

Hundred Peaks Lookout



Congratulations

Compiled by Charlie Knapke

Achievements

An error was made on the January 9th, 1992 Membership Committee report and was thus reported incorrectly in the Lookout. 100 Peaks emblem #872 is amended to read:

#872 ❖ Jim Riepe ❖ November 9, 1991 ❖ Mount Gleason

200 Peaks Bar

#293 ❖ George Thomas ❖ 15-MAR-92 ❖ Kitching Peak

#294 ❖ Hanna Shay ❖ June 3, 1992 ❖ Deer Mountain

100 Peaks Emblem

#877 ❖ Maggie Singleton ❖ ?? ❖ ??

#878 ❖ Pam Cloutier ❖ September 9, 1991 ❖ Mineral Mountain

#879 ❖ Chuck Sale ❖ April 30, 1992 ❖ South Peak

#880 ❖ Beverly Rawles ❖ January 26, 1992 ❖ Iron Mountain #3

#881 ❖ Diane Jo Harman ❖ April 24, 1992 ❖ Ranger Peak

Pathfinder Emblem

#14 ❖ Ruth Lee Dobos ❖ April 4, 1992 ❖ Martinez Mountain

New Members

Hugh W. Blanchard
Suzanne Charlston
Eileen Ricks

Reactivations

Kathy Price
John Blanche
Roy Nishida
Gordon Lindberg

New Subscriber

Toni Conrad

Elections

Frank Dobos has been selected to Chair the Nominating committee. If you, or someone you know, would like to run for the HPS management Committee, please let him know.

Please give your suggestions for peak additions/deletions and/or by-law changes to the Management Committee before the August meeting.

Of Special Note

New Advertisement Policy: See article on page 5. Business or personal ads accepted. Help the HPS and yourself by purchasing an ad.

Oktoberfest: See Social Calendar on p. 14.

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Chairman's Corner

by Alan Coles
June, 1992

A Motto for the HPS

If the HPS ever needed a motto to advertise itself, it would be something like this: "We know Southern California from the top down".

Seriously, though, there are few groups that know as much about the mountains in this region than the HPS. It isn't just the peaks but the places we travel though to get to them that makes this Section so unique. Almost all of us have discovered places that we never thought existed, many of which we will return to again and again. No matter how many times you may do "the list", there are always new places to discover.

On our trips we see the great diversity of climate and geology that make Southern California so unique, from high alpine forest to chaparral covered hills to desert sage flats. We pass over giant granite outcroppings and swirling sandstone formations. We catch glimpses of bighorn sheep, black bears, deer, eagles and perhaps even a condor. What is so stunning about all of this is that we live in a metropolitan area of over 15 million people yet we can be in a lonely wilderness in a matter of minutes. There are few places in the world like this.

But we also witness the pressure placed on our wild places. Off road vehicle users, land developers, mining and other commercial interest are always competing for the scarce resources. National Forest inholders try to "grab" public land for use as their own back yards. Undocumented aliens sometimes live on public land. And there are dangerous marijuana farms carefully hidden in remote canyons. As the population of the region continues to rise, so do the demands on our wild places.

Fortunately, most of areas where we hike are on public lands protected by state or federal laws. But these agencies, the national parks and forests, state and county parks and the BLM are often overwhelmed by the demands placed on them. They do not have the resources to regularly survey all of the lands they administer. They often have to rely on people like us to inform them of problems or instances of abuse. The BLM, for example, is looking for volunteers to occasionally hike in the area of Beauty and Iron Springs Mtns and to report anything unusual.

If you are out hiking and see something you suspect to be illegal or abusive, please call the appropriate agency to let them know. Even if you believe that the problem has already been reported, don't hesitate to call them anyway as sometimes rangers will wait for several different reports before starting an investigation.

The purpose of the HPS is to "explore, enjoy and preserve" the mountain ranges of S. California. It is as true today as it was in the time of Weldon Heald.

HPS Income Statement

May 13, 1992
by Leora Jones

Income:	March	April
Membership	855.00	117.00
Merchandise	40.00	26.50
Peak Guides	369.50	223.50
Banquet	0.00	0.00
Oktoberfest	0.00	0.00
Donations	85.20	36.34
Interest Income	13.37	0.00
Miscellaneous	342.50	50.00
Totals	1,705.57	453.34
Expenses:		
Lookout Printing	0.00	337.98
Lookout Mailing	0.00	0.00
Programs	0.00	0.00
Peak Guides	364.22	112.22
Mtn Records	0.00	0.00
Sales Tax	0.00	222.69
Chair	18.51	0.00
Outings	56.88	5.45
Treasurer	0.00	8.01
Membership	0.00	0.00
Merchandise	124.11	174.47
Other Admin	0.00	4.65
Banquet	0.00	0.00
Oktoberfest	0.00	0.00
Bank Charges	7.20	7.20
Misc.	350.00	27.30
Totals	920.92	899.97
Adjusted Income	784.65	(446.63)
Cash Balances		
Savings	2,684.06	
Checking	444.58	
Cash	64.72	
Total	3,193.36	

Trea\$urer's Report

by Leora Jones

A big thank you goes out to you generous\$ HPSers who have voluntarily given to your Section. In April, I received \$36.34 in donations, making our 4-month year-to-date number \$142.54.

Due primarily to *Lookout* printing and 1st quarter sales tax, we took a loss of \$446.63 this month, bringing our April ending balance down to \$3,193.36.

Don't forget to pick up a mug or two at the next meeting from me, and your t-shirts, pins and emblems from Patty.

Up to the Minutes

Synopsis of the meetings of the HPS Management Committee.

By: Jon Sheldon

December 1991:

- A. Another experiment in the structure of our monthly meeting will be held on Thursday 12/12/91. We will have the business portion, then the program, then the break and then outings. This will give the 1992 Committee another option to consider.
- B. Tom Armbruster, though not elected to ExComm, was named ExComm Secretary. This is indeed an honor and recognizes his outstanding contributions.
- C. Alan reported that the BLM South Coast Region Plan will impact the area around Beauty and Iron Springs.
- D. Discussion was held about Banquet procedures. Alan asked that all checks be remitted to the Treasurer as soon as possible. He also asked that payments made at the door be made in cash. Perhaps there should be a surcharge for not remitting early? We want to make sure we have enough funds in our account to pay the Banquet fee.
- E. Tom Armbruster has recommended that Brent remove any reference to the "discontinued" route to Bare Mtn from the Peak Guides. A hike lead to Bare Mtn went up a safe route but down the discontinued route (due to some hikers being too tired to take the longer route back). The exposure to flying bullets was too great and Tom feels this route be

stricken from Section publications.

- F. Charlie reminded the Committee that we had agreed to send Holiday Cards to private property owners who allow us to cross their property. We also enthusiastically agreed that we should in fact do this and Charlie will send Sierra Club cards to five people.

January 1992:

- G. Bob reported that the Tujunga Ranger Station does not consider the Haines Canyon Trail an official USFS trail. The trail was probably built by the JPL but is not officially maintained. The Recreation Officer will accompany Bob on his upcoming scheduled hike to see the trail first hand.
- H. The winning design for the leadership patch was Betty Sterrett's.
- I. Discussion was held about the need to print the "Peak List" versus a list of peaks. Even though a "list of peaks" could be printed in less space, the consensus of the Committee was that the "Peak List" be printed in accordance with the By-Laws.
- J. A brainstorming session was held on objectives for 1992. In the time allotted the following ideas were brought up:
 1. **Outings:**
 - a. Research and clarify Peaks with access problems.
 - b. More beginner/intro level hikes. Maybe a " B " h i k e classification could be added.
 - c. A " l e a d e r ' s " newsletter.
 - d. M e n t i o n i n g Wilderness or proposed Wilderness

status in the trip write-ups.

2. Programs:

- a. A time limit should be placed on the Business/Outings portion of the meeting.
- b. More time should be allotted for socializing.
- c. The Outings portion should be done last
 - (1) Out of courtesy to the person giving the program
 - (2) To allow more time for Outings
- d. Hold a "swap meet".
- e. Give equipment advice to newcomers.
- f. The format of each Social Meeting should be published.

February 1992:

- K. The California Off Road Vehicle Association (CORVA) has complained that an HPS lead trip up Hines was in violation of a Wilderness Act. This was a trip which had received permission from the USFS to drive up the road from Rose Valley CG. At the present this is perfectly legal. Though the road 2-3 miles from Hines is in a proposed Wilderness. This is an example of how opponents of the Sierra Club can twist facts to their advantage.
- L. An accident occurred on an HPS outing on January 19, 1992. A participant slipped on an icy road and broke his leg. This happened on the way down from Deception. The necessary reports have been filed.
- M. The Chapter is looking at ways of reducing expenses. Some proposals include:
 - using only one color for the *Southern Sierra*.

