

100 PEAKS Lookout



" THERE ARE NO GREAT MEN. THERE ARE ONLY GREAT
CHALLENGES THAT ORDINARY MEN ARE FORCED TO
MEET! "

MARY KEMPER

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

I recently had the pleasure of sitting in on several meetings of the committee formed to postulate safety guidelines for the groups and sections of the Angeles Chapter. I was especially pleased to see how many of the recommendations and points of discussion were already established procedures within our section. We have an enviable safety record and I hope we may continue in this way.

A special note of caution -- this is the time of year when easy noontime snow slopes and ridges can turn into late afternoon nightmares. Carry your ice axe when going into snow country and learn through practice the proper method of usage.

PAUL LIPSOHN

CAR CARAVAN CORNER

One facet of trip participation that has received too little attention in the past is that of caravanning to the roadhead. On several occasions members have missed turns, etc. and missed a climb, and on one recent trip a near disasterous accident was directly caused by the caravan.

Certain unique responsibilities fall upon the leaders, while those following also have a job to do. Perhaps a brief resume of these responsibilities may help prevent future problems.

LEADER MUST: 1. Know road conditions. This can be ascertained only by scouting as close to the trip date as possible. Washouts and new locked gates can cause untold grief or delay. 2. Limit cars in caravan. Pool riders from unsuitable vehicles into more suitable types capable of negotiating the road. 3. Maintain a speed sufficiently slow that all caravan drivers may keep up. Leaders in more powerful cars than V.W.'s often gain an insurmountable lead, especially on uphill runs. One accident last year was directly caused when a less experienced driver attempted to follow a leader driving too fast for the existing conditions. 4. Wait at turns or forks until certain that all vehicles recognize the turn.

ASSISTANT LEADER MUST: 1. Bring up the rear. It is much easier for the leader to look for a particular car and know that it is the end. 2. Reclose all gates. 3. Maintain count of vehicles. 4. Stop to render assistance for disabled vehicles and notify car ahead by turning on lights.

DRIVERS MUST: 1. Keep vehicles behind you in sight at all times. If he disappears, slow down. If he stops or turns on lights, turn on your lights and stop. At turns, be sure you are followed. 2. Provide sufficient gas, oil and water for a comfortable safety margin. Remember that cars get about 1/2 normal gas mileage on 1st and 2nd gear roads.

PARTICIPANTS MUST: 1. Ride with a more experienced driver if there is any question of ability to drive a particular road. 2. Ride with someone in a suitable vehicle if necessary. Don't insist on driving your Hispano - Suiza over a Jeep road because it's too much trouble to transfer your gear.

IF WE ALL FOLLOW THESE ROUGH GUIDE-LINES THERE SHOULD BE FEWER FOULUPS IN CARAVAN.

PAUL LIPSOHN

CHANGE CORNER

There has been discussion concerning a change in the Social Meeting night from the second Thursday of each month to the fourth Tuesday of each month. Thursday is the day that preparations are made for weekend trips. Your comments are invited. If no comments are received, no changes will be made.

SHORTEST WRITEUP CORNER

CHAPARROSA PK. - BLACK MT. #4 February 7, 1971 Leader: JOHN BACKUS
DUANE McRUER

Forty-two people congregated in Ycca Valley on this beautiful but chilly winter morning. After a short but rough caravan up Pipes Canyon, the group climbed Chaparrosa Peak, gaining the top easily in an hour and a half. I counted forty-two people on top of the mountain, and two people who started didn't make it, so arithmetic is no longer reliable. However, nobody seemed to be missing when we got back to the cars, so after lunch we caravanned over to the end of the Gamma Gulch road. Two hours hiking brought the whole group to the top of Black Mt., and everyone was back out to the cars by 5:00 PM.

