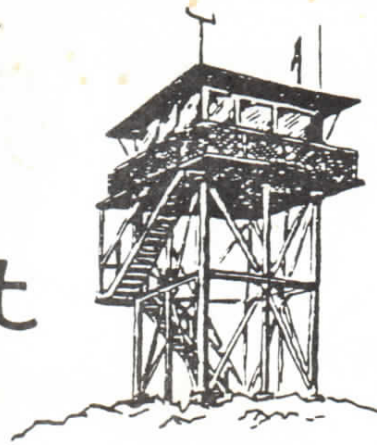


100 PEAKS

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CONGRATULATIONS
100 PEAK EMBLEM



"When does HPS meet?"

Kathy Day	The Pinnacles	4/25/85	#693
Candy Yamell	Kitching	6/ 2/85	#694
Mike Baldwin	Pinyon Ridge	7/ 1/84	#695
Carolyn Croker	McKinley	5/26/85	#696
Mary Ann Tan	Baden-Powell	7/14/85	#697



PEAK LIST COMPLETION!!!

Gail Hanna Castle Rocks 6/ 1/85 #106



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October 5-6



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Historian Charts Changing Ideas About U.S. Wilderness, Environment

By Kay Mills

SANTA BARBARA

Saving the American wilderness may now be deeply rooted in contemporary consciousness, as deeply as ripping up forests in the name of civilization once was for frontier settlers. In documenting that change, Roderick Nash, historian of ideas, may also have contributed to the process, showing that environmentalism is not a fad but an intellectual tradition.

Americans have long been ambivalent about the wilderness, Nash contends. They have viewed it as an evil place, harboring harmful animals and hindering man's progress. At the same time, they have been attracted to it for escape from urban pressures or for instruction in the humility that comes from knowing that a human being is but one link in a chain of life.

Nash, professor of history and environmental studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara, has traced conflicting views of wilderness back to America's European ancestors, across the Atlantic and up to today. He shows how concern for wilderness is an "ism" that has evolved over time and won't go away because of a set or two of hostile policy-makers.

"The whole legacy of our attitude toward wilderness is this love-hate relationship," Nash, 46, said in a recent interview.

He tracks the early growth of the United States as predicated on clearing the woods and planting the crops and the communities that constitute civilization. But early Americans were also looking for some element of life superior to the Europe they had left, and they seized on their uninhabited spaces, their unspoiled landscapes, among the earliest promoters of wilderness preservation were urbanites who didn't have to battle the land.

Nash himself came to the outdoors along an urban path. His father was a pioneering professor of health, recreation and physical education (who coincidentally had met John Muir, another pioneer who inspired Nash's studies). The elder Nash taught at New York University, and



Roderick Nash

Nash now starts many of his courses by showing a slide of the brick wall across the Manhattan alley that was the view from his bedroom window for 18 years. "I was a city kid and I could look out that window and not see a single living thing, not a leaf, not a blade of grass. I've missed most of 40 years of some things—both scholarly work and recreation has been a reaction to that wall."

His father traveled widely, by Nash's teen-age years he had fished and camped in many Western states. Nash came to think a history could be written on the changing American attitude toward wilderness—a work that would in part explain himself. "Our best books always explain ourselves, whether they be novels or nonfiction," he said. The result was "Wilderness and the American Mind," published by Yale University Press in 1967 and now in its third edition.

Now he is planning a book on the expansion of the environmental ethic—the growth of the idea that responsibility for the world around us "might not begin and end with human beings." He is tracing the expansion of a "magic circle"—the categories one wants to pro-

tect—from self to family to nation to all kinds of other people to plants and dogs and cats to whole ecosystems. And he will mark this coming year on a public television series about the American concept of wilderness, to be on camera as a Carl Sagan of the sagebrush.

Nash became hooked on history the same way he tries to attract his own students by going to the scene. Of his youthful travels, he says: "I know standing on the Acropolis, on that hill, I learned more about Greek culture, and Greco-Roman endeavor than I could from books. I needed the books as a start and then I needed the contact."

"That experience leads me to want to take students out to the canyon lands, into the Grand Canyon, to study. I believe the walls of the university shouldn't just end on the campus." Nash, who owns a ranch near Moab, Utah, where he "raises ideas," spends 80 to 100 days a year in the field.

Nash cites others thinking about wilderness today: poet Gary Snyder, who puts into words "what a lot of people feel are the central points of an environmental consciousness"; essayist Edward Abbey, who calls attention to the desert as a place of great value; photographers Joseph and David Muench of Santa Barbara (plus the late Ansel Adams) "have pretty much taken over from the landscape painters and have celebrated wild country." Then there is David Brower, who helped found the Friends of the Earth. And the women: Annie Dillard, who wrote the Thoreau-esque "Pilgrim at Tinker Creek"; Anne LaBastille, who writes about women and the wilderness, and Ann Zwinger, who writes about canyon lands.

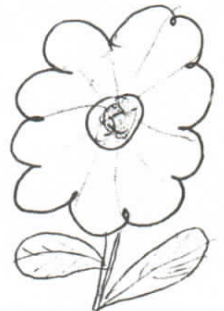
"I am very happy to see women beginning to add their thoughts because, as I wrote in my book, not many were involved earlier. . . some of the traditional roles in which women operated in this country were not conducive to being in the wilderness for purposes of enjoyment. So with a woman's perspective, human beings in general are learning some new things about wilderness."

Building on the efforts of earlier environmentalists, the current ecologists have made enormous gains, Nash says. "We must not be misled by someone like a James Watt [the former Interior secretary] or the indifference of a Ronald Reagan. We've seen the institutionalization of environmental values in such things as the National Wilderness Preservation System established in 1964. It was built upon most noticeably in 1980 by the Alaska National Wilderness Lands Conservation Act which added 50 million acres to this system and becomes, I think, the greatest single park and wilderness creation act in world history, an enormous achievement. . . . We have kept dams out of the Grand Canyon. We have a national wild and scenic river system. We have a California river system. We've lost some rivers like the Stanislaus, but we've put some in like the Tuolumne."

Nash has watched ecological consciousness change even in the program he helped start at UC Santa Barbara after the 1969 oil spill. The early years concentrated on calling attention to problems, perhaps overdramatically in some instances, creating obstacles to the course of development, stopping clear-cutting, removal of all timber from an area, stopping whatever it was.

"I think gradually in the last five years a new purpose has come to the fore, that is, that we should be concerned not with stopping development but making development as environmentally acceptable as possible. We all realized in the beginning that to drive to an oil protest meeting in your car using fossil-based fuel entailed a certain amount of hypocrisy. I think we began to see that we needed people with more practical skills who could develop alternative energy sources" or help reduce the possibility of more oil spills.

"I don't see this so much as compromising the old ideals as trying to implement and make realistic the basic ideal, which is humans and nature getting along in the long term. I think environmentalists are being taken more seriously now. They're not just a bunch of kids with long hair throwing their bodies in front of tractors—they're often people in pin-striped suits who've been well trained in the legal profession or in planning schools."



CONSERVATION NEWS

Dotty Rabinowitz

The deadline for public comments on the Angeles Forest Draft Plan is September 20th. Please re-read the center of the Southern Sierran July issue for the analysis of the plan and send your comments to: Angeles Forest Supervisor, 150 S. Los Robles Ave, Suite 300, Pasadena, Ca, 91101. The next meeting of the Angeles Chapter Forest Planning Committee is Sept 10th at the Chapter Office.

The House subcommittee voted down a strong Superfund Bill H.R. 2560 and adopted H.R. 2817 in its place (a grossly inadequate bill). The Dingell-Broyhill bill, H.R. 2817 is a retreat by Congress from an effective program to cleanup thousands of dangerous toxic waste dumps. Please contact your representatives and ask them to oppose Dingell-Broyhill and co-sponsor H.R. 2560.

SUPERFUND SCORECARD

<u>ISSUE</u>	<u>H.R.2560</u>	<u>H.R. 2817</u>
Funding level (in billions)	\$10.1	\$10.1
Cleanup Schedule	YES	NO
Cleanup Standards	YES	NO
Right-to-Know	YES	NO
Preemption		
Citizen Suits	YES	NO



The California Bottle Bill is surviving but many letters to Assembly and Senate representatives are needed to pass legislation. The bill is needed to cleanup litter, save energy, save tax dollars and create jobs; Ask your representatives to support A.B. 2020. The Bottle Bill is now a success in nine states.

July 18, 1985

Dear Lew:

I'm sorry I did not get the writeup on Bob Hawthorne to you in time, probably due to your change of address.

As a 30 year charter member of the 100 Peaks Section, and a good friend of Bob, I can safely say that this man did more for the group than anyone else. Just the money spent on gasoline scouting distant peaks, and and public relation trips to reluctant property owners would run into several hundred dollars. I should know, as I accompanied him on most of those expeditions. He was a very kind and caring person, and on many a peak climbing trip, when the conventional cars had gone about as far as they could go, Bob would pack about a dozen of the slower people into his 4 whl. drive suburban and grind his way up a steep and rocky slope for another couple of miles-then come home and find one of his tires cut and ruined so he had to spend around \$75.00 for a new one, but never a word of complaint.

I am sure you will agree that a past Chairman of that caliber rates more than a 3 line death notice, and I sincerely trust you will run the writeup in the next issue of the Lookout.



Relax You're SUPPOSED to feel jumpy!"



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Very truly yours,

John Nienhuis
4136 W. Ave 41
L.A. 90065

GET THE SLUDGE OUT & PROVIDE FULL SECONDARY FOR ALL SEWAGE

State and Federal requirements prohibit continued discharge of sewage sludge into the ocean. The City of Los Angeles' discharge of sewage sludge into Santa Monica Bay from its Hyperion Plant has been a water quality concern since 1968 and the subject of an EPA enforcement action since 1977. After the city failed to comply with a Regional Board order issued in 1975 requiring the termination of ocean sludge dumping by late 1979 the EPA sued the City. A Consent Decree was issued out of U.S. District Court in 1980, agreed to and signed by Mayor Bradley, which required the City to stop dumping sludge in the ocean by July 1985.

The City attorney is again "negotiating" with the EPA for another extension; this time till February 1986...TEN YEARS HAVE GONE BY AND THE CITY IS STILL DUMPING 600 TONS OF SLUDGE PER DAY INTO SANTA MONICA BAY. Less than 25% of the 425 million gallons a day plant capacity receives secondary treatment. That means it is only 60% free of toxins. If all the sewage had received secondary treatment, 90% of the toxins would have been removed. The Clean Water Act of 1972 originally required secondary treatment for all sewage by 1984.

Write Mayor Bradley and protest the continued dumping of sludge into Santa Monica Bay and ask that full secondary treatment be given to all sewage. Also write the EPA and ask that they enforce the provisions of the 1980 Consent Decree and vigorously oppose any extension.

Mayor Tom Bradley, City Hall, Los Angeles, Ca. 90012
 Judith Ayers, Regional Administrator EPA, 215 Fremont St.(W-5-1), San Francisco, Ca. 94105

COASTAL ACTION

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THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO COMMENT ON THE ANGELES FOREST PLAN!!

