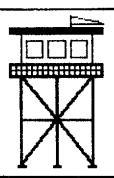
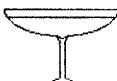
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CONGRATULATIONS



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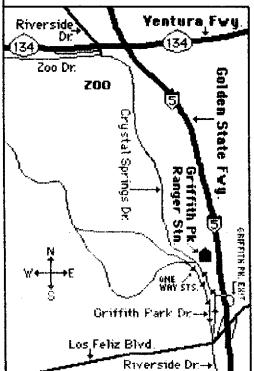
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Jim Raiford Kay Machen Thomas Amneus William Faulkner Paul Frieman

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COME TO THE HPS SOCIAL MEETINGS!



WHERE:

Griffith Park Ranger Station 4730 Crystal Springs Drive Griffith Park (See map left.)

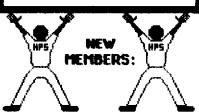
PROGRAMS:

March 14; Thurs./7:30 p.m. "Anatomy of Alpine Flowers" by Linda Hardie-Scott Author and member of the California Native Plant Society.

(Note:This program was postponed from its original February 13, 1986 date.)

April 10; Thurs./7:30 p.m. "Going Inside: A Synchronized Slide Show of Alaska" by Diane Rosentreter & Dennis Baker

WELCOME



Joe Fuselier Paul V. & Alice Carlson Molly Beathe Michael Sandford David F. Jensen

REMEMBER, TO CONTINUE RECEIVING THE LOOKOUT, DUES MUST BE PAID BY 3/31/86 IF YOUR SUBSCRIPTION EXPIRED IN 1/861









FROM THE CHAIR

When I first started hiking three years ago, I was amazed and somewhat intimidated by all the names shown in the front of the Schedule. I didn't understand why so many people were required to "manage" organization primarily ran outings for the enjoyment of others. Well, after being the HPS Treasurer in 1985, I have to come to realize that there is a tremendous amount of work going on behind the scenes so that we all can enjoy our activities and the 1986 Management Committee has its hands full.

Some of the issues we will be discussing over the next few months include:

The revision of our By-Laws to conform with Angeles Chapter requirements. George Pfeiffer has already prepared a 30 page draft for our review and comments. We hope to present a final version to the membership with the November ballot.

The new limitations of the Sierra Club liability insurance and the possible impact on HPS outings. Fortunately, we do not lead many class 3 trips and, therefore, may be unaffected except for a possible increase in our annual dues to the National Club.

An analysis of the subscription monies received for future years and the impact on future Committees. Tom Neely will be looking at the amount of future funds already received and how we can insure that the money is still available in 1989 and 1990 when it will be needed.

Dotty Rabinowitz will be working on having some fun and innovative programs both at the regular monthly meetings and in the Schedule. Please contact her if you have any suggestions or would like to help. Oktoberfest '86 is already in the planning stages and the 1987 Banquet will be under discussion in the next few months.

Ways to increase and promote membership in the HPS including the "Advanced Emblem" idea proposed last year by Lew Amack.

Frank Dobos will be working with the trip leaders to help alleviate too many "good" trips on the same weekend, multiple leads of the same peak and the non-lead of other peaks. If any member who is not a leader and would like to see a particular trip led, please contact Frank.

The LOOKOUT will be going through some changes. Lew Amack, who we thank for his efforts, has passed the typewriter ribbon (or, in this case, the computer keyboard) to Ruth

Adler. Even with Ruth's creative talent, the success of the LOOKOUT depends on the contributions and suggestions from all of you. Let Ruth know what you would like to see added or removed. Are there any budding reporters out there?

It does take a lot of effort and planning to have a successful erganization, but it can be a lot of fun--especially when the people involved are so enthusiastic. I would like to encourage all of you to offersuggestions on how the Section can be improved or things that you would like to see offered. Please contact any member of the Management Remember--its your Committee. Section. We invite you to attend our monthly social meetings to exchange peakbagging gossip and keep abreast of important issues that affect us all.

Since we are approaching the Diamond Jubilee of the Angeles Chapter, we are reprinting the original "Hundred Peaks Idea" (on pg. 5 of) this issue. It reflects a simple idea that was proposed in simpler times. From time to time i think most of us get caught up in "peakbagging" and forget that the natural beauty that we walk through and the camaraderie of the group is what's really important. The LIST merely gives us a structure and a rational excuse for our insanity.

-Jon Sheldon









FROM THE PAST CHAIR

Greetings Fellow HPS Members.
Once again our Section has experienced a successful year with our peak climbs, social meetings, membership and various activities. The culmination came with the annual Awards Banquet of last month. Almost 120 members and friends turned out to enjoy the festivities at Taix Restaurant. One of the pleasures of attending the banquet comes in renewing old friendships

and meeting new ones. Many emblem holders, list finishers, past chairs and past awardees were present and given due recognition. We had the good fortune to have two charter members of the Section there, Sam Fink and Louise Werner. We hope they will continue to attend for many more years. Bob Cates shared with us an album of photos he has taken over the years on past peak climbs. Seeing ourselves as we were 10 to 15 years ago is somewhat bittersweet.

As Past Chair, I expressed my deepest appreciation to the 1985 Management Committee for the unstinting efforts they gave over the past year. They are: Jim Fleming, former Past Chair: Brent Washburne, Vice Chair/Outings; Jon. Sheldon, Treasurer; Tom Neely, Frank Goodykoontz, Secretary: Programs; George Pfeiffer, Council Representative: Dotty Rabinowitz, Conservation; Lew Amack, Lookout Editor: Marion Patey and Kay Machen, Membership; Gary Murta, Lookout mailer, John Backus, Mountain Records: and Betty Bergey. Peak Guides. Once again I wish to give my personal thanks to all of you for the time and help you so unselfishly gave to me. It has been a pleasure working with you and getting to know you better.

The members of the 1986 Management Committee were introduced by the new Chair, Jon Sheldon. They are: Frank Dobos, Vice Chair/Outings: Tom Neely. Treasurer: George Pfeiffer. Secretary: Dotty Rabinowitz. Programs: Donica Wood, Council Representative: Wilma Curtis. Conservation: Machen. Kay Membership: Ruth Adler, Lookout Editor: Gary Murta, Lookout mailer: John Backus, Mountain Records; and Betty Bergey, Peak Guides. The enthusiasn they show towards carrying out our fun and business indicates a continuation of the best traditions of the Section. wishes to you all in the coming year.

The suspense that was building up as the evening wore on was

alleviated with the presentation of the annual awards. This year's winners were (tah, tah, dah):

> R.S. Fink Service Award: Eivor Nilsson

Leadership Award: Joe Young Special Awards for Membership: Marion Patev

Special Award for Artwork: Nami Takashima Brown

Congratulations to the four of you for the achievements which led to your awards. They are only a small token of our appreciation for the effort and talents that you have given to us.

Throughout the evening, door and raffle prizes were given out. I would like to give a special thank you to the following for their generous donations of these prizes:

- 1. Westridge, W.L.A: Daypack, won by Yetta Worsfeld. Swiss Army Knife, won by George Tucker.
- 2. Mountain Shop, Northridge: \$10.00 Gift Certificate, won by Nancy Murray.
- 3. Adventure 16, W.L.A.: Bomber Hat, won by Edna Erspamer.
- 4. Sports Chalet, La Canada: Daypack, won by Diane Dillon.
- 5. Ruby & Bill Jenkins: <u>Self-Propelled in Southern Sierra, Vol. 1</u>, won by William Parker. <u>Self-Propelled in Southern Sierra, Vol. II</u>, won by Carl Seichart.
- 6. Bob & Maureen Cates: Santa
 Ana Trails Guide, won by Julie
 Resch. San Bernardino Mountain
 Trails, won by Jon Petitjean.
 Joshua Tree Monument, won by Ed
 Kenney. Joshua Tree Monument,
 won by Betty Trager.

Bill and Ruby Jenkins presented an inspiring slide show and commentary of Southern Sierran climbs made by their late son, Jim, for whom our newest peak addition, Mt. Jenkins, was named. Thank you for sharing these pictures and memories with us.

Now, I would like to give recognition to Simone de Miguel who handled the ticket and raffle sales with such efficiency and aplomb. She did an outstanding job and our treasury has been enriched because

of her efforts.

There are many people who gave needed advice, wrote helpful letters to me, wrote the articles for the Lookout, led the hikes, furnished refreshments at our new monthly meeting place in Griffith Park, sold Tshirts, etc., etc., that I cannot personally name here, but who, nevertheless, i wish to thank. You know who you are, and without this care, thoughtfulness and support, my task as Chair would have been less pleasant and more difficult. I have enjoyed being your Chair. You can count on my continued efforts in the coming year. Your goodwill and friendship will always remembered.

-Alice Hawkins



1985 TREASURER'S REPORT

The past year proved to be the best ever for peak celebrations. We had 32 new emblem holders, 12 new 200 peakers, 4 new list finishers, 3 people who finished the list for the 2nd time, and one hardy "sole" who has finished the list 5 times!!!!! Congratulations to them all.

The past year proved to be a successful year for the accounts of the Section. We did show a net loss on the Fiscal 1985 report required by the Chapter, but that seems to be primarily due to the initial expenses for purchasing the t-shirts. Since the initial costs for the t-shirts have almost been recouped we hope to show a slight profit in 1986.

Be sure to order your t-shirts, pins and patches from Tom Neely, the 1986 Treasurer.