- printing the *Southern Sierra* six times per year.
- mailing the Schedule free to new members for one year and the requiring a coupon be sent in. This is to ensure that Schedule is sent only to members who want it.
- After the first year charge \$1-\$5 for the Schedule to all members.

N. After the January meeting, Tom Armbruster had asked if he could obtain statements from the 8 candidates for Board of Directors for inclusion in the *Lookout*. Due to delays in obtaining the addresses of the candidates and the prompt close of the *Lookout*, Tom was unable to have published the 6 responses he has received.

Discussion was held as to whether we should mail, hand out or not do anything with the statements received. Based on an estimated cost of \$50 it was decided that we should mail the candidate's statements using the Bulk Rate permit.

March 1992:

- O. The following motion was passed: "Participants will be required to sign Waivers on all HPS hikes. This is for the protection of the Sierra Club and the leaders. Prior to the beginning of the hike, the leaders shall give full disclosure of the reasons for the Waiver. Specifically that the participants understand that:
- hiking can be a dangerous sport
 - they must be prepared to pay "out of pocket" expenses

- the Waiver is required to hike with the HPS
- We will utilize the waiver currently being used by the SPS, DPS and CMC."
- Having agreed to the use of Waivers, Ruth will chair a sub-committee to determine the necessary administrative procedures.

P. Patty presented Paul Lipsohn's proposal that bump 6600'+ on the Inyokern 15 min. topo be named Backus Peak. This peak is on the same ridge as Morris Peak and is 6 miles round trip with 3200 feet of gain. Some of the concerns about naming this particular peak after John are:

- the peak is technically in the Kern - Kaweah Chapter so their participation should be solicited
- should we consider bestowing John's name on a "peak" that he climbed six times (such as Winston Ridge, Pleasant View Ridge)
- Patty will present these concerns to Paul and will report back.

Q. David has renegotiated our paper cost. Even with recycled paper we will now pay 1.5 cents less per page. The *Lookout*, Peak Guides and Peak Lists are now being printed on recycled paper.

R. "The HPS shall keep permanent records on Mascots." This motion failed.

April 1992

S. General discussion was held regarding the Elections process. Two issues were

raised regarding the ballot and ballot arguments:

- a. Objective criteria should be formulated for presenting peak additions.
- b. There should be consistency and due process given regarding pro and con arguments for ballot propositions. It was decided that: "The Administrative Chair be responsible for compiling the pro and con arguments to ballot issues."

T. A committee will be formed to define criteria on how to select and officially name a peak. This criteria will be applied to the peak proposed for John Backus. Tom Armbruster will be the chair of this committee.

U. Ron was approached at the end of last year and asked if the HPS would consider a Handicapped category. Since the Chapter already has a Recreational Outdoor Access for the Disabled committee (R.O.A.D.) the matter was dropped.

V. Jon questioned whether the 3-year old By-Law provision requiring 1 year of membership was really delivering its intent. Does it foster membership in the Section and its goals or does it add a layer of frustrating bureaucracy. Emblem status has been delayed in about half-a-dozen cases as it is quite easy to climb 75 peaks within a year after the 25th peak. A motion was made "Section 1.4D of the By-Laws shall be revoked"

Quite heated discussion followed. One side felt that those interested in the Section should join as soon as possible and not join just to obtain official recognition.

Bobcat suggested modifying the By-Laws to allow for recognition of Emblem Status if membership was applied for promptly after climbing the 25th peak. Jon and Leora rescinded their motion and Jon agreed to formulate By-Law wording for discussion.

W. List completion patch:

The idea for yet another patch was not met with great enthusiasm.

X. The suggestion was made that the HPS consider adopting a section of highway for litter removal. This idea was met with enthusiasm. Ron agreed to research the CalTrans program. If it is feasible, Julie can mention it to the Chapter Council and Tom to ExComm.

May 1992

Y. Alan reported on his conversations with Don Tramell of the Mt. Pinos Ranger District regarding the possibility of our adopting the Buck Creek trail.

Z. Ron's recommendations for an advertising policy were adopted and he will coordinate with David Eisenberg until a permanent Advertising Manager can be found.

New Lookout Advertisement Policy

For the purposes of better serving HPS members and fund raising, the HPS *Lookout* is now accepting advertisements. Pete Doggett has agreed to be the HPS Ad Manager and has been appointed to this position by the HPS Management Committee. The HPS will welcome advertisements from the Membership or from businesses.

There will be three basic types of advertisements:

Classified ads will be accepted for the purposes of buying and selling equipment, arranging private trips, personal ads, announcements, or other activities deemed to be of interest to the membership. Rates for HPS Members—\$1 first 3 lines, \$1 each additional line. Non-Members—\$1 each line. Each line is based on 35 letters and spaces per line. As in the past, there will continue to be no charge for Lost and Found, or Announcements such as Wedding Announcements.

Business Card ads will also be accepted. These will be enlarged to 1/2 page and will cost \$10 for Members and \$15 for Non-Members.

Display Ads can also be purchased. These will be available in Full, 1/2, 1/3, or 1/4 page sizes. A display ad is one that is prepared in camera ready form by the advertiser. Pictures should be halftoned before submission or we cannot guarantee the quality of the reproduction. (We will halftone your pictures for you but there will be an additional charge of \$15 to meet our costs.) **Full page** ads are 8 1/2 x 11 and can be in either orientation. **1/2 page** ads can be vertical—10 x 3 1/2 or horizontal—5 x 7 1/2. **1/3 page** ads can be a vertical column—10 x 2 1/2 or the page bottom—3 1/4 x 7 1/2. **1/4 page** ads will be accepted in horizontal form only—3 1/2 x 5. Unless otherwise requested and agreed to, all partial page ads will be placed along either an outside edge or along the bottom of the page. The rates for display ads are: **Full page**—\$70; **1/2 page**—\$40; **1/3 page**—\$30; and **1/4 page**—\$25

Deadline for Submission is the 25th of each odd numbered month.

For further information, or to place an ad, contact the Ad Manager. Enclose payment with your submission. Make checks payable to **HPS—Sierra Club**

Ad Manager: **Pete Doggett**,
4121 Hathaway Ave. #5,
Long Beach, CA 90815. (Ph:
310/494-7147)

Adopt-a-Trail

by Charlie Knapke
Adopt-a-Trail Chair



Two years ago the Hundred Peaks Section selected the Haynes Canyon Trail to Mount Lukens as their adopted trail. Each year a trip has been led to maintain this trail. Recently we have discovered that there is a problem with our selection. Specifically this trail is not a trail. At least it isn't in the eyes of the United States Forest Service.

The Forest Service has an official trail map. Only those trails which are on this map are officially recognized by them. In theory only these trails can be maintained. Unfortunately the Haynes Canyon Trail is not on this map.

The maintenance of this trail is now on hold. The Forest Service has limited resources when it comes to creating new trails. A new trail also requires the equivalent of an environmental impact study even if it once existed. For these reasons the Forest Service has no plans to make the Haynes Canyon Trail an official trail.

In order to achieve this, the HPS or some other agency must propose to the Forest Service that the Haynes Canyon Trail be officially created. This will still not guarantee the creation of the trail. The procedure (if the forest service agrees to start it) is rather long and drawn out. It could be several years before it is complete.

While the HPS has no immediate plans to drop the Haynes Canyon Trail as our adopted trail, several of the leaders in the HPS have been investigating other trails which require maintenance. Recently Alan Coles contacted the forest service regarding the Cobblestone Peak Trail which has become very overgrown. They indicated their willingness to allow us to work on this trail. On May 24th David Eisenberg and Joe Young led a trip to Cobblestone

Mountain via this trail. Not only did the forest service give them the key to the seasonal gate (the road was not yet open), they lent them some shovels and a wheel barrel in order to repair the road. The group did a fair job of opening the trail though it will still need more work.

It is this type of cooperation between the HPS and the Forest Service that we should encourage. I strongly urge any other leaders who have an interest in leading a similar trip to contact Alan or myself. We would like to hear from you.

