am, cool SE breeze, all of sky covered with opaque cirrus layer. Cirrus decreases after noon, half of sky covered by sunset. Fog mostly burns off by mid-afternoon. Breezy from SE in evening.

To hiway, pick up chicken feed, make phone calls, see John Magee.

### **Friday 27 June 1986**

Fog at 1,600' at 7am, mostly burned off by noon. Spotty cirrus clouds, mare's tails, SE wind. Clear air. 80° at 12:30pm.

Mike Myers visits.

### **Saturday 28 June 1986**

Clear on coast, light breeze. A few cirrus. Connie McCoy hikes up, arrives at 7:30am, photographs cabin. Gone by noon.

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<sup>2</sup> This is not the Soberanes Creek in Garrapata State Park, but the creek in Soberanes Canyon, between Lime and Dolan creeks on the South Coast.

Warm in afternoon.

Saw what looked like a white winged red-tailed hawk soaring with a normal red tail in McWay, above lower forks. Connie saw it too.

### **Sunday 29 June 1986**

A little patchy fog up to 1,000' around Big Creek, burning off by noon. SE breeze. Some cirrus.

To Staude's for lunch with Tom, Marguirite, Mike Caplin, Greg & Susan Hawthorne, and his parents, Gersh & Clement.

Arrive here at 7pm.  
Warm day.

### **Monday 30 June 1986**

A good SE breeze – no fog on coast, and some thick high cirrus in far SE. Mild temp.

Some low fog far offshore in PM.

### **Tuesday 1 July 1986**

Clear sky, light breeze, low fog front moving toward coast from west.

To Kaye's, who's gone, to visit Charlotte, pick up "solar shower". See Doug & John, back here by 6pm.

### **Wednesday 2 July 1986**

Fog on coast up to 800' at 8am, lowering to 300' and becoming patchy after noon. Warm temp.

To Harry Dick Ross's, meet Nancy H., Bill & Barbara Spring, who are taking some of Harry Dick Ross's wood blocks. I take a few items, phone insulators, green rose cutting, etc. Meet Anne McGowen for lunch in Carmel, meet with Brian & Zad Leavy, then with Anne until 7pm. Back here by 11pm.

### **Thursday 3 July 1986**

Warm this AM. Light SE breeze, fog on coast up to 300', burning off by 11am. Puffy little thunderhead front in SE in AM, some clouds with virga. Wind comes out of the north after noon, 86° at 3pm.

### **Friday 4 July 1986**

Much cooler today, gusty winds from SE, up to 30 mph. Clear on coast, no clouds above, but hazy air.

To Kaye's for brush clearing, dinner.

Back here by 10:30.

Esther has 3<sup>rd</sup> litter in early AM hours.

### **Saturday 5 July 1986**

Cooler than yesterday, steady SE wind, 5-10 mph. Fog on coast up to 1,600' at 7am, burning off by 9:30, but air stays hazy. Large mass of cumulus cloud on Gamboa Ridge. As morning progresses, fog layer forms as far north as upper Post Ranch, and by noon a solid layer of cloud, with ceiling at 3,000'. Cone Pk. reports top of cloud at 4,000'. Fog on coast at 300' at 5pm, with high fog and some cirrus above that.

Chopped weeds around cabin.

### **Sunday 6 July 1986**

Cabin socked in at 7am with clouds slowly rising so that by noon the ceiling is at 3,000'. Mild temp. Warmer than yesterday, but I have fire at breakfast. South wind continues. Two golden eagles and two red tails fight. Leave here for dinner at Kaye's, Stewarts, Catherine Short & Douglas, Baylisses, Charro & David, Toni, Springs.

Arrive here at 1:30am.

No fog.

Anniversary of start of Rat Creek Fire.

### **Monday 7 July 1986**

Fog on coast up to 1,400' in AM, burning off by 11am. Some mare's tails in AM, turning to puffy low cumulus in afternoon. Mild temps., with light north breeze all day. Fog starts forming again by 6pm.

Earthquake around 5:30pm today, strongly felt on Cone Pk., lesser magnitude elsewhere on coast; Pfeiffer Pt., Plaskett, etc., but not felt here. 4.4 Richter, center off coast 33 miles south of Monterey.

### **Tuesday 8 July 1986**

Light north breeze, warmer today. Fog on coast up to 1,200'. No clouds above, but air is hazy. 6.0 earthquake in Palm Springs at 2:15am; some damage there and Hemet and Perris. Not felt here.

To hiway, to Kaye's, make phone calls, news about water rights, etc. See Judith for lunch at Pfeiffer Beach. Back here by 4:30pm.

Fog burns off by noon.

### **Wednesday 9 July 1986**

Foggy on coast to 1,000' all day. Gusty SE breeze, but hot. Cut some grass around house.

### **Thursday 10 July 1986**

Foggy on coast to 1,400', light north wind in AM, becoming gusty to 30 mph in late afternoon. Fog burns off by 2pm, except for a few patches at Big Creek. Hot afternoon.

Worked on Sunshine Springs.

Fog comes back in by sunset. Some cirrus clouds thru day.

Anniversary of the Rat Fire's defeat on this ridge. (Fought from mid-day 7-10-85 to mid-day 7-11-85)

### **Friday 11 July 1986**

Foggy on coast to 600', light breeze from SE. No clouds, clear air. Hot temp. - 90° at 10:30am (74° at 7am).

To hiway, see Kaye at library, to town, talk to Zad, etc., then dinner with Kaye (her 78<sup>th</sup> birthday), David, Burt, etc.

Back here by midnight.

### **Saturday 12 July 1986**

Foggy on coast to 2,000', clearing around 3-4pm, then back at 2,000' later. Gusty SE breeze all day.

Connected 2<sup>nd</sup> spring into system – from approximately 1gpm to ca. 4gpm. Two trips to spring.

### **Sunday 13 July 1986**

Fog on coast to 1,600'. No clouds, clear air. Gusty SE winds to 30 mph. 73° at noon. Warmer than yesterday, but not much. Winds continue all day, decreasing after 7pm. Cool in evening until wind stops. Partial clearing of fog by 2pm, mostly gone by 5pm, then moving back in to 1,400' by sunset.

### **Monday 14 July 1986**

Fog on coast to 1,200'. Light SE breeze, much warmer than yesterday. Line of high cirrus in SE, clear air.

To library to fill in for Kaye, then dinner with her.  
Back here by midnight.

Nancy H. brings Green Rose cutting to library, which she'd kept for week or so.  
"Brought up the green rose cutting today."

### **Tuesday 15 July 1986**

Foggy on coast to 1,800'. Warm temp. when I leave at noon.

To Harry Dick Ross's to help move desk, table, stove, etc. to Coast Gallery, then to Gallery by 3 to assist at auction, from 5 to 7pm. Lots of people there, made 4900 for Ross. Fog clears by 8pm. Dinner with Doug & Jim. Back here at 1am. Much colder above fog than previous.

### **Wednesday 16 July 1986**

Much cooler today, fog on coast in early AM, but burning off by 8. Hazy air, light west wind in AM, then from SE during day, and from the north after 6pm.

### **Thursday 17 July 1986**

High fog to 2,200' at 8am, engulfing cabin by 10am. Cool, wind light from north. Janet, at Petkus property, says white bird seen 6/28 is a red-tailed hawk.

### **Friday 18 July 1986**

Clear on coast. Warmer than yesterday here. To hiway for phone calls at Kaye's. Back here by 6pm.

