

THE LOOKOUT



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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION

Sep - Oct 1996

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

Sep 12

Thursday

Annual Business Meeting: All members are 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.



Jack Bascom receives the John Backus Leadership Award from HPS Chair Ruth Dobos at the Monte Cristo Campground on March 10, 1996.

Oktoberfest!

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

Oct 10

Thursday

Peakbaggers Social Meeting: After usual HPS business and refreshments, **Carleton Shay** presents slide show on his trip to China including The Great Wall, Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City, Terra Cotta Warriors, Li River, and more. 7:30 pm, Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium.

Nov 14

Thursday

Peakbaggers Social Meeting: Camera Committee Chair **John Boyle** presents the scenic splendor of the High Sierra through his slides, his travels over the John Muir Trail's southern section, Evolution Valley, a July snowstorm atop Forester Pass, Dusy Basin, South Lake, Kearsarge Pass and more. This is a show not to be missed! Newcomers welcome. 7:30 pm, Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium.

ACHIEVEMENTS

100 Peaks Emblem

937	Lavonne Barker	September 28, 1995	Butterfly Peak
938	Jerry R. Wells	February 3, 1996	Rabbit Peak No. 2
939	Lucienne M. Wells	February 3, 1996	Rabbit Peak No. 2
940	Robert H. Hethmon	August 11, 1984	Iron Mountain No. 3

200 Peaks Bar

334	Erich Fickle	December 16, 1989	Alamo Mountain
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First List Completion

195	Mark Adrian	May 4, 1996	Combs Peak
196	Erich Fickle	May 14, 1994	Weidon Peak

Membership Summary

	July 1996	March 1996
Sustaining Members	8	n/a
Members	343	335
Household members	69	64
Honorary	2	2
Subscribers	79	78
Others	<u>19</u>	<u>15</u>
Total	520	494

New Members

Louise Gaul
Kim Gimenez
Sue Holloway
Kate Rogowski

New Sustaining Members

(Upgrading from Member)

Suzanne Charlston
Eric Fitzgerald
David Michaels

New Members

(Upgrading from subscribers)

Mars Bonfire
John W. Randall
Janet Damen
Heather McNaught

New Subscribers

Paul Cotter
Wayne Hobson
Thomas Hook
Thomas A. Martinez
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Peggy Ogata
Celeste Penn

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Joan Steiner
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Todd Wilson

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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.

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Please also remember that it is your subject, more so than the background, that you want to be recognized. Ask your subjects to face into the sun and to remove sunglasses before you photograph them!

From the Chair

Greetings! This has been an eventful year for the Hundred Peaks Section, and the year is just half finished!

On June 30 we celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of Weldon Heald's achievement of climbing 100 different peaks over 5,000' in Southern California with a re-enactment of the same hike. The hike went from Mt Pinos, over Sawmill Pk, to Grouse Mountain. Many of you were on hand to celebrate that event.

On July 27 approximately 100 hikers met on the summit of Waterman Mountain for the fourth anniversary rendezvous hike. Four different groups came together on the summit and we all enjoyed a nice party in HPS style. Perhaps we will see you there again next year.

Our Nominating Committee is searching for candidates for next year's HPS Management Committee. If you are interested in being on the Management Committee please contact Louis Quirarte, Carleton Shay, Joe Young or Ruth Dobos. We are especially interested in having new faces on the Management Committee.

Please come to the annual HPS Business Meeting on September 12. At that meeting the issues for the HPS ballot are



decided, including bylaw changes, peak additions or deletions, and candidates for Management Committee. After the business meeting the evening's program will be presented by Jack Bascom. Jack hiked with Weldon Heald several times, including the hike to Grouse on June 30, 1946. Jack's program is about the early days of the Mt Lowe Railroad and also the Caltech experiment to measure the speed of light. Come and join Jack Bascom for a memorable evening.

Oktoberfest is fast approaching. Volunteers are needed for many aspects of Oktoberfest, which will be held on October 4 - 5. Social Program Chair Frank Dobos has formed an Oktoberfest Committee. Please call Frank if you are interested in working on Oktoberfest this year. Do plan on attending Oktoberfest: good hiking and a good party!

As Barbara Reber mentioned in her Desert Sage Chair column, "For all you feminists out there," the Angeles Chapter climbing sections all have lady chairs: DPS - Barbara Reber; SPS - Barbee Tidball; HPS - Ruth Dobos.

Ruth

Recalling the immortalized handshake of Jack Bascom and Weldon Heald 50 years ago, Ruth Dobos and Frank Dobos clasp hands on the summit of Grouse Mountain, June 30, 1996. Ruth and Frank were two of the leaders on the 50th anniversary of Weldon Heald's attainment of his 100th peak ascent.

Check out the Hundred Peaks Section Website!

David Eisenberg has created our own special home on the Internet. The HPS site includes information about upcoming events, the people of the HPS, and recent activities. Lots of pictures, too. Accessing our site also lets you connect with other environmental organizations and hiking groups. Check it out at

<http://www.edgeinternet.com/hps/>

Current Trip Reports

50th Anniversary Hike: Commemoration of Weldon Heald's 100th Peak: Grouse Mtn June 30, 1996

Leaders: Ruth Dobos, Frank Dobos, Joe Young, Bobcat Thompson, Mike Sandford, Peter Doggett, David Eisenberg, Stag Brown, Jim Fleming
By Joe Young

Thirty one hikers met at the Sylmar rideshare point on Sunday morning for the drive to Mt Pinos. Leaving the sweltering heat of the Los Angeles basin for the relatively cool air at 8,000' was refreshing. They were joined by six more hikers at the parking lot below Mt Pinos, where Joe Young made a brief announcement about the significance of this outing, then were joined by three more hikers on the summit. Group pictures were taken at the relatively new signs marking the beginning of the trail from Mt Pinos to Cerro Noroeste. Now totaling forty hikers, the group left the summit of Mt Pinos at about 10:15 for Sawmill. The leaders took turns leading, sweeping, and mingling with the rest of the group today. One hiker checked out on Sawmill. The rest headed for Grouse Mountain. We celebrated on the summit of Grouse for over an hour. Many photographs were taken of much of the group as well as of individuals recreating the epic handshake of Jack Bascom and Weldon Heald on the summit rocks of Grouse fifty years ago. The group celebrated in customary HPS fashion with champagne and shared goodies.

The group then headed back to Pinos at varying speeds, with the slowest arriving on its summit at 4:00. Most hiked down the road to the paved parking area while a few were lucky enough to receive rides down the dusty road.

Nowadays this is a simple hike on an established and maintained trail. Many leaders today could find the summits of Pinos, Sawmill and Grouse in their sleep. But it was not always so. Fifty years ago when Jack Bascom and Weldon Heald drove to Cuddy Valley and began their hike, they had nothing but topo maps, compasses, and a will to succeed.

Mt Pinos, Sawmill Mtn, Grouse Mtn

June 30, 1946

By Jack Bascom

It was a beautiful June day when Weldon Heald and I hiked to Grouse Mtn. He was excited over the prospects of finishing his 100 Peaks. Although I had been with him in climbing a dozen other peaks on his list, I hadn't, as yet, become afflicted with the 100 Peaks "bug." I recall that I drove my car that day. We stopped at the Chuchupate Ranger Sta. in Lockwood Valley to inquire about the one way dirt road that ended in Cuddy Valley. We left the car at the highest point on the road and in less than one hour of cross-country travel, reached the top of Mt Pinos. We passed a small green cabin that had been built by Glen Bowlius, a fellow I knew. From there, we followed the present trail to Sawmill but there was no trail to Grouse Mtn. We had no champagne (its use for HPS celebrations hadn't been discovered), and to record my congratulations, Weldon set up his camera for a picture. I remember his enthusiasm and excitement, while my thoughts were "Poor fellow, he must think that someday others will be doing this."

We returned on a trail that Weldon was familiar with (he had been to Sawmill before) that was south of the present trail from Grouse to Pinos and passed by a spring.

I always enjoyed my trips with Weldon, for besides his fine personality, he was one with many new ideas and he had an abundance of mountain knowledge.

