

THE LOOKOUT



Hundred Peaks Section Election Results; New Management Committee, Peak Additions and Deletions Announced

The following were elected to the Hundred Peaks
Section Management Committee for 2000:

TOM HILL	Chair
VIRGIL POPESCU	Vice Chair/Outings
GEORGE WYSUP	Treasurer
PETER DOGGETT	Council Representative
RAY WOLFE	Programs Chair
LYNDA HILL	Secretary

Peak ~~additions~~ approved by the Section are
as follows:

Sam Fink Peak	Russell Peak
Backus Peak	Dragon's Head
Drury Peak	

The Section also approved the following peak
~~deletion~~ from the List: Ranger Peak

It should be noted that 54% of the members
returned ballots in the election!

Hundred Peaks Annual Awards Banquet to be Held Saturday, Jan 22, 2000

Please join us on Saturday January 22nd at
our annual banquet as we celebrate with
friends, family and hiking buddies another wonderful
year of hiking in our beloved mountain ranges of
Southern California. Experience the passion and
exhilaration of world renowned guide (Kurt Wedberg)
as he guides us through his multi-media presentation,
"ON TOP OF THE WORLD: A Journey to the Top of
Mt. Everest." Our celebration begins at 5PM (no host
bar and raffle), dinner at 6:30 PM followed by the
program at Taix Restaurant, 1911 Sunset Blvd. in
Echo Park.

The banquet is a perfect place to meet most
of our active leaders and members. It is a great place
to meet other hikers to go hiking with.

You can make your reservations by sending a
SASE with your check for \$29/person to Jim Fleming,
538 Yarrow Drive, Simi Valley, Ca 93065. Please
include your name, address, phone number and your
choice of entrees (beef, fish, vegetarian or chicken).
Space is limited so please sign up early.

Hundred Peaks Annual Awards Banquet To Be Dedicated To Our All-time Preeminent Leader: Frank Goodykoontz



Frank Goodykoontz is the Hundred Peaks
Section's preeminent, all-time leader, having led the
List *four times*. We will honor his unequalled
achievement by dedicating the banquet to him.

Annual Climbing Sections Meeting

On January 12, Wednesday, the annual joint
meeting of the Desert Peaks Section, the Sierra
Peaks Section, and the Hundred Peak Section takes
place. DPS hosts this year. Program by Matthew
Richardson, Erik Siering, and Nile Sorenson on their
February 1999 climb of Cerro Aconcaqua (22,385') in
Argentina. Meet 7:30 PM at LA Department of Water
& Power, 111 N. Hope Street in downtown LA.

Desert Rat Social Hour: Meet at 5:00 PM at
McCormick & Schick's in downtown LA prior to the
annual joint meeting of the HPS, DPS, and SPS. For
map, parking instructions, menu, send sase to Co-
leaders Ann Kramer and Erik Siering.

Membership Report

By David F Eisenberg
Achievements

100 Peaks Emblem

984	Patricia Arredondo	July 17, 1999	Ten Thousand Foot Ridge
985	Sharry Puraty	August 29, 1999	Sugarloaf Mountain
986	Lynda Hill	August 21, 1999	Wright Mountain
987	Howard Eyerly	September 19, 1999	Haddock Mountain
988	Bob Laetter	September 19, 1999	Cerro Noroeste
989	Janet Yang	October 10, 1999	Bighorn Peak
990	Angie Wysup	December 1, 1999	Antimony Peak

200 Peaks Bar

363	Ray Wolfe	July 10, 1999	Suicide Peak
364	James Carden	August 14, 1999	Mount San Antonio

List Completion #1

216	David Michels	May 30, 1999	Lookout Mountain #2
217	Virgil Popescu	October 30, 1999	Pacifico Mountain
218	John Connerly	December 5, 1999	Mount Akawie

List Completion #2

34	Mars Bonfire	September 15, 1999	Iron Mountain #1
35	Thomas Hill	October 3, 1999	Mill Peak

List Completion #4

10	David Eisenberg	October 9, 1999	Lookout Mountain #2
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List Completion #6

5	Peter H. Doggett	August 15, 1999	White Mountain #2
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Lead The HPS List for the Second Time!

2	David F Eisenberg	October 9, 1999	Lookout Mountain #2
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Membership Summary

Category	Current	Inactive
Sustaining	30	7
Member	301	170
Household	66	24
Subscriber	149	240
Honorary	2	
Sust. Sub.	3	2
Life	2	
Patron	1	
Benefactor	1	
Extra	7	
Totals	562	443

New Member

Bill Bryne
Kathi Simonsen
Hal Rice

New Subscriptions

Michael Bayer
Sandy Burnside
Jeffrey Clyman
Pierre Escaron
David Heenan
Glen Henderson
Monika Jackson
Dwight Jones
Jerry Kaye
Richard Mickelson
Steve Newson

Matthew Ross

Glen Rosten
Kati Rubiyi
Beatrice Taggart
Nita Tessier
Greg Turley
Takato Alexander
Robert Baldwin
Al Beisley
Mickey Bjorklund
David Cohen
Nicholas Deamos
John Dombrowski
Lynn Edwards
Nanvy Friedman
Benjamin Horowitz
Deborah Horowitz
Susana Leon-Cueto

John Meehan

Drew Miller
Donald Olson
Edward So
Mike Stevenson
Christopher Taylor
Bill Tetreault

Sustaining Renewals

Jan Brahms

Sustaining to Member

Cheryl Gill
Eric Fitzgerald
Jim Throgmorton



David Eisenberg, holding register box, stands with celebrants on the summit of Lookout Mountain on October 9, 1999. David's lead marked the fourth time he has finished the Hundred Peaks Section List, and the second time David has led the Hundred Peaks Section List! Pictured are, left to right: George Wysup, David Eisenberg, Frank Goodykoontz, Byron Prinzmetal, Luella Fickle, and David Michels. Photo by Cheryl Gill.

Chair's Column

By Byron Prinzmetal

If you have ever been on a Frank Goodykoontz lead hike, come to our banquet to thank him for leading you and the thousands upon thousands like you. Frank this year finished leading the list four times on 01-16-99 and is well on his way to leading the list a fifth time. Nobody in the history of the HPS has ever come close to this. In fact only nine people in the fifty-year history of the HPS have finished the list four times, let alone leading it four times. His dedication to his fellow hiker achieves the highest standards of the HPS and reflects extraordinary credit upon himself and our section. We are thus dedicating this banquet to Frank. So please come as we celebrate Frank's achievements; he is truly the Hundred Peaks Section preeminent all time leader.

Our celebration will be held on January 22nd starting at 5 PM. If you have not yet signed up, please do so. Besides celebrating Frank's great achievements and giving all of us a chance to personally thank him for his great leads, we also have a fantastic program. So please join us as we experience the passion and exhilaration of Kurt Wedberg as he guides us through his multi-media presentation, "ON TOP OF THE WORLD: A Journey to the Top of Mt. Everest."

If you have not been to one of our banquets I highly recommend that you do so. Here is a chance to meet many fellow hikers, find other people who like to hike the way you do, and perhaps even organize a private outing to a favorite peak. The food is good, the program is fantastic, the participants are the greatest, and most importantly everybody has a wonderful time.

So please join us for a wonderful, once in a lifetime, very special evening.

You can make your reservations by sending a SASE with your check for \$29/person to Jim Fleming, 538 Yarrow Drive, Simi Valley, Ca 93065. Please include your name, address, phone number and your choice of entrees (beef, fish, vegetarian or chicken).

The election results are in. I would like to thank everyone who ran especially those who ran and lost. It is not easy to put your name in front of your fellow hiker knowing you might not win. But, without your efforts we would not be a democratic organization and not be the great club that we are.

Besides all of the above we added five great peaks (Dragons' Head 10866'; 27K Drury Pk. 10160+; 01K Russell Peak 6696'; 01L Backus Peak 6651' and 28P Sam Fink Peak 7339'). Three of them are named after some of our most important founders (Backus, Russell, and Fink). All five of the new peaks are fantastic. I have done most multiple times. I hope

you all enjoy climbing these peaks as well as I have. They are all extraordinarily beautiful; all take good mountaineering skills, are truly worthy of our list and the three wonderful HPS members we named three of them after.

I would like to welcome the 100 or so new member/subscribers who joined our club this year. I hope to meet and hike with each and every one of you one day.

And finally, this is my last chair article. Just as seasons change to start a new beginning so do chairs of the HPS. I would like to thank my fellow board members for all of their hard work, which resulted in a very successful year. When you see each of them please thank them (Janet Bartel-secretary and program chair, David Eisenberg-membership chair, Charlotte Feitshans-past chair, Jim Fleming-council representative, Tom Hill-vice chair, Ruth Dobos-conservation chair, Patty Kline-merchandise, Carleton Shay-Lookout mailer, Bobcat Thompson-peak guide mailer, Joe Young-Lookout editor, and George Wysup-treasurer.) I congratulate the new board members and wish you all a very successful new year.

Thanks for letting me serve you this year. I hope to see you at our banquet and on our peaks.

News Flash! For immediate release

Dec. 2, 1999

LTC offers new class for M, E candidates

Leaders seeking the M or E rating can take advantage of a new class this spring.

The Leadership Training Committee will offer the Mountaineering Leadership Course on four weekends beginning in mid-April. Applicants must have participated in at least one rock trip requiring the use of ropes and at least one snow trip requiring use of ice axes or crampons. Fee for the class is \$100.

LTC Chair Dan Richter said students can expect "a complete overview of the skills we require of our mountaineering leaders, solid instruction in current mountaineering skills and a great time."

The class will begin with a seminar Friday evening, April 14, through Sunday, April 16, followed by a snow trip April 29-30, a rock outing May 20-21 and a graduation trip June 10-11.

For an application, visit the LTC Web site at <www.angeleschapter.org/ltc> or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the class registrar, Ron Campbell, 21432 Dockside Circle, Huntington Beach, CA 92646.

Contact: Ron Campbell (714) 962-8521

email: <ronjanec@gte.net>

HPS 1999 Safety Report

By Tom Hill, Vice Chair/ Safety Chair

No reports of incidents were received from the Chapter Safety Committee during 1999. However, I heard of the following Safety inquiries from other sources:

- On a private hike someone left the main group to go out with a faster, front group and apparently spent the night on the mountain.
- Someone may have used inappropriate language on an HPS outing.
- A complaint was lodged that a leader's route choice had too much brush.
- One outing was split into slow/fast groups but the leader filed no incident report.

My only Chapter feedback for these four items was in answer to my query regarding the full-scale investigation into the private hike. The Chapter Safety Chair's response asserted the Committee's right to review private trips for safety violations, and that this right was fully covered under existing Angeles Chapter Safety Policy.

The need for the "trip leader" to file an "incident report" for "separation of the group" is not well known. I hear that the current HPS Chair has corresponded directly and often with the Chapter Safety Chair and others about safety issues important to the HPS, so stay tuned.

A VIEW FROM THE HILL

By Tom Hill, Vice Chair/ Mountain Records

Route closure: Hildreth Peak. The southern approach to Hildreth Peak described in the HPS Peak Guides has been closed to public entry. This is a highly visible closure, since the route passes the popular springs and outdoor hot tub. According to a Los Padres Forest Service spokesperson, the closure is in response to environmental litigation on behalf of the southwestern arroyo toad, a species subject to reproductive stress during dry years.

Peak Suspensions: The Management Committee at its December meeting voted to continue the suspension of all peaks in area 20. This includes Round Mtn, Luna Mtn, Rattlesnake Mtn, White Mtn #1, Deer Mtn, Shay Mtn, Little Shay Mtn, Ingham Peak, and Hawes Peak.

