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Memorial Hikes for Sam Fink to be Held on Saturday, August 15, 1998

A memorial event for Sam Fink, who passed away on June 6, will be held on Saturday, August 15, 1998 on Mt. Akawie. Mt. Akawie was Sam's 3,803rd, and last, ascent of any peak, on his 90th birthday, four years ago. There will be two hikes and one non-hike for participants:

- ◆ A moderately strenuous hike to Winston Peak and Mt Akawie will meet at 8:00 AM at the La Cañada rideshare point. Leaders: Joe Young and Bobcat Thompson.
- ◆ An easy hike to Mt Akawie will meet at the La Cañada rideshare point at 9:00 AM. Leaders: Tom Ambruster and Lynda Ambruster. (Well behaved dogs Okay.)
- ◆ Non-hikers please meet at the La Cañada rideshare point at 11:00 AM. We will rendezvous at the Chilao picnic area and prepare a site for ourselves as well as the hikers. Any "well-behaved" dogs from the hikes must be restrained on leash at the picnic site.

The memorial event for Sam will be held at the Chilao Picnic area. Please look for signs indicating the way to the picnic. Participants on the two hikes will meet the others after the hikes. We will honor Sam with a celebration, picnic, and sharing of our memories of Sam.



Photo of Sam Fink at Mt. Hawkins sign, 1950's. This photo was reprinted from Sam Fink's private collection by Bob Cates.

See inside this issue of **THE LOOKOUT** for more photos and testimonials about Sam Fink.

Membership Report

By David F Eisenberg

Achievements

100 Peaks Emblem

970	Douglas Bear	August 7, 1993	Thunder Mountain
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200 Peaks Bar

352	John Connelly	June 16, 1996	Black Mountain #2
353	Frank L. Atkin	May 3, 1998	Sheephead Mountain
354	Sue Holloway	January 22, 1998	Sewart Mountain
355	Rosemary Campbell	June 13, 1998	Little Shay Mountain
356	Douglas Bear	December 10, 1994	Mount Marie Louise

List Completion #1

203	Jean Hermansen	May 20, 1998	Luna Mountain
204	Harriet Edwards	May 31, 1998	Josephine Peak
205	Douglas Bear	June 27, 1998	Sunday Peak
206	Richard L. Whitcomb	June 21, 1998	Santa Cruz Peak

Membership Activity Report

Member to Sustaining Member

Peter Wolar

New Subscriptions

Robert Bayma	Sustaining
Marco P. Cadena	Member
Tom Cox	Household
Jeffrey Poteat	Honorary
Gene Rosikiewicz	Sustaining Sub.
	Subscriber

Extra

Totals

Membership Summary

Current

33

289

66

3

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91

7

490

Inactive

1

185

25

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213

425

Note from **THE LOOKOUT** Editor:

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From the Chair By Charlotte Feitshans

Hello, Fellow Hikers!

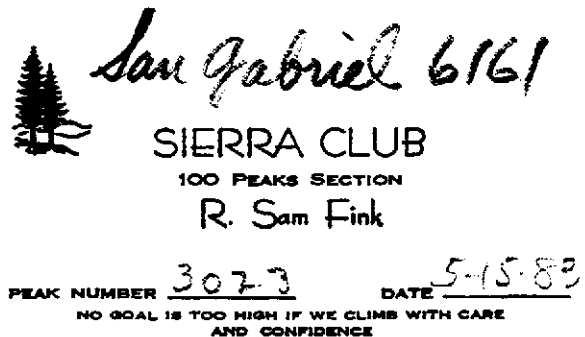
At the time of printing, this edition of **THE LOOKOUT** will be dedicated to the life memories of Sam Fink. Although I never knew Sam while he was hiking, I do remember seeing him this past year at various functions where he usually sat quietly, but still with a twinkle evident in his eye. I know he exerted a big influence on our section, was a marvelous inspiration to many hikers and was well loved. I feel very honored to be a part of a group with such fine people in it as Sam.

At this mid-year time, I'd like to report that there is "change" in the air for the HPS. We're planning a new Fall Party, a change from many years of Oktoberfest; we're planning a new format for the hiking guides and maps, a change which will bring us all into the 21st Century; and we're nominating some members this year who are interested for the first time in running for management positions.

For some people, any type of change is threatening and causes stress. But life is all about change. It's about new ideas, new friends, new situations. I would hope that all our members would embrace the changes, support them, try them, and grow with the process.

I hope everyone plans to attend the Harvest Moon Festival this year, on the first weekend in October at Harwood Lodge. We're changing the format of the party from the parties of the past; adding new food, new games and prizes, and new fun. It should be a great weekend, with hiking in the local mountains as well as partying. If you've never before attended a party at Harwood Lodge, you really should attend this one. The weather is beautiful this time of year and the camaraderie is grand. Check the Schedule for times and reservations.

Til next time....



R. Fink
S. Fink

(Left) Trail marker #1 along Sam Fink Trail. Photo courtesy Bob Cates. (Above) Front and back of one of Sam's ascent cards. This one was written on San Gabriel Pk, his 3023rd ascent, on 5-15-83.

Outings Not In Angeles Chapter Schedule

August 15 Saturday

O: Winston Peak (7502'), Mount Akawie (7283'+): Memorial Hike for Sam Fink. 1,000' of gain, 4 miles round trip. Moderate hike. Rendezvous with Mt Akawie hikers on the summit of Mt Akawie. Bring water, sturdy boots. Well-behaved dogs OK. Meet 8:00 AM at La Cañada rideshare point or 1 hour earlier at Hill Street (formerly Lloyd's of La Cañada) restaurant for breakfast. After the hike, we will reconvene at Chilao picnic area for memorial picnic for HPS legend Sam Fink. Leaders: JOE YOUNG and BOBCAT THOMPSON.

August 15 Saturday

O: Mount Akawie (7283'+): Memorial hike for Sam Fink. 400' gain, 1 mile round trip. Easy hike. Rendezvous with above-mentioned hike on summit. Bring water, sturdy boots. Well-behaved dogs OK. Meet 9:00 AM at La Cañada rideshare point. After the hike we will reconvene at Chilao picnic area for memorial picnic for HPS legend Sam Fink. Leaders: TOM and LYNDIA ARMBRUSTER.

September 14 Monday

O: Throop Peak (9138'), Mt Hawkins (8850'), Mt Islip (8250'). Hike starts at Dawson Saddle (8000') and ends at Islip Saddle. Moderately paced hike with no tigers of approximately 8 miles with 2100' gain on trail. Meet 8 AM at La Cañada rideshare point. Bring 3 qts of water and lunch. USFS parking permit required. There will be a short car shuttle required. Leaders: BYRON PRINZMETAL (provisional leader), SOUTHERN COURTNEY.

October 17 Saturday A Private Outing

Former HPS Chair **Patty Kline** will finish the Desert Peak Section List on Pleasant Pt (9690'), 6.5 miles round trip & 1,500' gain. Everyone welcome. Meet in downtown Keeler 5 miles north of the intersection of state highways 190 and 136 at 7:30 AM for the drive to Cerro Gordo. At 5:30 PM an optional catered dinner party will be held at the ghost town of Cerro Gordo. The full course lasagna dinner will be served inside the warmth of the original ghost town hotel. In the evening the tradition of the old west lives on with live entertainment, featuring a country-western singer and guitarist. Sunday morning a pancake breakfast compliments of Linda McDermott, Ellen Senior and Phil & Evelyn Reher will be served. RSVP the dinner reservation by October 1, send sase and \$15 check payable to Randy Bernard, 16311 Alora Ave, Norwalk, CA 90650. Call Randy at (562) 924 - 1959.

