

# 1000 PEAKS LOOKOUT

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## HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION ANGELES CHAPTER SIERRA CLUB

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### \* MONTHLY SOCIAL MEETINGS

Our new social meetings (which are referred to in the Angeles Chapter Schedule as "Peak Baggers Social Hour") have been more successful than anticipated. Despite the Monday night and the poor location, attendance has been good and enjoyment high. Luckily, however, we have only one more meeting (February 13) at the old location. Beginning in March, we will move place and date. New dates will be the second Thursday of each month, i. e., March 9, April 13, May 11, and June 8.

The new location (obtained through the cooperation of HPSer Jerry Russom) will be the Youth Services Center Auditorium, 3317 W. Bellevue Ave., L. A. Directions: Take the Silverlake offramp off the Hollywood Freeway, go north two blocks and turn left.

Remember, that begins in March. The February 13 meeting is still at Echo Park.

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### CALENDAR - 1967

If you're not happy with the 1967 calendar you got from your milkman, and your garage man won't let you have the one on his office wall, or if you just plain need another one - try this.

We have made arrangements with West Ridge Mountaineering to send you one of their calendars for 1967. All you have to do is drop them a line and ask; they'll be happy to send it to you. Write to

West Ridge Mountaineering, 12010 West Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. and give your name and address. Just say please send calendar mentioned in the HPS LOOKOUT.

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## COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The 1967 Central Committee has made basic appointments as shown below. Additional members will be added later. If you have a particular interest, contact the committee chairman.

Membership	- Joyce Van Allen (Ch.), John Linden
Mountain Records	- Warren von Pertz (Ch.), Bruce Collier, Roger Mitchell
Schedule	- Bruce Collier (Ch.)
Newsletter	- Bob Van Allen (Ch.), Joyce Van Allen
Conservation	- Les Reid (Ch.)
Nominating	- To be appointed
By-Laws	- To be appointed
Banquet	- To be appointed

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## MOUNTAIN RECORDS COMMITTEE

The mountain records committee has projected the idea of creating a section "Climber's Guide", which is something we've always needed. The first positive step towards action was a meeting of the committee (first official after many unofficial) at the club headquarters on Monday evening, Jan. 16.

The purpose of the meeting was to formulate plans for the direction, intent, form, and over-all application to the section. At this time, the thinking is directed towards a master/copy system combined with a distribution service to all section members. In this way, they can collect and assemble their own complete "guides" as they go! For further information, contact Warren von Pertz, Chairman.

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PREVIEW OF MARCH-JUNE 1967 SCHEDULE

- Mar. 4-5 Sat.-Sun. Little Berdoo, Bernard, Eagle  
Gene Andreosky, Bob Schull
- Mar. 7 Tues. Central Committee, Schedule Committee  
plan July-October 1967
- Mar. 9 Thurs. Social Meeting, "Exploring Joshua Tree"  
Roger Mitchell
- Mar. 11-12 Sat.-Sun. Sheep, Martinez  
Bob Van Allen, Roger Mitchell
- Mar. 18 Sat. Hildreth - Anne-Marie Murray, Lew Hill
- Mar. 25 Sat. Cleghorn, Cajon, Sugarpine, Monument  
Larry Salmon
- Apr. 2 Sun. Hines - Warren von Pertz, Bob Hawthorne
- Apr. 4 Tues. Central Committee
- Apr. 13 Thurs. Social Meeting, "Yellow Pine"  
Natural Science Section
- Apr. 15 Sat. Condor, Fox #2 - Dick Akawie, Ben Neffson
- Apr. 23 Sun. Pallett, Will Thrall, Pleasant View  
Les Reid, Bernie Petitjean
- Apr. 29 Sat. Twin Peaks - Joint trip with P.C.C. High-  
landers. John Robinson, Bill Anderson
- May 2 Tues. Central Committee
- May 6-7 Sat.-Sun. Cobblestone, White #2  
Larry Salmon, How Bailey
- May 11 Thurs. Social Meeting, "Peak & Peak People  
Portraits" - Dick Worsfold
- May 13 Sat. Annual Peak Bagger Special - Bruce Collier
- May 20-21 Sat.-Sun. Old Timer's Reunion - Harwood Lodge
- June 3-4 Sat.-Sun. Pechacho, Boucher Hill, High Point, Hot  
Springs Mountain - Joint trip with Natural  
Science. John Frost, Bob Hawthorne

