

Friday 1 January 1988

Cold SE wind, although warmer than past few days. Cloud cover over most of sky. Thick, high cirro-stratus.

Judith Goodman visits.

Worked on digging up front yard and transferring fill to horse stall.

Saturday 2 January 1988

HAIL

.01

16.26

Thicker cloud deck and a sprinkle of rain at 9:30-10:00. Clouds break up in mid-day to mid-afternoon, then a sprinkle around sunset. More rain at 7pm, then very fine hail for several minutes and more fine rain. South wind. Lots of snow visible here.

Last of snow melted this evening.

Sunday 3 January 1988

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16.56

Read .01 in south gauge. SE wind up to 30 mph. Ceiling around 5,000', and thick and extensive. A few splatters of big drops in mid-day and mid-afternoon. Rain at night after midnight, occasionally heavy, on a strong SE wind. Still snow above 3,500'.

Snow still visible on Coast Ridge.

Monday 4 January 1988

1.55

18.11

Strong, 30-40 mph SE wind. Ceiling below cabin. No rain from 7-8am, then a light sprinkle. Read .19 in south gauge, .30 in north. Strong winds all day with some 50 mph gusts in mid-day. Rain off and on all day. .90 in south gauge at 4pm. Ceiling below cabin, bar. 29.99 at 4pm. Rain continues thru night, clearing at 2am.

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Thursday 7 January 1988

FROST

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18.23

Frost a little heavier than yesterday on grass and wood.

Lots of cirrus and cirro-stratus over most of sky in AM.

To town with “Conan” and a full town trip. Back here by 10pm.

At 7pm there is total thick stratus layer down to 1,500’ elevation. Light drizzle started at 8:45pm and continued till about midnight. Rode up in drizzle, but not a soaking one.

Pinci Pete stopped while I was packing and said Steve Gennardini had died – cirrhosis.

Friday 8 January 1988

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Read .12 in south gauge.

Bright and sunny in early AM, with thick cirro-stratus in west, which moves over sky quickly. 75% coverage by mid-day.

Packed Whitey & Chink up from hiway with roofing material and kerosene, groceries. Light sprinkle of rain from 3pm until late at night. Ceiling down to 1,800’. Cold temp.

Saturday 9 January 1988

Sunny throughout the day, with lots of cirrus. Patchy fog on coast up to 1,400’. Light SE breeze. Much warmer today, almost balmy.

Packed Whitey & Chink up from highway with last of supplies; roofing material, chicken feed, and 3 fruit trees.

Talked to lady from Aran Isles who used wicker baskets to pack peat. Stopped on highway to see stock.

Mostly clear at sunset with cirrus in west.

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Wednesday 13 January 1988

Scattered cirrus here and there. Clear, clean air. Wind from the SE and temp. mild - 62° at 11.

Pruned outhouse Muscat.

Took off 8 frames of rather dark honey at 1pm, from middle lower hive.

John & Maggie Murphy visit for lunch. They help me carry fruit dryer into west loft of barn.

To Marble Peak for dinner with Murphy's and John & Marilu.

Back here by 12:30am.

Clear and mild temp.

Thursday 14 January 1988

.15
18.56

Lots of thick cirro-cumulus moving over sky from north all day, becoming thicker in afternoon. South wind all day. Mild temp.

Walked to hiway with grape cuttings for Bl. & Dragon and Rocky & Jerry. Got ride to Lucia with Keith H., then to Mill Creek with Connie H., then to Jade Cove with Nolan & Debbie. Found jade and back to Mill Creek. Then got ride at sunset back here with Brownie.

Arrived here at 8:15. South wind is brisk and clouds thick and lowering.

Rain starts around 11pm as fine drizzle. Quits in mid-early AM – 3am or so.

Friday 15 January 1988

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18.56

Read .15 in south gauge.

Patchy clouds in AM, clearing off a little thru afternoon. Warmer than yesterday.

Spaded the gravenstein site. Did some pruning.

Saturday 16 January 1988

1.9
20.46

Light drizzle starts around 7am or so, just a trace at 8am, then a good rain until around noon. .50 at 4pm.

Wind from the south all day.

Did some clean-up in barn in afternoon.

Cleaned water bars.

More rain after sunset, heavy at times, through the night. Heavy gusts from south after midnight, up to 65 mph.

Sunday 17 January 1988

Snow
Bar. 29.14
.31
20.77

Read 1.9 in north gauge.

Wind at 8am is diminished from early AM hours, 30-40 mph, SE, ceiling below cabin. Bar. 29.36 at 7am.

Scattered hard rain with some hail mixed with light rain off and on til 1pm, when wind becomes a norther. Bar. 29.14 at 1pm.

Scattered showers of hard rain and light rain until 5pm. Snow reported at Marble Pk. at sunset. Scattered cumulus and cumulo-stratus throughout sky at sunset. Rough looking ocean. 35° at 6pm.

A bit of a snow flurry here around 8pm.

Rain/sleet/snow/hail flurries off and on thru night. Cold north wind with strong gusts.

Bar. 29.90 by evening.

Monday 18 January 1988

FROST

Read .31 in south gauge. Cold north wind with lots of cumulus everywhere. Slight drizzle off and on thru AM. Big rainbow over Partington Ridge all AM.

Dusting of snow visible on top of Tin Can Ridge, Hot Springs Pk. Some frost here at 7am, in lee of small bushes – where north wind is deflected, I guess.

Lots of brown effluent from Big Slide and other slides up and down the coast. Heavy surf yesterday and today is working on soft slopes.

Tuesday 19 January 1988

ICE

Thin layer (1/8") of ice on dog dish.

Clear sky, light north wind.

Did considerable digging in front yard between root cellar and barbecue, along base of cliff. Tore out ice plant and moved it to top of cliff. Dug alluvial soil down to flat bedrock surface of original front yard, and piled it up against base of cliff for future terrace bed. Found 1965 dime under dirt on bedrock near bedroom window. Expanded front yard area quite a bit.

Transplanted Piñon pine from base of front yard cliff to small flat spot below kitchen window on NW side of house.

Wednesday 20 January 1988

Rather cool north wind, clear sky. Warmer in afternoon with less wind.

Went down to look for stock, walking to John Waters homestead and then to next ridge to east. Walked back up to Waters Ridge and picked up stock just above Big Slide. Back here just before dark.

Thursday January 21 1988

Down the hill and to town, borrowing Peter Stock's truck. Left around 10am, back here by 7pm. Went to Valley Hills, Tanaka's, Salinas, and Carriage Lane nurseries. Got groceries and feed. Packed up groceries.

Katy Stock & Teresa came up today to spend some time.

Cold north wind in AM here, with clear sky. Milder when I get back, with little wind.

Friday 22 January 1988

Warmer today with light wind and clear air and sky.

Packed up 15 bare root trees and three 5-gallon fruit trees. Also some groceries, 100lbs. chicken feed, and 40lbs. dog food. Got back here around 6pm.

Saturday 23 January 1988

Lots of cirrus mare's tails over sky. Light north breeze turns into gusty NE or east wind. Temp. warm – 70 to 75° in mid-day. Mosquitoes, flies are out.

Heeled in fruit trees in garden below house.

January Rainfall Totals for Roundup –

Season to date: 20.77

Last Season to date: 12.94

8-year average to date: 20.88

Sunday 24 January 1988

Clear sky, warm Santa Ana wind from east and SE, 65° at 8am. A little haze in air.

Monday 25 January 1988

Warm temp. all day. 75° in afternoon. All windows are open, with screens.

Tuesday 26 January 1988

Old almond tree opens first flower today.

Katy polishes woodwork around kitchen sink.

Wednesday 27 January 1988

Katy polishes woodwork in bedroom & kitchen.

Thursday 28 January 1988

.05

20.82

Extracted about 2 gallons of honey from 6 *Lotus scoparius* frames, and about 2 gallons of madrone honey from 6 frames from other hive, which was robbed a couple of weeks ago.

South wind all day, cool temp. Rain starts around 5am on Jan. 29.

Friday 29 January 1988

.08
20.90

Read .05 in south gauge.

Rain from 5am, large drops at first, then steady drizzle until 7am. Drizzle off and on until mid-day. Drizzle starts again from 3-4pm. Light north wind after 2pm. Ceiling below cabin most of day.

Stock came up on their own, and put in barn this night.

Saturday 30 January 1988

Read .08 in south gauge.

Clear, cold morning with light SE wind. Clouds increase in afternoon – thin cirrus over all of sky. Large circle around moon.

Katy and I go down hill and I borrow Peter's truck for town trip. To Salinas for orchard supplies, Carmel Valley for citrus, bought groceries, back here by 10pm.

Sunday 31 January 1988

FROST
ICE

Lots of thin cirro-stratus all over sky. Cold north breeze. Ice on roof, grass. Ice on dog dish, in hoses.

Chilly wind all day with clearer sky in afternoon.

Rode down to hiway and picked up Sally's Raspberries, Wonderful Pomegranate, Nagami Kumquat, and Lisbon Lemon. Back here by 5pm.

Monday 1 February 1988

FROST
ICE
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35° at 7am. *Very* thin ice, with frost on grass everywhere, and on roof. Lots of puffy cumulus everywhere. Light north breeze, cold temp. Cumulus ceiling at 3,500', thickest on top of Coast Ridge. Looks like some rain out to sea off Pfeiffer Pt. in mid-morning.

Trace of rain, in very small droplets, from 4-5pm. Cluett reports light dusting of snow at that time.

Cleaned up extractor and served used frames to bees.

Heard crows around sunset – first in 5 years at least.

Tuesday 2 February 1988

Much warmer, but still cool. SE wind.

Lots of cumulus, choppy-looking, everywhere in AM. Less in afternoon, with a north wind after 2pm.

Brought a couple loads manure to lower terrace and figured out locations for fruit trees in upper orchard.

Bees very active on used frames.

Katy walks up at sunset.

Cluett put down Suzette this AM.

Noisy crows flying south just before sunset.

Wednesday 3 February 1988

Planted Satsuma Plum (dwarf), Late Santa Rosa Plum (dwarf), Green Gage Plum (semi-dwarf) and what is either a Late Santa Rosa or Green Gage (semi-dwarf) above chicken shed.

Planted a semi-dwarf Late Santa Rosa Plum on east side of barn above Jujube.

Thursday 4 February 1988

Planted Italian Prune (on Mariamma 2624 rootstock), 3 Royal Apricots, and Granny Smith Apple above chicken shed. Planted Newtown Pippin Apple between barn and chicken shed, above English Walnut.

Large flocks of robins flying north. Groups of 100 or more, stopping and eating toyon berries, shitting toyon berry shit everywhere, perching in walnut trees in large numbers.

Friday 5 February 1988

Planted Pineapple Quince near root cellar chimney.

Planted Winesap Apple at SE corner of barn, above Jujube.

Planted Neplus Almond on bench above English Walnut and below chicken shed.

Saturday 6 February 1988

Planted Gravenstein Apple next to Golden Delicious Apple above outhouse.

Planted MMIII Gravenstein Apple next to Granny Smith Apple above chicken shed.

Katy goes down hill today.

Sunday 7 February 1988

70° at 11am. Air a little hazy, clear sky, light north breeze.

Found stock near meteor crater.

Nonpareil Almond blooms today.

Planted Bartlett Pear (semi-dwarf) above chicken shed near apricots.

Apex Plum blooms today.

Monday 8 February 1988

To town with Mike Peña.

Saw Anne McGowan, talked to Valley Hills and ordered Honey Mandarin.

Returned home by 10:30pm.

Gusty NE wind at night.

Tuesday 9 February 1988

Pruned Rubis Peach 2nd time and dressed it and all other trees with Treheal.

Warm day with very gusty NE wind in early AM – to 45 mph. Wind tapers off until fairly calm by noon.

Wind picks up in afternoon from the north.

Fog bank offshore – very low and fast moving in afternoon, reaching this part of coastline, but offshore.

Wednesday 10 February 1988

Warmer today with gusty mild north wind up to 25 mph. Hazy air.

Planted Conice Pear above chicken shed, just below Bartlett.

Upper Moorpark Apricot blossomed today.

Strong Santa Ana “night wind” all night, up to 60 mph, mostly from SE and east, but gusting all around the compass.

Thursday 11 February 1988

Wind tapers off, SE and east gusts up to 25 mph in AM. Hazy air, no clouds.

Planted “Wonderful” Pomegranate just below, to south of, Nonpareil Almond, near chicken shed.

Rubis Peach blooms today.