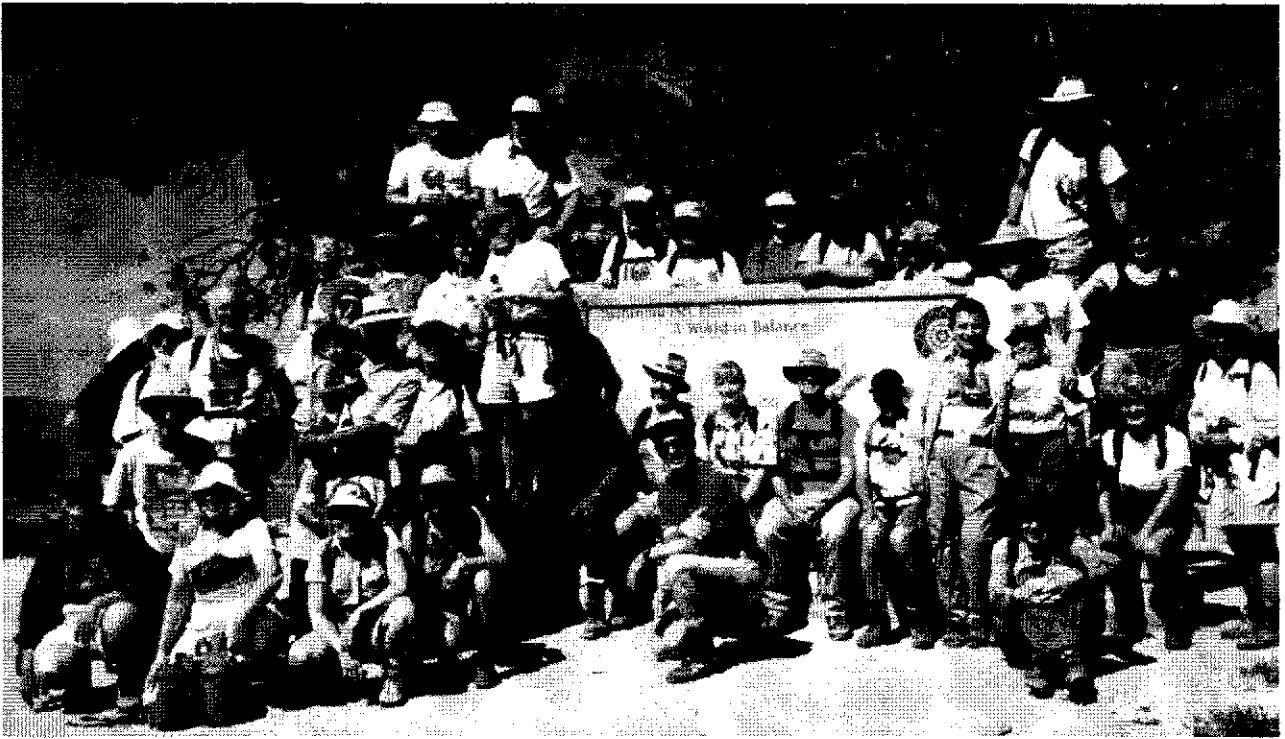
[Editor's note: Jack Bascom's write-up is a composite of his trip report which first appeared in THE LOOKOUT in 1976, and a letter to me dated July 13, 1996.]

Want to meet Jack Bascom in person? Then come to the HPS Annual Business Meeting on September 12, 1996 at the Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium. 7:30 pm. Jack presents the program that evening.



Jack Bascom (left) and Frank Goodykoontz at the 50th anniversary of his first 100 peaks game hike, March 10, 1996

Forty Hikers Participate in 50th Anniversary Hike to Grouse Mtn.



(Above) Hikers gather at the start of the trail to Sawmill and Grouse. (Below) Hikers on the summit of Grouse Mountain. Here, fifty years ago, Weldon Heald realized his dream of climbing to the summits of 100 peaks over 5,000' elevation in Southern California.



Whale Peak (5,349') Backpack

March 16-17, 1996

Leaders: Penelope May & Jeff Deifik

By Penelope May

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

This beautiful area of pinyon pines and juniper in an otherwise typical desert setting in Anza Borrego was at its spring time best when we spent the week-end hiking in it. The temperatures were ideal: up to 75 degrees in the day time and down to about 45 degrees at night. Due to lack of winter rains in li-November of last year, and, perhaps the higher elevation of 4,000 - 5,400 feet in which we found ourselves, wild flowers 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 Pinyon Mountain Road to the parking/start point. We then back-packed 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 the day. At the top, we turned leftish and traveled in a south-easterly 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 hump 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 Smuggler's 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 4800', then changed direction to south-east (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, we 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 packed 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 Smuggler's 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 week-end filled with good company, beautiful scenery and many, many laughs, mostly at my expense!

Fourth Annual Great Mt Waterman Rendezvous Hike July 27, 1996

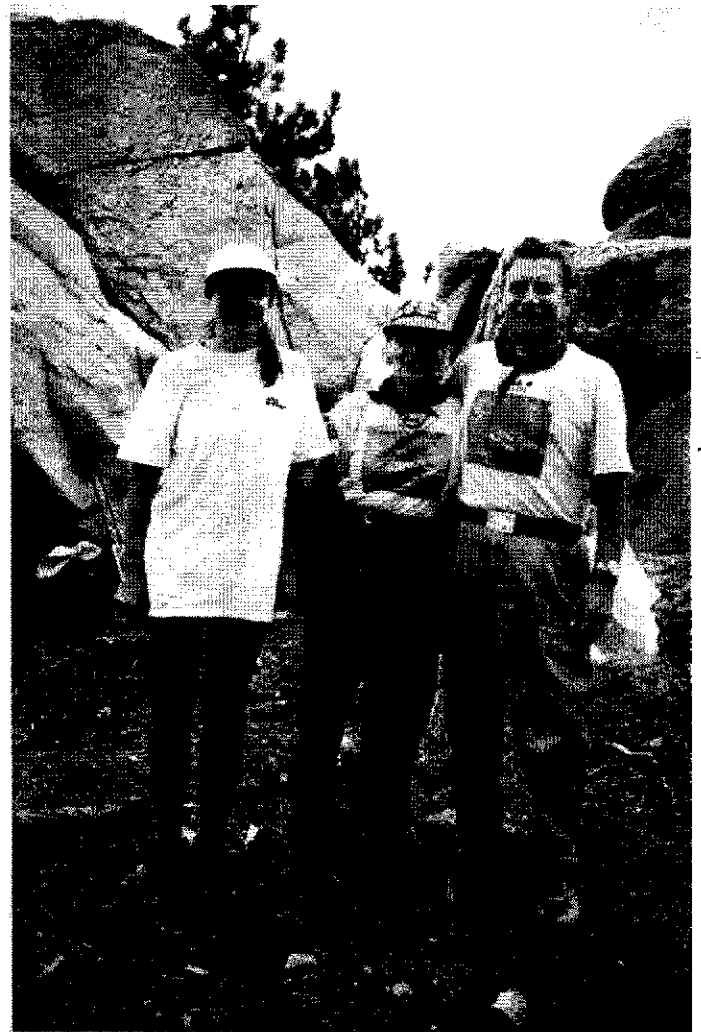
**Leaders: Ruth Dobos, Frank Dobos, Bobcat
Thompson, David Eisenberg, Jim Fleming,
Bob Freed, Southern Courtney, Stag Brown
By Joe Young**

Ninety (90) hikers signed in on four different hikes today. Together with a few stragglers and individual hikers, over 100 hikers arrived at the summit of Mt Waterman between noon and 1 pm. Frank Goodykoontz and Diane Dunbar were scheduled to lead a fifth hike, but they had no takers and decided to join Bobcat's and Stag's hike.

A few dark clouds kept the humidity up but the temperature down, and this provided some relief from recent hot weather in Los Angeles. However, the only rain encountered amounted to a few drops striking windshields as we drove back to La Cañada after the hike.

A variety of options was available today. Jim Fleming's hike of Twin Peaks & Waterman was the hardest, and met quite early. Southern Courtney's hike began with a warm-up climb of Winston Peak, then ascended Waterman via steep slope from Cloudburst Summit. Bobcat's climb also scaled the slope from Cloudburst, but did not include a warm-up hike. Frank Dobos led his hike via the trail from the Angeles Crest Highway which begins 0.4 mile east of the Waterman ski lift. By the way, the ski lift was operating and, for \$5, much of the gain and loss on foot could have been eliminated!

This outing produced one achievement: Cathy Reynolds recorded her 100th peak on the Hundred Peaks Section List. Congratulations!



(Left) HPS leaders assemble on the summit of Mt. Waterman. (Above) Cathie Reynolds, who bagged her 100th HPS peak today, poses with Ruth Dobos and Frank Dobos on Waterman.

**Gobbler's Knob (6,955') & Circle
Mountain (6,875')
John Wells' 100th Peak
July 6, 1996
By Penelope May**

Other Participants: John Wells, Phil Wells, Ron May, Jerry & Lucy Wells, Joan Baker

John's grand and glorious 100th peak was harder to select than to climb! In the middle of a scorching July, where can you climb to celebrate the occasion when: 1) you have climbed all the obviously local peaks; 2) you prefer not to melt; 3) HPS has nothing appropriate scheduled (and you certainly couldn't wait...that would require a pause

in hiking...out of the question); 4) you are accommodating friends driving from both Camarillo and Laguna Beach; 5) the Big Horn Sheep lambing season has closed the roads to some of the more obscure (but suitable) peaks; and, 6) one of your pals is recovering from a broken ankle? After

several exhausting weeks of deliberation, a plethora of telephone calls and schedule changes, combined with the thumbing of numerous guides and topos, finally the date, place and time were fixed: Circle Mountain near Wrightwood was triumphant!