Hundred Peaks Section Annual Business Meeting

The annual business meeting of the Hundred Peaks Section will be held on Thursday, September 10, 1998 at the Griffith Park Ranger Station auditorium. The business meeting begins immediately following the Management Committee meeting, usually about 7:30 PM. Learn about our progress this year. Get involved with your hard working management. All suggestions, recommendations welcome. At this meeting candidates for next year's Management Committee, including nominations from the floor, are finalized. Proposals for By-law changes as well as peak additions or deletions are also finalized. Refreshments; everyone welcome.

Tributes to R. S. "Sam" Fink

R.S. "Sam" Fink, 94 was Fireman, Mountain Climber

**He was also a Pioneering Member of the
Sierra Club**

By Linda Fimlaid

**An Article in The Orange County Register
June 10, 1998**

R.S. "Sam" Fink, 94, a longtime Orange County resident, former Santa Ana Fire Department battalion chief and pioneer Sierra Club member, died Saturday of natural causes.

Born in 1903 in Nez Perce, Idaho, Mr. Fink, along with his three sisters and two brothers, piled into the jump seats of the family Buick in 1919 and headed down the unpaved dirt roads of the dust bowl to California. His father was a farmer, and they settled in a house in an orange grove on Grand Avenue in Santa Ana. Mr. Fink and his wife, Dorothy, married in 1929. Five years later he started a 30-year career with the Santa Ana Fire Department. He worked as a firefighter, captain and battalion chief.

His greatest passion was hiking and mountain climbing. He climbed his first mountain at 22 and did not stop hiking until he was 90.

"He loved being outdoors. There was not a mountain he could not find a way up," said daughter Judy Sidnam. "If he could not make it to the top, he would have to try a second time. He was determined to make it."

Mr. Fink climbed to the summits of 3,800 mountains, including all the 14,000-foot peaks in the United States. He climbed Mount Whitney seven times. He was an active member of the Sierra Club and a founding member of the Hundred Peaks Section of the club. He spent hours guiding hikers on local mountains, encouraging them to complete their goals of making it to the top.

Mr. Fink spent three years clearing a trail in the San Jacinto Mountains in the early 1950s. The previous route through the pass took 14 hours. The new trail, named Sam Fink

Trail in his honor, shortened the trip by five hours.

"He was determined to cut a marked pathway to (allow) people to go through," Sidnam said. "Once he made his mind up that he wanted to do it, he did it."

Mr. Fink also is survived by daughter Pat Nelson, four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

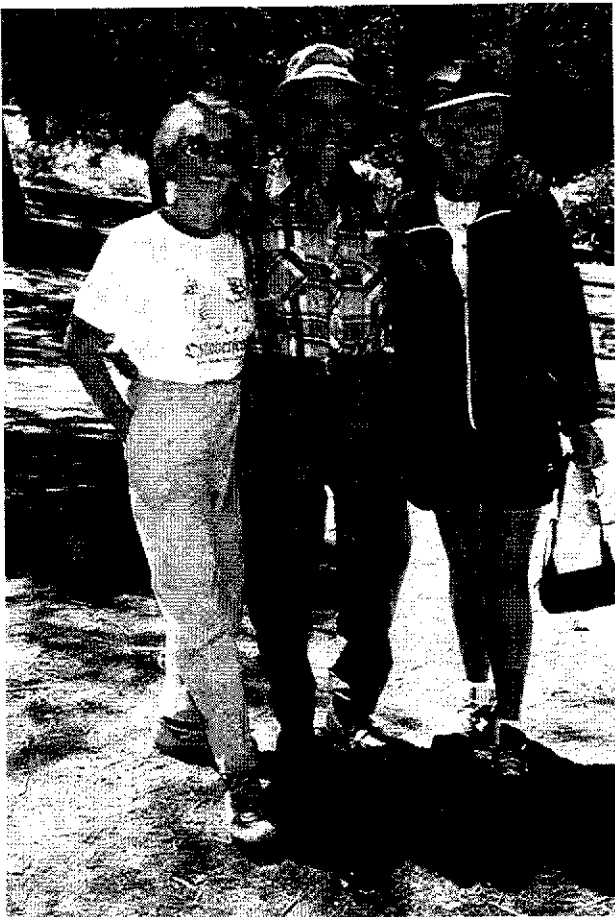
Remembering Sam Fink

By Jack Bascom

Sam was one of the all time "greats" of the Sierra Club. I knew him for more than 60 years. My first introduction was on an eighteen mile hike that he led from the Red Box to Barley Flats, down Short Cut Canyon and return up the West Fork. It was in Dec 1937 and I started late. Barley Flats was covered with snow and I noticed some larger than usual footprints. When I caught up with the group, they were resting in Short Cut Canyon. I went around looking for someone with big feet and met Sam. Years later I asked him what size shoe he wore and he said "13 or 14."

When Weldon Heald was climbing his 100 peaks, I went with him on many hikes. He didn't want to go public with his idea until he was near the 100. I had cautioned him about a fireman in Santa Ana. I told him that Sam had such a fantastic record of mountains he had climbed that if he heard of the 100 peaks idea, he would count what he had climbed and, I said, "Then he will be number 1, and you will be number 2." Weldon didn't like that arrangement, so publicity was withheld until he had neared his 100 goal in June 1946. Three months later, I was camping at Dollar Lake and saw Sam. He said "I wish they had told us about the 100 Peaks idea sooner. I could have gotten them years ago." Then he asked me "Do you know of any reason they kept it a secret?" Of course, I didn't know. It was Weldon's idea and he came in first, Sam was second and I was third.

I valued Sam's counsel. When my wife



(Upper left) Sam Fink and long time hiking companions Inara Sasher and Pat Bertoldi at Sam's 90th birthday party on August 14, 1993. (Right) Sam and Pat Bertoldi. (Below) Sam with (mostly) ladies on his 90th birthday at the Chilao picnic area. To Sam's left is Lynda Armbruster, who, with Tom Armbruster, helped Sam attend numerous events in his later years.



passed away, I visited him in Santa Ana and his advice was to rejoin the HPS and climb another 100 peaks. I did, and I am grateful to Sam for his advice.

Memories of Sam

By Luella Martin Fickle

I started Hundred Peaking in the 1960's. Sam was an institution by then in the Hundred Peaks. This was pre Peak Guides and pre LTC. Sam was the expert. If he showed up, we figured the peak was ours, if not maybe we'd get there if the leader could read a map. Sam was the only active person in the section who had done all the peaks. Now, you don't worry about getting the peak, we have the guides and lots of list finishers. Then it was only Sam.

There was his willingness to help. He heard me say that I wasn't planning on finishing the list because of Antsell Rock. In July, 1971 Sam called my father, Phil Martin, and arranged for us to do an overnight backpack along the Sam Fink trail from Red Tahquitz to Antsell and return. We had a lovely time following his route through brush and over rocks. Sam had some new tags, which he and my Dad fastened to brush along the way. Another time, Pop and I couldn't believe that the route up Galena was the head wall. My father called Sam, he lead Pop, Bill DeBrul, and myself up the head wall.

Sam took the list seriously. He pushed my Dad to complete the List. Both were retired, so that spring/summer Sam joined Dad on the remaining 10 or so peaks that Dad needed. Sam was the only person with my Dad when Dad completed the List on Black #6.

Sam, I'll miss you.

Tribute to Sam Fink

By Fred Johnson

Sam Fink was well on his way to becoming a legend when I first became aware of him in the mid-1940's. I had started playing the "100 Peaks Game." The August 1946 Southern Sierra reported that Sam had 68 peaks and I had 54 (I still have only 211). My first and only hike with Sam was on June 16, 1946, when he led a scheduled hike up Iron Mountain #1. Of to a late start on a very hot

day, we wound our way up the East Fork of the San Gabriel River, crossing it several times, to the Narrows. From here a 5,000' climb up past the Stanley Miller Mine and finally the summit of Iron Mountain at 5:45 PM. We returned down the brushy South ridge, hitting the Heaton Flat trail just before dark. Sam had led a memorable hike that day!