### **Saturday 19 July 1986**

Clear on coast, warm here. SE breeze. No clouds. To hiway to attend Big Sur Historical Society meeting at New Camaldoli. Went with Kaye and another student, Charley

Johnson. Found out Judith broke wrist, in hospital after scooter wreck on Pfeiffer Ridge. Walter has cancer. Buster Grave died last night. When we returned to Kaye's for dinner, found Butano bust had been "cleaned" by friend of David's. Possibly ruined. A strange day. Back here by 1am.

### **Sunday 20 July 1986**

Clear on coast, almost no wind, but light from north. Clear sky, clear air. Hot temp. 92° at 3pm. Some fog begins to form at 800' around Big Creek/Hot Springs. Strong earthquake felt in Bishop this AM.

### **Monday 21 July 1986**

29.72 at 9am

Fog on coast to 300', south breeze, warm temp. 84° at 10am. Gentle rolling earthquake felt here at 7:45am, moving oil in lamps. 6.2 earthquake centered near Bishop. Many homes destroyed in Chalfant Valley. Felt in Salt Lake City.

Cloud front in south moving in after 10-11am, covering sky with thick high cirro-cumulus by 4pm. Fog burns off by 6pm. Wind is quite gusty, up to 30 mph by 2pm. Wind subsides after sunset. Overcast thru night.

### **Tuesday 22 July 1986**

Fog on coast to 1,800' at 7am, rising to cabin elevation by 9am, then lowering. The fog evaporates and reforms several times thru AM. Thick cirro-cumulus above, with sun coming through now and then. Rain reported from Willow Creek to Lopez Pt. at 9:30am. No rain here. Moderate south wind, wet smell.

To town, groceries, Anne. Dinner at Sam & Eby's, with Burt T., Vieregges, Judith; the cast for Angúlo reading in September. Perry H. also.

Stove fire this AM.

### **Wednesday 23 July 1986**

.03

High fog up to 2,600', cabin in and out until fog burns off around 9am. Lots of cumulus and cirrus above that. Large cumulus mass to sea in south, which moves in to coast by 10:30, with 10 minutes of rain, very heavy at first. 2-3 close thunder claps over the sea. Rain over by 11, then temp. warms up. Scattered cumulus throughout rest of day. North wind after 2pm. Beautiful cumulus sunset.

Charlie Johnson interviews me for UCSC/BSHS here. Green Pea got .10" today. Fire in stove all day.

#### **Thursday 24 July 1986**

Low fog to 200-300' on coast, with lots of cirrus and some cirro-cumulus at 6,000'. Light south breeze. Mild temp., hazy air. Fog burns off by 2pm, wind coming from north after 4pm. Cumulus puffs on Coast Ridge after noon, spreading thru sky after 4pm. Fire in stove all day.

#### **Friday 25 July 1986**

Patchy fog and lots of cumulus moving over sky from south at 6am. By 9am, very little cumulus, but lots of thick cirrus. Fog thickens and thins thru AM, level staying around 2,000'. Little fog in mid-day, then it thickens up in afternoon, rising up to 3,000' by 5pm.

Cabin socked in 5-8pm, with occasional thinning. Fog level drops to 2,400' by 8:30pm. 68° at 2pm, wind mostly from the SE all day, occasionally from the north. No cirrus at 8:30pm. Fire in stove all day.

#### **Saturday 26 July 1986**

Fog up to 2,000' at 8am, receding thru the day to 1,400', then burns off by 4pm. Fog moves back in by 7pm. Wind from the west. Some puffy cumulus over mountains in mid-day. Warmer than yesterday. Stove fire all day, baked bread. Shoveled out barn.

#### **Sunday 27 July 1986**

Fog up to 2,000' at 8am. West wind. Warmer today, no stove fire. 84° at noon. Slightly hazy air, some cirrus in SE. Fog burns off, mostly, by 3pm, then reforms by sunset.

Cleaned up the shop.

#### **Monday 28 July 1986**

Fog on coast up to 2,000'. Solid at 7am. Beginning to burn off by 9am. 62° at 7am, but warm later. Light SE breeze. No clouds, air clearer than yesterday.

To hiway to make phone calls. Back here by 6pm.

#### **Tuesday 29 July 1986**

No fog on coast. Warmer than yesterday here.



To hiway and to town with Kaye. Title Company, Anne McGowan, visit David & Charro on Junipero St., buy new boots, groceries. Dinner at Kaye's, visit D & J, back here by 2:30am. Fog rolls in on coast at midnight.

### **Wednesday 30 July 1986**

Fog on coast to 300'. Wind from SE in AM. Hot temp. 84° at 11am. Wind from north after 4pm, cooler temps. Air fairly clear.

### **Thursday 31 July 1986**

Fog on coast to 500'. Wind from the SE. Hazy air, hot temp. Pocket of clear coast forms between Partington and Pfeiffer Pt. after noon. Fog moves back in there by sunset. Cirrus clouds move in from west after 10am, moving over sky in PM, but only in west at sunset. Light NW breeze after 7pm, temp. 90° at 4pm. Air clearer in afternoon. 79° at 8:15pm.

### **Friday 1 August 1986**

Foggy on coast to 800'. To town, see partners, mail stuff to Cinnie, talk to Brian & Anne on phone. Call Dad.

Back here by 9pm.

### **Saturday 2 August 1986**

Foggy on coast all day. Hot here. Hazy air.

### **Sunday 3 August 1986**

Fog on coast to 800'. Very hot here. 90°'s thru the afternoon. Partial clearing on coast near Coastlands in afternoon. Solid fog on coast by sunset. Hazy air.

### **Monday 4 August 1986**

Fog up to 1,000' in AM. Hot up here. To hiway for phone calls, talk to Pat, Brian. Dinner at Nepenthe with Kaye. Fog burns off north of Partington in afternoon, comes back in by sunset. See Doug & John later. Back here by midnight.

### **Tuesday 5 August 1986**

Fog up to 1,200' all day. Hot temp. SE breeze in AM. Wind from NW after noon. Hazy air.

### **Wednesday 6 August 1986**

Fog up to 1,600'. Warm temp. Light SE breeze. Clearer air than yesterday. To Kaye's for phone calls. To town, lots of time with Anne McGowen, Lee, Brian, do shopping. Meet Judith, have dinner, then rehearsal for Angulo reading at Vieregge's. See D & J, later. Back here by 2am.

### **Thursday 7 August 1986**

Hot day, fog up to 1,400'-1,600'. Lots of flies and no-see-ums.

### **Friday 8 August 1986**

Fog on coast to 1,000' in AM. Warm temp. here. To hiway, to Kaye's for phone calls, shower.

Visit Doug & John; with them to Ventana for reception by BSLT & TPL regarding selling 300-400 acres to USFS. See Billy & Luci, Freeds, Rudd Crawford, etc.

Back here by 9pm.

Fog clears over much of coast in PM. Back in later.

### **Saturday 9 August 1986**

Fog on coast to 1,000' in AM, receding a bit in PM. Fog clears for awhile in afternoon between Pfeiffer Pt. and Partington. Warm temp.

To hiway for a bale of alfalfa in PM.  
Back by sunset.

### **Sunday 10 August 1986**

Fog on coast to 1,400'. SE breeze all day. Some cirrus. Hazy air. Warm in afternoon. 80's most of day. Cleared around avocados.

### **Monday 11 August 1986**

A little cooler today. Some cirrus scattered thru sky. Fog on coast to 1,400'. Light NW breeze.

To town, collect partners' signatures, dinner with Gordon & Eleanor. Back here by 11pm.

### **Tuesday 12 August 1986**

Fog on coast to 1,400'. Warm here.

Howard Welch, the Green Pea, signs off from the CB at 9am. Off to Carmel Valley for a month. May or may not hear him again on the radio.