Friday 12 February 1988

Mild day with light breeze, mostly from west and north.

Mulched 9 fruit trees above chicken shed.

Bees very grouchy today.

Saturday 13 February 1988

Planted Improved French Prune, from 5-gallon pot, above chicken shed near Green Gage Plum.

Warm temps. – low 70’s.

Light breezes, mostly from north and SE.

Some fog out to sea, very low, in afternoon. Light cirrus here and there. Hazy air.

Mulched French Prune and 10 other new trees.

Sunday 14 February 1988

Mild temp. in AM with wind up to 20 mph out of SE. Hazy air. Cirrus in afternoon.

Black Tartarian Cherry blooms today.

Started pruning and staking up cabernet grapes. Replaced short stakes and strung baling wire for grape trellis.

Temp. in the 70's.

Monday 15 February 1988

SE breezes in early morning, becoming northerly in afternoon. Cirrus increasing in afternoon, lacy mare's tails.

Finished staking cabernet (and the one chardonnay) grapevines below barn. Started rebuilding grape arbor below swing, for concords and riberes. Placed 5 posts. Will need another 9.

Some ribere are beginning the green-bud stage, concord still pretty dormant. Tips of the 2 Thompson Seedless are leafing out, and I pruned those back to where they belong. Mission, Muscat and cabernet are all quite dormant, although the chardonnay is going into green-bud.

Wind in the night from the north.

Tuesday 16 February 1988

Gusty north wind off and on, up to 40 mph. 60° outside at 7am. Hazy air, no clouds.

Worked on grape arbor, putting up the rest of the posts and getting 2 stringers nailed up.

Wednesday 17 February 1988

Very windy – Santa Ana conditions. Warm again, in 70's, in mid-day. Wind from the NE afternoon and night – up to 60 mph.

Finished nailing the stringers and started on the crosspieces for the arbor.

Thursday 18 February 1988

Wind from NE in AM, gusting up to 50 mph. Temp. about 50° at 8am. Wind becomes northerly after noon, and much cooler. Clearer air than yesterday, brilliant ocean. Some thin cirrus in AM.

Finished 70-foot grape arbor below swing, and tied up and pruned those grapes.

Bing Cherry and Mexicola avocado bloom today.

Planted Concord grape in lower arbor in a questionable basin – one which has a start from last year that might not make it this year.



The completed 70' grape arbor (for concords and riberes) can be seen in the background of this November, 1988 photo. (Photo: Kira Corser)

Friday 19 February 1988

Very calm in AM, wind up to 5 mph from north and east. Wind becomes northerly in afternoon, up to 10 mph. Cirrus bank off coast, thicker in afternoon, forming a line, or a front, as far north and south as can be seen. Mild temp., cool in shade.

Cleaned up wood scraps and pulled brush by the big arbor below swing.

Planted cabernet grapes in the 3 basins that didn't make it last year. Put in 3 slips per basin, and planted what I think is the scarlet-turning cabernet (in the fall) in the second basin from the outhouse.

Started tilling lower terrace, got about 1/5 done.

New moon in a perfect line with Venus (at 11 o'clock from the moon) and Jupiter (just about half again the distance from Venus). Moonset at 9pm.

Saturday 20 February 1988

Woke up to a sharp earthquake at 12:30am. 5.1, centered in Hollister, felt by many in Big Sur and Central Coast.

Tilled another 1/5 of lower terrace.

Sunday 21 February 1988

Got stock at top of Big Slide at 10:30am, back here by 11:15, saddled up and reached highway at 12:30 to visit Mom & Bob for lunch.

Back here by 4pm.

Warm temp., few clouds.

Watered all of this year's bare-root trees.

Monday 22 February 1988

Down to highway by 10:30 to meet Al Tyler.

Katy comes by and we go to P.O., make phone calls, then to Lucia for visit. Leave highway at 5pm, with Robertson Orange and groceries from town.

Mild temp., mixed cirrus clouds.

Tuesday 23 February 1988

Alan Eichman comes up this AM with Esther, who is very pregnant. Esther is happy to be back.

Satsuma Plum (this season's bare-root) blooms today.

Warm temp.

Wednesday 24 February 1988

SE wind all day with cirrus increasing in afternoon. Fog on coast, rising through AM. Hauled up 16' rail for wisteria trellis.

Fog comes up to cabin a couple of times, then burns off by evening.

Planted 10 well-sprouted seeds of Baltic Amber potatoes on lower terrace.

Thursday 25 February 1988

More clouds, brisk SE wind, with fog on coast up to 800' in AM, which burns off later. Thick clouds in afternoon – cirro-stratus. Ring around moon in evening.

Hauled up a 13' 4" X 8" to be split for wisteria trellis.

Friday 26 February 1988

.11
21.01

Very hazy air in morning. Pfeiffer Pt. invisible unless you know where to look. Haze decreases in afternoon. Clouds cover half of sky in AM, and thicken and lower to 6,000' in late afternoon. Smells like rain.

Hauled up a 27' 4" X 4" for wisteria, and got its mate ready to haul up later.

Rain starts here by 10pm, a few big drops, SE wind up to 30 mph. Ceiling above 4,500'.

Saturday 27 February 1988

1.00
22.01

Read .11 in north gauge.

Splattering of big drops off and on throughout AM. Wind gusts up to 50 mph in AM. Ceiling lowers to 4,000' by 10am.

Ceiling at and below cabin by 2pm. Fairly good rain from 2-3pm, and off and on later.

Hauled up 27' 4" X 4" (heavier than the other one) in afternoon.

Static on radios increases thru afternoon, and storm passes over here around 9pm. One lightning bolt came down near Michaels Pt., very loud and bright here. Heavy rain until late at night.

Sunday 28 February 1988

.75
22.76

Read 1.00 in north gauge and .50 in south.

SE wind up to 20 mph, with high cirrus and cirro-stratus, and puffy cumulus over ocean and San Martin/Gamboa. More cumulus in late AM, ceiling at 3,500' on Anderson, etc.

Split some firewood and cleaned out water bars from here to Michael's Pt. and from Old camp back up to cabin.

Rain starts around 9-10pm, with heavy showers a couple of times. No thunder and lightening, although static on radio.

Monday 29 February 1988

1.00
23.76

Read .75 in north gauge.

Rain on and off all thru the day. Wind from the SE, cool. Ceiling below cabin until mid-day, then periods of almost-sun, and an occasional view to west. .25" at sunset.

More good showers during the night, interspersed with light rain.

Tuesday 1 March 1988

.05
23.81

Read .80 in south gauge, 1.00 in north. Gentle north wind at 6am, ceiling below cabin.

Started filling in upper part of new water line; got 40' done.

Brought down load of firewood from oak stacks on upper flat near ditch.

Wednesday 2 March 1988

Read .05 in south gauge.

Found stock in afternoon in upper pasture at property line.

Spent AM filling in 20' of upper part of new water line.

Hauled down another load of firewood and promptly broke my Monster Maul on the very first chop!

Thursday 3 March 1988

To highway and met Katy. She drives me to P.O., etc. Brought up some groceries, butterfly net(!), and the Honey Mandarin Orange, and five one-gallon cork oaks.

Nice day, cool north wind, with some puffy cumulus on Coast Ridge.

Friday 4 March 1988

Light north breeze most of day. Mild temp. (cool in shade). Puffy cumulus clouds in afternoon on South Coast Ridge, south of Cone Peak. Some fog out to sea in distance. Some cirrus in AM, more in afternoon, thin and high. Covers most of sky by afternoon.

Hewed some of timbers for wisteria trellis in afternoon. While chopping with hatchet, Cisco noticed a turkey below front gate in woods below trail. Turkey came closer while I chopped and made clucking noises (maybe thought chopping was a tom). This was an adult female. She flew, after 5 minutes observation, from elderberry by rain gauge to pines below barn, landing on ground, and disappeared. Happened at 5pm.

Big ring around moon tonight.

Saw first evidence of budding on Winesap Apple, so all bare-roots now growing, *so far*.

Saturday 5 March 1988

Light SE breeze in early AM, with lots of cirrus and thin cirro-stratus. Fog out to sea.

Gravenstein Apple (older) opens first blossom.

Sunday 6 March 1988

Nice weather, mild temp.

Walked down Partington Canyon to highway and met Judith for ride to Historical Society meeting at Grange. Saw more of Rancho Rico picnic, etc. All the group was there.

Rode back with Kate & Tom and walked back up Partington Creek. Arrived here at 7pm.

Monday 7 March 1988

Nice day, warm and pleasant, light breeze, lots of mare's tails in sky.

Set and leveled posts for 1st part of wisteria trellis.

Cisco's first birthday.

Tuesday 8 March 1988

Warm and mild – clear sky, light breeze from north.

Set first cross piece (stringer) for wisteria trellis across front of house.

Wednesday 9 March 1988

Gusty north winds up to 50 mph – cold temp. in AM - 45°. Clear on coast, with cirrus above.

Wind develops into gusts of 40 mph every 15-20 minutes, throughout the day, interspersed with “calms” of 10-20 mph.

Filled in 30' of water line and brought down a load of wood.

Sprayed green gage bare root with soap/sulfur. All of its buds have been eaten off.

Thursday 10 March 1988

A little less windy this AM, but cold - 45° outside. Clear sky, some haze, whitecaps on ocean.

Put in front 2 posts for wisteria, set them well, discovered they are too high. Pulled them out at sunset.

Friday 11 March 1988

Reset front 2 posts for trellis and put up stringer – everything looks OK. Tied up wisteria vines in afternoon, after starting crosspieces – 3' leftovers from shake bolts down in the canyon – at 11" centers.

Saturday 12 March 1988

Worked on planters in front of house, hauling spilled dirt from garden terraces up from below on trail north of house. Built up rock wall on West End of terrace 10-12", so it's now knee deep.

Clear sky, cool temp. in shade, mild to warm in sun.

Anniversary of flying lesson on Partington Ridge.

Sunday 13 March 1988

Worked on planters in front of house – finished West End and planted Douglas' Loquat in afternoon.

Esther gives birth to her kittens – first one comes at 3pm, and on into night.

Cool temp., SE to east wind, up to 25 mph in evening.

Monday 14 March 1988

Esther has 4 healthy kittens by this AM, a grey, a grey stripe with white, a black with white paws, and a grey stripe. Typical number and color.

Brought up a couple of loads of dirt for wisteria bed and raised the rock wall to agree with back of bed where wisteria was planted – 5 years ago(?) – from seeds grown by Judith from the Baumann place.

Warm in afternoon. Light breeze from north in evening.

Started to water bare-roots – got 10 done and ran out of pressure, will finish tomorrow.

Tuesday 15 March 1988

Fog bank out to sea rises thru AM and engulfs cabin at 11 am.

Finished watering trees.

Hatching of termites in afternoon.

Fog clears off by dark.

Wednesday 16 March 1988

High fog on coast, comes up this high a little bit in late AM, early afternoon.

Clear and mild the rest of the time.

Measured and planned arbor for grape vines in front of house.

Planted concord grape from Tin House on east side of chicken shed.

Moderate hatching of termites under stove.

Thursday 17 March 1988

Warmer today. Some fog out to sea.

Hauled up 14' post from grove, for grape arbor in front of house.

Large termite hatching today. Caught a blue-belly and released indoors to eat termites on floor.

Friday 18 March 1988

Warm - 70° at 8am.

Leave here afoot at 8:15 to meet Kimball at bottom of Tin House Road. Carried down 6 dozen eggs. To P.O., groceries, and got a ride to bottom of Partington Canyon with Jensens, from Gorda Mtn. Walked up canyon, collected *Athyrium*¹ at first spring above creek, and *Woodwardia*² at Swiss Camp to plant at root cellar. Arrive here at 1:30pm.

Large termite hatching in afternoon.

New moon sliver is visible after sunset.

Saturday 19 March 1988

Warmer – clear. SE breeze in afternoon makes it cooler. Planted *Woodwardia* and *Athyrium* by root cellar.

Filled in 30' of water line and brought down a load of wood.

Stung by scorpion tonight, while sitting on couch by table – got it on left elbow. Felt like bee sting, swelled to size of dime and ¼” puff. Down to size of thumbtack after 2 hours. Itchy, but no problem. Killed scorpion after a search. ½” body length.

Sunday 20 March 1988

Warm and clear.

Did some housekeeping in AM, looking for arachnids.

Lee Horstman visited at 2pm, looking for Teague property. He is thinking of buying it and building cabin. A philosopher from Utah. Unlikely, but I took him down and showed him the area. Back here by sunset. He plans to spend several days there.

