

# THE LOOKOUT

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## Hundred Peaks Section Annual Business Meeting September 13 Thursday

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.

### Inside This Issue

- ◆ New Sierra Club Sign-in and Waiver Forms, New Incident Forms on the way
- ◆ Info on special Chapter events
- ◆ Special Chapter request for information about extraordinary leaders, past and present
- ◆ Congressional action on Rec Fees and other matters

## Special Outing: Hike with HPS Legend Paul Lipsohn!

Oct 13-14 Sat-Sun 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 recognition of "Heald Peak").

## 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. Note: Peak Guides now downloadable in **Word** as well as HTML formats. Check it out!

## Oktoberfest 2001

Sep 29-30 Sat-Sun 100 Peaks, Harwood

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

## Oktoberfest Hikes

Sep 29 Sat 100 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 100 Peaks, San Geronio 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 WYUSUP, HARVEY GANZ.

Sep 30 Sun 100 Peaks, San Geronio 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 WYUSUP

# Membership Report

By David F Eisenberg  
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## Congratulations to the Following:

### New Member

Lilly Fukui

### New Members Upgrading from Subscriber

Cadena Marco P.

Bruce Morgan

### New Subscribers

Gary Anderson

Bruce Pierce

Jan Scalise

Glenn Willey


Janet Winikoff

### New Sustaining Subscriber

Karen Isaacson

Membership Summary		
Category	Current	Inactive
Sustaining	31	7
Member	300	153
Household	63	22
Subscriberr	109	195
Honorary	2	
Sust. Sub.	3	4
Life	2	
Patron	1	
Benefactor	2	
Extra	7	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>361</b>

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 all subjects in 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](mailto:joengeri@mediaone.net). **THE LOOKOUT** is the property of the Hundred Peaks Section.



## From the Chair By Virgil Popescu

We have previously written about the publishing and Mountain Records groups, who work behind the scenes but make important contributions to the HPS. Now we discuss the very important invisible circle consisting of our outings.

When you read our list of scheduled outings you obtain some idea of the hikes and who is leading them, and then you may choose one and join with others for that trip. Behind this simple concept there is a long and sometimes painful process of soliciting those hikes from our leaders, reviewing the write-ups when they are received, and then submitting them for publication. The difficult task of coordinating this effort is the job of our Outings Chair, who needs to be familiar with our peaks, our weather conditions, our leaders, our deadlines, and many other details that require a great deal of time and effort.

**Soliciting.** To meet the deadline for submitting write-ups, an invitation letter is sent to our active leaders (90-200) about a month before the Schedule of Activities deadline. Leaders are invited to attend a meeting with other leaders, usually held at Numero Uno Pizza in Glendale, or to submit write-ups on their own. Instructions are included for the write-up requirements and other items such as dates that have been reserved for special events.

**Screening.** Write-ups that are sent in need to be reviewed before they can be submitted.

The leaders need to be checked. Each leader can only lead hikes according to their leader rating, they need to be active members of the Sierra Club, and there are some additional complications such as the requirements for sponsoring a joint outing with another group.

The write-ups need to be checked. Because there are so many outings, and so many items that need to be included in each write-up, the outing reviewers require certain things to be mentioned in a certain order in the write-up. As a bonus to the reader many different hikes can now be compared because they follow similar patterns.

Appropriateness needs to be checked. Proposed hikes should correspond to normally expected weather conditions. The Outings Chair may know that a certain route is closed or dangerous. Sometimes the various leaders may have submitted all their hikes for either Saturday or Sunday on a given weekend.

**Problems.** In the usual case problems that arise during the screening process are simple ones or there will be enough time for a discussion with the

leader who submitted the outing. According to the Chapter Schedule Editor incorrectly formatted outings shall be rejected. Within the HPS we are more flexible, preferring to correct or retype the outing. Having a lenient submission policy helps us to increase the number of hikes to 60-75 per Schedule.

**Schedule Submittal.** Finally the write-ups are sent to the Schedule Editor. There is a window of about a month to do corrections or changes until we receive what are called the proofs. This is our last chance to change leaders or dates. A trip can be cancelled or changed but not added. At this time the Schedule Editor will indicate those outings or leaders that may have problems, and offer suggestions.