Milestones

Compiled by Charlie Knapke

Elisabeth Cohen	Jul 01
Steve Russell	Jul 02
Edward F. Sutor	Jul 03
Kenneth Croker	Jul 04
Diane Rosentreter	Jul 04
Bob Cates	Jul 07
Carolyn B. Jones	Jul 07
Betty Sterrett	Jul 07
Virginia Terry	Jul 07
Jack Waxman	Jul 09
Ann Fulton	Jul 13
John N. Fulton	Jul 13
Betty C. Ward	Jul 18
Rick Fleming	Jul 21
Chuck Stein	Jul 23
Albert S. Blatz	Jul 24
Robert S. Hicks	Jul 25
Hanna Shay	Jul 25
Patty Kline	Jul 29
Charlie Knapke	Jul 30
Devra Wasserman	Jul 31
Fran Potaski	Aug 01
Fred Johnson	Aug 02
Gary Campbell	Aug 05
Keats Hayden	Aug 06
Phillip (Greg) Jones	Aug 08
Joy Brooks	Aug 10
Lars Lae Evensen	Aug 10
Benjamin Sheldon	Aug 15
Richard J. Farrar	Aug 16
M. Gene Pinel	Aug 21
Francis Smith	Aug 23
Alice M. Cahill	Aug 23
Walter C. Whisman	Aug 24
Terri Sutor	Aug 26
Sidney Spies	Aug 28
Larry K. Shumway	Aug 29
Barbara Pedersen	Aug 31
Millie Rivero	Aug 31

HPS Committee on Peak Naming

by Tom Armbruster

About twenty years ago, the Hundred Peaks Section succeeded in getting a peak named for its founder, Weldon Heald. The spot we picked to be Heald Peak is in the southern Sierra, near the town of Weldon.

In 1985, Mt. Jenkins was named for PCT explorer and author Jim Jenkins. This naming effort was not officially sponsored by the HPS, though several of us supported it.

Then in 1990, the HPS management committee approved giving the informal name "Mt. Akawie" to the point we informally had called "Buckhorn Peak." This commemorated Dick Akawie, who had passed away the previous year. Dick was our second six-time list finisher who also edited the Chapter's *Schedule* for twenty-seven years. Since John Backus's passing in 1988, there has been some thought that the HPS should undertake to get a peak officially named for him. John was the first person to lead a trip up every listed peak, and our first six-time list finisher. He was also one of the country's authorities on the acoustics of musical instruments, having written the standard text in the field and having held a joint professorship at USC in physics and music. He was a truly special person. So far, the HPS has taken no official action on naming a peak for John. (Official naming would have to wait until five years after his passing—October, 1993.)

The management committee has now asked me to head a committee of senior HPS members to take an overall look at our peak naming practices, and develop, with membership input, a section policy on peak naming.

You can help the committee by writing me with any ideas you have on any of the following questions:

- Under what circumstances, if any, should the HPS try to get a peak officially named for a person?
- Should we try to get peaks named frequently, rarely, or never?
- Should the target peaks be only in the Angeles Chapter, (Los Angeles and Orange Counties) or anywhere within our list boundaries?
- How can we best appreciate the desires of Native Americans, and avoid renaming a place already named by them?
- If we name a summit for John Backus, which unnamed point should it be?
- Should the section as a whole get to vote on which peak, if any, we try to get officially named for someone?

Register Box

by Jim Adler

Ed LeVeque reported that the Ken Pt. register was deficient but later Gail Hanna reports that she replaced it. Gail also reports that the can on Cahuilla has become too jammed with little scraps of paper.

Registers Needed:

1A	Sunday Peak	deficient	7-91
4F	Cerro Noroeste	missing	6-91
4I	Mt. Pinos	deficient	6-91
6B	McPherson Peak	deficient	7-90
6J	Big Pine	eaten	6-91
11A	Josephine Peak	decrepit	11-88
12B	Mt Disappointment	missing	11-90
12H	Mt Harvard	missing	6-91
13F	Mt. Williamson	missing	10-91
16I	Gobbler's Knob	deficient	10-90
16J	Mt. Harwood	missing	11-91
17H	San Sevaine	decrepit	5-88
19C	Sugarpine Mtn	missing	8-91
21D	Little Bear Peak	missing	9-91
21E	Delamar Mtn	missing	12-90
21G	Bertha Peak	decrepit	1-90
23G	Onyx Peak #1	decrepit	1-90
25A	Allen	missing	12-91
26D	Ryan Mtn	missing	3-91
28K	Pine Mtn	missing	2-91
29A	Rouse Hill	missing	11-91
29C	Cahuilla Mtn	too small	5-92

If you are climbing any of the above peaks, please consider bringing a new register can and book. If

you discover a peak which needs a new register can, please let me know by mail addressed to Jim Adler, 10726 Woodbine Street #3, Los Angeles, CA 90034; or by phone at 213/838-0524. Also, please advise if you have replaced any of the missing or deficient registers or discover that any of the above reports are erroneous or out of date. (Since register books and pencils are so easy to carry all the time, peaks where only books or pencils are needed will not be listed.)

Membership Report

by Charlie Knapke
Membership Chair

As of May 25, 1992

Active Membership	418
Inactive Membership	173
 Honorary Membership	 1
 Total HPS Membership	 592
 Subscriptions Only	 28

Trail Updates

by Brent Washburne

Changes to Climbing Guides

- 9A MOUNT GLEASON**—Primary route modified to recognize the locked gate at the start of the road from the microwave tower to the peak. Route 2 changed to a 2.8 mile hike along the PCT from the East and a rout 3 added from Messenger Flats CG, again along the PCT. (Brent Washburne)
- 10A MOUNT EMMA**—Route 2 deleted, for safety from gunfire. (Management Committee)
- 10B OLD MOUNT EMMA**—Driving directions changed to refer to Angeles Forest Hwy., not Angeles Crest Hwy., (Contributed)
- 10D BARE MOUNTAIN**—Route from PCT deleted, for safety from gunfire. (Management Committee)

Additions to the Chapter Schedule

July 8, 1992 Wednesday

O: Throop: Wednesday afternoon conditioning hike from Dawson Saddle. We will need to maintain a fast pace to make it back by dark. Meet 5:30 pm at La Cañada Carpool Pt. Leader: CHARLIE KNAPKE. CoLeader: DAVID EISENBERG.

July 25-26, 1992 Saturday-Sunday

I: San Gorgonio Mtn (11,499'), Dobbs Pk (10,459'), Jepson Pk (10,806'), Charlton Pk (10,806'), Grinnell Mtn (10,284'), Lake Pk (10,160', and 10K Ridge (10,104'): Strenuous weekend backpack in the high mountains of the San Gorgonio Range, 30+ miles, 6000' gain. Send SASE with conditioning, phones, carpool info to leader. Being in wilderness will limit participant number to 15. Leader: DAVID JENSEN. CoLeader: DAVID EISENBERG

Corrections to the Schedule

O: Pacifico: Join the Leader as he finishes the HPS List as a Leader and for the 3rd time. 5 mi, 2000' gain, or you may drive up as part of the car shuttle. Party at the summit. Another person may also celebrate a List Finish and a Lead List Finish but is not sure if he/she will make it. Meet 9:00 am at the La Cañada Carpool Pt. Leader: DAVID EISENBERG. CoLeaders: FRANK GOODYKOONTZ, FRANK AND RUTH DOBOS, PATTY KLINE, CHARLIE KNAPKE, DAVID JENSEN.

- 10J COLE POINT**—Route 2 deleted, for safety from gunfire. (Management Committee)
- 11D BARLEY FLATS**—Corrected distance from Red Box to Upper Tujunga Canyon Road to 4.4 miles. (Brent Washburne)
- 23A B I G H O R N MOUNTAIN**—Corrected and clarified driving directions (Brent Washburne)
- 23F B L A C K M O U N T A I N #4**—Corrected and clarified driving directions (Brent Washburne)
- 31G COMBS PEAK**—Corrected and clarified hiking directions, which resulted from PCT realignment. (Bob Manning)

above)
SGR-2 Deleted routes as identified above for SGT-4 and SGT-6.

Where Have All These Members Gone?

by Charlie Knapke
Membership Chair

The following members have not renewed their subscription to the Lookout in the last five years. If you know one of these members please urge them to renew their subscription.

