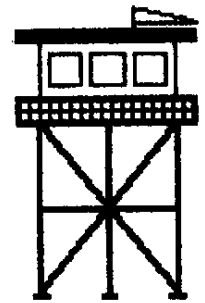


# 100 Peaks Lookout

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## ANGELES CHAPTER DIAMOND JUBILEE, 1911 - 1986



### CONGRATULATIONS

#### 100 PEAKS EMBLEM

Rick Chval	Ingham Pk.	04/20/86	*718
Jim Adler	Iron Springs	04/26/86	*719
Ruth Adler	Iron Springs	04/26/86	*720
Sue Palmer	Boucher Hill	04/12/86	*721



#### 200 PEAKS BAR

Jon Lutz	Nicolls Pk.	04/07/86	*219
Evan Samuels	Round Mtn.	04/20/86	*220
Dick Farrer	San Sevaine	05/03/86	*221



#### LIST COMPLETION

Art Smith	Pilot Knob	04/05/86	*110
Jon Sheldon	Birch Mtn.	05/31/86	*111

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jon K. Fredland  
David Eisenberg  
Donald M. Slarger  
Barry W. Holchin  
Jane Cook  
Leora Stoler  
Sue Palmer



### FROM THE CHAIR

By Jon Sheldon

Even though the year is only half over and the work of the current Management Committee is not finished, it is time to look ahead to next year. We need volunteers to run for a position on the 1987 Committee as well as volunteers to serve as members of the Nominating Committee. If anyone is interested, please call me or drop me a note. Why not give a little of your time to the Section?

It is also time to start firming up the issues to be voted on in the November ballot. We already have one request for the addition of a peak. If anyone else has any suggestions regarding peak additions or deletions send a letter to any member of the Management Committee before the August 14th meeting. Any other suggestions on how to improve the Section will also be welcomed.

### COME TO THE HPS SOCIAL MEETINGS!

**WHERE:**  
Griffith Park Ranger Station  
4730 Crystal Springs Dr.  
Griffith Park

#### PROGRAMS:

**July 10: Thurs./7:30 p.m.**  
"Trip to Mt. Everest Base Camp,  
Tibet & China"  
by Alan Coles

**Aug. 14: Thurs./7:30 p.m.**  
"The Wilds of New Guinea"  
by Fran Silver

### OKTOBERFEST! OCT. 4TH & 5TH

Come to the annual Oktoberfest, Sat. & Sun., Oct. 4th & 5th, at Harwood Lodge. Good hikes, great food, lots of beer, party Sat. night, rap and swap stories Sun. with long-time members. If interested, bring your guitar or other musical instrument for the entertainment Sat. night. If you want to get involved with the planning, contact Dotty Rabinowitz, (818) 355-4611. Cost includes lodging, dinner Sat., breakfast Sun.: \$12.00 for members, \$15.00 for non-members for whole weekend. For tickets (available 8/86) send a SASE to: Simone de Miguel, 17951 Tiara St., Encino, CA 91316. Remember to wear your lederhosen!



## A Message from Your Membership Chairperson by Kay Machen

Feeling left out, unappreciated, unrecognized? Then you must have read the active membership list in the last **LOOKOUT**.

Last month Ruth Adler gave us a complete rundown on the equipment she's using to produce the **LOOKOUT**. This month I'm going to tell you all about how the membership list is produced.

When HPS mail arrives at my house I open it, read it, and put it on the current month's pile of other HPS mail. Several times a month (depending on volume) I enter the pertinent information with a ball point pen on two pieces of college ruled notebook paper.

At the end of the month I decipher what I have written and produce the Monthly Membership Report on a small manual portable typewriter. At this time, I enter the information on the cards in a Rolodex file.

Some of these cards are many years old and have been written on by many Membership Chairpersons. Many are covered with numerous changes of address, marital status, phone numbers, and, of course, emblem status. There are over 400 of them. They are the source from which I typed the annual Active Membership List. The Horse and Buggy Age still lingers.

So, if I left you off the list, or (horrors!) made an error in your emblem status or misspelled your name, I apologize. At least now you know why.

**7TH ANNUAL L.A. TO MONO L. BIKE-A-THON, 8/25-8/30**  
6 days, 350 mi., support vehicles, camping. Riders secure pledges to benefit Mono L. Reg. deadline 8/8/86. For info, send SASE to Mono Lake Bike-a-thon, 1355 Westwood Bl. #6, L.A., CA 90024; (213) 477-8229.



## SAN BERNARDINO NATIONAL FOREST THREATENED

By Wilma Curtis, Conservation Chair

**Urgent! Immediate action needed! July 24, 1986, is the deadline for receipt of comments.**

The Forest Service has issued its plan for the management of the San Bernardino National Forest which will set the course of the Forest for the next 50 yrs. Conservationists, hunters, fishermen, bird watchers, etc. formed the San Bernardino National Forest Conservation Coalition to address the inadequacies of the plan. While there were some issues the Coalition agreed with, the Coalition felt the Plan does not address the tremendous resource abuses that are being inflicted, particularly by off-road vehicle users. The Coalition prepared the Conservation Alternative, a management plan which would conserve the Forest and insure it remains for us and future generations to enjoy.

We, 100 Peakers, must act now if we want to preserve this beautiful forest. Its a prime hiking area, in addition to being a valuable watershed and home to native plants and animals. How many of your favorite peaks are in this Forest? Unless you and other hikers take the time to write and express your wishes regarding the San Bernardino National Forest, there is little hope of changing the plan. If you enjoy the beauty and serenity of this area and want to preserve it, please write! Address your letters to:

Richard Stauber, Forest  
Supervisor

San Bernardino National Forest  
144 N. Mountain View Ave.  
San Bernardino, CA 92408

Include in your letter that you support the "Conservation Alternative." Tell why you are writing, why the forest is special to

you and include a reference to a particular area you enjoy and want preserved. You may want to mention a relevant hiking experience.

Please send a copy, if possible, to the following:

(Your Congressman)  
House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

and to:

Senator Alan Cranston  
and

Senator Pete Wilson  
Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The plan proposed by the Forest Service would:

- \*Increase OHV (Off Highway Vehicles) trails by 300%
- \*Recommend no new wilderness
- \*Reduce roadless areas
- \*Allow downhill skiing on Sugarloaf Mtn.
- \*Recommend no new special areas
- \*Recommend no wild & scenic river designations

This is a list of key concerns. Please include in your letter those you feel are important.

1) Say No to the Cross-forest OHV trail! Advocate instead the current system of small localized trails with limited new additions and encourage the Forest Service to enforce all OHV rules and regulations. Oppose the new 750 acre open area.

2) Say Yes to a Hiking and Equestrian Trail Management Plan! Recommend the Forest Service develop a team of Forest Service employees and volunteers to survey the current conditions of trails and to develop a management plan for their maintenance and construction.

3) Say Yes to No Skiing at Stockton Flat and No to Skiing at Sugarloaf! Remind the Forest Service that existing ski areas are already expanding to meet the needs of downhill skiers, and cross-country skiers need Sugarloaf as wilderness.

4) Say Yes to New Wilderness Areas and Roadless Area Protection! Ask that the 4 further planning areas be recommended wilderness and that Cajon, Deep Creek, and Granite Peak remain roadless until the next planning cycle.

5) Say Yes to More Special Areas and Yes to Wild and Scenic Rivers! The unique resources found in this forest deserve the better protection afforded by such conservation-oriented management. Ask that the Whitewater River be designated a "wild river" and that Deep Creek, Santa Ana River, and both North and South Forks of the San Jacinto River be designated "scenic rivers."

6) Support the Conservation Alternative! A broad-based coalition has joined hands to prepare a suitable alternative to the draft Forest Plan. We need you to mention your support for the Conservation Alternative.

Remember your comments must be received by July 24, 1986. Please take time to write.

There are many conservation issues that concern us, however, this is an urgent issue that will affect us directly. Thanks to the Audubon Society, REI for a grant to the National Trails Coalition, and Bob Kanne for this information.

Please read the June Issue of the Southern Sierran for the information on the Sierra National Forest. Your letters are needed. Remember the Los Padres and the Inyo National Forest Plans will be out soon.

If you want to be physically involved, don't forget your help is needed in trail building. Call me if you want more information, (818) 783-5785.



## Volunteer Trail Building:

Hawkins Ridge Trail, San Gabriel Mountains

During the summer and fall months we work at 8,000 ft. elevation where the weather is cool. We are building a new trail extending S from the Pacific Crest Tr. to S. Mt. Hawkins. The trail route traverses the top of the ridge through open conifer forests with magnificent views on both sides. It will be one of

the most beautiful forest trails in the Angeles Forest. Work started in July, 1985 and continued into November. About 2 mi. have been completed. Between 1.5 and 2 mi. remain to be laid out, flagged and built. All phases of trail construction are involved.