We all met at 1 pm at the Mormon Rocks Ranger Station: it was nice and toasty by then! The pending 100 Peak Prince was trumpeting yet another fabulous climbing (because it's there!) tee-shirt, for which he suffered suitable abuse from the other more meekly clad participants. After a few brief rah! rah!'s, we left to find Gobbler's Knob...and climbed it; that was #99. Our newcomer friend Joan, an HPS beginner, sweated up the peak and drummed her chest with pride: #2 for her and very gratifying! (Little does she know, yet!) After we sun-burned ourselves on the bare peak reminiscing about the 99 peaks and working up some real excitement and anticipation for #100,



we slid down the peak and "hot-footed" it over to Circle Mountain parking area.

By this time, unknown to John, we had all secreted into our various packs 2 bottles of chilled champagne (with ice!), wine glasses, hors d'oeuvres including prosciutto and melons, various exotic cheeses, fruit and stuffed grape leaves, and an excellent (judging by its bulk and weight) camera. John had missed the action as he was busy changing into yet another braggart tee-shirt! Thence, onward we went: the "trail" up Circle Mountain was straight up, and fire-break or not, very rough, slippery and rubbly, and also, completely exposed to the blazing sun. En route, as John sprang to the peak with his next-to-nothing pack, he encouraged us poor

burros to keep going...especially Joan, who had generously volunteered to bring the champagne and glasses (and was carrying them). Only as she hauled herself up that mountain did she realize the full implications

of her selection (and the nature of her friends)!

Once up the meager but blistering 1.5 miles to the peak, we collapsed in the shade of some welcome shrubs, congratulating John loudly. After the appropriate photo-shoot, we spread out an ecologically sound (camouflage) blanket and served up our picnic celebration, much to John's (and his son Phil's) astonishment and glee. The champagne helped us step lightly on our return down the mountain, particularly Joan!

Later, over dinner, Jerry and Lucy presented John (in his 3rd shirt of the day!) with his HPS 100th Peak patch and pin; and, Ron and Pen presented him with a rock from the peak adorned with an engraved brass plate commemorating the occasion. It was a grand day of accomplishment, friendship and laughter: and we all achieved our own little victories as we enjoyed watching our star claim his 100th Peak!

**6th Annual Chili Cookoff
& Peak Climb: Whale Peak (5349')
March 30-31, 1996**

**Leaders: Leora & Ron Jones, Igor &
Suzanne Mamedalin**

Anza Borrego State Park was this year's location for the peak climb and chili cookoff contest. Having both the DPS and HPS represented may have made the difference, as this year was a record turnout.

Ron & I drove out Friday am to search for wildflowers as well as scout for a good camping spot. The former was quite difficult as ABSP got only 2 inches of rain versus the usual 6+ inches. Even Henderson Canyon road just outside of Borrego Springs hadn't a flower. Usually it is covered with sand verbena and primrose. The ocotillo was in full bloom with brilliant red-orange tips and a few desert dandelions and chaparrosa here and there if you looked carefully.

Officially we met Saturday morning at 7am at the entrance to Pinyon Mtn Road and Whale Peak. Ron and Igor led 30 hikers without incident up and back to the cars in 4 hours. From there they caravanned over to Font's Pt Road and the camping spot for the evening off Hwy S22. As the afternoon progressed more and more vehicles arrived and the number totaled around 60 people.

All 13 cooks were spending various amounts of time preparing their entries. Some were barbecuing meat, others chopping onions or garlic, and yet others sauteing and mixing various ingredients to add to their chili. The cooks included: Jeff Solomon, Bill Gray, Keats Hayden, Jim Hinkley, John Connelly and those listed below.

After the traditional happy hour in the late afternoon, we began the tasting and judging of

all the entries. Beano has been a sponsor for us for several years and once again provided gifts for all of the cooks. This year we had three more sponsors: Desert Peaks Section contributing three T-shirts, the Hundred Peaks Section contributing one T-shirt, and Hunt-Wesson contributing several food items, T-shirts, hats and a watch. After Tom & Karen Ferguson and Bruce Turner counted ballots, Igor and I presented gifts and awards to the winners as shown at the bottom of this page.

Also as tradition states, the winning chili (in this case chilies), are posted in the *SAGE* write-up for the trip. They follow this article.

Later we had a roaring campfire and no shortage of wood. The song books came out as did two guitars and folk songs. The Hyakutake Comet was quite visible. There were several pairs of binoculars as well as a 1000M telescope and we got good views of the comet, Venus and the Moon. The evening was comfortably cool and everyone passed a good night, especially those who took Beano!

Sunday morning the group split up. The official group went up to the Maidenhair Falls in Hellhole Canyon. Showers were enjoyed and the water was cold. Graham Breakwell and Robin hiked Villager Peak in 8 hours. Several went with John & Carol McCully to climb Palomar High Point, and others went with Linda McDermott & Ron Grau to explore a nearby slot canyon.

Thanks to everyone for a wonderful success, to Ron, Igor & Suzanne for fine assistance, the cooks for sharing their epicurean skills, and the tasters for their support. And certainly, thanks to **Beano, DPS, HPS and Hunt-Wesson** for supporting this event and being so generous in their contributions.

Winners

	<u>1st Place</u>	<u>2nd Place</u>	
Grand Prize:	Mike Treat*	Linda McDermott	
Best traditional:	Ron Jones*	Fran Geil	
Spiciest:	Jackie Meese	Mike Treat	* Recipe on following
Most Unusual:	Mike Treat*	John Gibba	page
Vegetarian:	Suzanne Mamedalin*	Judy Ware	

SUZANNE'S "Eggplant Madness" **Vegetable Chili**

Ingredients: 1 medium eggplant, unpeeled, cut up; 1 whole garlic, peeled & minced; 2 large onions, diced; 2 green, 2 red bell peppers, chopped; 4 zucchini, 4 crook-neck squash, sliced; 1 lb. canned garbanzo beans; 1 Lb. canned kidney beans; 2 28 oz cans Hunt's whole tomatoes; 12 fresh tomatoes, chopped; 1 can corn; 1 can sliced jalapenos.

Spices: 4 Tbs. chili powder; 4 Tbs. olive oil, virgin; 2 Tbs. cumin; 2 Tbs. dried oregano; 2 Tbs. dried basil; 2 tsp black pepper; 1 tsp kosher salt; 2 tsp fennel seed; 1 cup parsley, chopped 2-1/2 Tbs. dill; 1/2 cup lemon juice.

Sprinkle eggplant with coarse salt and allow to "drain". Saute onions, garlic in olive oil until soft. Saute "drained" eggplant separately in olive oil or Bordeaux wine. Place all vegetables, beans and spices (except dill and lemon juice) in an 8 gallon chili pot.

Simmer for 1-1/2 to 2 hours. Add dill and lemon juice. Serve over rice and top with cheese. Ouwee, hot and spicy!!!

CHEF MICHAEL TREAT'S **French Chili**

Ingredients: 4-1/2 lb.. French veal and pork sausage with tarragon; 1/2 cup Archie Moore's Buffalo Wing sauce; 2/3 oz fresh chopped tarragon; and 3 Tbs. dried tarragon 1 Tbs. hot Hungarian paprika; 1/2 tsp cayenne powder; 5 Tbs. chili powder; 1/2 cup dry sherry.

Cut up sausage in 1/2" chunks and cook in skillet with 8 Tbs. oil. Combine sausage with remaining ingredients and refrigerate overnight: 1 box dried chanterelle mushrooms, cleaned, hydrated (reserve the soaking water)-cut into 3/4" pieces; 2 large onions, chopped; 2 Habanero chills, chopped; 1 large green pepper, chopped; 6 Thai chills, diced; 1 large red pepper, chopped; 2 large jalapeno peppers, chopped; 3 Serrano chills, chopped.

Saute the above mixture with 4 Tbs. olive oil in large pot. When tender add sausage mixture and combine with:

1 14.5 oz can S & W ready cut tomatoes w/Jalapenos; 1 cup dry sherry 2 large sticks of

Chinese Tonguing cassia cinnamon; The reserved mushroom liquid.

Cook on medium heat until mixture starts to thicken. Now add:

8 crushed Tecpin peppers; 2 15-1/2 cans garbanzo beans; 16 oz sour cream; 3 cups heavy cream 3/4 tsp ground cassia cinnamon; 1 chopped chanterelle mushroom; 3 oz bottle of capers with liquid.

Cook all on low heat to just the boiling point. Thicken if necessary with 3 Tbs. of arrow root & water mixed in a separate bowl. Cook on low heat to desired consistency. Salt to taste. Add 3 Tbs. dried chervil 5 minutes before serving. Serves 8, do not cut recipe.

JONES "Mad-Cow" Beef Chili

Ingredients: 1/4 Lb.. diced bacon, 3 Lb.. cubed tri-tip roast, 1 Lb. chopped onions, 14 oz beef broth, 46 oz kidney beans, optional water, 3 dry Chipotles (smoked jalapenos) 28 oz can Hunt's diced tomatoes in puree.

