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Hundred Peaks Section Holds Annual Awards Banquet

This year's banquet was held at Les Freres Taix Restaurant in Los Angeles. Ninety three attended. Winners of our awards included:

R. S. (Sam) Fink Award: **David Eisenberg**
John Backus Leadership Award: **Carleton Shay**
Bill T. Russell New Leader Award: **Diane Dunbar**
Special Award: "Register Box" **Jim Adler**
Special Award: "Volunteerism" **Laura Webb**

United States Forest Service Announces Recreation User Fees

The Angeles, Cleveland, Los Padres and San Bernardino National Forests have been designated to test recreational user fees to determine if such fees are an effective way to offset costs of operation and maintenance, according to a briefing paper issued by the USFS in December, 1996. The four forests will be working together as one, "The Enterprise Forest." The purpose of such fees is to augment revenues to the USFS because of the reduction in appropriated funding from the Federal government. As the briefing paper says: "It is clear the Forest Service can no longer rely on appropriated funds to fulfill its mission of caring for the land and serving people." Eighty percent of the revenues so collected will be returned to the Forests for specified purposes.

The briefing paper goes on to say that "the...National Forests will test a universal recreation fee in the form of a **Recreation Pass**. Visitors will need this pass to park and recreate in the four forests. A pass will not be required

within an area where site-specific fee is charged, such as a campground."

The briefing paper further states that "the Recreation Pass, displayed in the vehicle, will be valid for everyone in the vehicle. It will be available in two formats: A **Daily Pass** -- a self-validating ticket, good for one day anywhere on any of the four... Forests, [and] an **Annual Pass** -- valid on all four forests for 12 months from month of purchase. The Pass will be available for sale at Forest Service offices, and at locations convenient to the public such as commercial businesses and concessionaires located throughout Southern California." The Daily Pass will cost **\$5**; the annual pass, **\$30**. The tentative date for implementation of the program is now set for mid May.

It is likely that the Hundred Peaks Section itself may be designated by the Forest Service as a "vendor" of passes. If such an arrangement can be worked out, it could facilitate sale of daily passes to participants on the day of each hike.

Please contact Randi Jorgenson of the Angeles National Forest for information. Any questions about the "test" and suggestions should also be directed to Randi. She can be reached at (818) 574-5206, or write to Rec Fees, c/o Angeles National Forest, 701 N. Santa Anita Ave, Arcadia, CA 91006.

*[Editor's note: I have contacted the Forest Service and asked a number of questions about the proposal. One concern I expressed to them was the need to obtain passes on a short notice basis. A number of sites, such as 24 hour gas stations, will be contacted to determine if they would be "vendors" empowered to sell the passes. More information about the Recreation Fee will appear in upcoming issues of **THE LOOKOUT**.]*

Membership Report

By David F Eisenberg

Achievements

100 Peaks Emblem

945	Michael Lorr	October 1, 1996	Dobbs Peak
946	Sue Holloway	October 7, 1996	Black Mountain #6
947	Dianne Edwards	January 25, 1887	Smith Mountain

200 Peaks Bar

338	Thelma Whisman	October 23, 1996	Constance Peak
339	Walt Whisman	September 30, 1995	Peak Mountain
340	Thomas Hill	January 18, 1997	Rock Point

First List Completion

197	Robert Beach	November 23, 1996	Mount Lukens
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Fourth List Completion

9	Martin S. Feather	November 1, 1996	Pilot Knob (correction)
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Membership Summary

Type	Current	Inactive
Sustaining Member	14	177
Household	67	23
Honorary	2	
Subscribers	85	148
Others	19	10
Total	518	358

New Members

Jeanne Newcomer
Patrick Wood
Harvey Ganz
Rich Gnagy

New Subscribers

Tammy Bailey
Patricia Cruse
Ana Young
Kevin Short
Kathy Cheever
(Sustaining Sub.)

Note from **THE LOOKOUT** Editor:

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David Eisenberg is the creator and webmaster of this Website. Please contact David at his email address: DavidFE@ix.netcom.com If you have an email address and would like others to find out about it, let David know and he can add your name and address to the list of email addresses on the HPS Website. HPS news and photos are also appreciated.

Ruth Dobos: Remarks Made at the Annual Awards Banquet

Good evening, I think many of you know me. I'm Ruth Dobos, Chair of the Section once again for 1996. How was your dinner tonight? Did you all enjoy it? I would like to welcome, all of you, to the annual banquet and would like to take this time, to recognize some of you among us. I see Walt Wheelock, How Bailey, Stag & Nami Brown & Little Reina Lee, Roy Magnuson, And Gordon Lindberg.

Unfortunately, I must start this evening, on a somber note. I need to tell you of some of our friends that are no longer with us. First, I will make mention of Theresia Glover. Theresia was the recipient of the first Bill T Russell New Leader Award in 1995. Theresia, was a strong leader and member of the 1995 management, even though she was relatively new to the section, Theresia was proving to be a great asset to the HPS. As I'm sure you will remember, she collapsed suddenly and died the day after the banquet last year, having led a scheduled hike on that day. Many of us miss her personally and will remember the contribution she made to the section.

I would like also to mention the death of Eric Kent. He was a pioneer in the Angeles Chapter hiking activities. He was in his 90's, and no longer active in the Club. His grand daughter Erica Balsam and her parents Rosie and Lloyd Balsam are with us tonight.

Dave Dykeman, died in a climbing accident, in the Sierras, this year. He was very active, in the SPS and the California Mountaineering Club. Dave was highly thought of as a mountaineer, climber and leader.

I need to speak to you now of Bill T. Russell, a great climber, leader, educator and friend, to all who knew him. And we all knew Bill T. Bill was active in all aspects of the Sierra Club that had anything to do with mountaineering. He chaired the HPS in 1975, and he also Chaired the DPS and the SPS. Bill was Keeper of the List and archivist of our section for many years. He developed Naismith's Law and the Navigation Noodle. He led some of the most exciting and innovative hikes by multiple routes, giving true meaning to

the term "Pathfinder." He inspired us to create the Pathfinder Emblem and our Leading the List Recognition. Bill is the recipient of every award the HPS could bestow upon him, having won the John Backus Leadership Award in 1978, the R.S. Fink Award in 1983, and a Special Award in 1992 for all the work he did in our Peak List. We honored Bill again in 1995, by naming a new award after him, the Bill T Russell New Leader Award, as previously mentioned, bestowed upon Theresia Glover. Bill finished the DPS List twice, the SPS List and the HPS List three times. He finished the HPS list the first time in 1976 on Mt Lukens. He finished the HPS List for the third time on Frazier Mountain in 1995. Bill's list of accomplishments is too long for me to enumerate, suffice to say, he was a helpful friend to all of us. Bill will certainly be missed.

OUTGOING REMARKS

I will now speak to you of some of the accomplishments in the HPS this year. To begin with, I want to mention to you that your Management Committee was a truly great and cohesive group. There was harmony among us that enabled us to achieve a great deal.

Let me introduce to you our 1996 Management. Please stand and be recognized when I call your names.

You have already met our Vice-Chair - Outings and Membership Chair, who did a great job: David Eisenberg.

The Program Chair who scheduled many exciting programs this year and whom I also want to thank for his personal assistance to me: Frank Dobos.

Our Secretary, who is unable to be here tonight, she would rather be in Brazil: Charlotte Feitshans.

Council Representative and Conservation Chair, who was also the Angeles Chapter Council Chair: Southern Courtney.

Treasurer and Adopt -a-Highway Chair, and your new Chair for 1997 is Jim Fleming.

Our Past Chair and **THE LOOKOUT** Mailer: Carleton Shay.

Believe me, all of these people have worked very hard - with very little pay.

Other members in appointed positions include **THE LOOKOUT** Editor: Joe Young. Peak Guides coming from Bobcat Thompson. Our Merchandiser, Patty Kline. She has new T-shirts for you tonight. And Mountain Records Chair Charlie Knapke.

So far, this year, we have participated in the Joint Meeting of the HPS, DPS and SPS. This second joint meeting, was hosted by the DPS and was a great success as agreed by the 80+ members in attendance. Next year this meeting will be hosted by the HPS. I hope you will all turn out for this interesting and informative meeting.

This year, we have continued our policy of hosting HPS Leaders Meetings to assist our leaders in planning hikes. As we all know, our section is actively climbing peaks 12 months of the year. We had hikes scheduled for every weekend in 1996. Approximately 300 outings were scheduled and completed in the year. We are the most active Mountain Climbing section in the Sierra Club. There is a new program sponsored by the HPS, a training program spearheaded by Diane Dunbar to instruct and train newcomers in the mysteries of basic navigation.

We have approximately 450 members with another 100 additional subscriber. Of these subscribers, about 50%, will become members. This makes us the largest mountain climbing section in the Sierra Club.

You, the members voted this year in record numbers: 243 ballots were returned in our annual election. This represents about a half of the total possible vote. You are to be commended. The Bylaws change you voted for enabled us to re-write the way we count the ballots to conform with the manner in which we actually count the ballots. And for better or worst, depending how look at it, Dragon's Head was again defeated as an addition to the List.

The annual Spring Fling Party/Outings weekend at Foster Lodge was again a successful occasion. We had maximum attendance and a good time was had by all. **Oktoberfest** weekend at Harwood Lodge turned out very well. We had a good weekend with many exciting hikes. Have you heard that Manker Flats and the Baldy ski lift are closed

due to avalanche warnings? Let's hope Harwood is safe.

