

THE LOOKOUT



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Jul - Aug 1996

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

Jul 11 Thursday
Peakbaggers Social Meeting: Business meeting starts 7:00 pm. After refreshments, **JON INSKEEP**, leader of the Sierra Madre Rescue Team will give a slide show, "How Mountain Rescue Works, And Basic Safety Advice." 7:30 pm, Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium, 4730 Crystal Springs Drive.

Aug 8 Thursday
Peakbaggers Social Meeting: Business meeting starts 7:00 pm. After refreshments, **RICHARD SCHAMBERG** will give a slide show about his travels in Chile, Patagonia, and Easter Islands. 7:30 pm, Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium.

Sep 12 Thursday
Annual Business Meeting: All members welcome to discuss upcoming HPS election including peak list additions, deletions, bylaws revisions, nomination of candidates for Management Committee, etc. After refreshments, long time Sierra Club member, **JACK BASCOM**, will give a slide show: "Early Use of the Mt Lowe Railroad." His slides will also describe the experiment to measure the speed of light which was conducted in our local mountains. 7:30 pm, Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium.

Oct 5-6 Sat-Sun
C: Annual Oktoberfest Celebration: Join us for a weekend of hiking, traditional German food, live entertainment in the Harwood Lodge. Sat evening dinner, beer, wine, non-alcoholic drinks, singing and dancing. Sun continental breakfast, lodge clean-up, then more hikes to choose from. Sleeping bags required. Limited, reserve early. Send sase with \$25 per person (check payable to Sierra Club - HPS) to reservationist: **RUTH LEE DOBOS**. Overseers: Tom & Judy Bolen

UPCOMING 50TH ANNIVERSARY HIKES

June 30 Sunday
O: Pinos, Sawmill, Grouse: Repeat of the hike when **Weldon Heald** ascended his 100th peak and became our first emblem holder. Meet 7:00 am at the Sylmar rideshare point. Leaders: **Frank Goodykoontz, Carleton Shay, David Eisenberg, Diane Dunbar, Patty Kline, Joe Young, Bob Thompson, Stag Brown, Jack Bascom**

Jul 13 Saturday
O: Pleasant View Ridge (7983'): Repeat of 100 Peaks "game" hike led 50 years ago. Moderate hike in Angeles Forest involves 15 mi and 3500' gain. Bring water, lunch, lug soles. Meet 7 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Leader: **Ruth Dobos**. Assistant: **Frank Dobos, Joe Young**

Aug 11 Sunday
O: "Sadie Hawkins Day": This is the 50th anniversary of the 100 Peaks outing which was covered on the front page of the LA Times! Loop trip from Crystal Lake bags Throop Pk (9138'), Mt Hawkins (8850'), Middle Mt Hawkins (8505'), South Mt Hawkins (7783'), and "Sadie Hawkins." Moderate hike involves 14 mi and 3600' gain. Bring water, lunch, lug soles. Meet 7 am Azusa rideshare pt. Parking fee at road head. Leader: **Joe Young**. Assistants: **Stag Brown, Bob Thompson**

Sep 22 Sunday
I: Marion Pk (10,320'): This anniversary hike takes advantage of routes that exist now but didn't fifty years ago. Moderate hike in San Jacinto Wilderness St Park involves 14 mi and 4000' gain. Bring water, lunch, lug soles. Size of group is limited. Reservations required. For info send sase to Leaders: **Ron Young and Edna Erspamer**.

ACHIEVEMENTS

First List Completion

194 Walia Ringeler June 24, 1995 Pine Mountain #1

Third List Completion

15 John F. Southworth April 20, 1996 Modjeska Peak

Pathfinder Emblem

25 Tom Mountblow April 5, 1996 Black Mountain #4

Membership Summary

	June 1996	March 1996
Individual members	347	335
Household members	69	64
Honorary	2	2
Subscribers	77	78
Others	18	15
Total	513	494

New Members

Ken Alexander
David Campbell
Louise Gaul

New Sustaining Members

(Upgrading from Member)

Lynda Hill
Thomas Hill
Haven Fearn (Upgrading from sub.)

New Members

(Upgrading from subscribers)
Heather McNaught
Cathy Reynolds

New Subscribers

Mars Bonfire
Jimmy Choi
Andrew Cleveland Celeste Penn
Neil Leventhal Ken Rokos
Tami Miller Tom Williamson

Is this your last Lookout?

If your name appears below, this is your last issue of **THE LOOKOUT**. See the membership form on the back page.

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Note from **THE LOOKOUT** editor:

I welcome your submissions to **THE LOOKOUT**. You may send articles, trip write-ups, letters, etc to me at 12551 Presnell Street, Los Angeles, CA 90066 - 6730; fax to me at (310) 301 - 9642; or eMail at JFYGEM@aol.com

If you send photos please write on the back of each photo your name and the event photographed and the date. Felt tip pens generally work the best.

If you want your submittals, including photographs, returned, please state so, and enclose a sase.

Some photographs cannot be used because the faces of the subjects are unrecognizable. Please remember to ask your subjects to remove sunglasses, and to face the sun, if possible. Remember: You want your photo to look good in **THE LOOKOUT!**

FROM THE CHAIR.

Greetings from your Chair of the 1996 HPS Management Committee. So far this year we have managed to revise & update our By Laws with the able help of our Vice Chair David Eisenberg. Our Outings Committee has met & developed an Outings Procedures document, which we were badly in need of as our former one was outdated. The Outings Committee is made up of David Eisenberg, Frank Dobos, Charlotte Feitshans, Jim Fleming & Ruth Lee Dobos.

We had our 2nd Annual Spring Fling at Foster Lodge in the Laguna Mountains on May 4 & 5th. If you were not there you really missed a really good time. There were two days of very fine hiking in wonderful weather, lead by Frank Goodykoontz, David Eisenberg, Ruth Lee Dobos, John Connelly & Harriet Edwards. We were able between us to lead almost every peak in the area that is on our HPS list.

We enjoyed a very good meal prepared for us by everyone. The potluck dishes and the turkey provided by the HPS created a fine dinner. After the dinner and the clean up, we had an evening of entertainment provided by David Eisenberg, Ray Soucy, Geri Marston & Roger Maxwell. These outstanding musicians were accompanied by a group of equally outstanding voices. This was Frank Goodykoontz's 70th birthday & of course we had cake, birthday songs and gifts to highlight the evening.

Sunday morning a continental breakfast was served by the HPS, we had a delicious assortment of goodies. Then we all performed the usual necessary clean up chores & went off in different direction, most of us hiking. Ruth & David led Monument Mtn from the Lodge on the Pacific Crest Trail so we were the last to leave the immediate area.

Many thanks to all of you who helped make the weekend the great success that it was. It was good to see old friends and make new ones. Some participants not already mentioned included Frank Atkins, Pam Streeter, Jo Solomon, Lloyd Williams, Betty and Austin Stirratt, Annick Wolf, Dianne Edwards, Joe Young, Randy Bernard, Judy Ware, Barbara Reber, Sue Gunn, Edna Erspamer, and Frank Dobos.

Oktoberfest is fast approaching & we need to get together & make our plans. This event will be held October 4-5th, at Harwood Lodge this

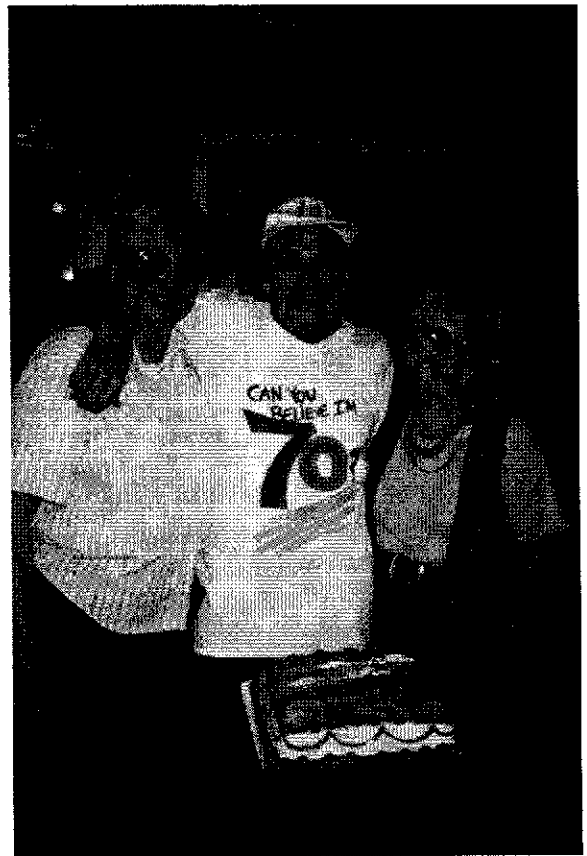
year. We will be calling you for a get together soon. Or if you wish, call the Program Chair, Frank Dobos.

And that reminds me, please do come to the HPS meetings the second Thursday of the month. In case you have not noticed we have some really good slide shows currently. We will be starting our General Meetings at 7:30 pm, followed with refreshments and our program.

Our annual HPS Business Meeting is on September 12th, so be sure to be there so you can give us your input. And do get out on the trails & hike the HPS peaks. If you are a leader, lead, and if you are not, become one. Your HPS needs leaders, many of our leaders that have led most frequently are not able to get out on the trail like they once did. For those of you that don't already know, Frank Dobos has joined the injured list, having just had knee surgery, but he is hoping to be out hiking soon.

So..... I'm looking forward to seeing you on the trail & at the meetings.

Ruth



Hazel Goodykoontz and Ruth Dobos pose with Frank Goodykoontz at the Spring Fling. Note the special birthday cake for Frank!

RESULTS OF THE LOOKOUT SURVEY

The editor received thirty one responses to the survey in the May-June issue of **THE LOOKOUT**. This represents less than 10% of the membership; however, some strong preferences emerged from the responses. Key results are as follows:

- The new booklet format is preferred.
- Most respondees said that the font size and number of photos were okay; a few, however, said that photographic coverage of certain events (banquet) was "excessive."

