



Bardini

# The Backside of Beyond

The Bardini Foundation Newsletter

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## Bardini's 10th Anniversary Bash August 4th

Yes, it's been **ten years** and Bardini lives!

The Bardini Foundation will celebrate its tenth anniversary on **Saturday, August 4, 2007 at Mill Creek Station**, just 8 miles north of downtown Bishop on Highway 395.

There will be a BBQ, keg beer, and pot-luck cuisine. **"Cowboy Bob" Behrendt will be serving up tri tip and chicken** and anything else we can think of between now and then.

**Gary Bard** and **Tom Carter** have been working with all of Allan's 35mm slides and we intend to have a wonderful show for you in Mill Creek's new indoor theatre. There will even be some old videos of Allan from river trips, ski school, back-country ski trips.

Other slides from old Yosemite days and even some from the Karakoram in Pakistan will be shown. If you have some of your favorite Allan Bard slides bring them along. We'll have a few Carousels, trays, and stack loaders available

This will be a party you won't want to miss. **Roger Derryberry and Mary Lou Long** at Mill Creek have been working steadily on the Station and have finished their new indoor media theatre.

Don't miss this opportunity to see people you haven't seen in ages and enjoy a Bardini party like the ones we used to have on Sierra Street. Mark your calendar.

**Saturday, August 4th, 2007.**

## Remember This Guy? Well, We Will At The Bash



Photo by Jules Barklow



## We Did It Again Thank You & DEW

Our fund raising drive that was initiated with our newsletter last December had a goal of \$4000. Well, the official results as of March 15th totaled \$4850 plus a more than matching \$5000 from the **DEW Foundation**.

Those of you that receive your Backside of Beyond newsletter via email already know that the **Dale & Edna Walsh (DEW) Foundation** offered to match all the donations received between December 15th and March 15th. When we were contacted by the DEW Foundation's director, **Shai Edberg**, in January, an email message was sent out to our email subscribers notifying them of the offer. The response was great - some people that had already donated decided to donate again since it would be doubled by the DEW Foundation.

Over the past seven years the **DEW Foundation** has been very generous in their support of Bardini to the tune of over \$25,000. Shai Edberg mentioned that she would consider making this fund-matching an annual event.

## Website Updated

The new Bardini website has been on-line for months now so it's about time we told you so in the newsletter.

It's a whole new look with added pages and lots more information, but still "under construction". The Guide Services, Anecdotes, and Photo Gallery web pages will be improved sometime this year and every effort will be made to keep the Activities section current.

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## 2007 Contributions

### Individuals

**Benefactor \$1000+**  
Anonymous

**Angel \$500+**  
Wayne Griffin  
Brian Parks  
Paul Rudder

**Patron \$200+**  
Ron Dexter  
Michael Frenette  
Roger Derryberry /Mary Lou Long  
Bruce Russell  
Paul Trester  
Russell Tucker  
David Weaver  
David Weston

**Partner \$100+**  
Andy Carson  
Yvon & Malinda Chouinard  
Bill & Sandra Crisafulli  
Michael Graber  
Clay Greene  
Glenn Hirayawa  
Joe McKeown  
John Moynier  
Walt Pachucki  
Malcom Swanson

**Contributor \$50+**  
Stu Alt  
Charles Grobe  
Ken Kerner  
Jerry & Barbara Oliver  
Frank Pierson  
Thomas Rossi  
Stan Sanderson  
Frank Waldron  
Gordon & Meredith Wiltsie

**Sustainer \$25+**  
Molly Attell  
Tani Barbour  
Joe Kelsey  
John Rosendahl  
Margaret Shasky  
Robert Woodward

**Member \$10+**  
Richard Knox  
Tom & Norma Limp

### Organizations

**Angel \$5000+**  
DEW Foundation  
**Sustainer \$100+**  
TEAM Engineering & Management Inc

## Bardini Guides Recertified

Tim Villanueva and Don Lauria were recertified as Wilderness First Responders (WFR) after completing a 3-day refresher course in the mountains above Bishop.

WFR certification is acquired through an initial 10-day course followed by recertification courses every two or three years (depending on the course intensity).

WFR, or "Woofers", certification training includes the underlying general anatomy and physiology, and the foundational skill of thorough patient assessment. Students of the Woofers course learn to recognize, treat, and prevent all the most likely traumatic, medical, and environmental problems arising in the wilderness. - including basic rescue considerations from a wilderness environment, i.e., when and how to get a patient "out of the woods".