We will meet on the dates listed below at 8:00 a.m. on 9th St. at Azusa Ave. next to College Farm Market in Azusa for carpooling to Crystal Lake; or at 8:45 a.m. at the store at Crystal Lake Recreation Area. Join us at either place. From 210 Fwy. in Azusa, take Azusa Ave. N to 9th St., which leads into San Gabriel Cyn. Rd. Follow this all the way to the Crystal Lake Recreation Area. We will again consolidate cars here for the drive on Forest Service Rd. to 7,800 ft. elevation on Hawkins Ridge and the start of the trail. Bring lunch, water, gloves and tools if you have them. Rain cancels. For further info call the leaders listed below.

06/28 Sat.	09/06 Sat.
07/06 Sun.	09/14 Sun.
07/12 Sat.	09/20 Sat.
07/20 Sun.	09/28 Sun.
07/26 Sat.	10/04 Sat.
08/03 Sun.	10/12 Sun.
08/09 Sat.	10/18 Sat.
08/17 Sun.	10/26 Sun.
08/23 Sat.	

LEADERS: Charles Jones: (818) 352-9611 (H), (818) 957-2233 (W); Louis Derry: (213) 665-9147; Loudean Andrews: (213) 666-6602; Paul Townsend: (818) 246-2356.

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## Blazing Trails to the Past, Future

Volunteers Clear Way for New Generation of Hikers to Climb Historic Mt. Wilson  
by ROD LAZO, *Times Staff Writer*

They were not aware of it, but the 35 members of the Chinese American Outdoor Club who spent a recent weekend "hacking" over grown weeds

and clearing boulders from the Mt. Wilson Trail were repeating history.

As far as the volunteers were concerned, their work during the two hot days was simply a way to "put something back" into the mountains they enjoy on weekend camping and hiking excursions. What they did not know was that they were the second group of Asians to clear brush on one of the routes to 5,710 foot Mt. Wilson.

### Water Diversion

The first group consisted of about 200 immigrant Chinese and Japanese laborers who were hired in 1906 to widen the original Mt. Wilson Toll Road so a telescope could be transported to the top for what was to become the Mt. Wilson Observatory.

Now, 80 years later, members of the outdoor club and about 30 other volunteers met at the top of the trail and began to work their way down what had become an almost impassable path overgrown with a variety of wild trees and plants.

The sound of a chain saw echoed annoyingly over the quiet terrain as volunteers struggled to unearth the roots of plants that had grown wild for years. Occasionally one of the workers would spot a boulder off to the side and drag it back to the trail, which was being lined with rocks to form "water bars" to keep rain from washing it away.

At the end of the two-day project, the dusty, sweaty volunteers, one of them scratching a fresh case of poison oak, trudged wearily back up the trail, surveying with satisfaction a mile-long path cleared of debris.

"There were a lot of insects and I have bites all over, but it was worth it," said Loudean Andrews, who left her home shortly after 7 a.m. on a Saturday morning to participate in the project.

"I feel like I'm doing something useful," said Andrews, an elementary school teacher from Los Angeles who spends most of her weekends working on trail repairs.

Charles Jones, chairman of the San Gabriel Trails Committee of the

Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club, which helped sponsor the trail renovation project, said, "For a long time I used to hike the trails, and I felt I got so much enjoyment I should do something so that others can enjoy them."

The effort was part of California Trail Days, a statewide weekend campaign led by the Recreational Trails Committee of the state Department of Parks and Recreation to promote volunteer work on hiking and horseback trails.

More than 40 hiking and nature-preservation organizations throughout the state spent a weekend...working on about 20 trail maintenance projects, including restoration of trails in the San Gabriel and Santa Monica mountains, areas in Riverside and Santa Barbara counties and parts of Northern California.

The Sierra Club, Angeles Chapter, which includes Los Angeles and Orange counties, concentrated its efforts on the mile-long segment of the trail that runs from the parking lot near the Mt. Wilson Observatory to Harvard Saddle on the Mt. Wilson Toll Road, a point about midway between the peaks of Mt. Wilson and Mt. Harvard.

Mt. Harvard, at 5,440 feet, sits directly south of Mt. Wilson beside the old toll road.

"Our trail system is a priceless resource, yet many trails are badly deteriorated. Some, like the Harvard segment, disappeared entirely," Jones said.

### Trail is Historic

He said the Sierra Club hopes through its program to bring to the attention of hikers the poor condition of many trails and to provide an opportunity for people to become involved in trail building and maintenance.

The Mt. Wilson Trail was chosen, Jones said because it is easily accessible and a restored trail there will offer visitors to Mt. Wilson the opportunity to take a short, easy hike.

The trail's history also was a

factor in its selection.

"It's a historic trail, one of the oldest in the Angeles National Forest," Jones said.

The trail was first cleared in 1864 by Benjamin D. Wilson, a farmer and former mayor of Los Angeles who had it built by Mexican and Indian laborers so he could transport pine and cedar from the top of the mountain that now bears his name to his ranch near what is now San Marino. The logging venture was abandoned several years later, but in the meantime, visitors from the lowlands discovered the trail and it became a favorite of hikers.

### Read Widened Again

In 1889, the mountain's first telescope, a 13-inch photographic instrument owned by Harvard University, was taken up the trail and installed. Subsequently, Mt. Harvard was named after the university because scientists and workers camped there when planning for the observatory on Mt. Wilson.

Access to the trail at Harvard Saddle was obscured when the toll road was expanded in 1906 to transport a 60-inch telescope to the observatory.

Between that time and 1917, when the toll road was again widened to accommodate a 100-inch telescope, the increasingly inaccessible Mt. Wilson Trail fell into disuse, a condition that continued until now.

"The trails disappear because the Forest Service does not have money to keep them up," said Jones, who spends most weekends helping maintain trails all over Southern California.

According to officials of the Arroyo Seco Ranger District of the U.S. Forest Service, which includes Mt. Wilson and covers about one-sixth of (the) Angeles National Forest, the amount of federal money allocated for trail maintenance nationwide and in Southern California has dropped about 50% since 1982.

Gail Vanderbie, a district recreation officer, said the district received about \$45,000 in 1982 to refurbish its trails, but the amount

has declined steadily since then, falling to a low of \$11,000 in 1984. This year Congress allotted \$22,000 for trail maintenance in the Arroyo Seco district.

### Federal Funds Limited

The decline of funds for trail maintenance is one reason many of the volunteers decided to work on the Mt. Wilson project.

"You know it is needed and the Forest Service doesn't have the resources," said Andrews, the schoolteacher and volunteer worker. "People who are hiking will stop us and tell us how much they appreciate what we are doing...That gets you motivated."

Jones, who earns his living in real estate, started working on the trails about 2 1/2 years ago. He and a group of Sierra Club friends and Forest service volunteers get together regularly, meeting early in the morning and going out armed with tools and sack lunches to work on the trails.

They expect to complete restoration soon of a segment of the Mt. Zion Trail running from Hoogees Camp to near Sturtevant Camp in Santa Anita Canyon above Sierra Madre. During the summer and fall, they plan to work at higher elevations on Hawkins Ridge near Crystal Lake off California 39 above Azusa.

One of the regulars is Paul Townsend, a civil engineer from Glendale who has been hiking for more than 10 years. He said renovating trails is tough work, but doing so also spurs him to work on physical fitness.

"It makes you work out during the week so you are in shape when you do this," he said.

### Newly Formed Club

In addition to the regulars, California Trail Days attracted new volunteers to Mt. Wilson, among them members of the Monterey Park-based Chinese American Outdoor Club, a recently formed group of about 90 outdoor enthusiasts who have moved to the United States from all parts of China and go on

weekly camping and hiking outings.

Alan Yi Han of Alhambra, club president, said his group learned about the Mt. Wilson Trail project from an announcement posted at a local La Canada Flintridge sporting goods store. Members decided to postpone a camping trip to Joshua Tree National Monument so they could help out.

"The mountains belong to everyone and we all enjoy them when we go hiking. I hope we can do something for this mountain," said Bill Ying, a vice president of the group.

Ying, whose mountaineering experience includes an expedition to the Himalayas, says his work on the trail allows him to feel that he is putting something back into the mountains he has enjoyed for the last 15 years.

"We figured since the forest budget had been cut, they needed our help," said Ahouyu Shao of Rosemead, another club vice president.

Volunteers were asked to provide work gloves, lunch and water, but tools were loaned to the group by the U.S. Forest Service and the Big Santa Anita Historical Society, which is based in Arcadia.

The main tool used is called a McLeod, which has rake-like teeth on one side and a hoe-like edge on the other.

"This is the most versatile trailworking tool we have and is also used as a firefighting tool," Jones said.

Jones said he hopes the Mt. Wilson effort will motivate more people to volunteer for work on the trails on a regular basis.

"Trail users have a responsibility to help preserve and maintain the trail system so others may continue to receive the same enjoyment," Jones said.