Peak Additions, Deletions: The membership voted to add the following peaks to the List:

Sam Fink Peak, by a vote of 130 yes, 68 no, 12 did not say

Russell Peak, by a vote of 136 yes, 66 no, 12 did not say

Backus Peak, by a vote of 127 yes, 70 no, 17 did not say

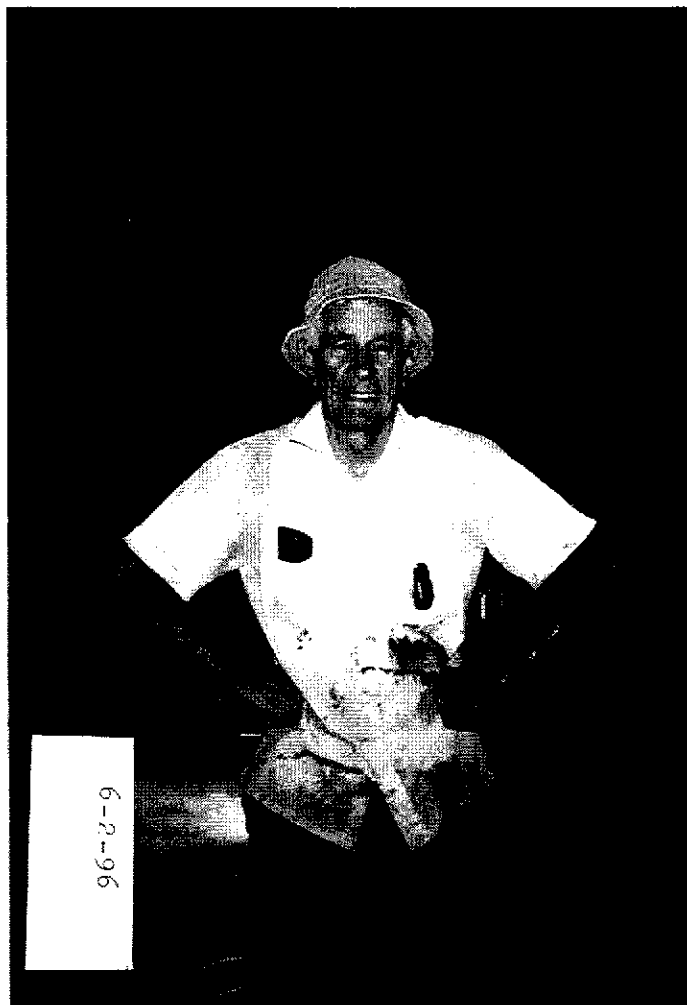
Dragon's Head, by a vote of 111 yes, 77 no, 26 did not say

Drury Peak, by a vote of 97 yes, 90 no, 23 did not say

It should be noted that the first three peak additions won by nearly a 2 to 1 margin.

The membership also voted to de-List Ranger Peak.

As a final note, I have tendered my letter of resignation as Mountain Records Chair. I have asked the HPS Management Board to choose my successor carefully and wisely.



Above, Elmer Omohundro emerged from his encounter with the Allison Mine trail with ripped clothing and deep gashes, and not just a little blood. Elmer described his experience in an article, "Another Adventure to Allison Mine," in the November-December 1999 issue of THE LOOKOUT.

Letter to the Editor

By Hugh Blanchard

NO FREE LUNCH

The last Lookout (Nov-Dec 1999) contains an article favoring abolition of the Adventure Pass Program. The article states "The Sierra Club wishes to halt the Adventure Pass fee". Well, I'm a Sierra Club member and, along with many of my Sierra Club hiking companions, strongly favor the Adventure Pass and don't appreciate being lumped in with the relatively small group of political activists and Ventura County zealots who are trying to destroy this worthwhile program.

The article says that Congress should restore cuts in funding to the Forest Service so that trails and campgrounds can be maintained. Well, that's fine and dandy, but the chances of Congress doing that are slim and none (and poor Slim just passed away). Please keep in mind that 90% of the Federal budget is allocated to three major items: defense, entitlements, and interest on the national debt. That leaves more than 50 Federal agencies all scrambling for their share of an ever-smaller piece of the Federal budget pie. During the past few years, the Forest Service's budget has been cut by about one-third. During that period, the Sierra Club made no effort to try to restore any of these cuts.

The article also states that "The fees collected from the Adventure Pass are minimal to maintain the services of the Forest Service". While true, this statement is misleading and recalls the old saying "There are lies, damn lies, and statistics".

Since the Adventure Pass program began in June, 1997, over one and one half million dollars has been made available from this program for improved services just in the Angeles National Forest. Examples of these services include opening up the half mile road to Switzer's Picnic area, purchasing and installing over 50 bear-proof trash bins in 23 locations, increasing trash and graffiti removal, installing portable toilets in six locations, repairing restrooms in seven locations, improved trail maintenance in the Chantry and Mt. Wilson trails systems, repair or installation of new tables, grills and fire rings in 13 campgrounds, more visitor information in various areas - including hiring six additional Forest Service employees, repair or maintenance of facilities in 14 areas, etc., etc.

These improvements would not have been possible without the funds made available by your purchase of the \$30 Adventure Pass (\$15 for seniors). If the Adventure Pass program ends, so will these improvements. There simply is no magical flow of funds from any other source. In other words, guys and gals, there is no free lunch.

Beginners Column

Boot Selection 101: How to choose the right boot for your feet

By Troy Timmer

You finish lacing up your new-fangled high-speed, low-drag, chrome-lace, go-faster, nubuck leather, fresh millennium hiking boots. You're ready. In your mind's eye you're already floating over streams and gliding along ridges, eager to race up each of the peaks spread out across the horizon. One mile up the trail, you stop to apply moleskin to your heel. A half-mile later, you apply more to the other foot. After three miles of regret and apologies to your partners, your ego caves in to the realization that you have three choices: suffer through this trip and deal with hamburger feet; wear your camp sandals; or--the unthinkable--turn back and go home. You have made a grave mistake in your choice of footwear.

This scenario is completely avoidable. This pointers below will help you prevent blackened toenails, plantar fasciitis, bone spurs and burning arches. To rewind and repair (not replay) the scene above, read on: follow this advice, and you'll be able to forget about your feet and return home with memories to match your glorious daydreams.

Visit or research your area for a reputable outdoor specialty store. Adventure 16 Outdoor & Travel Outfitters is a good example. Inquire as to their boot fitting philosophy and how the staff is trained. You need a boot expert, and in most high-end shops, either the majority of the staff has been specially trained, or one or two highly trained experts staff the floor to steer you in all the right directions. If your bootfitter knows his or her stuff, they will probe extensively to help you find the right boot for your specific activities, or a boot that could adapt to secondary activities--whatever suits you.

Plan your schedule and allot sufficient time to shop in the afternoon or evening. Feet swell throughout the day, therefore the fit will more accurately accommodate the size your feet are likely to be when you're on the trail. Be patient and don't shortchange the fitting process: it is time consuming and it will pay you back.

Aesthetics? Brand name? Color? Style? You'd serve yourself best to try on boots with a blindfold. Your primary consideration for comfort and performance on the trail should be the volume comparison between your foot and your chosen boot. Sock, insole and boot choice all affect volume (how much total space exists in the boots).

Beyond volume and fit, you need to consider the proper sole, stiffness and upper material. This is where probing comes in: What kind of terrain will you be on? For what duration? Carrying what kinds of

loads? How frequently do you go out? These help narrow the choices of how much tread, how much ankle support, how much stiffness you'll need. If you do most of your hiking/backpacking in Southern California during Spring, Summer and Fall, you might consider avoiding waterproof breathable membranes such as Gore-Tex, Sympatex and Dryline. These barriers are great for cool, wet conditions but can be overkill in warmer, dryer climates. Your focus should be to obtain a balance between breathability and water resistance. A full-grain leather boot treated with a DWR (durable water repellent) coating will keep out plenty of water yet still allow relief (i.e., moisture escape) for your hardworking dogs.

When you shop, if you have hiking socks you like, bring them with you to ensure a good match with your new boots. The importance of good socks cannot be overstated. If the bootfitter recommends you buy new socks along with boots, trust her. Socks have come a long way in the past year or two with new technologies, knitting techniques, fibers and fiber blends. Talk with your bootfitter to choose the right sock or sock combination for your specific needs.

Remember getting new shoes as a kid? The Brannock device is still around and, in the hands of an experienced bootfitter, is your best assurance of getting the right fit. Forget about your "normal size" and trust the measurement. All boots and shoes are manufactured differently, making size numbers less relevant. Feet also have a tendency to spread out as we age or accumulate high mileage. A good bootfitter will take the time to examine your feet, take both a sitting and standing measurement and educate you throughout the process.

It's so important, let's revisit point #2: Avoid the urge to choose boots that match your pack or got raves in the latest magazine gear guide. Trust the fit. Remember: you will not be able to distinguish one boot from the next when they're broken in with miles of trail dust, dirt and mud. You will easily distinguish the difference between a well-fit and poorly-fit boot, and you will pay a high price for the lesson.

When trying on various sizes of boots, begin with the smallest and work up. Your goal is to select a boot with as little volume as possible while still allowing plenty of toe room; again you're searching for a balance, this time between stabilization and good circulation. Look for a snug (not tight) fit in the heel and instep, with plenty of room to wiggle the pigs.

Support under the foot is also critical to establish proper stability. Most manufacturers expend their resources on areas of the boot other than the insole; fortunately, you'll be able to compensate for that weakness. Manufacturers such as Superfeet make super-supportive after-market products available "off the rack" or as "customs" (the difference between "ready to wear" and tailored haute couture,

made for you). Unless you already have custom insoles built for you by a podiatrist or orthopedist, the Superfeet-type insole is a wise purchase indeed—not just for fit and comfort, but for correct alignment from foot to hip, and protection of the heel and knee joint from undue stress.

Again with the time commitment: you need to spend as much time as possible walking around in the boots, subjecting them to simulated conditions. A good shop will have an "incline board," a ramp on which you can walk up and down to check the stability of your heels (do they feel secure or do they slide up and down excessively?). You can expect up to ½ inch of movement in a new pair of boots - otherwise try different lacing techniques or another pair of boots. Simulate a descent by stomping your feet "downhill." Are your toes hitting the front? If so, adjust your lacing techniques or try a different size or model. Remember, having proper insole stabilization is very critical in minimizing slippage.

Once you've found the magic pair, with correctly chosen insoles and socks, you are as close as you can be to having custom boots built around your feet—BUT: you still have some work to do prior to your first trip. Breaking in your boots isn't difficult; most boots can be softened up nicely by wearing them around home, at work or at the shopping mall for about 10 hours.

A hard reality: Some day (even with great boots), you will probably need to protect your feet from friction caused by your boots. The most common cause is improper lacing tension or techniques. Once you have a "hot spot," the need for immediate attention is critical. Purchase Moleskin for covering past trouble areas (before you hike), Molefoam for padding protrusions and Second Skin for soothing hot spots or blisters. The best method of blister avoidance is employing all the preventive steps listed above!

Prolong the life of your boots by maintaining your boots with conditioners, cleaners and weather proofing products. Cleaners remove dirt and salts and prepare the material for conditioners and weatherproofers. Conditioners help protect the materials of the upper from dirt, salt and abuse. Water- or weatherproofing agents help to keep dirt, oils and moisture from penetrating the uppers. Remember to clean the inside of the boots also. If you have a boot with waterproof/ breathable laminate, remove debris from under the insole to protect the lining from abrasion. Bottom line: protect your investment for years of performance and enjoyment.

[Troy Trimmer is the Training & Sales Coordinator for Adventure 16. He has fit hundreds of pairs of boots, trained dozens of staff to do the same, logged many miles on the trail, and converted many frustrated hikers into happy spokespersons for proper bootfitting methods.]