Spices: 1 Tbs. cumin, 3 Tbs. chili powder, 2 tsp. paprika, 2 tsp. oregano, 1 tsp. thyme, 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon, 4 minced large garlic cloves, (chopped red onions for garnish)

Cook bacon until crisp. Brown the beef in bacon grease. Saute onions, add cumin, chili, paprika and all spices. Continue to saute. Stir all together (meat, spice, garlic, broth, tomatoes, chipotle chilies).

Partly cover and simmer 3 hours or until beef is tender. Serve over rice and top with chopped red onions.

The Best San Jacinto backpack **July 13-14**

By Richard J. Hughes

I've always had a penchant for hiking/climbing along ridges. A visit by a British friend of mine, Lawrence, now living in Indiana, who wanted to go on a weekend backpack, gave me the impetus to try out a backpack on Mt. San Jacinto that I've had in mind for some time.

Ten of us, me and Patsy, Lawrence and his girlfriend Deborah, Carl, Ced, Doug, Jon, Alex and Judy, met at 8 pm Friday night and car-pooled out to Apple Valley, where we spent

the night.

Next morning, we awoke and ate breakfast in time to arrive in Idyllwild at 7.30 am. Although I really wanted a permit for the State Park's Tamarack Valley campground, I knew from calling them on Friday afternoon that there would be no more than 2 sites available. Just in case both these sites were already taken, I asked Doug to wait at the forest Service office, just around the corner, to reserve a permit for a campsite in the Desert View Zone. Mt. San Jacinto is under the jurisdiction of both the USFS and the California State Park. Separate zones, separate permits and separate offices! This is just as bad as the Canadian system.

I was the first in line at the State Park office when the door opened and I was able to procure the second last permit for Tamarack Valley. I asked Carl to hightail it over to the USFS office and tell Doug not to get the other permit. Too late! Carl was a minute too late. The USFS staffer wasn't too happy when Doug handed back the permit saying he didn't need it after all. "Why did you ask for it then?" Doug told him the story but this is unlikely to bring these agencies to their senses. It's just more work for everyone, both us and the rangers.

I picked up a permit for Alex, who was planning to dayhike to the summit with Judy. Where was Alex though? He showed up a little later, sweating and dirty. His car had got stuck in the sand as he left Apple Valley and no one had noticed. It took him and Judy half an hour to free the car - and I thought they had just popped over to the grocery store.

We drove up to the South Ridge trailhead, passing a large rattlesnake, left Doug's truck there, drove back to the State Park office and picked up the others, except for Alex and Judy who'd headed for the Marion Mountain trailhead. Alex didn't want any more experience with bad dirt roads! We drove eight people in two trucks up to the Fuller Ridge trailhead, at 7,700 ft the highest trailhead on Mt. San Jacinto aside from the upper tram station, although I don't count that as a legitimate means to access the Wilderness. We packed up and set off at 10 am down the trail.

The Fuller Ridge trail intersects the Deer Springs trail after 5 miles and heads up to Little Round Valley, where we were passed by Judy,

running down from the peak, and some time later by Alex who stopped to share his food with us. Also along the way, we ran into Debbie who has been on several Sierra Club trips with us. We topped off our water bottles at Little Round Valley and headed on. We were soon waylaid by two rangers, who asked to see our permit. Of course, I couldn't remember where I'd put the damn thing. Finally I remembered that I'd put it in my wallet. I pulled out the wallet. "Do you guys take American Express?". No, I thought not. I gave them the permit and they signed it off, happy to have come across yet another group of law-abiding hikers.

On San Jacinto there weren't very many people. The view was obscured by a high layer of smog, extending upwards to about 11,000 ft. This is the worst smog I have ever encountered from either San Jacinto or San Geronimo. Too thick that we were toiling uphill, breathing deeply and filling our lungs with that crap.

My old San Jacinto 7.5 minute topo map, held together by Scotch tape, shows a trail descending from below the eastern side of the summit to the vicinity of Tamarack campground. This trail has been removed from the newer maps, both the topo maps and the San Jacinto Wilderness maps. Since it affords a shortcut to the campground and just because it's secret, I had to find it!

The official trail descending the east side of the peak makes a large switchback, switching from north to south. The "secret" trail takes off from this trail after this switchback and after passing a draw. After the trail passes the draw, keep taking compass readings off the peak on the right hand side of the trail, Jean Peak. When this bearing is 230 degrees grid north, look for a parallel line of rocks heading sharply back to the left; this is the "secret" trail.

The upper part of the secret trail is somewhat hard to follow as it switchbacks down through a talus field, but ducks help mark the way. Soon you reach a flat area where the trail skirts the edge of a slope overlooking the valley below. This section of the trail commands a fine view of Cornell Peak. After following the edge south for a little while, the trail begins to switchback down through chaparral. Although this is for the most part benign, a little judicious pruning is warranted in places.

The secret trail intersects the Round/Tamarack valley trail halfway between the Tamarack Valley and Round Valley campsites. At this point our group split into three, some going to Round Valley about five minutes distant to fill water bottles, some going ahead to Tamarack Valley to look for a campsite and a couple staying behind to guard the backpacks of the water bearers.

Water in hand, we headed toward Tamarack Valley and were met by Lawrence who guided us to our home for the night. It was almost dark. We picked out level spots and started dinner. Entertained by poetry and jokes, sharing hors d'oeuvres and drinking Margaritas, all we missed was a campfire. Campfires are forbidden by the State Park although they are allowed in the National Forest region of the Mt. San Jacinto Wilderness with a yellow post site permit.

Next morning after breakfast, there was little enthusiasm for climbing Cornell Peak. Carl and I had climbed it previously, so it was no loss to either of us. Instead, we set off on the trail at 9 am, stopping briefly in Round Valley to replenish our water supply before heading uphill to Wellman Divide.

We reached Tahquitz Peak at 1 pm and ate lunch in the shade; it was uncomfortably hot. We could hear the intermittent rumble of thunder and off in the distance, over Thomas Mountain, sheets of raining were falling.

Oddly enough, the fire lookout tower on Tahquitz has been abandoned and is falling into dangerous disrepair. As we set off down the South Ridge trail, clouds interceded on our behalf and we walked down in the shade. Half a mile before we reached the trailhead the rain started. It was nothing serious, just enough to change the character of the forest.

Everyone piled into Doug's truck and we drove over to the Fort. We bought some cold drinks and left the others to browse Idyllwild while Doug drove Carl and me back to the Fuller Ridge trailhead. Allow a full two hours for this car shuttle.

At the trailhead we found a daypack beside the tailgate of the Bronco. I looked inside for identification but couldn't be sure to whom it belonged. I wasn't going to chance not taking it and having to drive back there, another two

hours. It turned out that the pack belonged to Deborah and nothing inside had been touched. That's honesty!

Everyone met at Señor Rubens for dinner. This place was a disaster. I guess the current owners don't care since it is currently up for sale. The asking price is \$155,000. If you buy it, make sure you have soap in the bathrooms! I make it a policy never to return to a restaurant that has as much trouble as Señor Rubens did in providing soap in their bathrooms.

The men's bathroom was out of order all the time we were there and there was no soap in the women's bathroom. I had to hang around making a nuisance of myself (at which I've fortunately had much practice) for a full 10 minutes before I finally got some soap. It's little wonder that people get sick eating in restaurants when not even the kitchen staff can wash their hands adequately after using the bathroom. When we were leaving, neither of the bathrooms was working! I offered to go to the Fort if they gave me a quarter so that I could open the door to use those bathrooms; instead they had us wait. The staff was far from gracious. As we were getting into our cars, I noticed one of the girls who worked there returning from the nearby grocery store with a bottle of liquid soap in hand. Next time, I'm going to La Casita for my Idyllwild Mexican dinner fix!

I highly recommend this trip if you can arrange the car shuttle. All in all, this was the best backpacking trip that I've done on the San Jacinto massif. The only trip that offers comparable scenery is to hike the Desert Divide but this is a spring or fall, not a summer trip.

Stats

This trip requires 10 miles hiking each day with 4,000 ft gain on Saturday and 2,000 ft gain on Sunday. Reliable water can be found at Little Round Valley and Round Valley. A detour could be made to get water from Tahquitz Creek before you reach Tahquitz Peak. Even without using the ephemeral streams, Patsy carried 1 quart of water and I carried 1.5 quarts (although I did use a water bag to carry water from Round Valley to our campsite). Our backpacks(*) weighed less than 25 lbs. The car shuttle requires 2 hours driving time from Idyllwild to the Fuller Ridge trailhead and back. High ground clearance vehicles are mandatory; 4WD is helpful but not

essential.