**REMEMBER TO SEND YOUR  
CONTRIBUTIONS IN BY  
AUGUST 1, 1986  
FOR THE NEXT ISSUE  
OF THE LOOKOUT!**



*There was a lad of the woods and rills, of  
no great stature stood ~ but delicate, kind,  
and quiet he, who understood the language of  
man and mountain.*

*With clinking glass, we hail! salute!  
our friend who came to travel to woods and  
mountains far and near ~ and further ~ still.*

*Perhaps a starry sky or dark cold night's clear  
wind will stir the pines and bring to memory ~  
this lad of the woods.*

*For now, tis time for only one more prayer, one more  
cry, one more song, one more cheer....*

*Salute!*

*~ JR ~*

Poem by Julie Rush. Illustration by Nami T. Brown.

## Our Salute to Herb Dotzauer

by Randy Bernard & Lew Amack

Our friend Herbert Henry Dotzauer, known to us as Herb, passed away in Van Nuys on 5/16/86. He was born 42 yrs. ago on 6/11/43 in Columbia, Illinois. His funeral service was held at Praisewater Funeral Home in Van Nuys on 5/20, and he was interred at Oakwood Memorial Park in Chatsworth, within view of Stony Pt. Despite suffering from colon cancer for several years, Herb had a courageous spirit, and continued to climb his beloved mountains even in the face of tremendous adversity. Last year, he became one of a small group of mountaineers who have completed the Hundred Peaks List. He was also an avid desert peaker, having been to the summit of about half of the Desert Peaks List. Although Herb's life was disappointingly brief, it was, nevertheless, amazingly full. Herb was an eclectic traveler. For example, in 1965, he took a private air flight to Mt. Shasta to climb it for the second time. He also was a regular participant on Griffith Park and Santa Monica Mountains weekday hikes. He visited many countries throughout the world, and would generally master the language of the natives before departure. He was also extremely well-read, and conversant in many fields. Herb has become an inspiration to many Sierra Clubbers. He knew that his remaining time on Earth was limited, and he chose to spend as much time as he could strolling along mountain pathways with his friends. Whenever we are roping up Stony Pt., we will cast a glance in the direction of Oakwood Memorial Park and remember Herbie's inimitable guacamole dip.



## Sentimental Journey

by Lew Amack

### 40 YEARS AGO

Weldon Heald, hiking with Jack Bescom, climbed Mt. Pinos from Lockwood Valley--thus becoming the first person to climb 100 peaks! They went on to Sawmill and Grouse, and visited the spring on Sawmill's south side on the return trip (6/30/86).

### 30 YEARS AGO

W.K. Whidden celebrated his 100th on Wilshire Pk., having climbed all 100 after the age of 70 (5/10/56).

Peter Hunt, age 15, became the youngest 100-Peaker on Sugarloaf Mtn. (7/1). Other summer of '56 emblem qualifiers were Irene Charnock, Tom & Trudie Hunt, and Harry McLean.

### 20 YEARS AGO

Les Stockton became Emblem holder #132.

Phil Martin was the 3rd recipient of the 200 Pin.

Iron Springs Mtn. & Villager Pk. were voted for list addition.

A memorial project to honor deceased emblem holders was incorporated into the "Trees for Color" program of the Angeles National Forest. North Red Oaks dedicated to Niles Werner (\*5), Irmgard Mahler (\*22), and Ted Atkinson (\*43) were sent by the Section to Oak Grove Ranger Station for planting.

John Ripley & John McKinley climbed Southwell Pk. from Humber Park, passing over Tahquitz, where they sought advice from Ranger Southwell. The slow-going route from Red Tahquitz along the Desert Divide required a heavy club for bushwhacking and class 3 maneuvering. A register was found on Southwell, placed by Sam Fink a month earlier (6/65) on his 2nd ascent. The climbers estimated that Antsell Rock would require another 3 hrs. one-way, despite being partially ducked by Sam, but proposed adding Southwell to the list.

Larry Salmon & Paul Goff led 42 from the Baldy Ski Lift parking lot up to Baldy Notch, then Thunder & Telegraph, where a grandiose banquet was staged. From there they continued on to Timber and Icehouse Saddle. At the saddle, Lew Hill, Larry Machleder, and Joyce & Bob Van Allen left the group to climb Bighorn, Ontario, and Sugarloaf, descending via treacherous Fellinging Rock Cyn. The main contingent strolled down Icehouse Cyn. to partake of the refreshing ambrosia of Columbine Spring before returning to their car shuttle (7/10).

Bob Schull & Frank McDaniel led 30+ from Humber Park via Willow Ck. crossing, Hidden Lake, and Desert View to Long Valley for lunch. The afternoon was spent climbing Cornell. At Round Valley, the evening campfire was augmented by harmonica and guitar music. San Jac, Jean, and Marion were climbed Sun. (7/16-7/17).

Bob & Jim Van Allen led 30 to lunch at High Meadow Springs camp, running the ridge to San Bernardino Pk. (and Alto Diablo) and back on Sat. Charlton, both summits of Japson, San Gorgonio, and Dobbs were polished off Sun. Half the group made all 8 peaks on the 26 mi., 8000' gain weekend (7/30-8/1).

John Frost & Gene Andreosky led 30+ to Tahquitz & Lily Rock. According to Soboba Indian legend, Tahquitz was a chieftain who had become possessed by an evil spirit, causing him to kill his sweetheart and resulting in his death by clubbing at the hands of fellow tribesmen. As the tribe chanted over the body of their fallen chieftain, his body began to glow like fire, whereupon it rose and ascended Lily (Tahquitz) Rock. The spirit of Tahquitz still resides on top of the rock, in the company of a rattlesnake and a condor. When the mountain shakes and trembles, it is not an earthquake, only Tahquitz up to his evil tricks on Lily Rock.

Les Reid & Don McLellan led 36 to Luna, Rattlesnake, and White (8/14).

### 15 YEARS AGO

Joe Young and Ann & Lou Cavaliere

joined the Section.

Henry Housinkveld, Ivan Steverson, and Frank Meyers attained their 100 Peaks Emblems.

Cannel Pt., Morris Pk., Rosa Pt., Haddock Pt., Knife Edge (5117', Apache Cyn. 7.5'), and Gobbler's Knob were considered for list addition. Eureka Pk. and Mt. Gleason were deleted.

Les Stockton & Jon Inskoop led 31 (including John Robinson & Bob Herlihy) up Forsee Ck. Tr. on an 18 mi. traverse of the San Berdoos Divide. After bagging 4 peaks, they met their car shuttle for Camp Angelus.

Les Stockton & Ken Ferrell led a Beginners' Special on a very hot day to Hillyer, Mooney, Buckhorn, Winston and Sally. Starting with 28, the group was reduced to 8 by the time Sally was climbed. A speech was made on the 10 (actually 80) Essentials (8/3/71).

Bruce (age 11) and Laura (age 9) Jones led 32 on a Children's Special from Clear Creek Station to Josephine Pk. (7/10).

### 10 YEARS AGO

Dave Stepsay earned his 200 Peak Bar (#115).

The Orange County Peaks and Trails Award was inaugurated.

USGS Topo Maps were marked up from 75¢ to \$1.25 each (7/15/76).

Jean Isola, HPS Outings Chair and Orange County Ex-Cor member, died of hyperthermia in 117° heat on Rattlesnake Pk. (6/26).

Warren Von Pertz & Bob Thompson led 4 for 4 peaks on the San Bernardino Pk. Divide via Forsee Ck., meeting in Pomona at 5 a.m. for an early start. After 10.5 hrs. of hiking they reached Camp Angelus, then headed for Griswold's for dinner (7/11).

Bob Cates & Jon Hardt led 19 to Sugarloaf and an exploratory of Heart Bar Pk., which was unanimously favored for list addition. Participants included Sam Fink, Fred Bode, Joe & Betty McCosker, and John Ripley (7/17).

How Bailey led 28 on the 2nd annual moonlight climb of Baldy.

beginning at 1 a.m. After reveling in the panorama of colors produced by the emerging sun, they descended past San Antonio Falls, finishing before 10 a.m. (8/14).

The L.A. Times disclosed that the world's largest oak tree (33'10" circumference, 72' tall, 205 yrs. old) is located near Palomar Observatory, according to the "Social Register of Big Trees", published by the Amer. Soc. of Forestry Assn. of Washington, D.C. (8/16).



## REGISTER BOX

by Jim Adler

### NEEDED:

Iron Mtn. \*3/106: can (damaged)  
Cedar/25C: can (decrepit)  
Birch/25B: can (1/2 missing)  
Allen/25A: can, book (missing)  
Rattlesnake/20C: can (1/2 missing)  
Santa Cruz/66: can, book (shot up)  
Liebre/BA: can, bk. (mouse invasion)

This listing is going to be tried out as a regular feature of the **LOOKOUT**. If you are going to be climbing any of the above peaks, please consider bringing a new register can or book, as needed. If you discover a peak which needs a new can or register book, please advise either the Author or the Editor. Also, please advise if you have replaced any of the missing or deficient items or discover that any of the above reports are erroneous or out of date.