On August 24, 1946, I met Sam for the second time. My hiking buddy Jack Bascom and I were doing several peaks in the Grayback area, making our camp at Dollar Lake. Here we ran across Sam, who had just led a group of girl scouts up Grayback. It was a brief encounter, but Jack and I remember it well.

On March 22, 1987, I had the pleasure of meeting Sam next on a snow covered Sunset Peak. A brief but potent storm had brought the snow level down to Cow Canyon Saddle. The snowy San Gabriels were never more resplendent. On the way back down I saw a group of three heading up the peak. I immediately recognized Sam, who was accompanied by two attractive young women. He and I talked about matters of mutual interest - the wonderful mountains of Southern California - while his companions stood patiently by. In departing, Sam gave me his card, which noted that this was his 66th ascent of Sunset Peak. It also brought his number of peaks climbed (including multiple ascents) to 3,424! A devoted peak bagger and still at it.

I last saw Sam on May 1, 1990 at the 50th Anniversary dinner of the Desert Peaks Section. By now he was established as a living legend. I had the good fortune to sit with him at the dinner and talk once again about bygone days and everlasting memories of the peaks that have meant so much to us both over the years.

A Recollection of Sam

By Brent Washburne

It was a weekend in the 1970's when I signed up to lead a hike to Southwell Peak (as it was called then, I believe). This was in the days before the PCT was built, and to reach Southwell one hiked from Idyllwild up to Red Tahquitz and then south along the spine of the



(Upper left) Sam Fink holds Weldon Heald plaque on the summit of Weldon Heald Peak on the occasion of its dedication, April 1974. With Sam are, clockwise from upper left: Bob Cates, Joe Young, Maureen Cates, Fred Bode, and Paul Lipsohn. (Right) Sam and hiking companions Betty & Joe McCosker. (Below) Sam with Inara Sasher on Sam's 100th ascent of Sunset Peak, May 9, 1993.



Desert Divide. Actually soon after leaving Red Tahquitz it stopped being a hike and was a challenge involving hands and feet and sweat and courage as you climbed over the rocky arete first on the east side and then on the west side and then back, repeatedly, making progress very slowly. This was the real Sam Fink trail, and was marked at intervals by little metal markers which Sam had hung on the branches of shrubs and roots along the way. On the scheduled date I arrived at Humber Park at Idyllwild and my assistant leader, a woman whose name I don't remember, was there and there were about 15 hikers, and Sam Fink. I said how nice it was of him to come, and he replied that he just happened to be in the neighborhood and thought he would come along. Actually, as I learned talking to him along the first few miles of the hike, he had gone on the same hike the day before, solo, to make sure all the little trail markers were in place, and then he came with us to make sure we didn't get lost! At the saddle up the trail from Humber Park my assistant leader said she was too tired to go on. I took advantage of this circumstance to say we were switching leaders here and now, and I let Sam lead and I became assistant. As a consequence the hike went very well indeed, and I remember Sam's thoughtfulness to this day.

Appreciating Sam **By Shirley Akawie**

Shirley Akawie recalls an infamous trip to Rattlesnake Peak. It was a shuttle hike. The ascent was led on a non-standard route, and took place on a very hot day probably late August 1966. Shirley remembers that she, Dick Akawie, and her daughters Barbara, Carol, and Alice were among participants. The hike began at about 7 AM. Everybody on the hike was a strong hiker, but there was one couple from South Africa no one else knew who said they were experienced hikers. They had brought no water, just a bottle of wine. The heat was oppressive, and some hikers collapsed on the ground at times, nearly exhausted. The ascent took much of the day, and descent began late in the day. The couple with the wine couldn't

keep up, so they were advised to stay on the summit, and search and rescue would be informed of their plight when the rest of the participants got down from the mountain.

The descent was as bad as the ascent, and just as slow. The return was also by a non-standard route, as Shirley recalls. However, Sam Fink happened to be on this trip, and helped us find the summit and then led down. The going was very slow, eventually in total darkness. Finally, around 10 PM the party reached the San Gabriel River. Everyone was so exhausted and dehydrated that they gulped river water. We then went to the ranger station where a few cars had been left. Shirley, Dick and the other participants all thanked Sam for saving the day and carefully leading the group down to the river. The cars that were left at the ranger station took the drivers back to their cars at the beginning of the hike. The lead car returning back to the ranger station got bogged down in a mud hole and no one could pass or move the car out of the hole.

The rangers notified search & rescue who immediately left to find the lost couple, But they didn't find them. We found out that they were rescued by helicopter the next morning. They hadn't stayed on the summit as advised.

We got home around 4 AM the next morning.

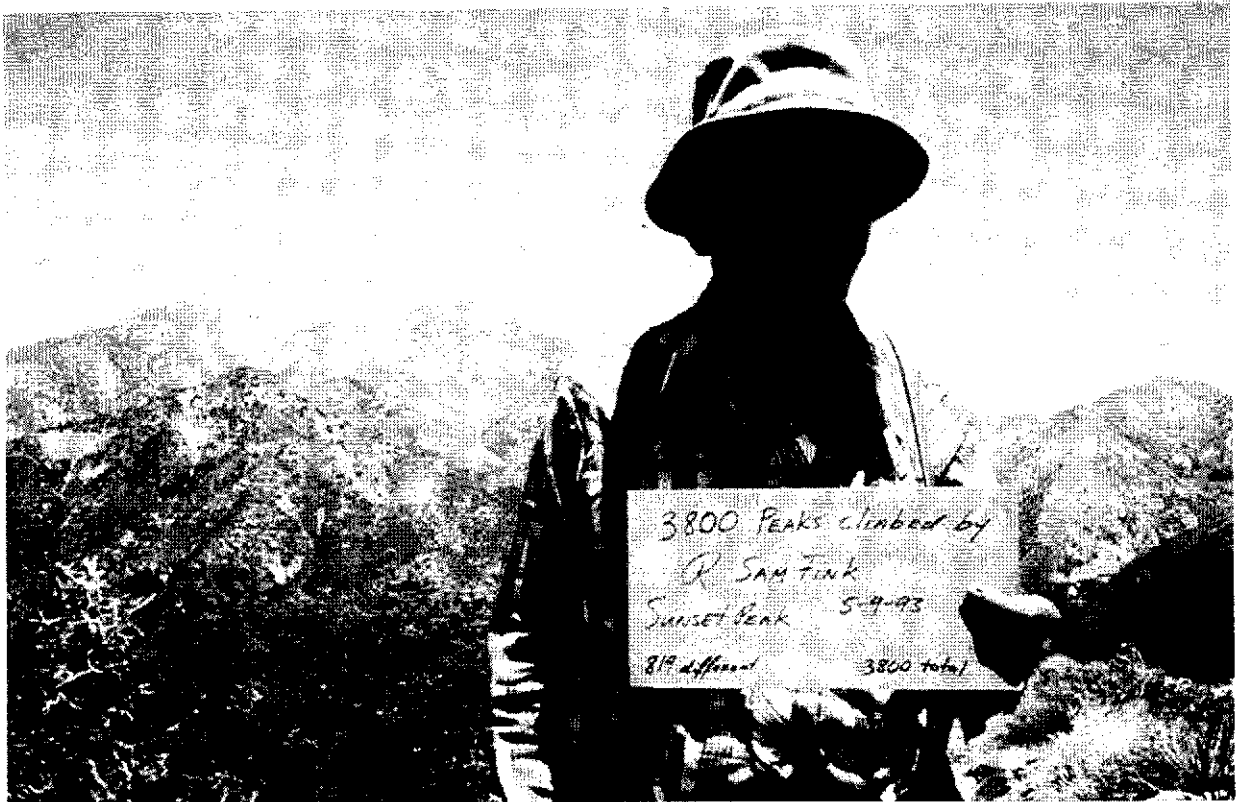
Remembering Sam **By Lew Amack**

I walked with a legend!
Sam Fink was his name.
To the natural world he was a friend,
And the mountains brought him fame.