Two column format is preferred. The most preferred features (those indicated by twenty or more respondees) are as follows:

- Upcoming outings (28)
- Achievements (24)
- Current HPS trip reports (24)
- Historical info about the HPS (23)
- News about individual members (22)
- Info about road closures (22)
- Private trip reports (20)

The least preferred features (those indicated by ten or fewer respondees) are as follows:

- Poetry by HPS members (5)
- Newspaper articles re Sierra Club (8)
- Chapter elections, awards, etc (8)
- Opinions of ExCom members (8)
- Book reviews (8)
- Info re candidates for ExCom (9)
- Milestones (birthdays) (10)

Additional comments indicated that most respondees feel strongly that upcoming outings should be included, but some suggested that only HPS outings be listed.

Other comments indicated that Chapter politics should be covered by the Southern Sierran. Based on the few respondees who felt **THE LOOKOUT** should feature articles about Chapter activities (even features about Chapter policy such as the \$9 charge for the Schedule were preferred by only 12 respondees), perhaps this view is widely shared by our membership.

REGISTER BOX

By Jim Adler

The Missing beat the Replaced by 7 to 1 for this issue. Reports were received from Peter Doggett, Gabriel Rau, Rob Langsdorf, Walter Studhalter, Wynne Benti, Jerry Keating, Jack Traeger, Gail Hanna and Luella Fickle.

I received a report that an ammo box was found on the wrong summit of Queen Mtn. but none on the correct summit.

Missing and deficient registers:

6B	McPherson Peak	missing	8-95
7K	Black Mtn. #2	decrepit	4-96
12H	Mt. Harvard	missing	8-95
13B	Mt. Akawie	missing	4-96
13I	Winston Ridge	deficient	4-96
15E	Lookout Mtn.	missing	5-96
16F	Thunder Mtn	missing	9-92
24K	Lake Peak	missing	6-94
24L	Grinnell Peak	missing	6-94
26B	Quail Mtn.	missing	3-96
26C	Queen Mtn.	missing	4-96
26D	Ryan Mtn	missing	4-94
27H	Jean Peak	missing	6-94
28G	Spitler Peak	missing	9-95
28O	Ken Point	missing	4-96
29A	Rouse Hill	missing	1-91
30C	Martinez Mtn.	deficient	3-95
31D	Palomar Hi. Pt.	missing	4-94
32G	Oakzanita Pk.	missing	5-95
32L	Sheephead Pk.	deficient	4-95

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, 836 S. Alandele Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90036-4625**, or telephone at (213) 931-6844 or e-mail at **J Adler LA@aol.com**. 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 are not listed.)

Government Land Agencies and You

**A somewhat opinionated
digression on how our public
lands are administered.**

by Alan Coles

[Editor's note: This is the second in a series of articles by Alan Coles on his personal observations about the administration of our public lands. The third and final article will appear in the September-October issue of THE LOOKOUT.]

Money Does Indeed Grow on Trees

Many people have a cynical view about the role of government workers because it takes so long to implement changes. Actually, the opposite is usually true. Forest Service employees usually enjoy having projects because it gives them a chance for promotion. Virtually the only way to move up in position is to manage several successful projects.

Funding for the Forest Service comes from the general fund (in Washington) with allotments for specified purposes such as wilderness management, trail building, campground maintenance. These allotments are often discretionary as Charlie Jones, volunteer trail builder in the Angeles National Forest, found out. Money earmarked for trail construction was used to hire a secretary.

Likewise, funds from campground fees, timber sales and other income generating sources goes back into the general fund. One reason for doing so was to make the forest "independent" of the local use. For example, if the Angeles National Forest was allowed to keep all campground fees, the Forest Service employees would be "encouraged" to build more campgrounds to collect more fees. In areas where there are timber sales, there would be similar encouragement to sell more trees.

As practical as this sounds, it hasn't worked very well in the last few decades. A certain percentage of state gasoline taxes is used to build more off-road vehicle trails. This money goes to the national forest where off-road vehicles are used. The more off-road vehicles users there are, the more money they get from this fund. As the Forest Service budget is reduced as part of

the "downsizing" of the government, the incentive to use other sources of revenue becomes greater. This has led to an increase in the pressure to open up more lands for off-road vehicle use.

Many land agency managers are concerned with this trend and have proposed various alternatives. Some see the need to become more self-sufficient by retaining the user fees and managing the financial resources locally. Others fear that this trend would result in making our national forest more like public amusement parks.

The Public's Involvement

Public involvement is a crucial part of the land administration task. Forest Service employees try to respond to public demands whenever possible. There may be several factors which limit the level of response such as environmental concerns, budget requirements, limited staff and maintenance problems. They are more likely to respond to a larger group's request such as the Sierra Club or the American Motorcycle Association than to a single individual.

About 8 years ago, each national forest was asked to make a new land management plan. These plans took into consideration many factors such as watershed requirements, views, recreation opportunities, etc. and tried to quantify each one with an amazing assortment of acronyms and indexes that I won't even try to list here. As expected, major user groups submitted their input which usually conflicted with each other. Motorcycle groups wanted more off-road vehicle trails, environmental groups wanted more wilderness. Maps were drawn for various alternatives with black lines and numbers representing how each part of the forest would be managed. Eventually one alternative was chosen with some modifications. Many of us remember how hard HPS members Bob Kanne, Sally Reid, Ken Croker, Don Tidwell and others worked on these plans.

Land management plans are not fixed in concrete. They can be amended or surpassed by legislation in Congress. The Los Padres Condor Range and Rivers Protection Act, passed in 1992, added areas of the Los Padres National Forest into the wilderness system that was larger than the amount specified in the LMP. On the other hand, the recently passed rescission bill allowing for salvaged logging in national forests superseded

even the NEPA process (no EA's or EIR's are required).

Projects that are implemented on national forest lands are usually initiated by the Forest Service, an organized group or a corporation. The projects are usually forwarded to the officer in the district office who is responsible for the type of activity. A new trail proposal would go to the recreation officer who would review it with his/her staff. It would be evaluated with regard to the LMP and other environmental considerations. If the District Ranger approves of the project, an EA or EIS is prepared. At the beginning of the EA and EIR process, there is a scoping period which allows for public comment on the project. An OHV group may oppose a new hiking trail because they would like a new trail also but have been unable to get permission to do so.

Opposition to an EA or EIR does not stop the process. Rather, the ranger(s) responsible must address all issues raised during the scoping period and determine if the issues would result in negative declaration. The site is evaluated for

biological and cultural resources that might be impacted by the project. Once all the information is gathered, the evaluation is prepared and the district ranger gives the final declaration.

If the project is approved, groups or individuals who submitted input during the scoping period opposing the project are allowed a period of time to file an appeal. The appeal must be based on issues that were stated at the time of scoping but not adequately addressed in the EA.

In one example, the BLM wanted to transfer land to Mono County for the purpose of constructing a gun club. Nearby residents complained about the possibility of noise and the intrusion it would make in their lives. Nevertheless, the BLM approved the EA stating that they felt noise would be in the "acceptable" range by citing figures from an NRA handbook. The decision was successfully appealed because the BLM never performed noise tests and failed to take into considerations factors not mentioned in the NRA guide.



Mike Sandford and Jim Fleming and group celebrate Earth Day, April 20, with a clean-up along the Angeles Crest Highway. Photo by Heather McNaught.



Mark Adrian, sixth from left holding a copy of the Peak List, finishes the HPS List on Combs Peak on May 4. Photo by Terry Flood.

Don't forget! JON INSKEEP, Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team Leader, presents "How Mountain Rescue Works" Plus Basic Safety Advice. Thursday, July 11, at the HPS Social Meeting, 7:30 pm

At the August 8 HPS Peakbaggers Social Meeting, RICHARD SCHAMBERG presents a slide program covering his travels in Chile, Patagonia, and Easter Island. We meet at the Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium.

Current Trip Reports

Whale Pk Backpack

March 16-17

Penelope May & Jeff Deifik

By Penelope May

This beautiful area of piñon pines and juniper in an otherwise typical desert setting in Anza Borrego was at its spring time best when we spent the weekend hiking in it. The temperatures were ideal: up to 75 degrees in the day and down to about 45 degrees at night. Due to a lack of winter rains in November of last year, and, perhaps the higher elevation of 4,000 - 5,400 feet in which we found ourselves, wildflowers were sparse, but the area was nonetheless lovely.

We met at Blair Valley "campsite" (a dirt road with occasional poorly vegetated spots suitable for setting down a tent) at 8:30 am on Saturday morning and loaded into two 4-wheel drive vehicles for the bumpy 5.7 mile ride along Piñon Mountain Road to the parking/start point. We then backpacked 2 hours to our campsite (just over a mile). "Hiking" (boulder groping) south UP the canyon to where it levels off was an invigorating start to this day. At the top, we turned leftish and traveled in a southeasterly direction across a flat but cactus-ridden area toward the ridge on the south side ahead, passing an easy landmark on the left, a small "saddleback."

We found the ideal start point to climb up the next ridge by following the ducks and also by looking just beyond the more obvious gully which turns backwards (westerly), to find the next one, opposite the 2nd bump of the "saddleback" peaks. At the top is a large grassy valley; we turned westwards, crossing it and climbing over and around the low ridge finger on the left, to 4640', the head of Smugglers' Canyon which drops off precipitously on the right. This is the "intersection" between the route to Whale Peak and the return to Blair Valley via Smugglers' Canyon. It is a pretty camping area at a cool 4,600 feet, with some attractive bald spots for tents, with shade trees as well as cactus, pinyons and junipers. We set up camp there and whiled away our lunch break.