**Publication.** The corrected proofs are sent back to the Schedule Editor. A final copy is later sent back to the Outings Chair who forwards the write-ups to **THE LOOKOUT** Editor and the HPS Webmaster for publication. Write-ups that are submitted after the Schedule deadline can be published in **THE LOOKOUT** where they are marked as "Outings Not in Schedule.\*"

As you can see, there are many steps in the process of printing a simple list of hikes. In addition to the classical steps listed above, our current Outings Chair George Wysup has been accepting write-ups by e-mail. He is also retyping all of them into appropriate document form for electronic submission to the Schedule Editor.

George frequently consults with others during the review process, such as Editor Joe Young and Webmaster Charlie Knapke, but the main burden falls on his shoulders.

A warm thanks to George Wysup for his many hours of volunteer work on our behalf.

*\* [Editor's note: There are ten (10) "outings not in Schedule" in the upcoming list of activities for the months of September and October.]*



## **Nate Clark Films Now Available in VHS Format**

Before Nate Clark became the President of the Sierra Club, he filmed movies on the Sierra Club's High Trips. In celebration of the centennial year of Sierra Club outings, Nate's movie footage is now available in standard VHS format videotape.

The amazing content of this videotape includes footage from the Sierra Club's 1934 High Trip in Yosemite as well as three other interesting mountaineering adventures of that era. Sierra Club luminaries featured include Lewis Clark (Nate's brother), Glen and Muir Dawson, Jules Eichorn, Francis Farquhar, Marjorie Bridge (Farquhar), Louise Hildebrand, Jack Riegelhuth, Bestor Robinson and Mary Saylor. Norman Clyde makes a brief appearance. Footage includes rock climbing practice, ascents of Cathedral Peak (all three spires), a descent of Muir Gorge on the Tuolumne River, the first mid-winter ascent of Mt. Lyell in 1934, with Bestor Robinson, Lewis Clark, Einar Nilsson and David Brower, and a July 4, 1941 ascent of Mt. Clark, with Dick and Larry Burnley, Lewis Clark and Jonnie Serna.

To order, send a check for \$15 to Angeles Chapter - Sierra Club, Attn: Video Orders, 3435 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 320, Los Angeles, CA 90010. Purchase price includes postage, handling and all applicable taxes.

## **Tricky Treks: September Report By Tom Hill**

This column reports on ascents of HPS peaks by snowshoe, ski, horseback, or bicycle. The summit needs to be reached but half the ascent by the method is sufficient. Unofficial emblem milestones occur every 25 peaks. Submittals and stories are assumed publishable unless otherwise indicated.

One report was received. Here is a nice story about snowshoe hikes from Sandy Burnside, who submitted a list of 20 ascents via snowshoe.

(Sandy) Twin Peaks on Feb 6, 2001 was one of the first. Mars, Ron Zappen and I got out with a full moon after going to Waterman with Byron. Cornell was a snowshoe backpack with Asher and Will. We had to take off the shoes on the rocky ascent, but we did wear the shoes from just below the tram stop, up the gully to camp (Tamarack) and then to a point below the summit. I figure that counted. The best one was the snowshoe between Butler and Crafts over all of the manzanita (which was totally buried). I even have three 2X and three snowshoe pathfinders.

Keep on trekking, Sandy! Congratulations on becoming the record holder in this category.

*George Wysup, Outings Chair, stands in the back row, on right. His hiking companions are, clockwise, Lilly Fukui, Val Saubhayana, Pat Brea, and Past Chair Tom Hill standing next to George. Photo was taken on Lily Rock on July 15, 2001*



**To: All Groups, Sections, Committees,  
Task Forces:**

## **WANTED: LEADERS EXTRAORDINAIRE**

As part of the Sierra Club Outings Centennial, the Angeles Chapter wishes to acknowledge the great leaders that have made our chapter outings program one of the most successful of its kind in the world. Since 1911, when Superior Court Judge Clair Tappaan led the first outing of the Southern California Section of the Sierra Club in the Arroyo Seco, tens of thousands of chapter trips and events have been hosted by thousands of dedicated leaders. While it is impossible to give recognition to each and everyone of them, we can certainly make an effort to identify the 'notable leaders'—those who have demonstrated exceptional leadership skills over longer periods of time.

The plan is to present a Who's Who of Outings Leaders in one or more large spreads in the Southern Sierran late this year. To make this more than just a long list of names, we plan to include short one- or two-sentence descriptions for each leader, indicating especially notable achievements, affiliations with particular chapter entities when applicable, years of service, etc.