JOHN BACKUS

CONGRATULATIONS CORNER

200 PEAK BAR

Wally Henry #45

100 EMBLEM

Bonnie Kiefer #244
Harry Brumer #245
Fran Smith #246
Stanley Finstad #247
Sally Reid #248
Mary Forbes #249

NEW MASCOTS

Debbie Miller
Nancy Miller

NEW MEMBERS

Eugene Andreasen
Joan Blankenbiller
Lois Fracisco
Richard Gerston
Edward Kurtz
Alfred Hill
Kitty Hill
Kenneth Hooper
Franklin Meyers
Clyde Newman
Roy Nishida
Glenn Pederson
Dennis Roughton
Stephen Russell
William Russell
Howard Sweeting
John Sutherland

LEADER'S CORNER

LEADERS FOR THE FOLLOWING TRIPS ARE NEEDED.

The HPS Peaks listed below have not been led recently. The groupings show the number of years since they have been led. This is a guide-line list only and not intended to be exclusive. Other trips you may wish to lead are more than welcome.

6 YEARS

Monrovia Peak

5 YEARS

West Big Pine
Big Pine Mt.

Samon Pk.
Malduce Pk.

4 YEARS

Hildreth

3 YEARS

Caliente Mt.
Alamo Mt.
McDonald Pk.

Mt. Lawlor
Santiago
Modjeska

Pisgah Pk.
Stonewall Pk.

2 YEARS

Onyx #2
Pinyon Pk.
Scodie
Brush Mt.
San Emidigo
Eagle Rest
Antimony Pk.
Tecuyah Mt.
Lockwood Pk.
San Guillermo
Thorn Pt.
Smith Mt.

Thunder Mt.
Granite Pk.
Tip Top Mt.
Mineral
Ranger Pk.
Indian Mt.
Suicide Pk.
Southwell Pk.
Apache Pk.
Spitler Pk.
Palm View Pk.
Pyramid Pk.

Pine Mt. #2
Lion Pk.
Rouse Hill
Little Cahuilla
Cahuilla Mt.
Lookout #1
Sheep Mt.
Martinez Mt.
Beauty Pk. (Riverside)
Iron Springs
Combs Pk.
San Ysidro

North Pk.
Middle Pk.
Garnet Mt.
Garnet Pk.
Monument Pk.
Cuyapaipe Mt.
Sheephead Mt.

Contact HAL JOHNSON by card or phone if interested.

HAL JOHNSON

LEADER APPRECIATION CORNER

Paul Lipsohn
Chairman, Hundred Peaks Section

Dear Paul:

On yesterday's trip as well as on a few previous occasions I heard some criticism expressed as to the leadership at that particular time which prompts me to write to you today. Invariably the criticism emanates from persons who have never led a trip and never seem to want to add anything to enhance the enjoyment of others.

This attitude is incomprehensible to me. The leaders voluntarily burden themselves with a huge responsibility for the safety of all. They go to great trouble and spend time and money to arrange and scout their trips. They are ever ready to assist with a problem, ever encouraging and patient with the slow participant, and ever willing to lend a helping hand so that people like myself will "make the peak."

Without the leaders many of us would not have the opportunity to experience the exhilarating achievement of reaching the mountain top after a strenuous climb, to enjoy the spectacular views, the good comradeship with other hikers. I am most grateful to each one of them and want them to know that their efforts are deeply appreciated.

With all good wishes.

FERN TANTZEN

MY FAVORITE PEAK CORNER

Unscheduled Trip At Oakzanita

The joyous color of a Tahquitz sky
Is reflected across the hills of Oakzanita
By a thousand ceanothus bushes and on the high
Bank by a lupine dancing like a muchachita.
Above her sways an ancient oak with tiny pink May
Ribbons streaming from his gnarled bole.
The rich-brown earth is blue and green and gay.
The red-brown earth clings to my sole.
Past the merry oak a field is seen
Where twenty-million castillejas wheel
In a wild fandango with silver-green
Blades of grass. I join the revelry. I reel
Along the red-brown path, so high --
There is a joyous color in a blue-blue sky.

That's poetry? --- You asked for it, editor. (Ed. - From Whittier-Who?)