June 6	Tues.	Central Committee
June 8	Thurs.	Social Meeting, "Backpack Equipment and Trail Cookery" - Bruce Collier
June 10	Sat.	Suicide - Gene Andreosky, John Frost
June 24-25	Sat. -Sun.	Tahquitz, Red Tahquitz, Southwell John Linden, John Ripley

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## CONGRATULATIONS

### NEW MEMBERS

Hugh Merserve	12726 California St., Lot 71, Yucaipa 92399
Ruby Merserve	
Rosalie Jackman	Box 4094, Downey 90241
Wynne Hester	1315 Fulbright Ave., Redlands 92373
Mike Guarino	610 So. Mohawk Dr., Santa Ana 92704
Frank Riseley	8312 Bonnie Brae Dr., Buena Park
Mary Riseley	
Fred Hoeptner	2738 Montrose Ave., Montrose 91020
Debbie Kazlowski )	
Alice Akawie )	Formerly Mascots
Don McLellan, Jr.)	

### NEW EMBLEM HOLDERS

Ellen Siegal	#141	Debbie Kazlowski	#145
John Linden	#142	Alice Akawie	#146
Wally Henry	#143	Don McLellan, Jr.	#147
Joe Kazlowski	#144		

### NEW MASCOTS

Joni Riseley  
Mike Riseley  
Pat Riseley

### NEW 200 BAR HOLDERS

Frede Jensen	#5
Warren von Pertz	#6

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## ZIP CODES

If you didn't send in your ZIP and you are reading this, you can thank Dick Akawie. Through his efforts, we were able to complete ZIP coding the entire mailing list.

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## WILDERNESS CONFERENCE APRIL 7-8-9, 1967

Wilderness and the Quality of American Life is the theme of the Sierra Club's Tenth Biennial Wilderness Conference to be held on April 7, 8, 9, 1967 at the Hilton Hotel in San Francisco. The Biennial Wilderness Conferences have earned a position of prominence in the nation's conservation movement. The past nine conferences have steadily increased in importance, attendance, and news coverage. In 1965, 1200 attended, with thirty nationally-known conservation leaders participating.

In emphasizing the relationship of wilderness to quality in American life, the program topics will focus on: The Wilderness Act in Practice (Friday morning), with a dialogue between representatives of the federal agencies that manage wilderness and representatives of the citizen conservation groups that use wilderness; The Role of Wilderness (Friday afternoon), featuring three major speakers with a responding panel discussion; Forgotten Wilderness (Saturday morning), a moderator and speakers reviewing desert and underwater wilderness; and The Quality of American Wilderness (Saturday afternoon), three speakers plus a panel discussion. The conference will conclude Saturday afternoon with the principal speakers assembled to answer questions from the audience.

Some of the conference speakers will be Roderick Nash, historian at the University of California at Santa Barbara; Edward P. Morgan, radio and TV commentator; Albert Burke, TV news and political analyst; and Frank Moss, United States Senator from Utah.

On Sunday, April 9, there will be a field trip by chartered bus to the Big Basin Redwoods State Park in Santa Cruz County, south of San Francisco, with a picnic there.

The registration fee will be \$5 (students, \$2.50). Other costs are: Friday banquet, \$6.50; Saturday luncheon, \$4.75; Sunday field trip (including lunch), \$5. Tables of ten can be reserved at the banquet.

Conference Chairman, Dr. James P. Gilligan, emphasizes the conference is open to the general public. Sierra Club members are urged to encourage their interested friends to attend with them.