We don't want to leave anyone out, so please submit information on your Great Outings Leaders as early as possible. If your organization already bestows a 'leadership award', please submit the entire list of those who have been so honored over the years.

In addition to the name of each Great Leader, please provide the following additional information, if possible:

Dates of Birth/Death (if deceased)

Chapter Affiliations

(Groups/Sections/Committees/Task Forces)

Years of Active Leadership (19xx—19yy, or 19xx—200\_)

Service Summary (Several sentences describing types of outings led, specific accomplishments, notable achievements, etc.)

We would also like to print special recollections and reminiscences about old-time leaders, so we encourage members to submit short articles (one to several paragraphs) about their experiences with our senior leaders, whether deceased, retired, or still active.

**THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTALS IS  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2001.**

Please direct all submissions to:  
Robert Cates  
Angeles Chapter Historian  
140 Healy Trail  
Chatsworth, CA 91311-7026  
(email: bobcates@ix.netcom.com)

I look forward to celebrating 100 years of Sierra Club outings, along with 90 years of Angeles Chapter outings, through recognition of our Great Outings Leaders. May they inspire our current and future Sierrans for another century.

Bob Cates

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## **Special Sierra Club Outing Event**

**"Today's Leaders Salute Yesterday's Leaders"  
100 years of Outings Celebration**

**Sept 27-30, 2001**

**Clair Tappaan Lodge, Lake Tahoe Region of the  
Sierra Nevada, California.**

Registration is officially open to all Sierra Club outings leaders. Registration forms are available online at the end of the Inside Outings spring and summer issues:

<<http://mitchell.sierraclub.org/outings/National/insideoutings/>>

Or, simply send a registration check to Kathy Wells (see address below) along with the following information: Name, phone number, address, email address, # of years leading for the SC, group or chapter or subcommittee.

The price per leader is \$125. A guest of the leader may attend for the price of \$140. Full payment is due by 8/15/01. Please use a separate registration form for each person. If a guest is being registered, include the name of the leader the guest is joining. Please make checks payable to Sierra Club Outings.

The event begins with dinner on Thursday, 9/27 and ends with lunch on 9/30. Featuring a special appearance by Carl Pope. Also included are talks, hikes, vintage videos, outdoor equipment displays, door prizes, and a "No Talent" show with prizes.

If you have any questions, please contact:  
Kathy Wells <WellsK2@aol.com> 1 Valleystone Dr,  
San Rafael, CA 94903

## **Mountain Notes**

**By: Larry Hoak, Mountain Records Chair**

The Mountain Notes column is posted on the HPS website. The website version is updated as necessary as new information about the HPS Peaks becomes available. You are encouraged to visit the HPS website periodically for updates.

### **Peak Suspensions**

**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 extend the suspension of the Peak until **December 13, 2001**. The shooting area situation was evaluated during an on-site visit in May 2001. The peak may be removed from the HPS Peak List. It is strongly recommended that hikers not hike this peak.

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.

**03D Double Mountain** is suspended.

The area is being actively logged on privately owned land in the Tehachapi -Double saddle on May 25, 2001. 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**. Also, there is private land no trespassing issues associated with this peak.

**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\\_closure.html](http://www.ca.blm.gov/news/juniper_flats_emergency_closure.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.

### **Peak Alerts**

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

**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 was received from **Roy Randall**. As a result, the HPS summit for this peak was moved about .75 of a mile to the west from bump 8080+ to bump 8100' by action of the Management Committee on June 14, 2001. This action was taken to remove the HPS summit from the posted private land in Section 27. A revised Peak Guide has been issued. See the announcement in **Peak Guides** below (07-01)

**02F Scodie Mountain (03-08-01 Publication) – Route #1** – The second hiking instruction should read as follows: "Turn right on the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) and hike up it a little more than a quarter of a mile to where it crosses the Canebrake Creek bed." **Route #2** – High clearance vehicles are required for driving **Route #2**. **Route #3** - The second hiking instruction should read 1.5 miles rather than 2.75 miles. The third hiking instruction should show the saddle elevation as (6520'+) not (6250'). Tom Hill provided information on Routes # 1,2, and 3. **Bryon Prinzmetal** provided information on Route #3. (06-01)

