

# THE LOOKOUT

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## Hundred Peaks Section Upcoming Meetings

### July 12 Thursday

Monthly meeting: HPS Management Committee meets 6:30 PM to discuss section business. All are welcome to attend. After Management Committee meeting concludes, join world traveler and former chair of HPS Edna Erspamer as she explores the wonders of Ethiopia in the Horn of Africa. Rock-hewn churches, ancient religious paintings, unique plants, towering Stelae, curiously clothed indigenous people and, according to legend, the home of the Queen of Sheba and the resting place of the Ark of the Covenant. Refreshments, socializing, trip reports. Meet at the new location at the Los Angeles Zoo Grande Room, Griffith Park. Park in the zoo parking lot.

### August 9 Thursday

Monthly meeting: HPS Management Committee meets 6:30 PM to discuss section business. All are welcome to attend. After Management Committee meeting concludes, watch Roxana Lewis' slide show of her exciting trip to the southern part of South America, rugged Patagonia. Roxana is a world traveler and can answer any of your travel-related questions. Refreshments, socializing, trip reports. Los Angeles Zoo Grande Room, Griffith Park. Park in the zoo parking lot.

### September 13 Thursday

**Peakbaggers Annual Business Meeting:** The HPS Management Committee hosts a discussion on issues important to the Section. Come participate and make your voice heard. Topics covered will include any proposed changes to our Bylaws or Peak List. We then move into a broader view of the state of the HPS and report on the progress of the various programs initiated during the past year. Refreshments and socializing included. Discussion follows Management Committee meeting which begins at 6:30 pm at the Los Angeles Zoo Grande Room, Griffith Park. Park in the Zoo parking lot.

## Eighth Annual Mt Waterman Rendezvous July 28 Saturday

**O: Twin Pks (7761'), Waterman Mtn (8038'):** Strenuous, moderately paced, 12 mi rt, 3200' gain hike on trail and steep use trail. Meet 6:30 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring ten essentials, water. Lunch, goodies to share, smiles + good cheer a must. Ldrs: BYRON PRINZMETAL, CARLETON SHAY, MARS BONFIRE

**I: Waterman Mtn (8038'):** Moderately paced xc climb of west ridge. 7 mi rt, 2100' gain. Meet 8:30 am at La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring lugsoles, water, and tasty stuff to share on the summit. Ldrs: VIRGIL POPESCU, GEORGE WYSUP

**O: Waterman Mtn (8038') via Winston Pk (7502'), Akawie Pk (7283'):** A moderate way to pick up two extra peaks while on the way to the party. 7 mi rt, 2000' gain. Meet 8:30 am at La Cañada rideshare pt, with boots, water, goodies to share. Ldrs: SOUTHERN COURTNEY, ROSEMARY CAMPBELL

**I: Waterman Mtn (8038'):** 8 mi rt, 1200' gain to the top of this great peak to meet other HPSers. Meet 9:30 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch food to share, lugsoles. Rain cancels. Ldrs: FRANK & RUTH LEE DOBOS

**I: Waterman Mtn (8038'):** 8-9 mi rt, 1200' gain/2200' loss with a car shuttle. Moderate pace and route, up a quick, steep way, down a longer way. Beautiful area. Meet 9:30 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring goodies to share with crowd at the top, lugsoles, extra clothing, at least 3 qts water. Ldr: FRANK GOODYKOONTZ. Co-Ldr: DIANE DUNBAR

### Hundred Peaks Section Website

Visit us at <http://angeleschapter.org/hps/>

This site contains links to climbing guides, news, mountain records, upcoming events, the register box, and Sierra Club and Angeles Chapter sites.

# Membership Report

By David F Eisenberg  
Achievements

## 100 Peaks Emblem

1014	Joel Goldberg	December 31, 2000	Cayama Peak
1015	Glen Henderson	December 17, 2000	Liebre Mountain
1016	Winnette Butler	March 25, 2001	Whale Peak
1017	Kent Schwitks	April 14, 2001	Thomas Mountain
1018	David Comerzan	April 25, 2001	Iron Springs Mountain

## 200 Peaks Bar

372	Edith Liu	April 15, 2001	Topatopa Bluff
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## Lead 200 Peaks

11	Carleton Shay	April 25, 2001	Beauty Peak
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## Congratulations to the Following:

### Member Upgrading to Benefactor

Sid "San Jac" Davis

### Member Upgrading to Sustaining

Scott Rasmussen

### New Member

Rob Humphrey

### New Member Upgrading from Subscriber

Cookie Matson  
Jan Rayman  
Sandy Sperling  
Nolan Swanson  
Sara Wyrens  
Anthony Kitson

### New Subscriptions

Rhonda Longmore  
Patricia Muecke  
Dale O'Reilly  
Barbara Scheck  
Lucinda Anskin  
Sandy Duffy  
Paul Johnston  
Lenora Mitchell  
Kenn Smith  
Jeff Thysell

## Membership Summary

Category	Current	Inactive
Sustaining	30	7
Member	304	145
Household	63	20
Subscriber	120	308
Honorary	2	
Sust. Sub.	4	4
Life	2	
Patron	1	
Benefactor	2	
Extra	7	
Totals	535	484

Our newsletter, **THE LOOKOUT**, is published six times a year. Final dates for receipt of material are February 1 for the March-April issue; April 1 for the May-June issue; June 1 for the July-August issue; August 1 for the September-October issue; October 1 for the November-December issue; and December 1 for the January-February issue. If you send photos please write your name on the back of each photo. Please identify each photo. **[When taking photos please ask participants to remove sunglasses!]** If you want the photos returned please state so and include a return SASE. Articles may be edited for length or appropriateness. Please send articles to Joe Young, 12551 Presnell Street, Los Angeles, CA 90066 - 6730, fax to Joe at (310) 301 - 9642; or email to <joengeri@mediaone.net>. **THE LOOKOUT** is the property of the Hundred Peaks Section.



## **From the Chair** **By Virgil Popescu**

### **Background: MRC Peak Guides**

Last time we covered the "publishing group" of dedicated HPS volunteers. The Mountain Records Committee (MRC) is another very important behind-the-scenes group of dedicated members. There is a long history associated with Mountain Records – it is in fact our Hundred Peaks Section History.

The HPS pioneers found routes to our peaks. They had an overwhelming amount of new information to share with the members. After enough information had been collected it was natural to begin producing climbing guides, a process still active today. The main idea has been to give to our hikers a full package of information in a clear and concise format.

Our Bylaws recognize three Standing Committees, which work year-round: Membership, Mountain Records, and Outings and Safety. As a very important Standing Committee, the MRC is continuously maintaining and updating our peak records. With 277 peaks involved, over a large geographical area, the job is a large one.

### **HPS Peak Guide Revision Project**

The Peak Guides are aimed at an audience consisting of first-time hikers to a given peak, or leaders conducting an outing who may need a refresher for the route description. The guides provide information on the location of each peak, which other peaks are nearby, what maps are useful, and the driving and hiking descriptions for the most significant routes. There is a clear summary of distance, gain, and estimated hiking time for each route.

Many of these Peak Guides have needed to be revised. Accordingly, on March 9, 2000 Larry Hoak was appointed MRC Chair. In fact Larry volunteered for this position. He is a well known E-rated leader, a member of HPS, DPS and SPS, and is also a member and the newsletter editor of the prestigious California Mountaineering Club. Using his technical background he upgraded his personal computer installation and home office layout as part of his effort to prepare for his responsibilities as MRC Chair.

He also contacted five National Forests, four Bureau of Land Management Offices and a National Park to include the HPS on their mailing lists. These public agencies are a valuable source of information on land use and planning activities in areas of interest to the Section.

The MRC revision process started slowly in

2000. Lately, however, it has cleared out the backlog of guides needing revision and has been operating like a smooth-running machine. Approximately 35 of the 277 Peak Guides will have been revised as of June 14, 2001.

This efficient process takes about six weeks. It begins when the MRC Chair assembles notes, changes, or comments and prepares a preliminary draft of a revised peak guide. Then a draft copy is distributed to the eight MRC reviewers for constructive comments. Without being asked, one or more of the MRC reviewers will send an email comment on a change, followed by a back-and-forth discussion of ideas. At some point there will be a series that ends with "Good job" or "OK", followed by another round for another peak guide.

This review and comment process takes two to four weeks depending upon the volume of work and the schedules of the MRC members. At the end of the comment period the MRC Chair assembles the reviews and prepares a final draft, which is submitted to the HPS Management Committee for approval. Then the revised and approved Peak Guides are sent to Bobcat Thompson for sale to our members, and to Webmaster Charlie Knapke for posting on our Website at [www.angeleschapter.org/hps](http://www.angeleschapter.org/hps).

Larry has also begun publishing a "Mountain Notes" column in *The Lookout* to inform us about important subjects related to the activities of the MRC, such as a list of newly revised Peak Guides, peak suspension alerts, and reports he has received of dangerous conditions. The Mountain Notes column is posted to the HPS website and is updated periodically. You are encouraged to check the website for updates between the issues of *The Lookout*.

A warm thanks to Larry Hoak and his Mountain Records Committee.

## **Chapter Awards Banquet** **March 18, 2001**

### **Nine HPS Members Honored by Chapter**

This year's Chapter Awards Banquet, held March 18 at Brookside Country Club in Pasadena, culminated in an awards ceremony that concluded by 8 p.m. Much of the credit for this well-organized celebration goes to Rosemary Campbell, this year's banquet chair. Rosemary herself received a Special Service Award, along with Bob Meade, and we in HPS know her as member, list finisher, pleasant trail companion, and active outings leader.

Dan Richter won the prestigious Chester Versteeg Outings Award. In addition, six other HPS

members received Outings Service awards: Bob Beach, Southern Courtney, Peter Doggett, Donna Hryshchyn, Robert Meador, and Ray Riley. A hearty "thanks" to each of you and to all of the other awards recipients this year, not only for your dedicated service to the Chapter, but also for the inspiration you have given to us through the years.

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## **Weekday Hundred Peaks Hikes** By the Grand Sluggo (Byron Prinzmetal)

Do you like to hike with a group of dedicated peak baggers as opposed to the types who show up on weekends that don't know buck thorn from a rose (you know the type)? Do you like to hike with a relatively small group of people (6-12) as opposed to the weekend mobs? Do you like to hike at a social pace where everyone is talking and the day just seems to be over before it began? Do you like to hike where the group hikes together as opposed to having the tigers running ahead and the slugs left to suffer in their own misery? Do you like to hike in nature's wilderness without seeing/hearing another group the entire day?

If the above interests you and you can hike during the week please consider joining the WEEKDAY Hundred Peak hikers lead by Mars Bonfire, Carleton Shay, Southern Courtney, and me (The Very Slow Grand Sluggo). We have planned two to three scheduled weekday hikes per week for you to choose from. Our hikes are not to the same old places, as we are leading the list, which means we will lead every peak on the list including the very, very hard ones.

These outings are official HPS-sponsored trips and are listed in the Angeles Chapter Schedule of Activities, **THE LOOKOUT**, and/or on the HPS Website.

Here are some of the things our WORKING weekday hikers have done to get off during the week; they have played hooky, they have used their sick/vacation days, and some have even considered changing the days they work to weekends. If on the other hand you are already retired or don't have a weekday job, you have no excuses. What are you waiting for, a written invitation? What do you think this article is?

One more thing, if you are a tiger who loves to go fast and doesn't care about the rest of the group, please don't show up on our weekday sluggo hikes, stay at work, be productive, don't use up your sick days or vacation days, work until you drop, but please don't show up. If you must hike, look for hikes that say TIGERS ONLY and/or are lead by marathon

runners who bound tall hills with a single bound (you know who the mighty are). But, please stay away from the slow moderately lead weekday hikes.

So, if you can hike during the week and like to hike at a moderate pace please join us. Accompanying this article are some pictures of us bagging peaks, celebrating accomplishments, watching a bear on Owens Peak ridge and just plain having lots of fun.

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## **Big Special Thanks from Little Woman with Big Goal** By Ping Pfeiffer

I joined the Sierra Clubs HP section in 1995 because I was inspired by an ex-Sierra Club member who wanted to ride 100,000 miles on a bicycle before the year 2000 with a bionic leg (lost leg in a car accident while on a Sierra Club outing). I thought if he can ride 100,000 miles I could hike 100 peaks. On August 15, 1998 I did my 100th peak, Mt. Pino. I was always the last one to get to the top. Frank Goodykoontz is the one who stayed with me in the back on most of the peaks I hiked. September 30, 2000 I completed 200 peaks. I was still the last one to get to the top of the peaks. Byron Prinzmetal was the leader who stayed with me and gave me encouragement and support on most of the peaks I hiked. I want to thank all my leaders.

I never believed I could go this far. I did all the easy peaks, leaving the more difficult and distant ones undone. Now I want to finish the HPS list. My friends call me one little woman with a big goal. I weigh 102lbs, and stand almost 5 feet tall.

It seemed impossible for me to carry the 2 gallons of water I would need to get to Rabbit via Villager peak. On December 14, 2000 when Mars Bonfire invited me to hike Eagle Crag he offered to lead me to Rabbit. This boosted my confidence. I recruited Chris Toomey to carry the water. Frank Goodykoontz offered to drive and wait at the trailhead and Joann Griego committed to joining me on the hike. I knew we could do this monster Rabbit peak.

Mars said we could achieve our goal in two days. The weather was cold, windy, foggy and later raining but there was no U-turn. On April 7, 6:45am to 1:50pm – it took us 7 hr 5 min from the trailhead to nearly Villager. On April 8, 6:45am to 3:15pm – it took us 9 hr 30 min from Villager to Rabbit and back to Villager; and then 4:30pm to 10:15pm - 5hr 45min from Villager back to the trailhead.

I have to write this in English because I have Big Special Thanks to:

1. Mars for his excellent leadership, kindness, patience and support. Without Mars I would not have been able to do this peak.

2. Frank and Chris, their kindness, consideration and support touched me very much. I will remember you all my life.

3. Thank you Joann for your friendship.

4. Big thanks to all my leaders and friends. Forgive me I wish I could list all your names.

5. Thanks to my Son and Daughter for the two-gallons of water, a birthday gift.

I have 57 peaks to go. I am determined to finish the HPS list. I will need all of your help. Chinese use I love you very carefully. I want to tell the world I love all of you.

P.S. After all the hard work I did not find a villager or a rabbit but I got the hardest peaks on the list.

Come hiking with us. You will be a happier healthier hiker like me.

### Tricky Treks: Kickoff Column By Tom Hill

The fun and enjoyment of snowshoes can be extended to other forms of hiking our peaks. No need for a bylaws change, just something like The Register Box that Jim Adler maintains.

Please send your list of peaks, with dates of ascent, to Tom Hill (email [tomlyns@earthlink.net](mailto:tomlyns@earthlink.net) or postal) for any of the following. Unusual stories will be passed to Editor Joe, unless requested not to. New records and milestones will be reported when appropriate. Unofficial emblem milestones for each 25 peaks: 25, 50, 75, 100...

#### Snowshoe Summits.

At least half the ascent on snowshoes and on snow.

#### Skiing Summits.

At least half the ascent on skis and on snow. Equestrian Summits. (The Mounties)

At least half the ascent on horseback. Mules or other pack animals also OK.

#### Cycling Summits.

At least half the ascent on bicycle. No motors.

As you can see, the rules are easy.

## Alaska, by Foot and by Ship

Come sail Alaska's glorious glaciers and view its rugged wilderness with the Angeles Chapter's fundraising cruise aboard the Ocean Princess. The Voyage of the Glaciers from Sept. 17-24 offers an

sample some of panoramic and cultural starting from the Kenai to Skagway, the the gold rush; capital and site Mendenhall



Ketchikan, a picturesque village abundant with native culture. Cruising days to see the massive glaciers tour College Fjord and Glacier Bay.

This trip, which benefits your local chapter of the Sierra Club, features:

\*Daily group meetings.

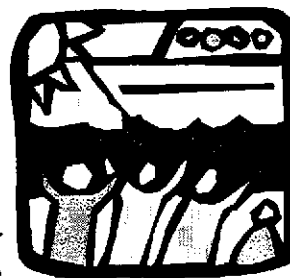
\*Tips on photography and journal-writing.

\* Special add-on hikes/sightseeing in port (extra cost).

\* Optional Land excursion to Denali National Park prior to the cruise September 12-16 (extra cost) - much cheaper than cruise line-offered tours.

\* Single cruise passengers will be given access to others who desire similar room categories for matching purposes.

Book now to get the best prices! Costs start at \$789 per person; third and fourth person go for \$299 on inside cabins. Round-trip airfare, a percentage of which Chapter also benefits the Chapter, tax per cruise still has space but best prices may only be offered through June 21.



Leaders are Mary Forgione, former editor of the Southern Sierran and outings leader for the Wilderness Adventure Section, and Tom Politeo, Communications Chair and Camera Committee outings leader.

To make a reservation, call Montrose Travel Groups Division at 800-301-9673. For information on the cruise and on the Denali portion of the trip, call leaders Mary Forgione and Tom Politeo at 310-547-1416.

## Mountain Notes

By: Larry Hoak, Mountain Records Chair

June 2, 2001 (This column is updated periodically on the HPS website.)

### Peak Suspensions

#### **03D Double Mountain suspension is extended to November 8, 2001.**

The area is being actively logged on privately owned land in the Tehachapi -Double saddle on April 11, 2000. There is active logging going on from the 7,600 foot level on the southwest slopes of Tehachapi down to the cabin and all the way up to near the top of Double Mountain. The Management Committee voted to extend the suspension of the Peak until November 8, 2001 or until a field inspection to evaluate the situation can be made. Suspended peaks may be included in applications for recognition of any of the 100 or 200 peak emblems. Suspended peaks are ignored in applications for the list completion emblems.