The deadline is September 20, and it will be at least 10 years before there is a revision that the public can comment on.

Every letter counts! The Cleveland N.F. received just 155 letters on its plan. We must turn out many more letters to the Angeles because the Angeles Plan is much worse in several ways. The July and September Southern Sierrans have details on the plan.

Your comments will be especially effective if you include specific suggestions about areas that you know well. Even if you have not read the Plan, you should let the Forest Service know how you would like to see those areas managed. Describe what is right or wrong about the present management practices. If possible, document problems you have encountered (shooting danger, ORV erosion, noise pollution, trail deterioration, etc.).

Please send your comments before Sept. 20 to Forest Supervisor, Angeles National Forest, 150 S. Los Robles Ave., Pasadena, CA, 91101. If it is convenient, send a copy of your comments to your Congressman and myself. Thanks!

--- Bob Kanne





GUIDE REVISIONS

John Backus

The following guides have been revised; the latest edition and the revision date are listed.

New guide:

13I Winston Ridge A:7/9/85



Major revisions:

11F Ve'tter Mtn	New hiking route added	B:6/23/85
14I Mt Baden-Powell	New hiking route added	B:6/16/85
27E Folly Pk	Hiking route improved	B:8/5/85
28A Lily Rock	Hiking route improved	B:7/8/85

Minor revisions:

10I Mt Hillyer	D:6/23/85	24F Charlton Pk	B:8/5/85
13A Winston Pk	B:7/9/85	24G Jepson Pk	B:8/5/85
13B Buckhorn Pk	B:7/10/85	24H Dobbs Pk	B:8/5/85
13E Pallett Mtn	B:7/10/85	24I San Gorgonio Mtn	B:8/5/85
13F Mt Williamson	B:7/10/85	27F San Jacinto Pk	B:8/5/85
14F Mt Hawkins	C:6/26/85	28B Tahquitz Pk	B:7/8/85
14J Ross Mtn	B:7/10/85	28C Red Tahquitz	B:7/27/85
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17D Timber Mtn	B:7/28/85		

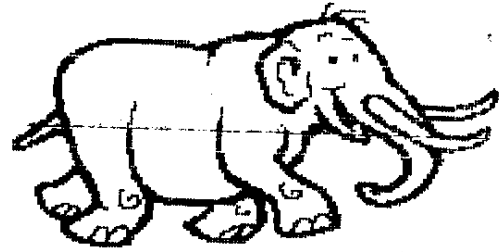
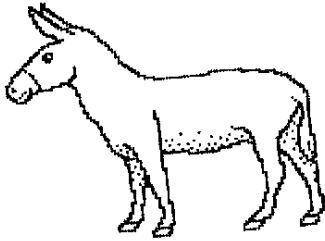
Editor,

The members of the 100 Peaks Section are very goal oriented. Besides hiking for fresh air and exercise, we desire to add new peaks to our lists of ascents. The 100 Peaks list provides direction for the recreational portion of our lives. We measure our progress by getting the emblem, 200 peaks bar or list-finishers pin.

The 100 Peaks Section helps people achieve goals by offering these awards. But then what? If not interested in doing the list again or maintaining friendships within the section, then they drop out. We should try harder to retain people by providing additional direction in the form of new awards.

I am inclined towards natural history of the peaks we now have and alternate routes up peaks as worthwhile subjects for further awards. Identifying 100 plants and animals on every peak would be great in the Peak Guides, but most HPSers can't remember 10 plants, 10 birds, 10 mammals and reptiles and 10 invertebrates on one peak. Some can't remember the name of the bush that drew Kings Canyon in relief on their leg or a tree that smells like vanilla! Alternate routes would also contribute to the Peak Guides. Anyone who climbs every peak on the list from two different directions deserves an award, not to mention a rest, but this is too difficult for people to go after it.

I did think up two awards which indirectly would provide education in these areas. First, a leader's pin, to be awarded after leading 100 ascents of HPS peaks on HPS trips, or assisting, and having your name listed in the Schedule or other Sierra Club publication. Leading 100 different peaks or 100 different trips are much more difficult and might not attract participation. One drawback is that this would stimulate more leaders to lead trips like the Olympics Peakbagging Special, for which I would get credit for leading 29 peaks. So an additional requirement would be to lead two newcomers/beginners hikes. Second, a writer's pin, for writing 15 articles about 100 peaks. To contribute further to growth of the section, at least one of these should be in a non-Sierra Club publication. John Muir, Norman Clyde and others published their articles in various magazines and generated a lot of interest in mountains, in the general public. An article might be defined as at least 300 words, and multiple contributions to the Lookout would count as one article.



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You are invited.

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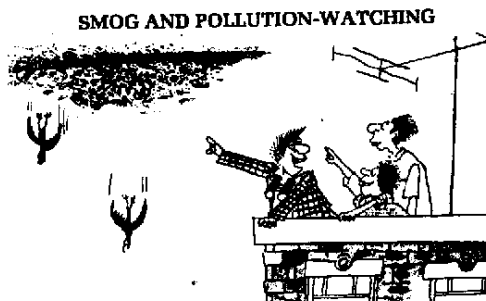
See Sept. Southern Sierran

These awards would encourage our members to stay active after reaching their desired number of peaks, would result in hikes on alternate routes and with a natural history emphasis (through competition for participants and to make the articles more interesting) and would provide a richer spectrum of activities for everyone. I support the establishment of these or similar awards.

-- Don Tidwell



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TREASURER'S REPORT.....Jon Sheldon

* * * * * T-SHIRTS * * * * *

Have you ordered your HPS T-shirt yet? The sales of t-shirts have been brisk so be sure to order yours before they are sold out. The shirts feature the HPS emblem on either a Kelly Green or Sky Blue shirt. The idea for HPS shirts was inspired by Lew Amack and the artwork done by Nami Takashima. Why not support your section and place an order. An order blank is provided on the last page of this issue for your convenience. Sorry but we've sold out of small sizes.

* * * * * PEAK ADDITIONS/DELETIONS * * * * *

Have you ever wondered why a peak was not on the HPS list? Have you ever wondered why a peak WAS on the HPS list? Well, now is the time for you to voice your opinion. If you would like recommend a peak for listing or delisting please send your comments to Alice Hawkins by September 9th so that the Management Committee may consider placing the peak on the upcoming ballot for a vote by the membership. Remember all peaks to be added must be a named summit over 5000' in elevation and separated by at least 1000' of gain from it's nearest neighbor. In addition, peaks to be added must have been climbed on an official HPS exploratory hike. Existing peaks should only be deleted due to access problems; we can always hike the drive-ups and clear the bushwhacks.

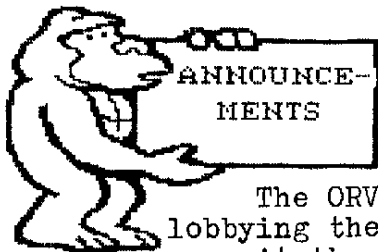
* * * * * 1986 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE * * * * *

The existing Management Committee is in need of volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee to recommend candidates for the 1986 Management Committee. If you would like to serve on the Nominating Committee or run for 1986 office please contact Jim Fleming as soon as possible. The Nominating Committee must be formed within the next few weeks so that candidates can be recommended at the October business meeting. Why not give a little of your time to help support the HPS?

* * * * * PEAK MILESTONES * * * * *

When you have completed a milestone (100 peaks, 200 peaks or list completion), be sure to send your list to the TREASURER for official recognition. The list must be approved by the Management Committee and recorded and this cannot be done if you mail the list to the Lookout Editor. The Editor will be happy to publish any articles or comments that you would like to share with other peakbaggers but cannot give official recognition for the accomplishment.

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Announcements

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IDEAS FOR NEW TRAILS?

--- Duane Waln

The ORV interests have done a distressingly good job of lobbying their cause in the Draft Forest Plan for the Angeles.

At the very least, we need to equal them in requesting specific routes for new hiking trail additions so they can be included in the final Forest Plan. Remember, this plan is for the next fifty years and trail monies will not always be so scarce. Let us be ready with specific, credible route suggestions the Forest Service will have to take seriously. Probably no other group collectively has such a deep knowledge and love of the Angeles, so we eagerly solicit your new trail ideas.

Please send your suggestions ASAP to Forest Planning Committee member Duane Waln, 4905 Farber Ave., Covina, CA, 91724; (818) 339-9647.

Dear Lew:-

A "Milestones" correction. The first Annual 100 Pks. Picnic was more than 15 years ago.

Jan. 1959- "Twenty Six Peakers hiked to Sturdevant Falls before the Annual Section Picnic and business meeting at Chantry Flats. Six new peaks were added: Chief, Ortega, Apache, Red Tahquitz, Combs and Little San Bernardino." I was Chair, Roz Underwood, Vice Chair and Walt Wheelock, Sec'y- Treas.

1960- "...Charlton Flats on a very cold Sunday..."

1961- "...San Dimas Park..."

1962- "...Sycamore Grove, where 23 new Peaks were added..."

1963- "...Kagel Cyn. Picnic Ground..." etc.

The first Lookout was edited by Mary Weisel and the idea was hers I believe.

Dick Worsfold

P.S.

In the Membership Roster of May-June '85 I somehow lost my ass terisks. (2 of them), and Jette Worsfold was completely left out (1*).

Dick



NOV 16

SAT

100 PEAKS

I: Scodie Mtn (7,294'): Cross-country hike in Northern Kern County (2400' elev. gain, moderate). We may add Pynion Pk or Onyx PK if weather allows. Send sase to leader by Nov 8 with phone and carpool info. Leader: ALFREDO SANCHEZ GOMEZ. Gomez, Alfredo Sanchez
Asst.: LUELLE MARTIN. 1666 Sandalwood Pl.
Thousand Oaks, 91362
(805) 493-2164

SEP 28

SAT

100 PEAKS

O: Cucamonga Pk (8859'), Etiwanda Pk (8662'): Via Icehouse Canyon. Strenuous 12 mi, 3800' gain. Number of hikers limited by available permit. For reservation send sase to leader by Sept. 18. Leader: ALFREDO SANCHEZ GOMEZ. Asst: LUELLE MARTIN.



Reports on Recent Trips



Waterman, Twin Peaks to Devils Canyon, Chilao Flat June 23, 1985
LEW AMACK, FRANK DOBOS

The 8 am meeting time @ La Canada was probably an hour too late. A car shuttle was arranged between Chilao and Buckhorn. We left Buckhorn station at a quarter to 10 and reached Waterman an hour later. We climbed the higher of the Twin Peaks, and two of us went on to the lower, western Twin while the others waited on the saddle between them. A half hour was wasted while the groups reunited before descending to Twin Peaks Saddle.