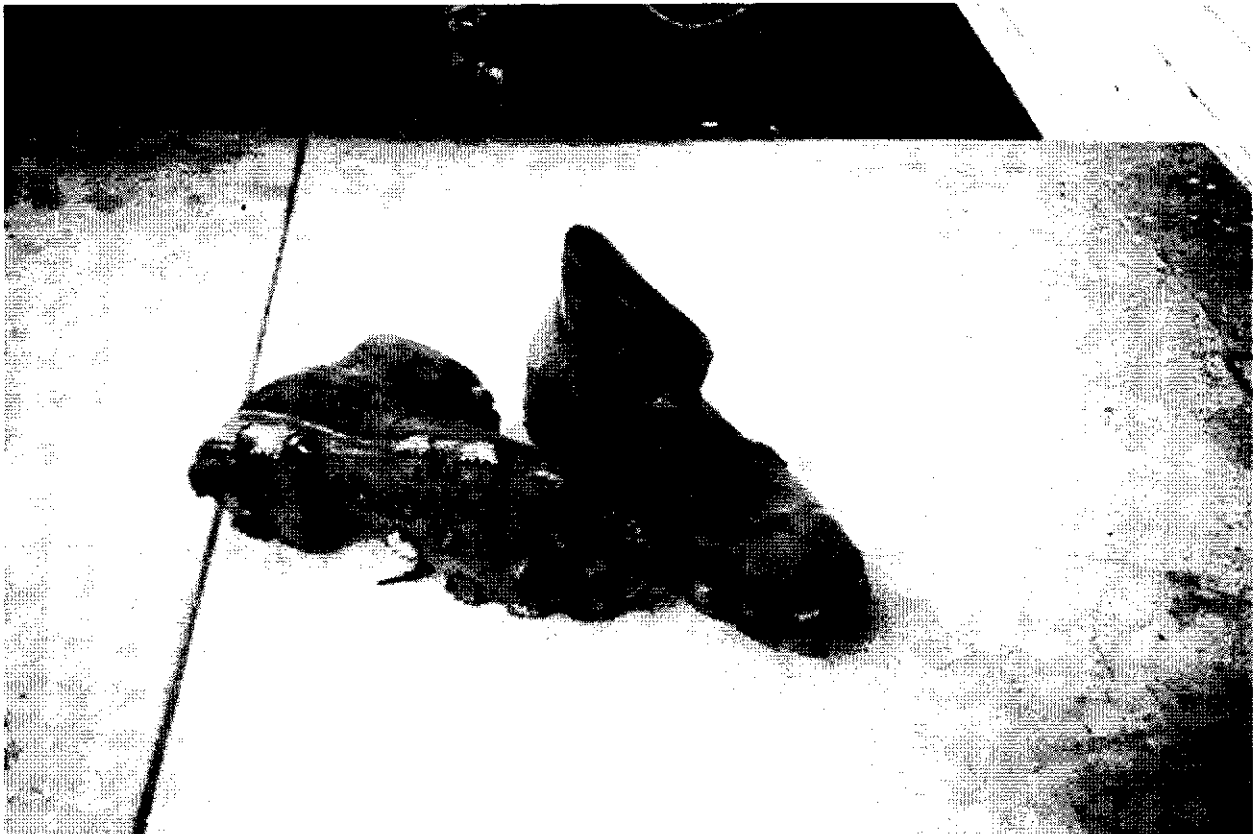
Among mountaineers he had few peers,
Yet he was always down to earth;
Climbing brought him many memorable years
Of camaraderie and mirth.

What will become of the dales and hills
That he so joyously explored;
Will they remain to cure our ills
Or be wasted away and ignored?

This hiker of whom I am so fond,
Continues his trek in the great beyond.



(Above) Sam holds sign indicating the occasion of his 100th ascent of Sunset Peak, May 9, 1993. The sign also states that Sam had climbed 819 different peaks and had a total of 3,800 ascents altogether. Photo by Inara Sasher. (Below) Sam's boots, circa 1930's, with tricouni nails hand driven by Sam himself. These boots are in the Angeles Chapter archives. The photo is also from the Angeles Chapter archives and was provided by Bob Cates.



Our Memories of Sam

By Stag & Nami Brown

Our memories of Sam Fink are only good ones, of good experiences. We knew him to be helpful, lending a hand to lead or assist hikes. He's always been gentle and friendly, sharing many interesting stories of past hikes, trips, making everyone smile and laugh. But, our most joyful experience was hearing that Sam Fink accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior and that he will have eternal life in the glory of God. And that Sam's greatest, joyous walk begins now. And those who also accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior will see Sam again.

Sam Fink - Testimony of A Legend

By Jim S. Fleming

I first met Sam Fink while on a climb of Mt Lowe in March, 1973. He was the first person I had ever met from the Hundred Peaks Section, a year before I joined the Sierra Club. I was hiking with my friend (an co-founder of the Rover's Club) Paul Stoic. We were attempting to climb Mt. Markham. The day was cool and snowy. We were at the Markham/Lowe saddle, and met Sam as he was descending from Mt. Markham, having just climbed the peak through moderate snow. We asked him about the possibility of doing the same. He advised us that we should not attempt it given the conditions - he had an ice axe and proper equipment. We were novice hikers (this was one of the first times we had hiked in snow). I was very impressed with Sam's demeanor and friendliness, with how he was willing to make sure that my friend and I were going to be safe. He knew much about the mountains and climbing and we were enthralled to hear about his adventures. It made us want to take up this interesting-sounding game of "peak-bagging" that he spoke about. Sam's name had already become somewhat familiar to us - in the twenty or so peaks we had climbed we frequently saw his name and/or card in the register. He was a fine representative of the Hundred Peaks Section, the Sierra Club, and adventurous spirit of

generations past, the founders of this great Nation. He was a man legendary in the accomplishments and feats of his time, yet he was by nature gentle, humble, and unassuming. Sam inspired many to follow in his footsteps and "explore, enjoy, and preserve" the mountain ranges of Southern California. I thoroughly enjoyed times spent talking with Sam about his exploits. Unfortunately, these moments were too few and far between. What would it be like, I've often wondered, to accompany Sam and the early members of the HPS as they pioneered routes, built trails (such as the Sam Fink Trail along the Desert Divide), to go where few, if any, and gone before? Only a few of us still active might be able to recall such things. Sam Fink touched many of our lives, in ways we can all be very thankful for.

"Sam"

By Bobcat Thompson

I first met Sam Fink 25 years ago, in the spring of 1973. He was a "young" 70 years old and still a vigorous hiker and mountain climber. On May 13, 1979 Stag & I presented Sam with a special plaque to his greatness on Suicide Rock, his 2639th peak, where I received my first "R Sam Fink" card reading:

No goal is too high if we climb with care and confidence."

Sam kept meticulous records and inspired me to do the same. The last card he gave me was on top of Mt. Akawie on 8-14-93 at age 90. It was his 74th time on Akawie (AKA Buckhorn) and his 3803rd peak. He had climbed 819 different peaks, all 67 14,000' mountains, the highest peak in 8 western states, Mt San Antonio (Old Baldy) 106 times, HPS List 2X, Sunset Peak 141X, Santiago Peak 51X, Antsell Rock 30X, Baden Powell 49X, Iron #1 18X, San Jacinto 23X, Waterman 78X, San Gorgonio 10X, and Mt Whitney 7X. What a climbin' man!