Harvest Moon Annual Celebration

By Dottie Sandford

The weekend festivities took place on Oct 9-10 at Harwood Lodge in the Mt. Baldy area. There were 47 people present for dinner although all did not stay overnight. Many took part in the various scheduled hikes on Saturday and after breakfast on Sunday.

After dinner on Saturday night, we had music provided by Rodger Maxwell who brought personally-selected tapes for dancing (on the CD player provided by Jim Fleming). Rodger also was seen playing guitar with Ray Soucy for everyone's listening and sing-along pleasure earlier in the afternoon on the porch.

It takes many people and good team work to put on an event of this type. A huge thank you goes to Charlotte Feitshans for chairing the event; then to the food and drink committee: Rodger Maxwell, David Eisenberg, Janet Damen, George and Angie Wysup, Mike Sandford, Mike Baldwin and Sandy Houston for their participation.

Reservationist Maggie Wilson also put together the dessert table which looked very festive with votive candles lighting up various cakes and pies.

The Lodge really looked colorful and beautiful with decorations by Dotty Sandford and Karen and Roy Stewart. Some newcomers to the lodge became volunteer helpers that afternoon and we thank them as well.

A new "game" was introduced this year, the crowning of a Harvest King and Queen. Everyone was encouraged to introduce themselves around and "sell" themselves. A written vote was taken and the winners were David Eisenberg and Charlotte Feitshans who were then crowned the King and Queen of Harvest Moon. In addition to their crowns and scepters, the two were presented with a planter basket. They reigned over the rest of the festival with royal panache, being allowed to be first in line for breakfast and not having to sign up for the customary lodge duties. David was also feted that evening as he had completed his 4th list completion of HPS hikes.

Hail to Harvest Moon Fest!



Charlotte Feitshans chaired this year's Harvest Moon Celebration committee. The event was held at Harwood Lodge, where it has been held every year in the 1980's and 1990's. With Charlotte is David Eisenberg. Earlier that day (October 9, 1999) David led a climb of Lookout Mountain. This marked the fourth List Completion for David, but more importantly the second time David has LED the entire Hundred Peaks Section List! The crowns they wear in the above photo signify that they were named Harvest Moon King and Queen. Congratulations!

Hundred Peaks Section Schedule of Activities January - February 2000

Note: HPS is sole sponsor of event unless another entity is shown.

Jan 2 Sun

I: Cuyama Pk (5878'), Lizard Head (5350'): Moderately strenuous hikes in Los Padres National Forest involve 16 mi rt, with 4400' gain, much cross country. Much dirt road driving. Meet 6 am Sylmar rideshare point. Bring sturdy boots, lots of water, lunch, Adventure Pass. Ldr: Joe Young. Asst: Bob Thompson

Jan 8 Sat

I: Lost Horse Mtn (5313'), Mt Inspiration (5560'), Ryan Mtn (5457'): Moderately paced hikes on trail and cross country to some of the finest peaks in Joshua Tree National Park. Moderately strenuous, 10 mi rt, 2700' gain hike. Do as many peaks as you wish. Beginners welcome. Meet 6 am Pomona rideshare point or 8 am in Joshua Tree at SE corner of Hwy 62 and Park Blvd. Bring ten essentials, 3 qts of water, lunch. Rain/snow cancels. Ldrs: Mars Bonfire, Joe Young, Byron Prinzmetal

Jan 8 Sat

I: Mt Lukens (5074'): 19th annual midwinter ascent via pathfinder route to LA's highest point, "Sister Elsie." 10 mi rt, 2800' gain, mostly on trail and ridge. Meet 9 am La Cañada Rideshare point, or 8 am at Hill St Café (formerly Lloyds). Ldrs: Bob Thompson, Stag Brown

Jan 8 Sat

I: Rabbit Pk #1 (5307'), Granite Mtn #1 (6600'), Round Top (6316'), Iron Mtn #3 (5040'): Fast paced 10 mi rt, 3000' gain hike on road and cross country. Meet 7 am La Cañada rideshare point. Bring water, food, lugsoles, raingear and Adventure Pass. Rain cancels. Ldr: Maggie Wilson. Asst: Larry Hoak

Jan 8 Sat Hundred Peaks, Mt Baldy

I: Rattlesnake Pk (5826'): Climb this brushy peak in the San Gabriel River Basin. Beautiful view as we get stabbed by the chaparral. 3700' gain, 10 mi rt. Meet 6:30 am Azusa rideshare pt. Bring 10 essentials, loppers to keep the trail clear, Adventure Pass. Rain postpones. Ldrs: David F Eisenberg, Carleton Shay, Frank Goodykoontz

Jan 12 Wed Desert Peaks, Sierra Peaks, Hundred Peaks

C: Desert Rat Social Hour: Join us for happy hour before the Annual Joint Meeting. LA's best happy hour! Meet at 5 pm (or whenever, first one there finds a table) at McCormick & Schmicks in downtown LA. For map, parking instructions, menu send sase to Co-Ldrs: Ann Kramer, Erik Siering

Jan 12 Wed Desert Peaks, Sierra Peaks, Hundred Peaks

Monthly Meeting/Combined event: Matthew Richardson, Erik Siering and Nile Sorenson present a slide show on their Feb 1999 climb of Cerro Aconcagua (22,385'), Argentina. 7:30 pm, Dept of Water/Power, 111 N Hope St, LA.

Jan 12 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

I: Mt. Lukens (5074'): Hike the less used historic Sister Elsie route. Easy pace on road, use trail, fire breaks, a little cross country. Some steep parts. Moderately strenuous 8 mi, 3000' gain. Meet 9 am at La Cañada rideshare point with water, lunch, ten essentials. Ldrs: Brent Washburne, Byron Prinzmetal, Carleton Shay, Tom Hill

Jan 12 Wed

O: Sunset Pk (5796'): Leisurely hike above Mt Baldy Village. 7 mi rt on trail with 1300' gain. Meet 9:30 am at Cow Canyon Saddle. Mandatory to call leaders week of trip. Rain and heavy snow on ground cancels. Ldrs: Jerry & Nancy Keating

Jan 13 Thu

Management Meeting: The management committee of the Hundred Peaks Section meets to discuss management issues of the section. Everyone welcome. 6:30 pm at Griffith Park Ranger Sta Auditorium, 4730 Crystal Springs Dr.

Jan 16 Sun

I: Bernard Peak (5430'), Little Berdoo Peak (5440'): Strenuous but moderately paced 9 mi, 3000' gain on steep, rocky cross country route in Joshua Tree National Park backcountry. This loop hike traverses spectacular remote ridgelines on N side of the peaks in the Pushawalla Plateau area. Send sase, H&W phones, email add (optional), recent experience to Ldr: Mars Bonfire. Co-Ldrs: Byron Prinzmetal, Tom Hill

Jan 22 Sat
I: Smith Mtn (5111'): Moderate 6 mi, 900' gain cross country scramble with car shuttle. Lovely view. Back in time for banquet. Meet 7:30 am Azusa rideshare point. Bring lugsoles, lunch, 10 essentials, Adventure Pass. Ldrs: Diane Dunbar, Larry Hoak

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Jan 23 Sun Hundred Peaks, Verdugo Hills, Mt Baldy
I: Cole Pt (5604'), Mt Emma (5273'), Old Mt Emma (5063'): 2500' gain, 10 mi rt with short car shuttle. Great views of Antelope Valley. Meet 7 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring 10 essentials, Adventure Pass. Rain cancels. Ldrs: David F Eisenberg, Frank Goodykoontz

Jan 26 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Mt Lowe (5603'), Inspiration Pt, Muir Pk: Moderate 8 mi rt, 2000' gain loop hike from Eaton Saddle. Shorter options available. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare point. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles, jacket, Adventure Pass. Heavy rain cancels. Ldrs: Richard Schamberg, Gabriele Rau

Jan 29 Sat Hundred Peaks, Mt Baldy
I: Queen Mtn (5680'): Beginning cross country hiking clinic. 6 mi, 1100' gain via beautiful back country canyon behind park in Joshua Tree National Park. Moderate. Strong trail hikers welcome to learn steep, 1st and 2nd class rock technique. Send sase to Ldr: Diane Dunbar. Asst: Frank Goodykoontz

Jan 29, Sat HPS, LPC	Outing Not in Schedule
O: Clamshell Pk (4360'), Monrovia Pk (5409'). Long strenuous hike at a moderate pace. 13 mi rt 5000' gain. This hike is mostly long dirt roads with some trails on firebreaks. Send SASE to Leader. Bring water, food, lugsoles. Rain/snow on mountain cancels. Ldr:Erich Fickle. Co-ldrs: Roxana Lewis, Luella Fickle.	

Jan 30 Sun
I: Granite Mtn #2 (5633'): Strenuous but moderately paced 8 mi, 3000" gain trailless adventure hike in Anza Borrego Desert backcountry. This hike follows the seldom-visited steep, rocky, brushy ravines and ridgelines of the N side of the peak. Send sase, H&W phones, email add (optional), recent experience to Ldr: Tom Hill. Co-Ldr: Byron Prinzmetal

Jan 30 Sun K-9 Comm, Hundred Peaks
O: Strawberry Potrero: Bring your K-9 friend on pleasant 8 mi rt, 1400' gain on trail from Red Box to picnic lunch spot. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare point. Bring water, leash, lunch, lugsoles, jacket, Adventure Pass. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Charlotte Feitshans, Tammy Solko

Feb 5 Sat
O: Brown Mtn: Stag's annual birthday hike and party. Moderate 10 mi 1800' gain up Millard Canyon or optional route. Leader's choice. Possible many stream crossings. Meet 7:30 am La Cañada rideshare point. Bring water and goodies to share. Smiles and lugsoles required. Ldrs: Stag Brown, Bob Thompson, Joe Young

Feb 5 Sat Hundred Peaks, Verdugo Hills, Mt Baldy
O: Combs Pk (6193'), Lookout Mtn #1 (5590'): Two peaks near Anza. 11 mi rt, 2500' gain at moderate pace. Meet 6 am Pomona rideshare pt. Bring 10 essentials, Adventure Pass. Rain cancels. Ldrs: David F Eisenberg, Carleton Shay, Frank Goodykoontz

Feb 5 Sat
I: Ortega Pk (5854'): Hike to rarely led peak in Los Padres National Forest. 4 mi rt, 1200' gain. Brushy cross country route. Meet 7:30 am at Woodland Hills rideshare point. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles, clippers. 240 mi drive. Dinner in Ojai after hike. Rain cancels. Ldr: Frank Dobos. Co-Ldrs: Ruth Lee Dobos, Diane Dunbar

Feb 5 Sat Hundred Peaks, K-9 Comm
I: Vetter Mtn (5908'): Moderately paced 8 mi rt, 1800' gain hike on trail and cross country to historic lookout tower. Meet at 7 am La Cañada rideshare point. Bring plenty of water/food for you and your dog, leash, lugsoles, raingear and Adventure Pass. Ldr: Maggie Wilson. Asst: Virgil Popescu

Feb. 5-6 Sat - Sun *Outing Not In Schedule*

I: Bernard Peak (5430'), Little Berdoo Peak (5440'), Saturday backpack 8 miles 2200' gain from Backcountry Board via Geology Tour Road, North Wash to peaks for new moon stargazing opportunities. Sunday hike out visiting Henson Well Mill site. Participants must carry all water. Send SASE, recent exp, H&W phones, email (optional), driving info to Ldr: Bob Wafer PO Box 2486 Cypress CA 90630, Co-Ldr: Wayne Norman

Feb 6, Sun HPS *Outing Not In Schedule*

O: Circle Mt (6875'), Gobbler's Knob (6955'). Moderate fire road hikes with steep sections. 9 mi, 2000' gain. Work off any remaining holiday turkey with us near Wrightwood. Meet 7am, Diamond Bar rideshare point. Bring water, food, lugsoles. Rain/snow cancels. Ldr: Roxana Lewis. Co-Ldrs: Erich/Luella Fickle.