In addition, Tim Villanueva renewed his AIARE Level-1 Avalanche Instructor qualification by completing the AIARE Instructor Training course for avalanche educators. AIARE instructors must complete the training course every 3 years to remain "qualified".

AIARE qualifications include:

- Minimum of four winters *professional* leadership experience in backcountry terrain
- AIARE Level 3 certificate or CAA Level 2 certificate
- Instructor experience on 3 or more AIARE Level 1 courses.
- Letter of recommendation from a supervising AIARE Course Leader outlining courses taught, professional leadership experience and teaching experience.
- AIARE Instructor Training Course for Level 1 and Level 2.
- AAA membership Required Continued Professional Development
- Update teaching materials as they become available.
- AIARE IT Course (every 3 years after initial IT course)

## Notes to the Editor

I was younger then, but I well remember my trips with Allan—Mexican volcanoes, Grand Teton, climbing with my kids near Tahoe—unforgettable experiences!

Wayne Griffin

Hail to the ancient Bardini climbing guide. Bless you for carrying on.

David Weston

Thanks for keeping the ball rolling.

Andy Carson

Make the goal! It is but one step toward keeping Allan's enthusiastic spirit alive in all of us.

Brian Parks

Egad! Some of us are too old for this. I planned to write a check next time I had my checkbook out, but ....

Joe Kelsey

Thanks for all your hard work.

Clay Greene

I've enjoyed reading your newsletters over the years, since Tim Villanueva added my name to the list after guiding [me] ... up Shasta ...say hi to Tim for me.

Neal Thompson

Thank you for the Bardini baseball cap. It's for my girlfriend. She's long admired my Bardini cap ... Good luck to ... the Foundation this year.

Ken Kerner

It's looking better all the time if this gets doubled.

Michael Frenette

Thank you for keeping Allan's spirit alive. Here's a little help.

Stan Sanderson

Our love, lust, and longing for AB runs deep.

Red Tucker

## King's Highway

By Don Lauria

We didn't show up on the summit by mid-afternoon. We had not returned to Bishop by late evening. We were still not back by the following morning. Debbie wondered whether she should notify the Sheriffs Department. No. Come to think of it, the Sheriffs were out of the question, I had told her many times that if I ever went missing in the Sierra the first place for her to go was Wilson's Eastside Sports. Give them the details. Let them decide what to do next. I didn't want the Inyo Search and Rescue Team out looking for me prematurely. I'd never live it down.

Where did they go? When did they leave? What route were they contemplating? How were they equipped? All these questions were asked within seconds of Debbie's disclosure to the crew at Wilson's.

The answer she gave: They left Bishop at 11:00 AM to do the north buttress of Mount Goode and .... She was immediately interrupted. No wonder they didn't get back. The Wilson people were adamant. There's no way they could do the north buttress of Goode if they left Bishop at 11:00 AM. They're lucky if they even got on the route by 1:00 PM! Those guys have as much experience in the mountains as anybody around here. They are fine. They probably bivouacked on the summit. Go ahead, head up the trail. You'll probably meet them coming down.

It was 10:30 in the morning of July 12, 1985, when Dave King phoned me to ask if I was up for the north buttress of Goode.

"Hell yes! When?"

"Now!"

"Now?"

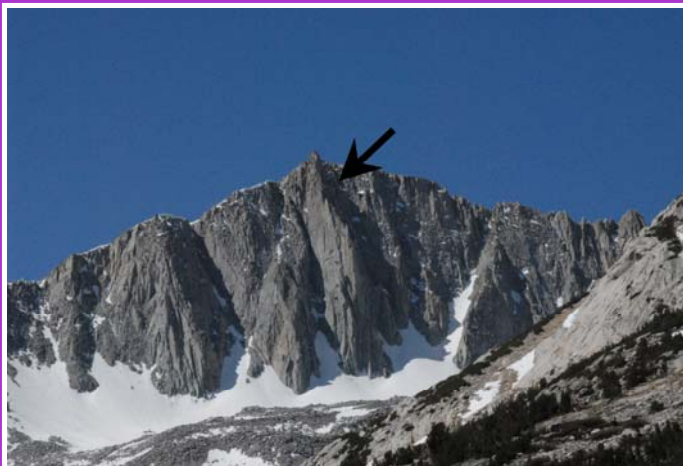
"Yeah, come on get your gear together."

I told Debbie of our plans and she decided to hike up the southeast slope of Mount Goode and leave some sandwiches on the summit for us. Great!

By 11:00 AM Dave and I were driving out of Bishop up to the South Lake trailhead.