Scorpion sting still itching in AM.

Quite itchy in evening.

¹ Ladyfern

² Chainfern

Monday 21 March 1988

SE breeze in AM, with north breeze picking up in afternoon, up to 20 mph at sunset. Quiet at night. Clear sky in afternoon, with bands of cirro-cumulus coming over, high, from north, during morning.

House cleaning day.

Planted scarlet runner beans in front of house.

3 wild pigs on firebreak directly below house at sunset. Scared them into about face, and down into canyon below break. They look like the litter that the calico sow had the year of the fire – 2 big ones and a runt.

Tuesday 22 March 1988

Cooler this AM - 55° at 7am, light north breeze, fog out to sea.

Scorpion sting a little itchy, but about 95% undetectable.

Prepared soil near potatoes for planting. Worked in old compost, blood and bone meal.

Wednesday 23 March 1988

North wind all day, picking up to 30 mph in afternoon. Mild temp. Some cumulus forming on Coast Ridge for a few hours and thick cloud bank out to sea from sprinkle activity in SF bay area. Smells damp here in AM. Clouds gone by noon.

Planted Ewoldsen Gosford triple³ and Rubis Peach pits.

Planted parsley at drinking fountain.

Planted peas, Chinese peas, bush beans, spinach, Simpson, Romaine & Butter lettuces, Crosby Egyptian Beets, and basil, on lower terrace.

Thursday 24 March 1988

Mild and calm morning – little wind until 2pm, then a north wind picks up speed until it's 30 mph or so by sunset.

Collected some butterflies with new equipment, up by water tank.

Glued fittings for reconnecting water pipe into old corral/alfalfa field near water tank. Will try to connect it on Saturday.

³ These two words are nearly, or completely, undecipherable. "Gosford triple" is as close as I can come.

Brought down a load of firewood.

Watered all of bare-root plantings.

Friday 25 March 1988

A little less windy, but warm - 70° at 8am, wind 20 mph from north. Watered garden and did other chores, walked down hill with 4 dozen eggs. Took one and a half hours to get ride – with Tony & Margueritte, who took me south again after I got food and mail. Walked up canyon – a hot trip – arrived here at 7pm. Windy here and warm, but pleasant.

Saturday 26 March 1988

Very windy, pounding up to 40 mph in AM, from north. Temp. 70°. Hazy air smells smoky in AM and early afternoon. Smoke layer drifting from Salinas Valley in later afternoon. Controlled burning from CDF.

Temp. 80° at 3pm, wind 30 mph, up to 50 mph in later afternoon. 70° at 7pm.

Worked on connecting water line to old corral. Watered fruit trees.

Oak moth larvae have decimated new shoot growth on wisteria.

Sunday 27 March 1988

Calmer this AM, wind gusts up to 25 mph from north, NE, etc. Temp. cooler - 58° at 7am. Clear sky, a little hazy, fog bank way out to sea.

Monday 28 March 1988

Watered and cleaned house and went down hill to get Whitey & Chink. They are down on Pt. above slide, in trees. Catch them easy and ride back all the way; both are fat.

Milder temp. today, less windy most of day, with some breeze from north at night.

Tuesday 29 March 1988

Less windy today. Clear and mild temp.

Met Cinnie & Joaquin at highway at 10am. They take me to town for groceries, etc.

Arrived back here at 5pm., Cinnie riding Chink much of the way.

Wednesday 30 March 1988

Windy from the north, more so than yesterday. All day, but mild temp.

Cinnie pulls weeds, I wash dishes and Joaquin hikes to Tin House in AM. Joaquin and I carry up 29' rail for grape arbor in PM.

Windy all night, and cool.

Thursday 31 March 1988

Calm day. Warmer than yesterday by 10°.

Cinnie, Joaquin & I go to highway at 10am. They leave me with groceries and feed. Packed up 75lbs. COB, 150lbs. chicken feed, dog & cat food, and mine too. Arrive here at 1pm.

Got watering trough connected for stock. Water pressure seems dead. Fixed up pine trees on firebreak for livestock passage.

Watered a few bare-roots that needed it the worst.

Friday 1 April 1988

Hot day, clear, hazy.

Swarm of bees at 11am from lower middle hive, landed on chamise at fence line directly below parent hive. Cut branches away some and put box with some drawn empty comb (3 frames) and smeared honey on it. Picked up box at sunset and placed it on point beyond swing, above old dead plum tree.

Walked out to spring in afternoon and cleaned out trough at Sunshine Spring (upper trough muddied by small rockslide). Connected up White Pines Spring with goofy ½ Tee.

Saturday 2 April 1988

Watered all of bare-root trees in AM.

Warm and pleasant.

Washed dishes for 2 hours in afternoon.

Sunday 3 April 1988

Warm and pleasant – mild temp. all day, light SE breeze. Some thin cirrus.

Watered Meyer Lemons and half of older orchard in AM.

Some fog on coast in AM, up to 1,200'.

Monday 4 April 1988

Warm and pleasant. Lots of bugs.
Fair amount of cirrus most of day.

Planted more parsley in six-packs.

Watered a lot, and mostly to lower row of grapes, where a Ribere vine seems to be dying.

Tuesday 5 April 1988

Warm and cloudy.

Watered all of the rest of the grapes.

Wednesday 6 April 1988

Got stock ready for trip down hill at 10am, then noticed another swarm from one of the lower 3 hives. Beat on the pans I was carrying from chicken coop. Bees balled on a chamise twig and were hived easily. Chamise twig was right below clothesline, 20' from hive. A large swarm, 5-6lbs. of bees in a quiet, tight ball. Placed this hive below other new hive on the site of the old plum tree that was killed in fire.

Warm day, light breeze. Stayed home. Watered a lot.

Thursday 7 April 1988

Light SE breeze, clear sky with some cirrus. To highway riding Chink. Made phone calls, P.O., groceries, ride to Hardings, then to Mill Creek with Genie Pawlick. Back here with Nolan. Arrived home at midnight.

Very windy here at night. Screens blown in while I was gone.

Friday 8 April 1988

Mild temp. all day. Light breeze out of SE.

Planted Nolan Harlan's raspberries in pot, watered some bare-roots, cleaned house. Nolan also gave me a "Pepino melon" seedling.

Saturday 9 April 1988

Very gusty Santa Ana – 40 mph. Wind eases off by 9am. Probably started 5-6am. Clear sky, hazy, warming up quickly after wind stops.

Judith hikes up, arrives at noon.

Watered bare-root trees.

Very hot day, in mid 80's.

Sunday 10 April 1988

Gusty Santa Ana in AM, 5am until 8am or so. Then hot, very little wind. Cloudy condition above; lots of cirrus and cirro-cumulus. Judith lifts and replants *Tigridia*, I do lots of watering.

Incident with Steve Wendt and "John." Contacted sheriff and State Parks, who intercepted those hunters on Tin House Road. Judith left around noon.

Went out to spring in late afternoon and unplugged upper trough at Sunshine and put in a new screen.

Watered several fruit trees at sunset.

Put stock in barn for the night.

Monday 11 April 1988

Got up early and watered old orchard, except trees near bees, which got it last night.

Hitched a ride to Coastlands, saw Kaye, and borrowed her car to get to town. Paid 2nd installment on property taxes, got groceries, exchanged feed, etc. Got ride from library to trail head with Marillee Childs. Arrived here by sunset.

Watered more fruit trees at night.

More clouds throughout day.

Tuesday 12 April 1988

Cloudy with lots of thick cirro-cumulus.
Fog on coast up to 2,000'.
Much cooler here.

Did some watering.

Wednesday 13 April 1988

.85
24.66

Light rain from 6-9am. .04 at 9am, and then clouds lift a little and clearing starts. More clouds out to sea. This rain started when wind shifted from SE to north. After an hour, wind came from SE again, and rain continued.

To highway for Library Board meeting. Collected *Duchesnea indica*⁴ for Pacific Grove flower show. Back here in drizzle/rain by 8pm.

Cloud ceiling at 3,500' at 8pm. Turned stock loose after 2 weeks in upper pasture.

Thursday 14 April 1988

.06
24.72

Read .85 in north gauge at 8am.

Pretty good rain starts in early AM. At 6am, 30 mph wind from SE and heavy rain. Wind from the north after 7am and rain diminishes, stopping by 7:30. Clouds break up through AM. Temp. about 40° at 6am. Snow on Coast Ridge at Hot Springs Pk. Half inch reported by Roger May.

More sprinkles after 5pm, although most of the day was warm, between periods of chilly shade when large cumulus puffs pass.

Weeded and thinned and transplanted lettuces, etc. in lower bed.

Friday 15 April 1988

.04
24.76

Read .06 in south gauge. Temp. 45° at 8am.

Foggy all day with brief periods of brightness and short times when ocean, etc. is visible. Find drizzle/heavy misting after 2pm.

Chicks start hatching under red hen and are transferred to brood cage.

Saturday 16 April 1988

.02
24.78

⁴ Mock Strawberry

Read .04 in south gauge.

Fogged in completely with heavy mist/drizzle starting around 10am. Very light SE breeze.

Sunday 17 April 1988

Read .02 in south gauge.

Clear and sunny, mild temp. Light SE wind. Some puffy cumulus.

Skip & Merillee Childs bring Nora up to look at Esther's kittens, which she removed to hollow base of giant madrone north of barn. They left around 5-6pm. Nora is 4 years old and walked all the way herself.

Monday 18 April 1988

.40

25.18

Clear in AM, with clouds moving in quickly from west and south. SE wind gusting up to 30 mph.

Hewed two 13-foot posts for front grape arbor. Broke front door, which finally gave up after years of abuse. Just in time for a good storm!

Rain starts after sunset, ca. 8pm. Pretty good steady showers thru the night. Wind increases.

Tuesday 19 April 1988

Hail

2.90

28.08

Read .40 in north gauge.

Rain all day with heavy winds – up to 40-50 mph. Cold temp., in low 40's. Spent morning in steady moderate rain, 40 mph wind, tying grapevines and baby fruit trees and cleaning water bars from water tank to Michaels Pt.

Heavy rain from 4-6pm and later thru the night.

1.2" at 6pm, barometer at 29.56, temp. 45°, wind about 10 mph, from the SE. The wind shifted to north for an hour from 2-3pm. Moderate SE wind after that. Some hail fell around 2:30pm.

Wednesday 20 April 1988

Trace
28.08

Read 2.90 in north gauge.

Rain stops by 7am. Clouds lift some and snow is visible on Hot Springs Pk.

Clearing thru day, with a couple of drizzle squalls off ocean before 2pm.

Installed new/old front door, using old metal-covered original Overstrom door. Found its window in guest room in barn and replaced *that* with an extra from Glenn & Oscar. Fit nicely on the north side, needing a little paring of the edge of the south side door, which will be replaced soon. That door's window needs four new panes, otherwise it is in better shape than north door.

John Muir's 150th Birthday

Thursday 21 April 1988

Trace
28.08

SE wind most of day. Cold temp. in 50's. 45° at 7am. Warmer in afternoon.
Lots of puffy cumulus from 3,000-5,000' and cirrus above. North wind after 2-3pm, gusting up to 20 mph.

Brought down a load of wood from water tank, split and stacked. Fiddled with front door and replaced bracket gadget detached years ago and fitted it with crosspiece to hold in window.

Drizzle in late night, early AM hours.

Friday 22 April 1988

Hail
.80
28.88

Trace amount of rain in south gauge.

Drizzle in early AM.

Cloudy with high cumulus, or strato-cumulus, above 4,500'. Solid overcast. Wind from the north. 40° at 8am.

Wind from the SE after 2pm.

Pfeiffer Pt. misting over at 4:30pm, and rain starts here at 5:30pm.

Light sprinkles for an hour, and storm picks up through night. Wind up to 30 mph at 10pm, and periods of heavy rain. Hail in the middle of the night. Barometer at 29.65.

Hauled up about 6-7 loads of rock from scree near dump, to be used for citrus crib wall in front yard.

Saturday 23 April 1988

Trace
28.88

Read .80 in north gauge, .70 in south.

Clear above, with cumulus out to sea and up and down Coast Ridge and inland. Snow/hail dusting down to 3,200'. Cold north wind up to 20 mph. 35° at 6:30am. Very clear air.

A sprinkle or two of rain in mid-morning. Cumulus in and out all day. Cool all day, especially when cumulus-fog sweeps over.

Brought up 6 or 7 loads of rock for crib-wall.