Feb 9 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: The Emma's (5273' & 5063'): Fantastic views will reward your effort. Carleton will show us a hidden route down to the cars. Easy pace but moderately strenuous 5 mi, 2000' gain on use trails and fire breaks. Some steep ups and downs. Beginners welcome, tigers at ease. Meet 9 am at La Cañada rideshare point with water, lunch, 10 essentials. Ldrs: Byron Prinzmetal, Carleton Shay, Southern Courtney, Brent Washburne

Feb 10 Thu

New Backpacker Program and Social Meeting: Have you ever wondered what to take on a backpacking trip? Come listen to Rosemary Campbell and Byron Prinzmetal cover what type of backpack to use (external vs. internal frame), what to carry in your backpack (food, tents, sleeping bag, bear preparations, etc.). Refreshments and socializing; everyone welcome. 7:30 pm at Griffith Park Ranger Station auditorium, 4730 Crystal Springs Dr.

Feb 12-13 Sat-Sun

I: Chuckwalla Mtn (5029'), Cross Mtn (5203'), explore Tom's Hill (5048'): High desert carcamp in Jawbone Canyon area N of town of Mojave. First two peaks Sat strenuous, 10 mi 4000' gain. Third peak Sun moderate, 8 mi, 2500' gain. Mix of trail and cross country both days. Send sase, H&W phones, email add (optional), recent experience to Ldr: Tom Hill. Co-Ldr: Byron Prinzmetal

Feb 12-13 Sat-Sun Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks

I: Granite Mtn #2 (5633') & Whale Pk (5349'): Carcamp in Anza Borrego State Park with cross country dayhikes. Granite on Sat, strenuous 8 mi rt, 3000' gain; Whale on Sun, moderate 5 mi rt, 1400' gain. Dirt road driving both days. Come for one or both. Optional carcamp Fri night. Send 2 large sase, H&W phones, rideshare info to Ldr: Joel Goldberg. Co-Ldr: Jason Lynch

Feb 19 Sat

I: Warren Pt (5103'), Queen Mtn (5680'): Easy paced hikes on use trail with some steep, rocky portions to two fine peaks with great views in Joshua Tree National Park. 8 mi rt, 2000' gain. Meet 6 am La Cañada rideshare point or 8:30 am inside park at Ranger Station at Black Rock Canyon Campground. Bring ten essentials including at least 3 qts of water, and lunch. Rain/snow cancels. Ldrs: Mars Bonfire, Byron Prinzmetal

Feb 26-27 Sat-Sun Desert Peaks, Hundred Peaks

I: Rosa Pt (5038'), Indianhead (3960'+): Moderately paced strenuous xc in the Anza-Borrego area. Sat 4800' gain, 12 mi rt. Carcamp with campfire and potluck. Sun 3200' gain, 6 mi rt. Send sase with recent conditioning to Ldr: David F Eisenberg. Co-Ldrs: Virgil Popescu, Frank Goodykoontz

Feb 26-27 Sat-Sun

I: Villager Pk (5756'), Rabbit Pk (6640'): Strenuous cross country backpack to peaks in Anza Borrego State Park. 21 mi rt, 7500' gain for weekend. Must carry all water. Send sase, H&W phones, email, recent experience to Ldr: Joe Young. Co-Ldr: Tom Hill

Feb 27 Sun Hundred Peaks, K-9 Comm

O: Bighorn Mtn (5894'): Join us for moderately easy hike in Yucca Valley area with favorite 4-legged pal. 6 Mi rt, 700' gain. Meet 8:30 am Pomona rideshare point. Bring water for you and K9 pal, leash, lunch, lugsoles, jacket. Rain cancels. Ldr: Charlotte Feitshans, Virgil Popescu

Feb 29 Tue

I: Delisted Peaks Exploratory: Strenuous but moderately paced Leap Day extravaganza, up to 16 mi, 3200' gain, probable cross country terrain with some steep portions, depending on itinerary. Take off work on this bonus day and visit some of the 30 peaks delisted from the HPS List, leader's choice. Climb any or all; emphasis will probably be Joshua Tree or San Diego County. Send sase, H&W phones for peak and route descriptions to Ldr: Tom Hill. Co-Ldr: Byron Prinzmetal



Virgil Popescu finished the Hundred Peaks Section List on October 30, 1999 on Pacifico Mountain. Above, Virgil, front row in light tee shirt, stands with List finishers. (Photo provided by Frank Dobos.) Left, Virgil is perched on the rocky summit of Pacifico. This photo submitted by Patty Kline.



Upcoming Events

February Peakbaggers' Social Meeting: February 10, 2000

Program for New Backpackers: Have you ever wondered what to take on a backpacking trip? Come listen to Rosemary Campbell and Byron Prinzmetal cover what type of backpack to use and what to carry in your backpack. Refreshments and socializing, everyone welcome. Meet 7:30 PM at the Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium, 4730 Crystal Springs Drive, in Griffith Park.

Angeles Chapter Annual Awards Banquet

The Angeles Chapter Banquet will be Saturday, March 18, 2000 at the Brookside Country Club, at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena. Several HPS members will be receiving awards at this banquet. See upcoming issues of the Southern Sierran for details.

BACKPACKING IN THE SAN GABRIELS IN THE 1930S BUCKHORN AND BEYOND

By Ralph Turner

Dick Mott and I were 13 or 14 when we started backpacking together. (Dick later became junior high school student body president and I became editor of the school newspaper.) After overnight trial runs to the West Fork of the San Gabriel and elsewhere, we decided on a five-day trek during spring break. Starting from Chantry Flats, we followed the Short Cut Trail over Newcomb's Pass, down into the West Fork, up over the ridge where the Angeles Crest Highway now runs, down into the upper Tujunga, and up to Charleton Flats for the first night. With no Angeles Crest Highway, Charleton Flats had only a small, delightfully unspoiled hiker's campground with a running spring that attracted bluebirds, chickadees, juncos, and many other charming mountain birds, and watered a colorful garden of wildflowers. Most of the current picnic area was undisturbed forested grassland. Next morning we slogged through the mud from recent snow melt to Chilao, then on toward Buckhorn. Taking trail and a service road close to the route now followed by the Angeles Crest, we only made it by dark as far as Cloud Burst—a very rocky campground on the north slope of Mt. Waterman. The next morning, early, we reached Buckhorn, which, to our surprise, was all snowed in except for a few dry spots. Naive southern California lads that we were, we never dreamed that there would be snow enough to obscure trails at Easter time! Our plans to make a loop by way of Windy Gap, Crystal Lake, and the West Fork having been dashed by trail conditions and our own lagging pace, we spent the day and night around Buckhorn and then headed back.

Undaunted, in summer we decided to make an even more ambitious try, taking six days. This time we attained Chilao the first night and Buckhorn easily the next. At Buckhorn there were a few cars that had braved the service road from Little Rock and Sulphur Springs, a road used mostly by hunters. The Chilao hiker's campground was my favorite in all the San Gabriels, and I often planned trips just to camp there. It was a small area, deep in pine needles (we carried no mattresses), in a tightly packed grove of pines and cedars. Because of the abundance of water beneath the surface, trees had sprouted close together and, reaching for the sunlight, had grown tall, thin, and very limber. Lying beneath them at night, looking toward the stars, I was lulled by the rhythmic swaying of the trees and the singing of the needles in the evening breezes. Unfortunately, when the Angeles Crest Highway was later cut through right next to this camp site, a pumping station was built in the middle of the grove and the enlarged campground moved out into the more open valley below, then later up onto the ridge to the south. One more idyllic spot was lost to insensitive engineering!

Leaving Buckhorn we followed the Burkhardt and

Rattlesnake trails, up the west side of Mt. Williamson to the summit where we watched graceful sharp-shinned hawks navigating the plentiful up-drafts from the desert below. Then we descended Williamson's east side and continued down the spectacular South Fork of the Big Rock Creek to a campground adjacent to the Devil's Punchbowl. Actually, it had gotten dark and we couldn't find the campground so we improvised, making a fire between two rocks that supported our cooking equipment. Next morning we discovered the campground about 100 yards beyond where we had given up the search! After a quick look into the closest portion of the Punchbowl, we struggled up the long, hot, dusty dirt road to Vincent Gap, then up the cooler, shaded and generally delightful 40-some switchbacks to Mt. Baden-Powell. Lamel Spring half way up the peak was a blessed relief after the hot, dry morning, and a mecca for birds and small animals. All along the Baden-Powell trail we enjoyed the plethora of chickadees, nuthatches, sapsuckers, and jays—more abundant then than now for some reason. Although we had bagged Williamson and Baden-Powell, we weren't seriously into peak bagging, so we followed the ridge trail to Windy Gap and down to Crystal Lake campground, bypassing Burnham, Throop, and Hawkins without a second thought. (No HPS in the 30s!)

Next morning we managed to hitch a ride down to the mouth of the West Fork of the San Gabriel, then hiked up the West Fork toward our last night's camping place. I had always enjoyed the West Fork for its gentle stream and succession of beauty spots. But we had a surprise. A great dam was newly under construction, blocking the canyon and emasculating a lovely section of peaceful riparian wilderness. Of course, none of this showed on our 1933 Forest Service map (our only guide). When we boldly (stupidly?) ignored warning signs, a gruff, then sympathetic ranger intercepted us and, after a scolding, showed us how to bypass the rising dam and the site of the future Cogswell Reservoir. In a lovely, shaded streamside campground, we ate whatever food we had thought would survive five days without refrigeration (no freeze dried food in those days)—none of the eggs, bacon, cubed steaks, boiled potatoes, or even the fried mush that Dick liked for breakfast could have survived. Spaghetti was our standby, requiring no refrigeration. Its disadvantage was that it took ages to cook because of the lowered boiling point of water at mountain elevations. Bread contained no preservatives in those days, so we carried only crackers. I can't remember what we ate that evening and next morning, but I know it was barely palatable. I don't remember whether we met my waiting parents at Chantry Flats or the Red Box Divide (where the Angeles Crest Highway ended) on the final day, but the return home was uneventful. We felt we had genuinely toured the heart of the Angeles Forest and what was then truly the back country!

Current Trip Reports

Ten Thousand Foot Ridge, Lake Peak, Grinnell Mountain

September 11, 1999

Leaders: Diane Dunbar and Mars Bonfire

By Mars Bonfire

We met at the Mill Creek Ranger Station at 6:00 AM. Uncomfortably early yet I've been on these or adjacent peaks enough times when afternoon lightning, thunder, and rain developed to feel the early start was a necessary safety precaution. And to further enhance safety we chose to do the peaks in the order 10K, Lake and Grinnell – from most vulnerable to being zapped to least vulnerable. [For new hikers, 10K is rocky and barren – our bodies of 70% water would stand out and be the path of least resistance for a discharge. Lake is a mix of rocky outcrops and trees – hopefully a tree would take the hit but we could still be vulnerable to ground currents. Grinnell has many trees with ample spacing between them, lots of forest duff, and few rocky outcrops – the best of a bad area in an electrical storm. But for Thor's sake don't let this be all you know about lightning! Seek authoritative information.] The ranger had warned me that the same storm that washed out parts of Forest Falls had also damaged the dirt roads 1N02 and 1N05 from Heart Bar Campground to Fish Creek Trail Head and indeed it had. I wouldn't feel comfortable trying it in a car and yet we did see one car parked among the many Ford and Chevy pickup trucks at the trail head. Pickup trucks? Don't hikers and backpackers drive 4 Runners, Volvos, and Subarus? Bow hunting season had begun! We held an impromptu contest to see who most resembled Bambi or Smokey. The lucky winner would receive one Teflon coated arrow, complete with carbon fiber shaft and synthetic feathers, through the chest cavity plus an all expenses paid interminably long vacation to the cemetery of their choice. And the winner was...? No one! We didn't look anything like deer or bear. The hike could continue.