-Jon Sheldon

Re: Joe McCosker's "record" of the longest time to complete the List, my father, Phil H. Martin, climbed his 1st HPS peak with his father and older brother when he was 6. He was born in 1906, so that makes his climb of Mt. Wilson, 1912. He completed the list on 11/25/74 on Black #6, that's 62 yrs.1

-Luella Martin

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Send Your Letters <u>NOW</u> on the Sequoia Forest Plan!

The public comment period on the Sequola National Forest Draft Plan ends on March 28, 1986. The Forest Service <u>must</u> respond to substantive issues that are raised by the public comments. If possible, be specific. Say <u>what</u> is wrong, <u>why</u> it is wrong, and <u>how</u> the Forest Service should resolve the situation. Include your personal experiences in the Forest, especially if they highlight a management problem.

Send your comments postmerked by March 28, to:

Forest Supervisor Sequoia National Forest 900 West Grand Ave. Porterville, CA 93257.

Write to the same address for a copy of the Plan, or call (209) 784-1500. The following are highlights of the Plan, more details are in the March Southern Sierran.

Alternatives. Support the Conservation Alternative, a proposal that was developed by a coalition of conservation organizations, including the Sierra Club.

Roads vs. Hiking Trails. The Forest Service plans to construct just 21 mi. of new hiking trails during the entire 50-year planning period (pg. 4-15, Plan). In contrast, they also plan to construct an average of 17 mi. of new road every year for the next 50 years. This is balanced management? The trail system is rapidly diminishing in size; its already 20% smaller than it was in 1979 (pg. 3-86, EIS).

Timber. "Production of sawtimber volume" will be primary emphasis on 294,000 acres of the Forest. That is 73% of the conifer forest that is not in Wilderness (pg. 4-12, Plan). The remaining conifers will also be subject to some sales, even some Giant Sequoias. Timber sales will increase 39% from the 1982 level. All of this costs the taxpayer money! The Wilderness

Society has calculated that between 1979 and 1984 the Sequoia Forest lost an average of \$1.7 million each year on timber sales.

ORVs. Cross-country ORV travel would be allowed on 667,000 acres, containing 331 ml. of trails open to ORVs. In the remaining 178,000 acres that are outside of Wilderness, ORVs would be allowed on 139 miles of trails (pg. 4-13, Plan).

Peaks. The following HPS peaks are in areas that are open to crosscountry ORV travel in the proposed plan: Sunday Pk., Split Mtn., Black Mtn. #5, Cannell Pt., Heald Pk., Bald Eagle Pk., Lightner Pk., Nicolls Pk., Pinyon Pk., Scodie Mtn., Piute Sorrell Lookout and Pk. "Sawtimber" would be the management emphasis for Sunday Pk., Bohna Pk., Black Mtn. #5, Cannell Pt. and Piute Lookout. "Range" would be the emphasis for Split Mtn., Bald Eagle Pk. and Lightner Pk.

The following SPS peaks are in areas where ORVs had been restricted to designated routes, but the Proposed Plan opens them to cross-country use: Siretta Pk., Moses Mtn., the N. Maggie Mtn. area, and probably Taylor Dome. Smith Mtn. remains in an area where ORVs are allowed on designated routes. "Sawtimber" will be the management emphasis in the areas around the peaks.

Roadless Areas/Wilderness. This Plan studies 126,700 acres of roadless areas for wilderness potential as the result of a request by Congress to do so, but the Plan only recommended 12,700 acres of the Rockhouse area for wilderness status. All of these areas (especially Rockhouse and the Scodies) deserve support for Wilderness designation: Rockhouse (37,557 acres), Scodies (48,000 acres). Moses 24.359 Dennison Pk. (6,700 acres), and Oat Mtn. (12.400 acres). A map is on pg. 3-23 of the Plan.

Other Issues. My article in the Southern Sierran also discusses Wild

and Scenic Rivers, SkI areas, Visual Quality, Grazing, Target Shooting and Botanical Areas.

Other Forest Plans. The San Bernardino Forest Plan and Los Padres Plan are due to be released in April, and the Inyo Forest Plan is scheduled for July. To get on their mailing lists to receive copies, contact: San Bernardino N.F., 144 N. Mountain View Ave., San Bernardino, CA 92408, (714) 383-588; Los Padres N.F., 6144 Calle Real, Goleta, CA 93017, (805) 683-6711; Inyo N.F., 873 N. Main St., Bishop, CA 93514, (619) 873-5841.

Please participate in the Forest Planning process. HPS members know these areas far better than the general public, and in many cases, better than the Forest Service themselves. Your comments are important.

Send me a note or call me if you would like to receive announcements of our Chapter Forest Planning Committee meetings.

An update (2/7/86) on the status of the March Board of Directors election: the resolution regarding funding of the Nuclear War Campaign will not be on the ballot, but the 4 candidates running by petition still will be. Questions? Give me a call. Vote!

-Bob Kanne

January 3, 1986

Editor, HPS Lookout:

Out of curiousty, I determined the Geographical Center of the peaks currently on the HPS List. The latitlude and longitude of each peak was measured from the appropriate map to the nearest minute of arc. The resulting Geographical Center is as follows:

Latitude: 34 deg. 17.4 min. N Longitude: 117 deg. 37.5 min. W

This is a point approximately 1.25 mi. W of Mt. San Antonio.

Sincerely, Don Holmes

March 15, 1986: Volunteers Workshop

The Angeles Chapter Volunteers Workshop, taking place Sat., 3/15. 9am-3pm, at the Dept. of Water & Power, 111 N. Hope St. (Temple exit, Hollywood Fwy., across from the Music Center) is designed to help new Group and Section officers and volunteers understand their responsibilities. There will be workshops conducted by experienced leaders re Conservation, Outings, Membership, Programs, Treasurers, SCCOPE & Newsletters. No advance registration necessary. Bring lunch. If you need further info, call Evelyn Levine (213) 653-9589 or the Chapter Office (213) 387-4287.

January 25, 1986

Dear [Editor]:

Last Monday (1/20/86), while descending from Heald Pk., I lost a good pile coat (dark blue with red & blue waist & cuff bands, Patagonia brand). I believe I lost the coat somwhere near the first false summit and the place where you start down the ridge in thick brush. Any member finding the coat can call me at (714) 545-8529.

Thanks, Donn Cook

Psst! Wanna buy a topo cheap?

Anyone can buy topo maps wholesale from the USGS. The price is half of list price (or even 50% off for preferred customers). All you have to do is place an order amounting to \$500 list price, wait a month or so, and allow for a few errors.

Since few of us want 200 maps at a time, I am willing to consolidate orders from any people who want a dozen or more. Due to minor costs and errors, you must figure only a 40% discount—any profit will go to

the map fund. Then all you have to do is wait and arrange to pick up your maps somehow. A convenient distribution point would be HPS monthly meetings. I have map indices for most nearby states, whatever good that may do. You can order the usual 7.5 and 15', 1:250000 scale, county maps, any national parks, and any others they produce.

Send me a SASE and expected size of your order if interested. I'll notify everyone when demand is sufficient to place an order.

George Tucker 11615 Mississippi Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90025 (213) 473-7691

DESTRICTION OF TRIPS

March 8, 1986/Sat.; (I) San Ysidro Htn. (6147): Come and help celebrate the leader's list finishing and his birthday. Moderate hike, 5 miles, 1700' gain. Wear lugs, bring liquid, lunch, goodies to share. Other peaks are possible. Meet 7:30 am at the Diamond Bar carpool pt. LEADER: FRANK DOBOS. Asst.: Edna Erspamer.



May 31, 1986/Sat.; (i) Last-Annual Last-Day-of-May Last-Peak-Celebration: Come join the list finishing fun as we hike the Yucaipa Ridge and bag Little San Gorgonio Pk (9133'), Wilshire Mtn (8832'), Wilshire Pk (8680'), Cedar Mtn (8324'), Birch Mtn (7826'), & Allen Pk (5795'). Stranuous day, 17 mi, 4500' gain. Send SASE with phones & carpool info to Jon. LEADERS: ALAN COLES, MARTIN FEATHER, JON SHELDON (Finisher)

THE ORIGINAL HPS IDEA

THE HUNDRED PEAKS IDEA

The Hundred Peaks Idea started among a few of us who decided that climbing one hundred mountain summits above 5,000 feet altitude, between the Tehachapi and the Mexican line, was the best way to give us a greater appreciation of the ranges adjacent to Los Angeles, and an accurate knowledge of the whole Southern part of California.

The Idea has been taken up by other mountain enthusiasts in the Club, so that many Bierrans are now hunting out plus five thousanders to climb, keeping records and comparing noted. The Idea has become a Hundred Peaks Game, and we hope a Hundred Peaks Group may grow out of it. No one has yet climbed the required number of summits, so far as we know, but one of us with 93, hopes to ring the bell soon.

If you are interested, please give your name and address to one of the undersigned. Later we plan th publish periodically, the names and redords of those who have climbed more than fifty Southern California peaks; perhaps eventually some kind of knapsack emblem or insignia may be devised for the weary but self-satisfied group who reach the goal.

The only rules in the Hundred Peaks Game are:

- It counts one, if you reach a peak by foot, horseback, car or helicopter, but be sure you reach the true summit. For instance, the top of Pelomar is 12 miles from the Observatory.
- 2. No matter how many times you climg the same mountain, it only counts the first time, while secondary summits of peaks do not score at all; i.e. lower Twin Peak or lower summit of San Antonio may be good exercise, but they don't add to your total.