- Patricia Acheson
- Milton L. Adams
- D. L. Adler
- Antonio Adrian
- Jack Adsit
- Karin J. Anderson
- Larry Anderson
- John Angier
- Marilyn Angier
- Richard L. Anglin Jr.
- Donald A. Austin Jr.
- Linda Avila
- Paul Backer
- Ronald Banner
- Molly Beathe
- Timothy D. Beck
- Claire Beekman

Changes to Topo Maps

- SGT-1** Modified to show the PCT alignment around Mt. Gleason. (See 9A above)
- SGT-4** Deleted routes up Mt Emma and Cole Point from Kentucky Springs Canyon Road. (See 10A and 10J above)
- SGT-6** Deleted route from PCT to Bare Mountain. (See 10D

Joyce Davis Bernard	Dave Frankenbach	Krista Knute	Sue Palmer
Randy Bernard	Theodore Franklin	Stephen R. Koletty	Jill Patterson
Pat Bertoldi	Jon Fredland	Erza S. Krendel	John Paulson
Daniel Bleiberg	Paul Freiman	Pat Lavengood	Julian Pederson
Frederick A. Bode	Calvin French	Karen Leonard	James Peterson
Matthew Bond	Francis French	Dick Levine	Susan Phillips
Don Borad	Louise M. French	Monroe S. Levy	Harold A. Price
Mary Ellen Boutin	Michael Fridella Jr.	Deborah Lewis	Marc Ratner
Calvin J. Boyer	Richard L. Fritsen	Christopher Libby	Heddy Redheffer
Ruth N. Boyer	Diana G. Gansemer	Priscilla Libby	Peter Redheffer
Charles Brac	Lenny Garza	Bill Lien	Ray Redheffer
Janet B. Brandenburg	Isabelle Gat	Susan Linder	Robert A. Reeder
Michael Bratkowski	Carol Geissinger	Paul Lipsohn	Les Reid
Anne Brende	Pete Geissler	Betty Loveland	Sally Reid
Karl Brende	John Gibba	Robert M. Loveland	John W. Robinson
William M. Brockman Jr.	Russell Glavis	Benjamin Lowe	Gayle A. Robison
Kathy Brown	Alice H. Goldberg	Edward Lubin	Jan Roblee
Harry B. Brumer	Jack Goldberg	Leslie E. Lundquist	Jack Russell
David F. Burdett	Doug Goldenberg	Betsy Lutz	Pat Russell
Georgina Burns	Alfredo Sanchez Gomez	Jon H. Lutz	John E. Sarna
Roger V. Burry	Paul Gordon	Larry Machleder	Nan Saylor-Hersh
Roy Camarillo	Matt Gorman	Barbara Magnuson	Martha Schafer
Charles Capraro	Jack C. Gramms	Roy Magnuson	Arthur I. Schain
Alice Carlson	Michael Graziano	Sarah Mann	John H. Shank
Paul V. Carlson	John K. Greening	Peter Mann Jr.	Doug Shannon
Carol B. Carson	Don Guido	Bill Maslow	Carl P. Siechert
John A. Castillo	Daniel J. Hall	Carol Matloff	Ruth Smith
Chris Cauffman	Robert Ham	Marc Matloff	John Stearns
Nelda Chambers	Douglas M. Hansen	Rosemary G. Maxfield	Ivan Stenerson
Tom Chase	Eric C. Hanson	Rodger Maxwell	Jay Suehiro
Tom Chester	Lorraine Harrington	Hugh E. McCord	Suzanne Swedo
Richard T. Chval	Richard Harrington	Florence McKenna	Robert J. Talbert
Paula Clement	Mitchell Helbrecht	Jeanne McLellan	Donald P. Taylor
Richard Clement	John Hellman	Richard McLellan	J. P. Throgmorton
Gene Clinger	Beth Henry	Donald McLellan Jr.	Willis A. Thurston
Larry Cole	Arlene L. Hiatt	Donald McLellan Sr.	Richard K. Todd
Donn Cook	Steve R. Hinton	Mary McMannes	Robert True
Paul F. Daly	Laurel Hodgson	Charlotte Ann Meador	William G. Tryon
George Davis	Jack Holmes	Vicki Meagher	George Tucker
Evelyn H. De Chantillon	Patricia Holmes	Howard Meyers	Terry Turner
Simone L. De Miguel	H. J. Holshuh	Bonnie Michel	Rick Van Hoorne
Sandra Owens Dennison	June S. Hopkins	Cesar Michel	George H. Waite
Al Dion	David Horine	David Michels	Joe Wankum
Patricia Dion	Ella M. Hoselton	Lynne Miller	Monalisa Ward
Katherine Donaldson	Robert A. Hoselton	Paul Miller	Brenton Clarke Washburne
Bob Doyle	Sandy Houston	Jeremy Milne	Robin Washburne
Robert W. Dubeau	Fred Huebscher	Pete Mohn	Chuck Wathen
Darl Dumont	Ruth Gumbrecht James	Lawrence Monzon	Eric U. Weinstein
Mary Ellen Dunlap	Scot Jamison	Bee Moorhead	Vieve Weldon
George Dupre	Patricia (Pita) John	John Morrison	Carolyn M. West
Harriett C. Edwards	Glenn Johnson	Mary Motheral	Eleanor West
Diane Emmons	Sandra Johnson	Ann Murray	Robert N. Wheatley
James C. Erb	Andrew Jones	David J. Murray	Robert N. Wheatley Jr.
Leonard Espinda	Pat Jump	Gary Murta	Lloyd D. Williams
Craig Estes	Walton Kabler	Michael Nash	Peter Wolar
Paul Etner	Tom Kearney	Alison Needham	Annick Wolf
Susan Etner	Ariel Kelly	Tom Neely	Donica Wood
Abe Ezekiel	John H. Kendall	Jean Nelson	Dick Worsfold
Bret Falk	Ed Kenney	George E. Neuner	Jetje Worsfold
Steven Falk	Don B. Kershaw	John Nienhaus	George Wright
Robert M. Faught	Joan Kincaid	Ron Notestine	John Young
Sandra S. Fazio	Julie King	Marcia E. Nunns	Margaret Young
Jon Ferguson	Randal R. King	Donna R. O'Shaughnessy	Peggy Zappen
Tom Ferguson	Peter Kinman	Bridget O'Sullivan	Ronald R. Zappen
Richard Fewell	Charles Knapp	Takahiko Oda	Nina Zolten
Marie Fields	Bruce Knudtson	Jimmy Joe Oliver	Steven H. Zoschke
Robert D. Fields	Adrienne Knute	Elmer A. Omohundro Jr.	Zack Zoschke

Cole Pt, Mt Emma & Old Mt Emma

April 11, 1992

Leaders: Don Lum & Bobcat
Thompson
by Don Lum

We had seventeen hikers signed in for the hike at 8 am. A few joined us because of a last minute hike cancellation. After making the car pool arrangement, the individual cars headed for Mill Creek Summit for a short break. We then caravanned to the junction of Angeles Forest Highway and Aliso Road, the starting point to Cole Point.

Somewhere along the way, we had lost one of our cars. We waited a few minutes, then started the hike at 9:20 am. Shortly after this, our lost party showed up and dashed up the hill to join us. The path I had selected was the steepest and the most direct. Everyone was warned about the path and cross-country terrain, but everyone stuck it out with the last person making it up in 80 minutes without any problems. What a group!

After returning to our cars, some decided to call it a day. Our number of hikers dropped to eleven. We then drove over to Mt Emma Road, the starting point to Mt Emma. A car shuttle was set up. Everyone hiked to the top of Mt Emma under the warm sun with a cool intermittent breeze which I had arranged. We had lunch here and enjoyed the great view of the rolling hills and the desert. The register was found to have been moved about fifty feet from the previous location within the last week. We then hiked on to Old Mt Emma via the rollercoaster firebreak and arrived at 2:40 pm. A new notebook was added to the register to the two that were already full. To finish the hike, we hiked down to a dirt road, then on to Old Emma Road to our waiting cars. The recent rain kept the dust down and improved grips for our lugs. The hike was finished by 3:30 pm. Those who hiked it to the end were happy

to have bagged three peaks that day. For the Bobcat, he got two new Pathfinder peaks.

Samon, Madulce, Big Pine, West Big Pine, San Rafael, Santa Cruz, & McKinley

April 22-25, 1992

Leaders: David Eisenberg & Carleton Shay
by David Eisenberg

62 miles! 14,500' gain! 4 days! Why do we do this to ourselves?

The 4 days for this trip was made possible by the extraordinary help of Jennifer Lambelet and Roy Stewart. Roy and Jennifer had arranged to meet me Monday to do Antimony and Eagle Rest. We then went to Maricopa for a stay in the Best Western. We had planned to do Caliente on Tuesday, then set up the car shuttle. However, between some laundry I left behind and the horrible drive to set up the shuttle, we had no time to hike. Our only reward was discovering the fresh strawberries near Santa Paula. Jennifer and Roy left their cars at the trailend for the Big 3 while I drove back to the motel for the evening. Barbara Pedersen was checked into the motel and joined us for some Chinese food.

Wednesday am, we drove to the trailhead where we met Carleton Shay, Barbara Reber, and David Jensen. Barbara had driven all that way only to discover that Montezuma had his revenge that morning for a trip 2 weeks before. So we lost one without even hiking.