We left the trail head at 7:30 AM and hiked E about .75 miles over two small stream crossings in the Fish Creek Meadow area. Just past these we gained the wandering ridge coming NE off 10K and got into the steep and loose part of our adventure. Diane suggested we go into the rest step and gave a demonstration. Not only did this conserve our energy and keep us together, it slowed us to the point where we could make careful foot placements and even though sections are unstable only one small rock was discharged. The ridge is fairly open and a way around or through occasional brush was readily spotted. It makes for a challenging (class 2) yet satisfying direct

ascent to the peak. [However, be very confident of your navigation skills before trying this or our descent off Grinnell.] During one of our rest breaks Diane explained how to find one's position on a ridge by combining local bearing with altitude. We kept a watch on the clouds. Gorgonio had some dark ones but at least they were in motion. When they hover and build I get concerned.

At 12:00 noon we reached the summit of 10K only to discover the register missing. Thinking someone might have moved it to the bump to the SE, we wandered over there. No luck. Returned to the empty cairn, put in a new canister and pad, and did our sign-ins.

We followed the standard route over to Lake, seeing occasional ducks along the way. There are many rock outcrops that could be mistaken for the summit; however, as our map indicates, it is at the W end of the ridge with nothing beyond it but the drop off to the Fish Creek trail. We arrived at 1:00 PM and discovered yet another register missing! Rather than walk back to a point directly above and S of the Lake - Grinnell saddle, we descended Lake going NW (steep class 2 over well anchored boulders) and picked up the Fish Creek trail a little W of the saddle. En route we came upon part of the missing register. Looks like a radical anti - register terrorist has been at work. What would we find on Grinnell? Its register is a large ammo box chained in place! We met a ranger at the saddle who checked our permit and confirmed that bow hunting season for deer and bear had indeed begun. Now if these guys are successful enough I may not have to carry bear spray when I solo hike!

It was now clear that the weather would not be a problem so we casually walked up the fairly well defined use trail N to Grinnell. Our map gives the impression that one simply continues N until reaching the summit, but as we topped out after the final wide and shallow gully we turned right for a few hundred feet and found the summit rock pile around 2:00 PM. Another missing register! And this one must have taken some effort to dislodge. We met a young fellow who had hiked in from Heart Bar and was intending to go on to Lake and 10K. If only our Section Chair, Byron, had been with us he would have at least gotten \$9 from the guy for a **Lookout** subscription if not a promise to consider life membership once earning 25 peaks. We wished him safe traveling and began our descent down the SE ridge (class 1) coming off Grinnell. We didn't want to walk past the apex of a trail switch back at 9480' and started moving sharply to our right at 9800' meeting the trail at 9600'. A left turn and an easy stroll brought us back to the vehicles around 4:30 PM.

I want to thank the hikers who participated: Edith Liu, Barbara Guerin, Howard Eyerly, and Glen

Henderson. It was a very enjoyable and compatible group that easily cruised this interesting mix of trail and cross country. When I returned Barbara to her car at Mill Creek Ranger Station the ranger had placed a notice on it indicating that vehicles left in the lot all day should park as far as possible from the station.

Have trekking poles. Will travel.

Provisional Hike Vetter/Mt. Mooney

November 6, 1999

By Roxana Lewis

When the HPS lost Theresia Glover, I promised myself I would do my part to make-up for the void, little realizing the process ahead of me.

I am totally humbled at the accomplishment of the many men and women whom I have followed up the 148 HPS peaks to my credit. I take my REI hat off to all of you in recognition for what you went through to get to the head of the line!

- April - LTC Workshop. Gave up a warm sunny hiking day to be familiarized with the intricacies of the Sierra Club, the L.A. Chapter, the Sections, the events, the personality variations of participants, dogs, bikes, brush. Pass an exam.

- May - Took Red Cross First Aid. I now know what to do when Peter Doggett chokes on a 10 cent 7Eleven hot dog at 8,900 ft.

- Completed Basic CPR. I can now add to my résumé the successful death of the plastic dummy

- I have brilliantly handled the intricacies of hike write-ups thanks to my guardian angel, Joe Young who diplomatically indicated that I had left out the time and meeting place.

- June - Did my check-out hike of Middle/South Hawkins with Maggie & Doggie Wilson and Peter Doggett who instructed me on all the machinations of leading a good hike. Maggie's dog was the most helpful as she taught me by example to ignore everyone.

- July - Provisional hike of Middle/South Hawkins. I have suffered the humiliation of throwing a party and having only my good mentors Frank and Ruth Dobos show-up. Actually, I was secretly pleased as I had run the Salt Lake City Marathon the day before and was only 97%.

- Nov - Rescheduled provisional hike of Vetter//Mooney. This time I planned to drag my arthritic Mother and Howard, my husband, who's idea of exercise is shaking a martini, along so that I could bring this process to closure. Fortunately, Dorothy Danzinger, George Wysup and friends made it possible for How//Mom to stay home. Meanwhile I led our stalwart group on this arduous 3.5 mi. hike at moderate pace and acquitted myself to the Dobos' high standards, whew! They have passed me into the

portals of Sierra Club Leadership.

Look for me soon on a future happy trail and let's all tell the August person at the front of the line how much we appreciate what they did to get there!

Allen Peak via Route 1, a Misadventure

November 17, 1999

by George Wysup

On November 17, Sonia Arancibia, Tom Hill, and I bagged Allen Peak —from Mountain home Village (route 1). This route appears to be seldom used. This is understandable as long as permission is available to access the road to the base of Allen via the private wildlife sanctuary area near the Forest Falls turnoff. We wanted to scout this route just in case the private property route becomes unavailable. Besides, this was a last minute selection of hikes and there was no time to secure permission.

The description in the peak guide now needs some clarification for fools like us to follow it. This is doubtless in part due to significant flooding of Mill Creek over the 9+ years since the write-up. We made all possible mistakes both going up and coming down (different routes). Even the correct route needs clipping on the ridge below the aqueduct path. After completing the hike we can now understand and follow the present peak guide.

Going up, we were mesmerized by the reference to the "second road . . . goes east into a group of willow trees." We ended up following this road to a gully that looked inviting (for a while). Then, after the gully ran out, we made the mistake of trying to follow a ridge. Talk about brush! We eventually found another (steep) gully that ran out into the !!firebreak!! From this point we had no problem in reaching the summit. The firebreak intersected a very obvious (subterranean) aqueduct path, which we followed a short distance to the road. We noted that we should have joined this firebreak much lower, and we decided to try it on the return.

Which we did. It went really well for a while. The firebreak is somewhat overgrown by mountain mahogany, but there is plenty of evidence of past clipping and some old plastic tape of various colors. Unfortunately, we saw no evidence of the place where we should have turned right off the firebreak into the gully (we had not come up this way, remember). So, we continued down the ridge too far, finally following the track of some (low) animal, until the ridge ran out at the top of a 40 foot vertical wall cut by Mill Creek. This required us to whack to the East through considerable nasty brush until we discovered . . . the Correct Gully! We felt so good about this that we considered sacrificing Sonia to the volcano god in thanks. When we were in the deepest trouble, I swore

to telephone my mother every day if the Good Lord, or Ba'al, or whoever would get us outta there.

How can the write-up be improved? The "stone deck of an old house" is the key. This concrete deck is very prominent from across the creek. It sticks out of the south wall of the creek bed like a big sore thumb. (If you can't see this feature, turn back, proceed to Joshua Tree, and bag Ryan Mtn). Go directly to just below this concrete deck. Then go another 50 ft upstream and find the track up past the 3/4" rusty pipes and the concrete deck and then the obvious gully. Then proceed as in the write-up— up the gully, keeping right at every confluence, until the firebreak is attained. Then, I advise you to mark this point carefully for the return.

The aqueduct is interesting. One can hear the mighty rush of the water in the conduit when passing access pipes. Tom's research shows that this water feeds the hydroelectric plant just above Mill Creek R.S.

Future problem— the concrete deck will fall into the creek bed and be covered by debris after another heavy flood.

Our 6.5 hour trip could have taken 5 hours or less had we followed the optimum route.

Cannel Pt, Lightner, Bald Eagle, Onyx, Skinner

November 26-28, 1999

**Leaders: Joe Young and Frank Goodykoontz
By Joe Young**

Notes from this Thanksgiving Weekend hikes with Frank Goodykoontz. The weather was great and roads wide open. Too bad only Barbara Guerin and Robert True joined us this weekend. It was, as usual, a privilege and honor to hike with the Hundred Peak Section's all-time greatest leader. After this successful weekend Joe has fourteen (14) more peaks to lead in order to lead the List ONCE, and he knows what a chore this has been. Frank indicated that he needs about fifty (50) or so more peaks to lead the List for the FIFTH time!

Cannel Point: [Patty Kline informs me that the rangers in the area pronounce Cannel with the accent on the first syllable, as CAN-uhl.] First, the driving directions could be a bit simplified. At 6.1 mi, turn onto 22S12, and the sign reads "Cherry Hill Road." Follow this road to Big Meadow, then follow subsequent signs to Cannel Meadow. Then follow signs to Pine Flat. At 29.4 mi, you are confronted with three choices: The left-most road says "24S12B." The middle fork says "24S12C." The right fork is the main road 24S12. The middle fork, 24S12C, takes you to the hiking route 1 trail head. One can drive further than 0.5 mi, but the road is narrowed by paint scarring brush beyond that point. However, Frank G. prefers to

take the right fork back at 29.4. If you take this road for 0.6 mi, you arrive at another fork. A sign reads "Cannel Meadow Trail." (The other fork is signed "24S12D.") There is a nice unimproved campsite here with a table and a fire ring. If you turn left and continue about ½ mile beyond the campsite, there is a convenient turnaround. To go further invites more paint scarring brush. At the end of this road you see the beginning of the west ridge of Cannel. This is a less steep approach to the peak.

Lightner Peak: The driving directions to Lightner and Bald Eagle are in conflict. In the town of Lake Isabella there is an intersection with a signal. Lake Isabella Blvd meets the southerly extension of Hwy 155 at this point. (There is a Bank of America at one corner, a Texaco on another, and "Dam Corner" at a third.) Going south from this intersection Lake Isabella Blvd becomes the Bodfish-Caliente Road; there is no left turn. The turn off for Bald Eagle is 5.7 mi south of the intersection in Lake Isabella, and the turn off for Lightner is in another 6.8 mi past the turn off for Bald Eagle. The turn off for Lightner is the Breckenridge Road; this is just beyond (south) of county highway marker 25.74. Turning onto the Breckenridge Road, go as the Peak Guide says for 6.3 mi to a junction. This junction no longer says "O'Brien Spring;" instead it says "Remington Ridge Trail." Turning right onto this road, the Guide says "if the road is in bad shape, park at a parking area on the left..." Unless ALL vehicles are high clearance, we would advise everyone to park here which is 0.4 mi from the junction. The road is deeply rutted beyond. Low-slung cars will have difficulty getting even to THIS point. (A sign warns that the road is not maintained.)