After lunch, with just our small packs, we

set off for the peak. We followed the ducks directly south up the side of the ridge ahead to about 4,800', then changed direction to southeast (still following rather sparse ducks). This is the really pivotal navigating point: the place is choc-a-bloc with boulder piles, ridges and trees and the trick is to find Nifty Valley #1, which is a little grassy valley running parallel (west - east, at the bottom of) the Whale Peak ridge. In it, there is a sandy path ("trail") leading across it directly eastwards to a point just below (WNW of) the peak, where the "entrance" to the peak is well ducked.

However, if you are like us, you discovered Nifty Valley #2 (slight whoops)! I think we turned leftish to avoid a boulder pile, when we should have turned rightish. As a result, we found ourselves on the wrong (north) side of a small ridge which also runs parallel to Whale Peak, but separates Nifty Valley #1 from Nifty Valley #2. Eventually, we reached a little "pass" where we turned right, and Voila, we were at the end of Nifty Valley #1, and found the access to the peak, which we promptly scaled. After many photo opportunities, signing in, laughs, snacks and taking in the 200 mile clear day views, we returned to the campsite unscathed.

On Sunday morning we picked up our stuff in a leisurely fashion, enjoying the ambiance, and prepared for our descent. Ron and Dan were kind enough to go back to the 4-wheelers the way we came in and drive over to the parking lot for the Pictograph Trail where, 3 hours later, we met them. This allowed the rest of us to experience a change of pace, by heading down Smugglers' Canyon. Despite the rocky terrain, the descent proved to be easier than expected, and certainly very beautiful. After hitting the desert floor (just over 1,000 feet of loss) we set a compass and headed off for the Pictograph site (which is about where the dot is on the topo map showing Petroglyphs) and, by an apparent miracle, arrived directly at this north-facing boulder with its Indian paintings.

After appropriate oohing and aahing we sauntered less than a mile on trail to the parking lot, into which our trusty steeds were just arriving to collect us, complete with a tub of iced cold water! It was a marvelous weekend filled with good company, beautiful scenery and many, many

laughs, mostly at my expense!

Participants: Ron May, Lena Hayashi, Dan Pacholski, Isabel Labrada, Harry Luettchau, Scott Kim, Tom Hill.

**Lizard Head, Cuyama LO, Cerro
Noroeste, Brush, San Emigdio, Tecuya
Charlie Knapke, Frank Goodykoontz
May 11-12, 1996
By Charlie Knapke**

This seems to be the year for hot hikes. Accordingly I decided to meet early at 6:00 a.m. to beat the heat. Sixteen diehard hikers met at the mouth of Dry Canyon and we were soon on our way to the trailhead. This road had been recently scraped and was in better condition than I had ever seen it. The road near the trailhead seems slightly wider than it was in the past. It is now possible to parallel park on the road without obstructing traffic.

After signing in we headed down to upper Tinta campground. Since the old road has become an OHV trail, this camp does not get much use. The picnic table has become a feast for termites but one of the two stoves is completely intact. There was some welcome shade here for our first rest stop. Then we headed up the ridge and the heat was unbearable. I was considering canceling the trip even though this was my third attempt at leading this peak. As we neared the ridge clouds began to form. They produced a welcome relief during our trip out to the summit. The register is still there and is in good shape.

On the way back, it seemed to be cloudy and cool on the downhill stretches and sunny and hot on the uphill. After several breaks in any shade we could find. We made it back to Upper Tinta. It clouded up again and made for a cooler return to the cars.

It soon became clear that even though we had scheduled six peaks for this weekend, Lizard Head was the main attraction. While I sat having an ice cold drink, I listened to half the group making plans to head for home. Most people decided that while they were here, they might as well drive up to Cuyama Lookout. The register is no longer out at the end of the ridge. It is up in the lookout tower in a glass jar.

After a short discussion we decided to head off to Cerro Noroeste and Alta Campground. The register for this peak is right where I've always found it, on the rock pile on the spur road out to a radio installation. It goes back at least five years!

We camped in one of the larger campsites on the west end of the summit. We then had happy hour. This was quite different from the DPS trips I have been leading. There was not as much food but much more daylight.

Sunday at seven a.m. we headed off to Brush Mountain with only half the group size of the day before. Brush and San Emigdio went without incident. When we arrived at the Tecuya trailhead we had lost three more participants. Now the heat really hit us. There was no cloud cover this day. Half way up this peak, Frank began having problems. He said he would wait for us to return from the peak. Thirty minutes later we were on the peak. Five minutes after that Frank showed up feeling much better. After a long lunch in the shade with a breeze we headed down to the cars and home.

Thanks to Frank for barely making it again.

**Iron Mountain, Condor Peak, Mount
Gleason**

**Charlie Knapke & Frank Goodykoontz
April 27, 1996
By Charlie Knapke**

The weather forecast was hot, hot, hot. About a dozen people showed up in La Canada anyway. Maybe it was the fog and cool air at the meeting place that created this optimism. I wasn't impressed though. I knew the weather forecasters couldn't be this far off.

We drove up to Mill Creek Summit where we regrouped at the trip's last civilized ladies room. We then drove out the Mount Gleason road toward our starting point. Along the way, I spotted a mountain lion along the road. This was very interesting since it was very close to the spot where I had spotted one about three years ago. Could it be the same one?

We passed Lightning Point and continued out to the locked gate on the road out to Indian Ben Saddle. This gate was erected several years ago adding some distance to the peaks in this area.

Iron Mtn, San Antonio Mtn

April 19, 1996

Ron Hudson and John McCully

By John McCully

It was already warm as we headed east down the road. We paused for a break at Indian Ben Saddle. Two roads used to meet at this point. One of these led out toward the North Fork Saddle Station. This has been designated an official trail. Another trail now leaves this point toward Messenger Flats. This is now the upper portion of the Trail Canyon Trail. Someone's thermometer read 93 degrees and it wasn't even 9 a.m!

We continued up to Iron Mountain. There was no register. After a short break we headed off for Condor Peak. As we dropped below the main ridge we lost what breeze we had enjoyed at Indian Ben. Now it was really hot! Frank & I watched carefully for anyone having trouble with the heat. Aside from some grumbling they did great. By noon we were on Condor Peak.

Barbara Cohen & I had led WTC groups up Condor Peak several times and there had always been some brushy areas along the road below Condor. This brush is gone. Someone (possibly the Wednesday Hikers) has brushed out the road from the water tank at least as far as the saddle southeast of Condor.

The hardest part of the hike was the return to the cars. As we passed the water tank we met a hiker going the other way. Frank talked to him and found that he had showed up at the rideshare point too late to join us. He did not know which trailhead we were going to use and guessed Trail Canyon. Not finding us there he hiked up Trail Canyon alone. That had to be hot!

For us it was a hot uphill hike along the road along the last segment to the cars. Frank wanted to lead Gleason on the way back. He said he needed to lead it! This implies that he is working on his FOURTH LIST LEAD! There was no register on Gleason (no surprise).

On the drive back out to Mill Creek Summit I took the lead and watched for the Mountain Lion. Incredibly enough we saw it again! I have heard that some small mammals like to hang around paved roads because they stay warm after the sun sets. This attracts predators to the same area. Could this Lion be living off road-rabbits? The Mount Gleason is one of the least traveled PAVED roads in the San Gabriel Mountains. It seems to fit the theory but I'm no expert.

Frank was, as always, an excellent assistant.

Over the last 20 years I've heard of several occasions when folks have bagged Baldy (10,064) and Big Iron (8,007) in a single day. Four of Bill T. Russell's 19 annual HPS climbs of Big Iron included doing Baldy, usually taking 10 or 11 hours. Jim Roberts led it for the HPS in 1982. Ron Bartell and Christine Mitchell did it as a private hike in 1986, swapping car keys with Wendy and I on our way up, thus eliminating the 45 minute car shuttle between Manker Flat (6,200) and Heaton Flat (2,000) for both parties. Around 1980 Dale van Dalsem and Bobcat Thompson tossed in Pine and Dawson on a private hike, unwinding with the mother of all car shuttles.

But the big gain (9,500') from the West is intimidating for doing Iron and Baldy and I don't recall anyone scheduling these two peaks as an HPS hike from that direction, so Ron and I decided to give it a go. The fifty something leaders were joined by four forty somethings, Bruce Trotter from Orange County and three very strong new women hikers from San Diego -- Sue Holloway, Judy Hummerlich and Virginia Calimlin. These women wanted to do Baldy from the West as part of a training program for a Grand Canyon a rim to rim to rim (that's over and back!) event, a 48 mile 10,000 foot extravaganza in which one tries to finish in less than 24 hours. The NPS frowns on organized events in the parks so the thing is completely unorganized. Folks from all over the U.S. know from newsletters and word of mouth that the 18th of May is the day to happen show up on the South Rim. If I ever tried such a thing I would end up being hauled out on the back of one of those ubiquitous Grand Canyon mules.

We left Heaton Flat at 6:15, with half the cars waiting for us at Manker Flat. Each of us had light shoes and light packs except for the water. Iron fell in four hours and forty minutes, and while everyone else chowed down during the long break I took a nap. First snow was on the north side of the ridge east of Iron's summit. It took well more than an hour to work through the several class III areas to the east of Iron. The brush on the ridge

is worse than it was 10 years ago, but three of us wore shorts anyway. The weather got a little windy for a while, but it basically was excellent, not hot. There was snow on the west side of Baldy that was mostly avoidable. Moderate snow appeared on top of Baldy but the surface was firm for walking and not icy. Six hours after leaving Iron we topped out on Baldy, and we got to Manker Flats 13 hours after starting, but well before dark. No problems on the trip. Most of us drank between 2 ½ and 4 liters of water.