### **Wednesday 13 August 1986**

Fog on coast up to 1,400'. Warm here. To hiway to watch for tree-cutters on hiway. Meet Margaret Owings and take her home. Visit with Kaye, and later Mary Fleenor. Car dies at Post Ranch. Mike Peña fixes it by 9pm. Drinks at Kaye's, rehearsal at Vieregge's, pick up car, dinner at Barbara W's with her English friend, leave there at midnight, arrive here at 2:15am. Very thick fog, heavy drizzle on coast. Fog up to 1,800' at 2am.

### **Thursday 14 August 1986**

Fog on coast up to 1,800-2,000' all day. South wind all day, up to 15-20 mph. Much cooler than yesterday. Wind eases up after sunset.

### **Friday 15 August 1986**

Fog up to 2,000' at 7am, rising above cabin briefly around noon, then receding, with partial clearing around Hot Springs and McWay, then back in by 6pm. Fog at 1,900' at sunset. Mare's tails drifting in from west all day, thick in mid-afternoon. Wind variable, mostly from north, but also from south. Cool all day, with a stove fire.

### **Saturday 16 August 1986**

Fog on coast, cirrus above, hot day.

### **Sunday 17 August 1986**

Fog on coast, lots of nice cirrus in sky. Hot temp. all day.

### **Monday 18 August 1986**

Clear on coast. Some nice cirrus in sky. Warm temp.

CAMP helicopters land at Madrone Flat on Partington Ridge and transport men to Pick Valley Rd. on Coast Ridge, then land 2 loads of 6 men each at Michael's Pt. 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:45, 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:15, and I intercept 2<sup>nd</sup> group led by Dep. Hagn. He says no search warrant needed and they merely hovered, did not land. They marched down into the Partington side, crossed trail below Old Camp. Helicopters over house all day.

### **Tuesday 19 August 1986**

Trace

.03

Clear on coast. Cumulus and cirrus above. Sprinkle of rain at 8:03am, and again at 9:30am. Wind from south.

To hiway and Kaye's. Phone calls, dinner. Back here by midnight.

Found out via calls to CCMP that action of CAMP yesterday is legal.

### **Wednesday 20 August 1986**

Trace

.03

Patchy fog on coast, mostly clear in AM. Cirro-cumulus and cumulus, thick overhead, covering much of sky. Later in AM it concentrates out to sea, and a rain squall moves onshore around noon, with thunder and lightening behind it. Strikes are all out to sea. Rain off and on from noon to 1:30pm, never hard. Wind light from SE before the 3 squalls came in, then gusty to 35 mph after the squalls passed, then quiet again. Fog stampede in canyons coincident with wind gusts. Clouds break up into little puffy cumuli, and then all are gone by 5pm. Fog on coast after 6pm, to 1,000'.

### **Thursday 21 August 1986**

Sky clear, light north breeze, fog on coast to 800'. Warmer than yesterday.

To town, meet Judith, get last signature for BSLT, talk to Brian, Zad, see Anne. Groceries, hay, then rehearsal at Vieregge's. Party for Charlotte's birthday at Goldeen's – 4 of us. Green butter. Talk to Magee at 11pm at Tin House Road gate. Back here by 2am.

### **Friday 22 August 1986**

Fog on coast to 1,000' in AM, clearing between Partington and Pfeiffer in late afternoon, then returning by sunset. Some cirrus. Warm temp. Wind from the north.

To hiway for hay, phone. Leave here at 5:15, back by 8:15.

### **Saturday 23 August 1986**

Fog on coast to 1,200', lowering to 800' by 1pm. Light SE breeze. Scattered cirrus. Warm temp.

Planted pineapple sage, fixed pipeline by back gate, using 2" plastic sched. 40.

Fog burns off north of Anderson, but comes back in by night. Lots of cirrus in west at sunset.

### **Sunday 24 August 1986**

Fog on coast to 1,000', mostly south wind, sometimes from north. Cirrus above. Hazy air from fire in Hunter-Liggett. Fog burns off by noon, then patches return to 1,000' ridges by 2pm. More cirrus in afternoon, lots in west at sunset. Wind from north after 1pm, then from SE after sunset. Cool breeze from north. Fog in middle distance out to sea at sunset.

John Larmour's birthday.

### **Monday 25 August 1986**

To hiway, phone calls at Kaye's. Partial clearing of fog in afternoon. Back here by 6pm.

### **Tuesday 26 August 1986**

Clear on coast. To town, pick up check at Safeco, to Cachagua, grocery shopping, dinner at Kaye's with D & C, Burt, champagne. Back here by 1:30am.

### **Wednesday 27 August 1986**

Clear on coast.

Sit in at library while Kaye meets with Panetta. More champagne with Doug & John. Back here by 9pm.

### **Thursday 28 August 1986**

Clear on coast. A few cirrus. To hiway, and to Big Creek to view archeology sites near site of Boronda homestead south of Big Creek with Big Sur Historical Society.

Rehearsed later at Brock & T eresa's. Back here by midnight.

### **Friday 29 August 1986**

Clear on coast, breezy up here. No Clouds above.

### **Saturday 30 August 1986**

Clear on coast, with fog bank offshore in PM. SE breeze most of day, with north breeze later, around 5-8pm. No clouds above. Hot temp.

### **Sunday 31 August 1986**

Fog on coast up to 800-1,000', with some clearing north of Partington in mid-day. Light north breeze in early AM, with wind picking up from SE later. No clouds above in AM.

Fog moves back in north of Partington by 6pm, and almost no wind thereafter. Cirrus mare's tails after 4pm. Fog up to 1,200' by sunset. Pretty sunset.

### **Monday 1 September 1986**

Fog up to 1,600' in early AM, lowering to 1,400' later in day. Light breeze out of SE most of day. Clear air, warm temp. Some cirrus after 2pm.

Finished cleaning out upper floor of barn, collected stock near Jim House Spring. Also packed out ca. 100' of heavy rope from Jim House Spring.

### **Tuesday 2 September 1986**

Fog at 1,500' in early AM. No clouds above, hazy air. Very light SE breeze.

To hiway, Kaye picks me up because van won't start. Connie Harlan picks me up at Coastlands, and to dinner at their place. Keith takes me to Grange for rehearsal, then ride south with Perry. Home by midnight.

### **Wednesday 3 September 1986**

Fog on coast, burning off by 2pm. To hiway, met Mike Peña, who got van started. Drive to town, to vets, to airport and visit Eric at his shop. Eric drives me down coast. Back here by 1am.

### **Thursday 4 September 1986**

Fog on coast, clear sky with some cirrus in PM. Hot temp.

### **Friday 5 September 1986**

Fog on coast up to 1,800', burning off by 11am. To town in Kaye's car, quick shopping, etc. Talk to Eric about van. Dinner at Kaye's, back home by 11pm. Fog returns about 10pm up to Orchid Flat.

Rachel is quite ill when I get back, unsteady, bleating, not hungry.

### **Saturday 6 September 1986**

Fog up to 2,000' in early AM, burning off by mid-afternoon. Then back before sunset. To John's for penicillin. Rachel died at 5:30pm.

### **Sunday 7 September 1986**

Fog up to 2,000' in early AM, up to 2,400' in late afternoon, with some clearing in mid-day. Cool temp., north wind. Clear sky.

### **Monday 8 September 1986**

Fog up to 2,200' in early AM, breaking up north of Big Creek, with mostly clear by 8:30, then more fog for total overcast by 9am. Light north breeze, cool temp. Clear sky, clear air.

Bring down Burrito, Rachel's son, to John, and we go to Salinas.

I walk up in 1:45, arrive at 9:30pm.

### **Tuesday 9 September 1986**

Fog on coast in AM, clearing off by noon. Ride down at 1pm, meet Kaye and have dinner there with Charro, Toni; who drives me south afterwards. Back here by 12:30am.