#### **20A Round Mountain is suspended.**

The Bureau of Land Management has issued regulations blocking all access, including foot traffic, in the vicinity of Round Mountain. The intent is to allow additional time for vegetation and wildlife to recover from the effects of the huge Willow Fire of 1999.

More information on this access closure can be found at:

[www.ca.blm.gov/news/juniper\\_flats\\_emergency\\_closur.html](http://www.ca.blm.gov/news/juniper_flats_emergency_closur.html).

As a result of the closure, the HPS Management Committee has suspended Round Mountain until October 11, 2001. The suspension will be re-evaluated at that time. George Wysup provided the information used for the development of this suspension.

#### **07O Ortega Peak is suspended.**

Peter Doggett reported problems with target shooters firing in a dangerous manner at the road head for Ortega Peak on November 18, 2000. Cherry Creek Road, the access for Ortega Peak, is the only designated shooting area in the Ojai Ranger District. The Management Committee voted to suspend the Peak until June 14, 2001. The situation will be evaluated. If appropriate, a new route for climbing the peak may be established or the peak may be removed from the HPS Peak List. It is strongly recommended that hikers not go to the Cherry Creek road head to hike this peak.

### Peak Alerts

See **Round Mountain**, **Ortega Peak** and **Double Mountain** suspensions above.

**11D Barley Flats – Route #1** – The Forest Service gate at SR2 (Angeles Crest Highway) on the driving route to Barley Flats is closed for an indefinite period. You should contact the Forest Service at **(818) 790-1151** for information about the status of the closure. The closed gate will add 5 miles of hiking to Route 1. Total hiking distance will be 6 miles. This information was provided by **Larry Hoak**. (06-01)

**23H Three Sisters – Route #1** - A report of a "No Trespassing" sign on the approach to this Peak at the west edge of Section 27, T1N-R3E about 1 mile west of the Peak has been received. **Roy Randall** provided this information. (05-01)

**06D Cuyama Peak (LO) and 06E Lizard Head-** Route #1 - Dry Canyon Road (FR8N19) is washed out about 2.8 miles from the junction with the Santa Barbara Canyon Road. This will add about 6 miles of hiking round trip for these peaks. The Forest Service has stated that the repair of the road will be made at some point in the future. The repair is not a high priority. **Gabriele Rau** provided this information with a supplement by **Larry Hoak**. (05-01)

**02F Scodie Mountain (03-08-01 Publication)** – The hiking instructions for Route #3 have the following correction. Bullet two should read 1.5 miles rather than 2.75 miles. **Bryon Prinzmetal** provided this information.

**04D Antimony Peak (02-08-01 Publication)** – The driving instructions for Route #1 have the following correction. Bullet six should read: "At 1.9 miles, fork. Go left on road with sign reading 9N19A. **Richard Carey** provided this information.

**16A Circle Mountain (02-08-01 Publication)** – The round trip hiking time for Route #1 should read 1.5 – 2 hours. Bullet two in the Alternate Driving Route #1 should read 7.7 miles rather than 6 7.7 miles. **Bryon Prinzmetal** provided this information.

**28B Tahquitz Peak (LO) (02-08-01 Publication)** – The driving instructions for Route #2 have the following correction. Bullet one should read "Saunders Meadow Road" rather than "Saunders Valley Road". **Ray Wolfe** provided this information.

**13 E Pallett Mountain, 13D Will Thrall Peak, and 13C Pleasant View Ridge** – There is a direct route from the north for the approach to Burkhart Saddle. This approach crosses private ground and saves several miles of hiking and elevation gain on Route #2 for these peaks. The required permission to cross the private land and driving and hiking instructions can be obtained from the HPS Outings Chair by HPS hike leaders. Tom Hill provided this information.

**05A Caliente Mountain** – The newly issued revised Peak Guide contains a route from the south beginning at SR 33.

**20D White Mountain #1, 20F Shay Mountain, 20G Little Shay Mountain, 20H Ingham Peak, and 20I Hawes Peak** – Poodle Dog bush (*turricula parryi*), a shrub to which many people are sensitive, is growing on these peaks in the areas burned in the Willow fire of 1999. Byron Prinzmetal and George Wysup reported this item in May 2001. Pictures of this shrub can be viewed at: <http://elib.cs.berkeley.edu/photos/flora/>. Type *turricula parryi* in the name field and press the search button.

**07I Sewart Mountain, 07J Snowy Peak, 07K Black Mountain #2, 07L White Mountain #2 and 07M Cobblestone Mountain** – Route 2, both Peaks. The Buck Creek Trail is badly overgrown with brush and is in poor condition. Byron Prinzmetal reported this item in April 2001. The road into Hardluck campground is closed at a seasonal gate at mile 4.2 until October 1, 2001 to protect the Arroyo Toad habitat near Hardluck campground. Opening of the gate at that time is dependent upon correcting flood damage to the road. The gate will close for the season on January 1, 2002 to protect the Toad and two other endangered species. Larry Hoak reported this item in May 2001.

**21I Silver Peak** - A high clearance 4WD vehicle is absolutely required for driving Route 2 on this peak. George Wysup reported this item in April 2001.

**09B Iron Mountain #2** – The Poison Oak is growing everywhere in the canyon bottom along Trail Canyon Trail. The ticks are quite active, and care should be exercised. The trail above Tom Lucas Campground is becoming overgrown with brush. Larry Hoak reported this item in April 2001.

**20B Luna Mountain** - Please exercise caution when climbing Luna Mountain as some areas to the north and west of Luna have been closed by the BLM to permit recovery of the biota from the effects of the Willow Fire of 1999. This closure does not affect existing HPS Routes 1 and 2 for Luna Mountain. George Wysup reported this item. A number of the existing Peak Guides for peaks in areas 27, 28, 29, and 30 may contain a reference to "*Desert Center*" in the driving instructions. This reference should read "*Mountain Center*" This reference will be corrected, as revised Peak Guides are issued.

## Peak Guides

Your Management Committee is pleased to announce the issuance of 15 revised Peak Guides in May 2001: 02G Piute Lookout, 04A Brush Mountain, 04H Sawmill Mountain, 05A Caliente Mountain, 06I West Big Pine, 06J Big Pine Mountain, 06L Madulce Peak, 07E Thorn Point (LO), 14H Mount Burnham, 17G Buck Point, 19A Cleghorn Mountain, 20A Round Mountain, 23B Granite Peaks, 26B Quail Mountain, and 26F Lost Horse Mountain. The following Peak guides are undergoing revision: 02J Butterbredt Peak, 07G Alamo Mountain, McDonald Peak 07H, Sewart Mountain 07I, Snowy Peak 07J, Black Mountain #2 07K, White Mountain #2 07L, Cobblestone Mountain 07M, 19E The Pinnacles, 19F Mount Mary Louise, 13D Will Thrall Peak, 13E Pallet Mountain, 31G Combs Peak and 31I San Ysidro. Any comments you have should be forwarded to Larry Hoak by May 20, 2001 for review by the Mountain Records Committee.

The following revised Peak Guides were issued earlier in 2001: 01C Split Mtn., 01D Black Mtn. #5, 01E Cannel Point, 01K Russell Peak, 01L Backus Peak, 02A Lightner Peak, 02B Bald Eagle Peak, 02C Nicolls Peak, 02F Scodie Mtn., 02M Heald Peak, 02N Black Mountain #6, 02O Red Mountain, 02P Skinner Peak, 02Q Weldon Peak, 03B Black Mountain, 04D Antimony Peak, 04E Tecuya Mountain, 04G Grouse Mountain, 04I Mount Pinos, 06G Santa Cruz Peak, 07A Frazier Mountain, 07B Lockwood Peak, 07C San Guillermo Mountain, 07D Reyes Peak, 07O Ortega Peak, 07S Topatopa Bluff, 08B Burnt Peak, 09E Mount Lukens, 10D Bare, 10J Cole Point, 11C Mt. Lawlor, 11D Barley Flats, 12G Mt. Wilson, 13C Pleasant View Ridge, 13H Pinyon Ridge, 14B Twin Peaks, 14C Mount Isip, 14D South Hawkins, 14E Middle Hawkins, 14F Mount Hawkins, 14G Throop Peak, 14J Ross Mountain, 14L Copter Ridge, 15A Monrovia Peak, 15C Rattlesnake Peak, 15D Iron Mountain # 1, 15E Lookout Mountain #2, 15F Sunset Peak, 16A Circle Mountain, 16B Wright Mountain, 16C Pine Mountain #1, 16D Dawson Peak, 16I Gobbler's Knob, 17D Timber Mountain, 20E Deer Mountain, 20F Shay Mountain, 20G Little Shay Mountain, 20H Ingham Peak, 20I Hawes Peak, 21A Crafts Peak, 21B Butler Peak (LO), 21C Grays Peak, 21I Silver Peak, 22A Mill Peak, 22E Heart Bar Pk, 23A Bighorn Mountains, 23C Tip Top Mountain, 23D Mineral Mountain, 23E Meeks Mountain, 24A Constance Peak, 24H Dobbs Peak, 25A Allen Peak, 25B Birch Mtn., 25C Cedar Mtn., 25D Wilshire Mtn., 25E Wilshire Peak, 25F Little San Gorgonio Peak, 26C Queen Mountain, 26I



Warren Point, 27B Indian Mountain, 27G Cornell Peak, 27J Suicide Rock, 28A Lily Rock, 28B Tahquitz Peak, 28E Antsell Rock, 28G Spittler Peak, 28H Palm View Peak, 28K Pine Mountain #2, 28M Butterfly Peak, 28N Rock Point, 29B Little Cahuilla Mountain, 29C Cahuilla Mountain, 30A Asbestos Mountain, 30B Sheep Mountain, 30C Martinez Mountain, 31A Eagle Crag, 31E Beauty Peak, and 31F Iron Spring Mountain, 32B Whale Peak, 32G Oakzanita Peak, 32H Garnet Mountain, 32I Garnet Peak, and 32J Monument Peak #1, and 32L Sheephead Mountain.

The following new Peak Guide has been issued: Bighorn Mountain. This Peak was added to the HPS Peak List by a vote of the membership in 2000.

The revised Peak Guides and the new Guide are available for purchase from the HPS Peak guide Mailer, Bobcat Thompson, or by downloading from the HPS website at [angeleschapter.org/hps](http://angeleschapter.org/hps). It is anticipated 15 revised Peak Guides will be submitted for Management Committee approval in June 2001, and 3 revised Peak Guides will be submitted in July 2001.

### Peak Maps

Revised Peak Maps based on the published Peak Guides are being prepared. They are being developed using the Topo! Mapping Software distributed by National Geographic Maps. It is anticipated the first maps will be available after Management Committee approval on July 12, 2001. The distribution process for the maps is being developed. They will be available as hard copy prints and possibly in other formats.

### Peak List

The 2001 issue of the HPS Peak List is available for purchase from the HPS Peak Guide Mailer, Bobcat Thompson, or can be printed out from the [HPS web site](#). The 2001 List contains three changes: (1) 24N Bighorn Mountain has been added to the List, (2) 12H Mount Harvard has been deleted from the List, (3) the recognized summit for Alamo Mountain has been changed from elevation 7367 to the adjacent elevation of 7360+ located 0.1 miles southeast of elevation 7367. Changes one and two were approved by a vote of the membership in 2000.

Your comments on the Peak Guides and Maps are welcome! Send your comments to our [Mountain Records Chair](#). You may also send hard copy via US Mail. No telephone submissions please. Map corrections should be submitted in hard copy to Larry Hoak at the address in the Schedule. It will be helpful if your comments and notes for changes are as complete as possible. Please submit suggested changes in enough detail that they can be used to revise driving and hiking directions, create new instructions, or issue a peak alert. Please report the date the Peak Guide you are providing corrections to was edited or authorized for publication in your report.

Volunteers are needed to participate in the Peak Guide and Map review and update process. Reviewers would, based on their knowledge of peak routes, comment on suggested changes to draft revisions of Peak Guides and Maps or provide suggested changes. It is anticipated about 10 draft revisions will be provided for comments every month. Interested hikers should contact Larry Hoak at the above E-Mail address or by US mail. Participants should have access to E-mail to facilitate the transmittal of materials.



*List Finishers pose for the camera on Sandy Burnsides' List finishing outing, Pacifico Mtn, May 19, 2001. Back row, left to right: Bob Beach, Southern Courtney, Sandy Burnsides, Byron Prinzmetal, George Wysup, Mars Bonfire, Ron Zappen, Tom Hill. Front row: Ruth Dobos, Frank Dobos, Rosemary Campbell, Dorothy Danziger. Photo credit: © 2001 [www.taopro.com](http://www.taopro.com)*



# Advance Schedule of Hundred Peaks Section Outings

July 3 - October 31, 2001

By George Wysup, Outings Chair

**Jul 3 Tue Hundred Peaks**  
I: San Geronio Mtn (11,499'), Charlton Pk (10,806'), Jepson Pk (11,205'), Dobbs Pk (10,459'): Moderately paced, very strenuous crossing of San Geronio crest from South Fork to Mill Creek. 18 mi rt, 5500' gain on trail and xc, car shuttle. Email several days before hike to obtain meeting point and time to Ldr: BYRON PRINZMETAL. Co-Ldr: CARLETON SHAY

**Jul 6 Fri Hundred Peaks**  
I: Ross Mtn (7402'), Mt Burnham (8997'), Mt Baden Powell (9399'): Start your weekend early with a moderately paced very strenuous hike on trail and steep xc, 10 mi, 4500' gain. Meet 7 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring ten essentials, headlamp, water, lunch, fsp. Ldrs: BYRON PRINZMETAL, CARLETON SHAY, MARS BONFIRE

**Jul 7 Sat Hundred Peaks**  
O: Mt Lowe (5603'): Step back 100 years in history for this strenuous 14 mi, 3800' gain hike. We'll go up- by way of the Sam Merrill Trail to visit remains at Echo Mountain, then one the old right-of-way to the site of the Mt Lowe Alpine Tavern before ascending peak. Well-conditioned newcomers welcome. Meet 8 am at N end of Lake Avenue, Altadena. Bring lunch, good boots, 2+ qts water. Heavy rain cancels. Ldr: JOHN CONNELLY. Co-Ldrs: KATE ROGOWSKI, PETER DOGGETT

**Jul 7-8 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks**  
I: Weldon Pk (6320'), Sorrell Pk (7704'), Piute Lookout (8326'), Bald Eagle Pk (6181'), Lightner Pk (6430'): Sat, 3000' gain, 12 mi rt with lots of dirt road driving to bag first 4 peaks. Sat Eve campground with happy hour and showers. Sun, climb Lightner from the north. 4000' gain, 8 mi rt. Soak in hot spring after. Ldr: DAVID F EISENBERG. Co-Ldr: GEORGE WYSUP

**Jul 8 Sun Hundred Peaks**  
I: Dragon's Head (10,866'), Bighorn Mtns (5894'), Dobbs Pk (10,459'): Very strenuous, moderately paced loop hike on Vivian Creek Trail and forested xc to three high peaks in the San Geronio Wilderness. 15 mi rt, 6200' gain. Send sase or esase with contact info and recent experience to Ldr: VIRGIL POPESCU. Co-Ldr: TOM HILL

**Jul 8 Sun Hundred Peaks, Natural Science**  
I: Mt Pinos (LO) (8831'), Sawmill Mtn (8818'), Grouse Mtn (8582'): Hike in the Los Padres high country where condors soar. Take time to learn from our naturalists about the plants, trees and wildlife. One day of LTC natural history credit is offered. Moderately paced, 10 mi, 2500' on trail and xc. Meet 7:30 am Sylmar rideshare pt. Bring ten essentials, water, lunch. Ldrs: BYRON PRINZMETAL, MARS BONFIRE, CARLETON SHAY. Naturalist Ldrs: GINNY HERINGER, SHERRY ROSS

**Jul 8 Sun Hundred Peaks, K-9 Comm**  
O: Winston Pk (7502'), Winston Ridge (7003'): Moderately paced hike, 6 mi rt, 1100' gain. Hike in Angeles Forest is suitable for beginners and starts at Cloudburst Summit. Well-behaved dogs ok. Meet 8 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Or meet for breakfast with leaders one hour earlier at Hill Street Café. Bring lugsoles, 2 qts water, lunch, 10 essentials, something to share on the summit. Rain cancels. Ldrs: JOE YOUNG, STAG BROWN, NAMI BROWN

**Jul 9 Mon Hundred Peaks**  
O: Brush Mtn (7040'), San Emigdio Mtn (7492'), Tecuya Mtn (7160'), Cerro Noroeste (Mt. Abel) (8280'), Frazier Mtn (LO) (8000'): Bag these five drive-up peaks in beautiful Los Padres National Forest. Long dirt road driving requiring high clearance 4X4 vehicles. Meet 7:30 am Sylmar rideshare pt. Bring ten essentials, water, lunch. Ldrs: BYRON PRINZMETAL, CARLETON SHAY, SOUTHERN COURTNEY, MARS BONFIRE

**Jul 10 Tue Hundred Peaks**  
I: Pacifico Mtn (7124'): Join us as we hike Pacifico from Alder Saddle to the Pacific Crest trail and up and down some of our favorite xc ridges. Other peaks in area possible. Moderately paced by strenuous 8 mi, 2000' gain on trail and steep, sometimes slippery, brushy xc. Meet 8 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring ten essentials, water, lunch. Ldrs: MARS BONFIRE, BYRON PRINZMETAL, CARLETON SHAY

**Jul 11 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks**  
O: Islip Saddle to Eagle Roost Picnic Area by way of Mt Williamson (8214'): Our annual birthday watermelon and cake party celebrating July and everyone else' birthday. Short shuttle needed. 6 mi, 1900' gain. Meet at La Cañada rideshare pt at 9 am. Have boots, lunch, water. Ldrs: ROSEMARY CAMPBELL, SOUTHERN COURTNEY

**Jul 12 Thu Hundred Peaks**  
I: Mt Mooney (5840'), Mt Sally (5408'), Vetter Mtn (LO) (5908'): Moderately paced, 7 mi, 2000' gain on road, trail and xc. Meet 7:30 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring ten essentials, lunch, water. Ldrs: BYRON PRINZMETAL, MARS BONFIRE

**Jul 12 Thu Hundred Peaks**  
Monthly meeting: HPS Management Committee meets 6:30 PM to discuss section business. All are welcome to attend. After Management Committee meeting concludes, join world traveler and former chair of HPS Edna Erspamer as she explores the wonders of Ethiopia in the Horn of Africa. Rock-hewn churches, ancient religious paintings, unique plants, towering Stelae, curiously clothed indigenous people and, according to legend, the home of the Queen of Sheba and the resting place of the Ark of the Covenant. Refreshments, socializing, trip reports. Meet at the new location at the Los Angeles Zoo Grande Room, Griffith Park. Park in the zoo parking lot.