Our monthly meetings showed very good attendance in 1996. We had programs presented that were both interesting and educational. By attending the monthly meetings, you have greater opportunity to interact with other members of the section.

The culmination of our year's activities is, of course our Annual Banquet. We meet old and new friends, we learn of the many things that have transpired over the course of the year. We learn of the personal accomplishments in the HPS and we have first hand knowledge of who wins the awards.

Among the many achievements, this past year we have four first time List Finishers: Theresia Glover, Walia Ringeler, Mark Adrian, and Robert Beach. Second List Completion: Christy Bird. Third List Completion: John Southworth. Fourth List Completion: Martin Feather. Tom Moulblow achieved his Pathfinder Emblem. And Charlie Knapke finished leading the List.

Awards:

I would like to present at this time a Special Service Award for the Spirit of Volunteerism, to a special person who has tirelessly served the HPS in a special capacity. This person has faithfully maintained records in **THE LOOKOUT** for 10 years. He informs us which HPS peaks require new register cans and books, in the Register Box feature. By now I'm sure you all know who I'm talking about—Jim Adler.

And now for our next Award, a Special Service Award for the Spirit of Volunteerism. This Award goes to a person who served on the Management. A person who has repeatedly volunteered for all of the many positions, as they were required over the years. A person who is richly deserving of this Award- a great party girl herself: Laura Webb. Thank you Laura, for all your years of service to the HPS.

The Bill T. Russell New Leader Award goes to a person who is faithfully leading hikes with "much enthusiasm" over the last few years. This person is active in the Navigational Noodle, instructing newcomers in the mysteries



Clockwise, from above left: David Eisenberg receives the R. S. Fink Service Award from Ruth Dobos at the banquet; Carleton Shay, the John Backus Leadership Award; Laura Webb, the "Spirit of Volunteerism Award"; and Diane Dunbar, the Bill T. Russell New Leader Award.

Photos by Joe Young



of navigation. The lady also proudly states she is a new grandmother. This person is Diane Dunbar. "Isn't this wonderful!"

Now, it is time to present the John Backus Leadership Award. This Award is being presented to someone who has served on the management in a number of positions. This person is a long time member and hiker in the HPS. A person who has led numerous hikes for the Section. I am presenting the John Backus Leadership Award to Carleton Shay.

And now it is time to present the Sam Fink Service Award. This Award goes to someone who has been an outstanding leader for the HPS, and who has given continuous service to the Section. This person has served on the Management numerous time and has finished leading the List. He continues serving us as the web-master on the Internet and as our membership chair. I understand that this person will probably be our new Angeles Chapter Schedule Editor. The R. S. Fink Service Award is awarded to a truly deserving person—David Eisenberg.

THE VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

By Jim S. Fleming

Hello, hiking friends! It's good to be "back in the saddle, again" as the Chairperson of this years HPS Management Committee. 1997 promises to provide us with many exciting challenges and opportunities. We will be working on several possible renovated trails in the San Gabriel Mountains (part of a budding Adopt-a-Trail program) along with our existing Adopt-a-Highway cleanup trips along Angeles Crest Highway. On April 26, the Section is sponsoring two activities for the Great L.A. Cleanup, an event that the Angeles Chapter is sponsoring. Our support and participation is crucial to its success. On May 10th and 11th, we'll have once again our Spring Fling at Foster Lodge in San Diego. This will include outings to local peaks, potluck dinner and breakfast. It promises to be a real blast! Later in the year, it will be time for Oktoberfest, which is always fun. This year we are studying other possible venues.

I Look forward to serving you with a

group comprised of some new and some returning people. The Committee will have as returning members Southern Courtney (Conservation), Ruth Lee Dobos (Past Chair), David Eisenberg (Membership), Charlotte Feitshans (Vice Chair), Patty Kline (Merchandise), Charlie Knapke (Mtn. Records), Carleton Shay (**THE LOOKOUT** Mailer), Bobcat Thompson (Peak Guides), and Joe Young (**THE LOOKOUT** Editor). We'll also have some new faces, including David Jensen (Treasurer), Cathy Reynolds (Programs), John Southworth (Secretary), and Maggie Wilson (Council Rep.).

The 33rd Annual HPS Awards Banquet, held January 25th at Taix Restaurant in Los Angeles, was once again very successful. There were a total of 88 in attendance at this gala event, including such luminaries as old-timers Walt Wheelock, How Bailey, Roy Magnuson, and Gordon Lindberg. We paid homage to several lost climbing compatriots who passed away this past year with a moment of silent reflection. We remembered Theresia Glover (who died in January, 1996 the day after the Banquet); Dave Dykeman (who was killed in a climbing accident in the Sierra Nevada last summer); and Bill T. Russell, our outstanding leader and mentor who succumbed on January 8th after a long battle with leukemia. These fine, wonderful people will be sadly missed by us all; we shall never forget them.

Our traditional recognition of emblem holders and list finishers followed; only Frank Goodykoontz was left standing at the end, having completed the HPS list nine times now! Recognition was also given to the leaders of the Section, with special embroidered T-shirts presented to those who were most prolific in scheduling outings in 1996. After remarks by Ruth Dobos (the outgoing Chair) and myself (incoming Chair) including introduction of the past and new Committee members, it was time to get down to business. Two individuals received Special Awards with appreciation for their volunteer service to the Section: Jim Adler for his tireless upkeep of "The Register Box" in **THE LOOKOUT** and Laura Webb, our own "Party Girl" , who has given support for many years to our social activities. The Bill T. Russell New Leader Award (which is only awarded as

deserved) was presented to one of my favorite people, Diane Dunbar, who exudes tremendous enthusiasm for navigation and leadership. Our John Backus Leadership Award this year was given very deservedly to Carleton Shay, whose exemplary service in outings span many years and yet continues. The Section's highest honor, the R. S. Fink Service Award, was bestowed upon David Eisenberg this year. He has been a prolific leader, Management Committee member and volunteer for many years.

The evening's program, "Petroglyphs of the Southwest", was presented by Steve Cohen, who is a traveler and photographer. His knowledge of the subject is quite extensive and provided for a fascinating look which was complimented by his beautiful photographs.

See you all on the trail!

HPS LOSES MANY FRIENDS THIS PAST YEAR

By Joe Young

Over the last year the Hundred Peaks Section has seen many of its friends and leaders pass away. The day after last year's Annual Awards Banquet Theresia Glover died after leading a hike for the HPS. During 1996 Dave Dyckman, Eric Kent and Phyllis Heald, widow of Weldon Heald, passed away. Recently Bill T. Russell passed away. Ruth Dobos, past chair of the HPS, spoke of our recently departed friends at the HPS Annual Awards Banquet.

In addition, Jack Bascom provided information about Phyllis Heald. Phyllis Heald died on December 20, 1996. Phyllis married

Weldon Heald, who first originated the idea of the hundred peaks "game" in the mid 1940's, in 1930. In 1949 the Heald's moved to southeastern Arizona. They eventually moved to a ranch near Douglas, Arizona, which they named "Island in the Sky." While there, both Weldon and Phyllis helped each other write books and articles. Weldon Heald died in 1967.

In 1974, the Hundred Peaks Section organized a dedication climb of Heald Peak in Kern County. Phyllis Heald was on hand to greet participants at the start of the climb.

One of Phyllis Heald's most recent published works was an afterword to the 1993 edition of Weldon Heald's book "The Chiracahuas: Sky Island."

Phyllis Heald was a prolific author and teacher of writing skills. In her her last years she lived in Tucson.

Jack Bascom also provided information about Eric Kent, who was one of the early pioneers in the 100 peaks "game." He is HPS Emblem holder number 11. Eric Kent was the subject of an article in the San Gorgonio Chapter newsletter in February 1996.

In the early 1950's, while scouting Rattlesnake Peak, the Kents discovered a section of Apple Valley and decided to live there. The Kents lived there from then on.

Eric was quoted as saying of his days in the Angeles Chapter that "the Sierra Club was my life." According to the article in the San Gorgonio Chapter newsletter, Eric and Elsie were and are still strong supporters of the Sierra Club and its values to preserve the wilderness areas.

Sam Fink, left, and Jack Bascom watch as Paul Lipsohn shows Phyllis Heald the plaque bearing the name Heald Peak at the road head prior to the dedication climb of Heald Peak, April 29, 1974.

Photo by Joe Young



BILL T. RUSSELL -- A SIERRA CLUB MEMOIR

By Duane McRuer

Dr. William T. Russell (known as Bill T.) died on 8 January 1997. This was three weeks after his 76th birthday on the winter solstice and a few days after he and his wife Pat had celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary with a renewal of their vows. With fierce determination he had focused on both these events while contending with leukemia and a recent progressive series of strokes that accumulated to devastate his speech and freedom of movement. This characteristic capacity for single-minded focus and follow-through was a key to Bill T.'s success as a decorated Army officer during and after World War II, in earning his PhD at Caltech, and in progressive engineering and management roles at TRW where he retired as a Vice President. This same focus, determination, and drive was also directed towards his avocations of mountaineering and the Sierra Club.

During his almost three decades of Sierra Club activities he engaged in all aspects of the Angeles Chapter's outings program -- trip leader, trainer and educator of leaders, navigation guru, management of outings groups, historian and archivist, and superb exemplar of Sierra Club Outings Traditions and Culture. These contributions are worth recording, in his memory and as an example for others, so some are described below.