Copter Ridge & Mount Hawkins

May 4, 1996

Charlie Knapke & Jennifer Lambelet

By Charlie Knapke

The last time we had schedule these peaks it was hot. This time things looked much better. We also had a much better turn-out. Fourteen eager hikers met in La Canada. We drove up to the starting point 1.3 miles east of Islip Saddle. The hike went very well without any problems until we arrived at the summit of Hawkins. One of our participants was lagging behind. He insisted on signing out and doing Copter Ridge on his own. I could not talk him out of this plan. After a short discussion with Jennifer we decided we could allow him to sign out if he wasn't prepared to turn back. We felt we could still be responsible for his safety since we had led him this far.

We went on down to Copter ridge. When I first did this a couple of years ago it was an unmarked ridge. Now a well-defined use trail leads out to the summit. In another couple of years this will probably be distinct enough to be considered an O rated route. Our last participant was about 10 minutes behind us at Copter ridge with Jennifer's company. I offered to sweep back up to Hawkins but Jennifer insisted that she would do it. I thought I had patience!

We went back up to Hawkins and waited about 30 minutes for Jennifer and the last participant. I then led the bulk of the group back to the trailhead and bid them farewell. Our slow hiker arrived about 40 minutes later.

Check out the Hundred Peaks Section Website!
<http://www.edgeinternet.com/hps/>

Big 4

May 14-16, 1996

Carleton Shay and Rob Langsdorf

By Carleton Shay

Last year two or three trips to the Big 4 were scheduled in the spring, but all were canceled because of rain or snow. This year the two trips scheduled succeeded, but with different leaders than those who put them in the Schedule. On ours, Frank Goodykoontz was to co-lead, but his back wouldn't permit it. Fortunately, Rob Langsdorf, ex-San Diego Chapter Chair and M-rated leader kept the trip alive. Originally nine signed up, but the LA heat dissuaded all but four of us to brave it. We were not your typical Los Angeles group: Rob from La Jolla, Ken Jones, who flew down from Newcastle, Washington (near Seattle); Mars Bonfire from Quartz Hill (who went with Peter Doggett's Big 4 trip less than a month before, and thought he would try it again), and I. Even the ones who bowed out were from all over the state: San Diego, Banning and San Jose to name a few. How's that for an Angeles Chapter outing!

The weather was better than anticipated the first two days: warm, but with a strong cool breeze. We hiked into Chokecherry Spring, ate lunch and then did Samon. Although water was not flowing through the pipe at Chokecherry Spring, there was plenty of water flowing over the rocks, so water was no problem. We decided to camp at Chokecherry rather than slog up the road to the saddle for the night. The next day we donned our packs, took extra water since we weren't sure whether the creek would be flowing at Madulce Station, and hiked to the saddle. We then dropped the packs, climbed Big Pine and West Big Pine, and returned to the saddle for a late lunch. We then put on our packs again, hiked to the trail junction for Madulce (a sign there says 2 miles to the peak but it seems like more), dropped our packs, climbed Madulce, returned, and dropped to Madulce Station about a thousand feet below. The creek there was flowing nicely, and the campground is one of the better ones we use, shaded by oaks. The Station even has an outhouse!

It had been clouding up late in the day, and looked threatening. While we were setting up

camp about 7:00 it started to rain a little, and then more, and continued all night and into the next day. We were tempted to move into the cabin, but resisted, since a previous group had been bothered all night by mice. Also there were masks lying around the cabin, apparently used by the Forest Service a few days before in fear of the Hanta virus. It rained much more than we thought it would, though, so we probably should have moved in after all. We got wet packing up, slogged over to the cabin for a relatively dry breakfast, and took off. Between the rain and the wet brush which was thick on and over the trail down Santa Barbara Canyon, we got completely soaked long before we reached the cars a little before 11am. The trail was very muddy and slippery, and great for glissading except when you don't want to. We had been caught by the unexpected storm which also reached LA that day. In fact it showered most of the way home, the heaviest one for me being in San Fernando.

Private Trip, Toro Peak, Santa Rosa

April 20, 1996

By John Connelly

Many years ago, the Hundred Peaks Section de-listed Toro Peak due to access restrictions. The peak is on the Santa Rosa Indian Reservation, and evidently tribal policy prohibited public access. Subsequently, the tribe leased the summit area to private operators to install telecommunications equipment on this fine 8716-foot summit.

I would propose that the time has come for the Hundred Peaks Section to return Toro Peak to the list. As the highest peak in the Santa Rosas, it rightfully deserves inclusion. From the side of Cuyamaca Peak, not to mention many other places, Toro Peak simply dominates the skyline ridge of the Santa Rosas.

On April 20, Judy Ware and I hiked up the dirt road to do both Santa Rosa Mountain and Toro Peak. The road is not great but most passenger cars could likely take the insults and abuse to do this as a driveup. We parked my 4Runner at mile seven and hiked the next 3-plus miles to Santa Rosa Mountain. We then continued on the road another 3 miles or so to Toro Peak. The road's terminus is about a half

mile from the summit, where there is a locked gate, but no signs indicating that the peak is off limits. The only "No Trespassing" sign we saw was on the door of one of the buildings near the summit. Other hikers had parked their cars at a wide turnout near the locked gate to do the summit.

Even with all the paraphernalia on the peak, it is a wonderful place to view the sights in every direction—the San Jacintos and the San Gorgonio ridge to the north, the Salton Sea and Palm Springs on the East. Rabbit and Villager, and the Borrego badlands could be seen off to the Southeast. You get the idea. Near the parking area in front of the locked gate, Sheep Mountain was near at hand.

We also walked past at least two campgrounds, which would be ideal for HPS-style car camping. On April 20, they were both deserted. There is no water and only a few tables.

I also called the Ranger Station in Idyllwild, and the person I talked with had no knowledge of any restriction on accessing the summit, although he was aware that the peak was inside the Reservation.

There is also a cross country route, which is preferred by Allen Holden, who leads many HPS peaks for the San Diego Chapter. He drives in to the HPS trailhead for Sheep and Martinez, then drives further south on a 4WD road another 3-4 miles. He hikes south, up the broad ridge to the road near "Stump Spring." (The map shows a campground near the spring, but we did not see any evidence of one at the spot indicated on the topo).

I hope this will encourage others to give Toro Peak a try—either as a hike or a driveup. Perhaps the Section can revisit its de-listing of this peak.

Cutca Trail Work

April 20-21, 1996

Alan Coles & Charlie Knapke

By Alan Coles

Our biggest group ever (9) met at our standard meeting time and location of 7:30 Saturday morning at Dripping Springs Campground on a clear mild day perfect for

hiking. Along with our seasoned group of regulars (Gail Hanna, John Case, Tom Cowen, Debbie Westcott and the 2 leaders) were Leslie Wertz, Kirk Johnson and Bob Beach. Though the newcomers weren't familiar with the trail, they were all experienced trail builders which made this a formidable group.

We started our trip by installing a new trail register at the bottom of Cottonwood Canyon then backpacking in about 6 miles to a clearing just shy of the wilderness boundary. It was a tight fit but we managed to squeeze into the site which sits near the cold, clear stream. After lunch and setting up camp we proceeded to work on the section of trail that goes from the Cutca Truck Trail into the wilderness.

As usual, the forest rangers hadn't had an opportunity to scout the trail in advance but John Wentworth of the Oak Grove Ranger Station, who has been our contact for the project, gave me some direction as to where he wanted the trail routed. We complied as best under the circumstances but the rapid growth of brush in the area forced our route into the most easily defensible location.

Everyone did a superb job but some notable performances need to be acknowledged: Tom Cowen did a tremendous job removing stumps with a Polanski he packed in. Charlie and John did an exceptional job cutting logs with a 4' double person saw that John packed in. Bob Beach and Kirk Johnson showed their expertise with a McCloud. Gail, Debbie and Leslie diligently clipped brush and leveled the trail.

At the end of the day, the trail had been cleared all the way to the canyon mouth and slightly beyond the site of the first bridge. We were very tired and thoroughly enjoyed our community salad which had an unusually high percentage of mushrooms.

Sunday, John, Debbie, Bob and the 2 leaders went up to climb Eagle Crag (working along the way) while the others continued working on other sections of the trail. This was the first time we climbed the peak on any of our trail work trips and for John, who has been so close so many times, it was a well deserved opportunity. Many thanks to all participants.

Cutca Trail Work **May 18-19, 1996** **Alan Coles & Gail Hanna** **By Alan Coles**

This trip was scheduled to be led with Theresia Glover before her tragic death in January. It deprived me of the opportunity to meet her after only a brief conversation at the HPS banquet. She had expressed enthusiasm for seeing the trail and helping to restore it.

Only the 2 leaders showed up at the meeting point, the others canceling for various reasons. Still, we decided to go ahead with the trip on a balmy clear weekend.

Our new trail register had only 1 new entry: a couple from San Diego on their way to Dripping Springs. Other than that, it was the same route past browning meadows still filled with many flowers such as purple lupines, blue larkspur, yellow buckwheat and baby blue eyes. The streams were lower and some had already run dry.

We dropped our packs at the mouth of the canyon near the wilderness boundary and began working where our group ended on the last trip. Though we had provided a 6' width clearing the previous year, rapid growth has claimed most of it back (those of you who were on Carleton's trip to Eagle Crag last year might appreciate how much work it takes to keep the trail clear in the canyon). It took longer than we had hoped, but the 2 of us managed to regain the necessary side margin.

We put our packs back on and climbed under the massive fallen oak and over a new one (since our April trip) before setting up camp on a flat under a tall canopy of sycamores, big cone spruce, incense cedars and the tallest Coulter Pines I have ever seen. The canyon bottom, rich with the bright green color of wild currants, blackberries and bracken ferns, gave little indication of the fiery storm that engulfed the wilderness 6 years ago.

We took the Polanski and McCloud up the canyon and worked the tread where it was obscure. We constructed a short section of new trail around a washed out section. Hopefully the trail will be easier to find.

Sunday we took clippers and continued

cutting brush along the trail in the canyon bottom. We worked our way up the first few switchbacks and finally my clippers seized up. I took it as an omen and acquiesced.