**Jul 13 Fri Hundred Peaks**  
O: Thunder Mtn (8587'), Telegraph Pk (8985'): Start your unlucky Friday right by bagging two wonderful peaks in the beautiful San Gabriel high country. Moderately paced, moderately strenuous on trail and xc. 8 mi rt, 3000' gain. Meet 7:30 am at park and ride facility on Myrtle Ave, one block S of 210 Fwy in Monrovia. Bring ten essentials, water, lunch. Ldrs: BYRON PRINZMETAL, CARLETON SHAY, SOUTHERN COURTNEY, MARS BONFIRE

**Jul 14 Sat Hundred Peaks**  
O: Mt Hillyer (6200'): Slow paced easy peak climb suited for beginners. Enjoy the San Gabriel Mountains with us on a pleasant 6 mi rt walk with 900' gain to the top. Meet 9 am at La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, sturdy shoes and sunscreen. Ldrs: RON & LEORA JONES

**Jul 14 Sat Mt Baldy, Hundred Peaks**  
O: San Gabriel Pk (6161'), Mt Disappointment (5960'), Mt Deception (5796'): Moderately paced 8 mi rt, 2000' gain hike near Mount Wilson, Angeles National Forest, some steep parts on trail/road. Meet La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring 3 liters water, lunch, lugsoles. Ldrs: FRANK GOODYKOONTZ, JOHN CONNELLY

OUTING NOT IN SCHEDULE (Provisional)

**Jul 14 Sat Hundred Peaks, K-9 Comm**  
O: Mt Islip (8250'), Mt Hawkins (8850'), Middle Hawkins (8505'): 6 mi rt, 3000' gain, moderately paced trail hike. Meet at the La Canada rideshare point at 7:30 AM. Bring food, water for you/dog, leash(for dog). Rain cancels. Ldr: SANDY BURNSIDE, Co-Ldr: MAGGIE WILSON

**Jul 14-15 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks**  
I: Jepson Pk (11,205'): Slow-paced backpack into the highest country in Southern California. 15 mi rt, 4500' gain on trail and xc route from Dry Lake. Sat night camp at Dry Lake. Other peaks in area possible. Send sase with conditioning and experience to Ldr: RAY SOUCY. Co-Ldr: HARVEY GANZ

**Jul 15 Sun Hundred Peaks**  
**I: Red Tahquitz (8720'), Tahquitz Pk (LO) (8846'), Lily Rock (8000')**: Strenuous loop hike into beautiful rocky high country from Humber Park near Idyllwild. Moderately paced, 12 mi rt, 4200' gain. Permit limits group size to 12 hikers, so reserve early. Send sase or esase with contact info and recent experience to Ldr: TOM HILL. Co-Ldr: GEORGE WYSUP

**Jul 15 Sun Hundred Peaks**  
**I: San Gorgonio Mtn (11,499'), Dobbs Pk (10,459'), Jepson Pk (11,205'), Charlton Pk (10,806')**: Experience the Southern California high (point). Strenuous, but moderately paced, 21 mi rt, 600' gain hike mostly on trail. Permit limits size. Send sase or email with recent hiking experience, H&W phones, and email addresses to Co-Ldrs: MAURA RAFFENSPERGER, DAVID BEYMER

**Jul 18 Wed Hundred Peaks**  
**I: Marion Mtn (10,320'), Jean Pk (10,670'), Drury Pk (10,160')**: Moderately paced, but very strenuous, on trail and steep xc. Some class 2 rock. 10 mi rt, 5000' gain. Permit limits group size. Send email or sase with W&H phones, recent conditioning to Ldr: BYRON PRINZMETAL. Co-Ldrs: CARLETON SHAY, SOUTHERN COURTNEY

**Jul 18 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks**  
**O: Throop Pk (9138'), Mt Burnham (8997')**: Slightly more than 6 mi rt, 1900' total gain for this lovely hike from Dawson saddle. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare pt with water, lunch, good footwear (somewhat steep sections). Ldrs: ROSEMARY CAMPBELL, BILLIE MENDELSON

**Jul 20 Fri Hundred Peaks**  
**I: San Bernardino E Pk (10,691'), San Bernardino Pk (10,649'), Anderson Pk (10,840'), Shield's Pk (10,680')**: Start your weekend early with a very strenuous, moderately paced on trail and steep, brushy xc, 20 mi rt, 5000' gain hike along the beautiful San Bernardino Ridge. Our descent will be by a world-class ridge that probably never has been led before. Permit limits group size. Send email or sase with H&W phones, recent conditioning to Ldr: BYRON PRINZMETAL. Co-Ldrs: CARLETON SHAY, SOUTHERN COURTNEY, MARS BONFIRE

**Jul 21 Sat Hundred Peaks, San Gorgonio Chapter**  
**I: Jean Pk (10,670'), Marion Mtn (10,320'), Drury Pk (10,160'), Folly Pk (10,480'), San Jacinto Pk (10,804'), Cornell Pk (9750')**: Strenuous 15 mi, 5100' gain cleanout of the San Jacinto high country. Try the new tram (\$17.65 with AAA card). Lots of trail, but significant class 2 xc; long pants recommended. Permit limits group size. Send sase or esase with contact, conditioning and rideshare info to Ldr: GEORGE WYSUP. Co-Ldr: MAGGIE WILSON

**Jul 21 Sat Hundred Peaks, Mt Baldy**  
**O: Wright Mtn (8505'), Pine Mtn #1 (9648'), Dawson Pk (9575')**: Easy moderate pace will get us to the top in due time. 3000' gain, 10 mi rt on sometimes steep slippery trail. No tigers. Meet 7 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring lunch, snacks, water, lugsoles. Ldrs: DAVID F EISENBERG, FRANK GOODYKOONTZ

**Jul 22 Sun Hundred Peaks**  
**O: Mt San Antonio (Baldy) (10,064'), Dawson Pk (9575'), Pine Mtn #1 (9648')**: Strenuous 13.5 mi rt, 6200' gain hike over trails in Eastern San Gabriels. Meet 6:30 am at Mt Baldy rideshare pt. Bring 4 liters water, lunch, lugsoles, 10 essentials. Rain cancels. Ldr: KATE ROGOWSKI. Asst: JANET YANG

**Jul 23 Mon Hundred Peaks**  
**I: Folly Pk (10,480'), San Jacinto Pk (10,804')**: Extend your weekend with a moderately strenuous hike on trail and over steep, slippery, brushy, rocky xc terrain, up to 15 mi rt, 5000' gain or much less if the tram is open. Email several days before hike to obtain meeting time and place to Ldr: BYRON PRINZMETAL. Co-Ldrs: CARLETON SHAY, GEORGE WYSUP, SOUTHERN COURTNEY

**Jul 25 Wed Hundred Peaks**  
**I: Cornell Pk (9750'), Divide Peak (9356')**: Join us for this fantastic hike to the high country of the San Jacinto State Park Wilderness with an exploratory hike to Divide Peak. Some class two rock. Moderately paced, 9 mi, 2000' gain on trail and xc. Email leader week of hike. Ldr: BYRON PRINZMETAL. Co-Ldrs: SOUTHERN COURTNEY, CARLETON SHAY, GEORGE WYSUP

**Jul 28 Sat Hundred Peaks**  
**O: Twin Pks (7761'), Waterman Mtn (8038')**: Rendezvous hike. Strenuous, moderately paced, 12 mi rt, 3200' gain hike on trail and steep use trail. Meet 6:30 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring ten essentials, water. Lunch, goodies to share, smiles + good cheer a must. Ldrs: BYRON PRINZMETAL, CARLETON SHAY, MARS BONFIRE

**Jul 28 Sat Hundred Peaks**  
**I: Waterman Mtn (8038')**: Waterman rendezvous hike. 8 mi rt, 1200' gain to the top of this great peak to meet other HPSers. Meet 9:30 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch food to share, lugsoles. Rain cancels. Ldrs: FRANK & RUTH LEE DOBOS

**Jul 28 Sat Hundred Peaks**  
**I: Waterman Mtn (8038')**: Rendezvous hike. 8-9 mi rt, 1200' gain/2200' loss with a car shuttle. Moderate pace and route, up a quick, steep way, down a longer way. Beautiful area. Meet 9:30 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring goodies to share with crowd at the top, lugsoles, extra clothing, at least 3 qts water. Ldr: FRANK GOODYKOONTZ. Co-Ldr: DIANE DUNBAR

**Jul 28 Sat Hundred Peaks**  
**I: Waterman Mtn (8038')**: Moderately paced xc climb of west ridge. 7 mi rt, 2100' gain. Meet 8:30 am at La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring lugsoles, water, and tasty stuff to share on the summit. Ldrs: VIRGIL POPESCU, GEORGE WYSUP

**Jul 28 Sat Hundred Peaks**  
**O: Waterman Mtn (8038') via Winston Pk (7502'), Akawie Pk (7283')**: 8th Annual HPS Rendezvous hike. A moderate way to pick up two extra peaks while on the way to the party. 7 mi rt, 2000' gain. Meet 8:30 am at La Cañada rideshare pt with boots, water, goodies to share. Ldrs: SOUTHERN COURTNEY, ROSEMARY CAMPBELL

**Jul 29 Sun Hundred Peaks, K-9 Comm**  
**O: Crafts Pk (8364'), Grays Pk (7920')**: Moderately paced hikes, 10 mi rt, 2500' gain, mostly on trail or easy xc, in Big Bear area. Well-behaved dogs ok. Meet 6 am Pomona rideshare pt. Bring lugsoles, 2 qts water, lunch, 10 essentials. Rain cancels. Ldrs: JOE YOUNG, BOB THOMPSON

**Jul 29 Sun Hundred Peaks, WTC, Santa Monica Mtns TF**  
**I: San Gorgonio Mtn (11,499'), Dobbs Pk (10,459')**: Vigorous 14 mi rt, 5600' gain hike from Vivian Creek. Long off-trail descent from Dobbs. Send email or sase to leader with address, am-pm phone numbers, recent experience. Limited to 12 strong hikers. Ldr: RAY RILEY. Co-Ldr: DON CROLEY

**Jul 29 Sun Mt Baldy, Hundred Peaks**  
**O: San Gabriel Pk (6161'), Mt Disappointment (5960'), Mt Deception (5796')**: Moderately paced 8 mi rt, 2000' gain hike near Mount Wilson, Angeles National Forest, some steep parts on trail/road. Meet 8 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring 3 liters water, lunch, lugsoles. Ldrs: FRANK GOODYKOONTZ, JOHN CONNELLY

**Aug 1 Wed Hundred Peaks**  
**O: Josephine Pk (5558')**: 6 mi rt, 1900' gain, great views. Moderately paced hike on fire road. Other peaks in area possible. Meet 7:30 am at La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring ten essentials, water, lunch. Ldrs: MARS BONFIRE, CARLETON SHAY

**Aug 3 Fri Hundred Peaks**  
**O: Timber Mtn (8303')**: Start your weekend with a moderately paced, strenuous hike on trail up beautiful Ice House Canyon, 10 mi rt, 3300' gain. Other peaks in area possible. Meet 8 am at the parking area at the junction of Mills Ave and Mt Baldy Rd (Mills is one traffic signal E of Indian Hill Blvd) in Claremont. Bring ten essentials, water, lunch. Ldrs: MARS BONFIRE, CARLETON SHAY, SOUTHERN COURTNEY

**Aug 4 Sat Hundred Peaks**

**O: Introductory Hike to Mt Gleason (8520')**: Discover the treasures of the Angeles National Forest. Hike is mostly shaded. Hike is 1000' gain, 5 mi rt on a portion of the PCT. We will hike at a slow moderate pace with frequent stops to learn about the terrain, plant life, and conservation. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring lunch, water, fsp. Ldrs: DAVID F EISENBERG, FRANK GOODYKOONTZ

**Aug 4 Sat Hundred Peaks**

**O: Middle Hawkins (8505'), South Mt. Hawkins (LO) (7783')**: Slowly paced, moderate hike into scenic Angeles National Forest High Country. May get to see fire lookout in operation. 10 mi rt, 3100' gain on trail and fire road. Meet 8 am at Azusa rideshare. Bring lunch, lugsoles, water, sun protection. Ldr: KATHY CHEEVER. Co-Ldr: RAY SOUCY

**Aug 5 Sun Hundred Peaks**

**O: Mt Islip (8250'), Middle Hawkins (8505'), Mt Hawkins (8850'), Throop Pk (9138'), Mt Burnham (8997'), Mt Baden Powell (9399')**: Six peaks in the Middle High Country of the San Gabriels. Strenuous, 13 mi, 4000' gain with car shuttle. Well-conditioned newcomers welcome. Meet 6:30 am Pomona rideshare pt. Rain cancels. Bring lunch, good boots, 2+ qts water. Ldr: JOHN CONNELLY. Asst: ROXANA LEWIS

**Aug 7 Tue Hundred Peaks**

**I: Bighorn Pk (8441'), Ontario Pk (8693'), Sugarloaf Pk (6924')**: Moderately paced, strenuous hike on trail and steep, very slippery, rocky xc terrain, 12 mi rt, 4200' gain. Meet 6 am park and ride facility on Myrtle Ave one block S of I-210 in Monrovia. Bring ten essentials including a headlamp, water, lunch. Ldrs: CARLETON SHAY, SOUTHERN COURTNEY, MARS BONFIRE

**Aug 8 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks**

**I: Middle Hawkins (8505'), Sadie Hawkins**: Join us our steep short-cut to Windy Gap and some ridge hiking to Sadie. On the return you can do the fun xc ridge to the highway or return the way we came. Moderately paced 8 mi with 2000' gain. Meet at La Cañada rideshare pt with your lunch, water, and boots. Ldrs: BYRON PRINZMETAL, SOUTHERN COURTNEY

**Aug 9 Thu Hundred Peaks**

Monthly meeting: HPS Management Committee meets 6:30 PM to discuss section business. All are welcome to attend. After Management Committee meeting concludes, watch Roxana Lewis' slide show of her exciting trip to the southern part of South America, rugged Patagonia. Roxana is a world traveler and can answer any of your travel-related questions. Refreshments, socializing, trip reports. Los Angeles Zoo Grande Room, Griffith Park. Park in the zoo parking lot.