Trip Leadership:

He was an extremely active leader of Hundred Peaks Section, Desert Peaks Section, and Sierra Peaks Section trips for more than twenty-five years, averaging more than a dozen trips a year throughout that period. He led all the more difficult as well as the easier peaks, and had an exceptional reputation for leading safe, well-paced, well-planned and superbly navigated, successful trips. Experienced participants on these trips were left with great memories while newcomers were introduced to the mountains in the best possible way.

Outings Accomplishments:

Bill T. was one of those rare birds -- a "Triple List Finisher," having climbed all of the peaks on the Hundred Peaks Section (HPS), the Desert Peaks Section (DPS), and the Sierra Peaks Section (SPS) lists. Not only did he finish all three, but also knocked off the Desert Peaks list twice, the Hundred Peaks list three times, and achieved a second "Senior Emblem" with the Sierra Peaks.

Trainer and Educator of Outings Leaders:

This is a role which Bill T. loved and performed with great effectiveness. For several years he was the Chairman of the Angeles Chapter Leadership Training Committee (LTC), which is responsible for leader training within the chapter. He organized and conducted classes, lectured, improved the curriculum, etc. As an editor and co-author of the "Leaders Reference Book" he made major contributions to several editions of this enduring guidance and reference source for Angeles Chapter outings leaders (also used in several other Sierra Club Chapters). Russell is the principal author of the chapter on Navigation, an art which he had studied in great depth and practiced with great skill. He instituted the "Navigation Noodle" instructional outings for potential trip leaders, and conducted them for many years. In addition to his leadership in navigation, he has also served as the LTC snow climbing chair, as a rock climbing instructor, and as a safety examiner for both the LTC and SPS.

Leadership and Management of Climbing Sections:

Bill T. Russell was unique in the Sierra Club as the only person who had been the Chair of the LTC and of the SPS, DPS, and HPS Management Committees. He also served these sections in other roles, e.g., as Secretary, Vice Chairman, Mountaineering Committee Chair, Archivist/Historian, proponent of new emblems and mountaineering goals, etc. He had also been the principal keeper of the Peaks Lists for all three sections, a labor of love requiring much detailed research.

Chapter-Wide Management Roles:

Russell also served on the Angeles Chapter Executive Committee, represented the Angeles Chapter on the Sierra Club National Mountaineering Committee, and worked for many years on the Angeles Chapter Safety Committee.

Honors and Awards:

As one would expect, the Angeles Chapter and several of its entities recognized Bill Russell for his efforts on their behalf. The HPS gave him its highest accolade (the Sam Fink Award) and its Leadership Award. Just last year the HPS initiated a new award, named in his honor, to recognize outstanding younger leaders. He was given the Angeles Chapter's Chester Versteeg Award (the Chapter's highest award for outings leadership) for his exceptional and highly diverse leadership efforts.

Cultural Exemplar

As one of its fundamental roots the Sierra Club can be said to foster an outings and leadership culture in which the individual is extremely competent, sensitive to others, steadfast in the pursuit of safety and excellence and, most of all, full of a desire to improve matters and endowed with the initiative and follow-through to fulfill that desire. This list, coupled with the aforementioned focus and determination, provides a summary description of Bill T. Russell's personae. He had a capacity for recognizing future needs, was full of imaginative approaches to meet them, possessed a selfstarter that says "If not me, who?," and a bulldog-like tenacity to carry projects to successful completion.

With his departure the Angeles Chapter has lost a giant. He combined the characters of a classical patriarch, an avuncular role model, and a wise and sound advisor. For the lucky ones among us, he was also a wonderful friend, companion, and colleague. We shall not see his like again.

Remembrance of Bill T. Russell

By Jon Sheldon

Even though I didn't know Bill very well, he had an impact on my life. He was quiet, unassuming and a true leader. He was focused

on continuity, a sense of history and a concern for the individual and he was a mentor to many of us.

I can recall many HPS meetings where he would sit quietly in the background, listening to the discussion as the Management Committee would make little headway. Then he would make a simple comment that would cut to the meat of the issue. I never heard him ridicule or scorn another. Rather, he would try to find the common ground.

On hikes, Bill was a resource for others. Just having him present on an outing made me feel comfortable knowing that his cool-headedness would be there if the group needed him. His knowledge of the mountains and his stories of his past climbs and life experiences made for interesting discussions. He led many peaks by different, fun routes and on the peak he would usually attempt the true high point, be it a large boulder or a lookout tower (and I even saw him climb a tree).

I remember once walking along a trail just behind Bill. With every other step he was gently kicking a rock off the trail. When I asked him what he was doing he said, "I'm just doing a bit of trail maintenance as I walk". Since then, I find myself taking an extra 30 seconds to gently kick a rock, move a downed branch, or repair stepping stones across a stream.

Thanks, Bill, for making all our trails easier. We'll miss you.

Memorial to Bill T Russell

By Ruth Lee Dobos

A memorial was held for Bill T Russell on January 29th at Temescal Park under the wonderful large and sturdy old live oak tree. The memorial was sponsored by the three mountain Climbing Sections of the Sierra Club, the HPS, DPS and SPS.

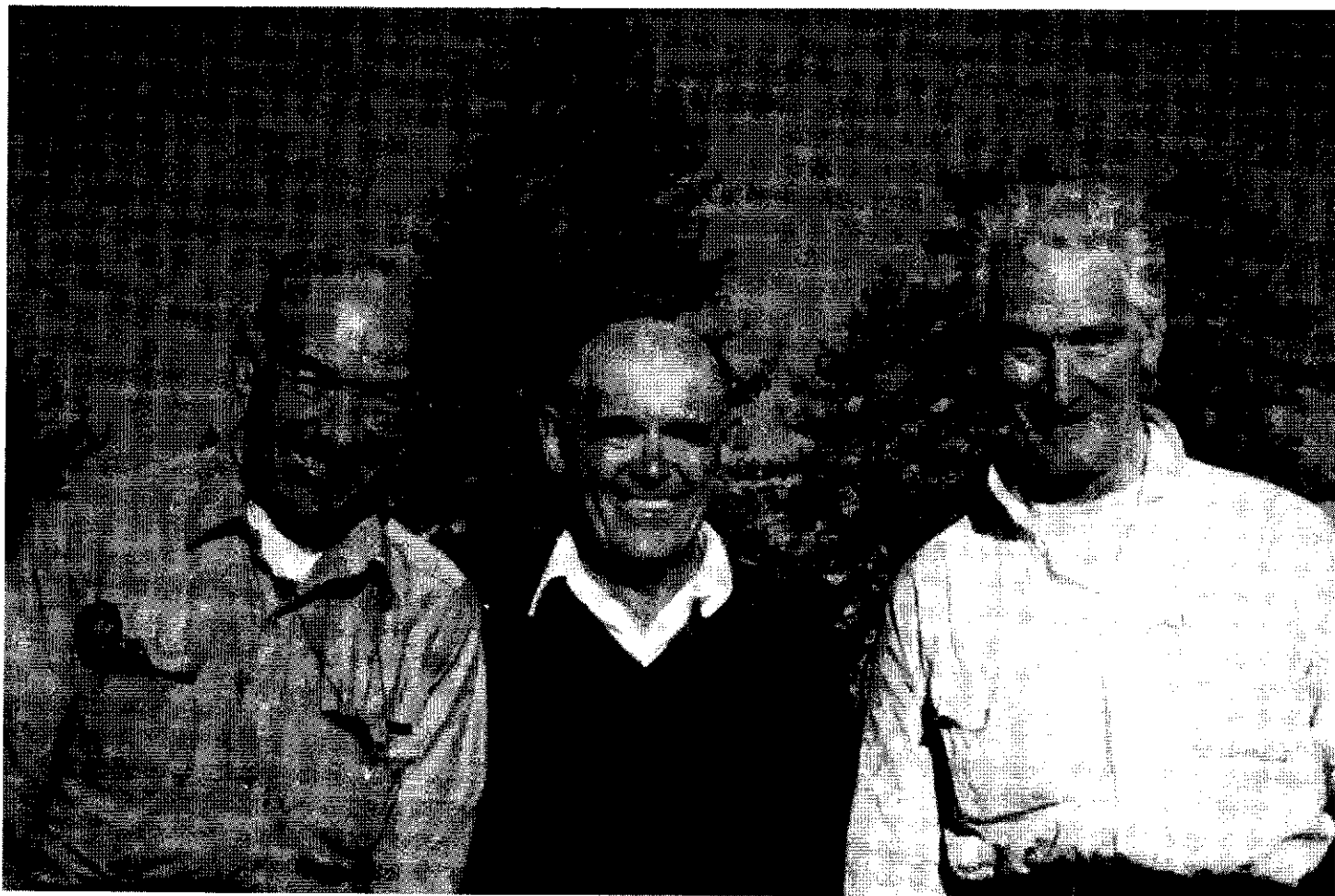
The program was planned and conducted by Duane McRuer, Bill's long time friend. Duane gave the opening remarks and requested the Chairs of the three sections speak of Bill T. Barbara Reber spoke for the DPS, Tina Stough for the SPS, and Ruth Dobos for the HPS. We spoke of Bill T's

accomplishments in our own Sections and of the many contributions he made as Chair of Leadership Training and the "Navigation Noodle." In addition to that, we reminisced, speaking of some of the many highlights of our climbing experiences with Bill, his leadership skills, the many hikes he led.

Other members of the group then stood and spoke of their memories of Bill. David and Mercedes, Bill's son and daughter spoke of their father, mentioning how important mountaineering and the people of the mountain climbing Sections were to Bill. Others in the group spoke of their personal experiences with Bill included Edna Erspamer, George Toby, Doug Mantle, Jack Koshier and Tina read a message from Dan Richter who was unable to attend.