In order to aid aspiring Hundred Peakers, the attached list of named peaks in Southern California over 5,000 feet altitude was compiled. At present it consists of 181 "official" summits. However, we make no claim that it is final or exhaustive; additions and corrections are always welcome, as we want the list to be as complete and accurate as possible.

The list was compiled from U.S.G.S. Topo, Forest Service, Army, Auto Club and other maps, but in some cases names crme from local sources, signs, and in one or two cases simply from recent usage. The altitudes are from the latest sources we could find. Where nomenclature is confusing we have tried to be logical, but don't guarantee we are right in all cases, for our mountains have a habit of changing and exchanging names without notice.

Study the list, check off what you've done, then join us. Good Climbing!

Luella Todd, 951 Sc. Union Ave.,
Los Angeles 15, FItzroy 4917
Jack Bascom, 817 Ladera St., Pasadena 6
SYcamore 7 6395
Weldon Heald, 3126 Rubio Canyon Road
Altadena, SYcamore 4 6039

HUNDRED PEAK TRIPS: MARCH 1986 - JULY 6, 1986 (See the Angeles Chapter Schedule for further details.)

March	1	Vetter: Brown, Thompson, Palmer	May	3	Shay, Little Shay, Ingham, Deer:
	2	Chief: Kanne, Nilsson			Dobos, Geissinger
	8	San Ysidre: Dobos, Erspamer (see pg. 5		4	iron Mtn. #1: Riley, Webster
		of this issue for details)		10	Kitching, Pisgah: Trager, Martin
	8	Josephine, Strawberry, Switzer		10	Jenkins: Brumer, McCosker
	0	Cyn: Brown, Thompson		10-11	Morris, Piute Lockout, Sorell:
	9 15	Jesephine: Washburne, Hawkins			Chestick, Henderson
	15 15	Liebre, Burnt, Sawtoeth: Lum, Amack		11	Deception, Disappointment, San
		Brown: Brown, Thompson Cobblestone. White:			Gabriel, Lewe, Markham:
	13-10	Sanchez Gomez, Martin		4.4	Washburne, Hawkins
	15-16	Rabbit: Russell, McRuer		11	Josephine: Libby, Levine
	16	Hildreth: Amack, Raiford		17	Baden-Powell, Ross:
	19	Vetter: Sutherland, Machen		17 10	Sanchez Gomez, Kline
		Ryan, Lost Horse: Mayer, Goldberg		17-10	Pinnacies, Mary Louise, Cleghern,
		Cahuilla, Little Cahuilla, Lookeut,			Cajen, Sugarpine, Menument. #2:
		Butterfly, Rock Pt.: Coles, Feather		17_18	Backus, Goodykoontz
	29	Hike-a-thon: Thompson, Brown		17-10	Sunday, Bohna, Split, Black: Dobos, Erspamer
		Sheep, Martinez, Butterfly, Rock		18	Coder, Wilshire, Wilshire:
		Pt.: Dobos, Goodykoontz		10	Waxman, Beuermann
April	5	Lion, Pine #2, Pyramid:		18	Hawkins: Hall, Brooks
•		Kanne, Sheldon		21	Hawkins: Machen, Sutherland
	5-6	Jacumba, Sombrero, Whale,		24	Waterman, Twin Peaks:
		Granite #2: Amack, Brown		#4	Borad, Hopkins
	5-6	Joshua Tree Peakbagging:		24-26	Pines, Sawmill, Grouse, Leckwood,
		Backus, Goodykoontz			San Guillerme, Thorn Pt.:
	6	Deep Creek Hot Springs:			Amack, Raiford
		O'Sullivan, Thompson		31	Yucaipa Ridge: Coles, Feather, Sheldon
	6	Sally, Meeney, Vetter: Dobos, Moore			(see pg. 5 of this issue for details)
	Б -	Rabbit, Granite, Round Tep, Iren:	June	1	Circle: Young, Brown
		Brown, Thompson		7 -8	Black, Split, Sunday, Bohna:
	9-13	McKinley, Santa Cruz, San Rafael,			Martin, Lindberg
		W. Big Pine, Big Pine, Salmen,		7-8	Mill, Keller, Slide, Butter, Crafts,
	10 17	Madulce: Russell, Martin			Grays, Gold, Silver: Amack, Brown
	13	Palomar Area: Young, Thompson		14	Snewy, Black #2, Alame,
	13	Strawberry: Washburne, Hawkins Markham, Lowe, San Gabriel:			McDonald: Trager, Lindberg
		Dobos, Geissinger		14	Williamson, Pallett, Will Thrall,
	16	Pacifico: Landesman, Goldberg			Pleasant View: Hopkins, Borad
	19	Bare: Trager, Wheatley		14	San Jacinto, Folly: Nilsson, Sinnett
	19.	Lowe, Markham: Nilsson, Libby		18	Baden-Powell, Burnham:
	19	Condor, Fex #2: Sanchez Gomez, Kline		21	Bailey, Goldberg Peakbagging Olympics: Amack, Young
	20	Rattlesnake: Cheslick, Henderson			Saline Hot Springs, Waucoba, Black
	26	Burnt, Sawtooth, Liebre:		10 25	*6, Red: Amack, Dobos
		Martin, Lindberg		29	Pines, Sawmill, Grouse:
		Eagle Crag, High Point: Coles, Feather	ż		Cates, Akawie
•	26-27	Alamo, MacDonald, Sewart, Snewy,	July	4-6	Sawtooth, Lament, Piute, Serell.
		Black *2, Cobblestone,, White *2:	•		Miracle & Democrat Hot Springs,
	07	Amack, Brown			Black #3: Amack, Raiford
	27	Islip, Lewis: Dobos, Moore			
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TRIP REPORTS:

Barley Flats: The Scenic Reute: Nov. 9, 1985 Leaders: Beb Kanne, Bob Thompson

Eighteen participants showed up on a blustery, partly cloudy fail day to try this route (trail 11W09) up the north side of Barley Flat. The Angeles Forest Plan ORV Map has proposed that this hiking trail be turned into an ORV (motorcycle) route.

We followed the Upper Big Tujunga Rd. (now completely paved) to a large parking lot at the confluence of Alder Creek and the Upper Big Tujunga. The (unsigned) trail begins about 100 ft. east of the confluence. We were delighted to find that the brush which had been encroaching on the trail has been recently trimmed. A later call to Arroyo Seco District Ranger, Terry Ellis, determined that the Barley Flats Detention Camp Crew had done the work. We brought our loppers along anyway, and some further trail improvements were made by Gary Murts. ExComm member Dave Czamanske, and the leaders. trail is now in excellent condition. and we ascended through a pleasant mix of chaparral, live oak forest, open grassy areas, and (near the top) a forest of Coulter Pine and Big Cone Spruce.

The trail reaches the ridgetop about 100 ft. east of the Detention Camp entrance, and here the impact of man was readily apparent. We walked westward to the summit along the north side, just outside of the chain link fence. The summit itself had recently been stripped of most vegetation by a large tractor that was parked there. Surprisingly, the register had survived. We all signed in, including Stag-a-Pooh and Thumper. As we ate lunch, we watched the clouds breaking up and reforming just above our heads. On the return, we enjoyed the quiet mountain sounds that would be drowned out if ORVs used this area. We reached the cars about 2-3 p.m.

Several trip participants, such as Donn Dimichele, said they would write letters to Terry Ellis urging him to keep this trail closed to ORVS. There are numerous trails in the western San Gabriels, like this one. that will deteriorate or be converted to ORV routes if they are not used and maintained. Club members can help prevent this by leading hikes. doing maintenance, and helping the Forest Service put sions at trailheads. Please contact me if you would like to make and install trailhead signs. We have received encouragement from the Forest Service (Gail Van der Bie) to do this. and we have access to a wood router (Glenn Owens) and other tools.

-Bob Kanne

Scodie Mtn.: Nev. 23, 1985 Leaders: Alfrede Sanchez Gemez, Wilma Curtis

The hike had to be postponed at the last moment because the scheduled assistant leader could not attend. John Backus also had scheduled [a hike] to go to Scodie that same weekend, but they ended up changing plans also. Scodie Mountain was just not meant to be hiked that weekend.

For the following weekend, the weather forecast predicted rain or snow to start sometime Saturday. On arrival at Walker Pass, Wilma and I decided the clouds were far enough for us to attempt the hike. When we started from the campground at 9:00 a.m., the temperature was 51" F. We took the beginning of the "alternate" route described in the HPS guide. Then, instead of taking off towards the left at the creek at elevation 5510', we bore right. That way, we avoided some icy, class 2 segments.

At about 10:00 a.m., the fellow who had spent the night in his camper near take Isabella and met us at the trailhead, made up his mind to turn back. He seemed to be running out of

steam and wanted to look for a mountain "more his size".

We continued on the creek, as the patches of snow became a more continuous blanket. At the 5920 intersection of the two gullies, we turned left, and we made it to the top of the ridge at about 11:30 a.m.

We hiked the contorted ridge in a near straight line, and we were at the peak by noon. There, it was very windy and about 45° F. and I was glad to have brought the bigger pack with the thermos. The views from the peak were great, and I felt compelled to take a 360° panoramic series of photographs. After 45 minutes for lunch, we started the return. Navigation was no longer necessary, all we had to do was to follow our own tracks in the 6 inch snow. With snowball fights and all. it took us about 2 hours to reach the trailhead. The clouds were closer and darker, but by then we did not care: we had our minds set on our favorite Mexican restaurant in Palmdale.