A registration form will be printed in the January Sierra Club Bulletin. For further information, write to Mrs. Maxine McCloskey, Executive Assistant, 1967 Wilderness Conference, 93 Florada Avenue, Piedmont, California 94610.

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## JANUARY 7, 1967 - THIRD ANNUAL BANQUET

Again, the annual banquet was a success. Last year we had 75 in attendance at Taix. If we had not changed location, we would have had 35 disappointed people this year, as our count increased to 110. For the 1968 banquet - if you would like to make suggestions about where to have it or what to have, please contact Larry Salmon.

Of those present, 61 members indicated 9159 ascents of official HPS peaks or an average of over 150. Two members declared that they have climbed all 254 peaks on the list and they are Sam Fink and Bob Hawthorne. Time lapse in earning the emblem - shortest, 4 months (by two people) and longest, 37 years.

Larry did a fine job as M. C. and the old and new chairmen made remarks that were pleasantly (and surprisingly) short.

Bill Hawkinson's program "Olympus to Everest" was most enjoyable. Bill is a good photographer and his commentary is excellent. It was a good way to make the trip and for most of us, it is probably the only way we will ever get to make such a trip - via slides.

The selection of door prizes was one which had everyone hoping to win. Anne-Marie Murray is to be congratulated on her efforts in gathering the prizes. Not to be overlooked, however, are the fine organizations who contributed the prizes. In view of their fine support of HPS, we ask that you help by patronizing them whenever possible.

Dawson's Book Shop	550 So. Figueroa	Los Angeles 90017
Gerry Mountain Sports		Boulder, Co. 80301
Highland Outfitters	3579 University Ave.	Riverside
Kelty Pack	1801 Victory Blvd.	Glendale 1
LaSiesta Press	Box 406	Glendale
Recreational Equipment, Inc.	1525 11th Ave.	Seattle, Wa. 98122
Richmoor Corporation	616 N. Robertson Blvd.	Los Angeles 69
The Ski Hut	1615 University Ave.	Berkeley 94703
West Ridge Mountaineering	12010 West Pico Blvd.	Los Angeles

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#### FOUND

1. Man's gold wedding band - Stoney Point - January 8, 1967. Contact Ken Farrell, days 675-4611, Ext. 2001.
2. Swiss knife (multi-blade) - On road to Heaps Peak. Contact Joe Darrow, 391-8027.

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#### PEAK LIST

The latest edition of the official HPS Peak List is now available. Send 10¢ and large self-addressed stamped envelope (or 20¢ without envelope) to Joyce Van Allen, 4641 Newman Ave., Cypress, California 90630. Lists will also be available at Central Committee and HPS social meetings and most scheduled outings.

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ROSS (OVER BADEN-POWELL) NOV. 6

LEADER: LEW HILL

ASST.: JIM VAN ALLEN

As fog and low clouds came sweeping through Vincent Gap, two dozen muffled figures disappeared up the trail to Baden-Powell. Two to two and one-half hours later, the near side of Baden-Powell looked like someone had spread crumbs and snowbirds, cardinals, jays, and other assorted birds had stopped to feed; in reality, the HPS had arrived without winter plumage. It became necessary at this time for several birds (for various reasons) to fly south via Los Angeles.

Continuing along the ridge, the remaining number - with frequent stops to keep in touch - rushed on. At times, because of thick fog, we left the ground. This was to climb over or around the stuff; in fact, when the peak was reached, we left a register at 7553', which is considerably higher than the topos list Ross.

After a lunch with no view at all, we headed for the ridge to re-climb Baden-Powell. As the temperature dropped we ascended, stopping frequently for air and to keep bunched so as not to lose anyone. The leader kept a machete handy for fog when it got too thick.

Soon we began to notice a rare Southern California phenomenon - ice. It was forming on us, the trees, and all exposed surfaces. Our meteorologist explained that the fog, on coming in contact with a colder surface, was forming ice. Is he right?

Everybody arrived back at Vincent Gap safely, but wondering if it hadn't all been a dream; after all - floating vapors, silver encrusted eyelashes, sugar coated trees, and two quarts of water?