Once again, many thanks to Gail for getting almost all of the participants on our trips.

Some natural history notes: The Vail Fire of 1989 burned most of the northern part of the Agua Tibia Wilderness. Before the fire, the chaparral was decadent with about 90% of the understory dead. About 20% to 30% of the Coulter Pines were dead or dying from insect infestations and disease. There hadn't been a fire in the area for about 100 years.

Now almost 7 years after the fire the forest is extremely healthy as we have witnessed with our trail work. In the open areas, various ceanothus species have germinated about 1 every square foot and have now reach 5' to 10' in height. Growth in the wetter areas last year averaged about 2' to 3' while on the slopes it ranges from around 6" to 15".

About 90% of the canyon live oaks survived the fire and have now reached about 50% of their former canopy. Most sycamore also survived although those in open areas have sprouted new growth from their crowns. About 30% of the big cone spruce and incense cedars died while the others, particularly the taller ones, retained most of their high limbs. Coulter Pines tend to grow in fire prone areas (often with a manzanita understory) and most of the exposed ones died and have fallen down.

Much discussion lately has centered around salvage logging with the reversion bill signed by the president. It is interesting to note the contribution downed trees make to the environment which is easily observed along the Cutca Trail (you have to cross several of them along the way). The dead trees, especially the ones on open, sunny slopes, provide shade and soil nutrients for the new trees that have germinated. The soil retains moisture better and promotes growth of the new trees. Some of the new Coulter Pines are 5' to 10' tall and growing rapidly. One can sometimes detect the time from a previous fire because most Coulters grow in uniform groves due to their propensity to burn and regrow.

If you are doing Eagle Crag by this

route, take some time to look at the new plants and trees and discover how important fire is to the environment. The cut logs and bushes along the trail will give you a rare opportunity to observe a remarkable recovery.

Big Four Backpack

April 26 - 28, 1996

Leaders: Pete Doggett & Wynne Benti

By Wynne Benti

At first, I thought I was in the wrong place, when the last mile of the road to the Big Four trailhead changed from a thick green growth of chaparral to a charred, smoking trail of gray ash. A recent fire was responsible for the burn and it wasn't until we met up with a ranger about five miles into the hike that we learned what had happened. We were determined to get those four elusive peaks even if we had to hike through fire-charred terrain, even with hot spots still smoking. And, if there was an inherent danger, the USFS would let us know - right?

The first day went great with Pete doing an excellent job leading this trip which had been originally scheduled to be led by Ruth & Frank Dobos and Theresia Glover. At the first fork, we met up with a USFS ranger who told us that the burn was a controlled burn that had gotten out of control. He was up there to keep an eye on the hot spots. We made it to Chokecherry Spring around 12:30, which gave everybody time to fill up with water and have lunch. The pipe draining from the water tank was empty so our water came from the steep, rocky ledges on the south side of the tank. Barney Bartelle donated the use of his ensolite seating pad which was used to form a makeshift spout.

Everyone filtered their water with the exception of the two leaders, one using iodine crystals for purification. At two pm, we started up the gully to Samon Peak. The gully was challenging for some and one participant feeling the effects of the heat (about 90 degrees or so), decided to turn back at the top of the gully. Most of the participants brought loppers and began lopping wildly to my horror. Finally, I leapt forward and threatened to report them all to the authorities if they didn't halt their wanton use of the clippers. The clipping subsided somewhat then began

again in earnest once the meadow was past and the main summit ridge reached. And its a good thing. After making a bold attempt to show them that clipping wasn't necessary, I leapt forward from the back with a paltry group of mutineers to prove a point. Soon, we were bogged down in flesh-cutting brush while those with loppers smiled at our audacity. Humbled, I resumed my place in the back of the line, replete with new respect for clippers and those who wield them.

When we reached the summit of Samon, we were greeted by a stubborn rattlesnake who refused to be intimidated by our numbers. So we listened to him rattle for the duration of the summit respite. The return trip to Chokecherry Spring was hot and miserable. Back at the spring, we topped off our water bags and walked another near two miles to the camp spot at the saddle just above the trailhead for Madulce. Everyone did this carrying full packs and at least one two and half gallon bag of water. Back at Chokecherry, there was a big time infestation of ants. The saddle was perhaps the only place in the area free of them.

Saturday morning, we were on the trail early. The walk to Big Pine and West Big Pine went very smoothly. We sighted an immature golden eagle below the summit of Big Pine. I had stowed my pack beneath a tree for the walk up Big Pine and when I returned, discovered that I had placed it atop a ten thousand year old ant nest. My pack was moving, there were so many ants on it. They left quite an awful chemical odor on it as well. The walk along the road to West Big Pine was the prettiest of the weekend, beneath tall pines and willows. High winds on the summit of West Big Pine forced some to take shelter in the low manzanita scrub.

We returned to camp around one, time enough to eat and refill water bottles, before hitting the trail to Madulce. Two of our group decided not to accompany us on this trek and waited at the camp. Recently, a horse had been taken to the top of the peak and had torn up the trail quite a bit. The summit of Madulce was covered with pieces of melted glass from an apparent lightening strike of the old lookout tower that has since been disassembled. It was a long, tiring day and it seemed that shortly after dinner (delicious dried squid & pasta from Cathy Reynolds, and bullion from Kathy Price), everyone

had retired to their sleeping bags before the sun had set.

We left the saddle the next morning around 7:30 and were back at the cars, approximately 11.5 miles, by noon. Some of the hot spots appeared to be flaring up so I was happy to be getting out of there as soon as possible. As we were leaving, another ranger was coming up the road to check out the situation. Peter did an excellent job of leading on this BIG weekend. The participants were: Cathy Reynolds, Kathy Price, Jim Adler, Paul Graff, Richard Carey, Mars Bonfire, Barney Bartelle and Jeff Gillorde.

Big Iron, aka Iron Mountain #1
March 31, 1996
By Mark Adrian

Our group, Mark Adrian, Terry Flood, Carol Snyder and Kasey Cinciarelli, departed the Heaton Flat trailhead about 7:30 AM Sunday morning headed for Iron Mtn (8,007') in the San Gabriel Mountains near Los Angeles CA. This is a perfect time of year to get this peak as the summit snow was virtually gone and the southern route was completely dry. Temps were warm at the bottom and comfortably cool on top. We had great weather, but hazy sky. I took a gallon of water since this was a fourteen mile, 6,500' gain climb, allegedly the hardest dayhike in the "Gabes".

Referencing the HPS's map SGT-18A DEC 90 (where did they ever come up with this naming scheme?), the Heaton Flat Trail is in good to excellent condition up to the saddle at 4582, where it intersects with the Allison Trail and post "W17". At this junction, the route/trail climbs steeply north over loose and unstable rocks and pebbles before it levels off. Continuing in this alternating fashion, the "good" use trail undulates up the ridgeline in to thinly forested terrain, offering great views of the snow-capped summit of Mt. Baldy to the NE. We arrived on top at 1:00 PM, 5.5 hours after our departure. The summit is relatively small and stands alone, the only other connecting ridge is that with Mt. Baldy to the east. Snow still embellished Iron's northern flanks, while Mt. Baldy maintained a "cap" down to at "best" 9,000'.

After luncheon and signing in the

over-stuffed register, we departed the summit about 1:30 PM. On return, we missed one or two turns through some brush, a typical HPS phenomena. This led to some less-than-ideal scree slopes and a few anxious moments as I slid a "few" feet before arresting (do they make a scree ax?). Although you start at 2,000' and summit at 8,007', there are numerous bumps along the route which are especially annoying on the descent. This is why I conclude the total gain is closer to 6,500' than the HPS Guide's 6,000. Nevertheless, these hurdles overcome, we were back at Heaton Flats at 5:15 PM and to the trucks by 5:30 PM. Here, we discovered that you'll be fined \$45 for NOT obtaining the mandatory \$3.00/per day parking permit. Another group (from San Fernando) that we shadowed wasn't aware of this fact and were moderately upset (expletives deleted) by a "fresh" citation written at 9 AM that morning.

This was a strenuous climb and a good workout. I was on my way home from Death Valley where I had just put in around 9,000' on various unlisted peaks. Big Iron was my next to last HPS peak (#273). I plan to simul-finish on Combs peak completing the HPS (274) and SDPC (117) peak lists sometime in early May. Also, I don't recommend camping at the Heaton Flats trailhead. I slept (or tried to) there amidst a variety of "strange" noises and visitors throughout the night.

Any climbers using the Heaton Flats trailhead should be aware of the mandatory parking permit imposed by the LA County Department of Parks and Recreation. If you're coming in late as I was, you can/should obtain a parking permit at the Mobil gas station where Hwy. 39 and the 210 intersect (on the north side of the 210). Their address is:

145 N Azusa (aka Hwy. 39) Azusa, CA
Phone number: 1 (818) 969-0049.

They are open 24-hours a day and the parking permits are \$3 per day. Permits are required to park along Hwy. 39 and the East Fork Road per LA County Ordinance #15.64.195. The permit itself is a pink 3"x4" card with months and day numbers that are "punched" when you purchase the permit. Permits are ONLY required on weekends and holidays. You may also obtain permits at the East Fork Entrance Station just

north of Azusa on Hwy. 39. I don't know their hours of operation.

I saw at least a dozen signs along Hwy. 39 to warn/inform visitors of the fact that permits are required. Furthermore, they are enforcing the Ordinance and the fine is \$45 for violation. It appears that there is a heavy contingent of hobbyist gold miners in the area. We met a prospector in the Heaton Flats parking lot who had several tales to tell and even showed us some of the gold he had extracted from the area.

After an all-you-can-stand birthday feast at a Sizzler (thanks Carol and Terry) I only made it half way home before fatigue forced me (about 9:30 PM) to camp near an I15 overpass (by Temecula). I finally made it home this morning.