Pacific Crest Trail #2: Gleason, <u>Bobcat;</u> Dec. 7, 1985 Leaders: Lew Amack, <u>Bobcat</u> Thompson

An assemblage of 22 explorers left La Canada for Mill Creek Summit at 8:00 a.m. From there, we shuttled up the Mt. Gleason about 3 miles until seeing the sign on the right, "Pacific Crest Trail, 200 feet". We left one large vehicle in the parking area on the left, and drove the other cars up to the L.A. County Forestry Dept. facility, where the road forks. momentarily missed the turn, which should be the left fork. Here the road changes from pavement to dirt. After correling the caravan, we continued down to a saddle W of the facility.

At 9:45 we began hiking, dropping to the PCT and following it to the NW edge of Mt. Gleason's long summit area, whereupon we took a

dirt road to the register. Adjacent to the register we were treated to commanding westward views of the chaparral-covered valleys below.

After leaving the summit, LA missed th run onto the old PCT route which leads toward Bobcat Pk. and Acton, instead following the new PCT which drops down to Messenger Flats. Soon we were back on the track, and when we came to the shoulder of the ridge running SW from peak 5279, we crashed through the thickets until attaining the ieep trail on the ridgetop. From here you drop ENE to a 4920+ saddle, then struggle 350' up a headlong firebreak and over a false summit to Bobcat Peak. We spent an hour on this remote, sunny heavenly island in the sky. Before leaving, a survey of participants was taken regarding the worthiness of Bobcat Pk. for HPS List consideration. The opinion of all 22 was unanimously and wholeheartedly favorable.

We then returned to the jeep trail and followed it S and SE to where it meets the road just W of the forestry facility. Here we broke into two groups; half of us headed home, while the rest continued on the PCT for 4 miles until reaching the lower car shuttle point. While the former contingent left for the Basin at 2:30, the latter group had to wait a half hour for the car shuttle. finally heading homeward at 4:30. Overall, the day was quite enjoyable, and most of us were able to add 7 miles to our PCT logs.

-Lew Amack

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Pacific Crest *3: Bare, Pacifico; Dec. 8, 1985 Leaders: Lew Amack, Kathleen Brown

A dozen diehards left for La Canada for Mill Creek Summit at 7:00 a.m. Despite having been there the day before heading up Gleason Rd., I hadn't bothered to check on whether the Pacific Mtn. Rd. was open. Sure enough, when we got there, we found the gate locked. So,

we had to go back 18 miles to the Angeles Crest Hwy, and then drive over 3 Points to salvage our plans.

We arrived at the Bare trailhead, 1/3 mile down the road past Pinyon Flats, at 10:30, and were on the summit just in time for a noontime snack. While lunching, Edna Erspamer suggested that we could follow the rollercoaster ridge from the 6240'+ false summit S of Bare SW over 6103 and 6168, intersecting the PCT at the saddle between 6168 and 6068. The PCT crosses a jeep trail at the saddle just NW of 6168. We followed this steep jeep trail NW to Pacifico.

A chill wind blew on the coniferous summit of Pacifico. dissuading us from continuing our futile search for the register. Only LA dared climb the 3rd class summit block. We went too far E during the descent, and rather than dropping down to the PCT, which contours around th E and N slopes of Pacifico. we tried to regain the jeep trail, necessitating some memorable brushthrashing as we nearly reclimbed the peak. Soon we were back on the PCT, which took us on a winding ride all the way to Pinyon Flats. As the sun receded on the horizon, it cast a alimmering saffron reflection on the distant Pacific Ocean, the namesake of this majestic mountain.

By the time we returned to the cars it was 4:30, so we had to postpone Hillyer. Afterward, Edna and Lew consumed a large, charred, over-priced vegetarian sourdough pizza at the Straw Hat in La Crescenta.

-Lew Amack

Beauty (and the Beast): Sat., Dec. 14, 1985 Leaders: Luella Martin, Gordon Lindberg, Jack Trager, Frank Dobes, Jim Raiford

Fifteen met by 7:40 at the intersection of Hwy. 79 and the Chihuahua Valley Rd. We carefully carpooled up the Chihuahua Valley Rd. through an icy canyon. Snow from

the storm of the Tuesday before made the road somewhat hazardous. Frank Dobos had a near miss on an icy curve coming back in the p.m.

Molly Beathe had gone no more than a mile into the hike when she slipped on a flat icy stretch and hurt her arm. She continued for another mile or so when she decided to go back to the cars because her wrist hurt. I administered first aid, but she felt that she'd be better off at the cars. (I just got off the phone. She broke it and will be on a sick list for 2 months.) Just past the place where Molly turned turned back, we missed the snow covered turnoff to the Pawnee Mine Jeep Rd. We hiked almost to Twin Lake before I realized my mistake. I had been looking for the road but missed it because the junction turns into the California Riding & Hiking Trail facing north and we were hiking from the south, so I missed the entrance.

We had a nice snack break at the Pawnee Mine, then continued up the jeep road to a point just s.w. of Beauty, which we topped by lunch time. Marie & Bob Field, Jim Kuivinen and Jack Trager had been on my '83 trip to Iron Springs, so they elected for a long lunch. The views from Beauty were very good and worth the added stay. Jack led and Gordon swept, and the smart folks were back at the cars by 4:00.

9 decided that they had to do Iron Springs. Frank Dobos made me feel guilty, he needed only iron Springs (8 to go) and had elected to go on my Beauty only trip. Seven other eager peakbaggers had also indicated in their letters to me that they wanted Iron Springs. I needed it for the second time, but remembered the **brush** , so i was somewhat reluctant. We picked up the primary route down Beauty & up Iron Springs and missed much of the feared thorn. Jim Raiford complained that there wasn't any brush! I was told halfway between peaks that Dick Farrar had gotten his 200th on Beauty and had champagne at the cars. (Molly had the right idea.) While resting, signing in and

eating on top of Iron Springs, Mary Gygax informed several (hikers) that they were (blocking) her sun. The air temperature and hour made for a short stay. We descended toward the California Riding & Hiking Trail along another ridge than either of us had used in 1983: Too bad Dick Akawie wasn't along, he could have added another "very brushy" to his famous map. Jim got his fill of brush: Larry and Frank got tattered trousers. After we got back to the CR&HT, a sighting of a potate bug started a conversation about insects which led to Frank Dobos' interesting plece of Natural History. He claims that earwig's eat earwax. At Twin Lake, we spotted a Blue Heron.

We were back at the cars by 6:00. Besides myself, Frank Dobos, Bob Doyle, Bob Bunting, Dick Farrar, Charlotte Bourne, Larry Shumway, Mary Gygax and Jim Raiford braved the beastly brush to the top of Iron Springs. My thanks to Gordon for his patient sweeping, and to Jack, Jim R. and Frank for helping out with the leading and sweeping when we split the group.

-Luella Martin



Tecuya Mtn. (7155'), An Alternate Route: Jan. 1, 1986

In the last issue of the Lookout, Dick Akawie's article on Tecuya Mtn. pointed out the need for alternate ascent routes, since the closure of Scott Russell Rd. In the latter part of his article, Dick pointed out the possibility of ascending Tecuya via its east ridge, speculating that the trail might even be 4WD vehicle passable all the way to the summit. As it turns out, the route up Tecuya's east ridge is a wonderful alternative and better yet, it is not 4WD vehicle passable.

From Mt. Pinos Way in Frazier Park, drive north on San Carlos Trail for .15 miles past Frazier Elementary School. Turn right (east) onto a good unmarked dirt road and follow it for approximately 1 mile to a small dirt road on the left. Turn

left onto this narrow, rocky dirt. read (high clearance vehicles recommended) and follow it for 2.5 miles to a road fork. Stay left and continue following the dirt road along the ridge for another 1.9 miles to a tiny parking area (3-4 vehicles) at From the the road end (6500'). parking area hike northwest along designated motorcycle trail #19W01, which follows Tecuya's east ridge (steep in places) for 1.5 miles to the summit. Stay left at any trail junctions that you encounter.

The closure of Scott Russell Rd. is one of the best things that could have happened to Tecuya Mtn. The closure has eliminated ATC and 4WD vehicle use of the area and has significantly cut down on motorcycle use as well. The east ridge of Tecuya Mtn. is a beautiful and semi-pristine hike. Try it, you'll like it!

-Eric Hanson



Condor, Fox *2, Iron *2, Gleason: Jan. 4, 1986 Leaders: Lew Amack, Don Lum

The atmosphere was cloudy and drizzly as I headed for La Canada. At Mike and Dotty's wonderful New Year's party, an intruder had transmitted an adenovirus strain which had rendered me and probably several other revelers debilitated. Given the ominous weather outlook, I expected a very small turnout at best, and planned to bow out, so I had come ill-prepared (no gloves, scarf, rain clothes, map or compass).

To my chagrin, seventeen people were anxiously awaiting my arrival. I directed them to Mill Creek Summit, from whence we caravaned up to the abandoned Nike missile base on Gleason for the jaunt of two football fields' length to the register. On the way back to the cars, I dropped my glass (?) water container, so I also had no water during the trip. We then took the

Mendenhall Ridge Road past Indian Ben Saddle to the ridge leading up Iron, reaching the top at 10:15. Our convoy then drove to the concrete cylinder where the road ends N of Condor. We reached this namesake of America's largest bird, which may unfortunately soon be extinct, at 11:15.

In order to escape the mizzle and zephyr as much as possible, we elected to have our noon picnic on the leeward side of the lowest saddle (4550') between Condor and Fox. From this saddle you have an impressive view of a firebreak lined ridge to the NE which gains almost 2000' along the eastern flanks of the West Fork of Fox Creek. On a less foggy day one can see Sunland and other San Fernando Valley sights, and possibly even Santa Barbara Island.