Sam always had a good story to tell about his past climbs and adventures, like the time after climbing 11,500' from Badwater to Telescope Pk, he hitched a ride home from

Telescope with a live rattlesnake in a gunny sack.

In the 1990's, I always looked forward to seeing Sam on his many ascents of Mt. Waterman, his favorite peak in later years. He would be sitting on a rock resting part way up the trail. I could recognize him a long ways off by his distinctive hat that he always wore. "Hi, Sam!" His spirit will always be with me every time I climb one of his mountains. He's still up there climbing them with all of us, a true legend and friend! Rest in peace on your Big Mountain, Sam.

Remembering Sam

By Joe Young

Sam Fink was, I believe, on my first outing with the HPS - the Peakbaggers' Special in May 1971. What a miserable day! Cold, white-out conditions. A number of us bagged 20 peaks that day. Later I heard that a couple of participants, one of them Sam Fink, had gone on to bag Gleason and Iron to get 22 for the outing. I was impressed.

Another time I drove to Idyllwild to

participate on a climb of South Peak. I believe this is the same outing Brent Washburne wrote of in his testimonial. Sam did a lot of the leading that day, my first on the Sam Fink Trail.

Later on I encountered Sam with his ladies on numerous occasions: Kay, Pat, Lois, Inara, and others. Sam enjoyed taking the ladies up new peaks.

Sam was supposed to have been my assistant on an outing to Tahquitz, Red Tahquitz, and South in 1984. But he had injured his ankle a short time earlier. As I recall the "novice" Dick Akawie took his place!

I was honored in 1990 to see Sam on the summit of Mt Markham which was my 100th Pathfinder peak.

In the summer of 1996 I interviewed, recorder in hand, Sam at his home. The recordings are a bit faint, but they will yet see the light of day in an upcoming issue of **THE LOOKOUT**.

Sam was an inspiration to me. My attitudes about peakbagging, pathfinders, and bagging multiple peaks on an outing are largely due to knowing Sam.



Sam with some of the boys on his 90th birthday party: (Left to right) Bobcat Thompson, Sam, Stag Brown, and Joe Young Photo by Inara Sasher.

Current Trip Reports

Grays Pk (7,920'), Bertha Pk (8,201')

June 13, 1998

Leaders: Erich and Luella Fickle

By Luella Fickle

Eleven met at the Diamond Bar rideshare by 7:05 AM. After receiving driving instructions for the Grays Peak trailhead, we set out. When Erich and I arrived, Betty Stirratt was there to meet us. Betty made 12.

Grays Peak trail is relatively new. We first noticed it Labor Day weekend, 1996 while peakbagging in the Big Bear area. The signed trailhead is on the left side of Hwy 38 about 3 miles east of Big Bear Dam if you are coming from LA via 330/18 to Big Bear. If you are coming from Redlands via Hwy 38 or from the high desert via 18, the trailhead is located ½ mile west of Fawnskin on the right side of Hwy 38.

The Grays Peak trail is a pleasant alternative to the rocky/brushy route in the peak guide. As an added bonus, there is no dirt road driving. The trail goes above highway 38 for about ⅓ mile then climbs to a dirt road. The trail joins the road. From here continue uphill to a signed junction with a second road. Go right at this junction. A short way further, there is a posted junction, here the road/trail goes right about a ¼ mile to a little creek. A sign states two miles to Grays Peak. The trail leaves the road and follows the stream for a short way, crosses the creek and swings over to the northwest side of a ridge which it follows to about 500 feet elevation gain below the summit of Grays Peak. The trail then takes a long swing around Grays Peak first toward Butler Peak then up the little valley to the west of Gray's summit. The Forest Service Trail ends at a rocky view peak about 60 feet below the true summit. A use trail is cut from the Forest Service yellow post through some trees, over a fallen log, through some ceanothus brambles to the rocky summit. Our group of twelve took one hour to climb the three miles to the summit. Along the way we saw tree outlined views from the San Gorgonio Ridge,

Big Bear Lake, and Butler Peak. We crossed a couple of small patches of snow on the north side of the peak.

After returning to Grout Bay, we had a short lunch break at the picnic area. Here David and Elaine Baldwin and Janet Damen signed out. True Hundred Peakers, they had to do something for the first time instead of Bertha for the second. The rest of us caravanned to the Cougar Crest trailhead which is located about two miles east of Fawnskin on the east side of Hwy 38, ½ mile west of the new Forest Service Discovery Center.

Cougar Crest trail is very different from the Grays Peak trail. The Grays Peak trail is in granite boulders, Black Oak, White Fir, and Yellow Pine, with an understory of ceanothus and manzanita. The Cougar Crest trail is in a Pinyon/Juniper/Mountain Mahogany forest. The Grays Peak trail is granite gravel. The Cougar Crest is dirt with lots of broken pieces of sedimentary rock. The views from the Cougar Crest are better because the forest is shorter, which provides increasingly good views.

Nine of us set out up the open canyon floor, shaded by an occasional Yellow Pine. We hiked past the mine ruins where the trail bed narrows and begins to switchback steeply up a ridge. From here the views of Big Bear Lake, Sugarloaf Mountain, and San Gorgonio Wilderness only got better. Andrew signed out here and went back to cars, because of blisters. The eight of us continued up to the junction of the PCT where we turned south with increasingly nice views of heavily snow clad San Gorgonio. At the first jeep road crossing, we left the PCT and climbed steeply about ¾ of a mile up the jeep road to the summit of Bertha Peak. Here we had good views of very green Hitchcock Meadow in Holcomb Valley and the wonderful view across Big Bear Lake to the snowy peaks of the San Gorgonio Wilderness. We were back at the cars by about 4:10. Erich and I went to the new Discovery Center afterwards.

The others on the hike not mentioned

were Yasmin Sibulo, Don Nelson, Annemarie Schoffer, Marty Friedman, and Teresa Smith

**Off the Beaten Path to Bighorn and
Sugarloaf Peaks
June 27, 1998
By Erik Siering**

From atop Mt Baldy on a late winter ascent, I had spied routes up Delker Canyon and Fir Draw that appeared interesting as snow climbs out of Icehouse Canyon. As the months passed I missed the opportunity of snow, so I pursued them as an early summer dayhike.

Delker Canyon is a shallow drainage leading to the ridge south of Bighorn Pk. It is accessed from the Icehouse Canyon Trail after it reaches the junction with Telegraph Wash. Leave the trail in the wide area of the canyon at 6300 ft, as the path swings north to switchback up the slopes towards Columbine Spring. Delker Cyn is evident to the southeast, presently emitting a tall waterfall onto the moraine of debris at its mouth. I bypassed the cascade on the left for a hundred feet via the steep slope adjoining a rock face. Crossing over the rock at the first opportunity above the falls, I found that a welcome snow tongue extended up the shaded canyon. This made for pleasant travel, though I took care to avoid the thin snow coverage directly over the creek. This enjoyable route may indeed be best suited for snow, as the rocky creek bed could otherwise be slow going.

The canyon continues to the ridgeline saddle. I instead departed by a side gully at 7600 ft, aiming directly to the summit and crossing en route the trail to Kelly's Camp. I startled a pair of mule deer, their apparently bemused expressions enhanced by their oversized ears. The top offered wide views of the residual snowpack that was quickly disappearing from Baldy Bowl, but still pronounced on the northern slopes of Cucamonga Pk. I dropped down the snow-filled northern gully in lieu of the bare ridge to Icehouse Cyn Saddle. This afforded long, fun stretches of standing glissades, until

the snow ran out shortly before intersecting the trail below the saddle.