Big Iron

April 20, 1996

By Wayne Norman

Saturday, April 20, was one of those perfect days to attempt Big Iron. Mark Calkins and I left the parking area with our significant others (Ruth and Annette) at 7:30. The weather was cool and clear. We hiked up the Heaton Flats Trail to the saddle where we took a long break. After stashing a quart of water for the return trip we hiked up the steep ridge towards Iron. We found the trail up Iron to be in better shape than the Heaton flat trail, with just a few minor exceptions. Someone had recently cut back some yucca's and placed some rocks and logs to mark the trail. There were no ducks and no need for them! We left our my wife and Mark's girl friend at noon at the 5500' level, they had had enough. After that Mark and I picked up the pace and gained the summit just before 2pm. The previous day, April 19, Ron Hudson and John McCully's group had signed in on their way to the top of Baldy!

The trip down was uneventful, we never lost the trail, having marked the one place where we thought on the way up we could get confused. We were back at the saddle by 4pm and then out to the cars. We celebrated by eating Double-Double's and drinking Chocolate Shakes at the IN-N-OUT in Azusa. Thanks to Mark Adrian for the info on getting Forest Service parking permits at the Mobil Station.

Forever Yours By Sid "San Jac" Davis

My ashes will be cast atop San Jac
In the holes and in the crack
The pine tree will say, "Sid you are mine."
As I climb through the roots into the limber
pine.

The thunder cracks when the lightning streaks
The coyote howls and the owl shrieks
The clouds pour rain
And into the canyons they drain.

Then the sun comes out
And the flowers sprout
The eagle soars high
Way up in the sky.

And as I rest beneath the trees
Drinking wine and eating cheese
I then lie down and take a rest
With my head on the Mountain's breast.

Then in the winter when it snows
That's the time for my winter clothes
And, Oh my! Isn't this really nice
Wearing crampons on the ice.

In the Spring when the snow is low
In the evening watching the Alpenglow
And when the birds all go to sleep
In my bag I slowly creep.

Just me! Just I!
I'm so happy I could cry
The in the morning at the break of dawn
I eat some breakfast and then I'm gone.

Climbing, climbing ever higher...
Reaching, reaching to my heart's desire
And the thrill that I seek
Is to stand atop my Mountain Peak.

And if you ask me how or why
All this happens beneath the sky,
I don't know the reason why;
But as a mountaineer, I'll never die.



Hikers on the summit of Winston Peak listen as Sid "San Jac" Davis, standing on right, recites a poem about his love for his favorite peak, Mount San Jacinto, which he has climbed 631 times (and still counting). Sid's wife, Norma, passed away in April 1996. She had hiked to Winston Peak with Sid not long ago.



Stag Brown and Joe Young pose with Sid "San Jac" Davis on the summit of Winston Peak, June 2, 1996. This was the fifteenth annual first Sunday in June hike with Stag. Stag led the outing which also included Mt. Akawie and Mt. Hillyer. Joe swept today, hence the broom!

ADVANCE HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION NOTICE OF OUTINGS

- JUL 6 SAT HUNDRED PEAKS**
I: Yucaipa Ridge: Little San Gorgonio Pk (9133'), Wilshire Mtn (8832'), Wilshire Pk (8680'), Cedar Mtn (8324'), Birch Mtn (7826'), Allen Pk (5795'): Very strenuous 12 mile, 5000' gain, steep ascents/descents, 12 mile rt car shuttle. Send sase, recent experience to leader. Leader: Carleton Shay. Assistant: Frank Goodykoontz
- JUL 11 THU HUNDRED PEAKS**
Peakbaggers Social Meeting: Business meeting starts 7:00 pm. After refreshments, **JON INSKEEP**, leader of the Sierra Madre Rescue Team will give a slide show, "How Mountain Rescue Works, And Basic Safety Advice." 7:30 pm, Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium, 4730 Crystal Springs Drive.
- JUL 13 SAT HUNDRED PEAKS - MT BALDY**
I: Rouse Hill (5168'), Thomas Mtn (6825'), Lookout Mtn #1 (5590'), Asbestos Mtn (5265'), Santa Rosa Mtn (8070') Centered about 12 mi SW of Idyllwild. Easy cross-country hikes, total of about 6 mi, 1800' gain, dirt road driving between each PK. Send sase, H&W phones, rideshare info to Leader. Leader: Frank Goodykoontz. Assistant: Diane Dunbar
- JUL 13 SAT HUNDRED PEAKS**
Vetter Mtn (LO) (5908'), Mt Mooney (5840') Introductory Hike Easy beginners hike to these 2 easy peaks in the San Gabriels. 3 mi rt, 1000' gain. Lunch and tour at the nearby Visitors Center. Bring water, lunch, and treats to share on the summits. Meet 9am at the La Canada rideshare pt. Leader: David Eisenberg. Assistant: Ruth Lee & Frank Dobos
- JUL 13 SAT RIO HONDO/HUNDRED PEAKS**
O: Timber Mt (8303'): 9 mi rt, 3300' gain, moderately strenuous, but slow paced. Hike in cool mountain air, beginners welcome! Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, lugs. Meet 7:00 am at Diamond Bar or 7:30 at Mt. Baldy rideshare pt. Leader: Gabriele Rau. Assistant: Bob Wheatley
- JUL 13 SAT HUNDRED PEAKS**
O: Throop Pk (9138'): Easy to moderate, beautiful hike in the highest section of the Angeles Crest. 1,200' gain, 5 mi rt. Meet 9 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring 2 qts water, sun hat, sunscreen, lunch, lugsoles. Leader: Ray Soucy. Assistant: TBA
- JUL 13-14 SAT-SUN HUNDRED PEAKS**
I: San Gorgonio (11499'), Dobbs (10459') via Vivian Creek Backpack: Do Gorgonio summit Sat and camp enroute to Dobbs. Sat afternoon potluck. Do Dobbs Sun and pack out. Group size limited. No Beginners. Send 2 sase, and resume of recent cond and exp to Bob. Leader: Bob Freed. Assistant: Jim Fleming
- JUL 14 SUN HUNDRED PEAKS-MT BALDY**
I: Thunder Mtn(8587'), Telegraph Pk (8985'), Timber Mtn (8303'): Some steep off-trail climbing on this 10 mi, 5000' gain loop, starting & finishing in Icehouse Cyn. Meet 7 am, Baldy rideshare pt. Leader: Asher Waxman. Assistant: Frank Goodykoontz
- JUL 20 SAT HUNDRED PEAKS/RIO HONDO**
O: Mt Williamson (8214'): Meet 7 am Pomona Rideshare Pt or 8:30 am Saddle one mile west of tunnels on Hwy 2. 1600' gain, 5 miles rt. Bring lunch, 2 qts water, lugs, moderate pace, newcomers welcome. Rain Cancels Leader: Erich Fickle. Assistant: Luella Fickle
- JUL 20 SAT HUNDRED PEAKS**
I: Dragon's Head (10,868') from Vivian Creek: Come explore this peak, submitted for HPS list. Possible 2nd nearby pk also. Apporx 16mi, 5500' gain. Very strenuous on trail and rough steep cross country next to San Gorgonio Mtn. Send Sase early to Diane w recent cond. Leader: Diane Dunbar. Assistant: Bobcat Thompson
- JUL 20 SAT HUNDRED PEAKS-K9 COMM.**
O: Sugarloaf Mtn (9952+): Escape the heat on moderate hike with four-footed friends in the high country of the San Bernardino mountains. 6 mi rt, 1400' gain. Bring well-conditioned dogs, leash, lunch, adequate water for you and pet. Meet 8 am Pomona rideshare pt. Leader: Charlotte Feitshans. Assistant: Jo Solomon.
- JUL 21 SUN HUNDRED PEAKS**
O: Pleasant View Ridge (7983'): Repeat of 100 Peaks "game" hike led 50 years ago. Moderate hike in Angeles Forest involves 15 mi and 3500' gain. Bring water, lunch, lug soles. Meet 7 am La Canada rideshare pt. Leader: Ruth Dobos. Assistant: Frank Dobos, Joe Young
- JUL 24 WED LOCAL HIKES-HUNDRED PEAKS**
O: Kratka Ridge (7515'), Waterman Mtn (8038'): 6 mi scenic hike over peaks from Vista to Cloudburst Summit, 1900' gain/1700' loss. 3 mi car shuttle. Less strenuous options. Meet 8:30 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, lugsole boots, jacket. Leader: Bill Hogshead. Assistant: Richard Schamberg
- JUL 27 SAT HUNDRED PEAKS**
O: Come to the 4th Annual Great Mt Waterman Rendezvous Hike via a loop hike of about 7 mi rt. A gradual 900' in 2 mi to reach Cloudburst summit, 500' up to Winston Peak (7502') return and do 1000' in 1 mi to Waterman (8038'). The return will be fun and quick. Meet 9am La Canada rideshare with boots, food and drink to share Leader: Southern Courtney. Assistant: Richard Schamberg
- JUL 27 SAT HUNDRED PEAKS**
O: 4th Annual Waterman Mt (8038') Rendezvous: Join yearly gathering of 100 of HPSers, 8 mi rt, 1200' gain hike. Meet other groups & picnic on top. Meet 9:30 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles, goodies to share. Rain cancels. Leader: Frank Dobos. Assistant: Ruth Lee Dobos, David Eisenberg
- JUL 27 SAT HUNDRED PEAKS**
I: 4th Annual Mt Waterman (8038'), Twin Peaks (7761') Rendezvous Hike: Strenuous 14 mi rt, 3500' gain via trail/steep ridge. Meet 6 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles, goodies to share. Leader: Jim Fleming. Assistant: Bob Freed
- JUL 27 SAT HUNDRED PEAKS-MT BALDY**
I: 4th Annual Great Waterman Mtn (8038') Rendezvous Hike: Very strenuous route still being scouted, TBA. Call leader for meeting time and details. Will meet 4 other groups at the top for lunch. Leader: Diane Dunbar. Assistant: Frank Goodykoontz