LEWIS M. HILL

(Editor's Note: From where I was walking, the clouds were so low I couldn't see all that fog the leader got into.)

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THREE SISTERS

NOV. 19

LEADER: BOB SCHULL

ASST.: JOHN FROST

A sunny "shirtsleeves" day with extensive patches of snow still remaining from a recent storm, tall timbered rolling country at 8000' altitude, and a congenial group of 34 peak baggers - these are the ingredients for a most pleasant day in the San Bernardino Mountains.

The trail to the Three Sisters Peak is six miles long (round trip), with 500 feet of elevation gain, and follows a dirt road most of the way. From the summit, the panorama of snow-clad San Gorgonio is seen, with San Jacinto blooming farther in the distance. The desert from Palm Springs to Yucca Valley lies below, and the other two "sisters" are seen on the nearby ridge leading down to the east.

First to sign in at the peak register was 12 year old Debbie Kazlowski, marking her 100th climb to the top of a qualifying peak. Debbie has made some great hikes with us, and we are all proud of her accomplishments. Next in line at the log book was her smiling father, Joe Kazlowski - also celebrating his 100th peak. Congratulations to you both!

At the end of the line was young Andrew Mitchell, age 4 months, out on his first summit climb. He had little to say, but appeared to be enjoying himself. Hope to see you on many more hikes in the future, Andy.

On the way back, we stopped to note several enormous bear tracks in the snow. The animal must have been a big one, judging from the size of the prints, and it's a wonderful feeling to know that these fellows still prowl in our local mountains, not yet extinguished by the inroads of civilization. At the end of the five hour hike, about half of the group continued on to do nearby Constance.

One casualty of the day was the Akawie clan, who met us at the end of the hike for a belated celebration of Alice's 100th peak. The excuse for the delay was a crumpled fender on the family bug - they did Constance instead and met us at the trailhead for cake and coffee. This makes the fourth emblem for the family, quite an accomplishment.

Best of luck to you, Alice, and we'll be cheering for you on your second hundred, too!

JOHN FROST

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SHEEPHEAD MOUNTAIN      DEC. 3-4      LEADER: BRUCE COLLIER  
CUYAPAIPE PEAK      ASST.: BOB SCHULL

A group of hardy souls (some may say fools) met at Guymon Lodge in the Laguna Mountains for a weekend of peakbagging and good times. After a few problems of getting in out of the rain late Friday eve (and damp wood), sleep came quickly and soundly.

Due to our scheduled meeting at 8:00, most arose early and were ready for the Sheephead ascent, a reknown brush-whack. Thanks to the U. S. F. S. , the road is now much improved and 15 began the upward assault through increasing clouds. Within an hour, the leader was less than 20' from the summit, but due to some limited visibility, it was not readily recognized. As the wind velocity increased, desire to remain on the summit block dropped to nil and a rapid descent was prudent.

On reaching the cars, all participants sought warmth and food. The rains increased in intensity to the point where all but 8 said they had had enough for the day and chose to remain by the cozy lodge fireplace.

Undaunted, a select group chose to bag Monument No. 1, Garnet Peak, and Garnet Mountain despite winds which accompanied the rain in gusts up to 50 m. p. h.

A feast fit for a gourmet graced the evening table, complete with assorted beverages and Betty Hammer's German chocolate cakes (the occasion being her 29th (?) birthday). A selection of films by the San Diego Chapter completed our evening and all were grateful for the warm abode.

Sunday a. m. a group of 10 left for a rather uneventful hike to Cuyapaipa. The route up the wash proved easy and the group was on top by 11 a. m. and back to the cars, complete with mistletoe, at noon.

At this point, some departed for Julian and some cider, while a few sought added summits in Cuyamaca State Park.