**Aug 10 Fri Hundred Peaks**

**I: Bighorn Mtn (10,997'), Dragon's Head (10,866')**: Join us as we car camp and party Thursday night and climb these two 10,000+ peaks in the San Gorgonio Wilderness. Moderately paced by very strenuous 5000'+ gain, 20 mi rt on trail and steep xc. Space limited due to permit. Send email or sase with W&H phones, recent conditioning to Ldr: BYRON PRINZMETAL. Co-Ldrs: CARLETON SHAY, SOUTHERN COURTNEY, MARS BONFIRE

**Aug 11 Sat Hundred Peaks, Sierra Singles**

**O: Mt Islip (8250') Peaknic Hike**: 11th annual potluck picnic at Little Jimmy Campground, total 6 mi rt, 1300' gain hike to the peak or you can hike to the campground only for the picnic. Meet 8:30 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, picnic food to share, lugsoles. Rain cancels. Ldrs: FRANK & RUTH LEE DOBOS, MIKE & DOTTY SANDFORD, LAURA QUINN, DAVID F EISENBERG

**Aug 11-12 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks**

**O: Fishbowls and Thorn Pt LO (6935')**: Sat 5.6 mi backpack to Fishbowls; fine pools to dip in. Sun pack out and climb Thorn (8 mi rt, 2000' gain on trail). High clearance vehicle recommended. Send sase or email leader to experience/recent conditioning. Ldr: HARVEY GANZ. Asst: BEVERLY SHELTON

**Aug 12 Sun Hundred Peaks**

**I: Bohna Pk (6760'), Sunday Pk (8295')**: Long drive for two pleasant, forested xc routes to peaks near Lake Isabella. Do one or both. Moderately paced, 12 mi rt, 2700' gain combined total. Meet 7 am Sylmar rideshare pt. Ldr: TOM HILL. Co-Ldr: VIRGIL POPESCU

**Aug 12 Sun Hundred Peaks, Natural Science**

**O: Sugarloaf Mtn (9952')**: Enjoy running streams, lush meadows and the picturesque high country of our San Bernardino Mountains. Learn from the naturalists about the plants, trees and wildlife. One day of LTC natural history credit is offered. Moderately paced hike on trail, 8 mi rt, 2200' gain. Meet 7 am Pomona rideshare pt. Bring lunch, water, and goodies to share on top. Ldrs: GINNY HERINGER, SHERRY ROSS, SOUTHERN COURTNEY, BYRON PRINZMETAL

**Aug 13 Mon Hundred Peaks**

**I: 10,000 Ft Ridge (10,094'), Lake Pk (10,161'), Grinnell Mtn (10,284')**: Make your weekend a three day holiday with a moderately paced, strenuous hike on trail and over steep, slippery, xc terrain, 15 mi rt, 3500' gain. Dirt road driving with high clearance recommended. Meet 6 am at the Mill Creek ranger Station on Hwy 38, 10 miles E of Redlands. Bring ten essentials including a headlamp, water, lunch. Ldrs: BYRON PRINZMETAL, CARLETON SHAY, SOUTHERN COURTNEY, MARS BONFIRE

**Aug 15 Wed Hundred Peaks**

**O: Throop Pk (9138'), Mt Hawkins (8850'), Mt Islip (8250')**: Moderately paced hike, 12 mi, 2000' gain on trail. Meet 8 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring ten essentials, water, lunch. Ldr: ROSEMARY CAMPBELL. Co-Ldrs: SOUTHERN COURTNEY, MARS BONFIRE

**Aug 17 Fri Hundred Peaks**

**I: Mt San Antonio (Baldy) (10,064'), Mt Harwood (9552')**: Start your weekend early by enjoying the wild and picturesque high country of our San Gabriel Mountains. Moderately paced, very strenuous with steep, slippery xc. 8 mi rt, 4500' gain. Meet 8 am at the parking area at the junction of Mills Ave and Mt Baldy Rd (Mills is one traffic signal E of Indian Hill Blvd) in Claremont. Bring ten essentials, headlamp, water, lunch. Ldrs: BYRON PRINZMETAL, CARLETON SHAY, SOUTHERN COURTNEY, MARS BONFIRE

**Aug 19 Sun Hundred Peaks**

**I: Little San Gorgonio Pk (9133'), Wilshire Mtn (8832'), Wilshire Pk (8680'), Cedar Mtn (8324'), Birch Mtn (7826'), Allen Pk (5795')**: Very strenuous traverse of Yucaipa Ridge near Redlands, magnificent views. Moderately paced, 15 mi one-way, 5000' gain. Send sase or esase with contact info and recent experience to Ldr: GEORGE WYSUP. Co-Ldrs: MAGGIE WILSON, TOM HILL

**Aug 20 Mon Hundred Peaks**

**O: Pine Mtn #1 (9648'), Dawson Pk (9575'), Wright Mtn (8505')**: Start your week with the fantastic hike to the high country north of Mt Baldy. Moderately paced, strenuous, all on trail, slippery in places. 7 mi rt, 3000' gain. Meet 8 am at McDonalds at SR 138 (Wrightwood exit) from I-15 or alternatively meet 6:45 am at the park and ride facility on Myrtle Ave one block S of 210 Fwy in Monrovia. Bring ten essentials, water, food. Ldrs: BYRON PRINZMETAL, SOUTHERN COURTNEY, MARS BONFIRE, CARLETON SHAY

**Aug 22 Wed Hundred Peaks**

**I: Silver Pk (6756'), Gold Mtn (8235'), Bertha Pk (8201')**: Hike these three peaks in San Bernardino National Forest. Silver is moderate with some brushy xc, other two are easy. Other peaks in area possible. Relaxed pace, 10 mi rt, 2700' gain with some dirt road driving between peaks. Meet 7 am Park and ride facility on Myrtle Ave one block S of I-210 in Monrovia. Bring ten essentials, water, lunch. Ldrs: BYRON PRINZMETAL, CARLETON SHAY, SOUTHERN COURTNEY, MARS BONFIRE

**Aug 24 Fri Hundred Peaks**

**I: Tahquitz Pk (LO) (8846'), Red Tahquitz (8720')**: Start your weekend early in the fantastic high country of the San Jacinto Wilderness. Moderately paced, 10 mi, 3000' gain on trail and xc. Meet 7:30 am park and ride facility on Myrtle Ave one block S of I-210 in Monrovia. Bring ten essentials, headlamp, water, lunch. Ldrs: BYRON PRINZMETAL, MARS BONFIRE

**Aug 25 Sat Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks**  
O: Ontario Pk (8693'): Historic, scenic 10.6 mi rt, 3700' gain on the way to the peak via Icehouse Saddle. Welcome downhill on the way out. Fairly strenuous, suitable for experienced, conditioned hikers. Meet 7:45 am Mt Baldy rideshare pt with 2-3 qts water, lunch, good footwear, fps. Ldrs: ROSEMARY CAMPBELL, SOUTHERN COURTNEY

**Aug 25 Sat Hundred Peaks**  
I: San Bernardino Pk (10,649'), San Bernardino E. Pk (10,691'), Anderson Pk (10,840'), Shield's Pk (10,680'): Very strenuous day in the San Gorgonio Wilderness, 20 + mi rt, 5500' gain at high elevations. Permit limits group size. Send sase with experience, recent conditioning to Ldr: VIRGIL POPESCU. Co-Ldr: MAGGIE WILSON

**Aug 27 Mon Hundred Peaks**  
I: Sam Fink Pk (7339'): Please join us as we hike from one side of the San Jacinto Range to its remote eastern frontier, to the peak named in the honor of our eminent Desert Divide pioneer, Sam Fink. Moderately paced, but strenuous, 15 mi rt, 4200' gain on trail and steep xc. Space limited by permit. Send email or sase to Ldr: BYRON PRINZMETAL. Co-Ldrs: MARS BONFIRE, CARLETON SHAY, SOUTHERN COURTNEY

**Aug 29 Wed Hundred Peaks, K-9 Comm**  
O: Winston Pk (7502'), Winston Ridge (7003'): Moderately paced 5 mi rt, 1100' gain hike suitable for beginners on well defined use trail starting from Cloudburst Summit. Well-behaved dogs ok. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring ten essentials, water, lunch. Ldr: ROSEMARY CAMPBELL. Co-Ldrs: MARS BONFIRE, BYRON PRINZMETAL, SOUTHERN COURTNEY

**Sep 8 Sat Hundred Peaks**  
O: Mt Williamson (8214'), Pinyon Ridge (6535'): Two nice peaks in Angeles high country, great for beginners. Pathfinder route to Pinyon. 5 mi rt, 2400' gain on trail. Meet 8 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring lunch, water, sturdy footwear, sun protection. Ldr: RAY SOUCY. Co-Ldr: GEORGE WYSUP

**Sep 8-9 Sat-Sun Sierra Peaks, Hundred Peaks**  
I: Olancha Pk (12,123'): Enjoy a moderately strenuous hike to the southernmost emblem peak in the Sierra. Sat hike 7 mi, 3600' gain from Sage Flat to camp. Sun climb peak - 4-5 mi, 2900' gain and pack out. Send 2 sase, H&W phones, recent conditioning to Ldr: VIRGIL POPESCU. Co-Ldr: MARS BONFIRE

**Sep 9 Sun Hundred Peaks**  
O: Mt Baden Powell (9399'): Come beat the Summer heat on this great San Gabriel peak. Moderately paced 8 mi rt, 2800' hike. Newcomers welcome. Meet 8:30 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring minimum 2 qts water, lunch. Co-Ldrs: MAURA RAFFENSPERGER, DAVID BEYMER

**Sep 9 Sun Hundred Peaks**  
O: Thorn Pt (LO) (6920'): Enjoy scenic geological uplifts on this trail hike to a picturesque peak in Lockwood Valley near Frazier Park. Moderate hike, moderate pace, 8 mi rt, 2000' gain. Dirt road approach; high clearance vehicles recommended. Call leader week of hike. Ldr: TOM HILL. Co-Ldr: RAY SOUCY

**Sep 9 Sun Hundred Peaks, Mt Baldy**  
O: Topatopa Bluff (6367'), Hines Pk (6716'), Chief Pk (5560'): Three peaks on the ridge overlooking Ojai. 4WD vehicles required. 3000' gain, 8 mi rt. Slow moderate pace and dirt road driving will get us these peaks. Send sase with vehicle, rideshare info to Ldr: DAVID F EISENBERG. Co-Ldr: FRANK GOODYKOONTZ

**Sep 12 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks**  
O: Twin Pks (7761'): Strenuous 10 mi, 3200' gain, 1000' on return. Do whole hike or only part. Magnificent views from summit. Meet 8 am La Cañada rideshare pt with plenty of water, lunch, sturdy footwear. Ldrs: DANIEL BUTLER, JOHN DEPOY

**Sep 13 Thu Hundred Peaks**  
Peakbaggers Annual Business Meeting: The HPS Management Committee hosts a discussion on issues important to the Section. Come participate and make your voice heard. Topics covered will include any proposed changes to our Bylaws or Peak List. We then move into a broader view of the state of the HPS and report on the progress of the various programs initiated during the past year. Refreshments and socializing included. Discussion follows Management Committee meeting which begins at 6:30 pm at the Los Angeles Zoo Grande Room, Griffith Park. Park in the Zoo parking lot.

**Sep 15 Sat Hundred Peaks**  
O: Josephine Pk (5558'): Enjoy trek up Colby Canyon to great peak vistas. Moderately paced 5.5 mi loop, 1900' gain, short car shuttle. Meet 8 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring 2-3 liters water, lunch, lugsoles, 10 essentials, fsp. Ldrs: PETER GLOVER, SUSANNE WEIL

**Sep 15 Sat Mt Baldy, Hundred Peaks**  
O: Keller Pk (LO) (7882'), Slide Pk (7841'), Bertha Pk (8201'), Gold Mtn (8235'): Moderate to easy hikes in the San Bernardino Mts near Big Bear Lake. 9 mi rt, 2400' gain, some steep parts on trail. Meet 7 am Mt Baldy rideshare pt. Bring 3 liters water, lunch, lugsoles. Ldrs: FRANK GOODYKOONTZ, JOHN CONNELLY

**Sep 16 Sun Hundred Peaks**  
O: San Guillermo Mtn (6606'), Lockwood Pt (6273'): Moderate, 7.6 mi rt, 2300' gain. Dirt road driving, high clearance recommended. Meet 7 am Sylmar rideshare pt. Bring lunch, 2 qts water. Ldr: HARVEY GANZ. Asst: BEVERLY SHELTON

**Sep 16 Sun Hundred Peaks**  
M: South Peak (7840'), Antsell Rock (7679'): Warm up on South Peak before scrambling to the top on a classic summit via the Sam Fink Trail. Strenuous but moderately paced, 11 mi rt, 3400' gain. Participants should be comfortable with moderate exposure on solid rock. Permit limits group size to 12 hikers, so reserve early. Send sase or esase with contact info and recent experience to Ldr: TOM HILL. Co-Ldr: GEORGE WYSUP

**Sep 23 Sun Hundred Peaks**  
I: Galena Pk (9324'): Gnarly scree climb and creek bed bouldering to the highest point go Yucaipa Ridge near Redlands. Strenuous but moderately paced, 11 mi rt, 3300' gain. Send sase or esase with contact info and recent experience to Ldr: GEORGE WYSUP. Co-Ldr: TOM HILL

**Sep 29 Sat Hundred Peaks**  
I: Lookout Mtn #2 (6812'): Oktoberfest hike. Moderately strenuous, moderately paced 10 mi rt, 2500' gain. Mix of xc ridgeline and trail. Meet 9 am at W end of Icehouse Canyon parking lot 3 miles S of Harwood Lodge for short commute to Baldy Village trailhead. Bring water, lunch, sturdy footwear. Ldrs: VIRGIL POPESCU, TOM HILL

**Sep 29 Sat Hundred Peaks, San Gorgonio Chapter**  
I: Sugarloaf Pk (6924'): 4 mi rt, 2000' gain (it will seem like 3000'), steep class 2 Falling Rock Canyon route. Lots of fun in stinging nettle and up boulders and scree slope. Enjoy the Oktoberfestivities after the hike. Meet at Icehouse Canyon parking lot at 8:30 am. Ldrs: GEORGE WYSUP, HARVEY GANZ, VIRGIL POPESCU

**Sep 29-30 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks, Harwood**  
O: Oktoberfest: Join our annual weekend of hiking, partying in the Mt Baldy area. Hike nearby peaks or relax in the lodge. Saturday evening celebrate with beer, wine or non-alcoholic beverages and international food of season (vegetarian available) followed by good music of all kind, camaraderie, dancing, games and prizes. Sunday after breakfast (provided by HPS), more hiking. Reserve early, space is limited. Send \$30 with SC#/\$35 non-members (\$15 for Sat dinner only) to Reserv. DAVID F EISENBERG. Ldrs: FRANK & RUTH LEE DOBOS. Overseer: MARY MORALES

**Sep 30 Sun Hundred Peaks, San Gorgonio Chapter**  
I: Thunder Mtn (8587'), Telegraph Pk (8985'), Timber Mtn (8303') Oktoberfest hike: Ride the ski lift to the notch, then hike out to shuttled cars at Ice House Cyn. 3000' gain, 5000' loss. Meet 9 am at Harwood Lodge. Ldrs: DAVID F EISENBERG, GEORGE WYSUP

**Oct 6 Sat Hundred Peaks, Mt Baldy**  
O: Heart Bar Pk (8332'), Constance Pk (6645'): Easy to moderately paced, 4 and 2 mi rt, 1100' and 500' gain to 2 peaks in the San Gorgonio Mountains, short drive between. Meet 7 am Pomona rideshare, long drive. Bring lugsoles, lunch, water. Ldrs: GABRIELE RAU, SALLY WAGNER

**Oct 6-7 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks**  
I: Alamo Mtn (7367'), Snowy Pk (6532'), Black Mtn #2 (6202'), Sewart Mtn (6841'), McDonald Pk (6870'), Cobblestone Mtn (6733'), White Mtn #2 (6250'): Very strenuous outing to pick up tough group of peaks near Gorman. Some peaks optional. Sat minimum 11 mi rt, 4000' gain. Sun minimum 13 mi rt, 5600' gain. Routes are brushy and occasionally steep and loose. Much dirt road driving; high clearance vehicles recommended. Send sase or esase with contact info and recent experience to Ldr: GEORGE WYSUP. Co-Ldrs: VIRGIL POPESCU, TOM HILL

**Oct 10 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks**  
I: Kratka Ridge (7515') to Mt Akawie (7283'): Some steep xc coming down from Kratka and getting up to Akawie. Only 5 mi with 1200' gain. Car shuttle. Meet at La Cañada rideshare at 9 am with your lunch, water, boots. Ldrs: BRENT WASHBURNE, SOUTHERN COURTNEY

**Oct 11 Thu Hundred Peaks**  
Monthly meeting: HPS Management Committee meets 6:30 PM to discuss section business. All are welcome to attend. After Management Committee meeting concludes, travel with Frank and Ruth Lee Dobos to visit the wonders of the American Southwest thru color slides. Visit National Parks, Anasazi cliff dwellings, Navajo and Hopi cultures, rivers and dams, mountains, canyons, railroads and many more. Refreshments, socializing, trip reports. Los Angeles Zoo Grande Room, Griffith Park. Park in the zoo parking lot.

**Oct 12 Fri Hundred Peaks**  
I: Mount Jenkins (7921'), Owens Pk (8453'), Morris Pk (7215'): Moderately paced, very strenuous hike on trail and over steep, very rocky, very slippery, xc terrain, 15 mi rt, 4000' gain. Some class 2 rock. Meet 6 am Sylmar rideshare pt. Dirt driving, 4X4 recommended. Bring ten essentials, headlamp, water, lunch. Ldrs: BYRON PRINZMETAL, CARLETON SHAY, SOUTHERN COURTNEY, MARS BONFIRE

**Oct 13 Sat Hundred Peaks, K-9 Comm**  
O: Liebre Mtn (5760'): Hike up Pacific Crest trail from north through beautiful forest, fall colors. 8 mi rt, 2000' gain. Well-behaved k9s welcome. Meet 8 am Sylmar rideshare pt. Bring lunch, water, good boots. Rain cancels. Ldrs: BOB THOMPSON, JULIE RUSH

**Oct 13 Sat Hundred Peaks**  
O: Middle Hawkins (8505'), South Mt. Hawkins (LO) (7783'): Loop hike to lookout. Moderately paced, moderately strenuous 12.2 mi, 3400' gain from Crystal Lake to Windy Gap, down Hawkins Ridge back to cars by dirt road. Meet 7 am Azusa rideshare pt. Bring 4 liters water for long day, lunch, snacks, lugsoles, 10 essentials, \$6 per car fee at Crystal Lake. Ldrs: PETER GLOVER, SUSANNE WEIL

**Oct 13 Sat WTC, Hundred Peaks**  
I: Red Tahquitz (8720'), South Pk (7820'+), Apache Pk (7567'): Strenuous 12 mi, 5000' gain along PCT bagging the peaks as we go. Bring 3 qts water, lunch, lugsoled boots. Long car shuttle required. For meeting time and location send sase with recent hiking/conditioning info to Ldr: GAREN YEGPARIAN. Co-Ldr: WILL MCWHINNEY

### Outing not in Schedule

**OCT 13 SAT HUNDRED PEAKS**  
I: Suicide Rock (7528'), Black Mtn #1 (7772'): Enjoy early autumn moderate peaks in Idylwild area, 11 miles, 3900' gain round trip. Suicide Rock will be ascended by the short and sweet climber's route from Humber Park; participants should be comfortable on steep terrain. Black Mtn will be done by forested trail from Hwy 243. Call or e-mail leader week of hike for information. Ldr: Tom Hill, Co-Ldr: Patty Kline

**Oct 13-14 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks**  
I: Fox Mtn #1 (5167'), Peak Mtn (5843'), McPherson Pk (LO) (5749'), Eagle Rest Pk (6005'): Sat hike Fox, 2000' gain, 5 mi rt, drive up Peak and McPherson. Car camp and happy hour Sat evening. Sun, climb Eagle Rest from the north. 3000' gain, 8 mi rt. Send sase with rideshare info to Ldr: DAVID F EISENBERG. Co-Ldr: VIRGIL POPESCU

**Oct 13-14 Sat-Sun WTC, Hundred Peaks**  
I: Quail Mtn (5800') and Lang Mine Backpack: Moderately paced, moderately strenuous 13 mi rt, 1800' gain backpack in Joshua Tree National Park. Most of this trip will be off trail with possible rock scrambling and brush obstacles. Participants will enjoy views from the tallest peak in Joshua Tree National Park, but will need to carry all their own water for the weekend. Send sase, H&W phones, email, recent conditioning and backpacking experience hiking resume, rideshare info to Ldr: DAVID COPLIN. Asst: DIANE DUNBAR

**Oct 13-14 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks**  
I: Scodie Mtn (7294'), Heald Pk (6901'), Nicolls Pk (6070'): Heald Pk climb will be in honor of 100 years of Sierra Club outings. Heald is named for HPS founder Weldon Heald. Saturday bag Scodie, moderate 7 mi rt, 2500' gain xc stroll. Sunday climb the others. Strenuous 10 mi, 3300' gain with significant class 2 xc. Some high clearance dirt road driving on Sunday. Car camp (or motel) overnight. Send sase or esase with contact, conditioning and rideshare info to Ldr: GEORGE WYSUP. Co-Ldrs: PETE YAMAGATA, MAGGIE WILSON; Honorary leader: HPS pioneer PAUL LIPSOHN, SR. (successfully lobbied for official USGS name change).