**07E Thorn Point (LO) – Route #1** – The road to Thorn Meadows Campground (Forest Route 7N03C) is temporarily closed at a stream crossing about 3/4 of a mile from the Thorn Meadows campground. The stream crossing was damaged in the winter storms and must be reconstructed. It is anticipated the road will reopen after **August 1, 2001**. Please contact the USFS at (661) 245-3731 for the latest information. This temporary closure will add about 1 1/2 miles of hiking round trip on the closed road to the regular Thorn Point road end. The route to San Rafael Peak is not impacted by this closure. (07-01)

**30F Rabbit Peak#2 – Route #1** – This route is closed to hiking except for the period of **November and December of each year**. This closure is permanent and is the result of a legal settlement between the Bureau of Land Management and an environmental group on issues related to the protection of Bighorn Sheep. **Ruth Dobos** and **Tom Hill** provided this information. (06-01)

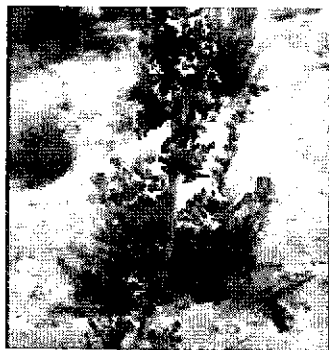
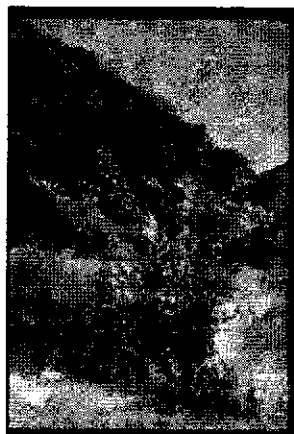
**06D Cuyama Peak (LO) and 06E Lizard Head - Route #1** - Dry Canyon Road (FR8N19) is washed out about 2.8 miles from the junction with the Santa Barbara Canyon Road. This will add about 6 miles of hiking round trip for these peaks. The Forest Service

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**. **Karen Isaacson** reported (6-10-01) that an informal bypass or detour through the brush to the north of the washout has been created. This makeshift bypass is suitable for 4WD high clearance vehicles. (05-01) (06-01)

**1D 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. **Larry Hoak** provided this information. (06-01)

**13 E Pallett Mountain, 13D Will Thrall Peak, and 13C Pleasant View Ridge – Route #2** - 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. (05-01)

**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. (05-01)

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 9 revised Peak Guides in July 2001: 01A Sunday Peak 07-12-01, 01B Bohna Peak 07-12-01, 06A Peak Mountain 07-12-01, 06B McPherson Peak 07-12-01, 06C Fox Mountain #1 07-12-01, 06N Monte Arido 07-12-01, 06O Old Man Mountain 07-12-01, 15B Smith Mountain 07-12-01 and 23H Three Sisters 07-12-01.

Four revised Peak Guides will be submitted for Management Committee approval in August 2001. The submissions will include: 12E Mount Lowe, 24E Shields Peak, 24J Ten Thousand Foot Ridge and 25G Galena Peak.

Five revised Peak Guides incorporating revisions previously reported in *Mountain Notes* have been issued. The revised Peak Guides, which are available for purchase in hard copy from the HPS Peak Guide Mailer or by download from this website in HTML or Word format, include the following: 04D Antimony Peak, 13H Pinyon Ridge, 16A Circle Mountain, 21C Grays Peak and 28B Tahquitz Peak.