Bald Eagle: You might as well recycle the Peak Guide for Bald Eagle. The turn off for Bald Eagle is 5.7 mi from the aforementioned intersection in the town of Lake Isabella. The road head is 5.5 mi up the road from the turn off, at a wide spot with ample parking. It is, as the Guide says, where "the road crosses a ridge." That is the only accurate statement in the Guide. The hiking is a lot easier now that there is a nice trail that goes from the parking area, around and substantially below, and to the south of peak 6120', to the saddle. We clipped some on our hike. [Frank Dobos points out the following: "The Bald Eagle trail is in the Bodfish-Piute Cypress Botanical Area, whereas indiscriminate clipping might damage the endangered cypress trees. I'm sure you noticed the beautiful trees along the trail, it would be common interest to keep them intact. Let's hope your suggestion about the clipping will not find some eager group decimating any of the young cypress."]

Onyx Peak: Peak guide is OK except that there is nothing indicating at the turn off to "Short Canyon." After the stone well (an empty, uncovered

reservoir), follow cattle trails down the two ravines as you head northeast toward the ridge trending southeast from the peak. (On this trip Frank G. said he had NEVER done this peak by going up the gully!)

Skinner Peak: The wonderful HPS mapmaker on our Website needs to refine the map a bit. The map on the Website indicates ten (10) switchbacks en route to the peak. We found no such ten switchbacks. I understand that the indication for an alleged scree run is misplaced. However, Frank G. and I never got the chance to search this out as it was dark on descent from the peak. The driving directions from the east are not adequate, since there are more intersections than listed. However, the driving directions from the west can be greatly simplified. (A casual reader of our guides would not realize that the turn off to Skinner is between the road head to Mayan and the turn off to Onyx!) From the intersection of the Kelso Creek/Kelso Valley roads, drive south for 6.2 mi to the turn off to Bird Spring Pass (several large signs). Go east for 5.6 mi to the saddle.

Suicide Rock

August 7, 1999

Leaders: Gabriele Rau and Gordon Lindberg

By Gabriele Rau

13 hikers met for this hike, either at the car pool place or at the Deer Springs Trailhead. This is really a great hike to a peak on the 100 Peaks List! The summit is 7,528 ft high and only 3.3 miles away with 1,700 ft gain on a good and very scenic trail. Trees, some of them huge, shade most of the trail. The weather was great, the air clean and the views clear. The actual Suicide Rock is flat rock area with an abrupt fall off toward Idyllwild. We enjoyed the superb view toward Lily Rock and rugged Tahquitz Peak, far below us Idyllwild. We, of course, climbed the short steep hill to the actual summit and signed the register. For 7 in our group this was their first ascent of Suicide Rock! Since trees obstruct the view from the peak, we ate lunch on the rocks with a spectacular vista. Nobody wanted to jump off the precipitous cliff! After a long relaxing lunch we returned on the same trail and were back at the cars by 2:00 PM. We met scores of other hikers, just coming up. Everybody promised to participate on more hikes and peak climbs in the future! We all enjoyed the hike and you would have, too, if you like hiking in scenic woods and beautiful country! Thanks to Gordon Lindberg for assisting on this hike!

Mt Jenkins (a private hike)

November 23, 1999

By Byron Prinzmetal

On a balmy clear beautiful winter day Southern Courtney and I had a wonderful hike up Mt Jenkins. The sky was a deep blue, the air cool and refreshing and the Sierra Mountains to the north of us were covered with snow.

The view from the top is spectacular. One can see far north up the spinney backbone of the Sierra Nevada starting with granite face of Owens. To the south and southeast Russell and Backus Peaks loom up from the valley floor. Farther east one looks down on five figures and wonders how the fifth finger can possible be climbed without technical climbing gear.

For the hike we decided to do it from the parking area for Owens. Mars Bonfire first described this route to Tom Hill and I. Tom, Virgil, James and I first did this route as the way down from Jenkins after doing Owens last year. Southern and I started at the Owens parking area where one walks southwest steeply up the ridge over several bumps until one reaches the PCT. After reaching the PCT you turn southeast, walk about 100 yards and low and behold the use trail to Jenkins is before your eyes. From there the use trail is the familiar one that goes up the ridge, traverse over to a gully and then up to the top over some class two rock. The hike up took us about 2 hours and 40 minutes covering about two miles and 2400' gain. The return only took us about one hour and twenty minutes as we found some great spree to ski down on. The route is the shortest and quickest route to Jenkins if one only wants to do this one peak. If one is doing Owens first and then Jenkins then this is the quickest way down. The Jenkins map on our web site shows this route.

Finally, the dirt road in to the Owens parking area is much improved. Last year it was a hairy ride in Virgil's truck. Only through Virgil's driving skill, his truck with high clearance and four-wheel drive were we able to manage to drive the road and get out in one piece. The road then was treacherous with deep ruts, drop offs, and other obstacles designed to destroy modern vehicles. The BLM or someone graded the road and my Subaru made it in and out with no problems.

Slide Mountain Lookout

October 17, 1999

Leaders: Tom Hill and Gabriele Rau

By Gabriele Rau

This was a combined HPS/LPS hike to Slide Mountain Lookout on the Lower Peaks List, a peak never led before. Eight hikers met at 7 AM at Sylmar,

most of them HPS members and also interested in climbing Lower Peaks. We drove the short distance to the Templin Highway turnoff on the Grapevine, the old Highway 99. After a few miles the road is blocked by huge gates, but continues. We assume the area is used in wheelchair races for handicapped people. Where can you walk in the center of a 4-lane highway, no cars? We did this for about one mile, then the hike continued on an overgrown well-graded Forest Road. At a windy saddle we turn onto a trail. Now this trail is overgrown in many places. Richard Whitcomb already did a beautiful job cutting the brush in January, now Bill Hogshead and Erich Fickle continued with clearing the trail, so we others had it easy. Just below the peak we scrambled up the hill to the Lookout. The register can had been examined by bears, bent, but still intact. We all climbed up into the Lookout, which is still furnished with bed, stove, table and maps. Mice have done extensive damage!! Luella Fickle was told, that after refurbishing the South Hawkins Lookout, this Lookout is the next one to be refurbished. We are sure they will improve the trails. The view is well worth the trip: Pyramid and Piru Lakes, the Tehachapi Mountains, White Black and Cobblestone Mountain to the west and the San Gabriels to the east, all ranges from a different viewpoint than we are used to seeing them.

After the lunch break on the sunny peak we started downhill. Next to the trail Hugh Blanchard spotted a fallen down wooden trail sign "Dome Peak." No trail was visible, only brush to this peak at 4,950' on the Ventura/LA County line on nobody's list. On the way up we had taken, as good HPS hikers, a steep shortcut, on the return trip we stayed on the trail, following a very long switchback, ending up at the same place. Everybody returned safely to their cars and we all concluded that this is a worthwhile peak to explore! Thanks to Tom Hill for leading this trip.

Sharry Puraty's 100th on Sugarloaf Mtn (9952')

August 29, 1999

**Leaders: Peter Doggett, Tom Hill
By Tom Hill**

A first inkling that something was afoot occurred Saturday night, when someone called me to ask about directions. In passing, she mentioned a "very large group from Orange County was planning to come on the hike." Sure enough, more than a dozen vehicles assembled at the Pomona rideshare point at 7 AM Sunday morning, where I was honored to learn of Sharry's upcoming achievement.

After consolidating into fewer vehicles and questioning the drivers, it became obvious that only

Peter and I knew how to find the trailhead. We then gave careful instructions for a rendezvous at the Mill Creek Ranger Station, where we could caravan to the obscure forest road turnoff past Barton Flats. This act of kindness led indirectly to a mountain incident I have never before observed on any Sierra Club outing.

How often have you seen the CHP pull over the lead car on your mountain trips? Well, it happened a few miles past Angelus Oaks on Hwy 38, when a terrifyingly aggressive patrol car tailgated and bulldozed its flashing-light way to the front of our line of eight vehicles, despite the dangerous hairpin curves we were negotiating. Finally, after all those years of suffering, following endlessly and slowly up mountains behind hopeless drivers, we saw the perpetrator get caught in the act. Yes, it was Peter, and to add insult to injury the entire entourage pulled off to the side to watch justice being served.

Fortunately I was ensconced in the last vehicle in line. For once sweeping had paid off! But while watching the intriguing drama unfold ahead, and realizing that the officer was adamant about his "duty," an unworthy thought occurred to me. We could induce another citation by waiting sheepishly and then pulling out to continue onward. The flip side was that just perhaps there were others more "deserving" than Peter, and with this altruism firmly in mind I urged Edith Liu, my kindly rideshare driver, to pull out and induce some (but please, not all) of the parked vehicles to continue on up the road to the turnoff and wait there for Peter and group to catch up. This worked fine. (Peter vowed at the trailhead to fight the citation with all his will and strength, and I heard later that the ticket was thrown out in the San Bernardino courts. What a mess.)

On to more pleasant but equally exciting stories. As it turned out, there were 37 signatures on the sign-in sheets, many of them from Orange County, representing a range of abilities from novice to Iron Man triathlete. One strong hiker, Ram Raghomom, agreed to carry one of my walkie-talkies to preserve a discrete link between the sweep and the front if needed. But Peter was great, leading quite a relaxed and enjoyable ascent to the summit. A very nice celebration ensued, centered about deli items, sparkling bubbly, sparkling Sharry, and whether or not we should use the drunkenness as an excuse to stage a Chippendale's event. Reason and accurate counting ultimately prevailed—if you ignore a few of us going up Gold Mtn from the southern approach afterwards, in fading daylight. All's well that ends well.

Congratulations to Sharry, one of the nicest and (apparently) most popular hikers around!



Photos from the December 5, 1999 climb of Whale Peak, led by Tom Hill, Mars Bonfire, and Joe Young. Ten hikers met at the Blair Valley Campground and caravanned to the trail head to the protected pictographs. Tom led the group to the pictographs, then headed northerly up Smuggler's Canyon, then easterly up a slope, eventually arriving at the summit. Mars led the group back to the vehicles. The top photo was taken by a solo hiker encountered on the summit, and it shows the ten participants on this outing. The lower photo, taken by Joe Young, shows recent HPS Emblem achiever Sharry Puraty next to some of the more striking pictographs.

Mt Burnham, Mt Baden-Powell, Ross Mtn

September 19, 1999

Leaders: Tom Hill, Virgil Popescu

By Tom Hill

This outing was designed to reach Ross Mtn, affectionately nicknamed "Hot Ross" for its often notorious afternoon return problems. The peak is located two miles south of Mt Baden-Powell along a connecting ridge line. Unfortunately for many, Ross is 2000 feet lower than Baden-Powell, and the easiest route goes first up to Baden-Powell, then down to Ross, then back up to the summit of Baden-Powell and out.

The return is steep and sometimes very steep. As a reward for enduring all this you reach the top of one of the three most difficult HPS summits in the San Gabriel Mtns (the other two tough ones are Big Iron and Rattlesnake Peak).

After meeting at 6:30 AM at the La Canada rideshare point, we drove over to Mile Marker 71.00 on the Angeles Crest Hwy to take the pleasant shortcut up to Mt Burnham. (From the highway turnout--unlimited parking--find the obvious but sometimes faint trail that heads easterly to Burnham's north ridge, meeting this ridge a short distance below the final PCT switchback west of Burnham. Note landmarks for the return trip).

The "ascent" of Ross was uneventful. But shortly after lunch, two participants were rudely indoctrinated into the joys of inverted hiking. They found themselves at the back of the pack with four strong companions. Many thanks to these considerate hikers, especially Mars Bonfire, who was enslaved during a controlled group separation to assist in pack-carrying chores and to provide additional insurance.

All participants reached the three summits, successfully meeting the special challenges posed by Ross: Mars Bonfire, Glen Henderson, Susanne Weil, Agustin Medina, Sandy Burnside, Peter Glover, Firoozeh Navid-Ara, Janet Yang, James Carden, and Anne Young.