Fir Draw is the broad gully east of Falling Rock Canyon. I left the Icehouse Cyn Trail at 5400 ft to try my luck. The stream crossing was exciting due to the high snowmelt. There isn't much to be said for Fir Draw, other than I yet again avoided ascending the awful scree slope of Falling Rock Cyn. The route features a brushy entrance at its base, and is steep with unstable large scree. By taking the Draw high and traversing above a waterfall, I gained the 6700 ft saddle below Sugarloaf Pk. It's remarkable to see cascades in Falling Rock Cyn and a first ascent of Sugarloaf in late June. The peak needs a new register can; the present one is topless.

I descended the standard route in Falling Rock Cyn, picking my way down the base steps amid refreshing waterfalls. After another balancing act to cross the stream dry, I returned to midday hordes of hikers and ladybugs at the trailhead. Roughly 13 miles, 5500 ft gain round-trip.

**Cornell Pk, Miller Pk, San Jacinto Pk,
Folly Pk
July 12, 1998
Leaders: Joe Young and Virgil Popescu
By Joe Young**

Seven hikers met at the base of the Palm Spring Aerial Tramway at 7:30 AM. Participants had been forewarned that snow conditions would dictate which, if any, of the peaks we would climb. Because reports from the Rangers were optimistic, we decided to go ahead with the hike. It turned out that the snow was in fact minimal, and all four peaks were bagged.

We began our hike at 8:30 AM. Skies were clear and temps moderate. After obtaining our permit, we headed up the trail to Round Valley, then proceeded to Tamarack Campground and headed up towards Cornell. Actually I veered too far to the east of the summit, and we had to climb around some exposed rock in order to reach the proper gully below the summit. We all signed the register,

and a couple of us, including Virgil, scampered up to the true summit.

We descended to the campground, then followed the trail to Wellman Divide, then proceeded to Miller Pk, with its plaque honoring Frank G. Miller. Here we took our first extended lunch break. Of course, the leader had to announce, "It's Miller Time."

We left the summit of Miller and proceeded directly up the east slope to San Jacinto. On this slope we crossed a significant amount of snow, but it was firmly packed and relatively easy to surmount. (If we hadn't chosen to ascend directly to the summit of San Jac, and instead had chosen to go up the trail, we would have crossed almost NO SNOW this day.)

There were at least two dozen hikers on the summit of San Jac. We stayed briefly on the summit. One of our hikers took a tumble on the rocky summit and banged up his thigh. He and one other of our group decided against going on to Folly and instead hiked back to the Tram station.

The remaining five of us dropped south off the summit of San Jac, then contoured over to the ridge leading to Folly Pk. It's easy to forget that the summit block is the last bump on the ridge, and stop to investigate false summits. The register on Folly was moist, so we let it dry out a bit. We enjoyed our second lunch on Folly.

We left the summit of Folly at 4:00 PM, following Virgil. We reconvened at the junction with the trail to San Jac, leaving this junction at 4:30 PM. We guessed it would take 2 hours to get back to the Tram station, and in fact the last of us arrived there just before 6:30 PM.

This had been a hike of 17 miles and 3,500' gain and we had hiked 10 hours. The weather had been delightful. Melting snows swelled the creeks, and the moist terrain was still quite green.

Thanks to Virgil for his excellent co-leadership.

Mt Baldy, Harwood, Thunder, Telegraph, and Timber

July 12, 1998

**Leaders: Peter Doggett and Kate
Rogowski**

By Dave Zalewski

Participants on this fine hike led by Peter Doggett and Kate Rogowski included Sonia Aroncibia, Don Crowley, Howard Gross, David Hankins, Yunja Kwan, Jim Potter, George Wysup, Janet Yang, and Dave Zalewski (who's writing this).

We met at Icehouse Cyn at 6 am, 12 of us. Very early on, one fellow decided to go solo when he discovered that we weren't doing the hike as originally planned; instead of starting from the village (as planned in the write-up) it was decided that beginning from Manker Flat would make for a more pleasant hike. By 7 am we were on the trail, and began the steep ascent to the ski hut. It was a warm, sunny day, without much of a breeze.

We made it to the Ski Hut by 8 am, and enjoyed a short and well-deserved break, then continued up toward Baldy. Along the way, one newcomer (who is in great shape but exercises mostly by swimming) was not accustomed to the dry heat of the mountains and gracefully bowed out of the trip.

Always on schedule, we reached the summit of Baldy at 9:30 am. There was smoke below us due to a fire in the Hemet area. We then proceeded along the Devil's Backbone to Mt Harwood, then to the Mt Baldy Ski Lodge for a nice lunch. There was a bit of a wait for the food. Peter Doggett thought maybe next time, we could call ahead with our lunch orders via cell phone from the top of Baldy, and the cook at the Lodge thought that was a "cool" idea! One hour had been budgeted for lunch, but our energetic group of 10 was back on the trail in only 45 minutes.

Of course, with our full stomachs now, moving a little more slowly, soon we were back on schedule, arriving at Thunder Mtn by 1 pm. In the next hour we bagged Telegraph after a leisurely break in the breezy shade on the ridge top, and in another hour, Timber.

We now descended to Icehouse Cyn, where ladybugs were flying everywhere, and gathering in swarms on the trail side plants to mate. At Columbine Spring, we all savored the delicious cool spring water. In the few miles back to the cars, we observed that this day we had hiked the equivalent of Mt Whitney in a day, about 6,200 feet of gain, about 20 miles, nothing to sneeze at! The only casualties were a few blisters, which moleskin easily remedied. By 5 pm we were all back at our cars.

For most of us, it was a typical day in the mountains. However, Sonia camped out the night before without a tent, and was awakened by a raccoon sniffing around her face at 3 am, and so had a rough night's sleep after that. A real learning experience! And Janet, a newcomer to HPS (although she was a member of the HPS-like group in Taiwan that only climbed peaks over 3,000 meters) was happy to do some real hiking – "I only like to hike 10 miles at a time" – is that the HPS spirit or what?

In the future, Peter suggested that maybe a couple more peaks might be included in the itinerary, maybe Sugarloaf, Cucamonga, Big Horn, Ontario, or others... Many thanks to Peter, Kate, and the whole group for a great day! And to Asher Waxman who pioneered this route.

Antsell Rock And South Peak By Apple Canyon Trail A Private Trip – June 28, 1998 By Hugh Blanchard

We (Tom Hill, Dorothy Danziger, & myself) stopped at Idyllwild to pick up the required wilderness permit. Then off to Apple Canyon Road where we stopped briefly to get our gear together. Next we drove past Pine Springs Ranch onto the dirt road for 1.2 miles to the Zen Mountain Center parking area. We disembarked quickly and made our way quietly through the settlement. We left the road after ¼ mile immediately after passing a sheet metal water tank on the left. The Apple Canyon Trail starts at that point and goes for about 1 ½ miles with an elevation gain of 1500' until it intersects the PCT atop the Desert Divide. We went left

(north) for about ½ mile on the PCT until we saw a ducked slope. We went up the steep slope for approximately 1/3 mile gaining 700'. This brought us to a saddle between two prominences with the right hand one being the summit block. This surprised me as on my three previous summit trips I ended up just north of the summit block. It turned out we should have gone several hundred feet farther on the trail to reach the saddle that ends just north of the summit block. At that point there is a crack coming down from the summit block which has less exposure than the route we took. The same crack is reached by taking the Sam Fink Ridgewalk.

In any event it was now necessary to work our way up the rocky face n/w to the summit. Tom had rope which we used as a 'psychological belay'. There was no register but again Tom was prepared with a new register can and notebook. He had been on the summit the year before and noted the absence of a register. On my last trip two years before there was still a register.

It's always an adventure no matter how many times you go up Antsell. There is no way you can avoid some class 3. In my opinion it may be the most exciting peak on our list.