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, 02G Piute Lookout, 02J Butterbrecht Peak, 02M Heald Peak, 02N Black Mountain #6, 02O Red Mountain, 02P Skinner Peak, 02Q Weldon Peak, 03B Black Mountain 04A Brush Mountain, 04C Eagle Rest Peak, 04D Antimony Peak, 04E Tecuya Mountain, 04G Grouse Mountain, 04H Sawmill Mountain, 04I Mount Pinos, 05A Caliente Mountain, 06G Santa Cruz Peak, 06I West Big Pine, 06J Big Pine Mountain, 06L Madulce Peak, 07A Frazier Mountain, 07B Lockwood Peak, 07C San Guillermo Mountain, 07D Reyes Peak, 07E Thorn Point (LO), 07G Alamo Mountain, 07H McDonald Peak, 07I Sewart Mountain, 07J Snowy Peak, 07K Black Mountain #2, 07L White Mountain #2, 07M Cobblestone Mountain, 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, 13D Will Thrall Peak, 13E Pallet Mountain, 13H Pinyon Ridge, 14B Twin Peaks, 14C Mount Islip, 14D South Hawkins, 14E Middle Hawkins, 14F Mount Hawkins, 14G Throop Peak, 14H Mount Burnham, 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, 17G Buck Point, 19A Cleghorn Mountain, 19E The Pinnacles, 19F Mount Mary Louise, 20A Round 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, 23B Granite Peaks, 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, 26B Quail Mountain, 26C Queen Mountain, 26F Lost Horse Mountain, 26I Warren Point, 27B Indian Mountain, 27G Cornell Peak, 27J Suicide Rock, 28A Lily Rock, 28B Tahquitz Peak, 28E Antsell Rock, 28F Apache Peak, 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, 31G Combs Peak, 31I San Ysidro, 32B Whale Peak, 32G Oakzanita Peak, 32H Garnet Mountain, 32I Garnet Peak, and 32J Monument Peak #1, and 32L Sheephead Mountain.

The revised Peak Guides and the new Guide for 24N Bighorn Mountain are available for purchase from the HPS Peak Guide Mailer, Bobcat Thompson, or by downloading in HTML or Word format from the HPS website at [angeleschapter.org/hps](http://angeleschapter.org/hps).

### Peak Maps

Revised Peak Maps for selected Peaks are in preparation. It is anticipated they will be available for purchase in hard copy from the Peak Guide Mailer. They may also be available in electronic format on the HPS Website in data file format utilizing the Topo! software distributed by National Geographic. Please note that you must have to have Topo! for Windows version 2.6.1 or higher installed on your computer to download, view or print the data (.tpo) files. The use of Topo! software for the preparation of the Peak Maps does not imply an endorsement of the Topo! software by the HPS. It is not anticipated that the Peak Maps will be available for download in the .gif or .jpg graphic formats from the HPS or other Web sites in the foreseeable future.

### Other Maps

You may find the following maps to be useful when hiking selected HPS Peaks:

***East Kern County Off-Highway Vehicle Riding Areas & Trails***, February 2001 – Available for purchase at the BLM Visitors Center at the intersection of SR 14 and Jawbone Canyon Road.

***A Guide to the San Jacinto Wilderness***, 1989 – Available for purchase at the USFS Ranger Station in Idyllwild, CA.

### 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**.

### Other Useful Information

The following information about dog “restrictions” may be of use our members who hike with their dogs.

**Anza Borrego State Park** – Dogs are not allowed in the park.

**Mount San Jacinto State Park and State Wilderness** - Dogs are not allowed in the Park or Wilderness. This prohibition affects 27J Suicide Rock (west approach), 27I Marion Mountain, 27H Jean Peak, 27K Newton Drury Peak, 27E Folly Peak, 27F San Jacinto Peak, 27G Cornell Peak, and 27D Castle Rocks.

**San Bernardino National Forest** (wilderness and non-wilderness areas) – Dogs are allowed on leash or “under owner’s control at all times”.

**Joshua Tree National Park** – “Pets must be kept leashed. They are not allowed in the backcountry.” The backcountry restriction would probably include all HPS peaks in the National Park.

Your comments on the Peak Guides and Maps are welcome! Send your comments to our **Mountain Records Chair** at [larryhoak@mediaone.net](mailto:larryhoak@mediaone.net). 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 five to ten 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.



# Advance Schedule of Hundred Peaks Section Outings

September 1 - October 31, 2001

[HPS is Sponsoring Entity unless another Entity is Shown]

By George Wysup, Outings Chair

## [Outing not in Schedule]

Sep 5 Wed

I: 10,000 Ft Ridge (10,094'), Lake Pk (10161'), Grinnell Mtn (10,284'): Strenuous but moderately paced hike on trail and over steep xc terrain, 15 mi rt, 3,500' gain. Dirt road driving with high clearance recommended. Permit limits size of group. Send sase/email to first named ldr with recent experience and contact info. Ldrs: Carleton Shay, Mars Bonfire.