Two participants huddled under a bush at the saddle for the hour or so it took the rest of us to visit Fox. In the whiteout, I absentmindedly went off the wrong side of Fox, but a misadventure was quickly averted. The most memorable aspect of the was the weather--prime trip hypothermia ۵r pneumonia conditions, especially if you should have been guarantined in bed nursing a cold, as in Lew's case. All day we were blanketed in thick fog, it drizzled almost continuously, and the thermometer hovered around 50°. Fortunately, the wind speed was slight to nonexistent. Despite feeling as if I had been in a shower with no hot water all day, it was enjoyable to experience these mountains under novel climatic conditions. We were all back at the cars by 3:15, but my car could not make it from Gleason in the cold, clammy thin air without the help of John and Ann Fulton, whose truck pushed me over every rise in the road. Once I had coasted to Mill. Creek Summit, the air was thick enough to overcome the lean setting of the carburetor, and I reached Lloyd's Restaurant for some hot soup and coffee one hour after the rest of the party. Thanks to Don Lum for his impeccable assistance in the absence

of Frank, who was hiking in Hawaii.
-Lew Amack

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Lowe, Markham, San Gabriel, Disappointment, Deception, Occidental, Wilson: Jan. 5, 1986; Leaders: Lew Amack, Kathleen Brown

Considering that rain had poured all of the previous night and that the clouds continued to loom menacingly. turnout of twelve Was surprising. From Eaton Saddle, we proceeded to Markham Saddle, then took the trail on the left which runs parallel to and above the road. Taking the prominent trail that winds halfway around Lowe, we quickly attained its summit, but could not use the many viewers because we were in a thick whiteout. Returning to the saddle between Lowe and Markham. Soon reached Markham's elongated summit, but failed to find a register. Descending the way we came, we returned to Markham Saddle, where we took the trail running N to San Gabriel Peak.

After a brief rest at the junction with the trail to Disappointment, we swiftly completed the remaining 400' of gain to San Gabriel. We lunched amongst the boulders on Disappointment's summit, where an Air Force Reserve officer invited us auided tour of communications facilities. It was a welcome relief to be indoors, since thus far the drizzle had been unrelenting. On the way along the Mt. Disappointment Road toward Deception, we ran into Sam Fink and Inara Nunez. There was a deceptive warm-up and brief clearing of clouds on Deception. We then trainsed all the way back to Eaton Saddle, noting Sam's ice axe marks in the soil and putting our Sherlock Holmes to work to try to figure out what route he might have taken.

Our route up Occidental differs from the peak guide, so I will describe it as best as possible. Drive up Mt. Wilson Road about 3.5

miles to a parking area on the left which has room for 3 cars. There are also 2 spots on the right, closer to the trailhead, each of which is good for one vehicle. The trailhead is just downroad from the parking areas, and immediately uproad from a rock wall. For the past two years I have marked it with a cairn, which has been promptly sabotaged each time. On the topo map, the trailhead is 1/3 mile E of Occidental Peak. just S of the "D" in "ROAD" and just N of the "0" in "5400". The gain from the road to the ridgetop is less than 100'. From the ridgetop, go WNW for 0.3 miles, passing on the right of the false summit, gaining an additional 250'. This route is the easiest, safest, and possibly fastest way to climb Occi.

On Occidental we celebrated 100th Kethy's peak with unfermented grape juice and nonalcoholic champagne. Marion Cruz presented Kathy with a box of chocaholic's delight, and a miniature bear mascot for future mountain exploits. Most of the group then drove up to Mt. Wilson, meeting Ed Kenney on the way. He lives and works on this "Antenna City", and was hoping to attend the Emblem celebration. After speculating as to whether the bushes adjacent to the snack bar or the restrooms were the high point, we called it a day. Despite the constant rain, it was a thrill.

-Lew Amack

Black *4/Warren Pt.; Sat., Jan. 6, 1986 Leaders: Luella Martin, Gerden Lindborg, Jon Sheldon

Sixteen met in Yucca Valley by 7:30 a.m. The little blue car from [W.L.A.] which arrived at 7:28 a.m. contained 5, including Jim Adler's tall frame. They looked like a clown act coming out of that car. We caravaned to the jeep road junction described in the climber's guide where we piled into Kay Machen's

truck and Dotty Rabinowitz's van. I declared the stuff which fell on us "heavy dew" as I had stated that rain cancelled. Fortunately, it was short. All were on the summit [of Black #4] by 11:00. Our new [treasurer] demonstrated his leadership by starting an impromptu snowball fight, while our new <u>lookout</u> editor shared her new plans for the <u>lookout</u>. Murns the word. (Beware of Adlers carrying cameras.) Back at the cars, we had lunch. Then, Tom Neely left. He'd rather do his laundry than Warren Pt. a second time

Gordon's 100 cramped: therefore, Jon Sheldon took over sweep duties for the hike up to Warren Point while Gordon stayed at the cars listening to tapes and reading peak guides. It was after 1:30 when we left Blackrock Campground. Following the guide up. we reached the summit (of Warren Pt.1 by 3:00. The views of the Salton trench and San Jacinto were obscured by clouds. Evan Samuels bemoaned the fact that you couldn't see the view. I told them what they were missing. We took a more direct ridge down (the same one I used in 1979). Fun sliding down, but too steep and sandy for an easy ascent.

Best novice award: Sally Wagner for getting both [peaks] despite blisters. Best comedy team: Ruth Adler and Jon Sheldon. I hope she has the courage of her remarks?! Best leader's helpers: Evan Samuels and Harry Freimans. Bravest driver: Dotty Rabinowitz for taking her new van up the last 1.9. Best Asst. Black #4: Gordon Lindberg. Best Asst. Warren Pt.: Jon Sheldon.

-Luella Martin

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fit. Lukens (Sister Eisle): Jan. 11, 1986 Leaders: Bobcet & Stag

This trip marked my 182nd led hike, 28th time up Sister Elsie and

77th time leading a trio with Stag. Our first was 9 years ago on Sister Elsie. This was our 8th annual Winter Ascent of Sister Elsie, each time by a different route, and by far the warmest.

By the time 8 a.m. rolled around, 50 Elsie-baggers had arrived at La Canada. We caravaned to Haines Canyon in Tujunga and started hiking by 9 a.m. Up the fire road for a mile, then left up Haines Canvon and on to the beautiful Old Sister Elsie Trail. The trail was in great shape. It apparently gets lots of use from Equestrians. Two hours. lickety-split, and we were up to the top of Lukens, admiring the great views from her summit and the great weather. Stag did his usual great job of motivating all of the 50 hikers to make the peak, and everyone on the hike was great.

After getting everyone to the Sister Elsie benchmark on top, we hiked 1/4 mile east to the well-hidden register on another bump (in fact, so well-hidden that no one had signed in since our last trip a year ago). At least we can keep a register atop the highest point in the city of Los Angeles, the same peak Bill T. Russell finished the list on in a whiteout about 10 years ago.

We spent an hour on top, lunching, napping and viewing the great vistas, including Catalina, Santa Barbara and San (Simone de?) Miguel Islands. We watched a group of hikers from the Long Beach section of the Sierra Club attaining the summit from the Stone Canyon Trail, and some people on horseback attaining the summit. All in all, about 70 people on top of Sister Elsie at once.

After lunch, the way back down was a bit more adventurous, sometimes following a use trial to the southwest, sometimes down a steep firebreak, and sometimes through some "nice" brush. We all arrived back at the cars parked next to the Haines Canyon Dam by 3 p.m., in plenty of time for Sport Chalet bargain hunting and a refreshing dip into Pepe's of La Canada to end a

great "Winter" day.

Scarcely is there a Cat alive That remembers the winter of 85.

Because there was none, that's no jive!

-Bobcat

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Bighern Mtns., Black Mtn. *4, Meeks Mtn., Chaparresa Pk.: Nev. 16 – 17, 1985 Leaders: Alan Coles, Martin Feather

An unusually early cold winter storm dumped considerable rain and snow a few days before this trip causing me to have some concern. However, warm weather returned and melted almost all of the snow on these peaks. Some other trips on the same weekend [were] cancelled which may have accounted for the larger than average of 23 souls that gathered for this trip. It would have been even larger if I hadn't missed poor Tom Amneus and his friends at the corner of Hwy. 62 & 247 (my fault).

Some of us had a surprise the previous night at Black Rock CG, which was unexpectedly closed. We pulled into the horse camp which had an "OPEN" sign, only to to be visited by a ranger a few minutes later. He gave us reluctant permission to spend the night there providing we would all write letters to our congressmen complaining about the budget cuts which forced the closure of this popular CG (it takes only \$100K a year to keep it open). So, please get out your pens and write!

We crammed into 6 vehicles that included Jon Sheldon's new Subaru 4WD station wagon. The Dixie Mine Rd. was in good condition except for one tricky rocky spot about 3 mi. from the hwy. We parked our vehicles about 1 mi. past the 3 way junction on the jeep trail that goes to the summit of Bighorn.

Starting around 9:30, it took about 1.5 hrs. to reach the summit on a day with almost perfect weather. **Harie** Fields led the way

to the correct summit celebrating her 200th peak. Congratulations! We returned to the cars a little after noon and had lunch with some champagne.

Next, we drove over to the usual starting location and climbed Meeks in under an hour. Jim Raiford led the summit to celebrate his 200th also. Congratulations!