Pat Russell was with us, many of us made her teary eyed on this afternoon. Others present included Frank Dobos, Frank Goodykoontz, Carleton and Hanna Shay, David Eisenberg, Ann Kramer, Joe and Betty McCosker from San Diego, Chuck Stein, Randy Bernard, Mary Sue Miller, Asher Waxman, Jon and Ruth Sheldon, Bill Oliver, Bill Bradley, Barbara Cohen, Jim Adler, Kathy Price, Gordon McLeod, and many, many others to numerous to mention.

We left the Park with both sad and happy feelings, with the feeling that Bill would have been pleased with the gathering, that he would sign us all in and lead us up into the mountains. Bill's leadership and friendship will be missed.



Bill T. Russell stands between his long time friends and hiking companions Bob Hicks, left, and Duane McRuer, right. This photo was taken on July 4, 1993 at the trailhead for Lockwood Point. This outing was said to be an "older boys trip." Photo by Pat Russell

Peeks Into the Past Fifty Years ago in the Hundred Peaks Game

by Ron Jones

*Editor's note: Ron Jones submitted this article anticipating that it would appear in the Jan-Feb 1997n issue of **THE LOOKOUT**. It is combined with his second article in this issue.*

The first hike the Sierra Club made in Southern California was up Bailey Canyon, near Sierra Madre, in 1909. The same group of local hikers took several additional hikes that year but their plans for organizing the first local Sierra Chapter at that time did not materialize. That year they also scheduled a climb of San Gorgonio Peak on the hottest day of the year and only the leader showed up! On November 1, 1911 they got together again in the rooms of the old Knickerbocker Club on South Hill Street. Seventy Five Sierra Club members from Southern California met and they easily got the 50 signatures on a petition asking San Francisco to allow the formation of the Southern California (now Angeles) Chapter. On the 12th of November, 1911, they took their first scheduled Chapter hike, led by the Los Angeles Superior Court Judge, Clair S. Tappan (the Southern California gentleman for whom the Sierra Club Lodge near Lake Tahoe is named. Judge Tappan also served as Chapter Chair in 1911-12 and 1912-13 and served on the National Board of Directors from 1912 to 1932 and was National President 1922-24). The 13-1/2 mile hike began near Altadena, went 4 miles up Arroyo Seco, thence via Saluted Road, La Canada through Sycamore Canyon to Glendale.

Fifty years ago, on Sunday, November 17, 1946, the 35th anniversary of this hike was repeated with Bill Barry as leader and Helen Henry assisting. Among those present were Mr and Mrs Gilbert Barry (Gilbert was Chairman of the Muir Lodge for 5 years); Mildred Tallant, who composed the Sierra Club's "Bandana Song"; B.R. Paxton and H. Edwin Bailey. The Southern California Chapter (at that time including the San Diego, San Gorgonio and Los

Padres Chapters) had a membership of 1620 people!

During November and December, 1946 there were only three trips scheduled within the Chapter to so called "official" peaks on Weldon Heald's list of 100 peaks. These were Mt San Bernardino, East San Berdoo & Mt Anderson, an 18 mi RT led October 13 from Barton Flats with Dick Berry as Leader, Martin Britt as Asst. and Doris Coble in charge of transportation. On November 16-17 Etiwanda, Cucamonga, Big Horn and Timber were led as a backpack by Paul Hunter, with Paul Green assisting & Christel Maisner in charge of transport. Finally, Mts Hillyer & Pacifico were led December 1 by John Banks & Kurt Graichen with Agnes Staab in charge of transport.

In December of 1946 the "scores" of those playing the "Hundred Peaks" game was announced in the Southern Sierran. Weldon Heald led the list with 100 peaks; Jack Bascom followed with 89 peaks; Sam Fink had 84 peaks; D.D. Chalmers had 82; Don McGeein, 81; Kasper Casperson, 71; Luella Todd, 64; John Banks, 63; Niles Werner, 61; Bob Sturdevant, 60; Louise Werner, 59; Dr. T.D. Atkinson, 59; Fred Johnson, 57; Bob Nightengale, 57; and Alice Bates, 53 peaks.

Peaks Into the Past II Fifty Years ago in the Hundred Peaks Game

by Ron Jones

In January 1947 the Sierra Club had 4750 members. One third, 1625 people, belonged to the Southern California Chapter. At the time, and for some years after, application for membership required the sponsorship of two members to vouch for you (mine were John Robinson and Frank Sanborn) and the annual dues were \$4.00. A life membership cost \$75.00. The Chapter organized outings sections included only the Desert Peaks Section, then chaired by Jim Tow; the Rock Climbing Section, chaired by Jim Gorin; the Ski Mountaineers, chaired by Glen Dawson and the Nature Study Group chaired by Irene Charnock. There was an "official" list in the Chapter, of

hundred peaks, containing 192 named peaks and the objective was "to walk, ride or parachute to a summit" of these mountains.

In January, Tyler Van Degriff, owner of Van Degriff's Sporting Goods Store, presented the San Antonio and the Keller Ski Huts with freight and rescue toboggans. Hundred Peaks scheduled in January and February included Santiago Peak on January 5, an 18 mile hike from Glen Ivy, led by Henry Greenwood, assisted by Al van Pappelendam with transport coordinated by Georgia Mellon.

The same day, Paul Hunter and S. Copeland Palmer led Eric and Elsie Kent, Dr Margaret Jones, Tom Wright, Don Darrington, and Frank Clock up from Harwood Lodge to the Ski Hut. They were met by caretakers Walter and Bernice Henninger and the next day all cramponed up to the top of San Antonio Pk.

On January 12, R.J. Schonborn and C.F. Stearns scheduled a climb of Mt Lawlor. The next weekend, Pat Carmical and Martin Britt scheduled Monrovia Pk from Chantry Flats.

In January and February, Jim and Harriett Bonner with Clem Todd made two private attempts on Big Rabbit. Five big horn sheep were seen and they made the summit on February 9. On February 16, Pat Carmical and Bill Johnson scheduled a 14 mile RT hike of Mt Lukens.

Louise Top Werner wrote in the Southern Sierran that she and her husband, Niles, "climbed three interesting over-5000-foot bumps that she would never have gone near had they not been bitten by the 'official' bug that goes around hundred peaks". These were Sugarloaf Pk, Iron Mtn #2 and Smith Mtn. Their's were the first recorded ascents left on two summits but Weldon Heald and Jack Bascom had beaten them to Smith Mountain.

It was reported that Sam Fink achieved his 100th peak sometime in February, 1947. The Southern Sierran described Sam as "one of the Club's outstanding mountaineers and...he is often seen with a pack so large one would think a piano was moving up the mountain."



Eric Kent and daughter Kathy climbing Tahquitz Peak in 1953. Eric passed away on October 11, 1996. He was 94 years old. Photo by Jack Bascom.



Stag Brown, HPS Chair Jim Fleming, Southern Courtney, Frank Goodykoontz and Bobcat Thompson on the summit of Mt Lukens, January 11, 1997. Bill T. Russell, who had passed away three days earlier, finished the HPS List on Mt. Lukens in 1976. Testimonials about Bill T were made on the summit today. Photo by Joe Young

Upcoming Social Programs

Programs are held the second Thursday of each month, except January, at the Griffith Park Ranger Station auditorium. These programs are open to the public. There is no charge for admission. The Management Committee meets at 6:30 pm for about an hour. When the Management Committee meeting is concluded (usually about 7:30), the Chair, Jim Fleming, welcomes everybody and conducts the usual HPS business, including news, reports about conservation, chapter happenings, upcoming HPS events, and other matters. A review of recent outings focusses on unusual or special events, new routes, problems with trail heads or routes, road closures, accidents, etc.

Occasionally special announcements about Angeles Chapter events, procedures, policy, task forces, etc are made. Sometimes Chapter representatives are on hand to make these announcements and answer questions.

After the HPS business and announcements has concluded, we take a break to talk with one another, and help ourselves to the refreshments and goodies provided by the HPS. A donation is requested to defray the costs of the refreshments.

After the break a program, usually a narrated slide show, is presented. The HPS endeavors to present interesting and informative programs that attract wide attention, not limited only to HPS territory. Many of our members and friends have had interesting experiences, such as trips abroad, that appeal to a wide audience. By presenting programs which appeal to a large audience we hope to attract potential members to the Section.

In addition, HPS merchandise is available for purchase at the meetings. Patty Kline, our merchandiser, brings T-shirts, patches, and pins to the meetings. Buying the merchandise at the meetings will save the cost of postage! Furthermore, our Membership Chair, David Eisenberg, brings the official book containing the signatures of Emblem holders, 200 Peaks Bar awards, List Completions, etc. Add your name to this historic document.

March 13

ALICE SPRING, adventurer and world traveler, shows her exciting slides on river boating on the Amazon, hiking in the rain forest, and visiting native villages.



April 10

BILL OLIVER, ExCom member, hiker, and climber presents a program about the Alison Gulch, Goldmine and Gorge (on the slopes of Iron Mountain No. 1). Read Bill's write-up elsewhere in this issue of **THE LOOKOUT**.



Current Trips Reports

Mt Hillyer/Mt Mooney

December 21, 1996

Leaders: Erich and Luella Fickle

By Luella Fickle

By 8 AM there were 18 hikers gathered at La Canada. We drove up the Angeles Crest to the lower Hillyer trailhead. Most of the group were just starting on the list. All day we kept hearing this is my 22nd or my 9th peak.