## CLASS 3 PEAKS

by Lew Amack

The following listed peaks have technical (class 3 or higher) summit blocks:

Aquila, Eagle Rest, Pacifico, Cornell, Marton, Antsall, Cone, Pine \*2, Rock Pt., and Martinez.

## UPCOMING TRIPS



### HPS SURPRISE PEAK-NIC: 7/26/86, SAT.

COME TO THE HPS SURPRISE PEAK-NIC! (Mystery peak to be announced at the carpool point on the day of the hike.) It's our first annual event of this kind and it will be fun meeting with friends, old and new!! Enjoy an easy peak and share goodies.

#### MEET:

La Canada Carpool Point, 8:00 a.m.

#### ORGANIZER:

Dotty Rabinowitz

#### LEADERS:

Jon Sheldon & Ruth Adler



### Bighorn Pk. (8441'), Ontario Pk. (8693'): 7/27/86.

#### Sea/HPS-Natural Science

Long, strenuous hike, moderate pace, time out for enjoyment of wildflowers & other flora, birds & other fauna. Bring minimum of 3 qts. water. 15 mi. rt, 4000' gain; some cross country. Meet 7:30 a.m. Pomona. Leaders: Asher Waxman, Carolyn Greene.



### Backpack to San Jacinto Mountains: 7/26-7/27/86, Sat.-Sun.

Moderately strenuous, but extremely scenic. We will stop at Castle Rocks (8600') on our way to Little Round Valley Camp. We will climb San Jacinto Pk. (10,804') and Folly Pk. (10,480') on Sat., and Jean Pk. and Marion Mtn. on Sun. The pace will be moderate. Available permit limits size to 15. For reservation send SASE to Leader: Alfredo Sanchez Gomez, 1666 Sandalwood Place, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362, (805) 493-2164; Asst.: Luella Martin (213) 943-2819.

## TRIP REPORTS

1986 Beginners Trips:  
Josephine Pk., Strawberry  
Pk., and the Five from  
Deception to Lowe; 3/9,  
4/13, 5/11/86  
by Brent Washbourne

Alice Hawkins and I volunteered to lead some beginners' trips this year and picked those with the shortest drive from La Canada. In retrospect, my score was 2 hits and a miss; Alice was ill for the one trip where I erred, so her score is a perfect 2-0.

In March, we did Josephine and about 20 showed up on a day between rain showers. The day before had been wet, the day after was wet, but we were lucky to have a fine day. We just ambled up the road, and were back at the cars soon after 12:00.

In Apr., we did Strawberry. This was the one Alice missed, and I was happy to find another rated leader at La Canada who volunteered to sweep. About 40 showed up. The hike up Colby Cyn. was delightful, and we proceeded up the ridge. At one point there is a ridge of rock which one must go around, and there were plenty of footprints to the left and to the right. I picked the wrong set of footprints to follow and went to the right (S), while the correct route is to the left (N). Still, one could proceed along just below the ridge without too much difficulty, until one must gain the ridge. I scrambled up the 30 ft. of loose crumbly rock, as did several others, but a few members of the party found this quite scary, and got part way and stopped. We set up a string of helpers above and below the persons who were in difficulty, but they were immobile on the rock for about half an hr. Those behind grew tired of waiting and found another, easier route to the ridge, where they waited for us. Others turned back. Finally, the effort was made, and all

reached the ridge successfully. There was a question about the whereabouts of one of the party, so I climbed back down to the stopping point to search, found no sign and deduced that he had turned back, and again climbed the same route to the ridge, which seemed easier on the second try than the first. Still, this was not a good route for beginners, and it was my fault for getting beginners into a predicament they found scary. The rest of the hike to the top of Strawberry went without incident; all who were still with the party (about 25) enjoyed lunch on the summit by noon, and we were back to the cars by 3:00.

In May, we did the 5 peaks, Deception, Disappointment, San Gabriel, Markham and Lowe. The day was beautiful, and 21 showed up. The lower turnout may have been a reflection of the April trip, or may have been because it was Mother's Day. About half of the party were beginners, eager to get 5 peaks in one day; the rest were a prize group of old-timers, including Al Campbell, whom we have not seen in Southern California for about 10 yrs. He has been touring the world, and is soon to return to England and Australia. The hike went perfectly; first Disappointment, then by road and ridge to Deception, then back to San Gabriel for lunch. Here we met about 50 members of a Chinese hiking group which included all ages. They didn't speak English; we didn't speak Chinese; and we soon proceeded down the trail to the saddle between San Gabriel and Markham. 5 of our group had had enough exertion for one day, and returned to the cars at this time; the rest proceeded around and then back up the ridge to Markham. Frank Dobos found the new can placed by Lew Amack, and we used it to sign in. Back at the saddle between Markham and Lowe, another 4 returned to the cars because they had already climbed Mt. Lowe the hard way as part of BMTC. The rest of the group continued up Lowe, where we found the Chinese army again in residence. After a

short break, Randy Bernard showed us the scree descent from Lowe, after which we reassembled for the fast trek out to the cars, which we reached at 3:00.



**8th Annual HPS Hike-A-Then,  
60th Anniversary Hike, Red  
Box to Chilao: 3/29/86;  
Leaders: Bobcat & Stag  
by Bobcat**

This hike was billed as a 30 mi. event, covering much the same route as a Sierra Club Hike led 60 yrs. ago, 3/27-3/28/26. That hike covered over 60 mi. in 2 days. This year we would only plan on doing half of that mileage in one day.

The hike began at Red Box Ranger Station at 7:30 a.m. with 11 hikers on a crisp spring morning. We headed E down the West Fork (or was it W down the East Fork?) following the beautifully-forested Gabrielino Tr., hopping the singing stream many times. Our first stop was made in about 3 mi. at Cabin 21, West Fork. Here we met Art Stewart, who was leasing the cabin, a very nice fellow. He had his inflated Easter Rabbits in front of his beautiful cabin and invited us in for coffee and "Stories of the West Fork". We made him our honorary hiker for the trip.

After a very pleasant 15 min. stop, we continued on down the West Fork following the lower trail at the first junction to Valley Forge Trail Camp, spending another 15 min. here in this delightful streamside setting. Stag brought out his 50 lbs. of oranges and shared them with everyone.

The next part of the hike followed the West Fork Rd. for about 2 mi., with many hikers stopping to take off their boots to wade the raging West Fork, down to West Fork Campground. Here we spent another 15 min. enjoying the beauty and shade of the campground. Then it was N on the Shortcut Cyn. Tr. through some of the most lush and beautiful country in the Angeles

Forest, gaining 1600' in 3 mi. to Angeles Crest Hwy. Continuing N and down the other side of the Hwy. on the Silver Moccasin Tr., we descended into Big Tujunga Cyn., crossed the stream and gained another 1200' in 2 mi. through the hot sun up to Charlton Flat and some very welcome shade.

One hiker who couldn't go on elected to stay here to wait for a ride from the car left at Chilao Visitor Center. The other 10 hiked through the friendly forested slopes of Charlton Flat and Chilao along the East Fork of Alder Ck. on the Silver Moccasin Tr. to a picnic area near Chilao Visitor Center. Here, 6 more people were already waiting at 3 p.m. to celebrate the leader's birthday (born the same year as Jack Benny). Yummy cakes made by Sue Palmer and Sandy "Bluebird" Houston highlighted the party, while some played frisbee and Lew Amack climbed nearby Trees and Outhouses.

As the party wound down about 4 p.m., the 18 miles already hiked and the partying and goodies persuaded some to call it a day, since 3 cars were at Chilao. A few, including Lew Amack and Patty Kline elected to go climb Waterman and come back in the dark. The rest packed up, 7 in the leader's compact car (2 in the rumble seat under the hatchback), and drove back to Red Box to get the rest of the cars for the drive back down to La Canada.

Thanks to Stag for so ably and skillfully assisting, to Bluebird and Sue for the great birthday cakes and to all who participated in the party-shortened hike. Hike participants included Bobcat, Stag, "Thumper" Brown, "Giuseppe" Young, Arthur Schain, John & Judy Carson, Gail Tulic, "Roadrunner" Baldwin, "Spider-man" Amack and Honorary Hiker Art Stewart. Next year we'll do the other 30 mi. of this historic hike and have the party afterward!





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**Halley's Comet Carcamp: 4/11-4/13/86; Leaders: Joe Young, Bob Thompson  
by Joe Young**

On Fri., Apr. 11th, 13 people showed up at the Doane Valley Campground in Palomar Mtn. State Park for a weekend of comet watching, revelry, and a little hiking. The weekend also marked the climb which would be Sue Palmer's 100th peak. It all turned out to be a fun filled event with good companions, variable weather, beautiful hiking, and a celestial attraction referred to as a "cosmic smudge".