### **Wednesday 10 September 1986**

Clear on coast by mid-day, ride down, and start hitch-hiking north at 3pm. Arrive at Ripplewood at 4pm, have dinner with Kaye, then go to final rehearsal with Burt. Fog comes back in early evening. Perry takes me to Tin House Road, arrive home by 11pm.

### **Thursday 11 September 1986**

Fog on coast up to cabin in morning, mostly at 2,000' all day. Fire in stove all day.

### **Friday 12 September 1986**

High fog on coast, up to cabin in early AM. Settled at 2,400'. Meet Al Tyler at 10am, then catch ride to Grange for book sale preparation, dinner at Nepenthe with Judith, Katy, Charlotte, Red Tail. Then book sale, poetry reading, Indian Tales. Vandevere's were there, and many others.

Drinks at Ventana.

Back here 4am –

Very cold temp.

### **Saturday 13 September 1986**

Cool temp. Clear on coast. Cirrus above and cumulus far out in west and south. Fire in stove all day. Cool north breeze.

### **Sunday 14 September 1986**

Clear on coast, with a few patchy cumulus far out in west and south. Cumulus increase in mid-day, forming on Coast Ridge at 5-6,000'. Very cool north wind. Clear air.

### **Monday 15 September 1986**

Clear on coast with lots of pretty cumulus above and east of Coast Ridge. Warmer today, with some south gusts coming up in PM, after north wind thru the morning. Dick Clements, Mary Anne & Carl Hooper (!) come down Agony Trail at 2:30pm to look at scenic easement and discuss court case regarding IRS. They matter-of-factly talk about Clements' plan to tear down house and barn and build 10 cabins on Michael's Ridge. Later I collect stock near Jim House Spring.

### **Tuesday 16 September 1986**

.30  
.33  
30.00"

South wind. Turbulent cirro-cumulus, very dense and solid, moving in from west in early AM. Cloud layer lowers, with rainy drizzle at 10am, with ceiling at 3,000'. Rain off and on till 3pm.

Cloud ceiling lowers to cabin by noon. Then at 4pm cabin is above very uneven and beautiful fog/cumulus, which breaks up. Mostly clear at sunset, with high cirro-cumulus. Clouds off and on thru night.

### **Wednesday 17 September 1986**

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.33

Partly cloudy in early AM, with high cirro-cumulus moving in from west. Clouds thicken thru PM, with fog, patchy, coming in. Slight drizzle around 9pm. Ceiling around 3,000' on Coast Ridge at 3pm. Total overcast after noon.

.22 in south gauge, .30 in north gauge at 8am

Leave at 5pm to meet Doug, John, Rob, Anja, for bath, dinner at Esalen. Virgo party tonight, I don't go, back here at 10pm.

### **Thursday 18 September 1986**

Clear on coast.  
Cumulus above.  
North breeze, cool.

To hiway. Kaye picks me up, we drive to Carmel, visit David & Charro; Kaye, Charro & I have lunch at the Clock, I pick up van at airport. Expensive repair, and while parked



there my stereo and tapes were stolen. Then groceries and down coast. Arrive here at 9:45.

### **Friday 19 September 1986<sup>3</sup>**

*Tigridia* blooms, first time this year.

Beautiful clear day, clear on coast, with puffy cumulus above Coast Ridge all day. Cool north breeze.

To hiway, stop at Peña's to drop off eggs, pick up newspapers, then to Boxers at Plaskett for birthday dinner at 3pm. Arrive home at 8pm.

### **Saturday 20 September 1986**

Clear on coast, a few puffy cumulus above Coast Ridge all day. Warmer than yesterday. We hear on CB that Tani had her throat cut by hired hand, who then kidnapped her 4-year-old daughter. He was caught in SLO County. Tani will survive. Happened this AM at 2:30.

To hiway to lead history-nature walk in lower McWay Canyon for celebration of 25 years of Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park. 11 on walk, including Tony Staude. Back here by 6:30pm.

### **Sunday 21 September 1986**

Cool north breeze all day. Clear on coast. Puffy cumulus above Coast Ridge in AM and afternoon.

### **Monday 22 September 1986**

Clear on coast, with puffy cumulus above Coast Ridge. Cumulus increase in afternoon, covering half of sky. Clouds are smaller at sunset, and disappear afterwards. Some south gusts, but cool north breeze most of day. Hazy air.

Cleared out wood room and started to load firewood.

Fog develops around sunset, with ceiling at 2,800', and patchy.

### **Tuesday 23 September 1986**

1.20

1.53

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<sup>3</sup> Jeff's 35th birthday

Cloud ceiling at 2,800' in early AM, then 2,600', and at 3,800' at noon. Cool south wind, clear on coast, hazy air.

Sharp, crisp earthquake, north to south, at around 12:30pm, felt at Rat Creek and Cone Pk. and here. North wind after noon. Ceiling lowers to 2,800', and drizzle of rain off and on from 2-4pm. Ceiling at 2,500' at 5pm, and I get stuck above Jim House Spring.

Rain starts around midnight.

### **Wednesday 24 September 1986**

.65  
2.18"

Ceiling well below cabin in early AM. Gusty south wind up to 15 mph. Rain all night, occasionally fairly heavy, alternating with drizzle. Read 1.2 in north gauge, .84 in south, at 8am. Rain continues until about 11am, with north wind after 9:30am. Clouds break up, with higher level of cirro-cumulus above cumulus. To hiway by 3:30, library, P.O., then to Roger & Ingrid's for dinner; & Katie S. Leave there in rain at midnight. No rain on trip up, but had to take detour because of fallen tree at Orchid Flat. Came up Michael's Pt. trail. Here at 3am.

### **Thursday 25 September 1986**

.06  
2.24

Read .52" in south gauge, .65 in north gauge. Mostly clear at 10am, with tall puffy cumulus coming in from north. By 11:30am, mostly overcast with cumulus, ceiling at 2,700'. North breeze. Sprinkle of rain at 11:45, over by 12:30, with .05" in south gauge. More sprinkles at 3:15pm, at 4 and 5pm. Clouds form into fog, lowering and burning off until 7pm, with sunset showing towering cumulus in far west. Clear after 9pm.

### **Friday 26 September 1986**

Read .05 in north gauge, .06 in south gauge. Sky mostly clear, with thin broad cirrus. Clear on coast, hazy air. *Cold* temp., with light north breeze at 8am.

To hiway, collect Sulfur Shelf<sup>4</sup> for Judith, meet with library group to discuss Friends of the Big Sur Library, over lunch at Nepenthe. See Ross there. To town, shopping and tune up. Back here at 9:45pm.

Cumulus clouds build up on Coast Ridge by noon, then heavy cloud front comes in from NW, darkening sky. Cold temp. here at night.

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<sup>4</sup> The attractive yellow fungus, *Laetiporus sulphureus*, which David Arora says is "(w)idely regarded as edible when tender, but often causing gastrointestinal distress."

### **Saturday 27 September 1986**

.40  
2.64

Rain starts between midnight and 5am. Light to moderate showers until noon, then a break, then more rain 3pm. Cloud ceiling mostly below cabin, but at 2,700-4,000' from noon – 1pm. Very light breeze from SE. Read .37 in south gauge, .40 in north gauge at 9am. .35" in south gauge at 2pm. Ceiling below cabin after 2pm. Rain stops by 4pm.

Dug water bars up to corral flats, down back trail to Tin House, and up old trail to Michael's Pt. and up ridge. Clouds break up by 6pm. Nice sunset.