**Oct 15 Mon Hundred Peaks**  
I: Three Sisters (8080'): Extend your weekend with a moderately paced hike of 9 mi rt, 3000' gain over rocky and sometimes brushy xc route. Meet 7:30 am park and ride facility on Myrtle Ave one block S of I-210 in Monrovia. Dirt driving, high clearance recommended. Bring ten essentials including a headlamp, water, lunch. Ldrs: BYRON PRINZMETAL, CARLETON SHAY, SOUTHERN COURTNEY, MARS BONFIRE

**Oct 19-22 Fri-Mon Hundred Peaks**  
I: San Diego County Peaks Cleanout—Combs Pk (6193') To Sheephead Mtn (5896'): Repeating last year's hike by popular demand. Enjoy fall colors in the glorious Cuyamaca area in San Diego County by bagging up to 13 peaks. Each day will be moderately paced, moderate to strenuous, 10 mi rt, 2000' gain on road, trail and steep xc with some brush. Do as many peaks as you desire. Either stay in Julian or car camp. Send email to Ldr: BYRON PRINZMETAL. Co-Ldrs: MARS BONFIRE, CARLETON SHAY, SOUTHERN COURTNEY

**Oct 20 Sat Hundred Peaks**  
O: Cole Pt (5604'), Mt Emma (5273'), Old Mt Emma (5063'): 11.5 mi rt, 2800' gain hike over use trails on San Gabriels. Meet 7:30 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring 3 liters water, lunch, lugsoles, 10 essentials. Rain cancels. Ldr: KATE ROGOWSKI. Assts: JAMES GARDEN, VIRGIL POPESCU

**Oct 20 Sat Hundred Peaks**  
O: Queen Mtn (5680'): 4 to 6 xc mi, 1200' gain. The Art of Route finding: mentoring by Frank Goodykoontz, 9 times HPS list finisher and 4 times list leader. With guidance, each participant leads short portions choosing comfortable routes for the group through rocks and up steep slopes. Emphasis: on-site reading of terrain, leading, keeping group together. Some prior knowledge of map reading and route planning required... Send sase with experience, H&W phones to Reserv/asst: DIANE DUNBAR. Ldr: FRANK GOODYKOONTZ

**Oct 20 Sat Hundred Peaks, K-9 Comm**  
O: Will Thrall Pk (7845'), Pleasant View Ridge (7983'): Join us with canine friends for moderate hike to bag these two high peaks in San Gabriels from Pearblossom side. First peak 9 mi rt, 2800' gain; second peak additional 2.5 mi rt, 500' gain. Meet 8 am Sylmar rideshare pt. Bring water for you and dog, leash, lunch, lugsoles. Ldrs: CHARLOTTE FEITSHANS, VIRGIL POPESCU, TAMMY SOLKO

**Oct 20-21 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks**  
**I: Chuckwalla Mtn (5029'), Cross Mtn (5203'), Weldon Pk (6320'), Sorrell Pk (7704'), Piute Lookout (8326'), Bald Eagle Pk (6181'):** Spend the weekend in the Southern Sierra in the fall. Moderately paced hikes of six peaks on use trails and xc. Participants should be in good condition. Do the first two peaks Sat and roll up the remainder on Sun from south to north. Sat 12 mi rt, 3800' gain. Sun 13 mi rt, 3000' gain. Finish near Lake Isabella. Much dirt road driving. High clearance vehicles recommended. Ldr: TOM HILL. Asst: LARRY HOAK

**Oct 21 Sun Hundred Peaks**  
**O: Reyes Pk (7514'), Haddock Mtn (7431'):** 8.5 mi rt, 1900' gain moderate hike, mostly on trail, in pretty, forested area of N Ventura Co. Some dirt road driving requiring high clearance vehicle. Meet 7 am Sylmar rideshare pt. Bring the several essentials. Ldr: ROXANA LEWIS. Co-Ldr: GEORGE WYSUP

**Oct 24 Wed Hundred Peaks**  
**I: San Rafael Pk (6640'):** Moderately paced, moderately strenuous hike on trail and steep, brushy, rocky xc. 11 mi rt, 2000' gain. Dirt road driving with high clearance recommended. Meet 6:30 am Sylmar rideshare pt. Bring ten essentials, headlamp, water, lunch. Ldrs: BYRON PRINZMETAL, CARLETON SHAY, SOUTHERN COURTNEY, MARS BONFIRE

**Oct 24 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks**  
**I: Sulphur Springs Ramble:** Moderately paced loop hike through historic area between Three Points (5900') and Sulphur Springs campground (5200') via trail, use trail and some xc stretches. 8 mi, 1200' gain. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, good footwear, fsp. Ldrs: BRENT WASHBURNE, SOUTHERN COURTNEY

**Oct 26 Fri Hundred Peaks**  
**I: Butterfly Pk (6240'), Rock Point (5280'), Ken Point (6423'):** Start your weekend with a moderately strenuous hike on road and brushy, steep, rocky use trails of 16 mi, 3000' gain along the south Desert Divide near Idyllwild. Meet 6:30 am Pomona rideshare pt. Bring ten essentials including a headlamp, water, lunch. Ldrs: BYRON PRINZMETAL, CARLETON SHAY, SOUTHERN COURTNEY, MARS BONFIRE

**Oct 27 Sat Hundred Peaks, K-9 Comm**  
**O: Mt Islip (8250'):** 8 mi rt, 2500' gain. Hike up Windy gap Trail; down via Cienega Loop Trail. Meet 7 am Azusa rideshare pt. Bring water for you and k9 pal, lunch, iugsoles. Ldrs: MAGGIE WILSON, VIRGIL POPESCU

**Oct 27 Sat Hundred Peaks**  
**O: Mt Lukens (5074'):** The long way. Moderately paced 17 mi rt, 2200's gain over well-graded fire road from Angeles Crest Highway to historic hogback. Meet 7 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring 4 liters water for long day, lunch, snacks, 10 essentials, fsp. Ldrs: PETER GLOVER, SUSANNE WEIL

**Oct 27 Sat Mt Baldy, Hundred Peaks**  
**O: Pinyon Ridge (6535'), Mt Lewis (8396'):** Easy hikes in the San Gabriel Mountains, 3 mi rt, 1400' gain, some steep parts. Meet 7 am Mt Baldy rideshare pt or 8 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, iugsoles. Ldrs: FRANK GOODYKOONTZ, JOHN CONNELLY

**Oct 28 Sun Hundred Peaks**  
**M: Five Fingers (Aquila Pk) (5174'), Owens Pk (8453'):** Strenuous but moderately paced outing to two exceptional peaks north of Walker Pass. Do one or both. First peak 4 mi rt, 1000' gain in desert terrain; participants should be comfortable with moderate exposure on solid rock. Second peak 10 mi rt, 3200' gain in rocky, forested terrain with some boulder scrambling. Dirt road approach; high clearance vehicles recommended. Send sase or esase with contact info and recent experience to Ldr: GEORGE WYSUP. Co-Ldrs: TOM HILL, VIRGIL POPESCU

**Oct 28 Sun Hundred Peaks**  
**O: Thorn Pt (LO) (6920'):** Come bag this great Autumn peak in Ventura County. Moderately paced 8 mi rt, 2000' gain on trail. Newcomers welcome. Some driving on good dirt roads. Meet 8:30 am Sylmar rideshare pt. Co-Ldrs: MAURA RAFFENSPERGER, DAVID BEYMER

**Oct 29 Mon Hundred Peaks**  
**I: Tehachapi Mtn (7960'), Double Mtn (7981'):** Start your week right by bagging two great peaks near Tehachapi. A substitute for Double is possible. Moderately paced, strenuous hike on trail and xc. 10 mi rt, 3800' gain. Meet 7:30 am Sylmar rideshare pt. Bring ten essentials including a headlamp, water, lunch. Ldrs: BYRON PRINZMETAL, CARLETON SHAY, SOUTHERN COURTNEY, MARS BONFIRE

**Oct 31 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks**  
**O: Pacifico Mtn (7124'):** Beautiful 12 mi rt route from Mill Creek Summit has 2200' gain with a steep section at the end. Shorter options. Meet 8 am La Cañada rideshare pt with water, lunch, good footwear and layered clothing. Rideshare to trailhead. Heavy rain cancels. Ldrs: ROSEMARY CAMPBELL, RON ROSIEN

**Oct 31 Wed Hundred Peaks**  
**I: Pilot Knob (6200'):** Moderately paced, strenuous hike over very steep, slippery, brushy, rocky xc terrain, 6 mi rt, 3700' gain. Some class 2 rock. A trick and treat hike for seasoned hikers only. Parking fee at trailhead. Meet 6 am at Walker Pass campground. Bring ten essentials including a headlamp, water, lunch. Ldrs: BYRON PRINZMETAL, CARLETON SHAY, SOUTHERN COURTNEY, MARS BONFIRE

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## Outings Miscellany

### By George Wysup, HPS Outings Chair

Thanks to all you leaders, new and experienced, who signed on to lead trips for Schedule 287. I hate to go on vacation because I would hate to miss many of these hikes.

I also want to commend the leaders for keeping their groups together, at least on the outings that I have participated in. I see a definite improvement in this regard.

I have a suggestion for future write-ups. Rather than post a time and meeting place for a "show and go" outing, why not use instead, "Call or e-mail leader on the week of the hike for information." Yes, you will be bombarded by phone calls and e-mails, but I prefer this to having to show up at the rideshare point in the dark, early morning to tell people that the hike is canceled. Also, in the event of a postponement (weather, sick co-leader, whatever), you can take names and phones and put together a postponement plan. Tom Hill and some others use this technique with success.

My hat is off to HPS leader Roxana Lewis and her assistants for leading Chapter fund raising trips to exotic destinations including-- Tuscany! Roxana need not be alone in this endeavor. All you leaders might consider leading a fund raising trip. It does not always have to be peaks.

All in favor of getting Lookout editor Joe Young to lead the list for a second time-- yell encouragement to his e-mail address. I, for one, will be happy to assist.

## Current Trip Reports

### Eagle Crag, or The Great April Fool Tick Experiment

April 1, 2001

Leaders: George Wysup and Penelope May  
by George

This April 1, 2001 trip was postponed from a rainy March 4. 10 hikers converged at foggy Aguanga at 8 a.m., all remembering the first day of PDST. Besides the leaders there were: Pat Arredondo, JoAnn Griego, Laura Joseph, Edith Liu, Lynn Nebus, Kate Rogowski, Alois Smrz (that's correct, no vowels), and Ron Zappen. All claimed to be prepared for 18 miles.

The small 4WD caravan negotiated the 5.4 miles of dirt road to the Cutca trailhead without incident. The road is rutted from the winter rains, but is not a problem for high clearance vehicles. The fog was now far below our 3800' altitude. At the trailhead, leader George warned of the hazards – poison oak, rattlesnakes, and ticks. As it turned out, the poison oak was sparse and we encountered nary a snake. The ticks were definitely present.

We hit the trail at 8:45 and shortly signed in at the box in Cottonwood Canyon. Point man George immediately noted several of the tough little blood-drinking arachnids crawling up his pants legs. A note on tick behavior is in order at this point.

The little rascals cling to grass, buckwheat, and other low growing plants so not to miss out on their most common hosts – rabbits, coyotes, and varmints. They also love deer and, best of all, Homo Sapiens. They are quick to jump onto anything that disturbs their perch. Most jump on to humans at about shin level, and in the front, though some of the slower witted ticks get a late start and land in the gastrocnemius area. They immediately start climbing straight up, searching for warm, hairy skin to drill into. They are easy enough to see by the hiker wearing light colored pants, and they can easily be picked off. Once a tick reaches the promised land it begins drilling for blood, but not before injecting an anaesthetic so that the host remains unaware. The tick proceeds to drink up, inflating in size to about the size of a coffee bean. They don't drink much, so what's the problem? Well, 'tis not so much the tick as it is the tiny organisms that infest the tick. In olden days, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever was the curse; more recently it is Lyme disease. Experts say that there is no problem with contracting Lyme disease if the tick is removed within about 24 hours. Maybe. I don't trust 'em.

In short order I plucked off a couple of dozen of the little buggers. They varied in size from flea to fly size. I noted a unique opportunity to experiment. The goals of the experiment were 1) to see if the leader of a file attracted most of the ticks, and 2) to see if the tick density changed on the return. For the first time as a leader I had no problem with people wanting to go ahead of the group. I was the ordained leader/tick picker. The rear echelon attracted few ticks, perhaps 25 total among 9 people. I attracted and plucked off 81 ticks by the time we reached the summit. A concern is the count of ticks that we didn't see.

I offered to give up the lead for the return trip but had no takers. I attracted "only" 29 ticks on the return. The other hikers saw far fewer than on the ascent. I consider the difference between 81 and 29 to be very significant. Why the difference? It is possible that time of day or temperature can contribute; I doubt that. My hypothesis is that the ticks that were attracted by the group when going in constituted the vast majority of the tick population along our route, and that the ticks are slow to reposition once they are drawn to, and repelled by, a host. This notion is strengthened by the observation that the vast majority of the lurking ticks attaches to host #1 is a row of 10 possible hosts. This implies that ticks are very efficient in detecting and attaching to a passing host but, on the other hand, are not so quick to reposition for a second attack.

Is there a lesson here that applies to the hiker? Well, you might want to take along a few dogs (someone else's) that like to blaze the trail. Certainly wear light colored trousers, the better to spot the ticks. Check for them every few minutes, especially after walking through thick grass, lest they reach the neck area.

In other parts of the World, tick birds are commonly spied riding on cattle and game animals. Ticks are their principal foodstuff. North America has no tick birds that I am aware of. Perhaps we can import a few thousand and establish a population, as we did with starlings.

Back to the hike: we garnered the summit at 1:30 p.m. The recent snows have knocked some trees over the trail that was so clear on my last trip in March of 2000. Brush is growing back after the excellent maintenance job done, reportedly, by Alan Coles and his merry band.

After reveling on the summit for 30 minutes we retraced, arriving at the SUVs at 6 p.m. Total elapsed time, trailhead to trailhead, was 9 hours 15



minutes. No injuries. The hike was quite scenic, though the wildflowers were scarce.

Epilogue: I had no resident ticks when I arrived home for the pre-shower examination.

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## **Off the Beaten Path to The Three T's** **December 23 & 29, 2000** **by Erik Siering**

There are fine ways to hike the "Three T's" (Telegraph, Thunder, Timber) on trail, generally starting from either Baldy Notch or Icehouse Canyon. A car shuttle may be used for one-way trips. These peaks, with Mt Baldy, form the head of San Antonio Canyon. This year's late, dry winter permitted me to try a pair of routes that looked appealing (at least on the maps!). Both proved to be fun loop trips.

I had earlier hiked the trails, as well as done a snowclimb route up Thunder Ridge to Thunder Peak (Lookout, May-June 2000). This time I started from the Icehouse Canyon trailhead (5000'), turning onto the pleasant Chapman Trail in  $\frac{3}{4}$  miles to reach the campsite on the wooded bench of Cedar Glen in 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  miles (6400'). One can ascend the drainage directly, but this offers little over the Chapman Trail. A spring flows below Cedar Glen.

Telegraph Peak (8985') and Timber Mountain (8303') Stats: 13 mi, 4000 feet gain rt. From Cedar Glen, I scrambled up the ridge that bisects Cedar Canyon. It angles northeast onto the Telegraph Ridge north of Point 8921', intersecting the trail to Telegraph Peak. Brush low on the ridge can be circumvented on game trails, usually to the northwest side. I had started up the wash to the right, which culminates in a treacherously steep and loose headwall. In an obstinate funk, I traversed onto the ridge by means of an unpleasant class 4 crack. Not recommended. Better to gain the ridge directly from Cedar Glen. It goes easy class 2 all of the way.

The route offers great views of Icehouse Canyon. I returned on trail, over Timber and Icehouse Saddle, to descend to the parking area. Near Columbine Spring, I passed a couple with a pair of well-behaved pack llamas.

Thunder Peak (8587') Stats: 10 mi, 3400 feet gain rt. Once again from Cedar Glen, I traced the wash west of the aforementioned ridge to the saddle (8200'+) between Thunder and Telegraph. The bits of brush low and near the saddle can be simply skirted on the left side. This canyon is delightful wooded terrain with occasional game paths.