How does one carry a light backpack? Here is my formula:

Pack and sleeping

- Gregory Two Day pack (has a well-padded hipbelt)
- Moss Starlight tent without the flysheet (I left the flysheet in the car)
- no sleeping bag (Patsy carried one Marmot down bag with a coupler kit that we shared)
- Ridgerest mattress

Clothes

- pair of shorts, T-shirt, sun hat and both a thin and a thick pair of socks to wear whilst hiking
 - Danner Mountain lightweight boots
 - Moonstone rain jacket, pile jacket and a pair of long pants
 - Lifa lightweight polypropylene tops and bottoms, an extra pair of socks, wool hat and a bandana
- Cooking and food

- 1 pint white gasoline (Ced carried the Whisperlight stove)
- 1 quart Margarita for the pot-luck hors d'oeuvres
- mug and coffee filter holder
- four apples, hot chocolate mix, ground coffee and coffee filters (Patsy carried the rest of the food)

Other essentials

- San Jacinto Peak 7.5 min topo map and permit, Silva Ranger compass, Swiss Army "climber" knife, wallet and keys
- Petzl Zoom headlamp, first aid kit, sunglasses and sunscreen
- Katadyn water filter, REI water bag, a 1.5 quart water bottle, 1 oz liquid soap and a toothbrush (Patsy carried the toothpaste)

Of course, you might not be so lucky as to have Patsy and Ced along to carry the sleeping bag, food and stove. In this case you should probably save some weight by leaving the quart of Margarita home!

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WHERE LUG SOLES FEAR TO TREAD

Martin Feather & Cristy Bird

Seeking backpacking routes to some of the HPS peaks, we followed some OHV trails recently:

Over the New Year period we took the bike trail 1W17 from (west of) Crab Flats down to Holcomb Creek and up to Hawes. We were relying upon the recent snowfall to have deterred the majority of would-be OHVers. One "clutch" (?) of bikers passed us, and a couple of 4-wheel-gizmos pattered around, but generally it was quiet. Nevertheless, we were happy to leave the trail and descend to the foot of Hawes. With water nearby from Line Spring, we had an ideal base camp from which to scale the looming summits of Ingham, the two Shays, and Deer. Our exit route followed the old foot-trail along Cox Creek and then up to intersect the OHV ridge route (the point where the foot trail leaves the OHV route has been deliberately hidden). This being New Year's Day, the revelers of the night before had not yet revived, so we were able to scurry along without fear of being turned into road kill.

Later this Winter we drove through Hungry Valley, with our backpacks hidden in the rear of our 4WD Ford Explorer, to get to the start of the Snowy Creek trail. This, an old motorcycle trail in the Los Padres, is currently closed to all use, however the ranger gave us permission to hike it that day. The early part of the trail exhibits some truly spectacular erosion - it's like walking down a bobsled track! Alan Coles tells us that eventually the trail is to be re-routed to avoid its environmentally-sensitive Piru Creek crossing location, and re-opened to OHVs. We had the trail to ourselves, and greatly enjoyed camping in the Snowy Creek canyon. We day-hiked from there to Snowy Peak, but declined the opportunity to continue on to Black. (Instead, we hiked the latter from Buck Creek on a separate trip - have to spread those peaks out among multiple backpack trips!)

The secret of our "success" in avoiding OHVers in OHV areas? Remain attuned to the OHV thought-processes! For example, we drove up Geringer Grade to get to the trailhead for Weldon. Despite its name, we'd say this road's surface is quite DEgraded...ruts big enough to swallow a motorcycle and then some.

P.S., In the last couple of years we have noticed many HPS routes, including off-trail routes, that were marked with ribbons in assorted antinatural colors (neon red, pink, orange, etc.) tied to trees and bushes. These ribbons are

completely inappropriate in natural surroundings. We would like to remind folks that there are less obnoxious ways to mark routes (e.g., "ducks" limited to a few critical locations).

Modest Pursuits: A Lower Peaks Section

List Finish

Private Trip 6/29/96-6/30/96

By Erik Siering

It's similar to eating Lay's potato chips. You can't finish just one peaks list.

So, after prior HPS and DPS exploits, I completed the LPS list on Silver Peak (6/30/96). I'd been surprised to learn that I was only the second LPS finisher to date. Jean Hermanson had finished but one month earlier, near the HPS Big Three on Cachuma Pk.

Bob Sumner and I set out early Saturday from Avalon Bay, to saunter a 30+ mile length of Catalina Island. We scaled Orizaba and Black Jack Mtns, skirted bison, lunched at Two Harbors, and finally arrived in the hot afternoon at the remote beach campground of Parson's Landing. Here we met friends Ann Kramer, Patty Kline, Asher and Jack Waxman, Dan and Willy Richter, Barbara Cohen and Dave Sholle. Most packed in from nearby Emerald Bay. Ann and Patty had started from Two Harbors, pausing enroute for naptime at a local Boy Scout camp. We enjoyed a warm evening happy hour and worked beachside bouldering problems as the sun set, revealing the lights of Los Angeles.

Sunday morning, Bob, Ann and I hiked on steep trail round the West End to the summit. We stirred wild boar and an inquisitive Catalina fox. Dan, Patty, Barbara, and Dave, now joined by Diane Harmon, came up the East side to party with us on top. Ann and I then continued on the long ridge road descent to the Isthmus, as the others took boats out of Emerald Bay. Most of the group rendezvoused for an excellent champagne brunch at Doug's Restaurant at Two Harbors (reservations recommended). Lots of bubbly that day!

LPS peaks are Southland tops below the 5000' elevation required for HPS consideration. The list is a mixed bag of fifty-eight high points and bumps, with both standouts and dogs. I can recommend most, but not all, of them. Some peaks are near HPS summits; others are quite off the beaten path. Great climbing it's not, but it

offers a variety of hiking and scrambling to places rarely visited. It provides an alternative winter conditioning regimen comparable to the HPS. And solitude. I never saw another hiker on these peaks.

LPS peaks can be tougher than those of the HPS. There are NO drive-ups. Several have lengthy approaches. Some are truly horrific brushfests, far exceeding the HPS standard. Registers are scarce. Most are rarely, if ever, led. But there are those peaks you may have already done unawares (see Bonita). Peak guides, sans maps, are available from Gordon Lindberg. Be forewarned that these writeups are dated, and consequently some of the information and indicated routes are inaccurate or simply fictional. Part of the adventure!

Here are my picks for the LPS winners and duds. Try a few.

BEST:

Santa Paula Pk Ventura, adjoining Los Padres NF wilderness, good trail

Valencia Pk Montana d'Oro State Park, great oceanside trail and views

Saddleback Pk State Park in Antelope Valley, nice desert trail and views

Gaviota Pk Santa Barbara, coastline views, hot spring at its base!

Brown Mtn San Gabriels front range (Stag's favorite non-HPS?)

Silver Pk Catalina Island highpoint, wonderfully remote West End

WORST:

Old Sugarloaf the most brush

Burro Mtn more brush

Agua Tibia Mtn brush

SILLY:

Bonita benchmark bump on the ridge trail to (Big) Iron Mtn

San Mateo Pk rarely visited Santa Ana brushwhack, not much of a view

HARD:

Wild Horse Pk long dayhike loop combined with Eagle Crag and Agua Tibia Mtn

Harrison Mtn San Bernardino front range, interesting route access

REGISTER BOX

By Jim Adler

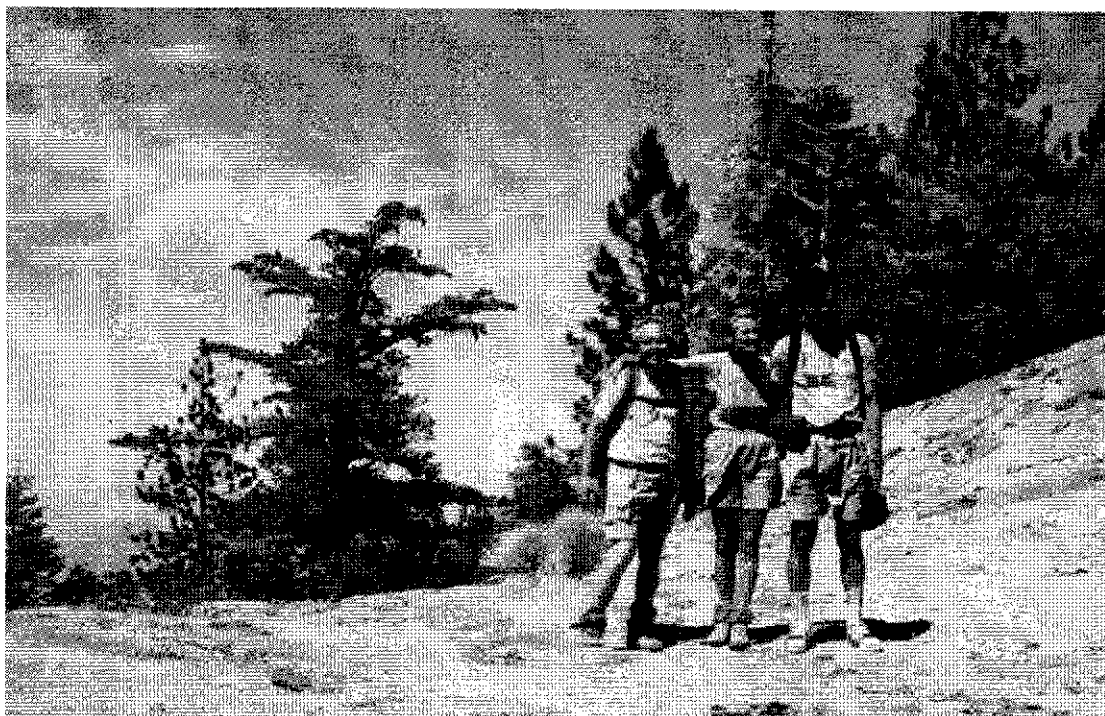
During the last period four registers were reported replaced or found while seven new missing reports were received. Informants included: Peter Doggett, Gabriel Rau, Rob Langsdorf, Walter Studhalter, Bob Hethmon, Joe Young, and Bob Beach.