### **Sunday 28 September 1986**

.45  
3.09

Read .45 in north gauge, .42 in south gauge. Clear sky, no fog. Some cirrus. Warmer temp, light north breeze. To hiway, to Pat & Elly's to see vet. He put down Elly's gelding and looked at Chink, said wart is basal cell carcinoma, must be removed. Met with "Harmony Team" at Gerards. Talked to Ewoldsens while packing hay at gate. Back here by 6:30. Gusty north wind, cool temp. at sunset.

Judith reported yesterday that Sulfur Shelf made her and Rachel G. sick.

### **Monday 29 September 1986**

Clear on coast, clear sky, a couple of cirrus. Fog bank far out to sea in west and south. South breeze, warmer temp.

Cirrus increases, coming in from north, with south wind here until 5pm, when it comes from north. Gusting to 20-25 mph around sunset.

### **Tuesday 30 September 1986**

Clear sky, fog bank a mile or so offshore. Some north gusts up to 15 mph. Mild temp.

To town with Kaye, tree work at David & Charro's, dinner there, beestings. Back here by midnight, with fog on coast up to 500' at 10pm.

North wind, gusty at times.

### **Wednesday 1 October 1986**

Gusty north wind up to 20-25 mph in AM, cold temp. Sky mostly clear, with a couple of small cumulus puffs appearing over Coast Ridge after 10am. Air hazy. Fog in patches up to 2,000' at 6am, burning off later.

Cleaned up dead branches from English walnut and almond.

### **Thursday 2 October 1986**

Clear on coast, mild temp.

Take animals to hiway by 9am to meet Pat & Elly. We take Chink to Dr. Bruce's near Hollister. He removes *squamous* cell carcinoma (not basal), does tube worming, gives tetanus injection. While there, we admire friendly 9-month old mountain lion "Sara Puma," in their captivity since 10 days old. Nice drive, etc. Back here by 8pm, walking most of the way.

### **Friday 3 October 1986**

Clear sky, with a couple of small cumulus now and then. Hazy air. Fog on coast up to 200'. Wind mostly from the north, warmer than yesterday.

To hiway for hay, return by 7pm.

Chink a little off his feed, droopy. Wound looks OK.

### **Saturday 4 October 1986**

Clear sky, north wind up to 10 mph, mild temp., air clearer than yesterday, fog bank far out to sea.

Chink's appetite is better.

Arthur Patterson and another guy try sneaking past house this afternoon.

### **Sunday 5 October 1986**

Mild temp., clear on coast, clear sky, clean air. Worked on crib wall for trail above barn, put in about 20'.

Low fog rolls in from NW around mid-afternoon. Reaches McWay Canyon at 6:30pm.

### **Monday 6 October 1986**

Clear on coast, fog bank offshore beyond Pfeiffer Pt. Some cumulus in sky. Brush fire in upper Malpaso/Soberanes Creek area in AM, burning a couple hundred acres. Drift smoke visible here. To town to finish saw work on Junipero, then visit Tani at hospital – a miracle, then meet with board of BSLT for 90 minutes.

Down the coast, dinner at Kaye's with D & C, & John Ashley, back here at 1am. Gusty, variable winds all night.

### **Tuesday 7 October 1986**

Warm in morning, hot later. Fog bank not far offshore. Lot of small puffy cumulus. NW breeze.

To hiway to meet with board of Friends of Library at Sam & Eby's. Have dinner there, back here by 11:30.

### **Wednesday 8 October 1986**

Fog on coast to 500'. Warm temp. here in early AM. *Hot* later. Large cumulus mass in south in early AM, receding by noon, with a couple of cumulus puffs over Coast Ridge. Light north breeze. Air hazier than yesterday.

Worked on clearing trail of brush, etc. for pack trip. Spent an hour at the big ponderosa below Michael Pt.

### **Thursday 9 October 1986**

Foggy on coast, quite warm – 70's, up here. Fog rises thru day, up to Michael Pt. by noon.

Spent another hour or so at big pine, no luck. Needs a jack.

Cooler in PM.

### **Friday 10 October 1986**

Fog up to Tin House in early AM, then steadily rises through day. Top of fog at 2,600-2,680' at sunset.

Packed in harmony group to Michael's Pt., left Tin House Road gate at noon, arr. Michael's Pt. around 1:30-2, then packed down 20 gallons of water on Chink and 10 on Whitey. Group cleared manzanita at top of knoll for firepit. Sleeping bags everywhere.

### **Saturday 11 October 1986**

3.12

Some sun early AM, but fog comes in and remains socked in all day. Light north breeze. Cold, drippy day, with drizzle in evening and thru night.

Packed down two 10 gallon loads of water on Whitey, then picked up bale of hay at hiway, in PM.

Fog ceiling at 1,400'.

### **Sunday 12 October 1986**

Read .03 in south gauge at 8am.

Heavy fog in AM, surrounding cabin. Clouds peel back from Coast Ridge by noon, with sunshine by 2-3pm. Fog completely burned off by 5pm.

I have dinner with harmony group at Michael's Pt. Nice moonlight.

### **Monday 13 October 1986**

Clear on coast, hazy air, no high clouds. Wind from the north, light. Warmer temp.

Packed harmony group out; left Michael's Pt. at 11:30am, arrived hiway at 1, met the rest at 3:30. To Doug & John's, help John, eat dinner there with them and Judith & Rob.

### **Tuesday 14 October 1986**

Low fog on coast, hazy air, no high clouds. South wind. Mild temp.

### **Wednesday 15 October 1986**

Fog on coast to 1,000' in AM, rising to 1,400' by sunset. Wind shifting all day from south to north. Mostly north. Very hazy air, no high clouds except for cirrus bank in far south.

Ran black plastic pipe from east corner of barn into chicken pen.

### **Thursday 16 October 1986**

Fog just coming up to cabin in early AM, in and out thru 8am. Cold temp. Light north breeze. Lots of high cirrus. By 8:20am, fog has pulled off coast from Pfeiffer to Lopez.

To town for groceries, hay, etc. Back home by 8pm.

### **Friday 17 October 1986**

Some thick cumulus above 4,000', burning off by 7am. South wind, cool temp. Clear on coast with thick, high cirrus. Cumulus comes in from west, moving south through AM.

To hiway at 9am, meet Red Eye at bottom of Nacimiento Rd. Go with 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders to Cone Pk., visit Soaring Jenkins. Cumulus engulfs Cone Pk. by 12 noon, all of area east of summit with patchy cumulus as far as can be seen. Return to Coast Ridge Rd. by 2pm, house by 5pm, with most clouds burned off by 4pm. Very gusty north wind, but not too cold. All clear by sunset.

### **Saturday 18 October 1986**

Clear on coast, some puffy cumulus on Coast Ridge in mid-day. Wind shifts from SE to north all day.

Peggy Short & Chuck walk up for visit, and I accompany them down Tin House Road, then have dinner with Pat & Ellie, and Lou Manon, at Rat Creek. Back here by 11:30pm.

### **Sunday 19 October 1986**

Fog on coast, clear sky above. Hazy air. Wind direction varies from SE to north all day. Warm temp.

### **Monday 20 October 1986**

High fog to 1,800', with south wind, in AM. Clear sky and very hazy air. Fog burns off by noon. Mild temp.

### **Tuesday 21 October 1986**

Very hazy air, with gusty south wind until 10am, then light south wind. Lots of high cirrus. No fog after 9am, but occasional fog monsters in early AM.

To Kaye's, stacked a cord of Ewoldsen's oak, dinner at Kaye's, back here by 11:30pm.

### **Wednesday 22 October 1986**

South wind all day, with low fog on coast, which burns off by 9am. Hazy air. Lots of thick high cirrus all day.