From there we began the lengthy, squiggly route along Devil's Canyon. There was a great deal of boulder-hopping, bushwhacking, log-jumping, and stream-crossing, doubling the time one might expect to travel 6 miles down the creek. About a mile shy of the turnoff for the Chilao Trail, after already exhausting my gallon of water and feeling rushed as dusk approached, I left my topo map behind at a rest stop. Although I remembered the route fairly well, in the twilight I was unable to spot the turnoff point. As a result, we traveled an extra 2 miles down-canyon. By now it was about 9pm, so we decided to take a nature trail up toward the highway. This pathway soon petered out, and we found ourselves bushwhacking through thick scrub oak. Suffering from dehydration, fatigue, and scrubophobia, the leader did not wish to continue on through the brush.

Therefore, we temporarily bivouacked on a ridgetop until about 1am. Because people were anxious to get home for Monday work, we then pushed on for a short distance, whereupon one member decided to stop for the night and the leader stayed with him while the other party members went on.

Propped against bushes to prevent sliding down the steep incline, the leader found this new bivouack spot uncomfortable. So after a while we tried to move onward and soon reached a prominent gully. Because of the need for water, we descended back to the canyon bottom. By now it was about 2:30am, so we kept a fire going and slept intermittently until dawn.

The remaining party of two then backtracked until we found the trail up to Chilao. It took two hours from here to reach the cars. Shortly after returning, the party members who had continued bushwhacking the previous night pulled up. They had finally bivouacked in the brush above us, and had broken brambles for many hours before reaching the road, then hitchhiked from Charlton to Chilao. At 9am on Monday, we finally headed back for La Canada, where Lew found a ticket on his car for an overnight parking violation.--L.A.

THE NOSY SLOB-GUEST DUMMY MEDICINE CABINET PROTECTOR



Nosy visitors love to poke around bathrooms in homes and carelessly make use of personal items like colognes, eye make-up, hair brushes and combs, tweezers, deodorants, etc. This gadget eliminates that irritating problem by safeguarding your personal things. Prior to slob guests' arrival, dummy medicine cabinet is slipped onto real one, and filled with junk you don't care what they do with.



HANG ON, BELVEDERE SAYS FROM HERE ON IT'S ALL DOWNHILL.

Williamson, Pallett, Will Thrall, Pleasant View Ridge July 14, 1985

Lew Amack, Frank Dobos

Because another, less arduous trip to the Baden-Powell area also met at 7am at La Canada, only eight participants congregated for the drive up to the Williamson trailhead. We then belatedly decided to set up a car shuttle at Buckhorn.

Unfortunately, although the distances to these and other stopping points from La Canada are fairly accurate in the peak guides, the distances between trailheads (found by subtraction) sometimes yield significant error factors. Since both leaders stayed at Williamson, it is L. A.'s fault that the participants left their cars on the highway at the west entrance to Buckhorn Flat campground, yet thought they had parked at the east entrance. Ideally, we should have driven about a mile into the campground at the beginning of the Burkhart Trail.

By 10 am, we began the trek up to Williamson, skipping the summit specified on the topo map in favor of the highest point on what the map designates as "Pleasant View Ridge", just north of Williamson. We followed a use trail and traversed cross-country down to the saddle between Williamson and Pallett, then had lunch on top of Pallett.

From Pallett, we took the trail to Burkhart Saddle, then continued on a trail along the west flank of Will Thrall, until attaining the ridgetop just N of Pleasant View Ridge. We next headed straight for the peak, which may have the finest panorama in the Angeles. Anon we went S along the ridgetop to Will Thrall, and continued down the ridge to Burkhart Saddle. We then took the fork toward verdant Cooper Canyon.

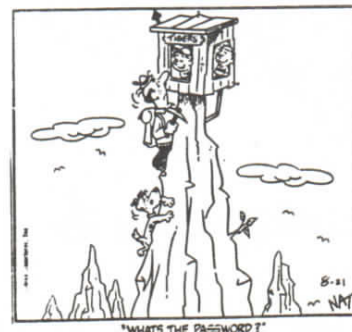
We stopped on the banks of Little Rock Creek where the Rattlesnake Trail branches off, giving several sufferers a chance to cool their aching heels. By 6 pm we reached trail's end. Thus far we had walked about 13 mi and gained close to 4000'--a good workout in preparation for the Sierra peaking season. There Eric Fickle and L.A. left the group and went for the cars. When none were found at the E entrance, we walked another mile to the W entrance, then drove down to pick up the drivers. After a half hour wait for the car shuttle, we headed for the Basin, arriving at 8 pm.--L.A.

WRIGHT, PINE, DAWSON, LEWIS JULY 20, 1985 LEW AMACK, KATHLEEN BROWN

About fifteen eager beavers met in La Canada at 7:30, then made the long journey to Blue Ridge Road. At the turnoff pt. for Guffy's Camp, there is a new locked gate. As a result, it is now necessary to hike an extra 2 mi each way to get to the beginning of the Devils Backbone Trail. In order not to block the road, we parked in the camp and took the Pacific Crest Trail up to Wright.

The day was partly cloudy and mild, so no one ran out of libations. However, because we didn't start the trek until about 10am, no one opted for an attempt on Baldy. After a late and lengthy lunch on Dawson, we crept backward along the satanic spine, then followed the road back to Guffy's.

By then it was about 4:30pm, so half the group disbanded to make their dinner engagements. Several stalwart survivors stayed to saunter up Mt. Lewis, and afterward a few of us took repast at Lloyd's.--L.A.



ANTIMONY PK, EAGLE REST PK, BRUSH MTN, SAN EMIGDIO MTN, TECUYA MTN Apr 27-28
SAN RAFAEL PK, THORN PT, SAN GUILLERMO MTN, LOCKWOOD PT May 4- 5

Fifteen people met at the intersection of Cuddy Valley Rd and Mill Potrero Rd at 7:00 am. From there we drove over to the mouth of Devil's Kitchen Cyn in Pine Mtn Club where we left most of our cars. We squeezed the group into 3 vehicles for the ride up to the Antimony trailhead. The road was in good shape with only a few rocky places. Starting a little after 8 am, we reached the summit around 9:30 am where a cool breeze met us. We lingered for a while before taking off down the ridge for Eagle Rest. One person turned around at this spot since he already had Eagle Rest, but the rest of us charged on down this pleasant ridge working our way around a few brushy spots near the 2 saddles. A steep gain of 1000 ft with a little rock scrambling was all it took to reach this gorgeous summit by noon. We spent a leisurely hour on top enjoying the view before leaving. We took the standard ridge down to Devil's Kitchen Cyn. From there it was a mellow but long walk back up this nice canyon (despite its name), reaching the cars a little after 4 pm.

The road up to Brush was closed, so we camped at Toad Springs CG. There is a gully in the middle of this CG about the size of the Grand Cyn that separates the camping area from the restrooms. Nevertheless, we were the only ones there. A nice campfire had to be put out early since we lost an hour due to daylight savings time.

The next morning we met at the entrance to forest rd 9N27. Leaving 2 cars there, we drove over to the road up San Emigdio which was also closed. Starting around 8am, we reached the summit of San Emigdio a little after 9. From there we walked along the road on the ridge over to Brush Mtn (which despite its name is not brushy). The view was clear and the temperature mild making it very difficult to leave this nice summit. After a 45 minute break, we charged on down the road reaching the cars around 12:30. Just our luck, the gates were opened up by the forest service. Still, it was a very nice hike. After lunch we drove over to Tecuya Mtn. A developer has built several new roads making it difficult to find the correct route. After one bad turn (the worst navigational error I've made in a while), we found the correct road and drove as far as we could. Frank Dobos didn't take my challenge to drive his 4WD up to this summit on the 2WD/4WD designated "road". So we had to walk up this steep ridge where we celebrated Frank's 200th peak. Congratulations! After enjoying champagne and some food, we left the summit and, after reaching our cars, went on home. Thanks to Martin Feather for a great job of co-leading.

A week later in the same area, 12 people met at Thorn Meadows CG at 7am Saturday morning. Squeezing everyone into 3 cars, we drove over to Mutau Flat. We took the Little Mutau Tr up to the saddle. I stayed off the main ridge following deer trails along the east side. This worked out fairly well as we avoided most brush and small bumps along the way. We were on top by 11:30 enjoying a great view. Tried as we did, we couldn't see Edna's group on Hines Pk. Retracing our steps and avoiding one noisy rattlesnake, we returned to the cars a little after 1 pm.

Returning to camp found 3 new arrivals. So after a short lunch break we started up the trail to Thorn Pt, one of my favorite peaks. The cliffs along the north side of the peak remind me of Bryce Nat Park with their many colored layers and yellow/green lichens. Walking along a nice forest of Yellow, Jeffery and Sugar Pines we gently reached this nice summit where a great view awaited us. After a 45 minute break, we went on down returning around 6pm.

Two new arrivals in the form of Jim (Shamus) Fleming and Sheena Martin joined us for munchies and a community salad (I should have told Jim it was 7AM not PM). Anyway we had a great time that evening in this pleasant pine shaded CG at the base of Thorn Pt.

The next day found more people (15) than the previous day for a hike, the first time I can ever remember that happening. We took Frank Goodykoontz's route up San Guillermo which turns out to be a nice way once I got onto the ridge that is south of the gully on the SE side of the peak. Working quite successfully around brush, we reached the summit in an hour. We returned the same way, staying on the ridge a bit longer. This, I think, is the best way to do this peak.

Carpooling once again, we drove the now rough road to the Yellow Jacket Tr. (over)

The trip up Lockwood went without incident except for some strange "pods" about 1/2 way up the peak. I double checked the group to be sure there weren't any new members. We were back to the cars around 2pm. Thanks to Frank Goodykoontz for his great help in co-leading this trip.

-- Alan Coles

Waterman Mtn, Buckhorn Pt, Winston Ridge, Winston Pk.

July 13, 1985

A great amount of competition from other hikes resulted in a smaller than normal (by HPS standards) group of 9 meeting in La Canada at 8 am for this "fun frivolous frolic". Parking at Cloudburst Summit, we took the quick route up the ridge to Waterman Mtn. After a nice break we descended on the standard trail reaching the hwy at Buckhorn RS. There we witnessed a mass of humanity in the form of a 20's & 30's Singles outing. The leader, Rick Farber, informed us that he had planned to do Mt. Waterman, but the trail was temporarily closed due to fire hazard. As they headed down the road to Little Rock Ck, we went in the other direction to the normal starting point for Buckhorn. A short time later we were having lunch on top. Soon thereafter, we followed our steps back down to a saddle and took an old logging road on the NW side a short distance to a ridge. We descended the steep but sandy ridge to Cooper Cyn near the CG. From there we took the direct route up a gully to the ridge that leads to Winston Ridge. On top Martin Feather and I "recelebrated" our "list finishing" with small glasses of sparkling cider. We found Dick Akawie's name in the register 5 time during the month of June which shows you how much he likes this peak. Our opinions varied somewhat as to whether this rather anonymous ridge belongs on the list. From there it was a steep and hot climb to Winston Pk where the register was clearly in sight. After another nice break, we returned to our cars around 4 pm. It was a nice loop trip and would have been nicer if the weather hadn't been so unseasonably warm.

Only 4 stayed for the pot luck picnic dinner. We found a nice spot at Charlton Flat where we had hamburgers, salad and other goodies. Thanks to Martin for assisting on the trip.