JUL 27 SAT HUNDRED PEAKS
4th Annual Mt. Waterman (8038') Rendezvous Hike: Moderately-paced 10 mi rt, 2500' gain Pathfinder rte. Meet 8 am La Canada Rideshare Pt. Bring lunch, water, lugsole boots, goodies to share on top and adventurous spirit. Leader: Bob Thompson. Assistant: Stag Brown

JUL 27 SAT HUNDRED PEAKS-SIERRA SAGE
O: Castle Rocks (8600'), Black Mtn #1 (7772'), Indian Mtn (5790'), Ranger Peak (5082): 6.6 mi rt, 1800' gain. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lug soles, bug repellent. Meet at Chevron station in Idyllwild at 9:30 am. (25.4 miles from Hwy 242 exit from I-10 in Banning.) Leader: Ron May. Assistant: Penelope May

JUL 27 SAT HUNDRED PEAKS
O: San Jacinto: Moderately paced hike in mountain area above SoCal smog. 10 miles, 2400' gain. Take tram up (\$15) and down to spare our knees. Group size limited. Send Sase to Leader: Ella Pennington. Assistant: Harry Freimanis

AUG 8 THU HUNDRED PEAKS
Peakbaggers Social Meeting: Business meeting starts 7:00 pm. After refreshments, RICHARD SCHAMBERG will give a slide show about his travel in Chile, Patagonia, and Easter Islands. 7:30 pm, Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium, 4730 Crystal Springs Drive.

AUG 10 SAT HUNDRED PEAKS
I: Red Tahquitz(8846'), South(7879'), Antsell Rock(7879'): Climb these 3 via Devil's Slide Trail, 15 miles, 4000' gain with car shuttle, some 3rd class. Wilderness permit limits group size. Send Sase with recent experience to leader. Leader: Carleton Shay. Assistant: Diane Dunbar

AUG 11 SUN HUNDRED PEAKS
O: "Sadie Hawkins Day": Repeat of 100 Peaks "game" hike led 50 years ago. The event was covered on the front page of the LA Times! Loop trip from Crystal Lake bags Throop Pk (9138'), Mt Hawkins(8850'), Middle Mt Hawkins (8505'), S Mt Hawkins (7783'), and "Sadie Hawkins." Moderate hike involves 14 mi and 3600' gain. Bring water, lunch, lug soles. Meet 7 am Azusa rideshare pt. Parking fee at road head. Leader: Joe Young. Assistant: Stag Brown, Bob Thompson

AUG 14 WED LOCAL HIKES-HUNDRED PEAKS
O: Dawson to Islip Saddle Shuttle Hike: Moderate 9 mi with 1700' gain. Peaks: Throop(9138'), Hawkins(8850'), and Islip(8250'). Meet at La Canada rideshare 8 am with boots, water, food. Leader: Southern Courtney. Assistant: Janet Bartel

AUG 17 SAT HUNDRED PEAKS
O: Mt Islip Peaknic: Annual picnic at Little Jimmy Campground. Optional 6 mi rt, 1300' gain to the summit. Meet 8:30 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring food/drink to share, good vibrations for party. Rain postpones. Leader: Frank & Ruth Lee Dobos. Assistant: Mike & Dotty Sandford

AUG 22 THU HUNDRED PEAKS/SMMTF
I: Grinnell Mtn (10284'), Lake Pk (10164'), 10K Ridge (10094'): Strenuous - but maybe moderately paced- hike from South Fork Campground features 5000' gain in 15 mi rt and off trail descent. Send sase to Ray. (15 participants max) Leader: Ray Riley. Assistant: Don Croley

AUG 24 SAT HUNDRED PEAKS
O: Thunder Mtn (8587'), Telegraph Pk (8985'): Strenuous outing w great views in Mt Baldy area. 13 mi rt, 3300' gain hike from Manker flat. Meet 7 am Mt Baldy rideshare pt. Bring 3 qts water, lunch, sun hat, sunscreen, lugsoles. Leader: Ray Soucy. Assistant: TBA

AUG 24-25 SAT-SUN HUNDRED PEAKS
I: Sunday Pk (8295'), Bohna Pk (6788'), Cannel Pt (8314'): Sat hike 7 mi rt, 2000' gain; camp in nearby campgrd. Sun hike 3 mi rt, 900' gain. Long dirt roads both days. Send sase to Maggie. Leader: Maggie Singleton Wilson. Assistant: Chuck Sale

AUG 24-25 SAT-SUN HUNDRED PEAKS
I: Lily(8000'), Tahquitz(8828'), Spitzer(7440'), Apache(7567'): Sat 11 mi, 3000' gain; Sun 12.6 mi, 3200' gain for these beautiful peaks in San Jacinto Wilderness. Carcamp & campfire Sat night. Permit limits size. Sase to Wynne. Leader: Frank Goodykoontz. Assistant: Wynne Benti-Zdon

AUG 28 WED LOCAL HIKES-HUNDRED PEAKS
O: Throop (9138'), Burnham (8997'), Baden Powell (9399'): 9 mi, 2400' gain/2800' loss from Dawson Saddle over 3 peaks to Vincent Gap, mostly on PCT. 8 mi car shuttle. Meet 8:00 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring 2 qt water, lunch, lugsole boots, jacket, Leader: Southern Courtney. Assistant: Richard Schamberg

SEP 7 SAT HUNDRED PEAKS
O: Cucamonga Pk (8859'), Etiwanda Pk (8662') from the east: Strenuous 13 mile, 3400' gain hike on one of the most scenic trails in the San Gabriels. Permit limits size of group. 4WD welcome. Send Sase to leader. Leader: Carleton Shay. Assistant: Ella Pennington

SEP 7 SAT HUNDRED PEAKS
I: Suicide Rock (7528'), Marion Mtn (10362'), Jean Pk (10,760'), San Jacinto (10,804'), Folly Pk (10,480'): Join us to explore the West side of Marion Ridge. Rough, strenuous hike: 13 mi, 5500' gain w much cross-country and car shuttle. Send Sase early to Diane. Leader: Frank Goodykoontz. Assistant: Diane Dunbar

SEP 7-8 SAT-SUN HUNDRED PEAKS
I: Three Sisters (8080'), Onyx (9113'), Heart Bar (8332'), Sugarloaf Mtn (9952'): Sat hike 9 mi rt, 3000' gain to 3 Sisters, drive to Onyx. Carcamp. Sun rise early to bag other two peaks, 10 mi rt, 2400' gain. Send Sase to Maggie. Leader: Maggie Singleton Wilson. Assistant: Chuck Sale

SEP 11 WED LOCAL HIKES-HUNDRED PEAKS
O: Mt Lowe (5603') from Eaton Saddle: Moderate 8 mi loop; 1000' gain. Meet 9 am La Canada rideshare pt. Have water, lunch, boots. Leader: Al Martin. Assistant: Southern Courtney

SEP 11 WED HUNDRED PEAKS
I: Sugarloaf Pk (6924') via Falling Rock Cyn: Meet 9 am at Icehouse Cyn parking lot above Mt Baldy Village. 7 mi8 rt on trail and xc; 2000' gain, mostly on steep, loose terrain. Lugsoles mandatory. Also bring canteen, lunch, rain protection. Mandatory to call leaders week of trip as party size is limited. Leader: Jerry Keating. Assistant: Nancy Keating

SPRING FLING 1996



Hundred Peaks Section Chair Ruth Dobos and Frank Dobos smile for the camera at dinner time at the Spring Fling, May 4-5, 1996, at Foster Lodge in the Laguna Mountains in San Diego County. Thirty five attended this event which included peak bagging, dinner and breakfast, entertainment, and relaxation.



Hazel Goodykoontz, left, sings along as, left to right, guitarists Ray Soucy, David Eisenberg, Rodger Maxwell and Geri Marston lead the evening's musical entertainment.



The fun spreads to the kitchen at the HPS Spring Fling. The HPS provided turkey and some of the staples as well as breakfast, while participants provided other dishes.

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting of March 14, 1996

Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium

Present Ruth Dobos (Chair), David Eisenberg, Vice-Chair (Membership & Outings), Frank Dobos (Programs), Carleton Shay (Past Chair), Charlotte Feitshans (Secretary), Jim Fleming (Treasurer), Harry Freimanis (Outreach Coordinator), Louis Quirarte (Peak Naming), Patty Kline (Merchandising).

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM by Ruth Dobos.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS Ruth announced that Gerry Dunie had passed away of cancer and asked for a minutes silence in his honor.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES The minutes of the February 8 meeting were corrected: in section I., the minutes should read "the Bylaws shall be amended to read (Title) "Leadership Emblem, 200 Leads, and Multiple List Lead Completion". In section M., delete "Treasurer", as Jim Fleming states that he did have a report. The minutes were then approved as corrected (Shay, Dobos).

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

IV. OLD BUSINESS A. Changes in By Laws Louis asked that the inch marks be changed to quotation marks in the By Laws revision. It was decided that we wouldn't change the present revision, but David will make that change for the next printing. B. Foster Lodge If we have more than 39 people at the Lodge, the committee has asked that we provide a port-a-potty. We also cannot use real wood in the fireplace; we must use Dura Logs. Ruth asked for some help with the food; David was volunteered. C. The HPS has two people working with the WTC: Diane Dunbar, representing Orange County and San Gabriel Valley, and Ray Souci, representing Long Beach. D. Membership Mailings David sent a mailing to people who had not renewed their membership for the last 5 years, asking them to rejoin. He spent approximately \$200 for the mailing and received \$486 in renewals. It seems that most people overlook the fact that they need to renew, and David would like to send a reminder to every member right before their expiration date saying, "this is your last *Lookout*." It was *m/s/p* (Shay/Feitshans) to adopt this suggestion.