We hiked the trail from near the Chilao Visitor's Center to Horse Flats. From there the trail goes up the rocky side of Hillyer to the summit. A winter storm was forecasted for the late afternoon. The day was cool. The group kept together. We had good views of the central San Gabriels. We were above most of the clouds at first. When we got back to the cars. We drove to the entrance of Charlton Flat Picnic Ground for the hike up Mt Mooney. We walked from Charlton Flat up the road to the firebreak that leads to the summit. I enjoy hiking up this pretty little canyon. We ate lunch on the top of Mooney.

After we were on the top of Mooney about fifteen minutes, it started getting very cold. Clouds had settled on most of the nearby peaks which were in clear view when we climbed Hillyer. So we quickly packed up our packs and hiked back to the cars for an early drive home.

Thanks to Erich for his able sweeping. To Ursula, Sandy, Chris, Darl, Kevin, Stephanie, Dave, Mars, Leo, Yasmin, Ruth, Don, Sharry, Paul, Deb, and Barry for a fun day with a good group. I hope they all continue on to at least 100 peaks.

Mt Lukens

January 11, 1997

Leaders: Bobcat Thompson and Stag

Brown

By Bobcat Thompson

Our 18th Annual mid-winter ascent of "Sister Elsie," and my 38th ascent, began at 7 am with 10 participants having breakfast at Lloyd's of La Cañada. 8 am at the La Cañada

rideshare point found 29 eager hikers gathered, ready to work off some "holiday cheer." Veterans like Frank Goodykoontz, Brent Washburne, Jim Fleming (celebrating his Birthday weekend), Southern Courtney, Joe Young and Patty Kline joined Bobcat and Stag for the 5 mile shuttle to the start of the hike at the top of Haines Canyon Road in Tujunga.

We started hiking up the horse trail about 150 yards below the top of Haines Cyn Rd about 8:45 am, a beautiful trail which intersects the main Mt Lukens Road in about 2 miles. We had clipped the trail on Jan 1, 1997, but some new trees had blown down in the January 6 windstorm, so Jim and Bobcat clipped and sawed thru some of them and continued up the Sister Elsie trail with Stag motivating the troops in the rear. This was our 139th hike led together for the Sierra Club since we first led Mt Lukens together 20 years ago. Thanks, Stag, for 2 decades of great hiking fun!

At exactly high noon we hiked above the cloud layer to arrive at the top of Mt Lukens, with vistas extending to Baldy in the East. The seas of cotton candy below us prevented us from seeing the city below from the highest point in the City of L. A. — 5074'.

After everyone had arrived on top, Bobcat led a moment of silence and remembrances for Bill T. Russell, who passed away 3 days earlier. Mt Lukens was Bill's List finish peak 20 years ago. Joe, Stag, Bobcat and Jim each said something about Bill T's accomplishments with the Sierra Club over the past quarter century. He will be greatly missed.

After an hour enjoying Sister Elsie's sunny summit (2 days later it snowed here), we led the troops down the remains of the Haines Cyn Trail, very spotty and rough in places, and down the Lukens Road, passing the junction with the new Rim of the Valley Trail which starts out in Deukmejian Wilderness Park in La Crescenta — another trail to explore. Back down the lower Haines Cyn trail, avoiding most of the poison oak, we arrived back at the cars by 3:45 pm. 14 hardy survivors re-convened at Pepe's of La Cañada for some post-hike revelry.

Same time next year!

Cross Country Hiking

By Diane Dunbar

FEB 8, SAT: I: Intro to XC Hiking for Beginners: Moderate hike to 1 or more peaks in Joshua Tree NP. Well conditioned tri hikers send early sase to Ldr: Diane Dunbar. Co-Leader: Frank Goodykoontz.

The above scheduled trip was an attempt to attract participants who are unsure of trips labeled XC (Cross-country). I have received occasional feedback from hikers new to the HPS indicating a need for this type of experience-hike. Most likely, these people have done XC hiking and just never thought of it as such.

Here is an example of what I included in the SASE writeup:

We will either climb Warren Pt, 5-6 mi, 1400' gn, or Queen Mtn, about 7 miles, 1400' gn, ranging from 5 to 8 hours hiking time. Both are rough cross-country with no trails except occ "use trails," our term for routes taken often enough to form semitrails if you learn to see them. We will take ridges and canyons instead of established trails. There may be some boulder-scrambling, and plenty of up and downhill slopes to practice various techniques for balance and control leading you to become more self-confident on XC hikes and enabling you to better keep up with groups. We find this much more satisfying than trails- it brings out the true personality of the area you are exploring. You must wear lug soled, sturdy hiking boots; tennis shoes collect dirt and rocks, don't support your ankle, and do not cling to the slopes like lug soles do. Keep in mind that your balance and control will be much better if you can learn to get up off your seat and stand, you are more likely to slip a bit if you lean into the hill. (Not dangerous, just annoying.) Downhill, go for the soft spots and dig in your heels for a good foothold, or aim for a good solid flat rock if there is one. There will be places with hard sloping rock with sand or gravel on it. You will discover that a quick step on these with another step planned is less likely to slip than leaving your foot there too long. If it looks too "iffish", sit down and crawl a bit, but you will learn soon to handle it all on your feet. It works much better.

You will learn to trust your boots in the right places and feel like a kid again. That really is the charm of XC hiking, come with us and feel like a kid again. It really isn't too hard, it's fun, a challenge, and exhilarating, taking you places you would never see from a trail. Believe me, the scenery will be magnificent... We will show you the Cholla, Catsclaw, beavertail and barrel cacti that occasionally dot these slopes so you can avoid them, and there is the ever present Joshua Tree, no two being alike. They are pretty in a hostile sort of way, and add to the personality of the desert itself. Get ready for a good time!!!!

We met at 6 am in Pomona; some of the original signer-onners having called to cancel, leaving us with 4 participants and Ann Kramer to assist in the XC if needed. Ann left right away to pick up Frank in Jumbo Rock Campground, where he had been staying with Hazel. The rest of us agreed to meet at the Kiosk inside the West entrance to the park in 2 hours.

All of us, having met at the kiosk, caravanned to the traditional Queen Mtn trailhead except Ann and Frank, who arrived in the usual cloud of dust soon afterward. Everyone there was prepared with the right extra clothing and at least 3 qts water, which I had spelled out in the writeup. This was important- I have found many a new hiker unprepared on other trips. One was a WTC graduate and one currently taking it, one was just prepared, and one was my niece using some of my gear.

I chose to take the canyon 133 degrees from the cars, and it gave us ample opportunity to become familiar with the ambiguous appearance of use trails and the local cacti, also some good first class scrambling. At the saddle, we paused for a clothing break and gazed at the landscape, becoming more and more spectacular. The WTC student had a map and began to follow it with me. Beyond the saddle is a lovely valley with an obvious little watercourse to follow, and many pinnacles and rugged canyons to pass by. We trudged along this, scrambling over occasional logs and rock hopping, and noting the animal tracks in the bottom. This has a very misleading branch, hidden by trees and rocks and doubling back on itself. As many times as I had been there, I went

past it for a short way, until I realized it and stopped. I was glad it happened, because it gave an opportunity to demonstrate how I knew it was the wrong branch by bearings, and how to tell the right branch when we went back and found it, proving it by the correct bearing. We continued along this branch through a lovely area into the main valley behind Queen, climbing out at this point and sitting for a break where we could see this valley and the notch on the other side, a landmark on the Indian Cove to Queen hike.

At this point the watercourse turns 90 degrees and heads up toward Queen, and the tough part began. Everyone had ample experience with multiple 2nd and minor 3rd class rock scrambling all the way up, and everyone did well at it, and of course admitted having done it before somewhere. Frank, being M rated guided the minor 3rd class parts with finesse, encouraging one who hesitated but came through like a trooper gaining a lot of self confidence. The joy of route finding in a place like that became a wonderful display and experience for all. Annie Kramer gave great advice as an assistant in tight places. At the 5300 feet level, we found our favorite large cave with the well preserved Indian Pictograph inside, and all participants went inside, took flash pictures, and tried to determine what it depicts. This was a kick-back day, with plenty of time to rest or talk in a cave, and I was appreciating it. All were impressed with the elusiveness of the navigation required in this canyon, how misleading all the pinnacles, branches, and terrain in the middle of it was, and how it wasn't really a matter of simply following it up to the top. Staying in it requires heads up concentration, and because of this, it is a fascinating place.

From the saddle, Frank chose a great 2nd class scramble route across the slope and around to the saddle below Queen, and we rested. I led up the summit block, with Frank back encouraging and Annie occasionally holding my niece's hand, and everyone was impressed with the view from the summit, down into the back valley from whence we had come, and from there, of course, the canyon we had taken was invisible. What a view it is up there. Everyone put on all the clothes they had

because of the freezing wind, and Frank led down his favorite route, a wonderful scramble across and down the face of Queen mtn and headed for a ridge from which a favored ravine leads toward the cars. It was here that the most experience with steep slippery slopes came, the people using balance and footholds scrambling down the dirt use trails between and across the multiple 2nd class rock areas, discovering the joys of struggling for balance on a steep slope with a long way to descend and a view spread out below them. Frank had taken the opportunity to launch a discussion on rockfall avoidance at the top, and we all talked about the necessity to yell ROCK if one is dislodged, and the KEEP YOUR WITS ABOUT YOU quick emergency noting of the direction the rock is heading downward, which way you should move (sideways of course) to avoid it, and quick planned action required, and the avoidance of panicky moves. Everyone really enjoyed the whole experience, and found it a challenge and learning experience. This was a very enthusiastic group, and I will not name them, because they are not beginners anymore. You know who you are!! You're great!! If anyone wants another of these, contact me.