-Alan Coles

Dobbs/Jepson/San Gorgorio Aug 3, 1985

Luella Martin/Betty Bergey

This year's weather made up for last year. Factor 19 was put to good use at our first lunch break on Dobbs. Tony Adrian, Gordon Lindberg & I were especially grateful, since we survived the deluge on my 1984 San Gorgonio trip.

All sixteen participants made Dobbs. Gordon, Jim Kuvinen, and June Burdett decided to go back at this time. June bagged Charlton on the way out. Jim made himself an honest man and did Jepson. Betty led the tigers (Jennifer Lambert, Art Schain, Dan Skaglund, Keith Capp, Mary Ann Tanavilasakiel, Erick Fickle, and Linda Lay) up Jepson. While I ate a banana and talked to Tony. It took them approx 15 minutes. They got back about 2 minutes after Gordon, Molly, Charles, Jim, and Charlotte arrived from Dobbs. Thirteen decided to complete the loop via San Gorgorio and Dry Lake. Molly Breath had her first taste of altitude sickness, on the summit of San Gorgorio. She'd never been that high before. Keith Capp stayed with Betty Bergey and the turtles because Betty wasn't sure of her way through Slushy Meadow. The front was out by 6:10, all were out by 7:15. My thanks to Betty, Gordon, & Keith for helping with the various groups that resulted from this trip. All had a good day.

Now for my long threatened retribution against those folks who do not tell leaders when they can not come and a wilderness permit is involved. Be it known that Rob Roy McDonald did not show up and did not contact me. There were 12 on the waiting list. Thanks to John Backus who took 3 of the twelve on his permit, so they got Dobbs, Jepson, and Charlton and to my father who got a permit for 2. An especial thanks to Betty Bergey for substituting for the mending Pegleg Jack Trager.

Luella Martin

San Sevaine, Buck Pt, Etiwanda June 15, 1985

Luella Martin
Gordon Lindberg
Frank Goodykoontz

Twenty-nine met at Pomona Carpool by 7AM. After a brisk sale of T-shirts by John Sheldon, we drove to the beginning of 3N34 where we picked up my father. We then caravanned the 7.9 miles to the trailhead for San Sevaine. It was still early and very hot. All 30 hiked out to San Sevaine. After a quick sign in we hiked up the hill back to the cars. It was 87° and 10 AM. The front waited at the junction of road to false San Sevaine in some good shade for the rear. Back at the cars, while we restocked water in our packs, Dick Akawie got two baby rattlesnakes out of the road and into the brush beside Frank Long's car.

You would think that I'd learn not to believe the Forest Service, after the infamous "snow bank" on Cannell Pt last year. However, they said that the road was impassable to passenger cars beyond San Sevaine Flat. Therefore, we hiked from the flat to Buck Pt. Twenty-nine signed in. We shared the shade of some nice oak trees with deer flies, so we had a short lunch. After lunch we split up. Frank Goodykoontz lead six others on an attempt of Etiwanda. Frank and two others made the summit. Frank Long and some others hiked over to Joe Elloit memorial tree. While the rest followed me back to the cars.

My Chevette could have been driven to Joe Elloit tree. Therefore, the ones that didn't get Etiwanda can thank my faith in the Forest Service. I'm planning an attempt later in the summer. If you are interested let me know with a SASE.

While we waited at the cars for the rear guard, Dick Akawie hiked up to false San Sevaine to retrieve the extra can. He found no can. Tom Neely said he'd signed it three weeks ago??? Thanks Dick for trying.

Despite the overly warm weather and the deer flies, this is a nice area. There are good views of the San Bernardino Mtns and city. The flowers in San Sevaine Flat were very nice. Especially the penstemon and iris. An especial thank you to Gordon Lindberg for patiently bringing up the rear and to Frank Goodykoontz for going forward when I did not feel like it.

LUELLA MARTIN

Able, Grouse, Sawmill, Pinos Sat July 13, 1985 Luella Martin/Betty Bergey

Jack Trager broke his leg while trimming a tree in his back yard. So at Betty's request, I agreed to lead this trip. I'd volunteered to assist. I underestimated the driving time from North Orange County to Sylmar. It takes 1 hr and 10 minutes going approximately speed limit. I arrived a 6:55, finding a large group of eager hikers. By the time the 26 of us had driven to the end of the pavement on Pinos, Betty's and my subcompacts were too hot cars. We left about 1/2 the cars there and drove around to Able. As one hiker complained, "we've been driving for four hours, when do we get to hike?" After signing in on Able, I lead at a moderately fast pace up to Grouse. One of the rear guard was grey at this point, so I slowed down. We lunched on Sawmill. Then hiked to Pinos and found the can to sign in. Transportation was provided from the top of Pinos to the parking lot for two of the rear guard by a late arrival whom had driven to the top. He also helped in the transportation of drivers back to Able. Thanks. The road to the top of Pinos was in good enough condition to drive if done slowly. My car was hot by the time we got to Apache Saddle so I aborted a planned attack on Brush and San Emigdio. Thanks to the drivers who gave there cars such a work out and to Betty for her patient sweeping. Next time I'm going both ways. Luella Martin

3rd ANNUAL MT. WILLIAMSON BEAT-THE-HEAT HIKE

July 28 Bob Kanne, Jim Fleming

A cloudless sky and an invitation to newcomers resulted in 52 participants, an increase of one over last year. We left La Canada at 8:30 and reached the summit at 11:45, where J.J. Oliver acquired his 25th peak. After dispersing to shady trees to eat lunch and debate the true location of Mt. Williamson, the group re-assembled to hear my conservation spiel on threats to the Angeles high country. These threats include: expansion of the ski areas to include the entire ridge from Cloudburst Summit to Eagles Roost and up to the San Gabriel Wilderness boundary; ORV group's demands for an East-West trail from Littlerock Reservoir to the San Bernardino N.F.; the fact that most of Pleasant View Ridge, including the Burkhart trail, is designated as a target shooting area; etc., etc. Send your letter on the Forest Plan before September 20th!

We returned to the cars shortly after 2 p.m. Most of the group continued on the optional hike down to upper Littlerock Creek. The hot weather tempted about a dozen sticky hikers to try the water in the 10X8X3 ft. pool just below the abandoned pumphouse. The leaders were joined in the water by, among others, a Bobcat that seemed to like getting its fur wet. Lew ("Tidal Wave") Amack made sure that some of the shy bystanders also had the opportunity to enjoy the coolness of the water. Others relaxed in the shade or attempted to catch that unusual bird, the yellow flicker ("frisbeus ubiquitous"). Participants included several who came along last year - Rose Marie Walker, Laura Webb, Herb Dotzauer, Katie Pelton, Sheena Martin, Annick Wolf - and "newcomers" such as Randy Bernard, Adam Burk, Gordon Lindberg, and "Little Bear".

In the previous issue of the Lookout, Keats Hayden mentioned that she would like to see HPS leaders schedule more moderate and easy hikes. The large turnouts for my Mt. Williamson hikes indicates that the demand for such hikes is greater than the supply. The HPS always needs new blood and these kinds of trips attract many potential new members (I sold 12 copies of the Peak List on this hike). I think that Keats has a good idea, and I hope that some of you leaders will add some easier trips in the next Schedule. --- Bob K.



"Good God, Harry! This tree seems to be made of tightly rolled paper!"

ON this warm, sunny, somnolent day 10 HPSers rolled out to the La Canada carpool point at 7:30 am for this moderately strenuous hike. The route went like a figure eight. After dipping our boots in the Big Tujunga River, we began the ascent at 8:30, first to Strawberry Potrero, then up the west ridge to the summit, which we reached before noon. The return trip, which went down the east ridge then west along a different trail to the cars, took two hours. There was about 100 feet of overlap at the middle of the figure eight, near the Potrero trail register.

Ken Boros was on his first 100 Peaks hike in two years. For some reason, two years earlier, all the motor neurons in his arms and legs went on strike. Ten weeks of hospital food was all they could stand, especially with ten weeks of Mom's home cooking awaiting them upon their return to work, though. After another year everything was back to normal and Ken began hiking again.

Betty Bergey had been on the first part of the route before, with the Canyon Explorers, going the opposite direction, from Red Box to the Narrows. They're doing it again on September 21-22. No one else had been on either trail out of the parking area. There are many variations possible by going on the firebreaks but we didn't use any of them on this trip.

The area has been ravaged by fires. Lower, many trees were killed by fires and a few fall down whenever it's windy. Conifers are renewed by seedlings sprouting in clearings. Oaks resprout from the root crowns. Some skeletons which apparently were once manzanitas stand near the Strawberry Potrero register, but there aren't any live ones around there, so their fire recovery strategy remains to be seen. Flowers filled the grassy clearings under the trees and openings in the brush. Prickly phlox, Indian paintbrush, chia, yerba santa, baby blue-eyes, monkey flowers, scarlet buglers, yellow violets and lupine mixed their colors with taller bush poppies, ceonothus, manzanita and mountain mahogany. The yucca display was marvelous.

But not everything is idyllic on Strawberry Peak. Gunshots from two shooting areas are heard on the summit and the flanks. Loud vehicles on Angeles Crest Highway are heard. The 100,000 acre Mill Creek fire of September, 1979 made the entire area across the Big Tujunga River look like the moon, and the hills still look desolate. And the audible and visual disturbances will multiply under the Angeles Forest Management Plan Preferred Alternative.

Off-road vehicle trails would be designated or constructed in the surrounding area. The powerline maintenance roads up Mt. Gleason from near Falls Creek Campground and past Iron #3 and Rabbit #1 to Mill Creek Summit from Upper Big Tujunga Road already exist, and aren't used by hikers (except near Monte Cristo mine), so I don't mind if they are opened to ORVs. But further east there are five routes proposed for the Alder Creek drainage, which go near Roundtop, Vetter Mountain and the Loomis Ranch. One would follow Alder Creek itself, which is a perennial stream with cascades and pools so far off trail that humans rarely or never visit them, especially before the brush burned. An ORV route would connect this area with Red Box by the hiking trail going over Barley Flats.

To compound the ORV impact at Alder Creek the Forest Plan allows for additional burning of the watershed to prevent chaparral from growing back. This follows the prescription for grazing emphasis, where chaparral growing on less than 40% slope and over 3000 feet in elevation is converted permanently to grassland. Remaining chaparral would be mostly 10-12 years old. (ORVs will stray off designated trails where not physically obstructed). The vegetation type conversions and ORV routes will not improve the view from Strawberry.

On May 31st, after seeing the Draft Plan, I hiked up Colby Canyon to Strawberry to look across to the north and reassure myself that Alder Creek was still a refuge for wild-life and a repose for hikers. You can see it close up on January 25. Mother Nature cheered me up with flowers, 55 kinds were in bloom or developing fruiting bodies. Sword ferns had green spores under the leaves, big cone spruce and alder were forming cones, maples were spreading seeds and oaks had flowers. One kind of ceonothus had berries,

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Strawberry Peak, continued

another had flowers. One dandelion was going to seed, one white and three yellow composites were flowering. Toyon, manzanita, holly-leaf cherry, sugar bush, mountain mahogany, redberry, chamise, silk tassel bush, mile fat, Scotch broom, yucca, bush poppy, clematis, yerba santa, poodle dog, purple nightshade, prickly phlox, buckwheat, thistle, mustard, blue bush lupine, pink and yellow dwarf lupine, scarlet bugler, beard-tongue, sticky monkey flower, Indian paintbrush, white sage, wooly blue curls, chia, white fiddleneck, blue phacelia, blue dicks, pearly everlasting, pink chinese houses, blue larkspur, live-forever, three grasses and four flowers I don't know names for were all in various stages of flowering.

