

The 2009 Geology Guy Calendar

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Cover Photo

Mount Whitney Trail, 1989

Starting up the trail
to Mount Whitney
from Whitney
Portal, October
1989.



Cover Photo



**January
2009**

Christmas morning
1975, I was staying at a
"cabin" on the south
shore of Whitefish
Lake, west of Glacier
National Park.

Whitefish Lake, Montana, 1975



January 2009



**February
2009**

The tip of the world-famous Gros Ventre Slide can be seen just above where the road disappears. The rockslide occurred in 1925 and dammed the Gros Ventre River creating the imaginatively named Slide Lake. The scar can be seen from several of the scenic pullouts in Grand Teton National Park, still looking quite fresh in June of 2008.

Tetons from Gros Ventre Canyon, 1977



February 2009



**March
2009**

Cabrillo National Monument, San Diego

This image was made in March 2003, before the powers-that-be began building a new structure that would hide this view. I have to admit to a bit of doctoring of this one. There were people on the front steps, but I chose to remove them...



March 2009



**April
2009**

Trail to Stonewall Peak, San Diego County, 2003

In October 2003, the Cedar Fire ravaged Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, especially Stonewall Peak. I haven't had the heart to return to this site...



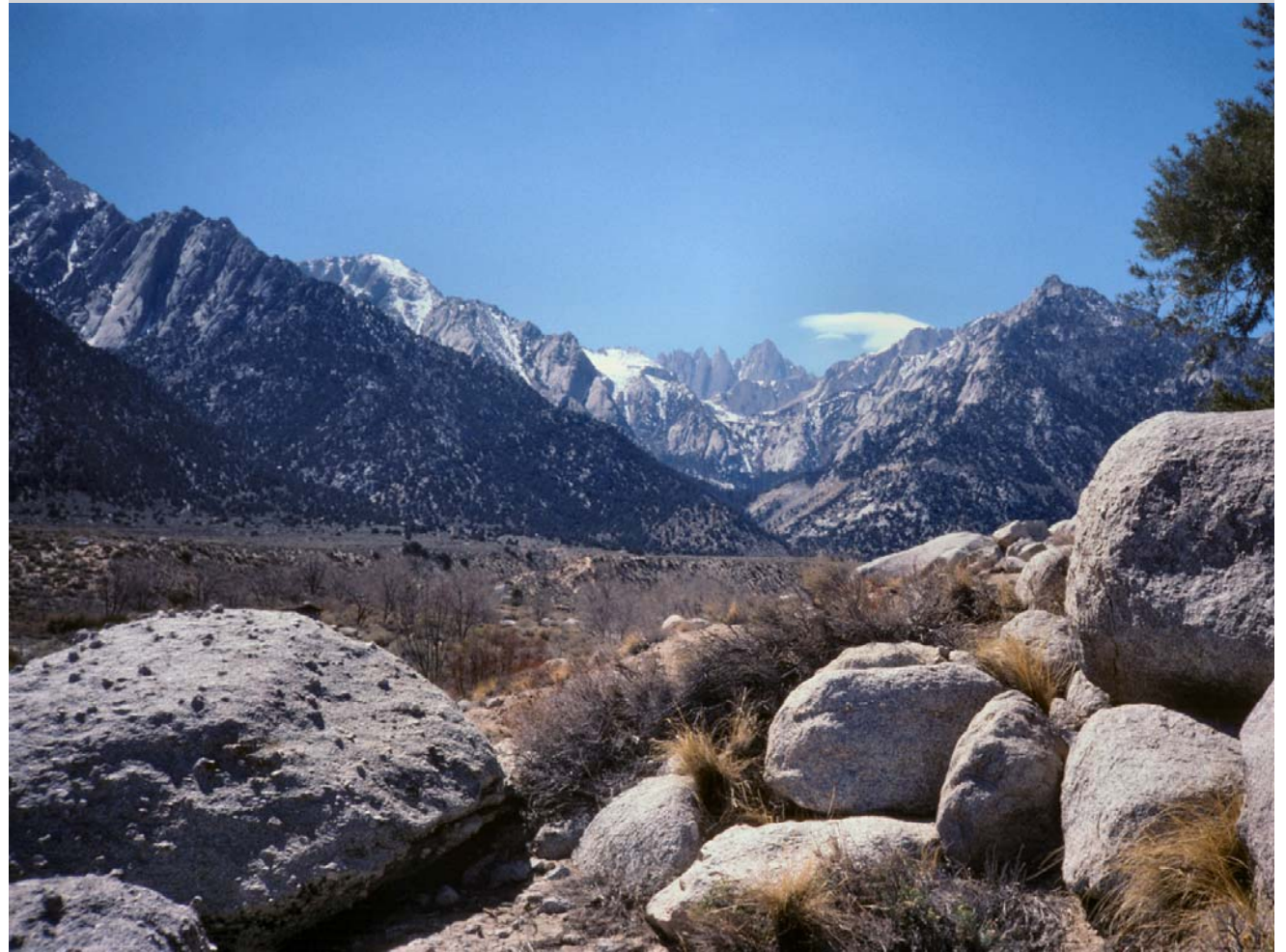
April 2009



**May
2009**

**Mount Whitney from Alabama
Hills, 1990**

Note the large feldspar phenocrysts on the boulder in the left foreground. My fascination for Mount Whitney began shortly after my arrival in California on Groundhog Day 1989. I note that I have picked three photos from this area for my calendar.



May 2009



**June
2009**

Gray Fox in Jacaranda Tree, 1994

While on a hiatus between jobs in July and August 1994, a pair of gray foxes were raising young in the canyon behind our house. I snapped this photo from the deck at a range of about 25 meters. The gray fox is the worlds only tree-climbing canid, according to my old National Geographic Mammals CD-ROM.



June 2009



**July
2009**

**Osprey over Canyon Ferry Lake,
Montana, 1975**

This image is the serendipitous result of bracketing exposures of a sunset. I didn't realize I had taken a photo of an osprey carrying a fish until I got the Kodachrome slides returned in the mail. The address of the Kodak processing plant was "925 Page Mill Road, Palo Alto, CA 94304," as I recall.



July 2009



**August
2009**

This photo was made from the road just east of Whitney Portal, a few hours before the cover photo was taken.