### **Thursday 23 October 1986**

Trace  
3.12

South wind all day, with low fog on coast in early AM, then burning off, but for a time rising up to 2,500', in north and south. Fog burns off entirely by 2pm. Cirro-cumulus over all of sky, quite thick, in AM, and producing slight shower of moderate drops around 11am. Cloudy sky all day, although less cloudy, 50%, by sunset. Mild temp. all day.

Worked on firewood.

### **Friday 24 October 1986**

Clear on coast, clear air, with cloud deck over all of sky, moving over from west. Clouds are cirro-cumulus or small puffy cumulus. Wind from south. Mild temp. Warmer than yesterday.

Clouds slowly dissipate thru day, with clear sky by 4-5pm. Fog far out to sea.

### **Saturday 25 October 1986**

Clear sky in AM, with very low fog bank in middle distance. South breeze in early AM, becoming north by noon. Warmer than yesterday and hazier. Some cirrus in west in PM.

Joseph Pawlick and Lynn walk up in PM, have a barbeque, and walk down, leaving at 7:30pm.

Mild temp. in evening.

### **Sunday 26 October 1986**

Some thick cirro-cumulus in far west in AM, with virga. South wind in AM, with north breeze in midday, picking up and cooling off before sunset. Some fog forming around Dolan Pt. in mid-afternoon, burning off later. Hazy air. Cooler than yesterday.

### **Monday 27 October 1986**

Very light north breeze, clear air up here, with haze on ocean. Some fog layers from north offshore. Clear sky. Mild pleasant temp.

Finished rock cribbing on trail below water tank.

Checked bees. All need feeding, except lower middle hive. Took 1 super from lower east hive and gave to lower west hive. Could extract from lower middle a few frames, or give 3 to lower west.



## **Tuesday 28 October 1986**

Trace  
3.12

North wind with thick cirro-cumulus cloud deck in west. Some fog at 1,000' on coast. Much cooler than yesterday. Hazy air.

To town with Kaye to attend court hearing re: CalTrans tree-cutting at Cooper School. Rain sprinkles thru much of afternoon in Carmel, and down coast. Big rainbow during incredible sunset while packing. Back here by 7:30.

## **Wednesday 29 October 1986**

Some traces of clouds from yesterday's weak storm front. Clouds burn off by noon, with clear sky, clear air, and clear on coast, in PM.

## **Thursday 30 October 1986**

Cool temp. North wind all day, becoming quite gusty after noon. Clear sky, clean air, some fog out to sea. Cirrus after noon, with some ragged cumulus on Coast Ridge. Whitecaps on ocean.

To hiway in PM, pick up 2 bales hay, 70lbs. grain. Back at sunset. Very gusty wind late at night.

## **Friday 31 October 1986**

Very gusty north wind off and on thru AM. Clear sky, moderate air, some thin cirrus in west, mild to cool temp. Whitecaps on ocean.

Ride to hiway in PM and pick up bale of hay, go to P.O. Back at sunset.

## **Saturday 1 November 1986**

Warmer than yesterday, no fog, hazy air.

Re-shaped tanbark hooks for Chink.

## **Sunday 2 November 1986**

Clear on coast, some cirrus above, but mostly clear. Wind variable, from south and north, mild temp. Rather hazy air.

Fertilized most of fruit trees with chicken manure.

Ate first ripe persimmon – one that had been pecked.

### **Monday 3 November 1986**

Clear sky, slightly hazy air, low fog bank off Pfeiffer moves south and burns off before coming in. Light to moderately gusty wind from south. Mild temp.

### **Tuesday 4 November 1986**

Fog on coast up to 900', although burning off by late afternoon. Warm temp. up here. Hazy air.

To hiway, check on medicine, P.O, vote, meet Judith at Pfeiffer Beach, get mussels, back here by 7:30pm.

### **Wednesday 5 November 1986**

Warm temp., hazy air, cirrus in most of sky, fog low on coast, to 500', but burning off by mid-day. Loud fog-horn from boat all AM. North breeze all day, with some south and east breezes.

### **Thursday 6 November 1986**

Very strong gusty wind, mostly north and NE, starts at 1-2am and buffets the area until 8-9am, when it decreases to 15-20 mph. Stuff is blown all over the place, but no real damage. Big tanoak and live oak down at middle switchback on Tin House Road, but I can get thru. Pick up bale hay and Rompin<sup>5</sup> for Chink from Pat D., back here by 4pm. Lots of smoke from fire at Soledad in afternoon. Ashes fall on Willow Creek and Plaskett. Wind gusty from the north, 25 mph in PM and all night. Cold temp.

### **Friday 7 November 1986**

Some very thin high cirrus, with lots of smoke and haze from fire near Paraiso and 500 acre fire at Bottcher's Gap. Paraiso is 6,000 acres at 10am. Wind moderately gusty, 25 mph off and on until 10am, when it decreases to gentle breeze. Temp. colder than yesterday.

### **Saturday 8 November 1986**

Gusty wind from NE and north. Cold temp. Clear air.

To hiway in afternoon, visit Kaye, P.O., and dinner with Rob & Judith. Back here by 11:30pm. Cold air.

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<sup>5</sup> That's what the word looks like, anyway ...

### **Sunday 9 November 1986**

Winds are calmer today, although gusty at times out of the north.

Fire near Soledad contained at around 5,000 acres. Bottcher's Gap fire is around 1,500 acres.

### **Monday 10 November 1986**

Variable wind all day, up to 15-20 mph at times, from north and SE. Clear air to south, with less smoke from Little Sur than yesterday. No clouds.

Cleaned out chicken shed and disinfected with Clorox.

### **Tuesday 11 November 1986**

Mild temp., no clouds, clear air to south. Light east or SE breeze after 8am, gusty earlier. Thick inversion layer north of Pfeiffer Pt. from Little Sur fire, which is up to 2,000 acres.

Inversion layer keeps smoke below 2,000', where temp. is much warmer – hot. Smoke moves south from Pfeiffer Pt. like a fog layer. Smoke lifts by 3pm.

To hiway, to Kaye's for work and dinner. Back home by midnight.

### **Wednesday 12 November 1986**

Variable wind all day, from north and SE. Warm temp. Fire in Little Sur supposedly 97% contained at 2,200 acres. Some drift smoke still visible.

Wind becomes mostly SE in late afternoon, gusting to 15 mph by sunset.

### **Thursday 13 November 1986**

Low fog to 300' on coast, moving in around 6-8am. SE breeze gusting up to 15 mph. Some cirrus in far west. Mild temp.

To hiway and Kaye's, and to town with her. Back here by 8:30pm. Followed fog layer up from hiway to cabin. Fog kept on rising, with ceiling at cabin at midnight.

### **Friday 14 November 1986**

Thick cumulus over all of sky, rising from 2,800' to 4,000' by 10-11am. Clouds break up entirely by 3pm. Mild temp. Clear on coast, hazy air.

Up Agony Trail to meet John & Marilu and dinner at Marble Peak. Back here by midnight. Sky mostly clear, but plenty of cirrus. South wind.

### **Saturday 15 November 1986**

Trace  
3.12

Sprinkle of rain for a few minutes around 6:40am. Cloud layer at 4,000', wind from south, up to 20 mph. Clouds break up thru AM, clear by mid-morning. Wind from SE or south all day. More cirrus come in during PM. Patchy over half of sky. Hazy air.

### **Sunday 16 November 1986**

NE to east wind, gusty in AM, then becoming gentle breeze from SE by 10am. Lots of cirrus over all of sky. Air clearer than yesterday. No fog. Mild temp. Doe and fawn in yard beyond swing at 7am. Chased them out.

To hiway, visit John L. Back by 3:30am, in clear full-moon light.