The weather was cloudy in L.A. driving out, but skies turned clear on top of the mountain around 7:00 p.m. Dinner that evening was the product of the combined efforts of Betty McCosker (soup, pies, garlic bread), Julie Rush and Bobcat (special concoctions), Sue (hot salsa), and myself (oriental style chicken and Chinese peas). A few more people joined us bringing the total number of campers that night to 13. We partied until midnight, then drove over to a place with an unobstructed southern view and got out our binoculars and looked at Halleys. That's when Julie dubbed it a "cosmic smudge". The whole experience of people standing alongside a road waiting and looking heavenward reminded Mike Baldwin of a scene in the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" where people were waiting for the spaceships to return. The weather cooperated magnificently: the clouds below completely blotted out the lights of San Diego, making the skies totally dark except for the comet, planets, and "beelyuns" and "beelyuns" of stars.

On Sat. morning, some of us hiked around Doane pond observing the flora and fauna, such as frogs in the reeds and bobcattails. Later a few of us drove over to the observatory to buy t-shirts and look at the giant 200" telescope. On our way back we

met up with the Sat. arrivals and drove back to the campground. (People were arriving as late as Sat. night.) We were okay as far as spreading the bodies among our 4 reserved sites, but there were too many cars and some had to park outside the campground (not far away). Note that the park charges \$6.00 per night per campsite, only 8 people are permitted per site, but only 1 car is allowed per site. An additional car may park at the site for \$6.00, but 2 cars per site is the limit.

At about 2:45 we began our hike from the campground up Boucher Hill. It was a beautiful hike with lots of wildflowers and blooming dogwoods and nice weather. 19 hikers participated, with the assistance of Herb Dotzauer and Betty McCosker who drove the goodies up to the summit. Carl and Alice Spring and Laura Webb also drove to the summit in time for the fun. A beautiful layout of goodies (such as Sue's artichoke nibbles) and lots of Nasty Spumonte and champagne made a nice party to celebrate Sue's 100th. We serenaded Sue with a melodious "If You Knew Susie".

Sat. night saw our hardy band of campers enjoy scrumptious dinners shared with one another and the usual after dinner treats (which go on for hours). Many retired early this evening (they were "cometose"), while others sat around the campfire until 11:30 when another caravan commenced. The clouds were a little higher this night so we had to travel nearly to the observatory to obtain decent comet viewing. The "cosmic smudge" had moved about the width of a typical field of vision of binoculars. We didn't stay out quite as long that night, primarily, because it was colder. (It was rumored that Harriet Hangebacke was out on Palomar somewhere, but no one saw her.)

We awoke Sun. morning to warm weather and clear skies. The bright sun drove me out of the sack even though I had been "Halleymaniacal" 2

nights running. Most finally got rolling about 10:00 a.m. Some headed home while a group drove over to the observatory for a hike to High Point. Although we were successful in getting out to the peak without the necessity of climbing over or under fences, we were told by a forest service ranger that we were traversing private property and permission to pass is not readily given. However, we completed the hike which was the first peak for one participant, Nicki Nanos. After the hike, we celebrated again at the observatory parking lot. Hiking time had been about one hr. each way.

See you again in only 76 yrs.-- start making your plans now.



**San Jacinto (10,604) from Palm Springs (480)/Private Trip: 4/13/86  
by John McCully/Wendy Ruess**

Bob Thompson, Ray, Riley, Wayne Vasey and Ron Webster led this hike on Memorial Day 1977, 1978 and 1979, the last 2 times as HPS scheduled trips, written-up in this newsletter in 1977 and 1979. Ben Pryor led a group up to the tram in early April of last year but had to turn back from doing the peak because of deep snow and no snowshoes. Ron Hudson has done the peak this way. Otherwise I haven't heard much about this hike though I believe it is mentioned in the back of John Robinson's San Bernardino book. This was my 3rd time to do the peak from Ramon Ave. On 7 other occasions I've been sensible enough to quit at the tram. The 8,000 ft. gain to the tram isn't as hard as it might seem, partly because one can skip the go down part by using the tram.

Parking is prohibited at the west end of Ramon Ave. but the 2 streets just north of Ramon Ave. have vacant lots at their west ends. From Palm Cyn. Dr. turn W onto Baristo, turn L on to Patencio, R onto Santa Rosa. As Santa Rosa curves to the

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L, park and walk L across vacant lots to Ramon Ave.

We started at 4:50 a.m. The trail begins as a dirt horse road heading N from the end of Ramon Ave. Almost immediately a sign indicates the Carl Lykken Tr. on the left. This trail is well maintained and ascends to a good viewpoint at what may be 1884 (5:35) on the 7.5' Palm Springs map. This maintained trail can be followed quite easily in the dark. At this point a usage trail branches to the L and continuing in the dark is difficult. Reaching 1884 just as it starts to get light might be worthwhile, especially in the late spring when heat can be a problem. A sign is painted on a rock saying "Long Valley, 7 miles". A good usage trail follows fairly closely to the top of the ridge shown by bumps on the 7.5' map as 2541, 4618, 5075 and 5815. We lost the trail on several occasions for 5 or 10 min. but it always seems to reappear on the top of the ridge. Just short of 5815 the trail moves off to the L and drops down to the creek (10:45), which had a small trickle of water, but is not reliable. Some thick manzanita lies above the 5800 ft. level, but the trail skirts it to the L. Prior to a fire around 1980 this manzanita was extremely difficult, but it is now mostly burned off and the firefighters have left a good trail through it. The trail then continues up the creek for several hundred ft. and branches to the L toward a large rock outcropping on the ridgeline. Just shy of these rocks it turns to the R and heads toward the NW crossing several gullies. Just shy of another large outcropping it turns L and goes up a gully and exits into Long Valley (1:15) at 8400 ft., less than 10 min. from the tram. On a couple of occasions I've turned and left the gully too soon and found the going quite steep. It's especially difficult to follow this stretch of the trail in the snow. By Memorial Day, the snow is usually almost gone. Late fall, before much snow falls may be the best time to do this hike. The tram is closed for about 6 weeks after Labor Day.

We hadn't planned on doing the peak, so we were wearing lug soled tennis shoes. The ranger suggested real boots, crampons and ice axes and 4.5 hrs. (up) to the peak. We decided it was early (2:30) and we could always turn back. At the suggestion of someone coming down, we both picked up walking sticks. Made the peak at 5:15, with snow being continuous, but conditions quite good.

Coming down we mistakenly got on the Hidden Lake Tr. out of the Round Valley campground and staggered up to the tram at 8:00. As we were walking up the ramp an announcement came on that sounded like the final call for the final tram and Wendy sprinted up to ask them to hold it while I struggled up the ramp, feeling every one of my 46 yrs. The announcer explained that the last tram doesn't leave until 9:15, he just makes it sound that way to get peoples' attention. He said the ranger passes out wool blankets from his back door to folks that miss the last tram. (I once shredded my pants by overuse of my favorite rock climbing aid, my seat, on the N side of this peak and the ranger gave me a pair of huge wool pants so that I could ride down the tram with at least partial dignity.) By calling from the top we had a cab waiting when the tram got down and \$12 later we were at the car.



**Sawtooth Mtn.,  
Burnt Pk., Liebre  
Mtn.: Sat.,  
4/26/86:  
Leaders: Luella  
Martin, Gordon Lindberg  
by Luella Martin**

16 met by 7:00 a.m. at the Sylmar CP. We caravanned along flower lined roads to the take-off point for Sawtooth Mtn. Doris Lindberg elected to correct papers, while the rest climbed the peak. The heavy breeze made for a short summit stay. We then drove to Burnt Pk. Jack Trager and Nancy Miceli deserve medals for piloting their

passenger cars to the top. The road could use some grading. The three 4x4's had no trouble. The wind caused our lunch time to be along a sheltered bank just below the summit of Burnt. We discovered that we shared this spot with ticks.

After lunch, we drove to Bear Campground. From here, all 16 climbed Liebre Mtn. The meadows on the way were flowery, but the March cold snap had retarded growth. They were not as spectacular as 1976 or 83 (maybe later this season?). The summit mouse is still nibbling on the register. (I surprised her when I opened the can in 1976.) A mouse proof can is definitely needed for Liebre Mtn.

Some elected to drive back over West Liebre Mtn., while Jack Trager's car and my 4x4 drove out via Lake Hughes and a flowery Elizabeth Cyn. Both groups reached Sylmar by 5:00 p.m., Jack and I about 5 min. ahead of the others (Maybe the approach to Burnt Pk. should be reviewed?). Thanks to the drivers and to Gordon for his assistance.

**Eagle Crag, High  
Pt.: 4/26-  
4/27/86; Leaders:  
Alan Coles, Martin  
Feather  
by Alan Coles**



There is something about this peak that makes it one of my favorites. There are many peaks on the list that have more majestic summits and finer views but few have the variety and enjoyable scenery along the way that one experiences on the ascent of Eagle Crag. Having done it from 3 different routes I have found something unique and quite beautiful about each one. The vegetation ranges from chaparral to conifer forest with oak woodlands, meadows and riparian streambeds mixed in. In spring there is a riot of color from the many varieties of wildflowers too numerous to name. But in addition to nice scenery, the solitude

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and isolation of the Agua Tibia Wilderness is a welcome change from the confines of overdeveloped Southern California.