We began hiking at 0733. Carleton and I had decided that the easiest hiking would be up the Road to Chokecherry rather than the Madulce Trail. Ten minutes later, Barbara Pedersen realized that her broken ribs had not healed enough to handle a backpack and was forced to turn back. Obviously, no one named Barbara was going to be able to make this trip this year!

The weather was cool and there was a nice breeze, so we were able to make good time. We reached the road junction at 0925 and arrived at Chokecherry at 1155, just in time for lunch. There had been a landslide at the spring and the tank was filled up. Those of us who had camped there before hoped that this would have scared off the resident frog. (except for Roy of course) The water was flowing extremely fast. It was possible to fill up a 3 gallon container in less than 1 minute! This was a big difference from last year when it took 5 minutes for a quart.

We departed for Samon at 1232 and reached the peak at 1534. Exhaustion and repairs to the trail accounted for much of the extra time. We left Samon at 1555 and returned to Chokecherry at 1749. We had entertained the possibility of hiking another 2 miles to the Madulce Saddle, but we would have had to carry water and we were ready to dig into our dinner supplies.

The wind came up and the temperature dropped into the 40's. Just at sunset, the frog started in. Suddenly, we noticed that there were 2 of them! 2 years previously, I searched for them with a flashlight. All that noise was made by frogs less than 1 inch long! However, there is nothing like a strenuous hike to help one ignore the most obnoxious noise.

We started hiking Thursday am at 0733. It was quite cold, contributing to a conflicting desire to stay in our bags all day and to begin hiking at a brisk pace. We arrived at the Madulce Saddle at 0816 where we took a break and enjoyed a sheltered spot out of the wind. We started for Madulce at 0830 and arrived at 1000. The wind was quite cold on the summit and none of us showed much desire for exploring the summit. We left the peak at 1017 and returned to our packs at 1140. The trail was in good condition. 2 of the larger trees which we had encountered the year before were still on the trail. However, the

rest of the rockfall and treefall had been removed. We left Madulce saddle at 1154 and arrived at Alamar Campground at 1222, just in time for lunch. I was anxious to return to this spot as I had dropped a penknife and compass while taking a split break the year before. I had thought they would be easy to find as there was a splintered tree at the spot. However, fallen pine needles made the hunt impossible. Perhaps if they weren't both black...

We left Alamar campground at 1300 and arrived at the takeoff point for Big Pine at 1400. We dropped our packs and headed up the road at 1410. We stayed on the summit between 1434 and 1448, and arrived back at the packs at 1459. By this time we were getting good at repacking our day packs and were ready to leave at 1502. We hiked for all of 13 minutes to the takeoff point for Big Pine Campground. We had reports of a good water source, but were unable to find it, even after dropping 300'. We took some of the water from the stream running through the campground after the tank, but we gave it extra treatment. We continued along the road toward West Big Pine at 1606, reaching the summit and our campground at 1657. At the turnoff for West Big Pine, we saw a crazy sign indicating only 9 miles to Mckinley Spring! This new sign was an obvious error. I hope that the extra 7 miles of hiking do not get anyone in trouble.

West Big Pine is what the trip was all about. This is the most spectacular of all HPS peaks. The cliff drops over 1000'. There are panoramic views to the South and of The Big 3. (see picture) The Swifts love to zip past the cliff face. The sunset was spectacular. So was the sunrise. Normally, you only get to spend 20 or 30 minutes at this magnificent spot when doing the Big 4. We got to spend the whole night! 14 hours and 5 minutes! Good thing no one sleepwalked on our trip or it would be a long first step!

Friday, we maintained our 0733 starting time. None of us on this trip had ever hiked the trail between West Big Pine and San Rafael, so we had no idea how long it would take or where we would camp. We were hoping to get to Cold Spring by Mckinley Mountain, so that we would be done hiking on Saturday, but we were prepared to end up at Mission Springs. The previous cold wind disappeared and left us with sweltering heat as we went up and down the roller coaster trail. The vegetation changed back into chaparral.

We reached Mission Springs at 1400 and decided to continue. We met a couple who had been backpacking for the previous 6 days. They told us they were going to camp atop San Rafael because of the beautiful few and pine trees. Those of us who had done the big 3 gave them questioning



Roy Stewart, Jennifer Lambelet, David Jensen, and Carleton Shay relax atop West Big Pine. San Rafael is visible in the background.

looks but decided to hold our peace. We reached the top of San Rafael at 1520 and departed at 1535, arriving at McKinley saddle at 1618. This gave us enough time to climb McKinley before heading for camp. We reached the top at 1648, left at 1701 and regained the saddle at 1732.

We arrived at Cold Spring at 1732. Wayne Norman came along on his bicycle and joined us for the night and for the hike to Santa Cruz the following day. We enjoyed a campfire and relaxed in the knowledge that we would indeed be out by this time the next day.

Saturday, we departed from tradition and left camp at 0600 in order to beat the heat on Santa Cruz. (It didn't work!) We reached the top of Santa Cruz at 0855. There was, as usual just enough room for our group and we wondered how well the next group would be able to fit. We left for camp at 0908.

We arrived at camp at 1210, just in time to meet Alan Coles and his group who had arrived shortly before and were preparing to climb San Rafael and McKinley. We exchanged greetings briefly. Then they left us to our task of packing up.

We were ready to go at 1313. Wayne took group pictures with each of our cameras before heading downhill on his bicycle. We knew that the Strawberry stands closed at 6 pm and that lent speed to our hiking. We made it to our cars at 1623.

The car shuttle back took almost 4 hours, including a stop for strawberries and fast food in Santa Paula. (Left at 1648, arrived 2020) David Jensen decided to spend the night and drive up Cuyama in the morning. The rest of us headed home.

Thanks to Carleton Shay for his able assist. Thanks to David Jensen for keeping the time statistics for our hike. Thanks to Jennifer Lambelet and Roy Stewart for helping with the car shuttle. And thanks to all for the great hike.

San Rafael, McKinley, Santa Cruz

April 25-26, 1992

Leaders: Alan Coles & Frank
Goodykoontz
by Alan Coles

This was your standard mid-spring "Big 3" trip. We had 13 eager souls turn up 7 am early at Cachuma Saddle, northwest of Santa Barbara. The day was already quite warm so we mounted our backpacks and started briskly up the McKinley fire road admiring the blooming poppies (both California and bush varieties) along the way. We paused at 2 shady spots along the 7+ miles to Cold Spring before arriving there around 11:30. The day was hot, cloudless and bugs were abounding everywhere.

After lunch, we were about to set off with day packs for San Rafael and McKinley when David and his group returned from doing Santa Cruz (they had just completed a traverse from the "Big 4" over to the "Big 3"). After the usual greetings and chitchat, we departed while they packed up and later left to go home.

The day was very warm with only a slight breeze which prompted Paula Peterson to make some remark about having to walk through snow which I had mentioned in my trip writeup. Sure enough, no sooner had she said it we came across a small patch right off to the side. The timing was perfect which resulted in the usual snowball frenzy. (I must confess that I had been in the area the week before and saw the snow.)

After doing San Rafael, we went over to McKinley and enjoyed the fine views and cooler breezes there before returning to our camp at Cold Spring. We got back early, around 3:30 and had plenty of time to take a bath, nap or just lie around in the shade. Around 5 we started the community salad that was so abundant I couldn't give the rest of it away. Everyone had an early dinner and some were in bed before

the sun went down. Only a few stayed up till 8 on a warm evening that needed no campfire.

The next morning we awoke early. It did not drop much below 60 the entire night so we were eager to get moving quickly. We left at 6:30 and followed the roller coaster road to Santa Cruz reaching it shortly after 9. On the way back we came across a sleepy rattlesnake that had to be prodded off the trail. We returned to camp just shortly after noon. After lunch, we packed up and left around 1 and returned to our cars before 5.

Participants: Ken Jones, Jack Haddad, David Michels, Suzanne Charlston, Patty Kline, Pete Doggett, Basil Anton, John Radalj, Gary Murta, Paula Peterson, Stan Rosenwald. Special thanks, once again to the man who has never met a peak he didn't like, Frank Goodykoontz.

Mt Pacifico

(from West via PCT)

April 26, 1992

Leaders: Bill T Russell & Pat
Russell
by Bill T Russell

We were scheduled to lead Copter Ridge via Mt Hawkins, but the snow god had not yet released the Angeles Crest Highway to mortals so we opted to do Pacifico via the very pleasant Pacific Crest Trail from Mill Creek Summit. It is about 2100' gain and 5 mi one way. Five of us climbed the summit block while others gave a critique. To get a little variety, we returned along the jeep trail on the ridge crest to 032058. We started shortly after 8 am and returned about 3 pm. It was a very nice relaxed hike with good people and great weather.