We wish to thank the San Diego Chapter and Paul Cooper, Lodge host, for their hospitality and assistance. BRUCE COLLIER

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COMBS PK., BEAUTY PK. DEC. 10-11 LEADERS: BOB HAWTHORNE  
IRON SPRINGS MOUNTAIN JOHN NIENHUIS

The hike to Combs Peak was shortened by more than eight miles by obtaining permission of the new area owners, The Orange Empire Council B. S. A. to use their road. We certainly appreciated this favor, as on a previous hike we went a roundabout way to avoid private property. Some might have appreciated the longer hike: more exercise, a beautiful valley; but then we would not have had time to visit the Lost Valley Scout Camp where we were graciously shown about by the Scout Ranger. Quite a welcome after, "No, we don't want anybody in there," before the Scouts took over.

Beauty Peak and Hot Springs Mountain are privately owned and we are grateful to the owners, the Mitchells, for allowing us over their property. Usually gates are locked. All of us enjoyed seeing the old Pawnee Tungsten Mine; most of us reached the two summits and all were back to the cars by 4 p. m.

The remoteness of the peaks, the primitive roads, the changes at Lost Valley, the ruins of the mine, the original stage station near our camp, all tend to arouse one's awareness of the changes taking place in Southern California. The mountains are the same; the stage station under the large oaks is about the same; Oak Grove Campground where dusty travelers enjoyed the first shade after crossing the desert is much the same, still enjoyed by dusty hikers. Change the gas pumps to hitching posts, the pavement to the dusty roads we used to the peaks, and trade the hundreds of cars now on the highway for the two stagecoaches a week making their 25-day run from Missouri up Aguanga Valley and on to San Francisco and we have a picture of the business centers 108 years ago. Several of those present on the hike had grandparents living at that time. Could they have believed that those fine horses and coaches would be replaced in less than 50 years by steam and electricity? Who would have believed 50 years ago that the "big red cars" would soon be replaced by gasoline and freeways?

Considering changes in the last 100 years, we can only wonder what will happen in the next hundred. Will we still have camp spots like Oak Grove? Will we still have mountains to climb? Will our peaks be privately owned with armed guards to keep us off, or will more of them be publicly or semi-publicly owned like Lost Valley? That depends on what we as Sierra Club Members are doing and what we continue to do.

BOB HAWTHORNE

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RABBIT PEAK #2	DEC. 17-18	LEADER: BOB VAN ALLEN
VILLAGER PEAK		ASST.: ROGER MITCHELL

Forty people started for Rabbit and all forty made the summit. In addition, eleven of the forty also included the side trip to Villager.

It all started on Friday night with some people sleeping at home in Los Angeles, some sleeping along the way and some sleeping near the meeting place. Those who drove out Saturday morning and other early risers can recall a sunrise with coloring normally seen in many sunsets.

Many old friendships were renewed at the meeting place. By the time we left for the roadhead, we had gathered 40 people in 26 vehicles; including participants from Oxnard, Palo Alto, and Sacramento. A number of the people had tried Rabbit before and not made it. This time they were determined.

The drive to the roadhead through the dump was particularly scenic this time, as there had been several recent additions of cars and plastic sheeting. The best, though, were two new large mounds of beer cans just before the levee. One mound falls artistically about half way into the road.

Despite the recent heavy rains, we had no trouble getting to the roadhead. After a brief time for boot-putting-on and last-minute-pack-checking, we briefly reviewed the plan for the rest of the trip and departed for camp at 9 a.m.

Crossing the fan was warm but not unreasonably hot; just enough for a good perspiration. Not because we had been hiking for so long but because of the early rising time, everyone was eagerly anticipating lunch when we stopped at the 1800' saddle on the ridge. As is usual at that point, several people observed that our campsite plateau looked about 20 minutes away. A steady pace, after an hour break for lunch, and everyone was into camp before 3 p.m. Campsites were improved and fuel was gathered for cookfires and the evening campfire. At this time of year, the sun disappears from camp shortly after 3 p.m. and it's dark shortly after 5 p.m. Such a situation makes the evening (until 8 o'clock sack time) rather long, but it's a better choice than coming into camp late through the agave and cholla. Our campfire (which must have been visible in Indio) was the center of many tales (and some corny jokes). The evening was very pleasant and so was the night. The anticipated below freezing temperature was not realized.