Sunday 24 April 1988

Clear in AM, except a few back ends of clouds in far SE. Light SE wind. Some cirrus in west in afternoon, making a good sunset.

Repaired doors in house in AM, planted Honey Mandarin Orange west of outhouse, where Hass Avocado had been. Staked Mandarin with metal pipe and bound it tightly (like Mandarin girls' feet) to straighten it out.

Brought up 6 loads of rock and firewood from scree slope.

Much warmer today.

Monday 25 April 1988

Mild temp. in AM - 55° at 9am, light SE breeze, clear sky with a couple of fog puffs on ridges at 1,200'. Hazy air.

Got stock at noon from upper meadow below Michael's Pt. and staked them out in lower garden terrace.

Hewed a post for grape arbor.

Tuesday 26 April 1988

Up early to feed stock. To hiway by 9am with 6 dozen eggs. Met Corky Matthews & Jim Pittman at Kelly Cr. and showed them a 14" rubber boa I found in road by creek. First living one I've seen in Big Sur. To Clear Ridge with them to meet Judith for Molera hike. Started at Triangulation Pt., 1,209', down Rattlesnake Trail, up middle ridge and down to Big Sur River. Judith & Rob drove me to Tin House Road. Back here by 7:30pm.

Wednesday 27 April 1988

Fog on coast up to 2,000' at 7am, covering cabin by 10am. Cold SE wind, blowing fog and drippy most of the day.

Brought up one BIG rock for crib wall.

Thursday 28 April 1988

Overcast clearing and reforming off and on throughout day. Warmer temps. when clouds clear, feeling hot on top of the head.

Brought up several loads of rock.

Sky clear by sunset, but clouds reform and stratify late at night.

Friday 29 April 1988

.03
28.91

Ceiling at 3,000' at 6:30am, then lowers to below cabin and starts drizzling by 6:45. Drizzle until 10am. Wind from north until 7:30, then from SE until 9, and from north after that. North wind picks up, gusting up to 20 mph by 5:30 here. Clouds break up and it is mostly clear by 1pm, with some high cirrus and cumulus puffs on Coast Ridge. White caps on ocean after 11am. Temp. 65° at 5pm. Read .03 in south gauge at 10am.

Steady clearing through the day, with a few stratus wisps up on Coast Ridge and nice cumulus in west at sunset.

Some east and NE gusts thru the night, starting after sunset.

Hewed the last post today and started on 29' stringer for arbor. Brought up 4 loads of rock.

Saturday 30 April 1988

Frost

T
28.91

Very light frost on barn roof at 7am. Cold north wind up to 30 mph. Cumulus moving quickly from the north, ceiling at 4,000'. 38° at 7am. Light sprinkle of rain at 7:30 or so. Marble Pk. reports snow falling at this time. Line of cumulus out to sea.

Brought up several loads of rock.

Sunday 1 May 1988

Mild temp., pretty day.

Brought up about 6 loads of rock for crib wall.

John L. & Régine ride up from highway around 8:30pm on full moon ride to Coast Ridge. Leave here around midnight.

Monday 2 May 1988

Mild temp. again today, maybe a little warmer.

Brought down a load of firewood.

Watered all citrus, avocado, and bare-root plantings today. 30+ trees.

Tuesday 3 May 1988

Clear sky, windy from the north, cooler temp. than yesterday. Packed up 3 dozen eggs and met Mike at bottom of Tin House Road. Hitched to River Inn, met Judith, and visited Harry Dick at hospital, saw Katy at bank, groceries, etc. Talked to Gordon & Eleanor re: refinancing. Started up Partington Canyon trail on foot. Arrived here at 8pm. Cool temp.

Wednesday 4 May 1988

Cold SE wind all day, in 40's in the shade. Patchy cumulus on Coast Ridge, out to sea. Clear air.

Brought down a load of firewood.

Thursday 5 May 1988

Snow, hail
.43
29.34

Light sprinkle of rain here around 6am. Lots of cumulus, cold north wind up to 30 mph. 37° at 7am. More rain at 8am, and a few flakes of snow. Light rain off and on, then a heavy snowfall around noon for a minute or two. Hail, snow, rain for a while in mid-afternoon. More rain at 6pm, and off and on thru the night. Heavy hail at 9pm. Periods of brightness between squalls during the day.

Brought in citrus pots over night.

Friday 6 May 1988

.60

29.94

Read .43 in south gauge. Cold north wind, temp. 38° at 7am. Cumulus on Coast Ridge at 7am, and out to sea, ceiling 3,500'. Ceiling 2,000' or so by 8am, and clearing later. Hail on ground in shady areas in AM.

Wind from SE after about 3pm. Clouds form on Coast Ridge and elsewhere and thicken in late afternoon. Fogged in here at night, and slight drizzle starts at 10pm, becoming nice steady rain in the night. SE wind up to 25 mph.

Brought up 4 loads of rock, including 2 BIG rocks.

Saturday 7 May 1988

.17

30.11

Read .60 in north gauge.

SE wind 15 mph at 8am, and raining gently, but steadily. Rain peters out after 9am, and clouds brighten, but foggy here. North wind in afternoon.

Brought down a load of firewood and split and brought inside.

Slight drizzle at 3-4pm.

South gauge showed .10 at 10am, and .12 at 8am on May 8.

Clearing thru afternoon with just a little cumuli around Coast Ridge and big cumuli in west. No clouds at moonrise – 3rd quarter – around 3am.

Gave chelated iron and zinc to all citrus and avocados.

Sunday 8 May 1988

Read .17 in north gauge. Some high cirro-stratus early in AM, clearing, then cumulus forming on Coast Ridge after 9am. Cool SE breeze.

Had my own Mother's Day round up at Jim House Meadow and put stock in barn overnight.

Monday 9 May 1988

Clear sky and mild temp. – warmer than yesterday.

Steve Harper + 14 Esalen staff hike up, on way to Tassajara. Left here around 11am. Paul Herbert, John Soper, etc.

Met Katy at highway around 1pm, drove to Keith Evans, then to P.O. to talk to Eleanor re: foreclosure. Will go to town tomorrow with Cinnie's check.

Tuesday 10 May 1988

To highway by 10am and to town, met with Anne for lunch, talk to Eleanor, etc., groceries, feed, etc., etc.

To Keith Evans at sunset and Katy drives me back to Tin House Road. Back here by 10pm, dinner at midnight.

Wednesday 11 May 1988

Al Tyler

To highway at 10am. Knee very bad. Met Al Tyler and he started on stock, and I hitch-hike to Lucia for lunch, etc. Back up here with feed and kerosene, etc. by sunset.

Thursday 12 May 1988

Nice day, spent resting and recuperating.

Harvested 5-6 bacon avocados today. The biggest one had a split skin and had fallen to ground a few days ago. Most of the others were developing split skin, however they are delicious anyway. Next year I'll leave them on a few weeks less.

Friday 13 May 1988

Breezy from the north – up to 20 mph. Mild temp.

Housecleaning most of day.

Judith hiked up at 5pm.

Saturday 14 May 1988

Hot up here today. Very little breeze. Nancy Hopkins, Steve Chambers, etc., etc. hike up for trail work palaver and lunch. Judith baked bread. Lots of food. They left here around 5pm.

Sunday 15 May 1988

Warm day (with SE breeze, cooler than yesterday). Watered and collected stock and Judith and I go down for Blanco's birthday – which I never got to attend because of car trouble. Knee very bad. Back here at 5pm.

Watered all bare-roots today.

Brought up 100lbs. of chicken feed.

Monday 16 May 1988

.03
30.14

Thick clouds in west and south in early AM, light SE breeze. Sprinkle of rain starts around 9-10am, continuous for 3-4 hours. .03 in south gauge at 3pm. Very foggy here until sunset, when it breaks out in rich red and orange.

Tuesday 17 May 1988

Cold north wind in early AM, 40° at 7 and 30 mph wind. Eureka lemon is droopy. Wind continues all day, with some let up in mid-afternoon. Milder temp. later in day. Watered citrus and fed and watered fig. Did some weeding and sickling.

Air a little hazy despite wind, with some high cirrus and patchy cumulus on Coast Ridge in AM.

Wednesday 18 May 1988

North wind up to 15-20 mph in early AM, 55° at 8am. Wind dies down after 10am and is much warmer than yesterday. No clouds, a little hazy.

Today is Blanco Diablo's actual 90th birthday, and 8th anniversary of Mt. St. Helens eruption.

Dug holes and set 2 big middle posts for grape arbor in front yard.

All 10 hens laid today – the first time in a year or two that all hens produced.

Thursday 19 May 1988

Watered all grapes today.

Horse and mule came up at sunset and I put them in upper pasture to use on Sunday.

Warmer than yesterday.

LOTS OF BUGS.

Friday 20 May 1988

Hot day.

Planted a hill each of watermelon, Crenshaw melon, and yellow crookneck squash, all on lower terrace.

Saturday 21 May 1988

Hot day.

Watered citrus and avocado.

Rotor tilled part of lower terrace (north end).

Sunday 22 May 1988

Hot day today with low fog on coast. Pomegranate blooms today.

Cut down small Coulter pine near water tank and collected 5lbs. or so of long pine needles for Judith. Today is her 60th birthday. Packed down 4 dozen eggs and arrived at hiway at 3pm. Met Marrillee & Nora Childs and gave them the 2 kittens. I brought them down in day pack, while I led stock. Nora let kittens loose in car and later she chased them behind washing machine, poor cats. Met Judith at Sam & Eby's and called Dad, then left in her car, which died, and we hitch-hike to Deetjen's to meet Sam, Eby, Waley, Alan, Lotte and have dinner and I sell eggs and Sam lets me off at Tin House Road and I arrive here at 11:30.

Monday 23 May 1988

Hot day, clear, though cooler than yesterday.

Watered all bare-root trees.

Prepared 12 holes for the Early Girl tomatoes.

Tuesday 24 May 1988

Cooler today, some cirrus, and fog forms at 2,000' in Big Creek in late afternoon. Hazy air.

Planted 12 tomatoes in lower terrace.

Dug up some Baltic Ambers – about 12 ping-pong ball sized tubers.

All 10 hens laid an egg today.

Starting to eat *almost* ripe Apex plums.

Wednesday 25 May 1988

Fog up to 2,000' at 8am, clearing by noon. 50° at 7am. Very light breeze from west.

Got stock in PM, up by oracle oak on ridge west of deep gulch, "Oracle Gulch." Ridge is probably route of old trail to Michael Pt. Put stock in upper pasture.

Thursday 26 May 1988

Warm day in AM here.

Got stock together and got down hill by 11:30, hitched to Ewoldsen gate with John Staude, who was going to town for reading of Marguerite's will. Tony went in separately. John S. said he feared the worst!

Lunch at Ewoldsens and they gave me 20 "Hansa" seed potatoes (to go with my "Esta" potatoes, their names for two varieties of Baltic Ambers). Also got cuttings of Frank Hathaway's special "White Pacific" and "Mission" figs, and saw their huge "Robertson" Washington Navel, planted in 1950. Good to know I got the right variety. Their "Custard Apple" or White Sapote is "Suebelle."

Got ride back down coast with Judith and packed home groceries she bought for me. Arrived here at 7am.

10 eggs today.

Friday 27 May 1988

Nice day spent watering trees, washing dishes, etc.

Lots of plums getting ripe.

Saturday 28 May 1988

.19
30.33

Very cloudy in AM, with fog up to cabin in early AM, and up and down all AM. High cumulus with ceiling at 4,000', down to 3,000' by noon.

Walked down hill with the last 2 kittens for Kimball. Met him and we drive to Prewitt and hike up for dinner and foster home intro. Walked down in light rain. Stopped by Peña's and rain stopped. Back here by midnight.

Cold, fast north wind, with clouds moving over *fast*.

Sunday 29 May 1988

Read .19 in south gauge.

North wind all day – cold temps. 39° at 7am.

Sprinkles up until 7:30am. Snow flurries on Marble Peak, Roger May's, and Cone Pk. Lots of good rainbows over Partington Ridge.

10 eggs today.

Found yellow jacket nest by Neplus Almond while cutting grass.

Monday 30 May 1988

Warmer today, with light north wind most of day. Some SE breezes too.

Some fog north of Pfeiffer Pt. all day, choppy ocean with north wind below. High mare's tails in PM.

Full moon tonight – a blue moon.

Keith & Meighan are up for lunch and visit. Gave them the last Bacon Avocado.