We thought about doing one more peak, but by the time we drove out to the hwy., it was 3:00 p.m., too late. So, with about 1.5 hours of daylight left, we volunteered Jon Sheldon's new 4WD station wagon to find a camping spot for the night. Meanwhile, we scouted Yucca Valley for a restaurant that would meet our varied needs. Upon gathering back at the meeting location, Jon found a spot up Pipes Cyn. and we selected Wine & Roses, which has both a menu and a reasonably inexpensive buffet.

After dinner (which stretched out past 6:00 p.m.), we met with other members of the group at the campsite enjoying a gourmet mes! under the moonlight. Afterwards, Ken Duniop and George Pfeiffer led the chorus in song, while Cuno Ranschau let loose his rendition of that famous story "Rindercella", The fun and frivolity lasted well past m.a 00:8

The next morning the 18 remaining members did Chaparrosa first using the standard route. We were able to drive within 1/3 mi. of the trail on very poor Pipes Cyn. Rd., which is getting worse all the time. There is a sort of welltraveled trail that contours around the first big bump. We followed this trail onto a ridge on the N side of the peak and left it where it started downhill away from the summit. From there, it was easy crosscountry up the ridge to the summit. Don Tidwell took another crosscountry route starting at the mouth of Pipes Cyn. that occasionally follows a jeep trial to the summit.

Afterwards, we drove over and climbed Black #4 by the standard route. It took a little over 2 hrs. to reach the summit on a warm

afternoon that turned very chilly upon reaching the final ridge. Strong cold winds persuaded us to stay on the leeward side, where with clear views, we could see the other peaks we climbed on a nice November weekend.

Thanks to Martin Feather for coleading the trip and to the drivers who sacrificed their vehicles (especially Jon Sheldon's new 4WD station wagon).

-Alan Coles



Engle Crag (via Cutca Valley Trail)

Some time ago, I scouted a new route for this famous peak. Many people have inquired about it and I have mailed out many copies of a description I wrote for the Lookout (it was never published). Once, when climbing this peak with a group of friends, we came across a trail sign at the far end of the Wilderness near the Mission Indian Reservation boundary just past the normal route up to the summit. The sign pointed to Cutca Valley but did not mention distance.

In Dec. 1984, I called the Forest Service regarding this trail and another trail that begins on road 8S05 (near Aguanga) to Cutca Valley. The ranger told me that the trail from 8S05 to Cutca Valley was a minimally maintained trail, but he didn't know of any trail from Cutca Valley into the Agua Tibia Wilderness.

Later that month. Martin Feather and I scouted the trails. The gate was closed on 8505 about 3 mi. S of Aguanga, so we had to walk an extra 2 mi. and 1000 gain to the normal trailhead (the Forest Service closes the gate during periods of bad weather). We successfully followed the trail (which is in good shape) to Cutca Valley and found the other end of the trail into the Agua Tibia Wilderness. As it turned out, this route was not only easier than the route from Dripping Springs CG, it was far more scenic -- a wonderful

hike even if you're not a peakbagger.

Here are the directions: To reach the trailhead, take Hwy. 79 S (actually E) past Dripping Springs CG to Aguanga. Continue past the Indio junction (Hwy, 371) for .3 mi, and turn right onto forest road 8S05 (big sign "1000 Trails"). straight past junctions at .4 mi, and 1.1 mi. (other roads go right). At 3.2 mi. there is a gate, closed during periods of bad weather. You can park here, room for 4-5 cars. If the gate is open, drive approximately 2 more mi, up a steep narrow road (big cars might have trouble) to a saddle with a parking lot, room for many cars. There is a sign "Cutca Valley Trail" located at the beginning of the

The trail starts descending very steeply to Cottonwood Cyn. At .6 mi. a stream is crossed. On the other side, there is a much older trail sion. The trail follows down Cottonwood Ck. for a short distance, then starts up a small tributary. In less than I mi., it reaches a small saddle and joins with a road. This road is the trail for about 4 mi. as it. passes Cutca Sp. and joins with Cutca Trail (8S08). At this junction. there is a sign ("Cutca Tr. Tr." & "2.3 Section 16"). Turn right (N) and continue. (The road to the S leads to private property where there are many "No Trespassing" signs.) The road goes W, then S for about 1 mi. to where there is a sign marked simply "Trail". Follow this trail and after .5 mi. there is a sign announcing your entry into the Agua Tibia Wilderness (permit required). From here, it follows a beautiful canyon that reminds me of Kitching Cyn. There are 2 decorative but superfluous wooden bridges along this canyon. Near the end, the trail leaves the canyon and switchbacks very gently under conifers to the junction with the old Palomar Rd. Proceed down (W) about 3/8 ml, to the normal location of the ascent to Eagle Chaq. Return same way on continue over to Agua Tibia Mtn. and down the Dripping Springs Tr. Total distance/gain: 17 mi. RT, 3000

from trailhead; 21 mi. RT, 4000' from gate on 8505.

Ron Jones led this route in May, 1985. It turned out to be a beautiful day with an incredible display of wildflowers on sections of the trail. However, you should be warned that there is poison oak along portions of the trail (not noticable when we did it in December).

There is another trail that starts in Cottonwood Cyn. near Aguanga that joins with the Cutca Valley Tr. near Cutca Spring. Don Tidwell explored this trail with mixed success. Finding the lower end of it is not easy.

The route down old Paloman Min., Rd. from the state park is closed. There is private property and the Indian Reservation (where logging is under way). The owners don't want you there. Too bad, its a nice area. Also, ditto for the dirt roads into Cutca Valley and the Crosely Homestead. The only alternative legal route is up the Dripping Springs Tr. You can do this as a loop with a car shuttle starting at the Cutca Valley Tr. and ending at Dripping Springs CG. There are some nice camping spots along the way (there is no reliable water along the Dripping Springs Tr.). Contact Cleveland Nat'l Forest regarding overnight camping in the forest.

The area is closed in fire season (too hot anyway) and you need a wilderness permit. For more information, call the Oak Grove Ranger Station (619) 782-3221.

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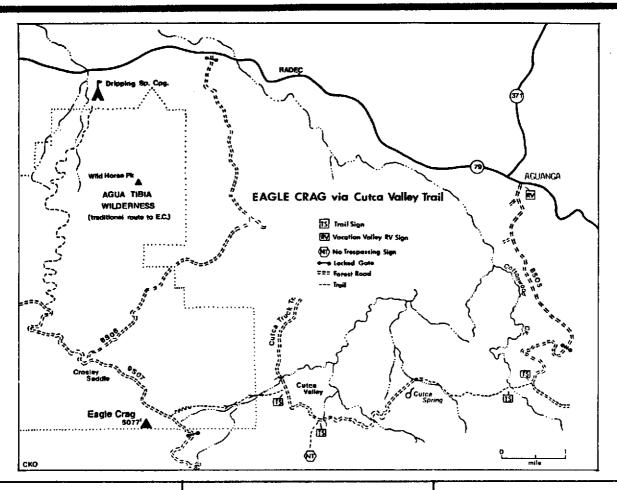
-Alan Coles

Dec. 31, 1985

Dear [Editor]:

In the published leader list (Jan./Feb. 1986 Lookout) my name does not appear (Les Reid - M). Since I have been a member of HPS since the early 60's without interruption, I hope the next issue will carry a correction.

Sincerely, Les Reid



Rattlesnake Peak: Jan. 25, 1986; Leaders: Jim "Shamus Fleming, Bobcat

7 a.m. on a nice Sat. morning found 35 eager peakbaggers assembled at Azusa for our joint HPS-Rovers Club hike to "Fang" benchmark (aka Rattlesnake Pk.).

We carpooled in about 10 cars up Hwy. 39, crossed the San Gabriel River Bridge and after 3.3 mi., drove up Shoemaker Rd. 1.9 mi. to a locked gate.

After announcements, Jim led the eager throng of hikers up the dirt road 1.25 mi., then left up a brushy ridge to the main N-S ridge of Rattlesnake, making me wish I hadn't worn shorts (ouch!). From here on, the weather warmed up, the tigers were pushing up the hill behind Jim, and the pooped pussycats were back with Bobcat far in the rear. All except one hiker made it to the top by noon and we all enjoyed a leisurely lunch, my 10th time here.

A very nice peak with great views over to Big Iron and Baldy.

After lunch, Jim turned the Cat loose to lead the way down. This was done in a hurry-up-and-wait-fashion to let the slower hikers stay with the group. We finally made it back, sometimes through some thick brush as the "trail" disappeared from time to time, and we were back to the cars by 3:30 p.m. to end a nice workout.

About 8 Rovers headed for Bluebird & Roadrunners house for an evening of Trivial Pursuit and good food at a restaurant that Jim helped design, and the roof didn't even fall on us!

Rattlesnake
No piece of cake
Its fine summit
We did make
We struggled up
And floated down
And celebrated
In the town.
--Bobcat

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Beauty Pk, Iron Springs Mtn, San Ysidro Mtn: Feb. 8–9, 1986; Leaders: Alan Coles, Martin Feather

This trip had to be cancelled due to a freak storm that started Friday night (Feb. 7). With the snow level down to 2500', we could not even drive to the meeting point near Anza Sat, morning. What remained of the group went to the Stagecoach Inn in Aguanga and had breakfast while the storm continued to dump heavy rain and snow. While there, we learned that Aguanga (pronounced "Awanga") may have been an Indian word for "the place of falling water" or "the place of seeping water". I might reschedule the hike in March. you're interested, send me a SASE or call.