PROFILE IN MOUNTAIN HISTORY - NO. 12:

The Summits Around Charlton Flat and Chilao

In the early days Charlton Flat (then known as Pine Flat) and Chilao were isolated back country hangouts for horsethieves, herders, hunters, and adventurers. Two full days of strenuous travel over rough, often steep trails were required to reach these pine forested benches deep in the mountains. Then the building of the Angeles Crest Highway changed everything. The great asphalt thoroughfare reached Charlton Flat in 1937, Chilao a year later, and it was not long until these beautiful flats became crowded stop-overs for sight-seers, picnickers, and campers, accessible in an hour's drive from the city. Such is the form of "progress".

The summits around Charlton Flat and Chilao were unnamed in the days before the Angeles Crest forever changed the mountains. Mt. Vetter, Mt. Mooney, Mt. Sally, and Mt. Hillyer were all named during the mid-1930s, while the Forest Service and the C.C.C. were developing the flats into public recreation areas. The naming was done in an informal manner by Forest Service workers at the scene, who placed the names of former rangers and other Forest Service employees on their working map of the area. Later the names were transferred to the U.S.G.S. topographical maps.

MT. VETTER (5908'): Named for Victor P. Vetter, former district ranger and fire dispatcher, 1930 winner of the Bissell Medal for outstanding work in forest conservation, who died in 1932.

MT. MOONEY (5840'): Named for Joseph L. Mooney, young Forest Service telephone lineman and ranger in Angeles National Forest, who lost his life in France during World War I.

MT. SALLY (5408'): Named for Stella (Sally) Neuman, clerk on Forest Supervisor William V. Mendenhall's staff in charge of cabin permits. Sally's name was placed on the map as a joke by one of her Forest Service admirers; later she married Stan Williams, superintendent of a local C.C.C. camp, and moved to Hawaii.

MT. HILLYER (6162'): Named for Margaret Hillyer, a competent and much loved clerk in Supervisor Mendenhall's office, who died in 1933.

Thanks are due to William V. Mendenhall, former Angeles Forest Supervisor, George Armstrong, retired ranger with 42 years service on the Angeles, and Art DuFault, public information officer of the Angeles, for help in tracking down the derivation of these names.

In retrospect - and no slight is intended on those for whom the peaks are named - it seems unfortunate that the real pioneers of Charlton Flat-Chilao area have been neglected. Tiburcio Vasquez, Louie Newcomb, Bill Bacon, Jess Sevier, Tom Lucas - landmarks in the area should commemorate these men, rather than being named for persons who had no connection with the Charlton-Chilao region.

JOHN ROBINSON

PUBLICATIONS CORNER

One of our most active HPSers, W.R.C. Shedenhelm is the Editor of a new publication on the newstands. His "True's Hiking and Camping Guide" contains an abundance of information for the backpacker, camper and hiker. Don't miss this magazine! Incidentally the photographs represent many members of our group. See how many you can recognize!!

YE ED

LOOKOUT MTN. #2
SUNSET PK.

March 27, 1971

Leaders: BERNIE PETITJEAN
LES STOCKTON

These two peaks represent a favorite lead for Bernie. Equally attractive to beginners and veterans, they always attract good numbers of climbers because of their proximity, view, and late starting time. You can make them as difficult as you wish by shortening the time of ascent. You can climb them by steep fuel breaks or the longer trail and road. The weather cooperated beautifully with sunshine on both peaks. The grubs in the lowlands were inundated with clouds and threatened rain while we enjoyed ourselves thoroughly in our favorite environment.

Bernie led 38 climbers up Lookout via the easy trail to the saddle, and then the steep ridge and a short rocky area on the knife edge to the open summit. We "lost" only one climber on the trail section who decided she wasn't in condition to do the last 2300' of gain if the 400' she completed was that difficult! Beginning climbers caused some additional rest stops but everyone attained the summit. The writeup indicated we would eat at the cars, but old chowhounds, like Sam Fink, are always prepared to eat on summits. We must thank Sam as he had ascended Lookout twice the previous week preparing the trail and cutting brush as only Sam can do! We owe so much of the comfort of many of our climbs to the preparation of the trail by the Dean of Climbers, Sam Fink. He does this on his own - The leaders (and climbers are forever grateful.