Jeff & Esther at the Cabin door, May 30 1988



Keith & Jeff by the newly finished wisteria trellis, May 30 1988

Tuesday 31 May 1988

Warmer this AM. Quite a bit of cirrus, especially in north and west. Some fog beyond Pfeiffer Pt. SE breeze.

Watered and fed all planted citrus, except Honey Mandarin and avocados.

Muggy in afternoon.

Wednesday 1 June 1988

Warmer today. SE breeze in AM, from north after noon. Some high cirrus and low fog off and on at 600' or so. Patchy throughout the day.

Pruned a lot of branches off big oak at back gate. They had been brushing the ground and causing lots of erosion above root cellar. Cut a lot of *Lotus* and stacked it and branches. Cut grass on west side barn below clover and up to Golden Delicious.

Watered Moorparks, cherries, old bartlett, and fig.

Thursday 2 June 1988

Mild in AM, more fog on coast than yesterday, at 500' or so. Light north breeze. Clear above, clean air.

Cleared grass along edge of clover and around cherries and above BBQ.

Prepared bed for peppers on lower terrace. Transplanted Nolan's "Pepita melon."

Friday 3 June 1988

Warm day – with lots of cirrus in afternoon.

Cleared grass and brush around outhouse, under old arbor.

Dug Baltic Ambers (Esta) because gophers were beating me to them. Got about 6-7lbs., enough for a few meals with new potatoes, the rest for seed.

Saturday 4 June 1988

Warm day again with more cirrus. Cumulus in PM on Coast Ridge.

Cleared grass and brush around English Walnut down to Mexicola and Apex. Repaired trail to Mexicola.

Ate a lot of plums today.

Sunday 5 June 1988

Lots of thick cumulus in north and west, looks like rain. Clouds move over here by mid-morning, and clear off by mid-afternoon, but no rain. Judith had a few drops on Clear Ridge in AM.

A cold humid change in weather in afternoon.

Watered cabernets.

Monday 6 June 1988

39° at 7am

.45

30.78

Clouds in west and north, thicker than yesterday. SE wind and colder temps. Light sprinkle by 9am as clouds move over with ceiling at 3,000'. Ceiling at 2,500' later in day. Wind picks up to 30 mph, raining harder into afternoon. During break at 4pm, I walk down and fetch stock at crater – a wet walk. Squall at Jim House meadow weathered behind fat oak. Stock in barn and heavy downpour starts at 6:30pm, off and on until 9pm, or so.

Hail reported at Pacific Valley at 9pm. 3" of snow fell at Cone Peak in afternoon. Snow flurries at Marble Peak. Cone Peak had a low temp. of 27° in the night.

Tuesday 7 June 1988

Read .45" in north gauge.

To hiway by 9am, hitched to Grange and voted, then with Judith to Harry Dick's 89th birthday – Sam & Nancy, Paul Rink, Bette T., Linda & HDR. Ross better, with broken hip and in wheelchair, seeming tired with occasional brightness.

Groceries, etc., back here by 7pm.

Mild afternoon, pleasant west wind.

Brought down some of the last of the Apexes for Hans & Esther. Left them with Frank T. at Grange.

Wednesday 8 June 1988

Still a little cool, with cumulus on ridge tops. North wind.

Washed dishes, cleaned house.

Thursday 9 June 1988

A little warmer today, but still a fire in AM and at night. Pleasant NW wind in AM.

Blackheaded grosbeaks working on apricots.

Cumulus on Coast Ridge in afternoon, and cold north wind after 3pm.

Friday 10 June 1988

Some fog on ridges now and then in AM, and fog out to sea. Thick cirrus in the west and north in PM. North breeze in PM.

Cut grass and brush from side of chicken coop on up to Satsuma Plum.

Up to 70° in mid-afternoon.

Saturday 11 June 1988

High fog up to 2,000' by 9am. Light SE breeze, mild temps. in AM. Clear above.

Did some watering and house cleaning.

Sunday 12 June 1988

Katy arrives at 8am or so. Hot day today – with a little SE wind. Fog on coast.

Took off 8 frames of dark honey from lower west hive; and 2 frames of light honey, and 3 frames of dark, from middle hive.

Extracted about 5-6 gallons that day, and I returned all but 3 frames back to their hives in the afternoon.

Checked lower 2 hives (this year's swarms). Upper one is rather weak, lower one seems queenless and about ready to starve – mostly drones.

Monday 13 June 1988

Hot again, with fog on coast up to 2,000'.

Took off 5 frames of dark honey from upper hive.
Extracted and returned empty frames to hives in afternoon.

The total amount of honey was 9 gallons, 1 quart, from 18 frames, or 6.16lbs./frame, or 111 pounds. There were 3 quarts, 1 pint, of very light and sweet deerweed, the rest being sweet madrone, with maybe a gallon of strong toyon-madrone, probably from upper hive.

The bees hopefully will fill the empty frames with deerweed, which is in full honeyflow now.



Light & dark honey in the cabin window, June 1988

Tuesday 14 June 1988

Katy leaves in early AM. Spent the day relaxing and cleaning up honey mess.

Cooler temps. with fog level rising up to cabin in evening.

Wednesday 15 June 1988

Fog at 2,000', with light breeze from south at dawn. Then fog comes in and inundates cabin for the rest of the day, except for a little bit at sunset.

Got stock in Oracle field at fenceline. Rediscovered the *Malacothamnus*⁵ on ridge below fenceline, growing in thick mat of *Lotus scoparius* – deerweed.

Put stock in barn overnight.

Thursday 16 June 1988

Foggy here in AM.

Got down hill by 11am and met Julayne and talked about her career – had lunch at Nepenthe, went to P.O. and made phone calls, etc. Saw Charlotte. Arrived back here at 6pm, and put stock in upper pasture. Foggy off and on here all day – thick fog here, which clears at sunset.

Friday 17 June 1988

Hotter today. Fog on coast off and on through day, up to 2,000'. Not much fog in afternoon. Gusty wind off and on through the day, more in afternoon, up to 20 mph, out of north and west.

Watered citrus and avocados.

Saturday 18 June 1988

Hotter today - 78° at 7am, clear, no fog, and hazy air. Wind gusty off and on out of NE or north, up to 30 mph, in early AM. Calm after 9am. Light SE breeze, 85° at noon.

Worked on vegetable garden.

Sunday 19 June 1988

.02

30.80

⁵ This was a rare Arroyo Seco Bush Mallow; *Malacothamnus palmeri lucianus*

Cooler today, with high fog coming up to cabin and raising higher and burning off, alternately. SE wind up to 20-25 mph. Cumulus thick out to sea in the south – very dark. Occasional very light traces of rain every few hours until nighttime. Thunder very loud after 2-3pm. Lightening visible out to sea by about 8pm. Very active lightening display from 8 until 10-11pm, as storm moves over. Lots of strikes on South Coast, Strawberry, Chews Ridge and out to sea, as cell splits at Cone Pk. and goes out to sea and over the wilderness. Some heavy rain off and on until 11pm. Clear sky later.

Alan Eichman visits around 1pm. Says Esther is at Krenkel Corners.

Monday 20 June 1988

.09
30.89

Read .02 in south gauge.

Foggy, windy from SE, cold, almost drizzly here, in AM. Clear on top of Coast Ridge. Very wet on ride down hill. Met Kate at 10am and took her back to Evans', then to town for Dr. appt. and bank, groceries, and visit with Eleanor.

Driving back at 5pm thru Lojh house⁶ FCats road very wet. Lightening storm had just passed thru. Reports of hail at Evans' – and other places on South Coast. Cluett reported lightening strike half mile north of Anderson Pk., observed by Felton – not sure if it caught fire. Will check later!

Arrived here at 8:30pm, with storm dumping rain off and on during ride. More squalls off and on until 10 or 11am.

Tuesday 21 June 1988

Read .09 in south gauge.

High fog on coast, up to here most of day.

Talked on CB a lot today and did housecleaning.

Clearing off in afternoon, with a warmer breeze from north.

Wednesday 22 June 1988

High fog around 2,000' in AM, lowering a bit, then burning off by mid-afternoon. Lots of cirrus and cirro-cumulus moving over from SE. Hot day.

⁶ "Lojh house" is as close as I can come. These 2 words are very difficult to make out.

Did some watering and re-wired solar array out to south roof via the wood-room.

Talked to Jud on CB re: working for him on Friday.

Thursday 23 June 1988

Fog up to 1,500', light variable breeze. Some patches of cirro-cumulus or cirro-stratus here and there. Mild temp. in AM, and warming up fast.

Watered citrus and avocado.

Looked for stock in afternoon. Found they had gotten out of upper pasture. Located them near John Waters.

Watered all bare-roots in late afternoon, and everything else.

Friday 24 June 1988

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30.89

Fog up to 2,000', with south wind and heavy cumulus build up in north and west. Looks like rain.

Met Pat Datson at highway at 10:15am, and she took me to Jud's. Worked on lists there until evening, and ate dinner there, and Joyce let me use her car to drive home.

Incredible lightening storm out to sea as I drove south. Some rain. Storm came in as I rode up from gate, directly overhead. While near 2nd power pole south of Partington Canyon, on Tin House Road, the pole struck by lightening – 100' away.

Very loud, brilliant zapping and crushed throat feeling – horse reared a few times, but no problem. Got the hell out of there. Saw lightening after-image for ½ hour. Ears rang 1 hour. Some rain splatters. Storm mostly passed by midnight. Got home at 12:30am.

Saturday 25 June 1988

Warmer today, although fog is up above cabin until sunset. Bright most of the day.

Watered some trees, relaxed.

Clear above after sunset, and warmer north breeze.

Reported lightening strike to Cone Peak Lookout at 8:30am.

Sunday 26 June 1988

Hotter today, fog up to 1,500' in early AM, burning off by noon. Clear sky, light NE breeze - 80° in afternoon.

North hive on lower level swarmed at 8am. I beat pans, it dropped 150' below hive. Hived it into starved-out hive from swarm in early April (the 2nd swarm in April – apparently queenless by June).

Swarm bees had left hive by sunset. Watered trees, veggies, etc. in afternoon. Put Esther inside for tomorrow.

Monday 27 June 1988

Hot day – and lower north hive swarms again at 8am. Apparently moved down where yesterday's balled up. Found 2 swarms – or 1 swarm in 2 pieces 5' apart, below clothesline. Left a deep super with plastic foundation undrawn and 2 frames of extracted comb with lots of drippy honey placed between swarms on chamise bush.

Down hill and into Vandevere's car by 11am – talked vets into taking Esther at 12 noon. To Salinas for feed and supplies, Carmel Valley and Carmel, and stashed supplies at bottom of Tin House Road. Arrived here around 7pm. Stock in barn? Ate dinner at 9:45, after lots of watering.

Earthquake before noon, centered at Holy City. Not felt by me.

Swarm took! Moved hive to top terrace near Mocho's grave.

Tuesday 28 June 1988

Up early for more watering – no breakfast. Warm temps. Arrived at hiway at 10am – to Vandevere's and blood test at Shiffmans. Did botanical work at Jud's – had dinner. They drove me home, arrived here at midnight with Esther.

Tree fell on Tin House Road one and a quarter miles from hiway – 20" tan oak. Just possible to squeeze through.

Packed in groceries and Joyce's teapot.

Wednesday 29 June 1988

Hot! 90° in afternoon – no fog, no clouds, SE breeze sometimes.

Staked stock in front yard.

Washed dishes, watered garden.

To hiway in afternoon – packed back 75lbs. COB, 40lbs. dog food.

Gusty SE wind off and on in late night and early AM hours on 30th.

Swarm doing well in new hive - #7, if it prospers.

Thursday 30 June 1988

A little cooler today in AM, some thin cirrus, SE breeze. Hazy.

Staked stock in front yard.

Watered all bare-roots and older citrus and avocados.

Rode to hiway at 5:30, picked up oyster shell, wire, and 50lbs. scratch. Met Mike P., gave him eggs and honey, and he gave me Monster Maul, which Don Harlan had welded for me. Back here at sunset.

Friday 1 July 1988

Hot in AM, although possibly a little cooler than yesterday.

Rode to hiway by 9:45, hitched to River Inn and borrowed Judith's car, and to Jud's at 11:05 (left home at 9:05). Worked for Jud, did typing and field work on Sunridge Rd. in Pebble Beach, and back to River Inn at 5:05. Judith drove me to Tin House Road and arrived here at 7:30 with last of supplies – 50lbs. salt block and 50lbs. lime.

Turned stock loose and put out salt by barn.

Saturday 2 July 1988

Cleaned house in AM and watered in PM.

Hot day today.

Stock came in at sunset for water, grain and salt.