13 of us met at the junction of Hwys. 371 and 79 in Aguanga at 7:30 a.m. on Sat. morning. We drove over to forest road 8505 (the sign on Hwy. 79 now says "1000 Trails") and left some cars there. The 6 mi. of road up to the Cutca Valley trailhead was in very good shape thanks to recent work by a grader.

The weather couldn't have been much nicer. We started hiking around 8:20 a.m. and descended into Cottonwood Cyn. The trail was in good shape as we passed over streams and through meadows filled with wildflowers. I brought along 2 sets of clippers. One was a long blade type used very effectively on the poison oak, the other was used for clipping large branches mostly near the summit. Quite a number of trees and branches had fallen on the trail probably due to the heavy snowfall this year. Along the way we clipped branches and otherwise helped maintain the trail. Everyone enjoyed the pleasant walk through Cutca Valley (originally called "Whitka", no one really knows how it got its name) and especially a cedar and pine shaded canyon the trail passes through as it enters the wilderness area. This canyon is one of the most scenic sections of trail around and is worth hiking through even if there wasn't a peak here. All too soon we switchbacked out of the canyon under large Coulter pines up to the old Palomar/McGee Rd. (now a trail).

To reach the summit without going through a lot of brush is tricky but not difficult. Here is how: From the Cutca Tr. Jct. follow the trail about 3/8 mi. NW (or about 1/4 mi. SE from ele. 4466 if coming from Crosely Saddle) to a gully where the 4600 is on the Vail Lake topo. There is a duck placed there from last years trip. Go up the gully about 200' but do not ascend the ridge. Traverse SE about 100 yds. paralleling the ridge in an open forest

of mixed conifers and oak until a broad open gully is reached. Follow the gully up about 150' or so until the gully starts to disappear into brush. Ascend the ridge to the L (E). On this ridge is an old firebreak that looks like a very good trail. Follow the ridge/trail to a saddle that connects with the main ridge. Look for clippings and follow the path through heavy manzanita to the summit. We did a good job of clipping this last section so its not so bad now—you can do it in shorts and not get scratched.

We were on top about a quarter to one partly due to the prodigious trail work done along the way. Looking at the register which dates back to 1966 and is still not full, less than 1 dozen people have climbed this peak since Ron Jones' trip last year. So it was quite unusual that 5 people in our group had already climbed it (2nd time for John Southworth & Mike Fredette, 3rd time for Carlton Shay & Martin Feather, 4th time for yours truly).

After staying on top for around 45 min., we returned the same way arriving back at the cars around 6 p.m.

5 people returned to L.A. while the remaining 8 stayed to camp at the trailhead. I had obtained permission to camp here and its a nice spot although there is not any water. As planned, we had a nice community salad and a pleasant evening watching the stars come out on a clear night. Some pesky mosquitoes came around but a warm desert wind later that night blew them away. We were joined later that night by 4 new arrivals who found us all in bed.

The next morning we gathered into our cars and drove up the road to High Pt. as far as we could. High Pt. is the tallest spot on Palomar Mtn. "Palomar" means "pigeons" in Spanish and was named by the workers at the San Luis Rey Mission for the numerous flocks of birds they saw. The Indians called it "Paauw" which meant "mountain". It was once called "Smith" Mountain after a popular local homesteader who was

murdered on his ranch. However, the name was officially established in 1901 by the U.S. Geographic Board when local residents petitioned for it.

The grader hadn't done any work beyond the trailhead although it looked like it would be doing so in the near future. The road is in good shape but gets badly rutted near the top. I got to one spot that was rather hard to get over, so thinking we were close to the summit, we got out and walked. Actually, it turned out further than I expected, around 2 mi. But it was a nice day and it felt good to walk a little anyway, except perhaps for those 4 people who had done Beauty & Iron Springs from the S the previous day and had carried a watermelon to the summit of both peaks while thrashing through brush. Once on top, the view was spectacular and a cool wind made it feel nice in the sun. So we lingered around for a much longer than normal period for an HPS trip, and once Donica got up and left, so did the rest of us. No one felt like doing anything else that day, so we went home.

Thanks to Martin Feather for co-leading and all participants, especially those who helped work on the trail. I am thinking of doing this trip perhaps once a year to help maintain the trail. Anyone want to sign up for next year?

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**Santa Cruz, McKinley, San Rafael, West Big Pine, Big Pine, Samen, Madelco: 4/30-5/4/86; Leaders: Bill T. Russell, Luella Martin by Bill T. Russell**

Our routebeggars special started from Cachuma Saddle before 0700 on Wed., 4/30. There were 4 of us, the leaders, Bob Hicks and Eric Sieke. The preceding evening we obtained a key from the Ojai Ranger Dist. office and planted Luella's new 4WD at Potrero Seco, west of Pine Mtn. summit and behind a locked gate.

We hiked to McKinley (Cold) Spring

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After visiting West Big Pine, we made camp at Big Pine Camp which is shown on the topo. According to Kerry Kellog of the Santa Barbara Ranger Dist., this is the site of an old CCC camp. The camp has picnic tables and good water. The access trail (no sign) leaves the road at a point about due east of the campground symbol on the topo and descends at least 200 ft. The topo map may be a little off in fine detail in this area, we had to do some searching to find the camp. Thurs. was 11.5 hrs., 16 mi., 4000'.

On Fri. we walked up the jeep trail to Big Pine and then went to Chokecherry Spring and out to Samon Pk. We ascended the second gully from the spring because it seemed to have better rock, but we had to push through brush at the top to get to the start of the trail which is above the first gully. The trail to Samon is well clipped and well ducked with no problems except the initial gully. We descended the use trail in the first gully. It is very steep and has hard dirt. Careful is the word! We took on water and hiked back to the Madulce saddle where we camped. Fri. was 9.5 hrs., 11.5 mi., 2700'.

On Sat. we climbed Madulce and then went down to the Madulce Guard Station. The region along the trail above the Guard Station is a beautiful place with many cedar trees. From the Station we went downstream to the Don Victor trail junction. This junction and the trail itself are not easy to find but our navigators brought us through. The D.V. trail goes up a small valley to a low saddle and on the other side of the saddle a mud slide has covered the trail. After some searching and brush work we found the trace near the stream at about 4400 ft. The D.V. trail is shown on the current Forest map with a trail number but it has not had any maintenance for a number of years and it is a challenge to keep on the tread. We did see 2 large fine but quiet rattlesnakes below the old mud slide. The trail crosses the stream frequently and sometimes goes in the stream bed.

There was quite a good water flow and the canyon is very pretty with trees, flowers, grass and fresh poison oak. AT UTM 684408, an old jeep track is reached and from here to the east, the country is more open with mucho sagebrush. The D.V. camp where we stayed is a grassy area under a large cottonwood tree with a little used fire pit. Sat.'s statistics were 9 hrs., 12 mi., 1000'.

On Sun. we hiked out to reach the Potrero Seco by noon via the Don Victor Fire road. This road is not shown on The Rancho Nuevo Ck. topo which is an oldie but is on the Forest map. 5 hrs., 8 mi., 2000'.

We then drove back to Cachuma Saddle to end an exciting and interesting trip. The total distance and gain was about 63 mi. and 14,700'. We had only 3 ticks on us and only Bill T. contracted some poison oak inflammation and Luella had one spot.



**Kitching Pt., Pisgah Pt.:**  
**5/10/86; Leaders: Jack**  
**Trager, Luella Martin**  
by Jack Trager

This outing provided quite a cross-section of officers and members of the HPS. 36 assembled at the Diamond Bar carpool point with 2 additional showing up at the Field Rd. in Banning. The road in to the Kitching trailhead was rough in spots and passenger cars were parked a mile from the end.

The day was cool and beautiful with wind on the ridges and the trail up the canyon lived up to its reputation of being one of the loveliest on the list. Starting at 9:40, we were on top by 11:45 enjoying lunch and views of still snowcapped Grayback and San Jac.

Despite reports that the land owners on and around Pisgah have been uncooperative, I found them to be most cordial. After several phone calls, I contacted a Mrs. White. She and her husband Gene now speak for

the owners rather than Mrs. Hoskins. The Whites' phone number is: (714) 796-9085. She readily gave permission for an organized group respecting the properties. The Peak Guide phone given for Mr. Hudson of Snow-Line is for the apple season primarily. I finally reached that number and was given a different number, (714) 845-4182. Mrs. Hudson was agreeable to our going in through the orchard and parking by the sheds any day except May 10th when a wedding and reception was being held in the picnic area.