The route from Colby Canyon would be a great start when trying to see 100 kinds of flowers in one day. Is there some kind of award for that? I'll ask Bobcat what he's doing next June 1st. Thanks again for assisting, Bob!

--Don Tidwell

SAN JACINTO from PALM SPRINGS April 14, 1985 Ron Hudson, Ben Preyer

Ron organized such a successful trip to Telescope Peak from a starting point below sea level last year that this year he put a 10,000 foot gainer in the Schedule. Then it turned out he couldn't make it, so Ben took over the lead.

A group of nine very strong hikers gathered early in the morning at Ramon Ave. and Hwy 111 in Palm Springs. At 4:10 am we started up the street to the Carl Lykken Trail, which gradually contours up and to the north to a saddle at 11,400 feet. Even in darkness the indigo bush attracted our attention with its fragrance. At the saddle, as it got lighter, we were able to enjoy the rich color of the blossoms, which completely covered the 3-foot-high-and-4-foot-across plants. Here, signs point towards the peak and warn of no water until the tram station.

We wandered up the hill following an old horse trail. The trail tread was laboriously built out of rocks. Twenty to thirty foot long rock walls supported the upper level of dozens of gentle switchbacks. Longer rock walls supported the trail where it went across steeper hillsides. Plants obscure most of the original tread, so we walked along the outside edge of the rock walls across the slopes and pushed through bushes, many with flowers, when we went directly up slope. There were some ducks, but most of the time the rock walls were the only evidence that there was a trail.

At around 5000 feet there was a grove of pinyon pine, occupied by a loud and aggressive blue-gray gnatcatcher. We were out of the desert zone. Soon, we went into a zone with oaks, where recently a trail crew had clipped out the route. Then we started seeing Coulter pine, Jeffrey pine, sugar pine, white fir and lodgepole pine.

We hit snow at about 7500 feet, just below a band of cliffs to the south of the tram station. Mary Gyax and I left the group and stayed below the rocks as we went north and came out on the flat area 1/4 mile south of the station. Ben's group skirted above some snow and kept going up, off trail, until it became technical and they had to come all the way back down. The next gully over was also a bust. They didn't reach the tram until 1:40 pm, where Mary and I had been visiting with Daphne Preyer and Candy Yarnell for two hours.

From here there was deep snow all the way to the peak and possibly a 9 pm return to the tram so Bob Rogers, Diane Rosentreter, Bob Thompson and I bailed out. Candy joined Ben, Mary, Mitch Miller and Jim Scott and away they went, at 3 pm. To save time Cornell was substituted for the trip objective and at 5:30 pm they were there. Ben went up first, set up an anchor at the tippy-top and threw down about 40 feet of webbing for someone else to tie in to. This wasn't quite as good as a top rope, it was windy, and no one trusted their legs, so no one else went those last two steps. Oops, Lisa Freundlich was also in the group. There might have been one more but I lost my notes and don't have a name for him, if he exists.

This group got back to the tram station at 7:30 pm.

-- Don Tidwell





7TH ANNUAL HPS HIKE-A-THON JUNE 15, 1985 BOBCAT & STAG

6:30 a.m. on a late Spring morning found 12 happy hike-a-thoners assembled at Azusa. We consolidated into 5 cars, drove to Smith Mtn. trailhead (end of hike) and left 1 car. We then caravanned up to Crystal Lake where the leader and all participants drove right by the check-in station without stopping. The concessionaire quickly chased us down in his truck and told me to report to the General Store for 4 hiker cards (I guess to identify our cars to any potential thieves to let them know we would be gone all day.)

We began hiking at 8:10 a.m. with Stag doing what he does best and Mike Baldwin catching up to the group in about a half hour. 1 1/4 hours brought us up to Windy Gap where we left 3 while the other 9 hiked the 4 mi. rt. to Mt. Hawkins, and Middle Hawkins. Then 10 of the 12 hiked up to Mt. Islip and met the other 2 at Little Jimmy Campground for lunch at 1:15. Here, Sheena Martin recounted the terrifying story of the Killer Lizard which attacked her at Windy Gap.

At 2 p.m., we were "on the trail again" taking the PCT down to Islip saddle and after a short break (pointers & setters) started down Hwy. 39 towards Crystal Lake. It was soon apparent why the road had been closed 7 or 8 years ago with no prospect for ever re-opening it again. My estimate is that there are over 100,000 Tons of rock on the road from rockfalls and slides, and a 200' stretch where the road is gone, it's now over 1000' down Bear Canyon. This was a tricky part to maneuver, but there was a 3" wide Bighorn Sheep trail around the area, and all participants made it across with great care.

As we passed boulders as big as houses (would you believe Billy Barty's) for the next hour, it looked like the aftermath of a nuclear war, and the mountain had lost. We made a very pleasant and cool stop at Snow Spring - gushing into a waterfall beside Hwy 39 and a large patch of "Indian Snow". After a few water and snow fights, we continued to the place where a ridge leaves Hwy 39 and goes 1 mile SW to Smith Mtn. Saddle. Here, among the killer flies, 6 ascended Smith Mtn, while the rest waited or returned to Hwy 39, 4 miles away. Two of our lovely ladies went back to Crystal Lake and drove Bobcat's car down to the end of the hike. All were down and back to the leader's car by 8 p.m. and back to the Crystal Lake cars by 8:30 p.m.

The 10 remaining hikers headed to a nice restaurant in Azusa recommended by Bluebird and Roadrunner to top off a great day. Same time next year, okay? Hike participants/survivors were Bobcat, Stag, Bluebird Houston, Roadrunner Baldwin, Shamus Fleming, Sheena Martin, Garwood Murta, Taco, Thumper Brown, Bob Hess, Kathleen Brown & Pacific Princess Cruz. Yes, that's really how they all signed in.

LOVE KNOCKS CAT IN THE HAT FLAT! HOW ABOUT THAT?!

It's the blockbuster romance of the year! Macho sex symbol, the Cat in the Hat, has fallen happily, hopelessly, madly in love with Mittens, the cuddly middle feline of Three Little Kittens fame. In an exclusive interview,

the Cat told the Inquirer, "That Mittens, that Mittens, is the cutest of kittens! For her, kind sir, I'd tip my hat, don a cravat, vote Democrat, sing in A-flat, catch her a rat, and even get fat!" Mittens had no comment.



Cat in the Hat goes SPLAT! over comely London pussycat





PEAKBAGGING NOTES FROM A. HIKKER

On a July 14 trip to our newest HPS peak, Winston Ridge, with 2 ladies (one was a dog), the following interesting information was gleaned from the register by this anonymous peakbagger.

Going back 3 years, a total of 261 Peakbaggers had signed in the register. The register reads like a Whos Who of the HPS, with many climbing the peak to re-finish the list.

One of the noted accomplishments was Dick Akawie climbing the peak 5 times in June, 85, including twice on June 30 (back to his car for lunch), with only 5 peaks to go to finish the list for the 5th time! Other list finishers and number of ascents of Winston Ridge were Bobcat 6X, Sam Fink 4X, John Backus 3X, Dick Worsfold 3X, Doug Mantle 2X (finished HPS list 2nd time). Other list finishers signed in were Vic Henney, Alan Coles, Lew Amack, Martin Feather, George Hubbard, Bill T. Russell, Don Tidwell, Carlton & Hanna Shay, Steve Smith, Phil & Luella Martin, Jack & Alice Goldberg, Simone de Miguel, Eivor Nilsson, Fred Eaton (SC member since 1930), Tom Amneus & Dave Wellbourne. I'm sure I missed some list finishers. The above people have probably climbed a total of over 40,000 HPS peaks.

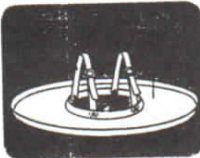
On 7-7-85, while climbing Mt. Burnham for the 14th time, I met the symbol, sage & mentor of the HPS, our own Sam Fink, escorting 2 young ladies up to Throop, Burnham & Baden Powell. Sam gave me his world-famous card on which he encribed the following: Mt. Burnham - 20 times. Peak number 3,246 (HPS). 818 different peaks (including most of the 14,000 footers in Colorado & Calif. and many first ascents). "No goal is too high if we climb with care and confidence." Sam was looking great for his 80+ years, very much the same as when I first met him over 12 years ago.

A. Hikker



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Though some conductors raise an eyebrow,
Doubting that the things are highbrow.

UPCOMING HIKES

NOV 2 SAT 100 PEAKS
 O: CONDOR PK (5448'): Moderate hike in San Gabriel Mtns involves 5 mi rt and 1600' gain. Bring water, lunch, sturdy boots. Meet 8 am at La Canada carpool pt. Leader: JOSEPH YOUNG. Asst: BOBBIE JANKO.

NOV 2 SAT 100 PEAKS
 O: MT HILSON A DIFFERENT WAY: Down Rattlesnake Trail, then up approx 6 mi rt, 2500' gain, from pine to spruce chaperonal. Meet 9 am at La Canada with car and lunch. Hot drinks possible at concession on return to the top. Leader: RICHARD GORDON. Asst: RASHER WOODRAN.

NOV 2-3 SAT-SUN 100 PEAKS
 I: LIZARD HEAD (5381'), CUYARRA PK (5875'), FOX MTH #1 (5167'), CALIENTE MTH (5106'): Sat we'll climb upon the Lizard's Head (8 mi, 3000'), visit Cuyama's lookout tower, and chase the Fox (5 mi, 2000'). Sat nite New Cuyama Inn and Alliso Cyn camp. Sun climb Caliente from Abbott Cyn (10 mi, 3000'). For carpool details send sase with phone to Leader: LEM ARNACK. Asst: JIM RAIFORD.

NOV 3 SAT 100 PEAKS/RIO HONDO
 I: LIZARD HEAD (5381') VIA RANCHO NUEVO CREEK: 14+ mi, 1800' gain, fall colors, nice canyon, weird rock formations. Send sase and phone 8 to Leader: LUELLA MARTIN. Asst: JACK TRAGER.