PS: The whole trip took us 7 hours.

Allison - the Gold, the Gulch and the Gorge

By Bill Oliver

Just making your way to Allison Mine is fairly gnarly. Your escape, if successful, can be down right thrilling. My first visit to the old goldmine was with a friend last June, 1996. Over the next three months I would make five more trips, either solo or with another friend - but always a different friend (four in all)! The gold continually alluded me, as it pretty much did the Allison's. No, I was drawn again and again by a sense of the fantastic and by my passion for adventure.

Look this outing up in John W. Robinson's "Trails of the Angeles" as Trip #87: E. Fork Ranger Station to Allison Gold Mine - 14 miles round trip, 3000 ft gain. John Allison "discovered" the mine in 1914 and worked it with

his three sons for many years. It was shut down in 1942. [For more info, see JWR's "Mines of the East Fork."]

Allison Mine is located about half-way up Allison Gulch, at 4200 feet, on the SW side of Iron Mtn. To cover the entire route from the R.S. you'd need Glendora, Mt. Baldy, Crystal Lake and Mt. San Antonio topos, but most notably the last. This quad shows two trails leading to the mine: one up from the Gulch and another from the south.

The south approach takes the "Heaton Flat Trail" to the saddle at Pt. 4582. This puts you at the head of Laurel Gulch, also the starting point for the x-c climb of Iron. One then heads west on "Allison Trail," out around a ridge, then turning back into Allison Gulch and over to the mine at the Creek. If you paid attention on your up-and-down ridge top hike to Pt. 4582, you could vaguely make out the Allison Trail on the slope to the north, traversing slightly downhill from the saddle area. But at the saddle, it is hard to find the start of the trail. So, persist - it's there, a little to the left of some trail marker. You should not climb higher.

After about twenty feet, the route becomes generally self-disclosing. I say "generally" because sometimes it becomes down-right secretive! If you occasionally see some red ribbons, you're probably on route. Figure to stoop down a lot, and to get on your hands and knees a few times. Oh yeah - this route is fiercely defended by yucca. From the car to the saddle, figure on a good 2.25 hours (more if you need to rest on the way). OK, now you can rest. Ahead, you've still got a brutal two-hour ordeal along the Allison Trail to arrive at the mine. By then, especially in the summer, you'll be thrilled to simply collapse at the ample, cool, boisterous creek. Saunter upstream about 5-8 minutes for a really neat waterfall.

All the mine tunnels that I've found are on the south side of the creek; really two distinct mines. The upper one, above the trail, is very complex, having three entrances at different levels. It was really startling/weird to follow the passage from the middle to the upper entry. This serpentine tunnel meanders very, very steeply - like nothing man-made I've ever seen. We were somewhat concerned that "Them"

(giant ants) might suddenly attack at any moment. They didn't; but maybe we were lucky! Better to have a flame-thrower just in case)

The lower mine has one entry and many side tunnels, all pretty much at the same level. Look for it beside a small path between the creek and the trail you came in on. All the entrances are notably lacking in tailings - the ore was somehow hauled out. All the tunnels in both mines are over six feet high - easily walked.

The Allison's lodged in cabins on the north side of the creek. Not much left here now but the leveled ground. South of the creek, however, there are segments of rail track and, below the mines, immensely heavy pieces of equipment. According to Robinson, the miners constructed a wagon road up Allison Gulch to where it gets very steep. They then used "an ingenious system of cables and pulleys" to hoist the gear up to the mine. It's hard to imagine how they did this without serious helicopters.

Having explored the mine and having indulged in the cooling creek, my friend, Joel Grasmeyer, and I were finally set to depart (as if we controlled our destiny). In the latest edition of his guide, Robinson warns that the other route shown on the topo, down the gulch, is no longer safe. He recommends returning the way you came. [Warning: the topo also shows a side trail leading to the Stanley-Miller Mine. I could see no sign of this.] Welp, we couldn't find the start of the gulch route, but we had planned to descend the creek itself anyway, having brought a thin 115-foot rope, just in case. We soon unexpectedly found ourselves in a fantastic deep, tight gorge, which was to present three "impassable" falls. All right!

The first falls was about 25 feet high and was handily rapped, leaving two slings. The second, close to 45 feet high (& two slings), landed us in a half-foot pool of water (with little rope to spare). At each rapp, the first person down would scout ahead, before the second came down, to see if it would "go." The third and final falls, a spectacular 80-footer, out-stretched our rope considerably. However, it appeared that we could climb the wall on the right, up past a large tree, and carefully work our way down eventually to the creek. This succeeded, but it's crappy rock, somewhat exposed and hard to

protect.

The rest of the descent down the gulch along the creek is straight-forward x-c (you might discern vague portions of a trail). You should reach the East Fork, just above Swan Rock, in about an hour or so non-stop. Then plan on another 1.5+ hours and at least six stream crossings back to the car. I love loop trips.

On subsequent visits, using 115 and 100-ft ropes (& three slings), we handily rapped the third falls, straddling the water between our legs. This very likely may not work in the spring with high water, as the natural descent line is in the falls. This rapp also dumps you in a pool.

The best way to discover what I call the "Gulch Trail" on the topo, is to find where it sets off from the lower Gulch. On my earlier visits, this location was marked with red ribbons and two hand-crafted metal signs nailed to trees (placed "11/3/95 by Ed. J. Miller"). Then, suddenly, all markings mysteriously disappeared! Rats. From the East Fork, figure 600 feet gain and about 40+ minutes to the narrow gully shown on the topo north of the creek, just left of the trail. This gully is not obvious. If you see a large downed log with "Paul" carved on its upstream side, you're just a little below the start.

Cross the creek to the north and scamper up a steep dirt wall amid tree branches, then contour east and a "trail" will gradually unfold. A sharp turn uphill is the start of fairly sustained, steep dirt climbing - there ain't no switchbacks. Scattered red yarn markings help with this challenging route. Eventually/hopefully, you top out and then make your way east above the gorge, amidst much pointy yucca. This is the best way to discover how this trail actually reaches the mine. Having come up it first is also the best way to know how to take it down, trust me.

One of my six visits was a solo backpack - in by Allison Trail, out by the Gulch Trail. Believe me, the entry is bad enough with just a daypack!! I did not enter the mines after dark - ghosts or no ghosts. A trip to Allison Mine can be a great adventure - or a great mistake. Please don't underestimate it.

For Joel Grasmeyer's unique version of events plus color photos, check out his

homepage at

www.aoe.vt.edu/~grasmeye/photos/allison

Mt Harvard, Mt Wilson

January 18, 1997

Leaders: Frank & Ruth Dobos

By Ruth Dobos

"Hiking in the Snow"

Hiking in the snow can be a pleasant experience. On January 18th eleven stalwart hikers decided to brave the elements by hiking Mt Harvard and Mt Wilson, in the snow. This turned out to be a wonderful hike. Leaders Frank and Ruth Lee Dobos led nine hikers down from the Mt Wilson gate on the snow covered road and up to Harvard, enjoying the limitless view of the LA Basin. On the top we shared goodies and small talk, newcomers expressed their surprise at the beauty of the San Gabriel Mts. Then down and up the J P L trail to the Mt Wilson parking lot. While many people were enjoying the snow outside the gate, the gate was never opened that day. The parking lot was entirely deserted, something we never see. We lunched at the old pavilion and walked around the grounds, nothing was open. Then out through the turnstile we went, where there were many-many people and dogs playing in the snow. It seems they did not realize how to get inside and how wonderful it would be. I had been threatened by the flu for several weeks before this hike. All I can say is Dr Ruth might recommend a hike like this to cure your ills. The day with wet feet from the mountain snow completely cured my lingering flu.

The Big Tujunga Narrows

Private Trip 11-16-96

by Erik Siering and Ann Kramer

Some of the excitement and the beauty of Yosemite and Zion canyoneering can be found in our own local mountains of the Angeles National Forest. The East Fork Narrows of the San Gabriel River is an example. Another wonderful and very different experience is the Narrows of the rugged, wet Upper Big Tujunga Canyon.

Ann Kramer and I made a dayhike

traverse of the Big Tujunga Narrows. Starting from the FS3N24 Colby Ranch road, we emerged a long five miles downstream, where the drainage crosses the FS3N27 dirt road. This required a car shuttle, so we'd parked Ann's car at the FS3N27 turnoff on Tujunga Canyon Road, and drove my truck to FS3N24, near the site of Wickiup Campground. From here, by a small bridge, we set out along the stream.

As so often, the impetus of this trip was John Robinson. His guidebook "Trips in the Angeles" (Trip 53) describes a hike midway in the Tujunga drainage, to reach beneath the Narrows Bridge from Angeles Forest Hwy. He describes easy going approaching the impressive Bridge, and cross-country travel with 'foot-wetting fords' downstream. We learned it was a lot more adventuresome than that!

The streambed between the Colby Ranch road and the Bridge consists of boulder-strewn cascades and pools. At times there is a faint use path along either bank. Mostly, it calls for fun rock hopping from one side to the other. We bypassed a precipitous, multi-tiered falls by a scramble along northside cliffs. Poison oak was largely absent. Unfortunately, trash and graffiti, the other scourge of many Angelesdefiles, was prevalent where the canyon approached the roadway. I hauled out a large packful, only making a dent.