Sunday 3 July 1988

Cooler than yesterday, 68° at 8am. Fog on coast to 1,000' or so, burning off later. Light SE breeze in AM, from north in afternoon, cooler, up to 20 mph.

Supered lower westernmost hive. The deep super that was on there was heavy. Moved upper hive 2' toward Jujube and chainsawed Jujube volunteers around hive. Hive stand

(Overstrom original) fell apart in process and replaced by temporary jerry-rig. Upper hive's super not so full.

Fertilized and chelated 5-gallon citrus and Honey Mandarin.

Let Esther out this AM, and she seems well.

Stock came up at sunset.

Monday 4 July 1988

Cooler than yesterday, patchy fog here and there on coast, slightly hazy above, no clouds, light SE breeze - 70° at noon. 60° at 8am.

Fertilized all established citrus and avocados. Fertilized runner beans and loquat.

Tuesday 5 July 1988

Hot weather today.

Got stock at Oracle Gulch, although missed them first time around and went all the way to Waters Point above big slide.

Wednesday 6 July 1988

Al Tyler

Up early in hot weather and got stock to highway at 10am sharp. I left them with Al, hitched to Nepenthe, made calls, hitched to Lucia and Mill Creek, then back up to stock, as Al dropped last hoof on Whitey. Very hot on highway and slow hitch-hiking.

Back here by 5:30 and put stock in barn overnight.

Cooler up here than below.

Thursday 7 July 1988

Feeling very "soar & stiff" after yesterday.

Watered garden and staked stock out by swing.

Put them in barn overnight.

Watered all bare-roots in evening, and citrus and avocados, and a couple of other bigger trees.

Friday 8 July 1988

Watered garden early and some beds, left home at 9:30, met Kate, and took her truck to town, worked 6 hours for Jud, had dinner there with them, Gwyn & Johnnie & Katrina. Groceries, etc. at 10pm, arrive Keith Evans at 11:30pm, Kate drives me back to Tin House Road, arrive here at 2:30am. Hot up here.

Fog on coast all day up to 1,100'.

Saturday 9 July 1988

Very hot today with little wind, 98° at 2pm, 95° at 2:30, fog on coast up to 1,400' or so, burning off by 2-3pm.

Watered garden and citrus and avocado and walked down through Partington Canyon to highway. I hitchhiked to Kaye's for 80th birthday, arrived at 5pm. 138 crawdads, Sarah, John Ashley, David, Charro & Sam, Burt, Wilbur & Jane, Springs, Toni, John C. Left there with John and spent 2 hours at Michael Freed's looking at Post Ranch plans, arrived home 3am. Agony Trail overgrown with deer clover.

Sunday 10 July 1988

Cooler today, light SE breeze, 85° at 1pm, 83° at 2pm, fog on coast up to 1,400', hazy air, clear above.

Tigridia starts blooming today.

Monday 11 July 1988

High fog, up to 2,000' at 8am, up to cabin by 10, then lowers and burns off in afternoon.

Warm in afternoon.

Watered fruit trees, garden, etc.

Tuesday 12 July 1988

Very hot up here today – and almost no wind. Watered all bare-roots, and a couple other trees.

Got stock at property line above Oracle meadow. Photographed the *Malacothamnus* on ridge below fence, and took a few cuttings.

Put stock in barn tonight.

Wednesday 13 July 1988

To highway by 11am, couldn't find key to Kate's truck. Trip to Health Center with Martha in Ambi. Got prescription for Amoxicillin and ride back to Kate's car with Ernst Ewoldsen, drove to Evan's, got ride back with Makowskis. Back here by 6pm, with breeze out of north. Turned stock loose.

Hot below on highway, cooler up here.

Thursday 14 July 1988

Wind comes up in afternoon strongly. Hot all day.

Relaxed most of day, did some watering.

Stock came up in afternoon.

Friday 15 July 1988

Hot and windy all day – gusting from all directions until 8am, then from north – up to 40 mph. Ocean choppy.

Watered a lot during mid-day, then picked up stock at Jim House Spring – they had just watered and did not plan to come up tonight – but easy to catch for a change – Cisco, the ambassador, did well.

More watering in evening, put stock in barn.

Saturday 16 July 1988

Very hot up here in AM.

Did some watering early in morning, then rode to highway with the hens for Blanco Diablo – gave them to Katy to take up to him today. She drove me to River Inn, I pick up Judith's car and drive to town, do shopping, then to Admiral Hudson's for Gwyn & Johnnie's wedding – which was perfect. Everyone was so very happy and all their family was there. They will honeymoon in Big Sur and Banff.

Left Judith's car at Brewer Bridge and had a mostly hot wait for a ride (with groceries). Finally, Peter Harding picked me up. Arrived home at sunset – terribly hot here and almost no wind.

Very hot night, hard to breathe.

Sunday 17 July 1988

87° at 7am, very little wind until late afternoon, then from the north. 98° at 2pm.

Stock came up tonight.

Monday 18 July 1988

82° at 7am, very little breeze. Light fog, patchy on ocean, maybe up to 100'. 92° by 2pm. Water pressure becoming very shaky.

Stock came up tonight.

Tuesday 19 July 1988

Cooler today - 78° at 7am, light breeze, fog on coast up to 1,000', with a slight burn off around McWay from 4-6pm. Air hazy, lots of drift smoke. 85° at 2pm.

Gordon Miller brings up Katrina Fog, from Norway, and Meika and mother – Karen, from Hamburg. Up for lunch, leave by 5:30.

Stock came up tonight.

Wednesday 20 July 1988

69° at 7am, SE to east wind, fog up to 1,200'. Air very hazy from fires in Sierra foothills. Yellow sun in AM, lots of drift smoke. Fog burns off in afternoon and wind diminishes after 4pm, calm at 7pm, mid-80's today.

Watered all bare-root trees in 2 shifts today, and avocados, and pressure not too good.

Put stock in barn tonight.

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Saturday 13 August 1988

Rode to Tin House and met Kaye and Norm Chammel of Big Sur Historical Society, and Jim Peat, ranger who wants to tear down Tin House. We looked over the place and Peat thought a chain link fence around the place would keep people out.

Dug up pampas grass and I showed him fire ring area. Left Tin House around 3:30, and rode down to check *Malacothamnus*, which still hasn't flowered. Very badly chewed on.

Collected and pressed some plants at lower edge of property, near the meadow below Michael's Pt.

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Tuesday 16 August 1988

Hot day.

Jim (Mrs. Owings' caretaker) brought up 2 Germans, Karl & Stefanie.

Wednesday 17 August 1988

To town to work with Jud.

Rattlesnake above Tin House, above trail near property line, buzzing at 10pm.

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Friday 19 August 1988

Cooler, 84° at 11am or so, then down to 72° 15 minutes later, as wind changes from SE to north, then back to 80° a half hour later.

Fog on coast up to 2,000' in early AM, then lowering thru afternoon and breaking up in mid-afternoon. Clear above.

Put citrus food and chelation on all citrus.

All 5 hens laid today.

Started work on rare plant list of Monterey County.

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Monday 22 August 1988

Warm day, watered, etc.

Cisco ran down to highway today. Left at 5pm to pick him up. Hot walk home.

Tuesday 23 August 1988

96°

Very hot – in 90's.

Watered and cleaned house.

No stock tonight.

96° at 11am, cooler after noon, with slight breeze.

Wednesday 24 August 1988

Walked down hill and arrived at meeting at State Park around 9:30am. Panetta, etc. with multi-agency committee. The usual people on the usual side of topics – talked about double striping of the highway, closing it for work and commercials, and the wild river designation for Little Sur and Big Sur rivers. Corky was there and we had lunch with Kaye at Ripplewood. Then to Pico Blanco Scout Camp with Corky. The Scouts have ruined the camp – cutting down big Douglas fir, destroying *Pedicularis dudleyi*,⁷ messing up the camps and river. We did a plant list, took photos, left around 6pm. I started walking up the Tin House Road at 8pm, arrived here at 10pm. Stock are here. Put them in barn.

Two rattlesnakes during night, one near bottom of Tin House Road, other just below Michaels Point.

Thursday 25 August 1988

Hot day – rode down hill and got to Vandevere's at 10:15, and to gastroenterologist at 11:00, normal colon. To Gorelick at 2:45, removed a possible skin cancer.

Visited Newells at 5pm – and stayed till nearly 8, and they gave me news that Clements is close to foreclosing.

Arrived home at 11pm with bale of hay. Hot night.

Friday 26 August 1988

A little cooler today, temps. in mid-80's.

Watered some bare-roots and vegetable garden.

Cecile Brunner rose is dying – the one by the barn. Gophers are eating its roots. Planted September 7, 1983.

Rode to highway in afternoon and called Brian Steen about selling the 80-acre scenic easement.

Packed up a sack of COB and groceries.

Transmission went out at Post Office.

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⁷ The rare Dudley's lousewort.

Monday 29 August 1988

99°

Very hot - 80° at 6am, fog on coast. 99° by noon, then a breeze from north and from SE cools off a little. Pipe leaks from split at seam, so cut off bad part and plugged it.

Watered rest of bare-roots, and a couple of older trees. Used up last of water at sunset on cabernets.

Stock came in at 6pm.

Fog on coast partly burns off in afternoon.

Tuesday 30 August 1988

80° at 6am, low fog on coast, slight SE breeze from 3-6am, then almost no wind. Hazy air. Checked leak and appears to be holding. Best pressure at house in some time.

Stock came up around 6pm and put in barn.

Wednesday 31 August 1988

Hot in AM. Foggy on coast.

Arrived at highway at 9:15am, hitched to P.O. with Dick Monan, got mail and left car key at P.O. for tow truck. Got ride to Skyline Forest with Rob K. and Joyce took me to car shop and doctor appointment. Shiffman says to cut out fats – cholesterol at 212 and LDL at borderline danger zone. Picked up car and groceries and packed up hill, arriving here at 10:30pm. Hot.

Thursday 1 September 1988

98°

Hot.

Watered some fruit trees and vegetables and citrus and avocados, and other routine stuff, and still have decent pressure.

High temp. of 98° at 2pm.

Stock came up around 5:30pm.

Friday 2 September 1988

Hot this AM, around 80° at 6am. Fed stock and watered. Picked Muscat grapes – 10 bunches or so. Packed to highway and made calls at McWay, dropped grapes off at Lucia and Mill Creek, eggs at Pacific Valley. Drove to P.O., got groceries, and rode home. Here by 7pm.

Very hot night.

Saturday 3 September 1988

108°

82° at 6am and rapidly rising to 108° at 2pm. Then sun hit side of house and it climbed inaccurately. Rather hazy air, no fog on coast, no clouds. Very little breeze until a bit from the north, then some gusty east winds at and after sunset.

Had to go to spring in afternoon. No pressure here and a bubble in the pipe at spring box. Measured flow from 2 sources and got 1 quart in 38 seconds, or roughly .4 gallons/minute, or 568.4 gallons per day.

Stock came in at 6pm.

Sunday 4 September 1988

106°

Low of 90° at 6am. 105° at 12:30pm. Better water pressure this AM. More of a SE breeze today – up to 15 mph.

Keith & Mary show up around 1pm, brought lunch and left with grapes. 106° around 2pm.

Did some watering. Kumquat in full bloom.

Stock comes in at 3:30pm.

Gusty north breeze later in day. Low fog out to sea all day, but not reaching coast.

Monday 5 September 1988

102°

Low of 89° at 6am.

NW wind all day long, gusting up to 25-30 mph. Occasional east or SE gusts up to 30 mph, 5-6 times during the day.

High of 102° at 2pm, 92° at 8pm.

Low fog out to sea all day, patchy on coast up to 500' off and on.

Stock came in at 5:15pm and put in barn for night.

Watered some bare-roots.

Tuesday 6 September 1988

Low temp. of 85° at 6am.

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Saturday 10 September 1988

Al Tyler

Hot day –

To Filippa Veren's for wake for Boris. Lots of people there – Tony Staude, Doug & John, Emile N., Bob Skiles, Kaye, etc., Val Miller (S. Porter's daughter).

Met Al at bottom of hill and then packed home a bale of hay, arriving at sunset.

Sunday 11 September 1988

Cut wrist at 7:30am while removing cap from stovepipe. To CHOMP by noon. 7 stitches, home by sunset.

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September 17, 1988 Photos ...