NOV 9 SAT 100 PEAKS
 O: BARLEY FLATS (5600'+) - THE SCENIC ROUTE: The Forest Service has promised that this hiking trail (11405') be converted into an ORV trail. Come check it out, then let them know what you think about it. We will climb the N side of Barley Flats from the Big Tujunga (2200') gain, 6 mi rt. Meet 9:30 am at the La Canada carpool pt. Leader: BOB KAHNE. Asst: BOB THOMPSON.
 NOV 9 SAT *Sally, Vicky, Mandy, Winston, Dickson, Hayden, Chou*
 NOV 9-10 SAT-SUN 100 PEAKS

I: QUIL MTH (5814'), QUEEN MTH (5687'), RYAN MTH (5461'), LOST HORSE MTH (5288'), INSPIRATION MTH (5575'): High desert cross-country adventure. Camp at Sheep Pass in Joshua Tree NP. For carpool and itinerary send sase to Leader: LEM ARNACK. Asst: FRANK DOBOS.
 Nov 10 Ortega Hill, Ortega PK - Alamo, Alamo (Sun)
 NOV 10 SUN 100 PEAKS

O: MT BROEN-POWELL (9299'): Robinson's Angeles Trip #8! 8 mi rt, 2800' gain on many switchbacks. Moderate pace. Possibly to Mt Burnham as well, for additional 2 mi, 700' rt. Meet 8 am at La Canada; bring water, lunch, windbreaker. Serious weather cancels. Leader: RASHER WOODRAN, HARROT SLOCUM.
 Nov 14 *Bobbie, H.K., Brown, Young (Sat)*
 NOV 16 SAT 100 PEAKS

O: GRIFFITH PARK GRAND PRIZ: We will climb all 18 designated pks in Hollywood's playground, from Beacon Hill and Bee Rock to Mt Hollywood and 1820' Caluena Ph. 15 mi, 3000' gain. Meet 8 am at Los Feliz entrance to Fern Dell Park. Leader: LEM ARNACK. Asst: KATHY BROWN.
 Nov 16 *Sally, Vicky, Mandy, Winston, Dickson, Hayden, Chou*
 NOV 16-17 SAT-SUN 100 PEAKS

O: QUIL MTH (5800'+), RYAN MTH (5461'), LOST HORSE MTH (5288'+): Join us for a weekend of peasebassing in Joshua Tree Natl Mon. Carcamp Sat night. Send sase to John. Leader: JOHN CHESLICK, ED RICHBURG.

NOV 16-17 SAT-SUN 100 PEAKS
 I: BIGHORN MTH (5834'), MEERS MTH (6277'), BLACK MTH #4 (6149'), CHAPARRAL PK (5541'): Weekend of peasebassing in Joshua Tree Natl Mon. Do one or all moderate (distance depends on road conditions). Send sase, carpool info to Leader: ALAN COLES. Co-leader: MARTIN FEATHER.

NOV 16-17 SAT-SUN 100 PEAKS
 M: PILOT KNOB (6200'+), PINYON PK (6885'), SCODIE MTH (724'): A strenuous hike near Lake Isabella, plus two others near Walker Pass. Hiking 8 mi, gain 3500' on Sat; 9 mi, 4500' gain on Sun. Reservations required; send sase. Leader: JOHN BRUCKS. Asst: FRANK DOODYKOONTZ.

NOV 17 SUN 100 PEAKS
 O: WRIGHT MTH (6585'), DOBBLERS KNOB (6955'), CIRCLE MTH (6875'): A 14 mi extravaganza along the PCT, involving a car shuttle and 1500' gain. Bring warm clothing and 2 sts. Meet 7 am at Posona carpool pt. Leader: BOB THOMPSON, LEM ARNACK.

NOV 17 SUN 100 PEAKS
 O: CUYARRA PK (6512'), MIDDLE PK (5863'): Moderate 11 mi, 2800' climb of these 2 pks near historic city of Julian. For info and reservation, send sase with carpool info to leaders: GARY COHEN and WILMA CURTIS.

NOV 23 SAT 100 PEAKS
 O: NAVIGATION PRACTICE: Map and compass instruction with climb of Mt. Hillver (5 mi, 1000') in Horse Flat area, Angeles NF. Bring compass, Chilo Flat 7.5' quad, lunch. Meet 8 am at La Canada carpool pt. Leader: RON HUDSON, DON TIDWELL.

NOV 29-DEC 1 100 PEAKS/DESERT PKs
 I: RABBIT PK #2 (6623'), VILLAGER PK (5756'), INDIANHEAD (3968'): Fri backback to Villager (7 mi, 4000'). Sat dayback to Rabbit (7 mi rt, 2000' gain), then backback out 7 mi to Oh My God Hot Spring. Camp at Borrego Seag. Sun explore Pala Canyon on way to Indianhead (7 mi rt, 3000' gain). For carpool and details send sase with phone and conditioning experience to Leader: LEM ARNACK. Asst: FRANK DOBOS.

DEC 7 SAT 100 PEAKS
 O: LOOKOUT MTH (6812'): Join us for a moderate hike (2300' gain, 4 mi rt) in the San Gabriel. We will also do SUNSET PK (1500' gain, 3 mi rt) if time permits. Meet 8 am at the Mt Baldy carpool pt. Bring lunch and water. Rain cancels. Leader: JOHN CHESLICK, ED RICHBURG.

DEC 7 SAT 100 PEAKS
 I: MT OLERSON (6502'), BOBCAT PK (5279'): Join us for a ramble on the PCT; approx 10 mi rt, 1500' gain. Bring warm clothing, 2 sts, lunch. Meet 9 am at La Canada carpool pt, or 7 am at Lloyd's restaurant. Leader: BOB THOMPSON, LEM ARNACK.

DEC 7-8 SAT-SUN 100 PEAKS
 O: PYRRHINO PK (7035'), PINE MTH #2 (7054'), LION PK (6868'), PALM VIEW PK (7140'), APRACHE PK (7567'), SPITLER PK (7448'): A weekend of peasebassing in the Desert Divide area. Do first 4 Sat, 2500' gain; camp at Herkey Creek; do others on Sun, 2800' gain. Reservations required; send sase. Leader: JOHN BRUCKS. Asst: BETTY BERGEE.

DEC 8 SUN 100 PEAKS
 O: BARE MTH (6388'), PACIFIC MTH (7124'), MT HILLVER (6100'): Moderate winter workout, easily on PCT. 11 mi, 3000' gain. In case of snow we'll do SALLY, VETTER, MOONEY. Bring warm clothing, 2 sts. Meet 8 am at La Canada carpool pt, or 7 am at Lloyd's restaurant. Leader: LEM ARNACK. Asst: KATHY BROWN.

DEC 8 SUN 100 PEAKS
 I: MT ENNA (5273'), OLD MT ENNA (5063'): Moderately-paced hike (7 mi rt, 2700' gain) to a pair of nice peaks, one threatened by timber-shooting and ORV's. These peaks in the northern San Gabriels also have mistletoe for Christmas. Bring lug soles, water and lunch. Meet 9:30 am at La Canada carpool pt. Leader: BOB KAHNE. Asst: EIVOR HILSSON.

DEC 14 SAT 100 PEAKS/RIO HONDO
 O: BEAUTY PEAK () 14 mi rt, 2000' gain. See oak dotted valleys & old mine works near summit. Possible on Sess Mtn. Send sase and phone 8 to Leader: LUELLA MARTIN. Asst: GORDON LINDBERG.

DEC 14 SAT 100 PEAKS
 O: COLE PT (5604'), MT ENNA (5273'), OLD ENNA (5063'): Leader celebrates start of his 5th decade on this adventure. Peaks total about 7 mi and 3000' gain. Meet 7:30 am at Sycamore carpool pt; bring water, lunch, sturdy boots. Leader: JOSEPH YOUNG. Asst: JIM FLEMING.
 Dec 18 *Timber-Wheatley, Macfield (Wed)*
 DEC 25 MED 100 PEAKS

O: SUNSET PK (5796'): Easy hike for Christmas morning to a peak with great views. 5 mi rt, 1200' gain. Bring water and light refreshment to care. Back to cars by 1:30. Meet 9 am at Posona carpool pt. Storm cancels. Leader: RASHER WOODRAN. Asst: MURRY ARONSON.

JAN 1 MED 100 PEAKS
 O: MT HILSON (5728'+): Bag a peak - only 14 mi rt, less than 4000' gain. Hot coffee on top (if concession open). Resolve to meet at 8 am at Chantry Flat, with lug soles, water, warm clothing. Serious weather cancels. Leader: RASHER WOODRAN. Asst: RUOI BEUERWEIN.
 Dec 24 SAT *at Night - Brown, Thompson*
 Dec 25 SAT *Sp-logging, Fraser Park area - Macfield, Davis*

JAN 4 SAT 100 PEAKS/RIO HONDO
 I: BLACK MTH #4 () AND WARREN POINT () Join us for 2 moderate high desert pks, Joshua Trees, views of San Geronio Pass. Send sase and phone 8 to Leader: LUELLA MARTIN. Asst: GORDON LINDBERG.

JAN 4 SAT 100 PEAKS
 O: CONDOR PK (5448'+), FOX MTH #2 (5033'), IRON MTH #2 (5636'): MT OLERSON (6502'): Moderate hike via standard route. 9 mi, 2000' gain. Bring picnic goodies, warm clothing, 2 sts. Meet 8 am at La Canada carpool pt, or 7 am at Lloyd's. Leader: LEM ARNACK, FRANK DOBOS.

JAN 5 SUN 100 PEAKS
 I: SAN GABRIEL PK (6161'), MT DISAPPOINTMENT (5360'), MT DECEPTION (5796'), MT MAROHAN (5742'), MT LOBE (5603'), OCCIDENTAL PK (5732'): Moderate aerobic workout from Eaton Saddle. 12 mi rt, 2500' gain. Bring warm clothing and 2 sts. Meet 8 am at La Canada carpool pt. Leader: LEM ARNACK. Asst: KATHY BROWN.

JAN 11 SAT 100 PEAKS
 I: MT LUKENS (5074'): 6th annual exhilarating winter ascent of "Sister Elsie". Sparkling views from the top of the highest pt in LA. Via Haines Cyn and Sister Elsie trails. 10 mi rt; 3500' gain. Some steep firebreaks. Lug soles and warm clothes. Meet 8 am at La Canada carpool pt. Leader: BOB THOMPSON. Asst: STAG BROWN.
 Jan 18 SAT *Deception, Disappointment, San Gabriel, Hayes, Madon*
 JAN 18 SAT SF VALLEY - 100 PEAKS

O: VERDUOD MTH LENGTHWISE TRVERSE: Hike roads and ridge from Glendale to Sun Valley, 12 mi, 2500' gain. Meet 8 am on E side of Glenoaks, at Hollywood Hwy exit from I-5, to begin car shuttle. Leader: DON TIDWELL, LEM ARNACK.

JAN 25 SAT 100 PEAKS
 O: RATTLESNAKE PK (5826'): Join us for this scintillatingly stimulating mid-winter ascent of Fanny benchmark. Strenuous, 3700' gain, 8 mi rt, 4500' gain on Sat; 9 mi, 4500' gain on Sun. Send sase, carpool info to Leader: SHARUS FLEMING. Co-leader: BOBCAT THOMPSON.

JAN 25 SAT 100 PEAKS
 I: ALDER CREEK: The Angeles Forest Draft Plan has proposed that the watershed of Alder Creek (headwaters of the Big Tujunga) be managed PRIMARILY for livestock grazing, and has proposed several ORV trails and conversion of hiking trail 11405 into ORV use. This moderately strenuous hike will include cross-country travel near riparian areas, with some brush. Meet 9:30 am at La Canada. Leader: BOB KAHNE. Asst: DON TIDWELL.