Sam Fink Peak Exploratory

August 8, 1999

Leaders: Tom Hill, Byron Prinzmetal, Joe Young

By Tom Hill

This was a demanding but spectacular dayhike, about 15 miles round trip with 4500' gain. The July-August *Lookout* has a description of the route we followed. Temperatures were a pleasant 60-70 in fair weather, about the same as the May 15 pre-exploratory hike. The biggest change I noted was Tahquitz Creek--no longer a bubbling brook but

completely dry. Expecting this, we carried all our water needs.

We followed the pleasant trails and short cross-country route to the higher, eastern summit. Since our mission was to explore, we visited the easy, rocky western summit on the way out. Here Mars Bonfire and Virgil Popescu volunteered to sign out and test for a possible route alongside the rough southern edge of the rocks. They reported that they encountered some clean Class 3 rock with occasional brush. Participants: Janet Yang, Larry Shumway, Mars Bonfire, Ray Wolfe, Maggie Wilson, and Virgil Popescu.

Charlton Peak, Jepson Peak, Dobbs Peak

September 26, 1999

Leaders: Tom Hill, Byron Prinzmetal, Virgil

Popescu

By Tom Hill

The cross-country ridge line leading westerly from Dobbs Peak and then curving gradually south toward Mill Creek is one of the jewels of Southern California. It offers a simple but impressive route, giving up its 3300 feet at a virtually steady rate. For a hiker in good physical condition the 5500' gain and the extra hour+ needed to set up and unwind a car shuttle seem (to me) small prices to pay for such memories.

We assembled at 7 AM at Mill Creek Ranger Station, dropped off most vehicles at the Vivian Creek Trailhead, then drove around to the other side of the San Geronio Wilderness to begin our hike at the South Fork Trailhead in Barton Flats. We proceeded to traverse the high country of the Wilderness between, going over three HPS peaks along the way, finishing the hike just after sunset. What a beautiful, clear day during the post-monsoon season, with expansive vistas, gentle forests, and majestic mountains everywhere.

Participants: Peter Duerst, Sandy Burnside, Firoozeh Navid-Ara, James Carden, George Wysup, Mike Bayer, Yng Chen, Larry Shumway, and Jack Carlson. Note that Larry and Jack had arrived with a separate permit, fearing that we were tigers. Not to worry. We hiked moderately and reasonably with no apparent problems for anyone from either pace or high altitude.

Legislative Intent and Excerpts from Proposition 12

THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2000 (THE VILLARAIGOSA-KEELEY ACT)

Article 1. General Provisions

5096.300. This chapter shall be known, and may be cited, as the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000 (the Villaraigosa-Keeley Act).

5096.301. Responding to the recreational and open-space needs of a growing population and expanding urban communities, this act will revive state stewardship of natural resources by investing in neighborhood parks and state parks, clean water protection, and coastal beaches and scenic areas.

5096.302. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(a) Historically, California's local and neighborhood parks often serve as the recreational, social, and cultural centers for cities and communities, providing venues for youth enrichment, senior activities, and family recreation.

(b) Neighborhood and state parks provide safe places to play in the urban neighborhoods, splendid scenic landscapes, exceptional experiences, and world-recognized recreational opportunities, and in so doing, are vital to California's quality of life and economy.

(c) For over a decade, the state's commitment to parks and natural resources has dwindled. California has not kept pace with the needed funding to adequately manage and maintain its multibillion dollar investment in neighborhood, urban, and state parks and natural areas resulting in disrepair and overcrowding of many park facilities and the degradation of wild lands.

(d) The magnificent Pacific Coast, outstanding mountain ranges, and unique scenic regions are the source of tremendous economic opportunity and contribute enormously to the quality of life of Californians.

(e) Continued economic success and enjoyment derived from California's natural resources depends on maintaining clean water, healthy ecosystems, and expanding public access for a growing state.

(f) The backlog of needs for repair and maintenance of local and urban parks exceeds two billion five hundred million dollars and the need for maintenance of state parks exceeds one billion dollars. The state's conservancies and wildlife agencies report a need for habitat acquisition and restoration exceeding \$1.8 billion.

(g) This act will begin to address these critical neighborhood park and natural resources needs.

The proceeds of bonds issued and sold pursuant to this chapter shall be deposited in the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection (Villaraigosa-Keeley Act) Bond Fund, which is hereby created. Unless otherwise specified and except as provided in subdivision (m), the money in the fund shall be available for appropriation by the Legislature, in the manner set forth in this chapter, only for parks and resources improvement and administrative costs allocable to the bond funded projects, in accordance with the following schedule:

(a) The sum of five hundred two million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$502,750,000) for the following purposes:

(1) To rehabilitate, restore, and improve units of the state park system that will ensure that state park system lands and facilities will remain open and accessible for public use.

(2) To develop, improve, rehabilitate, restore, enhance, and protect facilities and trails at existing units of the state park system that will provide for optimal recreational and educational use, activities, improved access and safety, and the acquisition from a willing seller of inholdings and adjacent lands contiguous to, or in the immediate vicinity of, existing state park system lands and that directly benefit an existing state park system unit.

(3) For stewardship of the public investment in the preservation of the critical natural heritage and scenic features, and cultural heritage stewardship projects that will preserve vanishing remnants of California's landscape, and protect and promote a greater understanding of California's past, and the planning necessary to implement those efforts.

(4) For facilities and improvements to enhance volunteer participation in the state park system.

(5) To develop, improve, and expand interpretive facilities at units of the state park system, including educational exhibits and visitor orientation centers.

(6) To rehabilitate and repair aging facilities at winter recreation facilities pursuant to the Sno-Park program, as provided for in Chapter 1.27 (commencing with Section 5091.01), that provide for improved public safety.

(7) For projects that improve air quality related to the state park system, including, but not limited to, the purchase of low-emission or advanced technology vehicles and equipment and clean fuel distribution facilities that will avoid or reduce air emissions at state park facilities.

(b) The sum of eighteen million dollars (\$18,000,000) to the department to undertake stewardship projects, including cultural resources stewardship and natural resources stewardship projects, that will restore and protect the natural treasures of the state park system, preserve vanishing remnants of California's landscape, and protect and promote a greater understanding of California's past.

(c) The sum of four million dollars (\$4,000,000) to the department for facilities and improvements to enhance volunteer participation in the state park system.

(d) The sum of twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) to the department for grants to local agencies administering units of the state park system under an operating agreement with the department, for the development, improvement, rehabilitation, restoration, enhancement, protection, and interpretation of lands and facilities of, and improved access to, those locally operated units.

- (e) The sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) to the California Heritage Fund, for competitive grants
- (f) The sum of three hundred eighty-eight million dollars (\$388,000,000) to the department for grants on the basis of population, for the acquisition, development, improvement, rehabilitation, restoration, enhancement, and interpretation of local park and recreational lands and facilities, including renovation of recreational facilities conveyed to local agencies resulting from the downsizing or decommissioning of federal military installations.
- (g) The sum of two hundred million dollars (\$200,000,000) to the department for grants to cities, counties, and districts for the acquisition, development, rehabilitation, and restoration of park and recreation areas and facilities pursuant to the Roberti-Z'berg-Harris Urban Open-Space and Recreational Program Act
- (h) The sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) to the department for grants for the improvement or acquisition and restoration of riparian habitat, riverine aquatic habitat, and other lands in close proximity to rivers and streams for river and stream trail projects
- (i) The sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) to the department for grants, in accordance with Section 5096.337, for the development, improvement, rehabilitation, restoration, enhancement, and interpretation of nonmotorized trails for the purpose of increasing public access to, and enjoyment of, public areas for increased recreational opportunities. Not less than two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) of this amount shall be allocated toward the completion of projects that link existing bicycle and pedestrian trail systems to major urban public transportation systems, to promote increased recreational opportunities and nonmotorized commuter usage. Of this amount, no less than two hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$275,000) shall be allocated to the East Bay Regional Park District toward the completion of the Iron Horse Trail.
- (j) The sum of one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) to the department for grants to public agencies and nonprofit organizations for park, youth center, and environmental enhancement projects and programs that benefit youth in areas that lack safe neighborhood parks, open space, and natural areas, and that have significant poverty.
- (k) The sum of two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) to the California Conservation Corps to complete capital outlay and resource conservation projects and administrative costs allocable to the bond funded projects.
- (l) The sum of eighty-six million five hundred thousand dollars (\$86,500,000) to the department for the following purposes:
 - (1) The sum of seventy-one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$71,500,000) for grants for urban recreational and cultural centers, including, but not limited to, zoos, museums, aquariums, and facilities for wildlife, environmental, or natural science aquatic education or projects that combine curation of archaeological, paleontological, and historic resources with education and basic and applied research, and that emphasize specimens of California's extinct prehistoric plants and animals.
 - (2) The sum of fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) for grants for regional youth soccer and baseball facilities operated by nonprofit organizations. Priority shall be given to those grant projects that utilize existing school facilities or recreation facilities and serve disadvantaged youth.
- (m) Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government Code, the sum of two hundred sixty-five million five hundred thousand dollars (\$265,500,000) is hereby continuously appropriated to the Wildlife Conservation Board, without regard to fiscal years
- (n) The sum of fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) to the California Tahoe Conservancy
- (o) The sum of two hundred twenty million four hundred thousand dollars (\$220,400,000) to the State Coastal Conservancy
- (p) The sum of thirty-five million dollars (\$35,000,000) to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
- (q) The sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) to the Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy
- (r) The sum of fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) to the San Joaquin River Conservancy
- (s) The sum of twelve million five hundred thousand dollars (\$12,500,000) to the California Conservation Corps for grants for the certified local community conservation corps program to complete capital outlay and resource conservation projects.
- (2) The sum of thirty-three million five hundred thousand dollars (\$33,500,000) to the secretary to administer a river parkway and restoration program to assist local agencies and other districts to plan, create, and conserve river parkways. The secretary shall make funds available, for the following purposes:
 - (A) Twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) for the acquisition or restoration of public lands within the Los Angeles River Watershed, the San Gabriel River Watershed, and the San Gabriel Mountains and to provide open space, nonmotorized trails, bike paths, and other low-impact recreational uses and wildlife and habitat restoration and protection. Ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) shall be allocated for the Los Angeles River Watershed, and fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) shall be allocated for the San Gabriel River Watershed and the San Gabriel Mountains and lower Los Angeles River.
 - © One million dollars (\$1,000,000) for land acquisition in the Santa Clarita Watershed.
- (6) The sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to construct a rehabilitation center for injured endangered and indigenous wild animals in the San Bernardino Mountains.

Proposition 12 will appear on the March 7, 2000 state-wide ballot. It is supported and endorsed by the Sierra Club. Please Vote YES ✓ on Prop 12.

LIST MEMORIES OR REGRETS - I HAVE A FEW

By Hugh Blanchard

I certainly regret doing Martinez on a gloomy day in early February. First drizzle, then rain, and finally snow with visibility falling to near zero. Somehow Mars Bonfire located the summit and we climbed the ice summit block. Then down a treacherous icy gully to the Cactus Spring Trail, with me half frozen and wet. Several hours later we made it back to the cars. If it hadn't been for Mars I suspect that, like Mallory, they would have eventually found my earthly remains near the summit.

I have mixed feelings about Rabbit. Mars and myself made a day trip of it starting from and returning to Clark Dry Lake. The 14 mile round-trip and 6,200' gain involved a 7 a.m. start and an 11:30 p.m. return. Enough said! I'm glad we did it (all the credit goes to Mars) but when someone takes up my offer to do Rabbit again for \$10,000 you can bet it will be a backpack!