Coming down the steep sections was upsetting to the newcomers and took longer than expected, but even though it wasn't raining, 5 tigers stormed down the firebreak to the cars and to an extended lunch.

At 2:00 pm, 16 diehards held to a steady fuelbreak pace up Sunset and we would gladly have stayed there until the sunset occurred - it was that kind of day! UCLA, winning the NCAA basket ball title, enhanced the feeling of well being. In little time at all the group scree running was back down to the cars; the gourmets proceeded to demolish a prime rib dinner at our favorite Baldy Village Restaurant.

Nice climb, nice people and a great finish. This annual Petitjean trip is always wonderful!

LES STOCKTON

HEARD ON THE TRAIL CORNER

"I decline to climb any mountain named 'Granite' because they are the hardest!"

JOYCE VAN ALLEN

"I have yet to climb my favorite peak!"

TOM VAN ALLEN

PAST TRIPS CORNER

CANNEL B.M. and MORRIS PK.

November 7, 8, 1970

Leader: PAUL LIPSOHN
BOB HERLIHY

When crossing Walker Pass in the wind driven rain on Friday night, I expected to be a party of one at the meeting place on Saturday. Instead, I was greeted by nine avid hikers, undeterred by the weather. All were rewarded by clearing skies and a crisp climb through the snow-dusted peaks behind Lake Isabella. We caravanned to the roadhead over paved Faye Ranch Rd. and parked on private property at the Forest Service trailhead. This trail is also used as a cattle-drive, and as such, must be one of the steepest in the country. Our route was straight-forward, following the trail to a high plateau, thence cross-country to the peak. An imposing looking summit block dissolved into easy 2nd class, to the relief of some and chagrin of others. Following a cool lunch on the summit, we returned to the cars, where seven climbers elected to proceed to Indian Wells Canyon for the Sunday climb of Morris Peak.

A spirited discussion regarding map orientation preceded our start up Morris, and was renewed upon reaching the summit of Peak 6650! We agreed that some idiot had turned left one canyon too soon. (In the dark and on an unmapped road and I was tired and the beer was cold and it was an exploratory trip anyway.). Our determined group insisted on making the 5 mile, 2500' gain traverse to Morris Peak, and the reluctant leaders were forced to yield to their impassioned pleas. We gained the summit in time for a late lunch made more pleasant by the spectacular view of Owens Peak and Indian Wells Canyon. After regaining our main ridge, we enjoyed a tremendous scree run nearly all the way to the cars. We reassembled at Tokiwa's for steaks and a well deserved rest after the 22 mile, 9000' gain week-end. The group consensus indicated that both peaks, while offering easier routes than those we had used, were good potential candidates for inclusion on our list.

PAUL LIPSOHN

MINUTIA CORNER

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA JANUARY 12, 1971
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING, SIERRA CLUB

5. Committee on Committees

Committee on Committees Chairman Cicely Christy asked permission to resign and suggested the dissolution of the committee as being anachronistic in the light of present Sierra Club organization. President Phil Berry asked Miss Christy to continue to serve until the matter could be discussed at the February Board meeting.

(Ed. - Discuss What?)

CONTENTED CORNER

I am contented in the mountains.

I am contented in other places also.

Probably if I were not, I would not be contented in the mountains either.

ANY HPSer!!!

GRANITE #2, WHALE PK.

March 20-21, 1971

Leader: HOW BAILEY
Asst: AL CAMPBELL

Fourteen HPSers met at Scissors Crossing on a lovely spring morning for the scheduled climb of Granite #2. We parked at the highest pavement in a new development area (trailers only, so far) just 3 mi. south on Hwy. S2; but one would do better to follow Great Sandy Trail from the highway to its end, turn left and follow a sandy but passable track up another half mile and 200 ft. to the road head shown on the topo. From here the route cuts diagonally upward toward the first saddle in the ridge on the right, and then more or less follows that ridge to the summit. The route is steep all the way, with some rock scrambling, but it is direct and we enjoyed a fair breeze most of the way. All 14 were on top by 1:00 pm.