We were wearing tee shirts, shorts, and carried small packs with climbing hardware, a rope, rock climbing shoes, and two liters of water. In addition, King had a lightweight nylon wind breaker and I had a down sweater, nylon wind pants, and a red onion. The onion was the sandwich ingredient that Debbie had forgotten to take with her when she headed up the trail.

At the base of the buttress at about 1:30 PM, slipping and sliding on the steep snow in our rock climbing shoes, we realized that maybe, by the "looks" of it, we were not going to do the buttress route. It "looked" way too difficult to start this late. So we started traversing to the right, to the west of the buttress, until we found easier looking terrain. We had no idea whether a decent route lay ahead of us, but we just started taking the path of least resistance.



**Mount Goode from Long Lake on the south fork of Bishop Creek.** The north buttress dominates the center of the face and leads directly to the summit, King's Highway lies in the darkness to the right. The black arrow points to the "outhouse".

As the warm afternoon dragged on we swapped many leads on relatively easy fifth class pitches until King ran into difficulty surmounting a slight overhang. King is arguably as good an un-roped 4<sup>th</sup> class mountaineer as there is in the Sierra today, but roped climbing using protection is not where he excels. He struggled for what seemed like an eternity before he backed off and asked me to try it. I found it quite difficult and rather than waste any more time on it, I used aid. I attached a nylon sling to the chock I had placed under the overhang and stepped into it to reach better holds above and we pushed on.

It had become apparent to me that we might end up bivouacking. The sun had dropped below the crest hours ago and now it was really getting dark. I had just finished a long pitch and had reached an

ideal bivouac ledge - lots of room and fairly flat. Perfect. "Hey, King let's just quit here and get comfortable before we lose all the light."

"Aw, come on we're almost up. There's probably only a couple of pitches left. Let's keep going. It's my lead." And off he headed into the gloom. After letting out over 100 feet of rope and waiting through another eternity (that's two in one day), and now sitting in total blackness, I heard King begin to complain about the lack of light.

"I can't see my hand in front of my face, Don. I can't see the cracks! I can't figure out how to place any protection. I can't move up. I'm going to have to stay here."

"Are you in a good spot?"

"Not exactly, it's kinda small and wet, but I can sit down and there's room for you."

Oh, now we'd done it. He couldn't place any more protection. He couldn't move in any direction. I was above the big, flat ledge and couldn't move down - not enough rope. I had one choice. Move up to King and sit out the night.

I felt my way up the pitch, removing King's hardware placements using backcountry Braille and arrived at King's perch. He had climbed a very steep crack system that abruptly widened into a 2-foot wide, parallel-sided, 3-foot deep stone "stairwell". Imagine

this. The stairwell was only 5 feet high before it closed back down into a thin crack system. The stairwell had only two steps - the one that King's feet rested on and the one he was sitting on. His back was resting against a 2-foot vertical wall with water trickling down its center. It's like he was sitting in a miniature claustrophobic outhouse with no door. The ledge or step that his feet were resting on was only deep enough for me to stand in front of him. This description is based on what I was able to discern in the darkness and what finally I was able to observe later.

"You realize, of course, that we are spending the night here don't you Mr. King? You know we could be 160 feet lower on a nice big, flat, sandy ledge, don't you?"

"I thought I could make it to summit, Don,

## King's Highway

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sorry.”

We decided to make the most of it. I obviously couldn't stand there all night, so we agreed to alternate sitting in each other's lap. It was obvious, wearing only tee shirts and shorts, that maybe our extra clothing could be swapped as part of the process. We worked out a procedure. The lap-sitter, being on the outside would wear the down sweater and wind pants. The lap-sittee would wear the windbreaker – let's not forget that the sittee also had to put up with the water trickling down his back. We would sit that way until one or the other of us got too uncomfortable to stand it any longer, then we'd switch.

At first we amused ourselves by watching the red and white strings of traffic running up and down Highway 395 on the Sherwin Grade. We talked about whatever came to mind and eventually we'd doze off. Only to awaken with a start when the sittee would fall forward and abruptly hit the end of his tether on the tie-in. This would most often result in a position switch.

We had finished all our water before the bivouac and now thirst and hunger were beginning to occupy our thoughts. Then it hit me! Eureka! I have an onion in my pack! I love red onions. Dave King uses them in his gourmet cooking, but I love them. Not only was I hungry, but the moisture was craved also. I offered King a bite.

“No way, doesn't sound appealing.”

I ate the whole thing. Now that was okay, because at the time I was the lap-sitter on the outside. But when it came time for “the switch” and I became the sittee in back of King, then came the complaining, the whining, the gasping, and the occasional tears.