Participants were: Bill T Russell, Pat Russell, Norma Newman, Howard Gross, George Schroedter, Roy Magnuson, Eileen Ricks, Ann Bennett, Diane Dunbar, and Barbara Bajec.

Barley Flats, Lawler, Strawberry

May 2, 1992

Leaders: Luella Fickle & Darrell
Lee
by Luella Fickle

When Erich and I arrived at the La Cañada Carpool Point, David Eisenberg was right ahead of us. He greeted us with a, "I'd like to bail out, I feel sick." Darrell Lee was standing there and said that he was a provisional "I" so, we sent David to the doctor and Darrell did a fine job of sweeping.

Everybody arrived at Redbox and signed in. There were nine. The road out to Barley Flats is in need of brushcutting. It's barely a person wide in places. After a short stay at Barley Flats, (flies) we continued up the firebreak from Barley Flats to Mt Lawler. Another short stay, more flies. We then descended the firebreak to the Lawler/Strawberry saddle and ascended to Strawberry for a short lunch. **Flies.** On the way down Strawberry, a nice breeze came up and relieved the fly situation. The only person prepared was Barbara Eyerly who had a fly netting hat. (I want one!!) She loaned it to Dorothy Pallas who got a bite that swelled up.

Thanks to Darell's sweeping and to the fine group, we had a nice hike on a very flowery day.

Pyramid, Pine, Lion, Palm View, Cone, Rock Pt, Butterfly & Ken Pt

May 9-10, 1992

Alan Coles & Frank Goodykoontz
by Alan Coles

This was a good trip for those who wanted to do interesting routes of these fine summits. As it turned out, most of the participants on this outing had indeed done them before but not by the routes used on this excursion.

Eight people (Roy Stewart, Jennifer Lambelet, Greg Gerlach, Martin Feather, Cristy Bird, Jack Haddad and the 2 leaders) met at the Cedar Spring Trailhead in the Desert Divide area at 7 am on a warm spring morning. We left a few minutes later and began our ascent up to the PCT with the sun just beginning to come over the crest. There were a rich variety of flowers in bloom including penstemons, woolly blue curls, lupines, phlox, monkey flowers, yuccas and many others too numerous to name. After a short break at the saddle where the wind was unusually still, we headed south a short ways when Ron Zappen finally caught up with us. With this reasonably sized group of fairly strong hikers, we took the standard ridge to the summit of Pyramid reaching it at 9.

After enjoying fine views on top, we descended the same ridge and continued on to Pine reaching it exactly 1 hour later. From Pine, we retraced our steps back to the PCT and continued south again before leaving it at the saddle and scurrying up to the summit of Lion reaching it by 11. There we took our first lunch break.

From Lion, we descended back to the PCT and headed north running into a few backpackers along the way. We continued on and up the relentless hill to Palm View with the mighty sun beating down on us. Just as we entered the first grove of White Fir trees, the air unexpectedly cooled and a few clouds appeared overhead. Suddenly we seemed to be in a different state! We enjoyed the change of climate and flora as we walked through meadows and forest to this most inappropriately named peak (Jennifer proposed the theory that it was named for "palms" as in "hands" because that is all you can see from the top).

After taking the 2nd of our lunch breaks, we left around 1:45 and began treading new ground for most of us. I knew roughly where the new "horse" trail comes up from Cone Pk and headed in that general direction. Frank said he had been

on "the" trail before and felt it would be further down in the gully that runs down to Morris Ranch. We left the PCT at the high point just west of the peak and headed down the ridge in an open meadow towards Cone. We found part of the trail then left it where it goes over a saddle to the west side of the ridge. After descending about 100 feet and finding no evidence of the trail I was looking for, I went over to the ridge and noticed we were on the wrong one. Frank and I had a short discussion and came to realize that we were talking about 2 different trails! Frank has been on another trail that leads directly to Morris Ranch and thought that was the one I was looking for (he had not heard about the other one yet). So we quickly retraced our steps and got back onto "the" trail which was in very good shape. This surprised Frank and made everyone else a little less nervous.

There is little doubt that this trail was made for horses. Large oak branches up to 12 inches had been cut and there was extensive tread work. Indeed, it was in better shape than the PCT. Unfortunately, it was also very illegal. The builders (most likely residents of the Morris Ranch subdivision) built it without approval from the forest service. The forest service is aware of the trail and plans to "remove" it by doing a controlled burn over the area. I do not know what punitive action the forest service may take, if any, but anything of this magnitude could result in a stiff jail term.

Hikers can certainly use it with impunity as we did. We followed it down to where the standard route goes up to Cone. This required a considerable effort of 800' but still a significant savings in time and effort from having to come back again and climb it from the bottom. We reached the summit around 3:30 and finally had a refreshing cool breeze.

From Cone, we again retraced our steps back to "the" trail and followed it down to the saddle just above the large rock outcropping due south of the peak. Here the trail

(new to me) continued south and I wasn't sure where it would end up, so we left it and took the "old" trail that heads east to the spring. Ticks were all over the place on this portion and we had an extensive tick break when we finally reached the spring. From there, it was a nice gentle walk back along the canyon bottom and finally past the houses to our cars at the trailhead. We were all out before 5. (I suspect the "new" trail reaches the dirt road that runs into the subdivision where we normally make a turn and go up the hill).

Jack and Greg went home while the rest of us caravanned over to Herkey Creek CG which had many sites available (it is now on a reservation system). The extremely friendly campground attendant at the entrance booth seemed overwhelmed by Frank, "Goodykoontz, what a name! I just love it!" she exclaimed in a giggly voice. She arranged 2 additional sites next to the one where Hazel Goodykoontz had spent the day. The cost is now \$11 a night and \$2 for each additional car (up to 2 per site) and an extra buck if you bring Fido along.

It was a little bit noisy but otherwise OK considering this campground is more like a parking lot. We had a community salad which always works out well and some went for showers afterwards. It was warm enough that no campfire was needed (we also didn't have any wood). It still surprises me to see, as in the case of the campers next to us, that people actually drive to the restrooms.

The next morning we got up bright and early. I pulled a tick out of my thigh but otherwise most of us had a good nights rest. We left promptly before 7 and drove down to the PCT crossing at Hwy 74 just 1 mile south of the junction with 371.

Martin decided to do just Ken (Cristy needed to study) leaving only 5 left to do the 3 peaks. We left Roy's truck there and took Jennifer's Volvo and Ron's Honda CRX to the Butterfly road. Impossible as it may

seem, Ron and Jennifer were able to drive all the way to the junction with the road to Rock Pt. There was obviously some significant road work done recently and the ultra-low clearance CRX survived intact. Jennifer got here station wagon stuck in the sand while parking along the shoulder but we left that to be resolved later.

We walked down the road to the usual location and found a significantly enhanced route up to Rock Pt reaching it fairly quickly shortly after 8. There was a nice cool breeze and low clouds were blowing in from somewhere. Evidently, groups from the nearby Pathfinder Ranch seem to be climbing the peak quite regularly and may explain the condition of the route. While one can admire the ease to reach the summit now, I personally don't care to see blue ribbons hung every 50' along the way.

We returned back to the cars, picked up whatever was needed and headed up the road to the mine. About 1/2 mile further up the road deteriorates very rapidly and only "monster" trucks can get all the way to the end. We left the road at the switchback after the mine and took the old miners trail, still in reasonably good shape, up to the standard ducked route. Frank did not seem to remember this trail although he is sure he must have been on it at some time. It is not mentioned in the peak guide but it is a wonderful alternative to the boring road. It passes through a nice forest and is well shaded. It is also shorter and comes out at the big hole near the ridge top. From there we followed one of several apparent ducked routes over to the gully and up to the summit reaching it by 10:20. The wind was overpowering on top and we had to find shelter off to the side, quite a contrast from the previous day.

After having our Sunday brunch, we left 20 minutes later and retraced our steps back about 100 yards, then continued east on the same ridge for about 200 more yards

before dropping down the SE side. There are many open areas between brush and we had little difficulty getting down to the bend in the jeep road that ends at a mine 1 mile SE of the summit. From there we followed it SE 3/4 mile to the fork with the trail to Tunnel Spring. There is an old corral here and some ruins along the gully but no signs. We turned sharp left and followed this shady trail (shown as a jeep road) up the canyon to the spring. There is an apparent fork here but it is obvious that you turn right and go 1/2 mile with 300' gain to the PCT.