We returned to the Desert Divide the way we came up. Tom and Dorothy went up the trail to do South Peak which Dorothy needed while I returned to the car. Although the Antsell Peak Guide states South Peak is only 1 mile from Antsell, Tom feels the Guide is in error and that it is closer to 2 ½ miles from the saddle to South Peak. Tom states the trail to South Peak shown on the topo is in error and that a very long switchback traversing the east face of South Peak is omitted. In any event, they stated South Peak was a stroll in the park after Antsell.

The current Antsell Rock Peak Guide (Nov. 1997) does not mention the Apple Canyon Trail. Instead it gives as the primary route the Spitler Peak Trail which is 14 miles round trip with an elevation gain of 3600'. A secondary route from Humber Park and Red Tahquitz to South Peak is even longer. The Apple Canyon Route was omitted because it

crosses private property. However, officials at the Zen Mountain Center advised me they have no objections to hikers passing through the settlement or using the parking area so long as they are reasonably quiet.

If a party has more than three vehicles, they should consider carpooling either at the Spitter Peak Trailhead or at Pine Springs Ranch. A current trail guide for the area states (75 Great Hikes in and near Palm Springs and the Coachella Valley) states on P84 that the Zen Master allows hiking with the following cautions:

1. Bring as few vehicles as possible
2. Hike quietly for the first ½ mile to avoid disturbing the meditation of those staying at the center
3. Keep groups small
4. No dogs are allowed

This trail also provides the shortest route with less elevation gain for South Peak, Apache, and Spitter.

Yucaipa Ridge From Oak Glen

A Private Trip – June 20, 1998

By Hugh Blanchard

Our group of four left the parking lot at Pilgrim Pines Church Camp and headed up the paved camp road. After several hundred yards the road ended at a creek crossing where a forest service sign announced "Wilshire Peak 3M 1W21". We started up an old fire road on the other side of the creek. After ¼ mile two unmarked trails quite near each other lead up the ridge. The second starts at an overgrown helicopter pad on the right. The trails join together after several hundred feet. The fire road ends shortly at a second helicopter pad. This is the old forest service Ford Canyon Trail (called the Pinnacle Trail by camp personnel). The trail starts at 5600' and ends at 8200' on Yucaipa Ridge, a gain of 2600' over a distance of two miles.

The trail starts through open chaparral and after a mile enters a forest of pine and cedar. Trails end at Yucaipa Ridge is noted by an old forest service marker lying on the ground stating "Ford Canyon Trail 1 W 21". The

middle portion of the trail has some sections approaching 3rd class which are quite steep and consist of crumbling unstable rock. The entire trail shows extensive cutting and is marked by flagging and small metal trail arrows attached to trees, presumably placed by visitors to the camp. The trail fades toward the end but the ridge at that point is open and easy to follow and the trail markers continue to the ridge line.

It took our party which proceeded rather deliberately with several rest stops three hours to reach the ridge line. Cedar Mountain (8324') lies several hundred feet above the ridge line. The register contains entries from both hundred peakers and camp visitors. We then swung west eventually picking up a use trail and headed down to Birch Mountain (7826') 1.8 miles away. It took about an hour to reach the summit. There were a few patches of snow but not enough to cause inconvenience. We returned the way we came. It was a delightful hiking day and offered many photo opportunities of the San Bernardino Peak Divide and the Galena head wall.

The information given on the 1993 Cedar Mountain Peak Guide states that this route should not be used since it involves improper trespassing on private property. This information is no longer accurate since camp personnel have no objection to hikers using the trail. During my several visits they have always been friendly and courteous. All they request is that hikers sign in and out on a hiking sheet in the Administration Building. If the Administration Building is closed when you begin or end a hike (the building closes at 5 PM) you should attach a note on the door stating how many are in your party and your destination. There is no objection to parking in reasonable numbers in the adjacent parking area.

This route provides by far the shortest and easiest approach to Cedar and Birch and is the only trail presently available to reach Yucaipa Ridge. It is less efficient for reaching the two Wilshires and Little San Gorgonio since a round trip gain of 1600' and 6.6 miles is necessary to reach Little San Gorgonio from Cedar and return. The Camp Creek area cross

country routes remain the shortest and most reasonable routes for these three peaks at least when weather permits and the trip leader is familiar with the rather obscure cross country routes. However the Ford Canyon Trail enables trip leaders to do the entire Yucaipa Ridge (except for Allen) in two moderate hikes instead of one 'killer' hike which has previously

been the practice. Use of this trail also eliminates the time consuming need of car shuttling. Pilgrim Pines Camp is on Glen Road off of Oak Glen Road just before the forest service station.

Thanks and appreciation to fellow hikers Tom Hill, Dorothy Danziger and Mars Bonfire.



Former HPS Chair and 10X List Finisher Carleton Shay has completed two magnificent tasks for the HPS. Above, left, is a photo of the reconstructed R. S. Fink Service Award perpetual trophy. Carleton strengthened the structure and added a base, which can accept brass plates honoring new recipients of the award well into the next century. Above, right, is a new perpetual trophy for the John Backus Leadership Award. Similar in construction to the R. S. Fink perpetual trophy, it depicts hikers scrambling on the summit of a peak. Congratulations to Carleton for these magnanimous efforts!

HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION
Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 14, 1998
Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium

Present: Charlotte Feitshans (Chair), Ruth Dobos (Vice Chair/Outings), Tom Hill (Secretary/Mountain Records), Maggie Wilson (Treasurer), Virgil Popescu (Programs Chair), Jim Fleming (Past Chair/Adopt-a-Trail, Adopt-a-Highway), Larry Hoak (Conservation Chair), Patty Kline (Merchandise), Carleton Shay (Lookout Mailer), Joe Young (Lookout Editor/Historian).

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m.

i. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Lookout tribute: The Committee applauded Joe Young for his tribute to Dick Worsfold published in the May-June issue.
- B. Orange County SC open house will be held May 15 and 16.

ii. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the Management Committee Meeting of March 12, 1998 were approved after revision.

iii. OLD BUSINESS

A. HPS Peak Guides: Tom Hill gave an interim progress report. Byron Prinzmetal presented a sample route printout created using TOPO! software, and reviewed the attached proposal for keeping our peak guides and maps more current. The Committee endorsed continued research.

B. Spring Fling report: Per Maggie Wilson, preliminary figures show a small profit. After discussion, it was m/s/p to raise the price to \$15 for 1999 Spring Fling to cover the increased Lodge fees.

iv. NEW BUSINESS

A. Annual Fall Celebration: Charlotte Feitshans proposed a more general celebration of Fall to build upon the Oktoberfest concept. After discussion, it was m/s/p to adopt the proposal and to use the more descriptive name "Harvest Moon Festival." The Festival Planning Committee for 1998 consists of Charlotte Feitshans, Ruth Dobos, Maggie Wilson, Virgil Popescu, Jim Fleming, Joe Young, David Eisenberg, Frank Dobos, Dottie Sanford, and Donica Wood.

B. The Leaders' Meeting for the Nov-Feb Schedule will be held Tuesday, June 16. Info will follow.

v. REPORTS

A. Membership Chair: David Eisenberg (not present) forwarded the attached membership summary.

B. Outings Chair: Ruth Dobos announced a June 25 submittal deadline for HPS outing write-ups for the Nov-Feb Schedule.

C. Treasurer: Maggie Wilson submitted the attached Cash Flow Report for April.

D. Merchandise: Patty Kline has the new 200 Peak Bars available.

vi. ADJOURNMENT. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION
Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting
Thursday, June 11, 1998
Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium

Present: Charlotte Feitshans (Chair), Ruth Dobos (Vice Chair/Outings), Tom Hill (Secretary/Mountain Records), Maggie Wilson (Treasurer), Virgil Popescu (Programs Chair), David Michels (Council Representative), Jim Fleming (Past Chair/Adopt-a-Trail, Adopt-a-Highway), David Eisenberg (Membership Chair), Larry Hoak (Conservation Chair), Patty Kline (Merchandise), Carleton Shay (Lookout Mailer), Joe Young (Lookout Editor/Historian).