### **Monday 17 November 1986**

1.00  
4.12

Thick high cirro-cumulus layer at 4,000'+. Very hazy air, SE wind gusting up to 20 mph; sometimes from NE or east. Cloud layer lowers, with slight drizzle/sprinkle from 10-11am. No rain for awhile, then rain starts up seriously after 1-2pm. Gustier east wind, with steady moderately hard rain from 3-6pm. Opened up water bars in PM. Rain decreases thru night.

### **Tuesday 18 November 1986**

.02  
4.14

Read .90 in south gauge, and 1.00 in north gauge. Light rain from 7am to 8:30am. Clouds break up after 11am, and some sun off and on thru sunset. Cumulus layer at 5,000'+ thru noon, then clears, then a puffy low layer forms on Coast Ridge with 3,000' ceiling; 2,500' ceiling at 4pm. Light south breeze all day, with occasional gusts to 20 mph.

Clear sky by sunset, or so. North wind thru PM.

### **Wednesday 19 November 1986**

Read .02 in south gauge.  
North wind until 9am.

Clear sky, except low cumulus in far west. Low fog offshore, moves in at 1,000' at Pfeiffer by 9am. Very clear air. Cool temp. SE wind after 9am.

Cut and hauled 10-11 wheelbarrows of madrone and oak. North breeze by sunset. Fog moves in South Coast; up to 1,600-1,800', then burns off by sunset. Some cumulus in far west and on a few ridgetops.

#### **Thursday 20 November 1986**

Clear sky, except for a few cirrus in far west. Clear air. Light south wind. Wind becomes north in afternoon and, after sunset, becomes cool and gusty to 25 mph. Cirrus in west in AM cover sky by 2pm, and cirro-cumulus move in thick in west by 4pm. Mostly all clouds cleared by sunset.

#### **Friday 21 November 1986**

Cool gusty north wind, up to 30 mph, with gusts from west, east and south. Clear air, lots of whitecaps and cross-riffling on ocean, and line of cumulus in far west.

To hiway, see Kaye, go to P.O., visit Barbara. Back here at 7pm, with bale of alfalfa.

Cold north wind all night.

#### **Saturday 22 November 1986**

Very gusty north wind all day, strongest until about 11am, then slacking off and coming in longer intervals. Wind picks up again around sunset. Occasional east gusts. Temp. cool. Warm out of wind in sun.

John & Marilu visit around sunset and stay for dinner.

Gusty north wind into the night.

#### **Sunday 23 November 1986**

Moderate amount of cirrus with variable mild breezes. Warm in afternoon. North wind in PM.

Split a lot of madrone in PM.

#### **Monday 24 November 1986**

Variable breeze in AM, cooler than yesterday, choppy ocean. Some clouds in far west.

After 1pm, gusty north wind picks up – to 30 mph. Clear on coast. Some high cirrus.

Split firewood in AM. Walked down to Swiss Camp in PM and checked out bench site. Walked back via Michael's Pt. and picked up stock. South wind.

### **Tuesday 25 November 1986**

SE breeze thru most of day. Warmer than yesterday.

To Swiss Camp and split section from fallen tree Bergstrom cut for causeway. Placed splits on stones above trail for Davis' bench.

Back after sunset, clear sky with some cirrus in west. North wind thru night.

### **Wednesday 26 November 1986**

Almost no wind, from the north. Warm temp., a couple of cirrus in south, with increasing thin cirrus in west thru AM. No fog.

To Swiss Camp, shaped bench seat. Back at sunset. North wind in evening. Clear at sunset.

### **Thursday 27 November 1986**

Gusty SE breeze, up to 15 mph. Warm temp. Thin high cirrus over most of sky. Low fog moves toward coast from west; to Pfeiffer by 10am at 800', patchy to Lopez offshore.

To Barbara & John's for dinner with Harley & Ehren. Back here by 12:30am.

Fog on coast to 1,800' by midnight.

### **Friday 28 November 1986**

.07  
4.21

Gusty SE wind, cooler than yesterday. Lots of cirrus covering most of sky, and thick fog on coast up to 1,000' early AM; fog rising steadily to 3,000' ceiling by 2pm. Then clearing by 4pm with thick high cirrus. Clouds increase by sunset with total overcast and with 2,800' ceiling by 8pm.

Rain/drizzle from 9:30-10:30pm. North wind throughout. High fog, up to 2,000', then cirrus, at 11pm.

Worked at Swiss Camp. Walked down on waterline route. Back by 5:30pm.

**Saturday 29 November 1986**

FROST

Read .07 in south gauge. *Cold* north wind, temp. in low 40's, maybe upper 30's. Light frost. Mostly clear at 7am, with cumulus increasing from the north and west; 50% coverage by 8:30. Clear on coast.

Walked straight down to Swiss Camp. Finished bench. Six couples passed by on way to Tin House.



*Jeff's Davis Bench at Swiss Camp as it appeared in August 2003*

**Sunday 30 November 1986**

Clear sky, no fog on coast, cold temp., North wind. Walked down firebreak to Tin House and straight down break to Tin House Road via Phone Pole Ridge. Met Davis Memorial group with Vandeveres, Hopkins, Didi Davis, etc. Circle at bench, then lunch here, and down to Tin House and hiway via Tin House Road. Then drive to Hopkins' for ceremony by pool, with Mrs. Ö, Alan & Sheila Baldrige, Morely Baer, Budd C., etc. etc. 50 people. John & Marilu pick me up there, dinner with them & Katy & Kimball at Nepenthe, J & M drop me off at top of Agony. Home by 12.



*Dee Dee Davis & Meighan O'Brien in front of the cabin, November 30 1986*

### **Monday 1 December 1986**

Light breeze from SE. Lots of cirrus mare's tails all day from west. Clear on coast. Mild temp.

John Davis' birthday.

### **Tuesday 2 December 1986**

Large deck of cirro-cumulus at 5-6,000'+ moving over from west. Smells like rain, but clouds pass, with a few patches by 9:30. Very smooth ocean. Still air, slight south drift. Pleasant temp.

Clouds burn off, clear by mid-afternoon.

Finished removing bulldozer rocks from upper terrace.

### **Wednesday 3 December 1986**

SE gusts all AM, calm in afternoon. Clear sky all AM, with a large patch of cumulus appearing in south in late afternoon.

Cut stack of oak firewood below water tank.



#### **Thursday 4 December 1986**

.70  
4.91

Very gusty wind from SE all day. Cirro-cumulus over all of sky in AM, clear at noon, then more clouds thicken and total overcast by 4pm, with ceiling at cabin. Clouds raise to ceiling of 3,200' by sunset.

Wheeled 8 loads, then split and stacked oak firewood, then went to Swiss Camp and brought back tools.

#### **Friday 5 December 1986**

.95  
5.86

Read .70 in north gauge, .32 in south.

Rain, steady since at least 2:45am, sometimes moderate, sometimes light drizzle. Gusty south wind up to 25-30 mph. Wind from the north after noon, as rain decreases. No rain after 2pm. Clouds rise, ceiling at 3,000' by 2pm, on Coast Ridge by 4, clear by 7pm.

#### **Saturday 6 December 1986**

.01  
5.87

Read .95 in north gauge, in south. Cold north wind in early AM. Clear sky before dawn, then high cirro-cumulus moves over from west, covering sky by 8:30am. Rain squalls off Pfeiffer Pt. at 8:30.

Light drizzle here, with shifting light breeze from 11-1 in midday. Clouds clear off later, with cold north wind and clear sky at sunset.

Judith walks up, arrives at 3pm.

#### **Sunday 7 December 1986**

FROST

Cold north wind in early AM. Light frost. Read .01" in south gauge. A few cumulus on Coast Ridge and out to sea, which move in around midday, with cold fog here a few minutes at noon. All clouds gone by sunset, with south breeze after 11am. Cool temp. all day.