-Alan Coles



100 Peaks <u>Lookout</u>

BACKUS TRIPS

I seem to have piled up an overwhelming number of trip reports, so it seems reasonable to start off the new year by catching up on them. First, however, let me thank those who took over for me on trips that I scheduled but could not lead because of surgeries, etc. Those that I could lead sum up as follows:

THUNDER, TELEGRAPH, TIMBER: October 22, 1983. Ass't: Dale van Dalsem. Participants, 34. Weather, good. Oktoberfest hike: Started at Harwood, up under ski lift to Baldy Notch, up over Thunder, out to Telegraph, then down to Timber where leader celebrated fourth list finish. Some of group continued out to Ontario and Sugarloaf; the rest of us hiked out Icehouse Canyon to cars and Oktoberfestivities.

BEAUTY, IRON SPRINGS, COMBS: January 21-22, 1984. Ass't: Frank Goodykoontz. Participants, 30. Weather, overcast. Drove in to ranch N of Beauty, climbed it, cutting trail on the way. Fought brush out to Iron Springs, ditto back to cars. Camped at Oak Grove CG. Sunday, drove in and climbed Combs via new PCT; good route, little brush. Drove up Hot Springs to finish off week end.

SMITH MTN: February 15, 1984. Ass't: Jack Goldberg. Participants, 29. Weather, good. Hiked from Hwy 39. No problems; the recently cut firebreak up the ridge from the saddle makes for a brush-free climb.

JOSEPHINE PK: April 18, 1984. Ass't: Jack Goldberg. Participants, 52. Weather, somewhat overcast and cold. Hiked up Colby Canyon, lunch on the peak, then down the fire road.

YUCAIPA RIDGE: June 2, 1984 Ass't: Frank Goodykoontz. Participants, about 30. Weather, fine. Set up car shuttle, climbed Little San Gorgonio from south with owner's permission. Hiked west down the ridge over Wishire Pk, Wilshire Mtn, Cedar Mtn, and Birch Mtn. Some of group elected to go on and do Allen, rest of us had enough for the day and decided to go out. Down via old Boy Scout Ranch, now owned by Bill Hubbard, who met us at the bottom with most welcome refreshments.

MT ISLIP: Aug. 15, 1984 Ass't: Jack Goldberg. Participants, about 12. Weather, rain, in August! Met at La Canada, skies threatening, half the group quit. Drove to Islip Saddle, drizzling, half the remaining group quit. Rest of us started out in drizzle, got to peak, where drizzle changed to downpour so everyone was soaked by the time we finished.

MT LUKENS: Jan. 9, 1985 Ass't: Jack Goldberg. Participants, 39. Weather, somewhat overcast and cold. Hiked up trail from Angeles Crest Hwy to Mt Lukens Rd, then out road to peak; long hike for Wed. group.

IRON MT #3: Feb. 20, 1985 Ass't: Jack Goldberg. Participants, 15. Weather, threatening at La Canada meeting place, most people quit. Diehards drove out to Monte Cristo Campground to find sun shining, so climbed Iron #3 with no problems.

CHUCKWALLA, CROSS, BUTTERBREDT, MAYAN: Mar. 9-10, 1985 Ass't: Frank Goodykoontz. Participants, about 12. Weather, excellent. Met at

Lonetree Canyon Rd, set up car shuttle, drove in and climbed Chuckwalla. From there, hiked down into canyon and up Cross; interesting route. Down to cars and back around to Chuckwalla to get remaining cars; camped there. Sunday drove up Jawbone Canyon Rd, climbed Butterbredt, then up Kelso Valley Rd, climbed Mayan. Tigers led by Frank Goodykoontz went on to do Onyx, rest of us went home.

RATTLESNAKE: Apr. 13, 1985. Ass't: Betty Bergey. Participants, 21. Weather, very hot for April; caused problems. Met at Azusa, drove up to the gate on Shoemaker Rd, climbed Rattlesnake via ridge. Some delay getting back because of participants suffering from heat and lack of water, but everyone out OK.

WHITE, SHAY, etc. Apr. 27-28, 1985. Ass't: Frank Goodykoontz. Participants, 12. Weather, fine. Met at Fawnskin, drove to Big Pine Flats, climbed White; new roads there mean that 4WD vehicles can now drive to both summits of White. Drove in to Hawes Ranch, climbed Shay, Ingham, and Little Shay, camped at ranch. Sunday, climbed Hawes, then drove over and climbed Rattlesnake and Luna, then down and in via new route and climbed Round. Out in late afternoon, home via Hesperia after an 8-peak weekend.

BLACK, SPLIT, SUNDAY, BOHNA: May 11-12, 1985 Ass't: Frank Goody-koontz. Participants, about 15. Weather, fine but cold. Met at Wofford Heights, drove in to Black Mtn Saddle, climbed Black. Then the long haul out to Split; found brushed-out trail to be in fair shape. Camped at saddle. Sunday, drove in, climbed Sunday (the peak); much snow. Down for lunch at cars, then drove around to climb Bohna by new route, much better than old route. Celebrated Dotty Rabinowitz's 100th peak.

MT HAWKINS: June 26, 1985. Ass't: Participants, about 35. Weather, fine. Met at La Canada, drove to Islip Saddle, hiked up to Windy Gap and on up to Hawkins for lunch. Leader forgot lunch, was well fed through generosity of participants. Went out to Middle Hawkins on the way out for those who wanted it.

WINSTON RIDGE: July 17, 1985. Ass't: Jack Goldberg. Participants, 29. Weather, excellent. Met at La Canada, drove to Cloudburst Summit, climbed Winston Pk for those who wanted it, then down to saddle and out to Winston Ridge for lunch. Back in the early afternoon.

LAKE, GRINNELL, 10K RIDGE, HEART BAR, SUGARLOAF: Sept. 21-22, 1985 Ass't: Frank Goodykoontz. Participants, 18. Weather, good. Met at Heart Bar CG, drove in to Fish Creek, climbed Grinnell. After lunch, over to Lake, then out to 10K Ridge. Took steep shortcut down canyon coming back; saved time (I hope). Camped at Heart Bar. Sunday, climbed Heart Bar, then drove up to Horse Meadows and climbed Sugarloaf. Out in time to get back to pavement before dark.

BIGHORN, ONTARIO, SUGARLOAF: Oct. 5, 1985. Ass't: Frank Goodykoontz. Participants, 17. Weather, fine. Oktoberfest hike; met at Icehouse Canyon, hiked up to Icehouse Saddle, then up to Bighorn, ate lunch. Out to Ontario, down to Sugarloaf, then out via Falling Rock Canyon. Managed to get back to Oktoberfest before the beer was all gone.

GRANITE, CUYAPATPE, SHEEPHEAD: Oct. 19-20, 1985. Ass't: Frank Goodykoontz. Participants, 18. Weather, excellent. Met at Scissors Crossing, some dirt road driving to trailhead to climb Granite from the south, avoids private property. Down in late afternoon, drove to Laguna CG to camp. Sunday, drove in Thing Valley Rd, climbed Cuyapaipe. Met propery owner on the way out; he doesn't object to considerate hikers crossing his property, but wants to know when they will be there (see the new Climber's Guide for Cuyapaipe). Drove to Kitchen Creek Rd, climbed Sheephead via new brushed-out trail courtesy of Paul Freiman of the San Diego Chapter.

PILOT KNOB, PINYON, SCODIE: Nov. 16-17, 1985. Ass't: Frank Goodykoontz. Participants, 24. Weather, overcast, cloudy. Met at Onyx, drove in to Onyx Ranch, with permission of manager. Long, hard climb to summit; some snow, particularly where leader took poor route. Back down after dark, drove to BLM campground at Walker Pass. Sunday, clouds over peaks, rain threatening, everybody tired from Saturday climb; said to hell with it and drove home.

PYRAMID, PINE, LION, PALM VIEW, APACHE, SPITLER: Dec. 7-8, 1985. Ass't: Betty Bergey. Participants, 11. Weather, cold but excellent. Met at Morris Ranch Rd, drove in, climbed to PCT on ridge and out to Pyramid. Over to Pine; brushed-out trail is in fine shape. Out to Lion for lunch, then back up to Palm View. Down to cars via old trail past Eagle Spring; camped at Herkey Creek. Sunday, drove up Apple Canyon Rd to new Spitler Peak Trail, climbed to PCT and over to Apache. Celebrated Kay Machen's 200th peak. Climbed Spitler, some snow. Back to cars at dark.

Respectfully submitted,
John Backus.

Santa Paula Peak

Regarding Bob Michaels recommendations on Santa Paula Pk. The old Timber Cyn. Trail has been cleaned out by (according to the notes in the register) a group of boys from Santa Paula who don't want to lose the trail. You need permission to cross the land. Call the Diamonds (they are listed in the Santa Paula phone book). Its best to do it with a group. We climbed the peak recently and found it to be one of the best peaks around. Too bad it can't be on the list (its 50' too short). The trail has been cleaned up all the way to Cienega CG. You can also climb it from Santa Paula Ck. Happy hiking!