The first cry of activity sounded about 4:30 a.m., with most arising between 4:45 and 5 a.m. We gathered by flashlight at 5:30 and with 40 eager tigers we started at 5:35 to see what Rabbit had in store for this group. The sunrise was beautiful and the weather just right for this type of effort. The first group was on the summit at 8:25 with the tail-twisters arriving about 10:30. Rabbit was number 100 for Wally Henry. A slight deviation was taken from the published schedule time of departure for Villager. Due to overall circumstances, the Villager group left at 9 a.m.; 35 minutes after arrival on Rabbit. The remainder of the group returned to camp in two sections, one under the direction of Bob Herlihy and the other with Roger Mitchell. The side-trip-group arrived on Villager shortly after 11 a.m. and while eating lunch were joined by six other Hundred Peakers who were doing Villager only from the Clark Lake side. Due to such fine company, we spent 15 minutes longer than we had anticipated, but it's always fun to meet your friends in such remote places.

Return to camp from Villager via Rabbit is the part of the trip that makes this side venture advisable only for those in very good condition both physically and mentally. It adds 7 miles and approximately 3000' to an already extensive day. The Villager group arrived at camp at 4:10 p.m. and at 4:20 departed for the cars.

The Rabbit only group began arriving at the cars about 4:30, with the last ones out at 5:30-6:00 p.m. The Villager group was at the cars at 7 p.m. The Villager group arrived at the 1800' saddle on the ridge (same place as Saturday's lunch) just at dark. The rest of the trip to the cars was made by these eleven individuals without anyone using a flashlight.

Now instead of 40 eager tigers, we had nearly 40 pooped pussy cats. This was a remarkable group - they worked well together and I appreciate the cooperation of all. This is one of the most strenuous of the 100 Peaks. Doing it on perhaps the shortest daylight weekend of the year - plus including Villager - makes it a real accomplishment.

Personally, I'm looking forward to leading Rabbit again. BOB VAN ALLEN

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KITCHING PEAK

JAN. 8

LEADER: BOB VAN ALLEN  
ASST.: PHIL RAPP

With three hours sleep after the annual banquet, this trip was kept at a leisurely pace so as not to awaken the leader.

This trip was scheduled as a joint trip with the Camera Section. At the roadhead, however, the Camera buffs decided that they would go only as far as the saddle.

There were others (29) who wanted to reach the summit. All did. The day was clear, very crisp, very windy, and provided a very chilly reception for Barbara Akowie on the attainment of her 100th peak. We encountered good

sized sections of snow all along the trail. Little waterfalls along the way were highlighted by icicles.

Lunch was topped off with a German chocolate cake to celebrate the occasion. By that time everyone was so cold that it was no effort at all to get everyone to start down. The views from this peak on a day such as this are tremendous. From the snow-covered east and south slopes of Mt. San Geronio, from Beaumont-Banning flatland out to the Coachella Valley, across to the San Jacintos, the Santa Rosas, and the Palomar Ridge - all make this a most worthwhile trip.

BOB VAN ALLEN

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EMMA, OLD EMMA  
BARE MOUNTAIN

JAN. 14

LEADER: WALLY HENRY  
ASST.: JEANNE HENRY

Fifty-one 100 Peakers and "Y's" Hikers met at the newly opened Mt. Emma Road and Angeles Forest Highway Junction for this joint trip of the HPS and Antelope Valley YMCA "Y's" Hikers Club.

It was a beautiful day and soon all 51 were on top of Emma admiring the view of Antelope Valley. On to Old Emma over the conventional fire break route, then back to the cars via a trailless cross country jaunt with lunch.

A 14-mile car caravan brought us one mile short of the planned trailhead. A winter storm had closed the road at one of the stream crossings. Undaunted, 23 of our heroes took an unscouted route to the top of Bare Mountain and all were back at the cars by 4:30 p.m.