“God, Don, why did you have eat the damn thing? I can hardly breathe much less sleep.”

So it went through the moonless night:

Switch ... sleep.  
Switch ... listen to the whining.  
Switch ... sleep.  
Switch ... listen to the whining.  
Switch ...

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## Bardini Winter/Spring 2007 Activities

Winter started off poorly and ended poorly. This past season (winter/spring) was the driest in over twenty years for chief guide **Tim Villanueva**. Despite the weather Tim managed to teach some avalanche courses and get some days in guiding trips out of the Mammoth and Tioga Pass areas. We are looking forward to a better ski year next season. Bardini will be offering a whole new line-up of ski trips and avalanche courses.



Backcountry ski terrain near June Lake Resort - Mono Lake in the distance.

Photo by Tim Villanueva

With sufficient light at dawn, we could see the summit ridge not more than 200-feet above. A pitch and a half and we were up.

The summit register was holding down what was left of Debbie's “lunch bag”. The damned summit monkeys had managed to shred it and devour its contents, but always thoughtful Debbie also left a can of beer. After sharing the beer, we signed in and raced down the southeast slope to the trail.

Fifteen minutes down the trail we met Debbie and Bob Bartlett on their way up to meet us.

Her first words to us, “Did you sleep well, boys?”

Bartlett just smiled and nodded, “Yeah, sure.”

### Support Foundation Efforts



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## Statement of Purpose

The Bardini Foundation is a group of friends and relatives who wish to honor and commemorate their friend and brother, the late Allan Bard, fondly known as "The Great Bardini". The Foundation was formed to continue Allan's work and carry out his plans and dreams of exposing people to the total mountain experience. In Allan's memory, the Foundation will strive to provide the common man with Muir's inspiration to "Climb the mountains and get their good tidings".

The Bardini Foundation is providing:

1. Year-round backcountry guide services
2. Sponsorship of courses in avalanche safety, mountain emergency medical practices, mountaineering skills, and wilderness appreciation
3. Continued publication and distribution of Allan's Shooting Star Guides
4. A newsletter to promote mountain ethics, protocol, and safety
5. Publication of Allan's writings and photographs
6. Funds for search and rescue groups, for training and equipment
7. Slide shows and seminars on mountain sports, safety, and photography
8. Funds to train and accredit, in cooperation with the American Mountain Guides Association, mountain guides of Allan's quality
9. Support for environmental and cultural projects of community interest in Bishop, California

## Bardini & the Environment

If one is wondering how the Bardini Foundation "fits" into the category of environmental activist, one can go to Patagonia's website grant application guidelines where it is stated that "the battle to save our environment will never be won unless the public is informed."

The Bardini Foundation has three approaches to reach the goal of an informed public:

*Recreational* through guided treks, ski tours, and peak climbs

*Educational* through rock climbing and avalanche courses

*Conservationist* through leave-no-trace classes.

All of our youth activities are conducted gratis. Our guiding and educational service fees are minimal—priced well below the market because we seek no profit and require no growth. We need only meet the immediate expense of the service. Our general operating expenses are covered through donations.

Muir wrote that the Sierra should be explored by everyone with "the right manners of the wilderness". In that vein, we strive to enlist the support and cooperation of our clientele, the common man, in preserving the forests and other natural features of the Sierra Nevada by allowing them to explore and enjoy the Sierra Nevada with specific attention to minimum impact use. Excursions of this sort, properly conducted, do an infinite amount of good toward awakening proper interest in the forests and the other natural features of the Sierra.

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### Bardini Baseball Caps



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\*combine with a shirt to save on postage



**Mount Dana**

Ansel Adams said "the mountains are more to us than a mere proving ground of strength and alert skill. Rock climbing should be considered a thrilling means to a more important end." After all, rock climbing has spawned many environmental activists, Yvon Chouinard and David Brower being among the more prominent.

Brower implied that mountain outings are "the best source of the conservation warrior." Muir argued that travelers come back from the wilderness ready to fight for its preservation. The Bardini Foundation is dedicated to creating future warriors for the wilderness.

## Bardini Foundation Activities - Summer/Fall 2007

*Sierra Peaks Mountaineering Treks*

*Rock Climbing Courses*

*Mount Whitney Mountaineer's Route*

The Bardini Foundation offers guide services year-round.  
Treks, climbs, and ski tours can be contracted throughout the year.

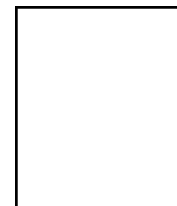
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