Accordingly, we scratched Plan A and adopted Plan B. Luella had scouted a parking area on Beaumont Ave. and had previously hiked on the Davies branch of the Pisgah Mtn. road from the S side, so we opted for that alternative. 7 went home after Kitching, but we gained one who had missed connections at Field Rd., so there were 32 on this hike. This route in is approximately 4 mi. long with 1400' gain, substantially more than the primary route. A shortcut between switchbacks provided more brush than desired, while one perceptive soul found a very good trail up the mountain from an earlier take-off point. Coming down, we tried a direct route of an old firebreak on the E ridge. Only about a mi. long, it was steep and brushy in spots, but with a little work it would offer a very good alternative for either approach or descent. Coming out on the paved road, we walked the additional mi. back to the cars by 7:00 p.m. A good strenuous day which all seemed to enjoy.

Much thanks to Luella for her assistance, guidance and leading down from Kitching.



**Dick Smith Wilderness Update:**  
**5/20/86**  
by Alan Coles

Good news for hikers who enjoy the Dick Smith Wilderness in Santa Barbara County. I led a trip to the Madulce area recently for another

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section. We hiked through Santa Barbara Cyn. and stayed at Madulce Trail Camp. The trail to the camp is in excellent shape although the last big hill is very steep. The trail to the top of the peak has been rebuilt and is in excellent shape. Someone shot up the old register (can) and the forest service has put a new huge one in its place.

CCC gangs have been hard at work in the wilderness. They have been rebuilding the trail from Madulce Guard Station through Puerta Suela to Dutch Oven C6 in Alamar Cyn. I called the ranger in Santa Barbara and she told me that they would be doing the trail from Madulce 6S to Don Victor Valley next. Later they would work on the Alamar Tr. from Dutch Oven to the Big Pine Rd. She wasn't sure if they would work on the trail S from Dutch Oven along Mono Ck. (although one can follow the streambed quite successfully in this section).

If you like the area, let them know and tell them how much you appreciate this trail work. You really have to see the brush in some areas to know how hard it is to clean up the trails. By the way, the Los Padres National Forest Plan will be out soon. Write to the main office in Santa Barbara (6144 Calle Real, Goleta, CA 93117) for your copy. Happy hiking.



**Mt. Hawkins: 5/21/86;**  
**Leaders: Kay Machen, Harry Sutherland**  
by Kay Machen

39 Wednesday hikers assembled at La Canada on an overcast morning. 3 of them were visitors from Germany and one was from New Zealand.

We soon drove out of the clouds to the parking area across Angeles Crest from the old Pine Hollow Picnic Area.

It was disclosed at the trailhead gathering that **Betty Bergoy** would soon be **Mrs. Stirratt**. Amid the congratulations we started

up the dirt road to the junction with the Pacific Crest Tr. Turning left on said PCT we passed through Little Jimmy Campground and Windy Gap and thence to the summit. A cold wind was blowing but the lee side of the peak made a lovely, warm, sunny spot for a picnic and a nap.

Several hikers decided they'd rather do Middle Hawkins instead of real Hawkins and a few made a more leisurely trip out of it by stopping along the way for lunch. 2 others returned by way of Lily Springs.

It was a good day.



**YUCAIPA RIDGE: 5/31/86**  
**Leaders: Jon Sheldon, Alan Coles, Martin Feather**  
by Jon Sheldon

It was quite a day. For the first time, I was late to a hike and was astounded to see a mob of 60 peakbaggers and 27 cars waiting at the intersection of Hwy. 38 and Valley of the Falls Road. After sorting out the drivers and passengers we began the shuttle. John Beckus was kind enough to arrange for us to use the old Boy Scout campground on Bill Hubbard's property, so we shuttled 6 cars to the campground with the goodies for the after-hike celebration. We then squeezed everyone into 13 cars and caravanned to the south side of the ridge.

Everyone was eager to hike the 17 mi. and 4500 ft. of gain so we started up FS 1522 at 8:20 a.m.

with Alan in the lead and Martin as sweep. The hike to the ridge was uneventful with beautiful views of the Yucaipa Valley and San Jacinto to the south. The group did spread out but everyone arrived at Little San Gorgonio for lunch—the lead at 12:00, the tail at 12:40. Waiting for us on Little San Gorgonio was Bill T. Russell, who had hiked over via Galena—one of the proposed "100 Routes."

By 12:50 the sky had clouded over and thunder could be heard in the distance. Alan quickly led the group off the peak and we hoped to out-hike the threatening storm. We retraced our steps and signed the register on Wilshire Mtn. and then pushed on down the ridge and bagged Wilshire Pk. When we reached the saddle between Wilshire Pk. and Oak Glen Pk. (not a listed peak) the storm began. We huddled together under trees and waited out the rain using an assortment of rain gear, garbage bags and space blankets for shelter.

The rain lasted about 30 min. and we were ready to move on after it had passed. Up we went over Oak Glen Pk., down into a saddle, up to Cedar Mtn., down into a saddle and then up to Birch Mtn., where (La da!) I finished the list! After the congratulations and picture-taking were over, we continued down to the saddle just east of Allen Pk. There, 10 people (including the pooped new list finisher) decided they'd had enough for the day and hiked down to the Boy Scout campground. The rest of the group continued up a few hundred ft. and completed the sweep of the ridge. (I had climbed Allen Pk. on a trip led by Don Tidwell 2 yrs. ago. It was only after that trip that I discovered, much to my chagrin, that there were 5 other peaks on the ridge.)

We all reconvened at the campground where we were joined by Don Weiss & Judy Ware who had climbed Allen from the power plant and Kay Machen & Joe Douglass who didn't want to miss any champagne. Mr. Hubbard was kind enough to let us use the restrooms and pool area

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and we had a great time drinking the bubbly and consuming the goodies (including a delicious fresh strawberry pie). Since it was getting late and we were all tired, we crammed everyone into 8 cars and drove to Hwy. 38 where we also used the 7 cars left on the highway to bring everyone back to the south side of the ridge. The last car left at 10:00 p.m. to end a 15 hr. day. Thanks to everyone who brought food to share and especially to Alan & Martin for leading and to John Beckus for arranging the use of the campground.

I would also like to express my personal thanks to all the people who made my list finish possible. When I climbed my first peak (Winston Pk., 6/18/83), I never thought I'd get 100 peaks let alone finish the list. But the camaraderie of the people, the challenge of the climb and the efforts made by the leaders kept me going. Alan & Martin; Luella & Jack; John, Frank & Dick—they all kept leading the "right" trips and I've learned a lot from them all. The last 40 or so peaks presented a different problem—they were spread out and not being led. But there were other crazed people who joined me in my quest for \*270...Thanks to Evan who shared thousands of driving and hiking miles and who knows exactly how far Angelus Oaks is from any peak; to Ruth for her enthusiasm; to Jim for putting up with and then becoming part of all this nonsense; to Paula for understanding; to George for his good advice and humor; to Subaru for making a car that can bag peaks; to Anna for her inspiration and support and to all the rest of you that I have come to look forward to seeing each trip.



**Galena to Little San  
Gorgonio/Private Trip:  
5/31/86  
by Bill T. Russell**

On the occasion of Jon Sheldon's list finish on Birch Mtn., I climbed

Galena and then walked the ridge to Little San 6. I saw 4 ewes and 6 lambs on "middle" Galena, not far away. I started at the Vivian Creek trailhead at 0600, went up Mill Creek Cyn. and reached the summit at 0900. The traverse to Little San 6 is very enjoyable. Within .5 mi. west of "west" Galena are a few notches with rock walls on the east side. By looking around a bit on the south side, a way to descend these 10' to 20' walls can be found that is easy class 3; they involve some fun tree climbing. In looking west to east, these spots appear intimidating, but their weaknesses can be readily found. The rest of the traverse is hiking on deer trails with a little class 2 scrambling. In some places one walks right along the crest and gets good views of the steep rotten rock north face. I walked over perhaps 5 patches of brush at about 10' each. The rock in the notches is sound and the exposure is minimal.

I reached Little San 6 at noon, about 10 min. before the lead elements of the HPS group led by Alan Coles and Martin Feather who were escorting Jon Sheldon on his final peaks. Asher Waxman and Paul Newman joined me from that group and we went over the set of peaks ending in Allen and then out to Hwy. 38 where Asher drove me to my car at Vivian Creek. We then returned and joined the excellent celebration for Jon at the old Boy Scout ranch now owned by Mr. W. Hubbard.



**Can You Top This?  
by George Tucker**

Here is yet another set of crazy peakbagger records:

Lew Amack mentioned last year doing all SEVEN peaks on the Yucaipa Ridge in one day. I did the same, but in generally alphabetical order from A through G, on 8/3/85. If, as Lew believes, we were the only people to do it, I was the first. I always try to take exploratory routes in the

uphill direction because the best routes are more visible and I am less likely to get trapped. Thus, I found (with great difficulty) the easy sheep trail where L.A. found 4th class rock. The Little San Gorgonio-Galena route is actually all (high) class 2.