From the saddle, I hiked west on trail to Skyline Run on the quiet and virtually snow-free Mt Baldy Ski Lifts. I took in a brief snack on the deck of

the Lift #3 (Thunder Chair) hut atop the summit. As a ski patroller, I'd helped construct the deck a few years ago. I carefully walked down steep Robin's Run— I'd have much rather been skiing it! From the base of the lift in Miners Bowl, I turned onto a dead-end dirt road. Past the pump building, I descended into San Antonio Canyon via Big Butch Wash.

This was more pleasant wooded terrain. The one steep stretch, a dry waterfall, is easily negotiated on the right. Lingering pools of water had many interesting animal tracks about them. Big Butch Wash culminates in a broad, boulder-filled avalanche chute. This lends the disconcerting air of being a soft-bodied bowling pin in a very large bowling alley. I hurried down, though it was perfectly safe when dry. A careless snowboarder died in a snow avalanche nearby in South Bowl several years ago during an El Nino storm. He'd crossed into ski area closure, was swept down slope and buried, wrapped around a tree.

Big Butch Wash emerges onto the Mt Baldy Road across from Manker Flat, at Movie Slope. Movie Slope is where lift-served skiing began in San Antonio Canyon [told at <http://www.mtbaldy.com/how.htm>]. Mt Baldy Tows, the precursor to the Mt Baldy Ski Lifts of today, began at Movie Slope with one rope tow in 1944. Eventually, there were four operating tows, and in 1952 today's ski area at The Notch was established for its more reliable snow. The original base building, the Hogan, still stands inhabited as a residence. From here, I hoofed it back down the road.

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## **Harrison Mountain 4743'** **March 31, 2001** **Leaders Tom Hill, Gabriele Rau** **By Tom Hill**

Occasionally the HPS leads a joint hike to one of the summits on the Lower Peaks List. These outings introduce enjoyable new peaks to our members and have been well-attended.

Harrison Mountain, a classic HPS-type peak but not quite high enough for our list, lies just north of the city of San Bernardino. It languished for many years because of the poor condition of the trail from the north. The proper trail follows a series of ridgeline firebreaks and has now been well-ducked and brushed out, and shows considerable usage.

A great group of twelve hikers assembled at 8 a.m. at Pomona for the 50-mile carpool – short by HPS standards – under crisp sunny skies. We took Hwy 330 north toward Running Springs, stopping at

the large pullout at the road junction (3335') with 1N09 Manzanita Flat, 2.2 miles past the City Creek USFS Station.

The crux for this peak is knowing where to begin the hike! It's obvious only when someone tells you. From the parking area walk over to the Forest Service bulletin board. Pass through the barbed wire fence using a specially constructed hiker's opening next to the board (the fence splits into two parallel lines, with just enough room to squeeze through).

Harrison is the large mountain directly south of you. The beginning of the trail may be somewhat obscured by meadow brush, so it's best to fix your location by looking for the firebreak that is clearly visible going up the small ridgeline to your west, obvious from the bulletin board. Head to this firebreak and then over bump 3867, which is slightly separated from the main mass of Harrison Mountain. Continue south up the main ridge about 1/3 mile, passing bump 4043 to a large duck on your right (west) that marks the spot to leave the ridge.

Leave the ridgeline and head downhill and west, passing the head of a large meadow, to a second obvious firebreak that continues to the summit. Our round-trip time including lunch was 6 hours.

Participants: Mitch Cutler, Pete Babij, Mark Hodgson, Bruce Morgan, Erich and Luella Fickle, Ron and JoAnn Schrantz, Laura Franciosi, and Chris Baxter.

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## **HIKING WITH HUMANS**

**Mother's Day, 5/13/01**

**By Blackie Popescu**

**(translated by Maggie Wilson)**

On Mothers Day, Mika (my sister) and I decided to take our pet human, Virgil Popescu, and a few of his friends out on a K-9/HPS outing. It is important for our humans to get out now and then to smell the flowers and pee in the bushes. They don't seem to enjoy smelling each others' personal parts like Mika and I do with our friends, but, of course, they are only humans.

Our plan—trot northeast on the Pacific Crest Trail, run off the trail and bag Wright Mtn, eat. After lunch, trot back down the PCT, run up Gobbler's Knob from the saddle north of the peak, don't stop on the top (we can't sign registers anyway), and run east off of the peak to the cars.

Virgil had five of his friends on the hike, but none of our doggie buddies could make it. Two

doggie acquaintances tried to have their pet humans drive them up the dirt road off of Lone Pine Canyon Road to the trailhead at Gobblers Knob, but their car couldn't make it.

Although I don't know if I should share this with Virgil, his friends seemed extremely bored on the hike. Although I ran ahead many times trying to stir things up, nothing happened. They marched right behind Virgil the entire way up and entire way down. It was as if they were in a trance. Not once did I see them sprint ahead on the trail, chase a squirrel up the side of a hill or eat any manner of enjoyable tidbits that were found along the way. They acted as if we had not let them off their leashes. Oh sure, they ooo'd and ah'd about the pretty views and nice smells, but they REALLY couldn't have been enjoying themselves. They were just trying to be polite to our pet human.

Mika and I found Virgil's friends to be more interesting once we reached the top of Wright Mtn at 12:45. They had food. Different kinds of food. We liked sharing the peanut butter and jelly sandwiches with Maggie. We didn't much care for sitting in place while the pet humans took pictures. Bruce Arnold gave my ears a nice scratching.

The pet humans were not so generous on the top of Gobbler's Knob. We did not get one morsel to eat. Only water and more pictures. Again, the humans spoke as if they were enjoying themselves, but Mika and I figured it out. It was not politeness, they had been hypnotized! Virgil tries to do that to Mika and me, but we don't fall for it. He is lucky if we come when he calls. Humans! What suckers!

Mika and I and the robots, I mean pet humans, arrived back at the parking area east of Gobbler's Knob about 3:30 p.m. We may take Virgil and his friends out again. If we do, we will have Virgil turn on the big air conditioner in the sky when we hike (it got to be a bit warm), more of our friends will be there, we will require all humans to share their munchies and both Mika and I will be able to sleep in Maggie's lap on the way to the trailhead.

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## **San Jacinto Peak, Cornell Peak**

**Snowshoe Trip**

**March 31 - April 1, 2001**

**HPS/WTC/SPS**

**By Will McWhinney**

Asher Waxman, leader, Will McWhinney, assistant leader, Ron Crowley, Sandy Burnside, David Hankins, Keven Moore, Roy Randall, Joyce

MacIntosh, David Heffernan, Rick Gordon, Michelle Owen, and Andy Taylor all met at the Palm Springs Tram hikers parking lot to sort out gear and make introductions. The group was a mix of HPS, SPS, DPS, WTC, XYZ.

The tram got us from 2,643' to 8,516' in less time than it took to pay for the tickets. At the top there was patchy snow around the tram station and as we started off on the trail we kept our snowshoes tied to our backs. Within a mile we had gotten onto solid snow, abandoned the trail, and put the snowshoes on our feet. Our route roughly followed the creek that drains out of Tamarack Valley. Going off-trail cut a mile from the hike, but also meant we were on the steep slopes of the creek bank. It was a test of snowshoes and demonstrated which had the best crampons (from the back of the line the MSR's and Atlases seem to be doing very well).

Asher brought us directly to the Tamarack Valley campground. Most set up their tents on the snow, while a few of us found bare dirt. Soon we were heading for our first climb of the weekend, Cornell Peak, which rose above us to the northwest. We hiked about a quarter of a mile from our camp at about 9,100', to the base, where we deposited our snowshoes and climbed up the sunny south slope. Some solid 2nd class rock scrambling brought us up to the 'lunch ledge' at the base of the summit block. Asher found a 3<sup>rd</sup> class route to the summit, 9,721', and I came up another one, followed by David Hankins. Then we had to get back down, which seemed a lot tougher than going up. Somehow we made it down and returned to the ledge with the others, in time for a few photos before heading back.

In camp we found a large flat boulder large enough for everyone to sit on and cook. If we'd stayed up late we'd have seen a rare Aurora Borealis, caused by a huge solar storm days earlier.

Sunday was to be our big day of climbing with three peaks scheduled. While some were eager for the challenge, others lingered in bed and over breakfast. Asher and I discussed our plan for the day and we realized that there were no obvious routes up Jean and Marion that were gentle enough to climb safely without ice axes. We decided to limit ourselves to trying for San Jacinto, which also made sense considering our late start and the abilities of some participants. We finally set out at about 10 am. Asher forged a path up to about 10,200', where we picked up the trail at a big switchback. We took it across the east slope of San Jacinto to the north end then left it and headed

for the east ridge. A few hundred feet of climbing later and we were at the top, 10,804'. Gone was the old wooden sign saying 'Mt San Jacinto' and the summit register, which had been moved to a stone cabin by the trail. Yet even without these markers we knew we were at the top. As John Muir once said, "The view is the most sublime spectacle to be found anywhere on this earth."

We headed down to camp, following the same route we had taken before. We had an easy hike back to the station, except for the long concrete ramp going up to it - the odd looks from the tourists are as bad as the climb. In the station there were a lot of people waiting to get back. Despite the crowded car, our fellow passengers kept their distance - was it the sharp sticks and crampon claws jutting from our packs or was it the strong odor of thirteen climbers who hadn't bathed in days? We didn't care; we had been to the mountaintop.

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## **A Wonderful Day on Winston Peak, Winston Ridge, and Mt. Akawie**

**April 28, 2001**

**Leaders: Peter Glover, Laura Quinn,  
Susanne Weil**

*and*

**A Moist Assault on Mt. Waterman,  
May 12, 2001**

**Leaders: Peter Glover and Susanne Weil  
By Susanne Weil**

Sad, but true, in these days of Dilbert: there are times when work interferes with one's hiking! *The Lookout* arrives in the mail and, wistfully, one gazes upon delightful descriptions of exciting hikes to peaks yet unbagged in Los Padres or Desert Divide, only to realize that a six day schedule of labors precludes that long drive to a strenuous trek on one's only day off. . . . at least, if one would like to stay awake on the way home! To offer peak-bagging diversions during these (let's hope, short-term) phases of the working hiker's life, we thought we'd better pitch in and start leading moderate weekend walks here in our own gorgeous backyard: the Angeles National Forest.

We were amazed to find that twenty-six eager hikers had converged upon the La Canada rideshare at 8 a.m. on April 28th for our amble up the Winstons and Akawie, of whom quite a few were would-be Hundred Peakers seeking their first twenty-five on The List. We placed and inaugurated a can on Winston Peak and assessed the use trail leading down its north side. Ruefully,

we concluded that a large group with quite varied experience might have problems dealing with the snow conditions. The group agreed that drier footing was called for, and we decided to take the fire road, PCT and use trail approach to Winston Ridge. Much fun ensued as relative newcomers learned about kick-stepping care over slick spots of the season's last snow.

Winston Ridge: one beautiful vantage point in the Angeles that I probably would not have come to know without the HPS List. It's also a great place for a picnic lunch. Glorious visibility favored us with stunning views of the surrounding Angeles High Country, where we pointed out great future hikes to relative newcomers to these peaks during a relaxed repast (see group photo). Akawie: the twenty-fifth peak for six in the group. Congratulations to you all, and many happy trails--and peaks--to come!

Two weeks later, Peter and I returned to the La Canada rideshare to find another substantial group eager to hike Mt. Waterman, including several welcome return hikers from our Winston-Akawie jaunt. The day had dawned gloomy, yet we all hoped that the looming clouds would soon burn off--as, no doubt, did the even larger crowd preparing to tackle Strawberry Peak from the west. Once our band of fourteen reached the Buckhorn end of our car shuttle, though, drizzle had

descended. Discussion with the group revealed a number of hikers ill-clad for such weather, but in the spirit of HPS cooperation, creative loaning outfitted everyone for a fine, if truncated, trek. We decided to eliminate our car shuttle and Three Points start in case the rain made good its threat and came down in earnest, and set off for the great hogback.

Everyone enjoyed the terrific views down into Devil's and Bear Canyons en route to the peak. We did not see the wild orchids we might have spotted hiking in from Three Points, but enjoyed the vivid red snow plants that dotted the trail. Views from Waterman itself were particularly fine in the dramatic weather as clouds gusted between us and Twin Peaks, impressive through the louring mist. Over lunch, we traded tales of favorite hikes, not neglecting to tell newcomers about July's Waterman Rendezvous Potluck Hike, and gazed down toward Strawberry Peak, hoping that it was as free of rain as it looked for the big group's ascent. Before long, though, we headed down, as we saw weather racing toward us in the form of big thunderheads from the northeast. Gear was returned and goodbyes traded after hours well spent amid fantastic local sights.

Thanks to all--on both hikes--for being great, friendly, cooperative groups!



Hikers on Winston Ridge, April 28, 2001. Photo by Susanne Weil

## The BIG Four: A Scheduled Weekday Trip

May 9 - 12, 2001

By The Grand Sluggo (Byron Prinzmetal)

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 9<sup>th</sup>:** At about 3 pm in the afternoon, eight of us (to be known as the slow sluggo group) started from the BIG Four road trailhead and walked about 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the way (6 miles) towards Chokeycherry Spring on what turned out to be a very pleasant afternoon. We found a good spot along the road to camp that night.

**THURSDAY, MAY 10<sup>th</sup>:** We awoke the next day at 5 am and began hiking at a leisurely pace by 6 am. When we arrived at Chokeycherry we set up our camp, pumped water, etc.

One of the objectives of the trip was to find another route to Samon Peak that bypasses the steep, rock fall prone Chokeycherry Gully. I personally consider the gully dangerous and I have felt that one day someone will be seriously hurt in it, so I have always thought about trying to find another way. On a previous occasion I had scouted the ridgeline that is at the top of the Chokeycherry Gully that leads north back down to the road and found a good part of the ridge hikeable. We had also previously noted a gully that parallels the Chokeycherry Gully, which starts about ¼ mile north of it. Mars surmised correctly that this gully would end up at the ridgeline near the area I had previously scouted. So we said, "why not try this, it can't be any worse than the normal way." With Mars scouting the way, all eight in the sluggo group started up the new route. The route, which we ducked, turned out to be far superior to the old Chokeycherry Gully route. It is less steep, there is much less danger of rock fall, and the hiking is easier. We quickly reached the ridgeline and proceeded along the usual route to Samon. What we discovered was that the usual route had, in many places, become overgrown and was, in some places, difficult to follow. This, of course, is due to lack of use and rapid vegetation growth. In four or five places we actually had to crawl on our bellies to by-pass the buckthorn that has grown over our route. The last scheduled HPS hike to the Big Four that bagged all four peaks happened several years prior led by Joe Young and David Eisenberg. Since then Samon Peak has been visited very infrequently (maybe 15 or so people over a three year period.) Use trails on peaks like this disappear unless used regularly.

We bagged the peak and started back when we spotted about a mile away, "The Faster than a Speeding Bullet Group" of four untamed tigers. The "fast" group had started at about 9:15 am from the parking area that day (Thursday) and proceeded to walk the 9.5 miles in record time (and heat) to Chokeycherry Spring. They quickly lightened their packs and walked up the new route, which we had ducked. When we passed them at about 4pm they were about half way along the main ridge to the peak. We advised them to turn back because of the lateness, but they needed this peak and besides the whole trip was only 5 miles round trip...no big deal for this tiger group.

Meanwhile the slow sluggo group returned to camp, had a delightful dinner and was fast asleep by the time it was dark. At about 10 pm I was awakened from a deep sleep by a pleasant, female voice, which I clearly heard saying, "Samon Sucks." It turns out they did not follow our new route down (though they tried), instead pushed over and through nature's iron jungle of buckthorn and manzanita.

**FRIDAY MAY 11<sup>th</sup>:** The next day all twelve of us awoke and had a most wonderful day bagging Big Pine and West Big Pine. There were large snow patches remaining along the road. Many of us added snow to our water bottles for a nice COLD drink. The view from West Big Pine was glorious. The hike was simply wonderful. We arrived back at camp feeling good, made dinner, and most of us were tucked away in our sleeping bags by the time one could see the Big Dipper and millions of other stars on what started out as a cloudless clear night.

**SATURDAY MAY 12<sup>th</sup>:** At about 2:30 am I felt some rain drops. It stopped after a few minutes. But, we had no idea what was in store for us. The sky was dark and the wind was howling. I quickly discussed the situation with all of the co-leaders and it was decided to let everyone sleep for another whole hour (nice of us!!!) At 4am we were all awake and by 5 am we were packed and marching up the road to Madulce Saddle. By the time we reached the saddle, dawn's early light was strong enough for us to turn off our headlamps and pack them away. Led expertly by David Beymer we proceeded to bag Madulce leaving our backpacks at the Santa Barbara Canyon Trail Head. We celebrated David's list finish and proceeded back to our packs. We then walked down to the Madulce guard station and out to our cars. The trip out was a most beautiful, but very rugged affair. We crossed, at last count, at least 43

stream crossings. We woke two rattlesnakes. We dusted off many ticks. We walked gingerly around (and sometimes through) the shiny leaves of poison oak. We helped clear the overgrown trail that was recently advertised as a great thing to do in Sunset Magazine. We arrived at the road head eleven hours after we started hiking, tired, dirty, and very, very hungry.