WALLY HENRY

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## ANNUAL REPORT 1966

The HPS Annual Report has been submitted to the Angeles Chapter Executive Committee. Here in brief is a summary of the report.

During the year, HPS

1. Instituted "Mascot Cards"
2. Authorized 200 peak recognition bar
3. Acquired section first aid kits
4. Began monthly social meetings
5. Instituted "Trees for Color" memorial project
6. Gained - 35 new members, 32 new emblem holders, 19 new mascots, and 6 200 peak members.
7. Conducted 36 trips (39 were scheduled, but 3 were cancelled). On the 36 trips, 115 peaks were ascended. Participation was approximately 1131, or 31+ per trip.

As of the end of the year, we have 192 active members and 75 inactive members. Of the 147 emblem holders, we find 4 deceased, 30 inactive, and 113 active.

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NEW ROUTE TO IRON #1

OCT. 30

NON-SKED

October 30 I scouted a new route to Big Iron from the north. You can now drive (4-wheel drives and VWs) to the 7500' level on Pine Mountain Ridge. The Mt. San Antonio topo shows a trail fork here, in the NW corner of Section 25. Take lower "road", continuing south to the ridge above X-7258. From here a trail has been built which zigzags down to the "road". Continue another half mile to the switchback at 6850'. Now it gets rough. Contour (the ground is steep and not very soft) to the flat spot on the ridge just left of "36" (W) on the map. Here you face a very steep drop, but by skirting to the left to just under the "6" you can then follow a loose gully down to the freely flowing Fish Fork. Work up stream, taking the right fork twice. Then, as soon as practicable, get on the ridge on the right, passing just west of the "S" on the map. There is an exposed dirt cliff visible on the right as you go up this steep open ridge. Go over this, and contour to the right and slightly upward to the saddle at 7900'. This is a familiar spot where we have always stopped for a snack or rest on the old route over Baldy.

This new route is not easy, but it beats going over Baldy twice. Compare 6 miles RT and 2600' total gain with 12 miles and 4600' gain. All the way to Iron and back would be about 12 miles and 6000' - a long and very strenuous day considering the roughness of the terrain in several spots. Good luck!

HOW BAILEY

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ANTSELL ROCK

NOV. 25

NON-SKED

After being turned back last year because of thick manzanita and snow, three of us took off the day after Thanksgiving for another attempt at the summit. The route we took was different from the customary routes over Daugherty's property or over Apache Peak. Instead, we approached it from the west. The route included leaving Route 74 just below Keen Camp Summit on Road 5S05. We followed this road for approximately 3 miles until Road 5S05C was reached. This road is the entrance to the Fleming Ranch. We parked the car at the junction and proceeded to walk up 5S05C. This brought us to the locked gate at the Fleming Ranch, but the ranch hands have placed a wooden ladder over the barbed wire to make a climb over the wire easier. We continued on the road until we came to what appeared to be a ranch hand's or ranch master's living quarters, where we knocked on the door to request permission to pass over their property. No one responded to our knocks, so we continued on our trip. We turned right through a barbed wire gate with a red flag hanging on it and continued up this road. From here on, the early part of our trip up differed somewhat from our trip back, so we'll give what we think is the best route up from this direction.

Continue up the road after going past the gate with the red flag hanging on it. This will bring one to a "Y" intersection. Take the road to the right and continue until another "Y" intersection is reached. Again take the road to the right and continue until the end of the road. This takes one into a wash.