Sep 8 Sat

O: Mt Williamson (8214'), Pinyon Ridge (5635'): Two nice peaks in Angeles high country, great views. S. 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

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

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

## [Outing not in Schedule]

Sep 12 Wed

I: San Geronio Mtn (11,499'): Strenuous but moderately paced hike on trl and xc to highest peak in Southern California, 16 mi rt, 3,500' gain. Dirt road driving with high clearance recommended. Permit limits size of group. Send sase/email to first named ldr with recent experience and contact info. Ldrs: Carleton Shay, Mars Bonfire.

Sep 13 Thu

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

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

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

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

## [Outing not in Schedule]

Sep 19 Wed

I: Chief Pk (5,550'), Hines Pk (6,704'), Topatopa Bluff (6,367'): Moderate, steep hike on rd and xc, brushy, loose, rocky terrain in Ventura county. 7 mi rt, 1,500' gain. 4WD required. Call ldrs no later than Sep 17 for meeting time and place, info on required permits. Ldrs: Carleton Shay, Mars Bonfire.

## [Outing not in Schedule]

Sep 22 Sat

O: Winston Ridge (7003'): Moderately paced hike down to Cooper Cyn cg then up along PCT to top of Winston Ridge. 6 mi with 1600' gain. Meet 9am La Canada rideshare pt with lunch, water, lugsoles and sunscreen. Ldrs: RHONDA Longmore and Rosemary Campbell

Sep 23 Sun

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

## [Outing not in Schedule]

Sep 26 Wed

I: Weldon Pk (6,360'), Sorrell Pk (7,704'): Moderately paced hike to scenic Kern County peaks. 8 mi rt, 800' gain, 900' on return. Dirt road driving in Jawbone Canyon and beyond, 4WD recommended. Meet 7:30am, Sylmar rideshare pt. Ldrs: Carleton Shay, Mars Bonfire.

Sep 29 Sat

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 Geronio 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.

**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 Geronio 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

#### [Outing not in Schedule]

**Oct 2 Tue**  
**I: Scodie Mtn (7,274')**: Moderately paced hike to peak near Walker Pass, 7 mi rt, 2,300' gain. Meet 7:30am, Sylmar rideshare pt. Ldrs: Carleton Shay, Mars Bonfire.

**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 Geronio 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**  
**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 WASHBURN, SOUTHERN COURTNEY

#### [Outing not in Schedule]

**Oct 10 Wed**  
**I: Mt Islip (8,250')**: Moderate hike to popular peak in the San Gabriels, from Williamson/Islip Saddle. 6 mi rt, 1,300' gain. Meet 8 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Ldrs: Carleton Shay, Mars Bonfire.

**Oct 11 Thu**  
**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**  
**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 (6760')**: 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**  
**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**  
**I: Suicide Rock (7528'), Black Mtn #1 (7772')**: Enjoy early autumn moderate peaks in Idyllwild 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**  
**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 COPLEN. Asst: DIANE DUNBAR

**Oct 13-14 Sat-Sun**  
**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**  
**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

#### [OUTING NOT IN SCHEDULE]

**Oct 17 Wed**  
**I: Ross Mtn (7402'), Mt Burnham (8997'), Mt Baden-Powell (9399')**: Moderate pace, but very strenuous hike on trail and steep cross-country, 10 miles, 4500' gain. Send email with W&H phones, present conditioning to Ldr: Byron Prinzmetal. Co-Ldrs: Carleton Shay, Mars Bonfire.

**[OUTING NOT IN SCHEDULE]**

**Oct 19 Fri**

**O: Oakzanita Pk (5054'):** 5.5 mi. rt, 1000' gain on road and trail within the Cuyamaca Rancho State Park. Meet 10:00 A.M at trailhead. Email leader (kburnsides@aol.com) for driving instructions and/or carpool information. Enjoy the fall colors while helping Sandy complete her provisional. Other peaks possible. Stick around and join the group bagging nearby peaks Friday afternoon, Saturday and Sunday. Ldr: Sandy Burnside. Asst: Byron Prinzmetal

**Oct 19-22 Fri-Mon**

**I: San Diego County Peaks Cleanout—Combs Pk (6183') 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**

**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 CARDEN.

**Oct 20 Sat**

**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**

**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. Send sase or email stating recent experience to Ldr: Tom Hill. Asst: Larry Hoak