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
13F	Mt. Williamson	missing	6-96
13I	Winston Ridge	deficient	4-96
14F	Mt Hawkins	missing	6-96
14G	Throop Peak	missing	7-96
16F	Thunder Mtn	missing	9-92
24D	Anderson Pk	missing	6-96
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
27I	Marion Pk	missing	7-96
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

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.)



50th anniversary hike to Pleasant View Ridge (July 21, 1996) took on an international flavor. Virgil Popescu, born in Romania, Heather McNaught, born in New Zealand, and Ken Nakakoji, born in Japan, pose for the camera at Burkhart Saddle after returning from Will Thrall Pk and Pleasant View Ridge. They and fourteen other hikers participated in this re-enactment of a hike led by Jack Bascom in 1946.

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting of May 9, 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), Joe Young (*Lookout* Editor/ Historian), Charlie Knapke (Mountain Records Chair), Louis Quirarte (Peak Naming), Bob Thompson (Peak Guides).

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

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair announced that, in a vote taken March 25, 1996, the Angeles Chapter Council has voted unanimously to support the HPS in our peak-naming efforts.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Aside from the correction of the spelling of *Patty's* name, the minutes for April 11 were approved (Dobos, Eisenberg).

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A. Addition: the HPS Safety Policy

B. Addition: Conservation project for HPS

C. Addition: additional HPS representative for Council meetings The agenda for this meeting was approved (Feitshans, Dobos).

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Spring Fling - May 3,4,5

The event was a great success. We had 35 people attending, with many hikes. The treasury made \$97.00.

B. Mt. Wilson Toll Rd: the letter received by HPS was sent to Charlie Knapke to

handle. Charlie suggested that Ruth send it to the Pasadena Group since it involves the Pasadena Water Region.

C. There will be a meeting of the newly-formed Outings Committee on Tuesday, May 14 at 6:30 pm, California Pizza Kitchen in Glendale. The discussion will be to update the HPS safety policy and Leaders' guidelines. Members: Ruth and Frank Dobos, David Eisenberg, Charlotte Feitshans and Jim Fleming.

D. Conservation Project – tabled until next meeting

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Problems on Internet – the meeting was adjourned temporarily by the Chair and went into Executive Session for discussion of this issue.

B. Oktoberfest 1996 – a committee is needed. Frank Dobos to head it; other volunteers were Jim Fleming, Ruth Dobos and Louis Quirarte.

VI. REPORTS

A. Chair: The Chair approved the purchase of 50 new Emblem pins at cost of \$800. When they are in our possession to sell, the price will have to be increased.

B. Vice Chair, Outings.: There will be a Leaders' Outings meeting on June 20. Details later.

C. No reports were received by the following: Council Rep, Secretary, Past Chair, Conservation, Council Representative, Adopt-A-Highway, Outreach Coordinator, Merchandise.

D. Treasurer: This time of the year, it's customary that we're spending more money than we're taking in, due to **THE LOOKOUT** printing and mailing and other bills, etc. Last year's Oktoberfest lost \$326 and the HPS Banquet in January made \$408.

E. Programs David Eisenberg volunteered to bring refreshments for the June meeting as Ruth and Frank are presenting the program. Louis Quirarte volunteered to make 100 flyers for the July meeting program.

H. Membership:

1. We have one new member this month, 1 new sustaining member, two list completions and 1 Pathfinder completion.

2. David displayed a renewal return-envelope that might be used to send to members as reminders. It was m/s/p (Feitshans, Fleming) to accept these members and achievements and to approve use of renewal envelope.

I. Newsletter: Written report attached. The Chair will submit highlights of monthly management minutes for publication in **THE LOOKOUT**.

K. Mountain Records New Peak Guides are available, as are maps for the new wilderness areas. It was recommended to put on the ballot the proposal to re-list Snow and Kitching, which CAN be done as difficult backpacks. This was tabled until next meeting. The Reyes/Haddock road is still closed.

L. Peak Naming: Progress is being made on the peak-naming. A Sierra Club flyer by Louis was circulated. A new petition was circulated to place on the ballot the issue of a "free" S.C. Schedule.

N. Peak Guides: There have been numerous requests for a new set of updated peak lists to be put up for sale. It was m/s/p (Feitshans, Dobos) to authorize this.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting of June 13, 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 (Council representative, Conservation Chair), Carleton Shay (Past Chair), Mary Hopkins (Council representative Associate), Joe Young (*Lookout* Editor/ Historian), Louis Quirarte (Peak Naming), Bob Thompson (Peak Guides).

The meeting was called to order at 6:24 PM by Ruth Dobos.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair announced that the management meeting will end at 7:30 sharp, whether business is concluded or not.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. In section K, Snow and Kitching were not to be relisted, but kept on the suspended list until August or September when we can decide whether to put them on the ballot to delist.

B. Sections G, P, and K should read **not present**.

C. The minutes were approved as corrected (Shay, F. Dobos)

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A. Addition: the HPS Safety Policy under new business.

B. Addition: To form a nominating committee for the Management Committee and to form an Awards Committee for both the HPS Awards and National Awards.

C. The agenda for this meeting was approved (Feitshans, Eisenberg).

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. The proposed HPS Safety Policy (amended by a committee of management committee members who met after the last management meeting) was passed out and discussed.

B. It was m/s/p (Dobos, Eisenberg) to accept this policy. It will now be presented to the Chapter Safety Chair for approval.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. The Nominating Committee for the Management Committee will consist of Louis Quirarte, Joe Young, Ruth Dobos, and Carleton Shay.

B. The Awards Committee will consist of Ruth Dobos (Chair), David Eisenberg, Carleton Shay and Southern Courtney.

C. An Elections Committee must be formed soon.

VI. REPORTS

A. Chair: The Chair agreed that the HPS should take part in the three climbing sections' joint meeting next January, but will refuse to participate in paying for the program for that evening.

B. Vice Chair/Outings: The new brochures are ready tonight. They are to be handed out to prospective members and placed at various sporting stores for the general public.

C. Council Rep:

1. One representative means one vote on the Council, regardless of the number of entities the person represents.

2. A written proxy is to be used in case of Council Rep's absence.

3. June 20 on KCET will be a program called John Muir's Long Walk.

4. The vote for the "free" Schedule looks very good.

5. There is a proposal before the Council that all chapters, regardless of size, will get \$50,000 a year. This is to help the smaller chapters, but will impact our portion a great deal. Any alternative ideas to present to the Council are welcomed by the Council Rep.

6. The Southern Sierran is very expensive to publish. The Council is trying to propose the elimination of it and use that money for the "free" Schedule and other projects.

7. The Council wants to make itself available for assistance needed by the sections.

D. Treasurer:

1. The treasury balance stands at \$5,129.20.

2. We still need to look into using another bank in order to get a lower monthly bank charge.

E. Programs: Interesting programs are scheduled for each month of this year and also a program on Petroglyphs for the January HPS banquet.

F. Past Chair: A phone call from Ron Jones mentions information about a newsletter put out by the Forest Service in the Baldy District. The publication is handed out at various campgrounds, at the station, etc. If we'd like to put an HPS ad in it now (at a special rate), we can do so; our ad would have to be submitted by Wednesday, June 19. David, with input from Ruth, will write and submit it.

G. Membership:

1. We have four 100 Peaks Emblems this month, 1 List Completion, 1 new member and 4 membership reactivations. At present we have 513 active members.

2. It was m/s/p (Feitshans, F. Dobos) to accept the new members and achievements.
- H. Newsletter: **THE LOOKOUT** is here tonight.
- I. Conservation:
 1. We have a very young (20's) new President of the Sierra Club.
 2. We need to come up with another good project such as Adopt-A-Highway. Any new suggestions are welcome, such as tree planting, adopt-a-trail, etc.
- J. Peak Naming:
 1. (7B) Lockwood Point has been renamed to Lockwood Peak, and the elevation has been lowered 12 feet, making the new elevation 6,261 feet.
 2. It was m/s/p (Eisenberg, Courtney) to accept the change and change our peak guides accordingly. Frank will contact Charlie Knapke with the change.
- K. No reports were received from the following: Secretary, Mountain Records, Adopt-A-Highway, Peak Guides, Outreach Coordinator, Merchandise.
- VI. Adjournment: It was m/s/p (Courtney, Feitshans) to adjourn at 7:25 PM.

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 last in a series of articles by Alan Coles on his personal observations about the administration of our public lands.]