The cabin



Jud & Johnnie move a mattress into the barn



Tomatoes



Gwyn & Johnnie in the swing



The wisteria trellis



With anti-fly defenses in place, Johnnie works on his watercolors



Cisco & Jud in the yard



Chink & Whitey

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Wednesday 21 September 1988

To highway, drove to San Simeon and met dad for lunch. He talked about the property problem.

Then drove north and got stitches removed at Big Sur Health Clinic.

Then south and arrived here after dark. Tom E. is here from Wash.

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Sunday 25 September 1988

To town in Tom's truck to buy hay – no feed stores were open on Sunday! Got groceries and went to John Larmour's book signing at Amphora – arrived a little on the late side – saw David Shiffman.

Back home by sunset.

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Wednesday 28 September 1988

To town in Tom's truck again. Put 10 bales in truck. I went separately in my car. Arrived in Big Sur late – saw Jo Kooyman at P.O. – just arrived from San Juans – introduced him to Tom. Parked truck and I will unload tomorrow.

Thursday 29 September 1988

I go down myself and unload hay – dragging each bale from gate to stash place.

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Saturday 8 October 1988

Warm temp.

Extracted honey today with Tom. Took surplus from lower south and lower middle hives for extraction. Gave a medium super to lower hive by swing (this year's swarm #1). Swarm #3 is queenless. The rest was extracted – got about 4 and a half gallons of light deerlover honey.

Sunday 9 October 1988

Warm again.

Extracted more honey – a couple of frames from upper hive, but most of those frames were dark madrone and were exchanged for deerlover frames from the 2 lower hives (middle & south). Got another 2 gallons today, mostly deerlover with a little toyon mixed in the cells.

Total this year was 9 gallons 1 quart in June; and 6 gallons 2 quarts in Oct. = 15 and three quarters gallons from 3 hives, a little better than the 15 gallons from 3 hives in the wet year of 1983.

Left half-filled deep supers on upper hive and lower south and lower middle. Left lower east hive with its 2 medium supers – this hive was neither robbed from nor supplemented this year. Took full medium super from lower middle hive for this year's swarm's winter supply.

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Wednesday 12 October 1988

Tom left today.

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Monday 17 October 1988

To town. Lots of talk about property, etc.

Dr. Gorelick took off 5 wens from my head today. Also told me that material removed from chest was basal cell carcinoma.

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Sunday 23 October 1988

John & Marilu's wedding today.

Walked up Agony Trail – fairly warm.

Met Penny & Paul just as I reached Coast Ridge Road. Rode with them to Marble Peak. Kimball stationed at Anderson Pk. with CB radio.

Lots of people – gave Marilu a cork oak and honey and walnuts. Lots of food and friends. Read poem – *Excess of God* by Jeffers. Giant tent on heliport – Stock band, mariachis, etc., etc. Got home by midnight.

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Tuesday 25 October 1988

Stitches removed from head today.

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Saturday 29 October 1988

A couple of dozen cedar waxwings in black walnut below house.

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Saturday 5 November 1988

Went up to Marble Peak and had dinner with John & Marilu and John's sister and brother-in-law, Isabel & Mike Forbes. Spent night on couch. Wind chimes.

Sunday 6 November 1988

Forbes' left me off at top of Agony Trail at 9am.

Monday 7 November 1988

Up at 4am, fed stock. Clear, mild temp. in AM.

Arrived at Bottcher's Gap at 8:20am, waited till 9:15 for David Lutes of Monterey County Planning Dept.

Met at Scout dining hall at 10am by Robert Lambert, Asst. Scout Exec. of Monterey Bay Council, and Barry Wright, camp ranger. We were given tour of trees the scouts want to remove. Examined area for *Pedicularis dudleyi*, found only one, which Corky and I had seen in August. Lambert was extremely rude and abusive of me, Kuska, and California Native Plant Society. Met with Roscoe Rowney, of CDF, at noon. Left Bottcher's Gap at 3:30.

Cold south wind and high cirrus and cirro-cumulus moving over in afternoon. Temp. drop a lot and looking like rain.

Arrived home by 8pm.

Tuesday 8 November 1988

Clear.

To Grange to vote, then up to town for groceries, etc.

Arrived home after dark.

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Monday 14 November 1988

37°
.03
2.97

Read .78 in north gauge, .75 in south gauge.

37° at 6am.

Patchy cumulus, cold north wind up to 30-40 mph.

To hiway, arrive at Post Ranch at 11am. Did plant survey with Jud for Micky Meunning. Had dinner with Kaye, back here by midnight.

Sprinkle of rain at Post Ranch at 2-3pm.

Reports of 3" snow at Cone Peak, dusting at Anderson Pk.

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Thursday 17 November 1988

Read .82" in south gauge, .78" in north gauge.

Clear weather.

Spent day typing letter to David Lutes and preparing plant list for Post Ranch.

Friday 18 November 1988

39°

Clear and cold in AM – north wind. 39° at 6am.

Down hill and arrive at Vandeveres' at noon. Went with Jud for quick plant survey in Carmel Highlands for the Riskos. Typed that up and Post Ranch report and left Vandeveres' at 5pm. Did groceries and left town by 6. Arrived here at 9:30.

Cold, 45° at 9:30, with large cloud deck of high cirro-cumulus moving over from west at night.

Saturday 19 November 1988

High cloud deck moving to south by noon, clear later with mostly south wind. Clear air, flat ocean, cool in shade, but temp. warming up.

Sunday 20 November 1988

Cool in shade, mild in the sun. Clear sky and air, flat ocean with large swells from west.

Dug trench – 35' X 1' X 20" along south edge of garden patch by swing. Will put contents of outhouse there soon. Moisture from 3.79" of rains seems to have penetrated ca. 20" in the garden soil.

Monday 21 November 1988

Cleaned out "guest room" in barn, put all of Robert's stuff in 18 boxes and stashed in hayloft.

Brought 3 loads of wood down from upper flats – split and stacked 2 loads in wood room.

Thin, high overcast later in day, with north wind in AM and south in afternoon. Mild temp.

Huge ring around nearly full moon.

Swells in west increase today.

Tuesday 22 November 1988

2.0
5.79

Slight drizzle at 8:30am, off and on until sunset, then drizzle increases to light rain, with winds up to 30 mph by midnight. Rain and wind increase through night.

Cut, split and stacked 4 or 5 wheelbarrows of wood, finished at 12:30 when drizzle increases. Cleaned house rest of day.

Put stock in barn most of the day and over night.

Wednesday 23 November 1988

39°, 9pm
.95
6.74

Read 2.0 in north gauge, 1.11 in south gauge.

Winds around 20 mph, gusting up to 40. Heavy rains off and on with heavy drizzle in between. Mildish temp. – around 50, or so.

Pressure in faucets has quadrupled overnight – aquifer must have recharged last night with the rain.

Rain quit by noon, after north wind shift at 9am. Cold, gusty, up to 60 mph, and 45° at 10am. Heavy occasional showers after 10am, light sprinkles off and on 11-12 noon. Clearing after noon, with scattered cumulus and high cirrus at sunset.

Emptied contents of outhouse in long trench – 3 and a half wheelbarrow loads. Hosed out sitting area.

Full moon tonight.

39° at 9pm.

Thursday 24 November 1988

.71
7.45

Read .95" in north gauge.
40° at 6:30am.

Thin, high cirro-cumulus over all of sky, cold north wind around 10 mph by 8am.
Cloud layer breaks up some, but definite rain front moving in from NW by noon.

Left here on foot, met Kaye at Vista Pt. and she drove me to Coastlands. To town, then with John Ashley, and dinner at David's with Sara, Marie Murphy, John & Marilu. Got ride south with John & Marilu, walked down Agony Trail in cold drizzle, with decreasing wind from south. Arrived here at 12:30am, or so. Built fire, warmed up. North wind after 1:30am, clearing sky.

Water pressure back to normal, *i.e.* very low.

Friday 25 November 1988

.03
7.48

Read .71" in north gauge.

Patchy clouds decreasing through the day, drizzles after 10am, quitting by 1pm. Clearing at sunset, which was very beautiful, with lots of pink fluff in all the canyons, rich orange clouds above and in west. Seemed like the same gorgeous sunset the day Dick Price died, and realized it was 3 years ago, to the hour.

Saturday 26 November 1988

Read .03 in south gauge.
45° at 7am.

Clear with north breeze in AM, switching to SE for most of day. Warming temps. in afternoon.

Tried straightening metal front door. It's better. Tied up (and down) fruit trees planted this year. Used plastic baling twine to tie branches and trunks to gopher wire.

Big passage of pigeons over upper orchard while I was there. Lots of pigeons the past week or two.

4 mountain bikers came up back trail. Told them they must turn around.

Sunday 27 November 1988

48° at 7am, clear sky with a little patchy fog on coast and on ocean. Slight south breeze.

Got stock at Waters Pt., the area where grass slope above Big Slide meets forest.

Put stock in barn overnight.

Monday 28 November 1988

No breakfast for blood test. To hiway by 10:30.

Car had been broken into, wind wing hinge broken on passenger side.

Jumper cables taken.

At Shiffman's at 11:45, to Vandeveres' at noon. Jud has a bad cold. Called Corkey Matthews.

Then shopping in Monterey, Carmel Valley and mouth of valley. Left Tin House Road at 5:30pm, arrived home in dark. Stock in barn.

Tuesday 29 November 1988

To highway by noon, then to Big Sur, P.O., and phone at Pt. Sur. Tried to get dad, talked to Jud, no insurance on car for break-ins. Saw Katy while packing bale of hay on Whitey. Left there around 4pm, arrived here with a little light. Turned stock loose. Katy thinks one of the mountain bikers may work for Everitte Makowski.

SE or east Santa Ana winds.

Wednesday 30 November 1988

Mild temp. today.

Filled in 55' of water line, and hauled down 2 wheelbarrows of wood.

Sat at 5pm with healing circle, during which felt first symptoms of Jud's cold.

Thursday 1 December 1988

Feeling rotten today –

Mild fever, coughing, sneezing, blowing nose, etc. Jud's legacy.

Ate first Owari Mandarin from potted tree. Delicious, sweet, ripe, seedless. 3 left on bush.

Started eating Meyer Lemons from north bush. They are ripe and make good juice for a cold.

Nice temps., high cirrus, Santa Ana winds.

Picked 5 lemons.

Friday 2 December 1988

Sick again.

Nice weather, Santa Anas.

Thick cloud deck at night.

Raccoon raided barn last night. Overturned plastic garbage can and ate some cat food. Tracks all over floors, above and below. Cisco followed scent down back trail. It must have come up from Swiss Camp.

Saturday 3 December 1988

Felt better today than yesterday. Ate more of Owaris, picked lemons.

Santa Anas, up to 30 mph.

Watered avocados.

Cirrus and cirro-cumulus.

Picked 3 lemons.

Ate last persimmon today. 7 or 8 is this year's crop.

Still eating tomatoes and Muscats too.

Sunday 4 December 1988

Feeling better, but still low fever. Ate last Owari, picked more lemons.

Watered potted citrus, loquat, Honey Mandarin, etc.

Dug out chicken faucet, which leaks. Will wait for pressure to build up, since used up enough water today to leave upper barn without. Water pressure back at chicken shed by sunset. Slight leak at hose-clamps. Wind slight from north after 12 noon. Lots of cirrus and cirro-cumulus in west at sunset.

Raccoon has not returned – dislikes Purina?

Picked 5 lemons.

Called Jud and had him cancel doctor appointment, mechanic appointment and trip for Tuesday to Pico Scout Camp.

Monday 5 December 1988

Mild, with passing patches of high cirro-cumulus, little breeze, from SE. Slightly hazy air.

North wind picks up thru the day, gusting up to 20 mph.

Picked 2 lemons and watered the 2 Meyers.

Water pressure poor, but steady.

Tuesday 6 December 1988

Gusty north wind all day, up to 30 mph. Air a little hazy. Fog forms out to sea beyond Pfeiffer Pt. and all along wind line. 70° at 2pm.

Mucked out barn and put 2 wheelbarrow loads in middle terrace.

Feeling better, but still coughing and sneezing some.

Picked 4 lemons.

Very gusty north wind later in afternoon, gusting up to 50-60 mph late at night.

Wednesday 7 December 1988

Strong north wind gusts at sun up, citrus pots knocked over, etc.

Air very clear and lots of whitecaps on choppy ocean. Gusts up to 60 mph taper off until relative calm at noon. Temp. 58° at 7am.

Picked 4 lemons.

Watered potted stuff around house.