We came down by the next ridge to the south, leaving the peak directly toward the east. After a very steep drop into the first pronounced saddle, we turned NNE over a shoulder and dropped down into the main wash at a point about 3/4 mi. from the end of the dirt road. This is not a good up-route, but it made an enjoyable loop for us.

We camped at the Little Pass Primitive Campground at the head of Blair Valley; but, since camping is now permitted throughout the State Park in that area, one can find much pleasanter spots--for example, the road head for Whale Pk. We caravanned to that point in the morning, and enjoyed a very relaxed hike to the top. Much of the route is now a pretty good and well-ducked trail. We were back to the cars by noon. Several took off for a more peak-bagging in the area, while others just got home early for a change.

HOW BAILEY

EXCITEMENT CORNER

"Climbing is exciting, many times I am so excited, I'm trembling all over."

RUTH SMITH

BECAUSE THEY ARE THERE CORNER

"Indeed in the deepest sense there was no victory--they had done what they set out to do--that was all and they had won the mountain's reward. They were there."

(HIGH CONQUEST - Ullman)

PEACEFUL CORNER

I have found a green pasture where waters are sweet
A place that is fragrant with balm;
A shade by the way from the desert's fierce heat
And my soul is at rest in its calm.

MARK BULLOCK

OLD MAN MTN. - MONTE ARIDO February 13-14 Leader: GEORGE HUBBARD
Asst: AL CAMPBELL

Twenty-three hikers (including seven guest who were members of an Explorer Scout Post) met at the trailhead in Murietta Canyon for, what was for many, the first backpack of the year. After signing in we hiked up the canyon along a stream to Murietta Divide and had lunch shortly thereafter. There was water available along the trail (there were three stream crossings) with the last water being at a spring which is about one-half mile east of the Divide. Many trees were also down across the trail until we got to the Divide.

After lunch we proceeded up the road to the 5000 ft. level 1/2 mi. south of Old Man and made camp there. It was unseasonably warm and the view was tremendous (visibility was at least 30 mi.). The inconvenience of cold camp was offset by the fact that we arrived at 2:30 and had all afternoon to loaf in the sun.

Sunday at 6:30 we headed up the road and, after some bushwacking on a not-too-often used trail, were on Old Man by 8:30. After signing in we bushwacked our way down the other side of the mountain until we were finally on the road again. (shorts are not recommended for this hike!). We then went up the road to Monte Arido and all were on the summit by about 10:00. We enjoyed a fine view of the Los Padres backcountry and had a snack before going back to camp.

The walk out was uneventful and all were back to the cars by 3:30.

TELEGRAPH PEAK March 6 GEORGE HUBBARD
Leader: PAUL LIPSOHN
HOW BAILEY

Blessed with blue skies and brilliant sunshine, 11 explorers assembled at Lytle Creek to attempt an ascent of Telegraph Peak via Grizzly Ridge. A short caravan up Baldy Road terminated at the Coldwater Canyon turnoff, where parking was very limited. Heading for the ridge directly before us, we crossed the creek and were immediately engulfed in Class 2 brush, which continued nearly uninterrupted for 1500 feet. At this point we broke through the brush and began climbing a very steep, loose ridge pocked with snow and ice patches, and soon emerged in a beautiful saddle between peaks 7665 and 8325. From this vantage point Pine Mtn. and Dawson Peak were especially photogenic with their fresh snow mantles glistening in the sun. At the saddle we encountered 3-4 feet of snow which covered the ridge all the way to the summit. The final 400 feet to the summit approached the vertical, and was somewhat complicated by fresh powder snow overlaying a hard crust. Vigorous step kicking sharpened already keen appetites, and we were soon on top. Our lunch stop was somewhat foreshortened out of respect for the rapid icing conditions on our now shaded ridge, and we soon retraced our route to the cars and refreshment. Of the eleven climbers, 10 made the peak, the eleventh made a respectable 4000'. Distance involved was about 7 miles with 4500' gain. The round trip required approximately 8 hours, and was generally well received.

PAUL LIPSOHN

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