A Better Way to Express Your Concerns

If you have any comments or suggestions such as a new hiking trail, public land agencies always welcome your thoughts. It is important to send them to the appropriate person to be sure that they don't get lost or misinterpreted by someone not familiar with the issue. Many times people give their thoughts and ideas to a person at the front desk of a ranger station or while meeting someone from the forest service on the trail. The problem is that many of these people (especially on weekends) are volunteers or part-time staff who are not as experienced as full time rangers. Budget cuts have reduced staff in most offices and the void has been left empty or filled by volunteers. Most wilderness patrols are done by volunteer groups who wear U.S.F.S. type uniforms.

The first step you need to take is to find the district ranger station that is responsible for the area of your concerns. This can be found on most maps issued by the Forest Service. On the map is a listing of the district offices, addresses and phone numbers. Call during normal working hours (usually M-F 8:00 to 4:00) and ask for the name of the District Ranger and Recreation Officer (if your comments are

concerning recreation). Then write your comments to the District Ranger and perhaps send a copy to the Recreation Officer. Writing is much better than taking over the phone because they will have a written record which can be retained. If there is a serious problem, such as the growing of marijuana on public lands, you should contact police or the district office immediately.

Due to an often limited staff, replies to all letters and phone calls are not always possible. If the Recreation Officer receives many similar requests, then some action may be taken depending on the situation. Obviously, greater input on a subject is more likely to produce an outcome. Using the support of a group like the Sierra Club carries a considerable amount of weight but getting permission from the Club will take some effort. You would need to contact the proper individuals in the Chapter(s) responsible for the area.

Trails and Roads

Most of us have a fairly clear idea of what a road and a trail are. To an agency responsible for establishing and maintaining them, the concept needs a clear definition and a set of rules by which to administer them.

The Forest Service keeps an official inventory of all authorized trails and roads on its lands. Each one is referenced by a code that roughly describes its location such as 7N03 for roads (north and south Township grid) and 1E01 for trails (east and west on the Range grid). Some trails may be poorly maintained but remain in the inventory. Sometimes trails are "retired" such as the one to Lookout Mountain in the San Gabriels (protection of Bighorn Sheep habitat). There are many "trails" on U.S.G.S.

topological maps which may not be in the Forest Service inventory. Also some trails in the inventory may not be on the U.S.G.S. maps. Almost all authorized roads and trails will appear on the forest service maps which can be cross-referenced with other maps that show more detail. Only the roads and trails in the Forest Service inventory can be maintained.

Some "trails" are actually the compounded effect of many hikers using the same route over and over again. These are sometimes referred to as "use", "hiker's", "fisherman's", etc. trails. While these routes are legal to follow, it is not permissible to maintain them by cutting branches or moving rocks and other natural features to make them easier to use. Cutting plants is considered vandalism unless permission is granted by the land agency. Some people have inadvertently cut endangered species to make these routes easier to follow. Only a trained biologist is capable of determining which plants need special protection which is why all new trails need to be scouted once (sometimes twice) before a new route is approved.

The Forest Service welcomes volunteer efforts to maintain authorized trails. Budget cutbacks have severely limited the resources necessary for the proper upkeep of trails (as many of us have experienced). Without additional funds or volunteer efforts, many hiking trails will be left unmaintained for years or abandoned.

Your Help is Needed

When using public lands, be sure to know the rules and regulations before proceeding with your activity. What may look like a road may be closed to motorized use. The lack of a sign or an open gate is not a valid indication that it is open for use. Signs are routinely stolen and gates often vandalized. It is important to get all the facts before you start your trip.

Hiking off of a designated trail is considered cross-country travel. Making any improvements such as cutting bush, building a campsite or altering the land in any permanent way is strictly prohibited. Care should always be taken to ensure that the land remains in the same wild condition in which we (hopefully)

found it.

The Forest Service needs the public's support for maintaining our public lands. If problems become too great in one area, it may be necessary limit public access. This has already happened in some popular areas and may happen to others.

We are fortunate to live in an area that is surrounded by vast amounts of public land. As members of an organization that specializes in using these lands, we have a moral obligation to help protect it and to support those whose job it is to administer it. Please consider participating on an authorized trail maintenance trip, roadside cleanup or other activity to improve and enhance our wild lands. When we do so, we build rapport with our land administrators which benefits us all.

Leadership Training Course Available

Registration is underway for the Angeles Chapter's Leadership Training Course, a program to prepare Chapter members to become qualified Sierra Club outings leaders. The course begins with an all-day seminar to be held at the Griffith Park Ranger Station auditorium on Saturday, October 19, 1996. All applicants must be Sierra Club members and have participated in at least five Club hikes or trips.

Club members wishing to enroll in the course should send a stamped, self-addressed business-size envelope to Alice Danta, LTC Registrar, 17561 Medford Avenue, Tustin, CA 92680-1950. Completed application forms must be returned to the registrar not later than October 5, 1996.

Hundred Peaks Section Annual Awards Banquet January 25, 1997

Les Freres Taix Restaurant

1911 Sunset Blvd Los Angeles

Steve Cohen, traveler and photographer, presents program "Petroglyphs of the southwest." Reception 5:30 pm, dinner 7:00 pm. Send sase and \$25 per person, [specify beef, fish, chicken, or vegetarian] to reservationist JIM FLEMING.

Who Are Those “Dirty Half Dozen Plus Two”?

By Martha Shafer



*Standing, left to right:
Bob Manning, Dick Todd, George
Baird, Jim Sassen
Front row:
Virge Allen, Martha Shafer, Claire
McQuillan, Ed Conly*

In 1977, Claire had an exciting idea. She invited a couple of friends for lunch to propose a hiking group. No rules, no limits, just a determination to make one day a month when everyone knew they were “gone hiking.” Where to hike? No problem, with whole ranges of mountains nearby. So Claire, Virge and Ann hit the trails for Mt Islip, Dollar Lake, Mt Wilson, Mt Baldy, Mt Lowe, etc., with such freedom from daily responsibilities and exaltation of the beauty so close, yet so removed.

Soon Martha joined. They decided to do Grand Canyon from Bright Angel to Phantom Ranch and the Kaibab Trail back up.

Virge read of Sally Vogel’s Peruvian adventure and, with Claire’s husband Bill, they flew to Lima and Cuzco for the unique adventure of exploring the Inca civilization, trucking from the puna through the cloud forest to boating down a tributary of the Amazon, sleeping on narrow sand beaches with virgin jungle humming, buzzing and shrieking at their backs. Then six days trekking the ancient Inca trail to Macchu Pichu.

The original group went coo-ed when Bob and Dick asked to go along. Bob, the retired salesman, was so goal-oriented they must strive for something — learn the identities of the wildflowers and shrubs, join the 100 Peaks Section, find the red can; all of which enriched the days. They were a cohesive group

of good companions and became “The Dirty Half Dozen”, now hiking every Monday. Ann didn’t continue, but George, Ed and Jim came along so they expanded to the present group name and pursued the peaks in earnest from the Mexican border to the Southern Sierra.

In various combinations of people, they also ranged afar, trekking some of the world’s premier trails. Soon their boots had the dust of Africa, Havasupai, Nepal, Mogollon Rim, Rogue River Trail, New Zealand, Australia, Hawaii, Baja, Morocco, Mt Whitney, Ecuador, Gallapagos, the Delaware Towpath, the Laurentians, Yosemite and Calavares County.

While at home they were logging peaks on a regular basis, many of them multiple times.

At this writing, Claire has 222 peaks on the Hundred Peaks Section List, Martha 252, Bob 253, Dick 230, George 183. Virge, Jim and Ed are gone for extended periods and do not bag as many.

It might be of interest that the age of these hikers range from 60 to 75 years of age, and no one shows signs of slowing down.

And what’s in the future? Rafting down the Colorado River (with day hikes, of course). Probably another Sally Vogel expedition to Sulawesi in August (want to go along?), and, sure as sunrise, another peak bagged on any Monday.