Since the new route to Caliente is 26 mi., it becomes the first marathon mountain on the list. Marathons always have record times. I now hold the record at 9.5 hrs., beating the old record by a full third. Of course, it is easier when the old record was held by the only previous party to take the route, and I was helped by the completion of the trail up to the end of the yellow stakes. (The trail starts at the pull out E of the 50.5 mi. marker, which is about 14 mi. from New Cuyama. Follow trail, then obvious ridges to road, then giant J on road.)



**Driving Tips  
By Jack Trager**

As a matter of interest to peakbaggers, the Dry Cyn. Rd. from Santa Barbara Canyon all the way to the top of Cuyama Pk. LO has been scraped recently for an easy drive-up. Of course, this will be of no interest to purists. Also, I have found that the road from Lockwood Valley into Thorn Meadows and the Plano Loop Rd. has been graded recently and is in excellent condition for all cars.



**THE CONTROL OF ACID RAIN** is now the top national legislative priority of the Sierra Club. We think the political climate is right to get action in the House this year, and perhaps also in the Senate. Please write your Congressional representative and ask her or him to join as co-sponsor of HR:4567. (There are 56 co-sponsors now.)

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The bill would reduce the main ingredients of acid rain, sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides, by 10 million tons and 4 million tons. In the Senate, we support S:2203 which would reduce sulfur dioxide by 12 million tons, reduce emissions of nitrogen oxides and tighten emission controls on trucks and automobiles to reduce the generation of ozone.

**ANGRY OHV ENTHUSIASTS** are directing a barrage of mail to State Assembly members in an effort to preserve the OHV drain on state highway funds. Please write to Assemblyman Mike Roos and thank him for sponsoring AB2710. Write to the members of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee and ask for their support.

The Roos bill would have forced all users of Off Highway Vehicle recreation areas to buy a green sticker; the OHV equivalent of a license plate. Monies transferred to OHV funds would be based only on the number of green sticker registrations.

As amended in Assemblyman Katz' Transportation Committee, both of the above have been scrapped. In Katz' version, a commission would be set up to study the usage of OHV's in California in terms of numbers and consumption of gasoline. A subfund for enforcement would be sequestered from the OHV fund. There would be increased fines for OHV's that are not street-licensed found operating their vehicles without a green sticker.

Our hope is to move the bill through the Assembly in its present form and work to strengthen it in the Senate. There, we hope to reintroduce language to:

- 1) Place a 3 yr. restriction on OHV funds to federal agencies (e.g. BLM, USFS) so they could only be used for conservation and law enforcement
- 2) Direct a permanent allocation of 15% of OHV funds for conservation and another 10% for enforcement.

Please write at once. Urge fairness: all those who use OHV

areas should pay; the rest of us should not be forced to subsidize this destructive program. The Angeles Chapter members of the Ways and Means Committee are:

Bader (R-Ontario)  
Dennis Brown (R-Long Beach)  
Calderon (D-Montebello)  
Hill (R-Whittier)  
Johnson (R-Fullerton)  
Lewis (R-Orange)  
Margolin (D-Los Angeles)  
Maxine Waters (D-Los Angeles)

(The preceding two articles are from the 5/86 Sierra Club Conservation Committee Newsletter.)

## THE 21 MOST POPULAR HPS PEAKS\*

by Lew Amack

Mt. Baden Powell	47
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San Jacinto Peak	44
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Mt. Hawkins	26
Josephine Peak	25
Mt. Lowe	24
Mt. Wilson	24
Mt. Islip	24
San Gabriel Peak	22
Mt. Hillyer	22
Sunset Peak	21
Throop Peak	21
Mt. Lawlor	20
Pallett Mtn.	18
Timber Mtn.	18
Vetter Mtn. (LO)	18
Mt. Pinos (LO)	17

## LEAST LED LISTED PEAKS\*

by Lew Amack

	Leads	Last Led
Little Bear	0	11/81
Indian	1	1/83
Ranger	1	1/83
Galena	1	10/83
Combs	1	1/84
Boucher Hill	1	5/84

Cannel	1	5/84
Antsell	1	1984
Rouse	1	10/84
Deer	1	11/84
Callente	1	12/84
Antimony	1	4/85
Tecuya	1	4/85
Brush	1	4/85
San Emigdio	1	4/85
Constance	1	10/85
Palomar	1	4/86
Garnet Mtn.	2	1984
Garnet Pk.	2	1984
Monument #1	2	1984
Granite Pks.	2	1984
Bertha	2	6/84
Allen Pk.	2	6/84
Birch Mtn.	2	6/84
Little San Gorgonio	2	6/84
Artic	2	6/84
Suicide	2	1984
Inspiration	2	1984
Thomas	2	10/84
Hawes	2	1/85
Rattlesnake Mtn.	2	1/85
White #1	2	1/85
Peak	2	3/85
McPherson	2	3/85
Eagle Rest	2	4/85
San Rafael	2	5/85
Hines	2	5/85
Cuyapaipa	2	5/85
Sheephead	2	5/85
Santa Rosa	2	1985
Lizard Head	2	11/85
Cuyama	2	11/85
San Ysidro	2	2/86
Lockwood	2	5/86
San Guillermo	2	5/86
Mill	2	6/86
Keller	2	6/86
Slide	2	6/86
Lily	3	6/83
Tip Top	3	4/84
Mineral	3	4/84
Frazier	3	6/84
Delamar	3	6/84

\*Note: Based upon number of trips led by all sections in Schedules 230-240, plus HPS outings for 3/86-7/6/86.



## REMOTE AND NAMELESS

By Lew Amack

The following mountains are among the the most inaccessible in the San Gabriels. Although over 10 million people dwell in their shadows, some may never have been ascended. Each has a precise elevation reading on its respective topo map. If they had a name (only "View" does) all could qualify for list addition, because each is over 2 mi. RT and 1000' gain from the nearest peak, trailhead, or common route to a listed peak. They are listed in order by probable difficulty.

Rank	Peak	Issue	RT MI.	Gain	Trailhead
1	5014'	Waterman	9	3600'	Twin Peaks
			15	4300'	Devils Canyon
2	6151'*	Waterman	6	3300'	Twin Peak
3	5621'	Waterman	5	2300'	Buckhorn Spring
			15	6100'	Bear Creek/Smith (Hwy. 39)
4	View	Juniper Hill	6.5	2200'	Pleasant View Ridge
5	6306'	Juniper Hill	4.5	2000'	Winston Ridge
6	6649'	Waterman	4	2200'	Twin Peaks
7	5895'	Waterman	3.5	3100'	Twin Peaks
8	6566'	Telegraph	3	2600'	Lytle Creek
9	7499'	Crystal Lake	4.5	1500'	Mt. Hawkins
10	6374'	Valyermo	3.5	1800'	Devils Punchbowl
			3.5	2100'	Pleasant View Ridge
11	6418'	Juniper Hill	3	2100'	Pleasant View Ridge
12	5021'	Crystal Lake	3	1800'	Rattlesnake Pk.
13	7665'	Telegraph Peak	2.5	2000'	Coldwater Cyn.
			4	1700'	Telegraph Pk.
14	6621'	Valyermo	2	2000'	South Fork Campground
			4	3100'	Mt. Williamson
15	5146'	Condor Peak	3	1200'	Mt. Gleason Rd.
16	6327'	Crystal Lake	2.5	1150'	S. Hawkins, Rattlesnake firebreak

\*Note: aka Triplet Rock. Some class 3.

## GUIDE REVISIONS: JUNE 1986

by John Beckus

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

### Major revisions. New climbing routes:

4C Eagle Rest Pk. B:4/18/86 Avoids private property problems.

19F Marie Louise B:5/21/86 Better route, less brush.

### Helpful revisions. Climbing routes improved:

7B Lockwood Pt. C:3/07/86 19E Pinnacles C:5/21/86

7N Ortega Hill B:2/23/86 29E Lookout Mtn. \*1 C:2/02/86

70 Ortega Pk. B:2/23/86 30A Asbestos Mtn. B:2/02/86

10J Cole Pt. B:2/23/86 32B Whale Pk. C:3/09/86

14D S. Mt. Hawkins B:4/18/86

### Minor revisions:

4A Brush Mtn. C:4/12/86 15F Sunset Pk. B:4/28/86

8A Liebre Mtn. B:5/21/86 16A Circle Mtn. C:3/22/86

8B Burnt Pk. B:5/21/86 16I Gobblers Knob C:3/22/86

8C Sawtooth Pk. B:5/21/86 19A Cleghorn Mtn. C:5/19/86

10D Bare Mtn. B:2/23/86 19B Cajon Mtn. C:5/19/86

11E Mt. Sally B:3/20/86 19C Sugarpine Mtn. C:5/19/86

11G Mt. Mooney B:3/20/86 19D Monument Pk. C:5/19/86

13I Winston Ridge B:5/19/86 25I Kitching Pk. C:5/19/86

15D Iron Mtn. \*1 B:4/28/86 26B Quail Mtn. C:4/15/86

15E Lookout Mtn. \*2 B:3/30/86 26C Queen Mtn. C:4/15/86



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