Judith leaves after lunch. I get stuck down by line fence.

### **Monday 8 December 1986**

FROST

No clouds, no fog, flat ocean, very light SE breeze. Cold temp. More frost than yesterday.

To town with car. Left it at transmission shop. Dinner at Vandeveres', slides of Easter 1980 here. Back home at 1am. Cold temp.

### **Tuesday 9 December 1986**

Quiet day here. Found out transmission is shot. \$600 to fix.

### **Wednesday 10 December 1986**

Mild temp. Cirrus in sky all day.

Started working on madrone stump in upper terrace. Dug out, cut some roots with chainsaw, tried prying out with scissors jack. No luck.

### **Thursday 11 December 1986**

Mild to cool temp. Mostly SE breeze in AM, becoming mostly north in afternoon, with lots of shifts. Lots of cirrus in sky, and thick cirro-cumulus from 3-5pm. Hazy air. No fog.

Finished getting madrone stump out of upper terrace! Sawed it into 6 sections and split it out with sledge and wedges.

Cut another 6-10 wheelbarrows of oak below water tank.

### **Friday 12 December 1986**

Cold east wind, some cirrus in west. Clear elsewhere. Somewhat hazy air.

Hauled firewood, gathered stock at Jim House meadow.

Lots of cirro-cumulus in west at sunset.

Huge ring around moon.

### **Saturday 13 December 1986**

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North wind and extensive cirro-cumulus deck moves in from west in early AM. Lots of cirrus above that. Cirro-cumulus covers sky by 11am.

Walk/ride down hill, Judith drives me to Kaye's for work, dinner. Sprinkle of rain around 6pm.

Spend night at Kaye's, David drives me back 12-14.

### **Sunday 14 December 1986**

Cold SE breeze all day. Some cumulus thickens at 2,000-3,000' from 11am thru 1pm. Cabin soaked in for a brief period. Cloud clears off by mid-afternoon. More thick cirrus in west later.

Ride up hill at 9am, arrive here at 11am.

### **Monday 15 December 1986**

.90  
6.77

Cold SE wind, thick cirro-cumulus at 5,000'+, with cumulus at 2-3,000' offshore, coming in and out on ridge here thru 10am. Sprinkle of rain at 10:30-11:30, then no rain till 1pm, when it comes down moderate to hard until 4pm. Scattered showers until 7-8pm, when clouds raise and thin out. Moonlight at 10pm.

### **Tuesday 16 December 1986**

Some lingering cumulus patches over much of sky at 7am, clear by 9am. Cold gusty wind, from north, NE, east, SE, to 45 mph; calm between gusts. Read .41 in south gauge, .90 in north.

Got stock from just above Jim House Spring. Packed redwood up from Swiss Camp.

### **Wednesday 17 December 1986**

Gusty east and SE wind up to 20 mph. Some cirrus in far south and west. Clear above. Mild temp. No fog, some haze.

To town, pick up van. Back here by 8pm.

Lots of cirro-cumulus at night. Ring around moon.

### **Thursday 18 December 1986**

.55  
7.32

Gusty SE wind to 25 mph. High clouds and cloud layer at cabin level. Drizzle at 10am, then stops, then rain off and on till 3pm. Clouds lift after 10pm. South wind continues.

### **Friday 19 December 1986**

.25  
7.57

Clouds lifting, soaked in at 7am, ceiling at 5,000' at 9am. Light south breeze. Total overcast at 9am, except small patch in far west.

Read .55" in north gauge, .42" in south gauge.

Walk down hill, start driving at 11am. Arrive in Pt. Loma at 8:30pm. Heavy rain thru the night in Pt. Loma.

Judith to stay here tonight and Saturday & Sunday nights.

### **Saturday 20 December 1986**

Judith here, records .20 in south gauge, .25 in north.

Christmas with Mom, Bob, Cinnie, Pat, Joaquin, Keeli, John & Travis.

Judith transplants leeks.

### **Sunday 21 December 1986**

Judith here.

I leave Pt. Loma at 3pm, arrive Borrego at 5:30pm.

### **Monday 22 December 1986**

.60  
8.17

Left Borrego Springs at 9am. Reached Alhambra at noon, found Palatine Dr. at 12:30, or so. Talked to woman who directed me to neighbors who knew Ö's,<sup>6</sup> Mr. & Mrs. Mohs

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<sup>6</sup> Overstroms

and Mr. & Mrs. Doran; the latter remembered them well, showed me the house, 181 Palatine Dr. Tile roof, stucco, banana tree in front. Steep hilly neighborhood.

Left there 2pm, left Morro Bay in drizzle at 6:45, arrived at Vista Point at 8:30, walked up, here by 10:30pm. Heavy rain at Hot Springs, but it stopped when I parked. Clear and lifting skies as I walk up. Thin clouds, north breeze, at 10:30.

### **Tuesday 23 December 1986**

South breeze all day, some thin high cirrus in PM. Clear sky in AM, except for a couple of lingering cumulus. Read .51" in south gauge, .60 in north.

Cirrus thicken at sunset. Thick cirrus throughout night.

### **Wednesday 24 December 1986**

Very strong gusty wind from early AM till 8am, from north, NE and SE, up to 40 mph. Almost still after 8am. Sky covered with thin high cirrus. Some cumulus in far west in early AM. Mild temp.

Collected stock at Jim House Spring, arrived at hiway at 4:30, pick up Kaye, dinner at David's in town.

Arrive home at 2am.

### **Thursday 25 December 1986**

South wind all day. Scattered cirrus throughout day, with some thick cirro-cumulus. Thick fog on coast, rising throughout day. Covers cabin by 3pm. I walk up Agony at 5pm, leave fog at water line trail.

Marilu meets me south of Pick Pk., dinner at Marble Peak with John & Scooter, walk back, arrive here at 1:30; 1.75 hour walk.

### **Friday 26 December 1986**

Mild temp., clear sky, except for a few cirrus.

South wind all day.

Narcissus start blooming.

### **Saturday 27 December 1986**

Lots of cirrus all day. South wind alternates with north wind all day.

Split firewood, got rototiller running.

Large swell on ocean.

### **Sunday 28 December 1986**

South breeze in AM; cool in early hours, mild later. Clear on coast, thin high cirrus in south and west, large swell on ocean.

Cleared weeds/grass/brush from terraces all the way to west gate. Started clearing slope below walnut by north side of house.

### **Monday 29 December 1986**

Swell on ocean somewhat less. Cirrus breaks up before 8am, with clear sky most of day. Warmer than yesterday.

Finished clearing brush and cleaning up bulldozer mess on north side of house.

### **Tuesday 30 December 1986**

SE wind, thin, rather low cirro-cumulus over all of sky in AM, with ring around sun. Clouds thicken somewhat thru sunset.

To town, pay USFS water permit, dinner at Rob's with Judith, Naomi, Charlotte.

Back here by 2am, with cloud cover briefly broken.

### **Wednesday 31 December 1986**

.03  
8.20

Thick cirro-cumulus at 4,500'. North wind. Sprinkle of rain from 8:30-10am; mostly from 8:30-8:45. Clouds break up some later, with half clear sky by sunset, then thickening up again, with more drizzle at 9pm. Clouds break up 10-11pm, then another front 11-2am, but no rain.

Cluett, John Brown & sons walk down Agony. I go down with them, meet Marilu & Josie's kids coming up. We leave them at Line br., John Cluett and I go visit Blanco, then dinner at Nepenthe with John & Marilu and Browns and Alan Altree and another couple. Drive up Coast Ridge Rd. with John & Marilu, leave fog at Walter's gate. Walk down Agony at 1:20am, after champagne, etc. in car.