ADVANCE HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION NOTICE OF OUTINGS

- 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
- SEP 12 THU HUNDRED PEAKS**
Annual Business Meeting: All members welcome to discuss peak list additions, deletions, bylaws revisions, etc. AfterHPS business, trip reports & refreshments, long time SC member, **JACK BASCOM**, will give a slide show: "Early Use of the Mt Lowe Railroad." 7:00 pm, Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium, 4730 Crystal Springs Drive. Newcomers welcome.
- SEP 14 SAT HUNDRED PEAKS**
I: Galena (9330'): Dayhike this steep one in the San Bernardino Mountains. 8 mi, 3200' gain rt. Sase w recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Leader. Leader: Frank Goodykoontz. Assistant: Wynne Benti-Zdon
- SEP 21 SAT HUNDRED PEAKS/RIO HONDO**
O: Throop Pk (9138'), Mt Hawkins (8850') Middle Mt Hawkins(8505') South Mt Hawkins (7783'): Meet 7 am Pomona Carpool or 8:30 am Pine Hollow (sase for directions), short car shuttle. Hike from Dawson Saddle to Pine Hollow approx. 15 miles 3000+ gain. Bring lunch; 3 qts water, lugs. Rain cancels Leader: Erich Fickle. Assistant: Luella Fickle
- SEP 21 SAT HUNDRED PEAKS**
I: Mt San Antonio (10,064') to Lookout Mtn (6812'): Strenuous 9 miles, 4,000'+ elevation gain w much steep cross-country, from Manker Flats up Mt Baldy, down a ridge to Lookout Mtn, back via the village. Meet 6 am church parking lot next to Mt Baldy Ranger Station. Shuttle involved. Bring 10 essentials including at least 3 qts water. Leader: Diane Dunbar. Assistant: Frank Goodykoontz
- SEP 21 SAT HUNDRED PEAKS**
Mt Hillyer (6162'), Hwy Cleanup Easy beginners hike to this wooded peak in the San Gabriels. 2 mi rt, 500' gain. Lunch and tour at the nearby Visitors Center. Help clean up Angeles Crest Hwy after. Bring water, lunch, and treats to share on the summits. Meet 9 am La Canada rideshare pt. Leader: David Eisenberg. Assistant: Ruth Lee & Frank Dobos
- SEP 22 SUN HUNDRED PEAKS**
I: Marion Pk (10,320'): Repeat of 100 Peaks "game" hike led 50 years ago. Moderate hike in San Jacinto Wilderness St Park involves 14 mi and 4000' gain. Bring water, lunch, lug soles. For info send sase to Ron. Leader: Ron Young. Assistant: Edna Erspamer
- SEP 28 SAT HUNDRED PEAKS**
O: Mt Islip (8250'): 8 mi rt, 2400' gain hike up Windy Gap Trail; down via Cinega Loop Trail. Meet 7 am Azusa rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles Leader: Maggie Singleton Wilson. Assistant: Chuck Sale
- SEP 28 SAT HUNDRED PEAKS**
O: Reyes Pk (7514'), Haddock Mtn (7431'): Moderate 9 mi rt hike in lovely Ojai area of Los Padres NF with panoramic views. 1000' gain. Wear lugsoles; bring lunch, water, goodies to share on top. Meet 7:30 am Woodland Hills rideshare pt. Leader: Charlotte Feitshans. Assistant: Mike & Dotty Sandford
- OCT 5-6 SAT-SUN HUNDRED PEAKS**
C: Oktoberfest Annual 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 and more hikes to choose from. Sleeping bags required. Limited, reserve early. Send sase with \$25 check payable to HPS to reservationist: **RUTH LEE DOBOS**. Overseers: Tom & Judy Bolen
- OCT 5 SAT HUNDRED PEAKS**
O: Mt San Antonio (10,064'): 7 mi, 3900' gain. Strenuous pre-Oktoberfest hike past ski hut, back via the Notch. Lugsoles, lunch, 2 qts water a must. No beginners. Meet 8 am Mt Baldy rideshare pt. Leader: Don Westland. Assistant: Mary McMannes
- OCT 5 SAT HUNDRED PEAKS**
I: Bighorn Pk (8441'), Ontario Pk(8693'), Sugarloaf Pk(6924') Oktoberfest Hike: Strenuous 12 mile, 4200' gain hike on trail with some rough cross-country in the Mt Baldy area. No beginners. Meet 6:30 am at the Mt Baldy rideshare point. Bring 2-3 quarts water, lunch, lugsoles. Leader: Carleton Shay. Assistant: Edna Erspamer

Oct 5 **SAT** **HUNDRED PEAKS**
O: **Mt. San Antonio (10,064')**: Oktoberfest strenuous hike from Baldy Village with car shuttle. Some x-country. 11 mi rt, 5600' gain. Bring lunch, lug sole boots, 3 qts water. Back in time to attend Oktoberfest for those with reservations. Meet 7 am, Mt. Baldy rideshare pt. Leader: Patty Kline. Assistant: Frank Goodykoontz

Oct 6 **SUN** **HUNDRED PEAKS**
O: **Thunder Mtn (8587')**, **Telegraph Peak (8985')**, **Timber (8303')**: Fast paced hike requiring good conditioning in Mt Baldy area of San Gabriel Mtns 12 miles, 3600' gain. Send Sase with recent hiking experience to leader. Sase required, in part, due to wilderness permit limitations. Short car shuttle. Leader: Diane Dunbar. Assistant: Larry Hoak

Oct 6 **SUN** **HUNDRED PEAKS**
O: **Sunset Pk (5796')**: Easy post Oktoberfest hike on the way home. 1500' gain, 5 mi rt. Meet 9 am Harwood Lodge or 9:30 am Cow Canyon Saddle. Bring lunch, lugs, water. **LEADERS: RAY SOUCY, HARRIETT EDWARDS.**

Oct 10 **THU** **HUNDRED PEAKS**
Peakbaggers Social Meeting: Business meeting starts 7:00 pm. After refreshments, CARLETON SHAY, presents a slide show on his trip to China: The Great Wall, Tian' anmen Square, Forbidden City, Terra Cotta Warriors, Li River, etc. 7:30 pm, Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium, 4730 Crystal Springs Drive. Newcomers welcome.

Oct 12 **Sat** **Hundred Peaks**
O: **Ken Pt (6423')**: The life and times of Vi Grasso will be recalled and honored on this memorial climb of her final ascent which took place 2 years ago. 15 mi rt, 2500' gain. Moderately strenuous. Send Sase with rideshare info to Gene. Leader: Gene Mauk. Assistant: Mary McMannes

Oct 13 **Sun** **Hundred Peaks**
I: **San Bernardino Pk (10,649')**, **San Bernardino East Pk (10,691')**, **Anderson Pk (10,840')**: Repeat of 100 Peaks "game" hike led 50 years ago. Moderate hike in San Bernardino Forest involves 18 mi and 4800' gain. Possible addnl peak. Wilderness Area limits number of participants. Bring water, lunch, log soles. For info, send Sase to Carleton. Leader: Carleton Shay. Assistant: Diane Dunbar

Oct 26 **Sat** **Hundred Peaks**
Josephine Pk (5558') Moonlight Halloween Hike: This is the night of the "Hunter's Moon." Climb Josephine while the sun is setting. Watch the sun set and the moon rise on the summit! Celebrate Halloween and hike back by moonlight. 1900', 5 mi rt. Bring Masks or other costumes, Halloween treats for the summit. Meet 4 pm La Canada rideshare pt. Leader: David Eisenberg. Assistant: Ruth Lee & Frank Dobos

Oct 26 **Sat** **Hundred Peaks**
HEAT CAUSES YUCAIPA RIDGE HIKE TO BE RESCHEDULED
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 mi, 5000' gain w/ steep ascents/descents; 12 mi car shuttle. Send sase, recent experience to Leader: CARLETON SHAY. Co-leader: FRANK GOODYKOONTZ.

Oct 26-27 **Sat - Sun** **Sierra Sage - 100 Peaks**
Car camp in Joshua Tree, including I: **Quail (5,813')**, **Lost Horse Mountain (5,313')** and O: **Ryan (5,461)**. Enjoy Nature under a full moon at Sheep Pass (limited space): bag HPS listed peaks, take Ranger-led nature trails, visit "open air history museum" at Keys Ranch, or just enjoy the environment. Sat climb Quail, a strenuous 12 miles cross-country with 2,133' gain, or Ryan, an easy 5 mile trip on trail with 1,100 feet of gain; Sun climb Lost Horse Mountain and see the old Mine (5 Miles, 1,000' gain), or take up other options. Send SASE to register, and include \$10 per person campground fee as well as home & work phones, to Lena. Leaders: LENA HAYASHI, 9572 Castine Drive, Huntington Beach, CA 92646, TOM HILL AND RON & PENELOPE MAY.

Nov 2 **Sat** **Hundred Peaks**
O: **San Sevaine (5240')**, **Buck Point (6433')**: Easy hikes in eastern San Gabes. The drive will be more strenuous than the hike! Approx 20 mi rt dirt rd route to trailhead. High clearance vehicles recommended. Bring water lunch lugsoles and dust protection! Rain cancels. Meet 7 am Pomona rideshare pt. Leader: RAY SOUCY. CoLeader: HAVEN FEARN.

Nov 3 **Sun** **Hundred Peaks**
I: **Queen Mtn (5680')** from Indian Cove: Rough tough scramble up a ridge near Rattlesnake Canyon to follow a watercourse through no man's land. Very strenuous, unique route, approx 10 tough miles, 3000' HARD-WON ELEVATION GAIN. Well conditioned hikers send sase with experience and H/W phones to Leader: Diane Dunbar. Assistant: Asher Waxman.

Nov 9 **Sat** **Hundred Peaks**
O: **Ken Point (6464')**: 16 mi rt, 2200' gain hike mainly on PCT. Meet 7:00 am PCT trailhead on Hwy 74, 1 mi S of Hwy 371. Leader: Maggie Wilson. Assistant: Chuck Sale.