**Oct 21 Sun**

**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**

**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**

**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, lugsoles. Ldrs: MAGGIE WILSON, VIRGIL POPESCU

**Oct 27 Sat**

**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, lugsoles. Ldrs: FRANK GOODYKOONTZ, JOHN CONNELLY

**Oct 28 Sun**

**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**

**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**

**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**

**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

**Nov 3 Sat San Diego Chapter**

**Agua Tibia Wilderness / Cutca Trail Work:** Join Angeles Chapter friends to maintain scenic and remote Forest trail north of Palomar Mtn. We'll clear vegetation in Cutca Valley near Wilderness boundary. Forest Service provides hand tools, vehicle passes and optional carcamp site. Energetic novices welcome! Project continues next spring as a backpack. Join us! Ldr: GAIL HANNA (858) 272-5141 OR <GAILWH@PEAKBAGGING.COM> ASSTS: ALAN COLES & CHARLIE KNAPKE.

## Angeles Chapter Events

**Oct 7 Sunday Marina Del Rey Reception/Fundraiser for the PAC** Meet important and influential local and state politicians at a reception to raise funds for the Angeles Chapter's Political Action Committee. Come and learn what the future holds for Los Angeles. Our hosts are Patti and Hans Rockenwagner, owners of the world-renowned restaurant, Rockenwagner, in Santa Monica, and the very chic bistro, ROCK, in Marina del Rey. We are very grateful to Patti and Hans for their support of the Chapter's Political Committee and the PAC. Make your reservations early, as space is strictly limited. To reserve, send a SASE with a check for \$30, payable to the PAC, to Ann Kramer, P.O. Box 71773, Los Angeles, CA 90071.

**Nov 2 Friday Orange County Group and OCSS**  
**O:** Fullerton Art Gallery: Join us for an evening at one of Orange County's most inviting art galleries. Music, munchies, and many ideas for special holiday gifts. Your \$10 donation **benefits the Angeles Chapter** and the Coyote Hills & Santa Ana Mountains Task Forces. 6 to 9 p.m. at the Eileen Kremen Gallery, 619 N. Harbor Boulevard, Fullerton. Ldr: Bonnie Sharpe. Asst: Jay Matchett.

**Nov 2-4 Fri-Sun Angeles Chapter Fundraiser**  
**O:** 90th Birthday Bash on the Bridge: Celebrate our Chapter's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with a trip to Sierra Club National Headquarters in San Francisco. Fly LAX to Oakland, take BART to the City, stay at the lovely Villa Florence, dinner at the Culinary Institute, ballet/opera opportunity, special tour and party at Sierra Club headquarters. Walk across the Golden Gate Bridge and toast our 90 years. See Fisherman's Wharf, North Beach, the new MOMA. Carry on/day packs only. Must be willing to walk hilly 6 mi daily. Price \$390, (\$415 non-mbrs) incl. airfare, hotel, 1 dinner, theater, donation. Send chk, SASE, SC No. to Ldr: Roxana Lewis. Co-Ldr: Ann Kramer.

**Nov 4 Sunday Angeles Chapter PAC Fundraiser**  
**O:** NO ANCHOVIES EASY HIKE: We are repeating one of our most legendary hikes to raise money for the Angeles Chapter's PAC. We'll view a beautiful sunset and twinkling city lights, just a few days after the full moon, from atop the Santa Monica Mountains - where pizza, soft drinks and dessert will be provided. In the spirit of diversity, participants will have a choice of international pizza toppings, but no anchovies, guaranteed! We've invited Assemblyman Paul Koretz and some other local politicians to join us on this hike for the PAC. Beginning hikers, experienced eaters and policy wonks welcome. Bring jacket, 1 qt water & check for \$25 payable to "Angeles Chapter PAC". Meet at 1:30 p.m. at WLA rideshare point. 800 feet gain, 4-6 mi rt. Hard rain cancels. Ldrs: David Hyman, Jeff Breakstone, Lyn Fleischer.

**Dec 1 Saturday Angeles Chapter Fundraiser**  
**O:** Southwest Museum Tour: Docent tour of the oldest museum in Los Angeles atop hill on Mount Washington. Museum is dedicated to native American culture and contains one of the finest collections in the country. There will be a sale on this day of many items the gift shop has to offer. Price is \$12 for adults, \$8 for children accompanied by parent or guardian. To sign up, send check (Sierra Club) by Nov. 15 with SASE for additional information to Ldr: Ruth Lee Dobos. Co-Ldr: Frank Dobos.