After a short break, we headed south on the PCT for a very short distance and came to the junction with the old Desert Divide Trail. We took the left fork and found it to be in very good shape (who uses it?). We followed the trail to where it joins Bull Cyn Rd, then switched onto the ducked route up to Ken Pt. We gingerly work our way around one very upset rattlesnake then followed the ridge up to the summit. Roy felt we should name the false summit that is crossed on the way as "Barbie" Pt.

This is a nice summit with excellent views. The harsh wind had quieted down to a cool breeze. There are some very interesting rock formations near the top and we speculated as to the origin of them. Three of us "celebrated" our list finishing (Ron still had Skinner to do) while Jennifer completed a "clean sweep" having done all peaks for the first time.

We left around 1:30 and followed the old trail back to the PCT junction. From there it was 6 very long and winding miles south back to Roy's truck. There are some very nice spots along the way but the private property on both sides of the narrow corridor through which it runs dictates a number of hills that must be climbed, the last one seemingly to go on for a lot longer than one might think. We were out by 4:30 with some very sore feet.

All of us managed to squeeze into Roy's truck and it didn't take long to get back to the cars.

Enlightened Roy had a tow rope and easily pulled Jennifer out of the ditch.

Thanks to everyone for your high spirits and sense of adventure. All of us came away having seen a lot of new country we probably would not have done otherwise. What will we do next Frank?

Reyes and Haddock

May 16, 1992

Leaders: Luella Fickle and Rob Langsdorf

by Luella Fickle

Gordon called me on Monday; he had hurt his back and his doctor didn't recommend him hiking 18 miles. I called Barbara Reber who was signed up for the trip and she agreed to assist. After hearing all sorts of road closure information, I decided to go in from the Ojai side and hike the Chorro Grande Trail. The group met at Rose Valley Road and Hwy. 33 at 7 am. No Barbara, but we had a guest from the San Diego Chapter who is Advanced (E) rated for them, so on an "O" rated climb, Rob became our guest assistant. We waited for Barbara for 20 minutes. When I got home, Sunday morning at 2 am., she had left a message on our answering machine, car trouble. Rosina Mueller and her friend Peter had attempted to climb Reyes and Haddock the weekend before and the gate at Pine Mountain Summit was locked. As the time was getting short, I decided not to set up a shuttle, but to climb it up and down the Chorro Grande trail. (22 miles rt)

We got on the trail at 8:05 am. We returned to the cars around 8 pm. The Chorro Grande Trail is in good to fair condition and is easy to follow. All but one odd turn is marked by trail signs or metal blazes on trees. The one odd unmarked turn is at the Chorro Grande camp. (4 miles from the bottom) At the sign, turn right as you face uphill and the trail tread reappears. The trail goes through interesting sedimentary rock formations, up Chorro Grande creek,

July 9, Thursday

Peakbagger's Annual Potluck: 7:30 pm. Last name beginning with A-E, hot dogs, burgers, buns; F-M, salads or casseroles; N-R, breads or desserts; S-Z beverages or charcoal. Please bring plate, bowl, cup, and utensils. Griffith Park Ranger Station.

August 13, Thursday

Peakbagger's Social Meeting: 7:30 pm. After introductions, Bobcat Thompson will lead a short one hour hike to see the wildlife in the L. A. River. Tennies ok. Trip reports and refreshments afterwards. Griffith Park Ranger Station.

September 10, Thursday

Annual Business Meeting: 7:30 pm. Refreshments. Griffith Park Ranger Station.

October 3-4, Saturday-Sunday

Octoberfest: Join us for our annual weekend in the Mt. Baldy Area. Saturday, bag local peaks. Saturday night, celebrate with beer, food, music, games, prizes, dancing, costumes welcome. After Sunday breakfast, work it off with more hiking. Sleeping bags required. Non-alcoholic and vegetarian options available. Limited, reserve early. HPS members send sase, check for \$20 w SC#. non-members send \$23 to Reservationist: Charlotte Feitshans.

October 8, Thursday

Peakbagger's Social Meeting: 7:30 pm. After HPS business and reports, be prepared to tell "short" Tall Tales of the most horrendous, scariest, or outrageous HPS hike you've been on or led. Refreshments. Griffith Park Ranger Station.

past two backpack camps to the Pine Mountain Road 1½ miles west of roadsend.

When we got to the Pine Mountain road, we discovered that it had been opened during the past week. We had a little snow on the north side of Reyes. We hiked out to Haddock where Rosina climbed her 200th peak. Rob pointed out on the topo that the trail on the north side of Reyes is much lower than where it is located on the map. I looked for and found the old trail. Once on the old trail, the climb to Reyes from the Haddock side is much easier than straight up from roadsend. The old trail passes very close to the summit of Reyes.

My thanks to Rob Langsdorf for his assist and to the group: peter, Rosina, and my husband Erich. The turtles did 22 miles.

Social Calendar

Heald, Nicolls, Lightner, Bald Eagle, Piute, & Sorrell

May 16-17, 1992

Leaders: Frank Goodykoontz & Patty Kline
by Patty Kline

The Heald and Nicolls combination is one of my favorite HPS hikes. 26 people met at 6:30 am at the Walker Pass Campground in the Southern Sierra. We all drove on Hwy. 178 to the Kelso Valley Rd where we consolidated cars for the dirt driving for Heald and Nicolls, leaving cars at the roadhead for each peak. We did the hike one way from Heald to Nicolls. We had lunch on Heald. It was about 4:30 in the afternoon when we got to the saddle between Nicolls and Heald. It was

very hot going up the boulders to Nicolls. The bouldering was a lot of fun though. I hid in the shade on top of Nicolls while eating my snack for 15 minutes before we descended. We went via the saddle and down the sandy scree run to the stream which took us to our cars at 6:30 pm. All in all, it was 10 hours, having started at 8:30 am with 10 miles and 4000' gain.

We had a nice community happy hour and 2 big garbage bag salads at Bruce and Paula Peterson's camp at Tillie Creek Campground. One of the big attractions for me at this campground is a free solar shower. The party at the Peterson's lasted quite a while because of the excellent lightning provided by the 4 foot high Coleman lantern hanger which Bruce got the day before from REI.

Sunday morning, we met at the entrance to Tillie Creek at 7:00 am. We did 4 "drive-ups" starting with Lightner and working our way south to Bald Eagle, Piute and Sorrell. It was a long day, finishing at 6:30 pm. Lightner was the longest hike with 3 miles round trip and about 800' gain. The trees and grass were very green and lush this time of year. Bald Eagle is a big granite dome sticking up out of dense brush. We took the back side through minimal rock and brush on a use trail. Piute Lookout is a virtual drive-up and we appreciated the coolness at 8326'. Sorrell Peak was 0.6 miles round trip and 400' gain in a beautifully forested area. From here, we drove the entire length of Jawbone Cyn. Rd., exiting on Hwy. 14, about 20 miles above Mojave.

This was another great weekend. Many thanks to Frank

Goodykoontz for his excellent lead and route finding.

The participants were Peter Doggett, Joy McKinney, Howard Gross, Mirna Roach, Martha Flores, Fred Johnson, Pete Yamagata, Mike Kelley, Asher Waxman, Dan Richter, Devra Wasserman, Erik Siering, Greg Roach, Jack Haddad, Carleton Shay, Tom Sakowych, Paula Peterson, Bruce Peterson, Wayne Norman, David Jensen, Jennifer Lambelet, Basal Anton, Roy Stewart, and Charlie Knapke.

**Sewart, Snowy,
Black, McDonald,
Alamo, Cobblestone,
& White**

May 23-24, 1992

Leaders: David Eisenberg & Joe Young

by David Eisenberg

Everything was going on this trip until I got a call the week before from Carleton Shay informing me that there had been a washout on the road to Alamo and that the gate was locked until further notice. As

the SASE's had already been mailed out, I was forced to call all the participants and inform them of the possibility that the trip may change into a backpack. In the meantime, I made daily calls to the Pinos District Ranger Station inquiring about the condition of the road. Thursday afternoon, 2 days before the trip, I managed to contact the road supervisor, Keith Ginn. He informed me that he was planning to repair the washout to the road himself, but that he would be unable to do the work until late Saturday or Sunday, too late for our purposes. Not wishing to make an unplanned backpack, I suggested that our group would be willing to do the work on the road for him and he enthusiastically accepted our offer. We also talked about the Cobblestone Trail and he accepted our offer to clean it out.