E. INTERNET David informed the Board that HPS is now on the Internet. He has entered the peak list, all emblem holders, introductory hikes, rules of conduct and other pertinent information. Our web address is [Http://www.edgeinternet.com/hps/](http://www.edgeinternet.com/hps/) and will be printed in the *Lookout*. David would like to include in the information a list of the HPS officers with a short biography, a picture, and E-mail address. He asked the board members to send him this information.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. A letter has been received by the Chair asking HPS to contribute toward the refreshment bill for the joint meeting of SPS, DPS and HPS on January 10. Our portion would amount to \$12.46. It was *m/s/p* (Eisenberg, Shay) that we pay this.

B. We were also asked to contribute to the group presenting the program that evening, the Sea and Sage Audubon Society. It was *m/s/p* to also pay this fee of \$25.00.

C. The membership chair was instructed to enter Theresa Glover's list finish for March 10, 1996 when her son carried her ashes to the top of the last 2 peaks.

D. The treasurer was also instructed to pay dues to the Griffith Park Committee for June and July, 1996.

E. Louis asked permission to circulate a petition at the general meeting about a Schedule proposal.

VI. REPORTS

A. No reports were received from the following: Chair, Past Chair, Newsletter, Conservation, Mountain Records, Adopt-a-Highway, and Peak Guides

B. Vice-Chair, Outings David will give outings report at general meeting. Ruth received a letter from George Schroeder recommending that several peaks be delisted: Samon (dangerous), Hot Springs (the Indians are charging \$10 a car to access property), and Sheepshead. Discussion on this was tabled until August when the ballot issues will be discussed.

C. Secretary A new secretary, Charlotte Feitshans, has taken over the position from Peter Doggett, and she was welcomed by the board.

D. Council Representative Not present. Louis had minutes from Council meeting. (See attached.)

E. Treasurer Jim has now retrieved treasury records from Theresa's house. Our present balance is \$3124.12. Patti suggested changing banks in order to lower the bank service charge. There are banks that do not charge if you keep the balance above a certain number.

F. Programs We've reserved the big room at Tax for the HPS banquet. We expect a good turnout for the Spring Fling on May 4th and 5th. Send your reservation to Ruth Dobos. Ruth will write copy for a flyer and David will print it.

G. Membership We have 3 new members; 2 achievements (2-200 Peaks Bars and 1 List Completion) and many membership reactivations.

H. Peak Naming Louis still waiting for petition responses.

I. Outreach Coordinator The new Wilderness Areas in Joshua Tree N. M. will be restricted to group size. More information will be forthcoming. Ruth mentioned that we SHOULD be printing the hikes of DPS and SPS in our newsletter. They are listing our hikes in theirs, and we all agreed last year to do this. Harry will contact the outings chair and have them send their hikes to Joe Young.

J. Merchandise Patti doesn't have the List Completion Pins yet. They're still on order. There are T-shirts for sale tonight at the general meeting.

VII. ADJOURN The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting of April 11, 1996

Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium

Present: Ruth Dobos (Chair), David Eisenberg, Vice-Chair (Membership & outings), Charlotte Feitshans (Secretary), Jim Fleming (Treasurer), Frank Dobos (Programs), Southern Courtney (Conservation Chair/Council Rep.), Carleton Shay (Past Chair), Joe Young (*Lookout* Editor/Historian), Harry Freimanis (Outreach Coordinator), Louis Quirarte (Peak Naming), Patty Kline (Merchandising).

The meeting was called to order at 6:35PM by Ruth Dobos.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS Ruth announced that an autopsy confirmed that Theresia Glover's death was due to a congenital heart condition which brought on cardiac arrest. David submitted a letter regarding access to Mt. Wilson toll road, to be forwarded to Charlie Knapke.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: In section IV C change the spelling of Ray Soucy's name; in IV, E, change the HPS web address to: <http://www.edgeinternet.com/hps/>; in V, D, change to read "pay dues to Dept. of Parks & Recreation (for use of auditorium) through the balance of the year"; in VI, E, change spelling of George Schroedter's name and Sheephead; in VI, E, change our present treasury balance to \$5,169.57. The minutes were then approved as corrected (Fleming, Dobos).

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA The agenda for this meeting was approved.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Spring Fling - May 3,4,5

1. Ruth needs a check tonight from the Treasurer to pay fees for Foster Lodge.
2. Several of the scheduled leaders are ailing; we may have a problem with getting enough leaders.
3. We'll have music from David Eisenberg, Rodger Maxwell and Ray Soucy.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Joint HPS Membership-Household - A long discussion was held proposing that we change the name "Jt. Membership-Household" to "Joint Membership" because it becomes a problem when there is a divorce in the joint membership due to divorce. The effort is to give the man and woman equal membership when they pay the *Lookout* fee. The By-Laws state that the membership stays with the address where the newsletter is sent. It was *m/s/p* (Shay, Courtney) that we would handle each problem on an individual basis when it came up, making sure that each HPS member was recognized.

B. HPS Brochure Another long discussion ensued regarding the HPS brochures which contain the wrong FRIP number. We discussed the possibility of having a stamp made with the new number and stamping all the brochures by hand (2500 of them), or having labels made up to cover the wrong information on the brochures, or reprinting the 2500-3000 brochures that we have. It was *m/s/p* (Courtney, Dobos) to re-print 3000 brochures with the new FRIP number and the correct address for mailing - at an approximate cost of \$200.00.

C. Outings-Recruiting of Members A new item for the Sierra Club is a Special Introductory Rate Card for the recruitment of new members which offers them a \$25.00 rate for the first year (and the section signing up these members would get ½ of that money). In addition, we would give the new member a S.C. T-shirt which says "Go Take a Hike" or a fanny pack as an introductory gift. We were encouraged to take these Rate Cards on our hikes and try to sign up new members. It was *m/s/p* (Shay, Fleming) to authorize David to have 20 T-shirts and 10 fanny packs made up for our section.

D. Membership (rating) of Outing Leaders All leaders must lead only those hikes suited to his/her safety rating. The Outings Chair is the one to determine the appropriateness for that leader. If a leader leads beyond his rating, he is not covered by the Sierra Club insurance. It was *m/s/p* (Eisenberg, Shay) to support the Outings Chair if he/she must turn away any leader scheduling a hike beyond his/her rating level.

VI. REPORTS

A. No reports were received from the following: Chair, Past Chair, Secretary, Programs, Mountain Records, Peak Guides, Outreach Coordinator.

B. Vice-Chair, Outings

David feels that we, as a Section, should have our own Safety Policy and asked if anyone knew where it is located. No one seemed to know, so he will inquire at the Angeles Chapter Office. The issue was tabled for further discussion.

David would also like to reactivate an Outings/Safety Committee which would also handle membership issues. (According to the By-Laws, the Secretary and

Treasurer are automatic members of this committee. Others HPS members will be asked to be a part of the committee.)

Thanks were expressed to David for putting HPS on the Internet.

D. Council Representative

The three big issues discussed were:

1. The budget will stay the same as it was for last year (at a vote of 5-4), which means that the \$9.00 charge for the *Schedule* will remain. The budget is still not finalized for this year.
2. The Chapter's new Membership Committee and the Outings Committee are off to a good start. David attended the first meeting.
3. The Alaskan trip in May netted \$10,000 for the chapter and the auction held recently netted \$8000.

E. Treasurer

Our treasury total of all accounts totals \$4,987.63.

F. Membership

We have one new member this month. It was *m/s/p* (Feitshans, Courtney) to accept him into the Section.

G. Newsletter

The new Lookout is here tonight with a slight change in style that the printer did himself; it was not requested. The next deadline for the Lookout is the weekend of June 1 st.

H. Conservation

The HPS Section should think of, and develop, a new conservation project. This was tabled for further discussion.

I. Peak Naming

Louis still waiting for petition responses.

J. Adopt-a-Highway

No report. Jim Fleming and Mike Sandford have a clean-up hike on April 20.

K. Merchandise Patty has the list completion pins and new HPS patches. It was *m/s/p* (Fleming, Feitshans) to charge \$10.00 for the pins (a raise from \$8.00) We need to order new emblem pins. It was *m/s/p* (Fleming, Dobos) to authorize Patty to investigate the cost, report it to the Chair, and if approved by the Chair, order 50 pins for the Section.

VII. ADJOURN The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.

DESERT PEAKS SECTION OUTINGS JULY - NOVEMBER 2

Jul 6	White Mtn	John and Carol McCully	(w/K9)
Aug 3-4	Charleston Backpack	Dave Gardner/Barbara Reber	
Sep 14	Boundary/Montgomery	Fred Camphausen/Barbara Reber	(w/WTC)
Sep 28-29	Telescope/Porter	George Toby/Ron Young	
Sep 28-29	Boundary/Montgomery/Glass	Charlie Knapke/John Cheslich	
Oct 5-6	Hayford/Stirling	Bill Bradley/Barbara Reber	
Oct 12-17	Mokelumne/Leavitt/Stanislaus Disaster/Highland/Patterson	Greg and Mirna Roach	(w/SPS)
Oct 26-27	Joint Rock Workshop	Dan Richter/Bill Bradley	(w/SPS)
Nov 2	Tram from Palm Springs	John and Carol McCully	



Betty and Austin Stirratt in their desert home which has been a home away from home for many HPS hikers. On the wall behind Betty and Austin is the Special Award they received from the HPS for their generosity in welcoming so many of us. On April 20-21, Betty and Austin hosted an HPS weekend which included hiking, a pot luck dinner, and a sing-a-long with talented HPS musicians.



Frank Goodykoontz and David Eisenberg led hikers to Chaparrosa Pk as part of a weekend of fun at the home of Austin and Betty Stirratt. Four long time HPS members pose for the camera on the summit. Left to right, with year of joining the HPS: Luella Martin Fickle (1964), Henry Heusinkveld (1968), Joe Young (1971), and Frank Goodykoontz (1974).