-Alan Coles



San Guillermo, Thorn and San Refeel: Jenuary 24, 1986

I found out an interesting tidbit today from the Forest Service that directly affects access to three of our better peaks: San Guillermo, Thorn, and San Rafael. In warm, dry winters such as this one, these peaks are certainly reasonable goals in January. However, Smokey has begun closing off the Thorn Meadows Rd. at the pavement. Remember, the steep switchback about halfway in on that road that descends an eroded cliff? That is so dangerous when wet that they have just decided to close the road entirely during the wet season. As for when it will be opened in the spring, would-be climbers will just have to call the Mt. Pinos Ranger District, (805) 245-3731. -Bob Michaels

An Alternate Route for Mayan Peak

From the usual trailhead at 4358', take the Butterbredt Cyn. Rd. (a seasonal dirt rd.) SE for 2.1 mi. to a fork (shown on the AAA Kern Cty. map) at 4935'. At the turnaround, there is room for about 6 cars. Contour N toward the saddle 1" NW of red number 26 on the 7.5 Pinyon Mtn. US6S map. From the saddle, proceed W up the wash, passing prominent gendarme on L, then veer R (N) to summit (1.8 mi., 1200' gain, class 2).

This route is more gently sloped than the primary route, and can be combined with climbs of nearby Gold Pk. (5963') and Pinyon Mtn. (6182').

-Lew Amack

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Sentimental Journey by Lew Ameck

10 YEARS AGO

John Hellman was awarded 200 Peaks Bar #110. Jack Russell & Charles Corp became EMBLEM holders #464-465. Dorothy Danziger, Simone de Miguel, Jean Smith & Ron Young joined the HPS.

Claude Walker & Bob Thompson led 37 up snow-capped Lookout #2, charred from a fire 3 1/2 months earlier that left only yuccas standing (3/17/76).

Keats Hayden & Lucy Woodward led 17 on a windy day at Joshua Tree National Monument. After Inspiration & exploration of the Lost Horse Mine, Jean Isola's 200th was celebrated on Lost Horse Mtn. (3/20).

Ivan Zuzek & Joe McCosker led 19 up Cobblestone & White #2 from Hardluck Camp via Buck Ck. on a cool, overcast day. A fire was built on Cobblestone to warm their spirits. RT time: 9.5 hrs. (4/3).

Dick & Shirley Akawie led 20 up Heald from the W, beginning in Long Cyn., going up trail 34E15 part way, and slogging most of the way through snow or brush. Bill T. Russell took a break-off party to Nicolls, getting down 40 min. later. Participants included Gene Olsen, Fred Bode, Bob Hawthorne & Laura Oard (4/17).

Bill T. Russell & Dick Akawie led 12 from near San Antonio Falls above Manker Flat to Heaton Flat. Sleeping overnight at the trailhead, they ascended Baldy & West Baldy (where an ice axe was used to cut steps), and found class 3 rock between 7758 & 7472 on San Antonio Ridge. They were down from Big Iron 12.25 hrs. after beginning the hike, and the car shuttle took another hr. (4/25).

15 YEARS AGO

Harry Brumer (#245), Fran Smith (#246) & Sally Reid (#248) earned their 100 Peak Emblems. Al & Kitty Hill, Franklin Meyers, Roy Nishida, Glenn Pederson & Bill T. Russell joined the HPS.

Paul Lipsohn & How Bailey led 11 from Lytle Creek up Grizzly Ridge to Telegraph Pk. (7 mi., 4500' gain). Steep ice necessitated vigorous step-kicking for the final 400'. Views of snow-mantled Pine & Dawson were photogenic (3/6/71).

How Bailey & Al Campbell led 14 up Granite #2 & Whale (3/20-21).

Bernie Petitjean & Les Stockton led 38 up Lookout *2 & 10 up Sunset on a beautiful day, dining afterward at Baldy Village (3/27).

20 YEARS A60

John Ripley & Elizabeth Cohen joined the HPS. The 200 PEAKS BAR was introduced.

Miriam Myhre & Faye Kennedy led: 43 on Washington's Birthday from the Cascades, consolidating at Bouquet Reservoir & caravaning up the Sierra Pelona Ridge dirt rd. to within .5 mi. of 5187' Mt. McDill. After enjoying the views of the Mojave Desert, the Tehachapis & the snow-covered San Gabriels, some hiked 3 mi. RT to the cremated remains of California's largest oak (burnt in 1970). Then, a treasure hunt was held amongst the movie fort, nooks & crannies of Vasquez Rocks (2/22/66).

Jim Powers led 5+ on a snowshoe climb up Baden-Powell (2/26).

How Bailey & Vic Miller led 20 up Caliente from Selby Ranch on a gorgeous day. The panorama included the San Andreas Fault-lined Carizzo Plain, the Cuyama Valley & the Great Western Divide (2/27).

7 did an exploratory of Villager from Clark Well, going up a wash with some class 3. Only one vehicle made it from Clark take to the well. 2 of the participants, who had driven separately, discovered they were neighbors (3/5)!

Bob Schult & Gene Andreosky led 43 up Queen via the wash between the 2 high points, then camped at Jumbo Rocks. On Sun., ascents were made of Lost Horse & Inspiration (3/.19-20).

Vic Miller & How Bailey led 50

from Rancho Nuevo Ck. to Lizard Head on a warm day. Views of Salmon, Big Pine & Malduce to the Wwere noteworthy (3/27).

John Frost & Janis Hawley led 30 from Palomar past lush, cedar rimmed Upper French Valley to Morgal Hill, then up brushy Eagle Crag. The group then decided to take the truck trail past historic Crossley Ranch and the mile-long, emerald-glistening meadow known as Devil's Hole, ending at Dripping Springs. After 12 hrs., they were back at Palomar (4/2).

Bob Van Allen & Les Reid led 42 up Lowe, Markham, San Gabriel, Disappointment & Deception on Sat., camped at Chilao, and climbed Waterman & Twin on Sun., on a weekend with record highs [and 309 total ascents!] (4/16-17).



A nature photographer arose at dawn, cooked a hearty breakfast, then set out in a southerly direction. Half a mile from camp he slipped on an ice patch & landed on his nose. Flinching in pain, he cursed, then continued S. Half a mile further along, he spotted a bear. Clasping his camera, he focused for a shot. but the bear saw him & headed E at full speed. A half mile later he overtook the bear & was able to film him as he ambled through the rugged terrain. He followed the bear for half another mile until the magnificent beast reared UD menacingly, growled fiercely & fell into a deep crevasse. Pleased with the action that he had recorded, the cameraman walked the mile N back to camp, only to find that it had been ransacked bv another Question: What color was the bear that tore up his camp?

hat tore up his camp? rpajuejs

Answer: White. It must be a polar bear, for only at the North or South Pole can you go I mi. S, I mi. E, then I mi. N & still end up where you

GUIDE REVISIONS

February 1986

John Backus

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

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New guide:		
lJ Mt Jenkins	A fine peak and a worthy addition.	A:10/2/85
Major revisions:		
1G Pilot Knob	Hiking route improved	B:11/17/85
1H Owens Pk	New driving route	B:10/2/85
2C Nicolls Pk	Hiking route improved	B:1/3/86
2F Scodie Mtn	Alternate route added	B:12/2/85
2M Heald Pk	Alternate driving route improved	B:1/3/86
		C:11/13/85
6C Fox Mtn #1	Hiking route improved	
6E Lizard Head	Alternate hiking route added	C:11/13/85
6F McKinley Mtn	Driving route changed	B:1/22/86
6N Monte Arido	Alternate route (easier) added	B:1/22/86
60 Old Man Mtn	Alternate route (easier) added	B:1/22/86
13E Pallett Mtn	Driving instructions improved	C:9/23/85
17A Sugarloaf Pk	Hiking route error corrected	B:10/6/85
17E Cucamonga Pk	New driving and hiking route added	B:9/23/85
22D Sugarloaf Mtn	Driving route improved	B:9/23/85
22E Heart Bar Pk	Hiking route improved	B:9/23/85
	Hiking route improved	B:8/25/85
27G Cornell Pk	Climbing route changed	B:8/22/85
	Hiking route improved	B:12/9/85
28K Pine Mtn #2	-	
30B Sheep Mtn	Hiking route improved	B:1/22/86
30C Martinez Mtn	Driving route updated	B:1/22/86
30H Rosa Point	New hiking route	B:1/22/86
31A Eagle Crag	Alternate hiking route added	B:12/18/85
32A Granite Mtn #2	New hiking route, avoids pvt. prop.	
32K Cuyapaipe Mtn	Hiking route improved	C:12/21/85
32L Sheephead Mtn	Hiking route improved	B:10/21/85
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lF Morris Pk	B:10/2/85 24C E San Bern. Pk	B:8/25/85
2E Pinyon Pk	12/16/85 24D Anderson Pk	B:8/25/85
3D Double Mtn	B:1/3/86 24E Shields Pk	B:8/25/85
3E Tehachapi Mtn	B:1/3/86 24J 10K Ridge	B:9/23/85
6D Cuyama Pk	C:11/13/85 24K Lake Pk	B:9/23/85
6H San Rafael Mtn	B:1/22/86 24L Grinnell Mtn	B:9/23/85
7E Thorn Pt	B:11/5/85 25I Kitching Pk	B:9/9/85
IOA Mt Emma	B:1/28/86 27J Suicide Rock	B:8/10/85
10B Old Mt Emma	B:1/28/86 28E Antsell Rock	B: 12/10/85
13C Pleasant View	B:9/23/85 28F Apache Pk	B:12/10/85
13D Will Thrall Pk	B:9/23/85 28G Spitler Pk	B:12/10/85
13E Pallett Mtn	B:7/10/85 28H Palm View Pk	B:12/9/85
14K Kratka Ridge	B:10/12/85 28J Pyramid Pk	B:12/9/85
17C Bighorn Pk	B:10/6/85 28L Lion Pk	B:12/9/85
176 Bighorn FK 17F Etiwanda Pk	B:9/23/85 30G Villager Pk	B: 1/22/86
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