Continue up the wash about 50 yards until what looks like a small bulldozer trail goes up to the left. We left ducks here to mark the spot. Go up this bulldozer trail which leads into another wash. Continue up this new wash until a duck we placed in front of a big cedar tree is reached. Turn right into a wash coming down the mountain from that direction and follow this wash. The upper part of this wash is all granite and makes climbing fairly easy. There is one tricky spot that requires some exposure climbing on the way up this wash, but if one looked hard enough he could probably find a way around it. Continue up the wash until the vertical rises of the false summit area are reached. Contour around to the left (north) at the base of these rocks. One then comes to what looks like an approach up to the summit (we thought about climbing this, but decided it would take us to a false summit, so therefore ignored it). Continue past this approach until a second logical route is reached. Take this route. Exposure climbing takes place almost the entire way up, so it is a good idea to take a rope along (although we didn't use it). The route up is almost self-explanatory. This brings one out on the ridge coming in from Southwell Peak. From there only a short distance presenting very little difficulty leads one to the top. At the top, one can see the many reasons why people who took the wrong approach came close and could see the top, but never made it.

From the top, we looked over the possibility of climbing the rock from Red Tahquitz via Southwell Peak and agreed with How Bailey and Vic Miller that this is not the most desirable way to come. We felt the route we took was much easier. In discussing our route, we agreed that every guess we made was correct. Total climbing time from the parked car to the top took three hours. The weather was clear and crisp. We had lunch on top and then proceeded down. Total trip time from leaving the car to returning took about five hours.

GENE ANDREOSKY

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BIGHORN MOUNTAIN

DEC. 31

NON-SKED

During the holidays, we made several family trips to various parts of our HPS area. One of the peaks we ascended is worthy of additional comment.

Of the few people I know who have made this peak, most refer to ascents from the east by hiking a road which leads almost to the summit. A more challenging (and more interesting) trip is made if one approaches the peak from Rattlesnake Canyon to the west.

Refer to Old Woman Springs quad. Drive east from Lucerne Valley to the Old Woman Springs turnoff (unmarked). Turn right. Just before entering the ranch, turn left and proceed 100 yards, turn right onto a road which enters what appears to be a canyon mouth. This is really where Arrastre Creek cuts the hills. The next 1-2 miles is very soft, deep sand. VW bus or 4-wheel drive only should be used. VW bugs and squarebacks may not have the clearance required later. After the soft sand you reach a hard, rocky section for another 2 miles until you come to EM 3659. Turn right into the creek (steep drop off) and head for the obvious mouth of Rattlesnake

Canyon. Shortly after entering the canyon, there is a wire fence gate. Between this gate and where you drop into the creek, the "road bed" is fair (about 1 mile).

From that gate on, it is 4+ miles, all bad. Stretches are encountered for a hundred yards at a time where the sand is hub cap deep (occasionally mixed with rocks from small to 1-2 cu. ft.). If you don't have a 4 WD, or in other words you use a VW bus, be prepared to do a little pushing going in (just ask Joyce and Jim); coming out (downgrade) is O. K. Continue up canyon to the fork in the road at 4590'. This is the end of VW travel; 4 WD may continue up the left fork to the cabin at 4940'. From the fork to the cabin is probably the best stretch of road on the whole trip, but the left turn at the fork involves a 3-4' creek side wall.

From the cabin (really what used to be a cabin), proceed up the draw to the left (NE). From here you can choose several variations in gaining the summit. The register is at the North end. We chose a route which took us to the high point at 5913' first and then traversed to the register at 5894' (our official HPS elevation).

From the 4590' fork it is a 3+ hour round trip (including the high point). Two hours 15 minutes up, 45 minutes down. The driving is another matter -- 19 miles of some of the worst HPS driving I have seen. BOB VAN ALLEN

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## REDWOOD NATIONAL PARK

Nineteen sixty-seven will be the year of decision in Congress for a redwood national park. Between now and the time of decision, every effort must be made to enable the American people to understand what is at stake in the effort to save the great forests of Redwood Creek in Northern Humboldt County. One of the simplest and most graphic ways of doing this is by the showing of the excellent film, "Zero Hour in the Redwoods." This film, made by James and Veda Linford, is a splendid tour through the redwood region, showing clearly why Redwood Creek is the place that must be saved in a national park. Films are available on loan with only a request that the user pay the shipping costs. Two other films on redwoods which can be used as alternates are "War in the Redwoods" and "The Wasted Woods."

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