Friday afternoon, I went out and picked up the key, a wheelbarrow, and 5 shovels and drove them to where the road crosses Piru Creek, our new meeting place for the trip. Keith drove by that evening and, while we were talking, recruited



The hole in the Alamar Mtn. Road is almost filled in.

some of the ORV people to help us in the morning!

We met at 6 am at the creek. Some of the late arrivals had missed one of the turns due to an error in the peak guide milages and because of the dark, didn't see where the road turned. We decided to wait a while to see if we had any stragglers. At 6:30, we headed up the road about ½ mile to where the road had washed out. A culvert had been improperly maintained earlier and there was a sinkhole in the center of the road. With 19 people helping, we quickly dug out the sides of the hold and filled it in with rocks and soil from the bank. 20 minutes later, we were back in our cars heading up the road. The road is in horrible condition. However, the Keith told me that there are plans to repave the damaged section of the road sometime this summer. We consolidated cars at Twin Pines Campground below Alamo Mountain and headed for the trailhead to Snowy, Black, and, of course, Sewart.

We had thought that our work was over, but we were 3 miles from the trailhead when we ran into a 1½ foot thick tree that had fallen across the road. Because it was still rooted in the ground and had fallen from below, we were not able to push it off the road. We were saved by David

Jensen who had brought a medium sized ax. 3 or 4 strokes later, we discovered that the ax was too dull to cut wood. Frank Dobos had a file in his truck (I didn't ask why either of them had these tools!) and had the ax sharpened in short order. The

tree was cut and off the road in short order. Judging by the way the group attacked this obstacle, I suspect that we would have chewed through the tree with swiss army knives to get the peaks!



Frank Dobos makes the final cut in the tree blocking the road to Sewart while the rest of the group looks on.

Back in the car, someone jokingly suggested the possibility of another tree on the road. We laughed it off until we rounded the next corner. Another tree! This one didn't require any chopping, just a shove of the road. A short while later, another tree! Then number 4! And 5! and 6! Then a pile of rocks. We were out of our car so much, we decided that it would be faster for the passengers to walk ahead of the cars and clear the road. Of course, the trailhead was just around the next bend when we did this!

The walk over Sewart and down to Snowy and Black was fairly easy. However, I had not remembered encountering the large amount of brush that we found on the trail when I led these peaks last year. We encountered fresh motorcycle tracks from a couple of riders who were in the area illegally but we so no traces of them. We slowed down a bit when we had to reascend Snowy and Sewart to get back to the cars.

Jack Haddad and David Jensen decided to stay at the trailhead while the rest of us went to do McDonald. Joe took over as leader and led a brisk walk up to the peak. As it was cooling off, the front end of the group passed us on our way up.

Driving back to the campground, we admired our work on the various trees that were no longer blocking the road. We celebrated the days accomplishments with a potluck dinner. After dinner, Joe led a moonlight hike up to Alamo with Charlie Knapke Sweeping. They report returning in less than an hour, but I was sound asleep by then. The ranger was to come by that evening and pick up the equipment and key, but he did not show up.

Sunday, we repeated the drive to the trailhead and prepared for the grueling trek to Cobblestone and White. We loaded up with lots of water and our loppers. Facing a hot day, the plan was to leave water at the Snowy Peak junction, the base of Sewart, the junction with the Buck Creek Trail, and the takeoff point for White.

The trail needed only occasional clipping until we reached the takeoff point to White where the trail cuts diagonally down to the White-Cobblestone saddle. This trail was just bad last year but was totally impassable this year. We set to work with gusto. In some spots, it took over a minute to advance 1 foot. Finally, we reached the saddle, 1 hour later, where we left the loppers and ascended Cobblestone for lunch.

The return to the White Mountain ridge was much easier as there was now a well clipped wide open trail. There is still some need for shovel work retreading some of the washed out places.

We left our loppers at the trail junction and took off for White. We knew we were at the top because of the can, but there was too much

heat and too many bugs for us to stay in that brushy spot. So we descended to the saddle just below the summit where there was a breeze and shade for a well deserved rest.

Unfortunately, we had already been over the trail we had to take back so we knew that most of the gain was still ahead of us to return to the cars. Good thing we had all the water stashed. We were back to the cars by 7 pm, with some running up the hill while others slogged up slowly.

Frank Goodykoontz and I led Walia Ringler up to Alamo in what was to be an evening hike but turned into a night hike while the rest called it a day.

Thanks to all for their great help in maintaining the road and trail and for making this a truly great weekend. Thanks especially to Joe Young for his able assist.

Participants were: Charlie Knapke, Roy Stewart, Ruth Dobos, Frank Dobos, Paula Peterson, Bruce Peterson, John Southworth, David Jensen, Greg Gerlach, Pete Doggett, Jack Haddad, Walia Ringler, and Frank Goodykoontz.



Members of the group wait patiently while the impenetrable brush is cleared.

Black #1 & Castle Rocks

May 31, 1992

Leaders: Ron and Leora Jones
by Leora Jones

Eleven anxious hikers met at the intersection of Hwy. 243 and 4S01 at 8 am Sunday morning. (We had 8 cancellations the night before.) It was already beginning to get warm, but remained quit pleasant the whole day.

We consolidated vehicles and caravanned to the Castle Rocks parking area. Although the guide stated "go right on 4S01 at 1.5 miles," we went left as the road sign indicated. The road has been recently graded and was in fine shape. By 9:30, we were hiking up the PCT and were all on top in 90 minutes. We passed a few small patches of snow off the trail, but it was virtually all gone. The views were good, we were not in any hurry, so we sat and gazed for a while. By the time we returned to the cars and drove over to Boulder Basin campground to start our hike to Black Mtn #1, it was time for lunch.

We had arranged a voluntary potluck and people really went all out. We had finger sandwiches, macaroni and tuna salad, baked chicken, taco salad, fresh fruits, vegetables and dip, juice and cookies. After all that, we didn't really feel too energetic so Black was a nice leg-stretcher. We found no register on top.

We were back to the cars before 3. Kathy Lucas and Basal Anton were determined to get her 25th peak so they, along with Stephen Bache, drove to get Indian and Ranger on their way home. Congratulations Kathy, we are sure you made it! Thanks to all of the participants who shared this nice spring hike with us: In addition to the above mentioned, Susan Chamberlain, Carol Burns, Jone Levis, Karen Houseman, and Dean and Pat Acheson.

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San Rafael, Dick Smith Wilderness Trail Update

by Alan Coles
May 1992

If you are planning a trip to do the "Big 4" but would perhaps like to do them a different way or you just like the area, you might be interested to know the condition of the trails in the area especially after last years harsh winter. I was there early this year and have several reports from people who ventured into the lesser travelled parts.

As for trail conditions, generally things held up quite well. I know of no major washouts. Water levels are high and snakes and ticks are more numerous.

The Santa Barbara Canyon Trail (25W02) which starts about 1/2 mile before the gate at the end of the road (Big 4 route) is in excellent shape up to Madulce Guard Station. There are plans to reroute the very steep part just before reaching the cabin (work is expected late this year or next). The camp is about 100 yards west of the cabin and is one of the nicest places you could imagine. There are 3 trails from here. The trail up to Madulce Pk and to the Big Pines Rd is in good shape. The trail over Puerta Suela (26W20) and down to Mono Ck was reworked a few years ago and is in good shape. The trail to Don Victor

Valley (25W03) was reworked as far as the saddle about 1/2 mile from the cabin and should be passable the remaining distance although there are some steep parts.

The upper part of the Sisquoc Trail (27W07) which leaves the Big Pines Rd near the Alamar G.S. site and heads west is in good shape. The switchbacks around the falls were reworked a few years ago when a large slide took out the trail. I would not suggest it for horses or people afraid of heights as there are some narrow spots. There are 3 "Bear" trail camps (Upper, Middle and Lower) not 1 as shown on the forest map. The middle is the largest, the lower is just below the falls. The Judell Cyn Trail (26W05) from Heath Camp to Santa Barbara Potrero was also reworked a few years ago and is in fine shape. It is a very nice trail and there are 2 good camping sites along the way in case you are planning a trip starting up the Big Pines Road. There is also a trail camp at Santa Barbara Potrero with a table, stove and shoebox privy with a view of the world but I would not recommend it.

There are reports of people having hiked the trail from Mission Pine Basin north to the Sisquoc. This trail is shown on the topo but not the forest service map. Condition of this trail is unknown. If you have done the "Big 3" within the past few years, you probably know that the trail from Cold (McKinley) Spring down to Big Cone Spruce Camp on the Manzanita River has been rebuild, thanks to the efforts of the Lompoc Search and Rescue (they also rebuild the shoebox privy at Cold Spring).

If you ever have time, there are some very pretty places in these mountains.

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