The worst blight is at a water guaging station near the Bridge, readily accesible from Angles Forest Hwy and referred to in Robinson's guidebook. Here the inviting pools and steep rockwalls are festooned with gang markers by taggers gone mad. Anything and everything is blazed. That is, until the first serious waterfall is encountered. Nimble class 3 scrambling from a high ledge passes the great cascade and its immense pool. This obstacle clearly deters the casual visitor, and so the graffiti and trash pleasantly cease.

Travel further downstream involves delightfully wet, sliding, and indeed, swimming navigation through the Narrows. The high, smooth canyon walls close to within ten and twenty feet, and little sunlight reaches the deep, bone-chilling cold pools and rills. High water conditions here would be deadly. Summer and Fall are the best seasons to visit.

Beyond the Narrows, the canyon expands gradually, affording welcome sunlight to the broad flowing streambed. The frequent, shallower fords reach knee-high. Birdlife and deer are abundant in this grassy, tree-lined riparian shelter that is rarely traveled by man.

The stream at last meets FS3N27 in an open bend of the canyon. This road is closed to public vehicular traffic, and reaches across the expanse of the Tujunga Canyon above the reservoir, winding its way to the Mt Gleason summit road. Turning left, Ann and I hiked up the last mile and 600' gain, returning us to our car at the locked gate.



Ruth Dobos and Frank Dobos, upper left, stand with their group on the snowy summit of Mt. Harvard on January 25, 1997. Ruth and Frank led a hike on the day of the HPS Annual Awards Banquet.

Congratulations to David Eisenberg!

Our own David Eisenberg has been selected to be the Editor of the Angeles Chapter Schedule of Activities. To follow on the heels of Dick Akawie and Lori Ives is an accomplishment ot be proud of. David has excelled in his many roles with the HPS: Leader, **THE LOOKOUT** editor, Vice Chair, Outings Chair, and Membership Chair. David also created the HPS Website on the Internet. The Hundred Peaks Section is proud for David's achievement.

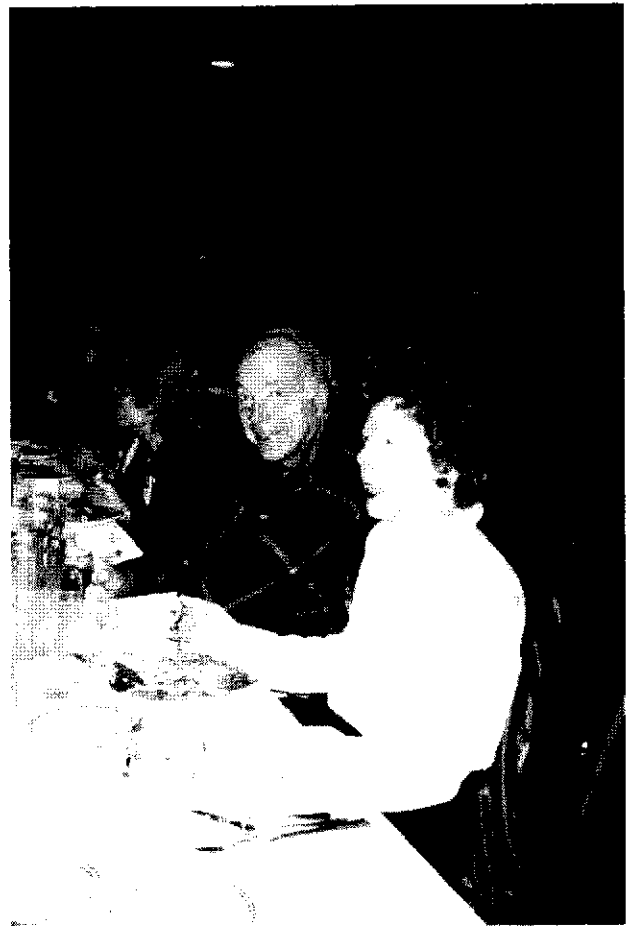
**Scenes from the Hundred Peaks Annual Awards Banquet
January 25, 1997**



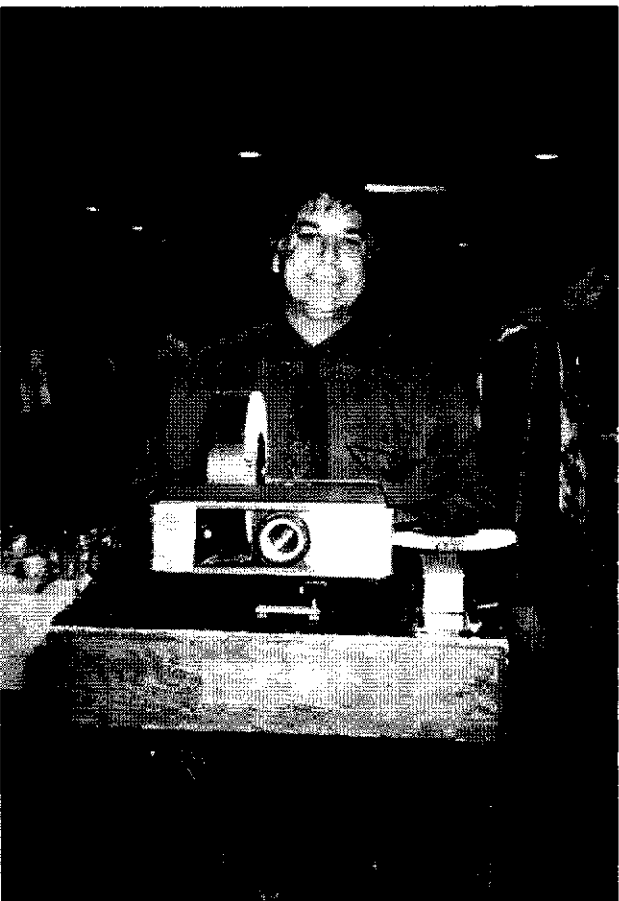


Clockwise, from left: Frank Goodykoontz and Carleton Shay, who have finished the List nine and eight times respectively; R. S. Fink Award recipients, left to right, Frank Goodykoontz, Edna Erspamer, David Eisenberg, Joe Young, Ruth Dobos, Jim Fleming, Frank Dobos, Stag Brown, Patty Kline, and How Bailey; Dianne Edwards, who received her Emblem Pin from Ruth (Dianne had climbed Smith Mtn for her 100th peak earlier this day); and Nami, Reina Lee and Stag Brown at the banquet.
Photos by Joe Young





Clockwise from left: 1997 HPS Chair Jim Fleming; Southern Courtney (center); Conservation chair, Maggie Wilson, Council Representative; and program presenter Steve Cohen.



Wilderness Areas Going to Pot by Alan Coles

Increasing demand and higher prices have fueled a dramatic increase in the number of illegal marijuana plantations on public lands here in Southern California. As law enforcement agencies acquire more sophisticated equipment to detect these plantations, growers have moved their operations into more remote areas including national forest wilderness areas.

One of the hardest hit areas is in the Los Padres National Forest north of Ojai. Last year a major grove was found on the south side of Pine Mountain in an inaccessible area. The growers flew in by helicopter. Other major operations were found in Chokecherry Canyon (off of Santa Barbara Canyon) and Upper Rancho Nuevo Canyon.

In some of these cases, information from hikers and local ranchers was instrumental in locating the fields and the subsequent arrest of the growers. Hikers complained about "scary" looking people hanging around Madulce Cabin in the Dick Smith Wilderness. There were also reports of unusual activity going up and down Santa Barbara Canyon, far more than is normal for the area.

Several years ago a group of hikers were returning from Eagle Crag in the Agua Tibia Wilderness. It was late in the day as darkness was setting in. They accidentally strayed off the trail and decided to head for a dirt road that would lead them back to Dripping Spring. Much to their surprise, they ran into a major marijuana plantation just outside of a private inholding. Fortunately they passed through without injuries and without being detected. Their information led to the largest seizure in the history of Cleveland National Forest.

It is important for hikers to be extra cautious when hiking in areas where few people are likely to travel. Places such as the area around Beauty and Iron Springs Mountains are extremely suitable for growing marijuana because there is no public access to the region which is completely surrounded by private land. Growers typically tap into a spring and use drip hoses for several hundred feet to feed plants concealed under oak and other large shade trees.

Your safety is your first concern. Never hike alone when going into infrequently visited areas. Watch out for unusual activity along a route such as a mysterious trail leading into a secluded canyon. If you notice "scary" people or unusual activity along a trail, leave the area at once. Let

local law enforcement agencies or land administrators know of any unusual activity on public lands regardless of whether you saw the plants. Your information with other reports will help them determine if any action is warranted at that time.

Ruby and Bill Jenkins Present Program on Southern Sierra

On April 9, 1997 Ruby and Bill Jenkins, parents of Jim Jenkins, for whom Mount Jenkins on the Hundred Peaks Section List is named, will present a slide program at the Sierra Peaks Section monthly meeting. The meeting will be held at the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power headquarters, SF Room, 111 N. Hope Street in Los Angeles. The meeting starts at 7:30 pm.

This slide show is an overview of the southern Sierra from Tehachapi Pass, north to Horseshoe Meadow in the east, and the front country of Kings Canyon National Park in the west. A few of the slides were taken by Jim Jenkins and his friends. The slides appeared in a similar presentation Jim gave throughout southern California in the 1970's to show people the beauty of the southern Sierra, a land which had become special to him. In the last ten of his twenty seven years, Jim helped plan a part of the Pacific Crest Trail in the southern Sierra, co-authored the first Pacific Crest Trail: California Guidebook, wrote the first trail guides to the southern Sierra and worked toward the creation of wildernesses to help preserve that land. In 1984, to honor Jim's contribution to the southern Sierra, Mount Jenkins was named for him.