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m.

i. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Angeles Chapter Open House: An office-warming is scheduled for the new office on June 24; the Chapter Retreat will be held Sat, June 20 at Harwood.

B. Sam Fink passed away June 6, 1998.

ii. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the Management Committee Meeting of May 14, 1998 were approved after revision.

iii. OLD BUSINESS

A. Harvest Moon Festival: Planning is underway, with meetings scheduled.

B. Annual Banquet: Per Virgil Popescu, Taix Restaurant will now impose a 75 cent surcharge for more than two dishes, and Jim Long is available to present his highly regarded program "The Range of Light," which makes use of special camera and projection equipment. After discussion, it was m/s/p to invite Jim Long at a fee of \$75, and to raise the banquet price to \$28.

C. Peak Guides: After discussion, proposals to offer Guides and Maps via the Website were postponed. It was m/s/p to add Byron Prinzmetal to the Mountain Records Committee.

D. Leaders' meeting for Nov-Feb Schedule will be held at Numero Uno Pizza in Glendale, 7 p.m., Tues, June 16. The deadline for HPS outings write-ups is June 25.

E. By-law changes and proposals for peak additions: Tom Hill submitted a proposal for automatic delisting of peaks suspended for two or more calendar years.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. The Nominating Committee for next year's Management Committee was approved, consisting of Southern Courtney, Rosemary Campbell, and Byron Prinzmetal.

B. The Awards Committee (HPS, Chapter, National) was approved, consisting of Joe Young, David Michels, and Maggie Wilson.

C. Carleton Shay presented an elegant John Backus Perpetual Trophy, hand-made in the style of the Fink Trophy but featuring a gathering of hikers atop a summit. It was m/s/p to adopt the new trophy.

V. REPORTS

A. Treasurer: Maggie Wilson submitted the attached Cash Flow Report for May. The current HPS bank balance is \$4,421.73.

B. Membership: David Eisenberg presented the attached membership summary. Two members completed the list and three members reached 200 peaks. It was m/s/p to approve these achievements.

C. Conservation: Larry Hoak attended the monthly meeting of the Chapter Conservation Committee.

D. Council Rep: David Michels was asked if the HPS supports asking ExComm candidates about their views on the "immigration question." The Committee supported "no asking" in a split vote.

VI. ADJOURNMENT. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Report on Adventure Pass Funds

An article in the May, 1998 issue of the Wrightwood Property Owners' Association newsletter, the *WWPOA Report*, states that the Angeles Forest District Ranger reports that from the inception of the Adventure Pass program (April 1997), the receipts from the program collected \$474,466 in 1997, of which \$376,902 is the Angeles Forest share (80%).

The article also states that the following facilities were maintained and improved in the Santa Clara/Mojave River District during the period from September through December 1997:

- ◇ South Fork campground: Built 10 concrete picnic tables
- ◇ Big Pines: Completed pipe/supplies bid for maintenance of domestic water supply, replaced 5 tables
- ◇ Big Rock Creek: Two portable toilets added, graffiti removed from rocks
- ◇ Mescal Picnic area: Repaired board walk
- ◇ Mountain Oak campground: Fence repaired
- ◇ Pacific Crest Trail and Wilderness signs replaced
- ◇ Installed bear-proof garbage containers
- ◇ Horse Canyon: Repaired gates at Fisher Springs Road
- ◇ Streamside campground: Installed 4 new garbage cans and holders, painted restroom
- ◇ Spunky campground: Replaced garbage cans, lids & holders, painted restroom
- ◇ Cottonwood campground: Replaced one fire ring and table, repaired screens on two restroom buildings, repaired pumphouse building per LA County Health Dept and painted or replaced 50 barrier posts.
- ◇ Uppershake campground: Replaced 40 barrier posts, painted 5 tables, replaced two garbage can lids
- ◇ Zuni campground: Repaired two tables, painted restroom building, replaced 2 garbage can lids
- ◇ Repaired gates at Warm Springs, Ruby Canyon and Uppershake campground roads
- ◇ Ruby Canyon and Frenchman's Flat: Trash pick-up
- ◇ Maintained restroom cleaning and trash removal at all day use and picnic sites an average of twice per week

REGISTER BOX

By Jim Adler

In the last period there were ten registers replaced or found and two new missing registers on peaks deemed capable of retaining cans.

Reports were received from Jane Gibbons, Rich Hoesly, Sue Holloway, Joe Young and Peter Doggett.

Missing and deficient registers:

7K	Black Mtn. #2	decrepit	4-96
7P	Chief Peak	missing	6-98
11C	Mt. Lawler	missing	5-98
12C	San Gabriel Peak	missing	9-97
12D	Mt. Markham	missing	1-98
13C	Pleasant View	missing	6-97
13I	Winston Ridge	deficient	4-96
14D	S. Mt. Hawkins	missing	8-97
14H	Mt. Burnham	missing	7-97
14F	Mt. Hawkins	deficient	10-97
15E	Lookout Mtn. #2	missing	10-97
16B	Wright Mtn.	missing	7-97
17E	Cucamonga Pk	missing	11-97
17F	Etiwanda Peak	missing	11-97
23A	Bighorn Mtn.	deficient	3-97

24B	San Bernardino	deficient	9-97
24C	San Bernardino E.	deficient	7-97
24D	Anderson Peak	missing	9-97
24E	Shields Peak	deficient	9-97
26B	Quail Mtn.	missing	4-98
26D	Ryan Mtn.	missing	4-94
26F	Lost Horse Mtn.	missing	12-97
28C	Red Tahquitz	missing	10-97
28E	Antsell Rock	missing	10-97
28I	Cone Peak	missing	12-98
30D	Santa Rosa Mtn.	deficient	6-97
32E	Cuyamaca Peak	missing	9-97

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.)

Milestones

By David F Eisenberg

Eleanor Carter 9/2	Bob Henderson 9/21	Richard Summers 10/12
Jack Adsit 9/5	Joeseeph Kazlowski 9/21	Barbara Lilley 10/14
Robert L. Hornberger 9/5	Donald J. Lum 9/21	Ruth Lee Dobos 10/15
Richard L. Whitcomb 9/8	Don Weiss 9/21	Barbara Cohen 10/17
David Anderberg 9/12	David F. Sholle 9/23	Don Borad 10/19
Sally Marsh 9/12	Mike Wilson 9/27	Diane Dunbar 10/19
Geri Marston 9/14	Henry Heusinkveld 9/30	Robert H. Hethmon 10/19
Elizabeth Epstein 9/16	Robert F. Meade 10/1	Richard K. Todd 10/21
John G. Ripley 9/17	Suzanne Michels 10/1	Byron A. Myhre 10/22
John Cheslick 9/19	Ski Camphausen 10/4	Diann Fried 10/23
Robert J. Cmelak 9/20	Homer Meek 10/6	Duane McRuer 10/25
Stephen K. Bache 9/21	Keith Martin 10/7	Heather McNaught 10/30
	Leora Stoler Jones 10/12	



El Picacho Del Diablo

Toughest Peak on any List, many would argue, was Baja California's El Picacho del Diablo, especially in the 1950's when much of its rugged terrain was unexplored. Omar Conger captured this weary foursome on the summit in 1951. Left to right: R. S. Sam Fink, Eleanor Pierson, Louise Werner, and Harry Stege. This photo from the Louise Werner Collection.