Bohna, Pine Mountain #2 and Cuyapaipe still haunt my dreams. All are short hikes rated as easy but alas proved otherwise for me. (Mars where were you when I needed you?) I approached Bohna via the Forest Service Road - gated as usual - and reached the summit with no problems but then - big mistake - elected to return on a purported trail shown on the HPS Topo as going north toward Sunday. The 'trail' led me into a virtually inaccessible gully from which I emerged exhausted and dehydrated hours later.

Pine #2 involves a short but circuitous trail through manzanita. After reaching the summit I noted what seemed to be a shortcut leading directly to the road. The 'short cut' led directly to and through the mother lode of all manzanita. Eventually, I emerged bloody, with ripped clothing and minus my trekking pole. I will enthusiastically support any petition to delist Pine #2.

The HPS peak guide for Cuyapaipe instructs one to turn off the road and proceed left on a 'trail paralleling the barbed wire fence. This I proceeded to do. Hours later, after advancing several hundred feet through, under and over a sea of manzanita and buckthorn, I returned to my starting point, sadder and wiser, with ripped clothing. Later I would be advised that 'no one is stupid enough to actually go on that dumb trail but we have to put that in the peak guide since the road has a 'no trespassing' sign on it.'

Thanks guys!



Janet Damen took this photo of three tall, thin, hombres in a tree near the summit of Mt. Williamson. The "gnarly dudes," as Janet described them are, from left to right: Jim Fleming (former HPS Chair and R. S. Fink Service Award winner), Mike Baldwin (Special Award winner in 1998), and Bobcat Thompson (R. S. Fink Service Award winner in 1979).

Puzzle Contest

Match the following (26) clues with the correct peak name from list of 36 names. It is possible for one peak name to be the answer to more than one clue. Submit entry (one per contestant, please) with your name (to be received by January 17, 1999) to:

George Wysup, 9774 Peach Tree Lane, Alta Loma, CA 91737-2206

Or E-mail to gwysup@keyway.net

Prize: a 2 year subscription to "The Lookout" (value \$17) goes to the entry with the most correct answers or, if all answers are correct, to the entry selected by lottery at the HPS banquet.

Announcement to be made at the banquet. Winner need not be present.

Present or past HPS board members, and leaders with I, M, or E rating, are ineligible for prizes.

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| A. ___ Area 11 peak named for Stella Neuman | 1. Galena Pk |
| B. ___ Peak name translates to "Jackrabbit" | 2. Mt Pinos |
| C. ___ Peak name translates to "Strawberry" | 3. Lost Horse Mtn |
| D. ___ Named for a waitress at the Squirrel Inn | 4. Asbestos Mtn |
| E. ___ One of the "BIG 3" | 5. Mt San Gorgonio |
| F. ___ Also on the SPS list | 6. San Rafael Pk |
| G. ___ Also on the DPS list | 7. San Rafael Mtn |
| H. ___ Highest point in Santa Barbara County | 8. Chuckwalla Mtn |
| I. ___ Highest Point in San Diego County | 9. Liebre Mtn |
| J. ___ Named for a governor of CA | 10. Mt Hawkins |
| K. ___ Off the list, then on again | 11. High Point |
| L. ___ Don't trust compass readings on this summit | 12. Frazier Mtn |
| M. ___ Lowest summit on the HPS list | 13. Big Pine Mtn |
| N. ___ Was one end of Michelson's speed of light experiment | 14. Fox Mtn #2 |
| O. ___ A volcanic crater is near the summit | 15. Madulce Pk |
| P. ___ John Backus' ashes are interred here | 16. Black Mtn #2 |
| Q. ___ Commonly ascended via Mill Creek Jumpoff | 17. Caliente Mtn |
| R. ___ Formerly known (informally) as Buckhorn Peak | 18. Mt. Sally |
| S. ___ Named for the HPS founder | 19. Three Sisters |
| T. ___ Near a historic gold mine of the same name | 20. Bare Mtn |
| U. ___ Only listed peak in San Luis Obispo County | 21. San Gabriel Pk |
| V. ___ Bronze plaque was placed on summit in 1974 | 22. Cannel Point |
| W. ___ Has an operating fire lookout on the summit | 23. Pilot Knob |
| X. ___ Aka "Greyback" | 24. Thorn Point (LO) |
| Y. ___ Southernmost summit on the HPS list | 25. Modjeska Pk |
| Z. ___ Named for a dancer who died in 1909 | 26. Monument Pk #1 |
| 27. Hot Springs Mtn | 32. South Mt Hawkins |
| 28. Iron Mtn #2 | 33. Sheephead Mtn |
| 29. Rosa Point | 34. Mt Akawie |
| 30. Heald Pk | 35. Mt Markham |
| 31. Black Mtn #6 | 36. Lookout Mtn #2 |



REGISTER BOX

By Jim Adler

Six new missing or deficient registers were reported but two were also reported as subsequently being replaced. In addition four other registers were removed from the list as being reported found or replaced.

Reports were received from Joe Young, Carleton Shay, Richard Carey, Roy Randall, George Wysop, Byron Prinzmetal, Ray Soucy, Jim Bihr, and Jeff Matye.

Bob Gregg sent an e mail reporting that as a volunteer fire lookout on South Mt. Hawkins and Mt. Vetter, he can advise where there is a register on both peaks. On South Hawkins it is, "located about 150 feet due north of the lookout under a small pile of rocks." On Vetter, it is, "about 100 feet due SE of the lookout under a large pile of rocks." Bob observes that neither register sees much use.

Missing and deficient registers:

7P	Chief Peak	missing	10-99
9B	Iron Mtn.	missing	5-99
9C	Condor Peak	missing	5-99
10I	Mt. Hillyer	deficient	11-99
12A	Mt. Deception	missing	5-99
12B	Disappointment	missing	5-99
12F	Occidental Peak	missing	5-99
13I	Winston Ridge	deficient	4-96
14H	Mt. Burnham	missing	7-99

16G	Telegraph Peak	missing	9-99
17B	Ontario Peak	missing	9-99
17E	Cucamonga Peak	missing	10-99
17F	Etiwanda Peak	missing	9-99
21F	Arctic Peak	missing	7-99
21G	Bertha Peak	missing	5-99
24B	San Bernardino	missing	7-99
24C	San Bernardino E.	deficient	7-99
24D	Anderson Peak	missing	7-98
24K	Lake Peak	missing	9-99
24L	Grinnell Mtn.	Missing	11-99
26C	Queen Mtn.	missing	4-99
26D	Ryan Mtn.	missing	4-94
27A	Ranger Peak	missing	2-99
27E	Folly Peak	missing	9-99
27H	Jean Peak	missing	9-99
28F	Apache Peak	missing	9-99
28G	Spittler Peak	missing	9-99

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. Alandale Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90036-4625**, or telephone at **(323) 931-6844** or e-mail at **j.adler@aol.com**. or from the HPS web site. 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.)

Birthdays in January and February

Jason Goldbus 1/2
Mark S. Wallace 1/2
Eric Sieke 1/3
Scott Nelson 1/4
Phil Wheeler 1/4
L. Ellen Holden 1/9
Robert L. Schneider 1/10
Lois Banda 1/12
Barbara Eyerly 1/12
Jim S. Fleming 1/12
Edward A. LeVeque 1/13
David Beymer 1/14

Doris C. Duval 1/14
Sharry Puraty 1/15
Harriet Edwards 1/16
Victor Henney 1/16
Bob Colvin 1/19
Carolina Gonzalez 1/20
Alice Hawkins 1/22
Jack Russell 1/22
Wayne Norman 1/23
Jon Sheldon 1/23
Ruth Feldon 1/24
C.P. 'Bob' Manning 1/25

Carleton Shay 1/26
David Hammond 1/29
Don W. Holmes 1/29
Edna Erspamer 1/30
Southern Courtney 1/31
Roxana Lewis 1/31
Kevin Heapy 2/1
Michael Lorr 2/1
John M. Uharriet 2/1
Evelyn Davis 2/4
Ken Hooper 2/4
Stagalee Brown 2/10
Judith Brooks 2/11

Paul Lipsohn 2/11
Pat Jump 2/13
Sharon Loving 2/13
Edmond P. Bergeron 2/14
Robert Gregg 2/14
Leslie Kleinman 2/14
Woody McCauley 2/14
Ray Soucy 2/17
Bob Michael 2/20
Mark Hodgson 2/23
Brenda Jones 2/26
Bob Schnereger 2/27

HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION
Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting
As Revised by Tom Hill, Vice Chair
Thursday, October 14, 1999
Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium

Present: Janet Bartel (secretary/programs), Charlotte Feitshans (past chair), Jim Fleming (council rep), Tom Hill (vice chair), George Wysup (treasurer), Virgil Popescu (outings chair), Byron Prinzmetal (chair), David Eisenberg (membership chair), and Joe Young (editor).

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

1. The Committee m/s/p the minutes for the 9/9/99 meeting.
2. The Committee discussed detailed plans for the HPS Annual Awards Banquet.
3. The Committee went into executive session, after inviting David Eisenberg and Joe Young to remain during the executive session.
4. The Committee reconvened in open meeting.
5. David Eisenberg submitted the attached membership report, which the Committee M/S/A.
6. The Committee m/s/p that only those HPS members whose dues were current as of 10/14/99 would be eligible to vote in the HPS election.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting
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Thursday, November 11, 1999
Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium

Present: Janet Bartel (secretary/programs), Charlotte Feitshans (past chair), Tom Hill (vice chair), George Wysup (treasurer), Virgil Popescu (outings chair), and Byron Prinzmetal (chair).

----- The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm.

1. Minutes: The Committee discussed the incomplete minutes for 10/14/99, without taking a vote.
 2. Announcements: The Chapter Banquet will be held March 18, 2000 at the Brookside Country Club.
 3. Status of HPS Annual Awards Banquet
 - a. The Committee m/s/p to invite Jack Bascom to the Banquet without charge.
 - b. Chair asked Committee members to solicit raffle prizes from outings stores and related organizations.
 - c. Chair reviewed with the HPS Management Committee the "To Do List" prepared by the Banquet Committee (Charlotte Feitshans, Janet Bartel).
 - d. Chair asked Virgil Popescu to prepare a Banquet flyer, to be included in the next *Lookout*.
 - e. Letter to Subscribers: At Chair's request, the Committee m/s/p mailing a letter similar to that received by the regular members in their fall election ballots. The letter repeats the 3 for 2 offer on raffle tickets, includes a ticket order for the Awards Banquet, and will be mailed in an envelope along with the Banquet flyer.
 - f. The Committee m/s/p sending \$200 to the Banquet speaker, for travel expenses and costs.
 4. *Lookout* Articles
 - a. Chair asked Charlotte Feitshans to submit an article on the Harvest Moon Festival, and asked Janet Bartel to submit an article to promote the HPS Annual Awards Banquet.
 - b. It was decided to include a quiz prepared by George Wysup in the next *Lookout*. It was m/s/p that the winner of the quiz will receive a free two-year subscription to the *Lookout*.
 5. Letter of Resignation: Chair accepted Tom Hill's letter of resignation as the Mountain Records Chair.
 6. Outings
 - a. Tom Hill declined Chair's offer of assistance in preparing Trip Kits for outings in Schedule 282.
 - b. Virgil Popescu reported more than 50 outings were submitted for the next schedule.
 - c. Tom Hill reported that only a handful of leaders have shown up for the last two Leader Meetings.
 7. Articles in the *Southern Sierran*
 - a. Chair assigned George Wysup to provide a regular article.
 - b. Chair assigned Virgil Popescu to provide an HPS outing for the Calendar section.
 - c. Chair assigned Janet Bartel to submit an ad that thanks those who gave Awards Banquet raffle prizes.
 8. Treasurer Report: George Wysup gave a verbal report that the HPS has about \$6000 in its accounts.
- The meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.