Upon Jim's death in 1979, his work was continued by his mother, Ruby. Since then she has hiked over 4,000 miles to update Jim's book Self-propelled in the Southern Sierra, two volumes, and most recently to publish the revised editions, now titled Exploring the Southern Sierra: East Side and Exploring the Southern Sierra: West Side. All the pictures in this slide show were taken within the area covered by these books. Husband Bill does the "talkin;" Ruby did the "walkin" and the "writin." The revised books have already sold over 8,000 copies in California. She will have copies available for purchase at the program.

REGISTER BOX

By Jim Adler

Based on reports from Joe Young, Peter Doggett, Hugh Blanchard, Carleton Shay and Luella Fickle, the missing and deficient won out over the replaced with a net of loss of four registers.

I was flattered and honored to receive a special award at the recent banquet for writing the "Register Box." It seems unnecessary to be given an award for receiving correspondence from the many friendly peak baggers whose reports make this column possible.

Missing and deficient registers:

4E	Tecuya Mtn.	missing	10-96
7K	Black Mtn. #2	decepit	4-96
9A	Iron Mtn. #2	missing	2-97
9C	Condor Peak	missing	12-96
9D	Fox Mtn. #2	missing	12-96
12F	Occidental Peak	missing	12-16
12H	Mt. Harvard	missing	8-95
13A	Winston Peak	missing	6-96
13B	Mt. Akawie	missing	6-96
13F	Mt. Williamson	missing	6-96
13I	Winston Ridge	deficient	4-96
14B	Twin Peaks	missing	9-96
14D	S. Mt. Hawkins	missing	9-96
14G	Throop Peak	missing	9-96
14F	Mt. Hawkins	missing	9-96
16D	Dawson Peak	missing	7-96
16G	Telegraph Peak	missing	8-96
17B	Ontario Peak	missing	10-96
17H	San Sevaine	missing	11-96
18B	Modjeska Peak	deficient	11-96
24C	San Bernardino E.	missing	8-96
24D	Anderson Peak	missing	8-96
24F	Charleton Peak	missing	8-96
25A	Allen Peak	missing	10-96
26B	Quail Mtn.	missing	3-96
26C	Queen Mtn.	missing	4-96
26D	Ryan Mtn	missing	4-94
28I	Cone Peak	deficient	10-96
29B	Little Cahuilla Mtn.	missing	11-96
29C	Cahuilla Mtn.	missing	10-96
31D	Palomar Hi. Pt.	missing	4-94
32G	Oakzanita Pk.	missing	5-95



Jim Adler receives a Special Award from Ruth Dobos at the HPS Annual Awards Banquet.

Photo By Joe Young

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.)

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting of November 14, 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), Carleton Shay (Past Chair), Southern Courtney (HPS Conservation Chair, Council Rep.), Bob Thompson (Peak Guides).

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 PM by Ruth Dobos.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Corrections were as follows: Add Carleton Shay's name to those present; Add "city of *Monrovia*" in Section IV, D. In Section IV., D3, change Pleasant View to "*Pleasant View*"; in same section change March 8, 1996 to "1997", In Section IV.,D2, change to read "*to encourage Ex-Com...*", and in IV.F, add "*May*" to list of months, and change Bolsa Chico to "*Bolsa Chica*".

B. It was *mislp* (Courtney, Shay) to approve the minutes as corrected.

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A. Discussion of membership brochures was added to agenda.

B. It was *mislp* (Feitshans, Courtney) to approve the agenda for the meeting.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Over 200 HPS ballots have already been received. There will be a meeting to count votes on Monday, 12/9, at 7:00 PM, Carleton Shay's house.

B. HPS Banquet is set for Jan. 25, 1996, at Taix's, in the Crystal Room. The cost will be \$25.00. Board members should bring door prizes.

C. Spring Fling is May 10, 11. It will be a pot luck dinner, with the section provided the turkey. Three hikes in the area are planned.

D. There have been no suggestions for the Angeles Chapter award.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Membership brochures: David would like to print more; they have given the section a high rate of return in terms of new members. He would like to see them go out to the other S.C. Groups.

B. It was *mislp* (Feitshans, Shay) to authorize David to have another 3000 brochures printed.

VI. REPORTS

A. Chair

Ruth introduced a letter from a member who was asking for some changes in our peak requirements. The board voted not to make any changes at this time. Ruth also announced a Mt. Lowe hike for this coming weekend.

B. Vice-Chair/Outings: A list of the upcoming hikes was passed out. More hikes are needed for the GREAT LA CLEANUP next April.

C. Council Representative: The Chapter is looking for new offices.

D. Treasurer: The treasury balance stands at \$2799.47.

E. Programs: Flyers for the next meeting were handed out.

F. Membership: This month, we had 5 achievements and 3 new members. It was *mislp* (Fleming, Shay) to accept these achievements and members.

G. Newsletter: December 7th is the next deadline for submitting material.

H. Conservation: There is a lot of money going into the fight for the Ballona Wetlands.

I. Adopt-a-Highway: There is a cleanup hike scheduled for this weekend. We need some lined up for the spring of next year.

J. Merchandise: Patti wants to print up some new T-shirts. We're using the old logo made of cotton, not plastic. It was *mislp* (Eisenberg, Shay) to authorize this.

K. No reports were received by the following: Secretary, Past Chair/Mailer, Mountain Records, Peak Naming, Peak Guides.

VII. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting of December 12, 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), Carleton Shay (Past Chair), Southern Courtney (HPS Conservation Chair, Council Rep.), Joe Young (Lookout Editor/Historian), Charlie Knapke (Mountain Records Chair), Bob Thompson (Peak Guides).

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM by Ruth Dobos.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Election results: Management board consists of John Southworth, Maggie Wilson, Dave Jensen, Cathy Reynolds, Jim Fleming and Charlotte Feitshans. The By-Laws change was approved; Dragon's Head to be added to list was not approved. The ballots will be held by the Secretary for 6 months and then destroyed.
- B. On Jan. 4, 1997, a meeting will be held in Joshua Tree Natl. Park of the Nevada and Calif. Regional Conservation Groups. The subject is rock climbing.
- C. Louis Quirarte has resigned as Peak Naming Chair.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was m/s/p (Shay, Feitshans) to approve the minutes of November 14 as presented.

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was m/s/p (Feitshans, Shay) to approve the agenda for the meeting.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A The results were discussed under "Announcements".
- B. HPS Banquet on Jan. 25, 1997 at Taix's, in the Crystal Room, is set. The cost will be \$25.00 per person — 5:30 cocktails, 7:00 dinner. We will be using HPS T-shirts for raffle prizes, and board members were encouraged to secure other prizes.
- C. Spring Fling is May 10,11, 1997. Three hikes in the area are planned.
- D. Oktoberfest will be on the first weekend in October, 1977, at Harwood, unless Joe Young has found another place to use. Joe will look into advertising this event in the *Southern Sierran*.

V. NEW BUSINESS

None

VI. REPORTS

- A. Chair: On Jan. 8, 1997, there will be combined DPS, HPS, SPS meeting. It takes place at the DWP building in LA, 7:30 pm. Ruth plans to attend.
- B. Vice-Chair/Outings: David requested prizes and certificates for the leaders to be handed out at the banquet. It was m/s/p (Feitshans, Shay) to approve this expense. David to call Ruth with recipients names and projected cost.
- C. Council Representative: 1. Mary Hopkins is new Council Chair.
2. The Rio Hondo Group is having trouble — financially and lack of membership.
- D. Treasurer: The treasury balance stands at \$3114.73. A request was made to list a particular activity separately in the treasury report, showing the income and the expense (i.e., Oktoberfest).
- E. Programs: Five plaques of recognition will be handed out at the Banquet.
- F. Membership: 1. Charlie Knapke was recognized as 4th person to lead the entire HPS List.
2. We have 4 achievements this month and 2 new members. It was m/s/p (Eisenberg, Courtney) to accept these achievements and new members.
- G. Newsletter: The newsletter will be printed on Mon., Dec. 16th and mailed the next day.
- H. Conservation: 1. The Angeles Chapter will NOT be party to the lawsuit on the Ballona Wetlands.
2. Everyone's support is needed on the Great LA Cleanup hikes which are scheduled in April.
- I. Mountain Records: There is a new hiking guide for Black #4. On the 1996 Peak List, 7 peaks have new topos; one has a name change, and one has an elevation change.
- J. Adopt-a-Highway: There are cleanup hikes in the next schedule.
- K. Merchandise: There is a backlog of HPS T-shirts. We'd like to put them up for sale at a reduced price to move them. It was agreed that we'd sell them for \$6.00 apiece. We will also use 10 of them as door prizes at the Banquet. It was m/s/p (Courtney, Feitshans) to authorize Patti to order 30 new shirts (colors: ash and oatmeal), using old logo and with list of peaks on the back.
- L. No reports were received from the following: Secretary, Past chair/mailler, Peak Naming, Peak guides

NOTE: There will be a meeting the second Thursday in January of the Old Management and the New Management group. It will be at Carleton's house. A letter will be forthcoming with more details.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

It was m/s/p (Shay, Fleming) to adjourn at 7:35 pm.