FEB 1 SAT 100 PEAKS/RIO HONDO
 I: SHEEP MTH (5141'), ASBESTOS MTH (5236'): Join us for two pks in the High Desert. Send sase and phone 8 to Leader: LUELLA MARTIN. Asst: GORDON LINDBERG.

FEB 2 SUN 100 PEAKS
 O: CONDITIONS FOR GROUNDHOOGS AT HUGO PK (1266'): Marmots are rare in this area, but we should see shooting stars and other floral forage on 13 mi loop with 2200' gain. Meet 8 am at West LA carpool pt with lunch and 1 st. Rain shortens. Leader: DON TIDWELL, BOB THOMPSON.

FEB 2 SUN 100 PEAKS
 O: STRAWBERRY PK (6164'), JOSEPHINE PK (5558'): Loop trip with car shuttle from Red Box to Clear Creek. 8 mi, 2100' gain; will include some moderate rock-climbing on Strawberry descent. Alternative hike will be done if conditions doubtful. Serious weather cancels. Lug soles required. Meet 8 am at La Canada. Leader: RASHER WOODRAN. Asst: RICHARD GORDON.
 FEB 9 SAT *Sp-logging, Big Bear area - Davis, Macfield*
 FEB 9-9 SAT-SUN 100 PEAKS

I: BEAUTY PK (5548'), IRON SPRINGS MTH (5755'), SAN VISDRO MTH (6147'): Three unique peaks south of wonderful Antz. 14 mi, 3000' gain on Sat; 2000' gain for San V on Sun. Send sase, carpool info to Leader: ALAN COLES. Co-leader: MARTIN FEATHER.
 FEB 9 SAT *Thin Bucks - Brown, Thompson*

FEB 12 MED LOCAL HIKES
 O: MILLARD CYN TO DRAN NINE: Meet 9:30 am at Loma Alta Dr and Chantry Trail in Altadena. Take I-210 to Lincoln Ave, go N 1-3/4 mi to Loma Alta, then E 1/2 mi to Chantry Trail. We will go up Millard Cyn to Sun Mine, then return via a newly-bush trail near Sunset Ridge. Hiking 6 mi, gain 1000'. Bring lunch and water. Leader: JOHN BRUCKS. Asst: BETTY BERGEE.

FEB 16 SUN 100 PEAKS
 O: MT LOBE (5603') FIGURE 8: Strenuous trip from Altadena (4000' gain, 14 mi rt) at a moderate pace. See historic Echo Mtn and remnants of the Mt Lobe railroad. "Cross the 8" near the Mt Lobe Camp. Meet 7:30 am at the N end of Lake Ave. Leader: BOB KAHNE. Asst: JOHN CHESLICK.
 FEB 19 MED *Lobe, Alpine Tavern - Trager's team*
 FEB 22-23 SAT-SUN 100 PEAKS

I: MARTINEZ MTH (6560'+), SHEEP MTH (5141'), ASBESTOS MTH (5265'), CHAUILLA PK (5635'), LITTLE CHAUILLA (5042'): Sunlight and moonlight hike Sat on 28 mi, 4500' gain; to first 2 pks. 11 mi, 3300' gain on Sun. Camp at Pinon Flat on Hwy 74 N of Pala Desert. Send sase with carpool info to Leader: DON TIDWELL. Asst: LEM ARNACK.



THE DISASTER
 ...safety because it's the only place you can find help.



THE DECISION
 ...As you evaluate from safety, you promise to get together. ...safety because it's the only place you can find help.



SHINE THE HAZARD
 "Boy! when I think of all the important stuff I could be climbing!"



THEY SURE DO IT THE HARD WAY

Aside from the multifaceted healthful, esthetic, and pleasurable benefits of mountaineering, the most powerful motivator of HPS members is the attainment of emblem awards. These milestones serve as definitive goals, boost self-esteem, and enhance the purposes of the Sierra Club. Considering the value of these symbols of accomplishment, perhaps we should look to scouting organizations for ideas. Scouting, which represents the only population of hikers and campers larger than the Sierra Club, provide as many medals, patches, and pins for various achievements as do military organizations.

There are other landmarks amidst our beloved mountains that are worthy of hiking and sightseeing. Witness the success of the Canyon Explorers, a Sierra Club offshoot. Perhaps there should be a Canyons (including creeks and rivers) and Meadows (including valleys and flats) Section, or a Waterways Section. The latter section could incorporate lake-bagging, as well as canyon-traversing and flatlands preservation, within its aegis. Before such a section is formed, however, hikes must be organized emphasizing these themes. As a starting point, a list of canyons and trails are presented below. In the future, these lists will be expanded and refined, and additional lists of lakes, swimming holes, mines, historical sites, and ? will be featured.

CANYON	Nearby Mountain or Topog	TRAIL
Aqua Alta	Martinez	Burkhart
Alamar	Big Pine	Chino
Alder	Roundtop	Cinco Poses
Alger	Anderson	Golden Arrowhead
Andreas	Red Tahquitz	Gordon
Apple	Apache	Idlehour
Arrastre	Tip Top	Mount Wilson
Banning	Little San Geronio	Ponderosa Nature
Barley	Monument #1	Rattlesnake
Barton	Rabbit #2	Sam Fink
Bear #1	Baldy	Sam Merrill
Bear #2	Brown	Seven Pines
Bear #3	Liebre	Stone Canyon
Bear #4	Smith	Sturtevant
Bichota	Rattlesnake Pk	Vogel Flat
Big Rock	Pinyon Ridge	Webster
Blackhawk	Silver	Wellman
Bobcat	Sally	Whispering Pines Nature
Bull	Butterfly	Winter Creek
Burnt	Burnt	
Caballero	Canoga Park*	
Cable	Sugarpine	
Caliente	Hildreth	
Camp	Little San Geronio	
Castle	Love	
Cedar	Thunder	
Cherry	Sugarloaf Pk	
Chino	Cornell	
Chokecherry	Samon	
Cleghorn	Cleghorn	
Colby	Josephine	
Coldwater	Thunder	
Cooper	Buckhorn	
Cow	Lookout #2	
Cox	Shay	
Coxey	Deer	
Cruthers	Will Thrall	
Cucamonga	Cucamonga	
Dark	Marion	
Day	Cucamonga	
Deep	Luna	
Deer #1	Cucamonga	
Deer #2	Marshall	
Devil	Sheep	
Devils	Twin	
Falling Rock	Sugarloaf Pk	
Falls	Charlton	
Fern	Lake	
Fish #1	Sawtooth	
Fish #2	Spitler	
Fobes	Cedar	
Ford	San Bernardino	
Forsee	Black #1	
Fuller Mill	Little San Geronio	
Gilman	Sugarloaf Mt	
Green	Black #1	
Hall	Heart Bar	
Heart Bar	Dobbs	
High	Little Bear	
Holcomb	Deer	
Hook	Toro	
Horsethief	Pt. Mugu*	
La Jolla	Hines	
Lion	Deer	
Little Bear	Cleghorn	
Little Horsethief	Williamson	
Little Rock	Harvard	
Little Santa Anita	Butterfly	
Live Oak	Cornell	
Long Valley	San Bernardino	
Lost	San Sevaire	
Lytle	Marion	
Marion	Martinez	
Martinez	Galena	
Mill	Brown	
Millard #1	Kitching	
Millard #2	Anderson	
Momyer	Old Man	
Murietta	Antsell	
Murray	San Geronio	
N. Fork, Whitewater	Lion	
Oak	Old Man	
Old Man	Iron #2	
Pacoma	Southwell	
Palm	Rosa Pt.	
Palo Verde	Cajon	
Powell	Villager	
Rattlesnake	Echo	
Rubio	Topanga*	
Rustic	Iron #1	
San Gabriel	Wilson	
Santa Anita	Topanga*	
Santa Ynez	Pacifico	
Santiago	Rabbit #2	
Sheep	Sally	
Shortcut	Hines	
Sisear	San Jacinto	
Snow	Spitler	
Spitler	San Bernardino E.	
Stetson	Wilson	
Strayns	Canoga Park*	
Sullivan	Pt. Mugu*	
Sycamore	Tahquitz	
Tahquitz	Topanga*	
Temescal	Barley Flats	
Upper Big Tujunga	Dobbs	
Vivian	Arrowhead	
Waterman	Sugarloaf M.	
Wildman		

THE LAS VEGAS WILDLIFE REFUGE Las Vegas, Nevada



Preserved for observation within the Park grounds under spectacular neon lighting are such famous species as the bleached blonde floozy, the tennis shoed Grandmother and the coveted Saudi Arabian high roller. Campers will find 4,000 acres of asphalt parking areas throughout the Park that would be ideal for tenting if the local goons didn't threaten to break the kneecaps of tourists who refuse to rent expensive hotel rooms instead. Clean running water is available at several locations within the Park itself, even though no one has ever been known to drink the stuff.

SANTA BARBARA CHANNEL OIL SLICK PRESERVE Santa Barbara, California

Located just offshore in the otherwise blue Pacific, this large blob of gook rates as one of "The Seven Man-Made Wonders of the World." The Preserve is an ideal place for studying "Shore Birds," due to the fact that numerous species are stuck in the glop, and cannot fly away to avoid being studied. The Preserve area is presently reachable only by boat, but Park Rangers predict that the oil sludge will soon become thick enough to permit tourists to walk to the Park from beaches.



THE VALLEY GIRLS HISTORICAL CAMPSITE San Fernando, California

Through extensive use of the same garish trimmings that were used in construction of California shopping malls of the '70's, a natural habitat has been carefully restored for America's dwindling herd of "authentic Valley Girls." Colorful specimens can still be spotted at the Fast Food Joints and the other feeding grounds that dot the National Campsite area. Guides fluent in the Valley Girl language can be hired at nominal fees by tourists who wish to converse with the natives, but the Park Service warns that they may find such conversations to be grody to the max.



Sentimental Journey

20 YEARS AGO

Bob Van Allen & Ben Romero lead Pisgah from Oak Glen Apple Orchard (9/26).
 Bob Van Allen lead North, Middle, Cuyamaca, and Oakzanita. After a campfire songfest @ Cuyamaca State Park, they climbed Stonewall by moonlight (10/2-3).
 Dave Stepsay lead Tecuya & Antimony from Lost Luck Gold Mine. After spending Halloween nite @ Chuchapate Camp trick or treating and at a Boy Scout campfire, Eagle Rest was climbed Sun. from San Emigdio Creek.