There is some debate on sluggo group hikes. The debate goes like this, "do we eat to hike or hike to eat?" I am not sure what the answer is. But, Edith found out about a place in Maricopa called Tina's Diner (661) 769-9495. All twelve of us feasted there. I have never seen so much food feed to so many hungry HPSers for so little money (about \$9/person plus drinks.) There was a delicious homemade chicken noodle soup (bowls and bowls per person), each table of four shared a very large salad bowl of very fresh lettuce and tomatoes along with a pasta salad. The entrees were mostly chicken and steak with potatoes, vegetables, garlic bread and some of the biggest, freshest strawberries I have ever eaten. I think that most people thought that the steaks were ok, but the chicken delicious. Do you think we were finished eating? Not by a long shot. What is a little dinner without dessert? Out came ice cream and candies.

The day began with much uncertainty. It ended after 11 hours of hard hiking, our bellies stretched to their limit, all in the name of bagging the BIG Four.

We are now taking reservations for next year's adventure to this wonderful, beautiful wilderness called the BIG Four. Any takers? Please note: Pat Arredondo wrote, "Byron: I enjoyed your trip report on the Big Four (Ping forwarded it to me). I want to put my reservation in for next year!"

#### Statistics:

The trip involved about 8000 feet of gain over 45 to 50 miles of road, use-trail and bush whacking. The slow group took 3½ days while the mighty fast group did it in only three days. I personally want to thank the expert leadership provided by George Wysup, Dave Beymer, and Mars Bonfire and all of the participants who put up with us. You all made this trip a truly memorable one.

#### The Slow Sluggo Group:

**Dorothy Danziger:** "It was a tough, tough hike! I loved it! It helps to have great leaders. Thanks, guys!!"

**Barbara Guerin:** "MANY THANKS for helping me bag (survive) the "Big Four"!!!!!! I'm certainly happy

that this major obstacle to a possible list finish has been overcome. The area was very pretty and the view from West Big Pine was outstanding!"

**Ping Pfeffer:** "The Big Four is a big challenge. Samon Peak is a bush monster. I AM SO HAPPY because I got the Big Four. This is truly a remarkable trip. It was a special milestone in my quest to finish the HPS list. I am so happy because I spent the weekend with good leaders; who did good planning; and with eleven other determined hikers."

**Rich Gnagy:** "I was very happy to climb them all and hate brush worse than ever."

**Dave Comerzan:** "Instead of "Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned" it should be "Hell has no fury like the Big Four." Instead of "Heaven or Hell", how about "Heaven or Big Four". Had a great time."

**Edith Liu:** Mars and Byron, "I want to thank you both for making my very first back packing trip such a successful and exciting one. Your help -- as always -- was very much appreciated. I cannot imagine that there is a better way of bagging these four peaks, and it was a privilege for me to be able to visit the Dick Smith Wilderness area. I suppose very few ever see this entire canyon. Your planning was superb! Don't listen to the whiners! My quote for the Lookout: Nature presented a few obstacles, but the trail along the Santa Barbara Canyon beats the road by far!"

**Mars Bonfire:** "In order to serve you better we have decided to throw in a half-day of full-body acupuncture session." This was uttered by Mars upon gaining the Samon Ridge and seeing the lovely fields of BUCKTHORN.

#### The Faster than a Speeding Bullet Group:

**George Wysup:** "Whose dumb idea was this?"

**Sandy Burnside:** "Samon sucks"

**Ron Zappen:** Only the relief of surviving the trip keeps me from wanting to "do in" the leader (Byron), but if I died I would have to "Kill Him!"

**David Beymer:** He murmured something about, "I'll only do this once, never again."

**PS.** Please send congratulations to David Beymer for completing the list at moon.beym@gte.net on Madulce. There have only been about 225 people who accomplished this in our 55-year plus history!!!

## Ladies' Choice

A private Memorial Day adventure to Big Iron (Iron Mtn #1) with Ping Pfeffer, Joanne Griego, Barbara Guerin, Winnette Butler, Dorothy Danziger, Edith Liu, Sherry Puraty, Chris Toomey, and Mars Bonfire.

By Mars Bonfire

"Wanted: a small band of rugged, dedicated, minimalist women adventurers willing to endure many miles with much elevation gain, morning drizzle and afternoon heat, steep and loose rocky chutes, along with thorny brush and the possibility of rattlesnakes, all while carrying 5 quarts of water and all for a reward few would understand --- BIG IRON!"

Of the millions and millions of women in the greater Los Angeles area not many would respond to such an invitation. But Ping, Joanne, Barbara, Winnette, Dorothy, Edith, and Sherry did, along with expert hiker and backpacker Chris Toomey (and his presence greatly increased our overall sense of safety). You probably know and have hiked with many of them. Some are retired and grandmothers. Some are in the prime of their working years. Outwardly they appear like people you might encounter at the mall, the market, or the workplace. Yet if inner strength and determination are the measure they are destined for a pantheon of their own: hard core, full immersion Hundred Peaks women, veterans of such strenuous or intimidating peaks as the Big Four, Rabbit and Villager, Eagle Crag, Sheep and Martinez, Lilly and Antell Rocks, and Five Fingers.

[Trivia question: How do you know when a hike is a success? Answer: When Ping enthusiastically exclaims, "I'm so happy!"]

On Memorial Day, May 28, 2001 the multitude did many things. Some sat and watched (books, newspapers art, computer and TV screens, each other) and ate. Some moved about a little (walked to their cars and then cycled through parking lots to get the closest possible space to the entrance to the mall, the market, the gallery, the entertainment center) and then they watched and ate. Some exercised at special and expensive places, fitness centers, wearing special clothing, using special machines, and carefully monitored themselves so as to avoid going one rep, pulse beat, or bead of sweat beyond the minimum the medical profession has determined is necessary (Necessary for what? To maintain health! So there you have it: exercise is no longer a natural, inevitable, and joyous component of our daily existence but a specialized paid for activity we

grudgingly do to avoid medical problems!), and they watched, and then they ate. Is this a fair portrayal of America?

In the beginning an inexorable equation was established: for the simplest life forms to get from one place to another they had to expend their own energy to generate some form of motion. And that equation held true through the development of more complex animals and finally to ourselves and is so inextricably a part of the history of every cell in our bodies that our optimum well-being is impossible without the regular effort of mobility.

These eight ladies could have been with the multitude on Memorial Day but every cell in their bodies screamed "No! Take us to the mountains. Push us and let us show you what we can do. That half hour you thought was a workout is not even a warm-up. The three hours you set, as a personal goal, do not even bring us to cruising speed. What you thought was the limit is only the beginning!" And so to the mountains we went. Ladies' choice. And there we were graced with a chance to breathe deeply and place one foot in front of the other, to be totally in the moment and never make a false move.

Was it a success? At the end of the day as I drove down San Gabriel Canyon towards the 210 I thought I heard the final reverberations of Ping's triumphal summit announcement to the world: "I'M SO HAPPY!"



On the summit of Big Iron, May 28, 2001:  
(Left to right) JoAnn Griego, Ping Pfeffer, Winnette Butler, Sherry Puraty, Mars Bonfire, Dorothy Danziger.  
Seated (left) Edith Liu, Barbara Guerin





David Beymer finishes the Hundred Peaks Section List! Madulce Peak, May 12, 2001

List finishers gather with David on the summit. Standing, left to right: George Wysup, Ron Zappen, David Beymer, Dorothy Danziger, Mars Bonfire, Byron Prinzmetal. Wannabe's are seated: David Comerzan, Rich Gnagy, Sandy Burnside, Edith Liu, Barbara Guerin, Ping Pfeffer. (Lower left) Dorothy Danziger on the trail. (Lower right) Fresh bear paw print near camp. Photos by Byron Prinzmetal.

## How to Not Climb the Big Three

By Michael Sallwasser

My son's first college spring break was the second week in April. I saw an opportunity to spend a few days with my son and bag three difficult peaks on the list. I had checked the archives on the web site and April was a popular month for making the trip.

A few days before, a heavy rain drenched Southern California. I worried that the road might be closed. The Los Padres National Forest Service clerk assured me Happy Canyon Road was open, but said she could see snow in the mountains. I convinced myself that the snow would not be a problem. Since I could not reschedule the trip (I talked with the President Maxson, but he was unwilling to reschedule CSULB's spring break), it had to be okay.

We spent the night at the trailhead, but college students being how they are, we did not leave camp until 8:15. The temperature in the 40s and 50s felt good as we trudged the seven-plus miles to McKinley Springs. As we neared our campsite, the patches of snow covering the road that started around 5000', became patches of road appearing through the snow. Matthew wondered if we would have a snow-free clearing to set up the tent. I expressed confidence we would. We pitched our tent on nearly a foot of hard-packed snow.

Traditionally, McKinley and San Rafael are completed the first day and Santa Cruz is summited on day two. My son thought we might get home sooner if we reversed the sequence. He wanted to have Friday to go out with his friends.

Eight miles on road did not sound onerous, even if it was 2:15. A more careful reading of the write-up might have alerted us to the poor quality of the road. And downloading the most recent trip description from the web would have told us it was 11 miles, not 8, to Santa Cruz.

We could not find the trail shown on the HPS map leading from the saddle between McKinley to San Rafael along the eastern flank of San Rafael to Santa Cruz. After much lost time, and fighting dense brush, we discovered the road following the west flank of McKinley did eventually lead us to the ridge running south from San Rafael to Santa Cruz. We made an attempt to find a path up bump 5484'. My son gave up after the first try. I persevered despite numerous scratches and cuts from the gentle mountain lilacs. I did reach the overgrown jeep trail that circled Santa Cruz, but the deep snow on the north side made it impossible for me to proceed with adequate progress for my effort. After struggling for twenty minutes, feeling battered and bruised, I surrendered.

Racing against the setting sun, we slogged our way back to camp. Just as we reached the old road angling up McKinley's west flank, the need for headlamps was upon us. Without any more false steps or wrong turns, we reached camp after 9. I fixed dinner for the both of us and within ten minutes of crawling into the tent, we both abandoned the notion of reading and fell asleep. Fortunately, the wind was nil and our bags kept us toasty through the night.

I woke at 7, ready to bag the other two peaks, but could not rouse Matthew from his slumber. He felt too fatigued. He pleaded for more sleep. I joined him. By 8, I could not sleep any longer, but Matthew refused to rise. I sat in the tent and read Nabokov. Unable to simultaneously cover everything with my sleeping bag while sitting/reclining, I alternately warmed and chilled various body parts. After an hour, I became more insistent with Matthew that he awaken. He responded, "Why don't you go without me." It would have been better if he had told me earlier, but... Within 10 minutes, I was making new tracks in the snow to the saddle. The trail to San Rafael was clear near the saddle, but that soon changed. After hiking a mile in waterlogged boots (I had not planned for snow), I finally decided that it was too dangerous to continue. The pitch and compression of the snow made a confident foot placement impossible. To finish the list, I needed to return another day for Santa Cruz. I could always do San Rafael at the same time. Not wanting to return empty-handed, I made a quick hop to the top of McKinley. There were thin patches of snow, but nothing of any consequence.

We ate lunch and packed our site upon my return. While we were eating lunch, one of us bumped the two sleeping bags that were setting on the picnic table. (Picnic tables in the snow - what an image!) The bags, in their stuff sacks, bounded down the hill and across the snow-covered clearing. One came to rest against the horse trough. The other shot through a gap in the brush that ringed the clearing and disappeared over the edge. We ran to the edge and looked down the steep hillside. The bag could not be seen. Worried it was lost, but not wishing to spend \$200 to replace it, I trudged down the hill. I found the bag where it had come to rest, 150 yards from where it had started. The excitement over, we finished packing and hiked down the mountain.

My feet never did dry. But thanks to good shoes and good socks, I did not have any blisters, just very wrinkled soles. We reached the car at 4. As I pulled on dry socks, I knew I would come back, but next time I will wait until the snow is gone (or bring crampons and waterproof boots).

## Regurgitations of a List Finisher

May 19, 2001

by Sandy Burnside

It was September, 1999. I was enjoying Mt. Baden Powell with a nice group of my Orange County buddies, when we were accosted by a crazed bunch of HPS types the likes I had never met. One leader of this merry band (Byron) was pointing and gesturing about all the other wonderful peaks around the area to be summited by others just like him. Up to that point I had been up to about 27 peaks-some like Baldy over 50 times. Well, I caved and decided to sign on to something called Ross Mountain, being hiked to the following Sunday. It looked passive enough. Lucky me, I even lived to tell about it. I was hooked.

My third HPS hike took me to someplace past Mojave. I got up at 4:00 AM and returned home at 11:30 PM. I was delighted to have actually bagged two whole peaks and slid down my first scree slope.

The next year and eight months took me to 250+ new peaks - some not even on the List yet. I even have the dreaded second list and 89 "pathfinders". Who would ever care to know what that means? What's the matter with all these peakbaggers? Don't they know what normal people do with their lives? Why have I become one of them?

It was suggested that as a List finisher I pass on a few tidbits:

**Favorite Peak:** Galena. A wonderful walk. I was lucky enough to cheat death. My husband took out a very large accidental death policy on me after this one.

**Memorable leaders:** George, Byron, Mars, Southern, Tom, Virgil, Joe, Frank, the Davids, Rosemary, Carleton, Maggie, Harvey, Asher, Will. The whole bunch does a great job of forcing hordes of unsuspecting suckers to think that something called "peak bagging" is actually some sort of sport.

**Friends:** Many, many. These folks even have some sort of life outside this insane activity. They are some of the fittest people I have ever met.

**Wildlife:** So many rattlesnakes, ticks, poodle dogs, poison oaks, so little time. I never thought that a skill such as tick-picking would be so valuable. Those little suckers are persistent! And road kill newts and squirrels - that's not fun. Have you ever seen a newt limp off uttering obscenities? They were all aimed at George Wysup, the newt-stomper.

**Sleep:** What happened to sleeping in until 6:00 AM? What normal person sets the alarm clock

for 3:30 in order to start hiking at 9:30? And, why would there ever be a reason to grade something called Garanger? I probably spelled it wrong, but who cares? It's probably not on most AAA maps, anyway.

**Vehicles:** My poor jeep accumulated at least 30,000 extra miles in these last few months. I am sure she is the envy of all those poor, sissy SUVs that have to loll the day away at the gym or the mall. And I am sure they even get more bubble baths.

**New Skills:** Byron and Mars introduced me to the necessary skill of walking on snow with plastic platforms attached to my boots. We are even working on an emblem for reaching peaks via this method. My 20 peaks via snowshoes have made me a neighborhood celebrity, I am sure.

**Equipment:** A new pair of boots about every 6 months. That's about right. I am sure hiking duds are cheaper (not really) than work outfits from Nordstrom's and a lot more fun to wear. I am trying to rationalize the cutback in workload. \$16.00 for a pair of Smartwool socks!! Cool Max underwear? Not exactly a fashion statement. So you pay \$170.00 for a pair of boots and then have to fork over \$28.00 for Superfeet, because the included insoles aren't good enough. Go figure! I proudly wear my special outfits as I limp into Ralphs Market for much-needed bananas and trail mix after a long day in the mountains - dirt streaming down my face, legs bloodied from Manzanita attacks, ticks crawling along my arms, poison oak sores oozing. I am indeed a delightful sight and a neighborhood treasure.

Well, it's raining. That must mean that I need to bag Monrovia Peak. Besides, I think I need it for my fourth list.

Thanx to all who attended my list finish party. I am still eating barbecued chicken and brownies. The leftover champagne will be carried via backpack to the next such event.



## REGISTER BOX

By Jim Adler

There were few (2) new missing registers added to the roster but one heinous registercide by shot gun was reported (Frazier Mtn.). More (5) were reported found or replaced.

Reports were received from Kent Schwitkis, George Wysup, Tom Hill, Christopher Davis and Karen @ mtpinos.com.

Please note my new e-mail address below.

### Missing and deficient registers:

5A	Caliente Mtn.	deficient	3-01
7A	Frazier Mtn.	shot	5-01
13C	Pleasant View	missing	9-00
13D	Will Thrall	missing	9-00
13F	Mt. Williamson	deficient	9-00
14A	Mt. Waterman	missing	2-01
14B	Twin Peaks	missing	10-00
14C	Mt. Islip	missing	11-00
14E	Middle Hawkins	missing	11-00
14F	Mt. Hawkins	missing	10-00
14G	Throop Peak	missing	10-00
14H	Mt. Burnham	missing	10-00
15A	Monrovia Peak	missing	4-00
15D	Iron Mtn. #1	missing	12-00
16J	Mt. Harwood	missing	4-01
17B	Ontario Peak	missing	10-00
24D	Anderson Peak	deficient	3-01
26B	Quail Mtn.	missing	11-00
26C	Queen Mtn.	missing	4-99
27E	Folly Peak	missing	9-99
27I	Marion Mtn.	deficient	9-00
30F	Rabbit Peak#2	deficient	3-00
32J	Monument #1	missing	4-01

If you are climbing any of the above peaks, please consider bringing a new register can and book. If you discover a peak which needs a new register can, please let me know by mail addressed to **Jim Adler, 836 S. Alandele Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90036-4625**, or telephone at **(323) 931-6844** or e-mail at **jimadler @ mindspring.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.)

## Conservation Report

By Ruth Lee Dobos  
National Monuments

Interior Secretary Gale Norton claimed in March that the Clinton Administration failed to include the public in its decision to designate nineteen National Monuments and expand three others. Now it seems that Norton is asking public officials and not the public how best to shrink monument boundaries and to include extractive uses.

The 1906 Antiquities Act gives presidents the authority to designate National Monuments. Some of our country's greatest National Parks such as Grand Canyon, Zion, Olympic, Bryce Canyon, Glacier Bay, Arches, Death Valley and Joshua Tree were originally designated as National Monuments by presidential proclamation. Each designation outlines the resources to be protected and uses that will be allowed; a management plan dictates how that will be accomplished.

