

Preserving Sierra ski history on film



Ty Dayberry at the Johnsville Longboard races. Photo/Provided

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John Dayberry wants to make sure that the history of early Sierra Nevada mountaineering isn't easily forgotten. He is using his experience in wood-shop instruction, environmental restoration, back-country ski-shop management in Hope Valley and a drive to share indigenous wisdom in the modern age to document that history.

"SST-X" is a home-grown documentary film project to preserve Tahoe Sierra mountaineering heritage that goes back hundreds of years.

On an archaeological quest to learn about the early mountaineers in the Eastern Sierra, the South Shore resident started reading books on Snowshoe Thompson, aka John Albert Thompson, who delivered mail in the snowy mountains of the Sierra in the 1800s, as well as the history of back-country

skiing and the indigenous Washoe who were at the forefront of a sport that has gained great popularity today. "SST-X" stands for Snowshoe Thompson Expedition.