15 YEARS AGO

Bob Hawthorne & Gene Andreoski lead Pechacho, High Pt, Boucher Hill, Hot Springs Mt (& San Ysidro). On Pechacho, Chief Ponchetti of the Santa Ysabel Tribe gave a speech on Indian problems. Driving down from Hot Springs, the cars were locked inside the gate for a few hours (6/6-7).
 Paul Lipsohn & Bob Herlihy lead Greenhorn, Black, Split, Sunday, and Portugese, camping @ Tiger Flat. Bohna was climbed from Cedar Creek (6/13-4).
 W.R.C. Shedenhelm lead Granite, Roundtop, and Iron, car shuttling between Monte Cristo Camp and the Round-Pacifico Rd junction. They stopped at the Black Cargo Mine on the way down Monte Cristo Canyon (7/18).
 Vansickle & Cain lead Baden-Powell in a loop from Little Jimmy to Throop to Vincent Gap, where they met Marlon Brando and his children (6/20).
 On a rainy day, Collier & Bode lead Black & Castle Rocks (8/15)
 Van Allen & Lipsohn lead 11 peaks on San Gorgonio Ridge, car shuttling from Poopout Hill to Camp Angelus, bagging Grinnell & Lake first from Dry Lake, and camping @ High Meadow Spring (6/27-8).

10 YEARS AGO

John Backus finished the list for the 2nd time.
 Frank Goodykoontz, Ivan Steverson, and Bob Wyka received 200 Peaks Bars.
 Bill T. Russell & Mary Forbes lead Kitching & Pisgah, quaffing apple cider afterward (10/12).
 Joe Young and Walt & Betty Kabler lead Waterman & Twin Peaks from Buckhorn, up Fire Rd 10W05.

5 YEARS AGO

Diane Rosentreter joined the section.
 Bobcat & Eivor Nilsson lead Pacifico by moonlight from Sulphur Springs (9/20).
 Bobcat & Jim Barnett lead a Wed hike from Pine Hollow past Little Jimmy Spring to Mt Hawkins, lunching on Margot Slocum's zucchini bread (9/10).
 Eivor also lead Jean & Marion with E. Ertl, saving 4 mi by dropping directly off Marion. They met some San Diego Sierra Clubbers on Jean who said they planned to start a San Diego HPS (7/13).
 How Bailey & Priscilla Libby made a car shuttle traverse from Reyes Pk Camp on Pine Mt past Haddock, Piedra Blanca Creek, and Thorn Pt to Thorn Meadows--17 mi, 2700' gain, 4700' loss (9/27).



On county road N-2, on the way back from Sawtooth, Burnt, and Liebre, I spun off the road at a particularly dangerous hairpin curve. It appears about 2 miles W of Three Points, just after the high point of the road on a steep downgrade, and just past a dip. If you travel faster than 30mph, you may experience what I did--going over a 3' embankment and down a steep slope. Luckily, I stopped 1' short of a tree.--L.A.



By ALLAN PARACHINI,
Times Staff Writer

FRAZIER PARK, Calif.—Back on July 8 in Connecticut, Gail Kaufman piled her husband, Alan, her daughters, Skye, 5, and Megan, 2½, and the family pet, a big English sheep dog named Barkley, into a Volkswagen camper van and headed off to California for a reunion with a tragically troubled old friend.

The reunion would take the form of a big party, attended by 250 people, that began Friday night at a campground on nearby Mt. Pinos and continued all day Saturday and Sunday at a remote spot along Mill Potrero Highway, 25 miles north of here in Kern County.



Condor watchers gather at Los Padres National Forest in hopes of catching glimpses of the California condor, top, whose numbers in the wild have dwindled to just eight known birds.

Sage of Bittersweet

Yet it was all carried out with a profound sense of the bittersweet. Heavy on the bitter. Laced heavily with the sad.

For the "friend" the Kaufmans drove out from Connecticut to be with is not a human, but a bird, the California condor. And the event the Kaufmans came to California to attend was the 13th annual Condor Watch and Tequila Bust.

It is a party that honors the condor, yet this year an agonizing reality hung over the campfires and the hibachi grills. There are eight condors left to watch this

year. By next August, there may be none left in the 9 million acres of natural habitat that has supported the species since some point in prehistory.

The condor watch is a happening that began in 1972. It has been held on the first weekend of August each year as a chance for bird experts, bird watchers, condor biologists and other experts to gather and let their hair down while quietly expressing solidarity with a critically endangered species. The event's existence has never before

been extensively publicized, even by reporters who have been invited to attend—stories that have alluded to it have discreetly left off the "tequila bust" part of the name. It has served mainly as a gathering of the condor's human clan.

The night the reunion began this year, there was a good deal of drinking and bawdy songs, sung around the campfire with accompaniment by guitars long since out of tune.

Always before, the party aspect of the condor watch had seemed in

control. After all, there had been hope that the condor, whose numbers in the wild 13 years ago ran into the high 20s or 30s, would somehow make it and avoid extinction—defying the odds that held for it the same fate as the passenger pigeon and other animals that once roamed the Earth but don't anymore.

This 13th condor watch, though, was different—tamer, quieter, more sober than its predecessors. It was different for the Kaufmans and

many of the other people who attended because, by the time the next condor watch is scheduled to occur, there very well may be no condors left in the wild to see.

Political squabbling that has pervaded the public debate over how best to preserve the small remaining condor population continues, and in fact, it remains to be seen whether a program under way now to capture remaining wild condors will leave three, six or none in the wild when the current spate of trappings concludes in the fall.

There are eight birds known to be in the wild at this moment. Two of them are now scheduled to be captured and sent to zoos in San Diego and Los Angeles. A ninth bird was caught two weeks ago.

This concept is called "protective custody." Captured birds will join 19 others that have either been caught and placed in captivity or born there in a breeding program that shows some signs of promise but is as yet untested as a means of ensuring the survival of the species. Theoretically, at least, condors could be released back into the wild in from two to 10 years, after their numbers have recovered in zoos.

The most likely number of birds that will be left in the wild by next summer is three, but even that could change if the combination of as-yet-undefined conditions that reduced the wild population from 19 to fewer than 10 in just one year occurs again this winter. The deaths of any more birds would probably assure the capture of every living condor.

Lloyd Kiff, curator of the Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology in Westwood, one of the main groups active in the fight to somehow save the condor from extinction, started the condor watch 13 years ago. He says there will be another one next August, no matter what.

"We'll continue to have condor watches, if only as testimony to our kinship with the bird," he said. "If all we can see is eagles, we'll watch eagles."

Kaufman identifies herself as "just a mother" transplanted from California to Connecticut by the job transfers of her husband. Twelve years ago, she attended her first condor watch and has missed just two because of her now three-year absence from the state.

She is a person Kiff describes as a hard-core but typical member of the condor's human support system. It is a group of people ranging from blue collar to white collar who are professionally or emotionally committed to trying to find a way for the bird to survive in the face of almost insurmountable odds.

"This is probably the last time my kids will be able to see condors in the wild," Kaufman said, standing on the shoulder of the highway with everyone else.

The scene was like a movie parodying bird watching. Mill Potrero Highway runs along the side of a mountain range that turns north through the Los Padres National Forest.

For at least an eighth of a mile, the highway's edge was a continuing line of spotting telescopes, long camera lenses on tripods and humans, wearing binoculars, staring out into the sky.

"Condors," Kaufman said, "are like Siberian tigers. They represent something we can't control and which we are screwing up. I want my children to understand this vanishing Earth concept."

Five years ago, Kiff found a painting at a garage sale in Pennsylvania, depicting a possum contemplating a butterfly.

The summer after Kiff found it, he started bestowing it each year as the "revolving revolving award" to the person who makes the first verified sighting at the condor watch. The painting is so ugly that no winner has ever let pass the first opportunity to return it.

Twice before, the award was won by Michael Fry, a professor of avian science at UC Davis who is one of the people with binoculars at the roadside.

Like many in the condor movement, Fry is not at all certain that the plan to capture the wild condors and put them in zoos for several years is a good idea. There is serious concern that, by removing the wild population from its natural habitat, the species' store of cultural knowledge may be lost.

Many biologists believe that even an animal as primitive as the carrion-eating condor conveys through its generations information on such critical subjects as the locations of good nesting sites, the boundaries of the range area and even, perhaps, techniques for finding food. With visual acuity seven times that of man—and a measure better than eagles—condors search for their meals from the air, covering vast amounts of territory in the process.

Fry worries that zoo-bred condors may never be able to replicate the natural set of skills. He and Kiff take different sides in the dispute, with Kiff arguing that while the capture technique is nothing more than a last, desperate stop, it must be taken or there will be no species left to worry about. Between the two of them, this is not a new subject of disagreement.

"It makes me feel betrayed by the whole program," Fry says.

"But, Michael," Kiff counters, "we lost 40% of the population last year."

Permanent Trophy?

"I think there is a very good chance that this will be the last year we will be able to see these birds in the wild," Fry says. "I'm afraid it (the painting) is going to become a permanent trophy at this point."

Next to him, Jack Ingram, a sound engineer who has toured with Bette Midler, the group America, Stevie Wonder and Santana, lines up his binoculars, too.

He remembers being profoundly impressed by the sheer size of the condor, which weighs in at about 25 pounds and has an eight-foot wing span. It is the Boeing 747 of natural aviation and has such a commanding presence in the sky that it can be spotted five miles away with binoculars and with the naked eye at that distance by anyone who has seen more than just a couple of condors.

"It's a hunk," Ingram says, groping for a way to describe the bird. "It just hangs there."

"I think that's very, very sad from a social standpoint," he says of the symbolism of this condor watch. "From the point of view of the bird, it's an even bigger catastrophe. We can only hope that things will turn around and we'll be back here, doing this again."

At noon Saturday, Kiff reached into his car, pulled out a bell and started ringing it. Fry had won the award again.

The bird was a long way off, but it was unmistakably a condor. White markings under the wings gave it away, along with its stable, soaring flight, achieved almost without resort to wing flapping.

It was probably UN-1 ("UN" for "unknown," or a bird never fitted with a radio transmitter to track its movements).

A circle of people formed around Kiff and Fry as Kiff presented the trophy. "It looks like he (Fry) may be stuck with it," Kiff said. "I hope I do get to give it away," Fry said to the crowd. "It really would be sad if all of the birds are gone."

Mingling in the crowd are two people with a unique perspective on what is happening. They are Peter Bloom and Jesse Grantham, National Audubon Society employees who work at the Condor Research Center in Ventura. They are in charge of trapping two more birds and would be charged with finding and capturing all of the rest of the wild condors if that step is approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Game.



"The way you yelled, he prolly won't NEVER come back! He was just lickin' your face to be friendly!"

"The real challenge is saving the species in the wild," Grantham says. "Anybody can capture a bird and put it in a zoo. But these birds are like works of art and you can't replicate the Mona Lisa. I'd go right up to the wire with it. It's not time to give up."

Feeding Program

Since April, the condor center has been conducting a daily feeding program for the condors, leaving calf carcasses out in fields where the birds can easily find them and at locations that are safe for the condor. Grantham hopes such techniques may stave off extinction in the wild for a while longer and prolong the period in which the bird will have its last chance to succeed.

But even Grantham recognizes that another winter like last year's would seal the fate of any birds that remained. Even condor scientists who oppose the capture program would accept a roundup under those conditions.

"Trapping condors," Bloom says, "is something that (as a professional challenge) I really enjoy."

"But folding a wild bird's wings up for the last time is no pleasure. Unfortunately, at this point, it is the only thing we can do."

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