Norton apparently has other ideas for the new management plans. She has sent letters to the land managers with jurisdiction over each of the monuments asking whether less protection might be considered. "Are there boundary line adjustments the administration should consider recommending?" she asked. "Are there existing uses inside these monuments that we should accommodate? I would like to know your views on vehicle use, access to private inholdings, right of way, grazing and water rights as well as the wide spectrum of other traditional multiple uses that might be appropriately applied to the lands." Thirteen of the nation's top environmental groups, including the Sierra Club sent a letter to Norton in April asking her not to change the new National Monuments in any way that would impair their integrity, alter their boundaries or undercut the management prescriptions. Melanie Griffin of the Sierra Club public land team states more action is needed.

Norton will no doubt hear from industry friendly politicians that we need to shrink the monuments to allow all types of extraction, development and motorized use. We may see legislative attacks in the form of bills or riders on sending bills. Hopefully with the change in the Senate to democratic control this will be less apt to happen. However, it is important that we show a strong record of public support for the National Monuments.

Write Interior Secretary Gale Norton telling her that the National Monuments belong to all of us and we don't want to see the boundaries of the Monuments changed in any way and that we want full

protection for the Monuments.

Do send a letter to: Secretary Gale Norton c/o Tom Fulton, Office of Secretary US Department of the Interior 1849 C Street NW, Washington D.C.20240

Let's show our concern for our new National Monuments in California and elsewhere in the Nation. We need to be especially concerned for the Carrizo Plain and Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains. No doubt you either saw or heard about President Bush's grand stand media event in Sequoia National Park on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Apparently, words and gesture are his answer to the complains of the Sierra Club and many others that he has no concern for the environment. He has promised to allocate 5 billion dollars (over five years) for the upkeep of the National Parks to restore the deteriorating conditions of our Parks. It would seem to many of us that he still has a long way to go to convince us that he has any concern or interest in the environment

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## ¿Sucking Rose Peak?

February 4, 2001

Leaders: Byron Prinzmetal, Southern Courtney,  
Mars Bonfire (HPS),

Ginny Heringer and Sherry Ross (Natural  
Science)

By Sherry Ross

Twenty-two stalwart desert rats converged at the wide mouth of Pipes Canyon February 4 to experience camaraderie, pleasant temperatures (it was snowing the previous Saturday!), and high desert/low mountain nature on another co-sponsored HPS/Natural Science Section hike. Fearless leaders Byron Prinzmetal, Southern Courtney and Mars Bonfire were supplemented by tag team naturalists Ginny Heringer and Sherry Ross. The aspiring LTC "I" rated student can bag a peak and get credit towards the natural history requirement for their advanced leader rating on these co-sponsored hikes, scheduled throughout the year on selected peaks.

Our destination that day was a local favorite – Chaparrosa Peak – via an 8-mile round trip route. The word "chaparrosa" is an anglicized version of the Spanish word "chuparosa", meaning "sucking rose", referring to a desert shrub that grows in gravelly or sandy soil along washes below 3000'. During the spring, the chuparosa's dull scarlet flowers are much liked by hummingbirds; thus its common name "hummingbird bush" (for you biology nerds, the plant's Latin name is *Justicia californica*). Our trailhead was at about 4500', so there were no

examples of the mountain's namesake to check out. Chaparrosa Peak and the lower 5-1/2 miles of Pipes Canyon that borders it to the north – over 14,000 acres in total – are held in trust by the Wildlands Conservancy. The Conservancy, formed in 1995 as a non-profit land conservation organization, has acquired private lands throughout southern California to prevent habitat degradation, fragmentation and development. We were fortunate to have one of the Conservancy's rangers, Brad Cadman, accompany us on the hike as an additional naturalist.

The route to the peak wound through the first 1-1/2 miles of Pipes Canyon, following one of the few unaltered year-round riparian (streamside) woodlands in southern California. Two artesian-fed wetlands support cattails, sedges, reeds, willows and cottonwoods, and act as magnets for an incredible array of local wildlife. The south-facing slopes of the canyon showed evidence of a decades-old burn, with sparse desert vegetation of black bush, rabbit brush, and the occasional Joshua Tree or yucca that was spared. The north slopes abounded in piñon pine, juniper and scrub oak. Fifteen minutes up canyon, Brad showed us faded but visible pictographs, or rock art, created by the local Serrano Indians ages ago. Rock art in this upper desert region (of which there are several known sites) have been dated from several hundred years to over 1000 years old. Several minutes later, we encountered the rock and cement foundation ruins of the old winter cabin belonging to the Olsens, a couple that owned and operated the now-defunct Onyx mine, further up canyon. A short jaunt beyond the ruins and a left turn brought us to an old Indian trail-turned horseback and hiker trail coursing south up a scenic gulley still patchy with snow from the previous weekend. The bulk of the altitude gain here was interspersed by a couple of stops to naturalize among the piñon, juniper, manzanita and scrub oak. We spotted the feathery remains of mountain mahogany seeds still affixed on the shrub's stems, mistletoe, and delicate horizontal rows of holes in a mountain mahogany left by a flicker, a member of the woodpecker family. The flicker taps holes in the bark to retrieve insects and sap. We pondered oak wasp galls and held a short navigation lesson on the saddle at the top of the gulley during a brief break. A democratic vote decided whether to travel cross-country to the peak from there, or follow the trail. It must have been a very lazy Sunday, because we followed the trail to the summit. An outstanding view spread out before us, including volcanic buttes to the north, the sawtooth rocks of Sorrel Horse Canyon and Pioneertown to the southeast, and the back side of the San Bernadinos to the northwest. Some

desiccated scat (probably coyote) was pulled apart to reveal remnants of a recent meal – rodent fur and bones, and a mysterious concave, blackish object that looked much like a piece of raven's beak. After a brief lunch at the top, we traipsed down to an old jeep road, transitioning from piñon and juniper to the more characteristic terrain of blackbush, yucca, rabbit brush and Joshua Tree. Five minutes away from the cars, a Cooper's hawk with pale tan undersides and barred tail feathers soared by, bidding us farewell till next time.

This was the fourth in a series of Natural Science/HPS hikes organized by Sherry Ross and Ginny Heringer of the Natural Science Section and Byron Prinzmetal of the Hundred Peaks Section. Our previous outings were to Sugarloaf Mtn. near Big Bear Lake, where the route took us up a stream embellished on either side with blooming wildflowers and shrubs. We also explored the high condor country of Reyes and Haddock Mtns. in the Los Padres National Forest. We hiked the transition range from Antimony to Eagle Rest and learned about the wonderful geology and plant life of this very unique area. Our next outing is on March 24 to Oakzanita Peak in San Diego County, where we hope to learn about the vast and beautiful grasslands of Cuyamaca Rancho State Park. On May 27 we will visit the Idylwild area and learn about the meadows on the way up to Suicide Rock. And to cap off the summer, we are planning to visit Mt Pinos on July 8 to view the wonderful display of Mariposa lilies. We'll again return to Sugarloaf Mtn. on August 12. If you are in reasonably good condition, want to learn some natural history and bag some peaks in the process, please join us.

## **INTRODUCTION TO THE PIPES CANYON CONSERVATION AREA**

Welcome to the Pipes Canyon Conservation Area. This 35,000 acre natural preserve is the centerpiece of a wilderness area network, contiguous with the surrounding Federal San Geronimo Wilderness. Pipes Canyon is owned and maintained by The Wildlands Conservancy, a Southern California based, non profit 501.c3 corporation, founded in 1995.

Our purpose is to preserve intact wildlife habitat areas exceeding the minimum requirements for critical species, while inspiring visitors through their aesthetic and spiritual experiences within the solitude of the canyons. Pipes Canyon is a major component of a wildlife corridor network that connects Joshua Tree National Park with the San

Bernardino National Forest and dispersed U. S. Bureau of Land Management properties.

### **SIGNIFICANCE**

Pipes Canyon, and the adjacent Little Morongo drainage, is notable as one of a handful of Southern California locales having a year-round stream that has not been altered for water impoundment or flood control purposes. The absence of development in the stream bed allows for a diverse riparian (freshwater) woodland to flourish, from aquatic plants to a gallery of cottonwoods and willows.

Since the 1770's, California has lost over 97% of its riparian woodlands, making Pipes Canyon a truly valuable sanctuary. In fact, worldwide loss of wetlands to development, and the connection between water pollution with airborne contaminants, have led to unprecedented amphibian species losses. Here you can reacquaint yourself with native frogs and toads in a seemingly hostile desert environment.

The entry station, at elevation 4450' (1355m), is in the transition zone between the southwest Mojave Desert and eastern Transverse Ranges. The year round stream serves as a magnet for mountain and desert dwelling wildlife to interact with population densities not commonly seen elsewhere. This magnet creates an unfathomable web of ecological linkages. Recognizing this, the Conservancy believes preservation of plant and animal species diversity and related gene pool stability, are its primary scientific objectives.

### **NATURAL AND CULTURAL HISTORY**

The riparian woodland not only supports the cottonwood and willow canopy; but aquatics, such as cattails, wire grass, bullrush and horsetails. On the wash terraces, and slopes above, one finds the Mojave's signature species, the Joshua Tree, as well as yuccas, desert catalpa, pinyon pine, Muller's oak and mountain mahogany. Spring flowering shrubs, such as goldenbush and Mojave bluesage accompany numerous annuals, bunchgrasses and succulents.

Wildlife present, but rarely encountered, include, mountain lion, black bear, bighorn sheep and bobcat. Mule deer, coyote, gray fox, raccoon, ringtail cat and skunks, are seen more frequently. Rabbits; weasels, rodents, reptiles and nearly 100 resident and seasonal birds are active up-canyon. Plant and animal lists will be available from the information kiosk soon.

Evidence of human activity from prehistory to

present is found throughout the area. Local native Americans and nomadic predecessors used the canyon as a transit link from desert floor to mountain valleys, a site for seasonal encampments, an emporium for raw materials, and water source. They were displaced first by Spanish colonizers, the Mexicanos and now, Euro-Americans intent on extracting mineral wealth, livestock grazing, agriculture and homesteading. 20th century developments and human-induced fire have had the most profound influences on the landscape you see today.

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## **The Reluctant Beginner Rock Climber or How I Am Gaining "Freedom of the Hills"**

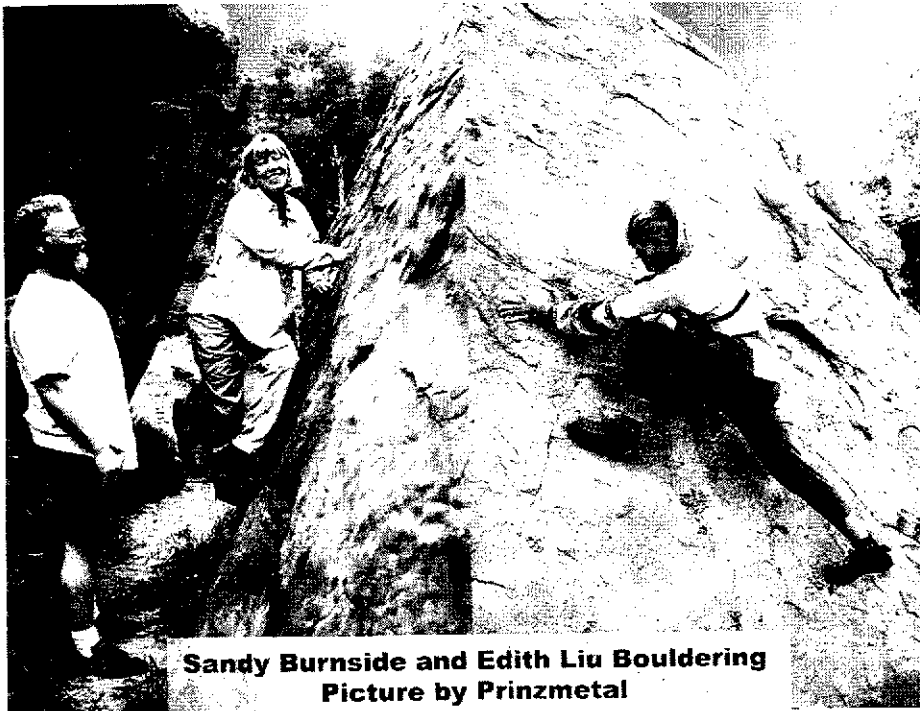
**By The Very Chicken Grand Sluggo (Byron Prinzmetal)**

By now you will have seen several pictures in the Lookout of Hundred Peakers on private outings doing rock climbing at Stoney Point located in the San Fernando Valley. Your immediate reaction probably was the same as mine when Mars Bonfire suggested I try this activity "Are you crazy, do you think I have rocks for brains?" There are now a small group of us rank beginners who try to rock climb weekly including Dorothy Danziger, Edith Liu and Sandy Burnside (Is there something missing from this list...where are the chicken male HPSers?)

You ask why do rock climbing? I can only tell you my reason. To understand what went through my feeble brain you need to go back 35+ plus years when I was in college. I read a book called, "Freedom of the Hills" and took rock and snow/glacier climbing classes put on by the Seattle Mountaineers. I eventually started going on some of their outings. I had been hiking and back packing since I was ten, and in my subconscious, I was always scared, petrified is more like it, to scramble up rock to see pretty vistas, but I wanted the freedom to go where I wanted. The book, the lessons, the outings gave me more freedom.

Now, fast-forward 35 years. I am still hiking, still scared (and chicken) and still yearning for more freedom. I have learned other skills that have given me additional freedom (navigation, ability to find new routes, snow shoeing, wilderness first aid and the list goes on). So why not learn to rock climb and gain additional freedom? Now you understand. Will I do rock climbing for its own sake? Probably not, I just want to be free to roam where I want, when I want. And, perhaps I will try to become "M" rated and lead others where eagles dare and few human have trodden before.

***Warnings and disclaimers: Rock climbing is an inherently dangerous activity. Proper instruction before attempting this activity is, in my opinion, an absolute requirement. The Angeles Chapter has a number of instruction courses you might consider (e.g. Wilderness Travel Course).***



**Sandy Burnside and Edith Liu Bouldering  
Picture by Prinzmetal**



# HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION, ANGELES CHAPTER

Minutes: Management Committee Meeting  
Thursday, April 12, 2001, Numero Uno Pizza, Glendale

Call to Order (6:40 p.m.)

## Attending:

Virgil Popescu (Chair), Ray Wolfe (Vice Chair), Mars Bonfire (At Large), John Connelly (Secretary), Tom Hill (Past Chair), Howard Eyerly (Treasurer), Larry Hoak (Mountain Records), Joe Young (THE LOOKOUT Editor), David Eisenberg (Membership), Frank Dobos (Programs), Ruth Dobos (Conservation).

## Minutes from the February & March meeting

The February & March minutes were approved. For future meetings, John Connelly agreed to distribute them prior to the next meeting—by mail, or email, as appropriate.

## Old Business

Round Mountain: MSP to suspend for six months, per BLM closure.

## Committees

1. Mountain Records: Larry Hoak's committee has now prepared approximately 102 revised peak guides, which are available on the HPS website. MAPS: MSP to Larry to buy a set of 12 CDs costing a total of about \$200, which contain 7 ½" topo maps. To use these to prepare route-specific maps that correlate with the existing set will be a very big project. How best to use this resource are still being considered.
2. Outings Chair report: George Wysup's email report was distributed. RESCHEDULING POSTPONED  
HIKES: The committee discussed at length the issue of advertising a re-scheduled hike without re-submitting it through channels.
3. Membership report presented by David Eisenberg, MSP to approve.
4. Treasurer's report: Howard Eyerly submitted his report. It was also MSP to donate \$100 to the same three Search and Rescue teams as last year, an increase of \$50.
5. Conservation: Ruth Dobos mentioned scheduled meetings for the Angeles National Forest.

## New Business

Tom Hill distributed a draft Website Review Report for review at the May meeting.

Adjourned at 8:45. General agreement the pizza and beer was good.

**Next Meeting: Numero Uno Pizza, Glendale, 6:30 P.M., May 10**

## Milestones

Elisabeth Cohen 7/1  
Barbara Guerin 7/1  
Ray Wolfe 7/1  
Edward F. Sutor 7/3  
Diane Baker 7/4  
Kenneth Croker 7/4  
Helena Czepiec 7/4  
Bill Hauser 7/4  
Dwight Jones 7/4  
Richard Hoesly 7/5  
Ursula Mayer 7/5  
Bob Cates 7/7  
Caroline B. Jones 7/7  
Betty Sterrett 7/7  
Bob Curran 7/8

Chris Newcomer 7/8  
Haven Fearn 7/9  
Jeffrey W. Koepke 7/9  
Elmer A. Omohundro Jr. 7/9  
Jeanne Newcomer 7/11  
Karen Smith 7/11  
Ingeborg B. Prochazka 7/12  
Beth Summers 7/14  
Betty McRuer 7/15  
Janet Howell 7/16  
Frank Meyers 7/17  
George Wysup 7/18  
W. Ross Yates 7/19  
Rick Fleming 7/21

John Dykstra 7/22  
Richard Binns 7/24  
Robert Hicks 7/25  
Hanna Shay 7/25  
Ann Cavalieri 7/26  
Gordon J. MacLeod 7/26  
Gregory Vernon 7/27  
Patty Kline 7/29  
Robert J. Wyka 7/29  
Charlie Knapke 7/30  
Bill Lien 7/31  
Fred Johnson 8/2  
Kate Rogowski 8/3  
Keats Hayden 8/6

David F. Jensen 8/8  
Phillip (Greg) Jones 8/8  
Kay Machen 8/9  
Joy Brooks 8/10  
Howard Eyerly 8/11  
Charles I. Corp 8/13  
Judy Ware 8/14  
Donica Wood 8/15  
Richard J. Farrar 8/16  
Penelope May 8/17  
Peter Rosmarin 8/24  
Walter C. Whisman 8/24  
Terri Sutor 8/26  
Larry K. Shumway 8/29