Thursday 8 December 1988

Feeling well enough to stagger down Waters Ridge for stock. Warm temp., a little SE breeze. A few cirrus. Stock grazing on flat above Big Slide – Chink would not be caught. Rode Whitey to Jim House Spring and caught horse there. Rode horse home, arriving here at 3:30pm.

Feeling weakened afterwards.

Friday 9 December 1988

Up fairly early. Mild temps.

Packed down laundry and kerosene can. Arrived at Wells Fargo at noon and got run-around with Dad's check, but got property taxes paid. Then to Vandevere's, did laundry. Talked to Corky and will go to Pico on Tuesday *maybe*. Make appointment with Shiffman for 3 Jan. 89 at 11:45, will also meet Jud on Tuesday for botanical report at Rocky Point. Revised contract for Gorda job on December 21st. Corky also said I should contact Father Hale at Camaldoli regarding plant list for Hermitage – with pay! Got kerosene, groceries, arrived home at 9pm. Put stock in barn.

Raccoon raided cat food in loft again last night. Thursday night regular?

Corky also said that David Lutes (Monterey County Planner) will require Boy Scouts to complete full EIR, timber harvest plan, etc.!! An actual victory.

Saturday 10 December 1988

Warmish, with breeze from SE. Hazy air, no fog, some high cirrus.

John Magee, Mark Eikenberry & Paul (State Park Ranger) came up at 11:30 and talked about Ewoldsen Trail. \$100,000 available for rebuild and reroute. Ray wanted to know property lines below Michaels Pt. Showed them around that area in afternoon, and also old trails at Jim House Spring and above.

Got back here at 4pm. Rode horse and let mule follow. Put them back in barn tonight.

Feeling a little feverish still, but much better.

Sunday 11 December 1988

Warmish, a little haze, almost no wind – a slight breeze from SE. Clear above.

Staked stock in grass by lower walnut trees.

Monday 12 December 1988

Mild temp., few clouds, SE wind.

Staked stock in garden patch by swing.

Ed Leeper came by at 3pm. He had gone up firebreak earlier, to Coast Ridge, and was on his way down when he hollered at back gate.

Picked 4 lemons.

Tuesday 13 December 1988

Clear above with a little fog out to sea. SE winds. Warmer temps., but cool in shade.

To hiway by 8:30 and P.O., then arrived at Palo Colorado at 9:15-9:20. Met Corky, John Otter and Hugh Smith at 9:30, and arrived at Pico Blanco Scout Camp at 10am. Saw that 2 Douglas Firs were cut at camp 3, felled across river and into lousewort area. Lots of duff damage where these 2 trees were removed. Also, all timber to be milled was marked. Hugh Smith told of fire of 1938, when Joe Calandra was killed. Said Walt Trotter was on the crew. Met Jud at Rocky Pt. and did plant survey on property across from Morris horse pasture. To town at 4:15, groceries, etc., arrived home at 8:30pm.

Wednesday 14 December 1988

37°

Cold temp., SE wind up to 20-30 mph, lots of cirrus. Some fog on coast and out to sea. 37° at 6am.

Relaxed and did house cleaning.

North wind gusty in night, up to 20 mph.

Fog had risen steadily thru the day, from 300' at 8am until just engulfed cabin at sunset. Fog drew back thru night, until gusty north wind after midnight.

Ate first Nagarin Kumquat and it was delicious – juicy, thin rind, and sweet with special tang.

Picked 2 lemons. Moderate amount of blossoms forming on both Meyer bushes.

Thursday 15 December 1988

38°

.20

7.68

No fog, but lots of very thin high cirrus blanketing upper sky. Patchy cumulus building up after 7am. Gusty north wind in night, up to 30 mph. Then very strong gusts from east or NE, starting around 8am, after a quiet period from sunup to 8. Cold temp., around 38° at sunup.

Winds continue to increase until maximum of 90 mph around 2pm. Wind came in gusts every 1-5 minutes, with 20 mph wind in between.

The pressure on barometer was 29.67" and snow started to fall. A blizzard, but none stuck. High winds, 70-80 mph, and snow until around 4:30pm. Clouds broke up some,

and 5-10 minute gusts of 60 mph. After sunset, occasional drizzles of snow/rain between gusts of wind up to 40-50. At least one sustained downpour late at night.

Prepared plant list for Rocky Pt. property.

Friday 16 December 1988

.07
7.75

Read .20 in north gauge.

Winds around 30-40 mph, gusty, cold temps. in low 40's in early AM.
A sprinkle of rain right at 8am, until 8:30.
Rain off and on thru day, and a little snow flurry in afternoon.

Lots of snow on Coast Ridge down to about 3,500', but melting in afternoon noticeably.

Occasional snow/rain at night, but very light.

Picked up 5 windfall lemons. Damage to Meyers consisted of 10% leaf loss, 80% blossom and new growth loss. Some freeze burn on new growth and flowers. Most of small, unripe fruit came off.
New growth on potted Lisbon Lemon was freeze-burned.
Honey Mandarin lost 60% of foliage and a few young branches.

Saturday 17 December 1988

.28
8.03

Read .07 in south gauge.

Patchy clouds in AM, wind from east and NE, cold, high 30's at sunup. Drizzles now and then from 10, or so, with a couple of good rainbows over Partington Canyon. Heavier cumulus in afternoon and heavy rain for 15 minutes around 3:30pm. Some hail at that time and a little buildup, but melts in 10 minutes. Clearing later, with north wind until sunset, then from SE or east.

A little snow or hail visible on Tin Can Ridge, but mostly melted. John Cluett reports a little snow falling in AM at Marble Pk.

Sunday 18 December 1988

T

Read .28 in south gauge.

Patchy clouds, some high cirrus, and cumulus down around 3,500 – 4,000'. Cold, 40° at sunup. Wind mostly from SE, but variable.

A little snow on top of Tin Can Ridge and on very summit of Andy Pk. – just on Vortac Flat. Lots of snow on Mining Ridge.

Cleaned and repaired water bars to the Tin House Road. Ate lunch at Tin House, picked pecans. Sprinkle of rain while there. Back here by 2:30. Trace of rain here at 3pm.

Monday 19 December 1988

.95

8.98

Slight sprinkle of rain from 7am to 8am, then a heavier drizzle/rain off and on until 10am. Wind starting from north, then from SE after 7:30am, about 15 mph.

Arrived at highway at 10:15 after wet ride. To Vandeveres', made phone calls, wrote checks. Worked several hours on Rocky Pt. job, had car worked on and picked it up at 6pm. Packed home groceries and grain. Arrived here around 11pm.

A little sprinkle on hiway at Partington Ridge at 8:15, then clearing cumulus with cirrus above. Big ring around moon. Light north wind, cold temp. Thickening high cirro-cumulus covering sky by 1am.

Tuesday 20 December 1988

1.30

10.28

Read .95 in north gauge, .68 in south.

Thick cloud cover with ceiling at 2,800', and some fog below, then ceiling drops by 9am below here. Drizzle around 9am, off and on until steady rain by 1pm. Wind up to 25 mph from SE. Cold temps. below 45°.

Rain throughout the day. Still raining at 4:30, when I muck out stalls and water stock.

North wind after dark, cold and gusty. Rain stops later.

Picked 7 lemons today.

Wednesday 21 December 1988

FROST

36°
.03
10.31

Read 1.30 in north gauge, 1.01 in south.
Cold, gusty north wind, temp. at 36° at 7am. Big puffy cumulus moving over Coast Ridge. Light frost on grass.

To highway, met Johnnie & Jud at 9:10, to Gorda for biological report at 28 acres west of town. Saw 99 elephant seals on beach, peregrines, did plant list, finished at sunset. Dinner at Pacific Valley, then home by moonlight. Arrived here at 9:00pm. Some showers from squalls at 11am and 2pm at Gorda.

Dusting of snow this AM, visible down to 3,400'.

Thursday 22 December 1988

36°
2.35
12.66

Read .03 in south gauge.
Gusty SE wind up to 25 mph at 8am. Ceiling below cabin. Sprinkle of rain began around 7am. Off and on until heavy rain starts at 9am, winds up to 50. Periods of very heavy, steady rain with lots of runoff. Rain lets off some around 3pm. North wind begins then. Rain squalls until 4:30pm.

Water pressure was low at 8am, very high by 2pm. Checked water line and there is very big leak right by roots of big oak at back gate. Washed dishes and shut off water near water tank at 6pm. Water dripping into root cellar now.

Clear and cold at night – full moon and 36° at 9pm.

Friday 23 December 1988

FROST

Read 2.35 in north gauge, 1.45 in south.
Light SE breeze at sunup, high cloud deck moving in from west. Temp. 36° on north side house. 1/8" thick ice on standing water. Frozen ground. Raccoon tried for cat food again last night – couldn't get lid off plastic garbage can – can was in shop!

Left here at 10am, arrived at Pt. Loma at 7:30pm. 8.5 hours driving time. Got sick as soon as I got to Mom & Bob's, vomiting and diarrhea. They took me to hospital at 11pm.

Rain started in Big Sur in the night, severe winds and heavy rain. (Marble Pk.)

Saturday 24 December 1988

Spent early AM in ER at Pt. Loma hospital, 2 liters IV fluids, diarrhea. Recuperated with Mom & Bob, then Christmas Eve at Cinnie's. No food for me.

Visited with Cinnie, Pat & Joaquin & Pat's kids, Travis & John.

Called Dad.

Rain started in San Diego at 7pm.

Rain continued in Big Sur in early AM, turning to snow during the day. Snow fell through the night. (Marble Pk.)

Sunday 25 December 1988

ICE

Read 3.70 in north gauge, just over 2" in south gauge at sunset today. Ice on water at 5:30pm.

Left Pt. Loma at 7:30am, Nipomo at noon (I think), parked at Tin House Road at 2:45, left at 3pm, very slow walking. Arrived here at 5:30. Saw snow in tree crotches at jct. of Tanbark Trail with Overstrom Trail. Snow here was around 3" in the shade.

Raining in squalls from Pt. Loma to Hot Springs – all on north wind. Pretty rainbows, very clear air all the way. 75 mph cruising speed.

Snow flurries at Marble Pk. thru the AM into afternoon, then clear.

Monday 26 December 1988

ICE

Ice is ½" thick on standing water in AM. Patchy cumulus throughout the day. Temp. in 30's all day. Periods of bright sun. Cut some firewood. Picked 6 lemons. Lots of snow in the shady areas. Severe diarrhea all day.

Tuesday 27 December 1988

ICE

.35

16.71

Ice on standing water. Cold and cloudy, wind from SE, cumulus ceiling at 3,500'. Very fine drizzle starts at 9am, then quickly turns to small sleet, then snow after a few minutes. Big flakes fall after ½ hour and continue for 2 hours, then wind from north and

intermittent snow squalls. Squalls off and on thru the night. No heavy snow build-up – up to 2”. Cold gusty north wind at night – up to 40 mph, temp. around 30°.

Severe diarrhea all day.

Wednesday 28 December 1988

ICE

Read .35 in both gauges.

Patchy cumulus, temp. in low 30’s, lots of ice on water. Snow dusting everywhere, very nice, but melting fast. Snow stays in deep shade all day.

Relief from catharsis at 8am.

Cut some firewood.

Picked 5 lemons.

Thursday 29 December 1988

ICE, FROST

Thin ice on standing water, some frost on grass. Clear in early AM, and some cirrus in west at 9am. Temp. 38° at 8am. Light SE breeze.

Brought down a couple loads of firewood from upper flats. Still 3” of snow in protected areas there.

Finally washed the dishes.

Friday 30 December 1988

FROST

HAIL

.72

17.43

Light frost on grass, no ice. Some cirrus above, with thin line of clouds visible in far west at 8am. This turns into thick cumulus deck hitting Coast Ridge by 9 or 10, and surrounding cabin by 3pm. Slight sprinkle at 3:30pm, then real rain by 4:30 or 5. Heavy rain at times from 6-8pm. Wind from south, gusting up to 25 mph, until north wind at 9pm. Squalls off and on thru the night, with some heavy hail.

Brought down a load of firewood and cut and split what was there and stacked in wood room by 2pm.

Saturday 31 December 1988

FROST

HAIL

.09

17.52

Read .72" in north gauge.

Fairly extensive frost on low plants. Some hail build-up, but most of snow melted in the rain. Dusting of new snow down to 3,500'. A couple of sprinkles of rain from 7-9am, as cumulus squalls move in from NW. Clear crisp air.

Sprinkles off and on, then some good rain in the middle of the day. Some light hail in mid-afternoon. Showers very light until just before sunset, then clearing.

Lots of new snow on Coast Ridge.