**Sunrise on Mt. Whitney,
October 1989**



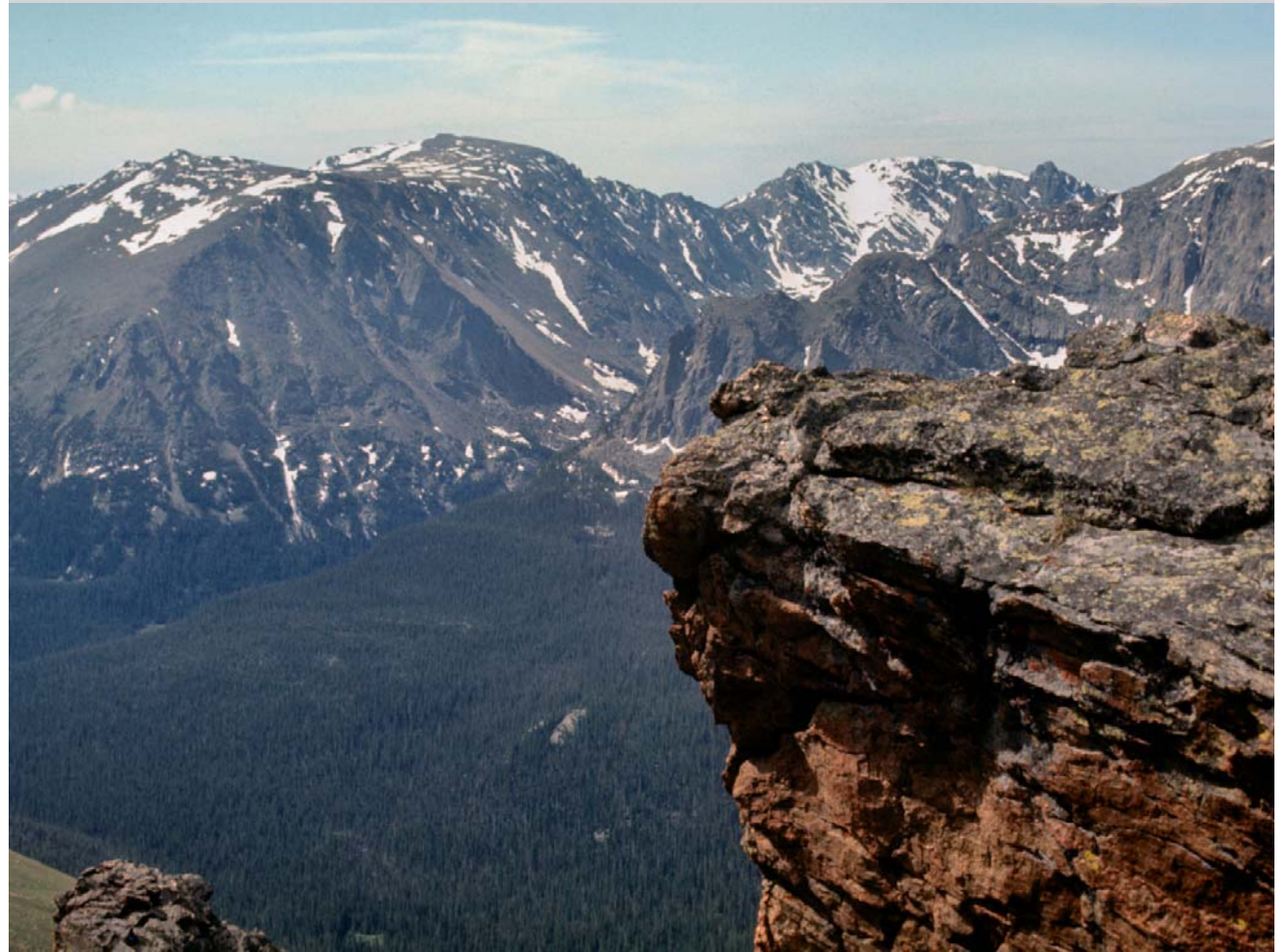
August 2009



**September
2009**

Near the high point of Trail Ridge Road, 12,183 feet, this was quite literally the high point of my 9,000-mile drive from Delaware to British Columbia. I used all thirty days of leave and eleven days of travel time allotted by the Air Force, passing through 23 states and 2 Canadian provinces.

**Rocky Mountain National Park,
1969**



September 2009



October 2009

The view is to the east toward Lasqueti and Texada Islands and the British Columbia mainland. I was on a bicycle and ferry trip from Buckley Bay to Denman Island, then Hornby Island. The ferry to Denman Island cost 20 cents (round-trip), from Denman to Hornby was free. This was part of my "overseas" assignment in the U.S. Air Force.

**Hornby Island, British Columbia,
1972**



October 2009



**November
2009**

My first semester out of the Air Force, I took a geomorphology course at the University of North Dakota, in which we went on long field trips. This one involved driving from Grand Forks to Garrison Dam on the Missouri River, over 200 miles away. We waded into the river below the dam to examine a sand bar, and the aeolian (wind-blown) dunes on it. Here's the little spider who could, trying to make his/her way up the slip-face of the dune, where the sand grains are precariously perched at the angle of repose (about 30 degrees). I think I can...

**Slipface Spider, Hensler, North Dakota,
1973**



November 2009



**December
2009**

This slide has the distinction of being the first one I ever scanned, back in 1992, at the Photographic Rental Service on Highland Avenue in Hollywood. I have quite a few pictures of the Tetons, having begun my geological career there in 1965.

**Teton Sunset, New Year's Eve,
1975**



December 2009