**Dec 1-2 Sat-Sun Angeles Chapter Fundraiser**  
**O:** Train/Hike Weekend to Santa Barbara: Board the 9 am train to Carpinteria. Hike 12.8 mi to Santa Barbara at a moderate pace. Low tides will permit a portion of the hike to be on sandy beach. Overnight at Pepper Tree Inn (2 share), hot tub to soothe the aches, then cruise hip State Street for local brews or vino. Morning stroll the historic downtown area, shop or sit at an outdoor cafe. Return train from Santa Barbara Station at 2 pm, arr. in LA at 5 pm. Price is \$163 (\$183 non-mbrs) incl. rail fare, hotel and donation. Bring water, snacks, lunch (or \$ for restaurant opportunity). Send check, SASE and SC # to: Ldr: Roxana Lewis. Co-Ldr: Maggie Belknap.

**Dec 2 Sunday Angeles Chapter PAC Fundraiser**  
**C:** Malibu Reception for the PAC: Join us for hot apple cider and cool ocean views at this reception fundraiser for the Angeles Chapter PAC. Meet influential local politicians. Space is limited, so sign up immediately. To sign up, send a SASE and your check for \$25, payable to the Angeles Chapter PAC, to Registrar: Ann Kramer, P.O. Box 71773, Los Angeles, CA 90071.

**Dec 8 Saturday Angeles Chapter Fundraiser**  
**C:** Los Angeles Metro Rail Tour: Discover Los Angeles's fabulous underground Metro Rail system, covering the San Fernando Valley to Union Station, with branches to Long Beach, Norwalk and El Segundo, linking a wide spectrum of ethnic and economic groups. Be a tourist in your own city! Breakfast in Mexico, lunch in Seoul, tea by the sea, dinner in Tokyo! Meet at 9:00 a.m. at Union Station main entrance on Alameda Street, near Cesar Chavez, in downtown Los Angeles. \$10 donation requested. Bring change for your ticket purchase; return fare is on us! Ldr: Rudi Beuermann, Co-Ldr: Ann Kramer.

**Jan 19 Saturday Angeles Chapter Fundraiser**  
**O:** Train/Hike Monarch Butterfly Reserve: Depart LA's Union Station at 9 am train for Goleta. Hike to the Coronado Butterfly Reserve to see these marvels during their migration. Time for lunch in Goleta or on the beach. Return train from Goleta arrives in LA at 9:35 pm. Must be willing to hike 10 mi. Price is \$65 (\$80 non-mbrs) incl. rail fare, donation. Bring water, snacks, lunch (or \$ for restaurant opportunity). Send check, SASE and SC # to: Ldr: Roxana Lewis. Co-Ldr: Maggie Belknap.

**Feb 15-18 Fri-Mon Angeles Chapter Fundraiser, OCSS**  
**O:** Yosemite NP Chapter Fundraiser Winter Adventure: Yosemite in winter will steal your heart with some of the most spectacular scenery on earth. Enjoy 3 days of backcountry ski touring on trails. Two levels guided tours in the high country led daily by OCSS experienced ski leaders. Survive the Chinquapin trail. Beginner XC lesson grads welcome. Ski downhill, telemark, snowshoe at Badger Pass ski area. Non-skiers welcome! Valley activities include ice skating, ranger-led snowshoe tours, valley sightseeing tours, free shuttles and lots more. Leave early Friday morning from OC, South Bay and San Fernando bus pickups. Price includes all deluxe rooms at Yosemite Lodge, bus transp. and refreshments, happy hours, NP fees, dinner on the way home. Send 2 SASE, H & W phone, check for \$375 with SC # (\$417 non-mbr) to Reservationist/Ldr: Donna Specht. Assts/Ski Ldrs: Brooks Chadwick, Harry Ladd, Keith Martin and Cyndee Pappas.

Feb 24, 2002 Sun

### Angeles Chapter Banquet

Annual banquet held again at Brookside Country Club in Pasadena at the Rose Bowl. Festivities start at 5:00 PM.

Mark your calendars!

### Mar 9-10 Sat-Sun Angeles Chapter Fundraiser

O: Whales, Pinnipeds & Wildflowers: Island Hopping in Channel Islands National Park: Board the Conception Fri night for early Sat departure to track the gray whales on their journey north. Then, we'll navigate west to remote San Miguel Island, landing by skiff on the white sand beach of Cuyler Harbor for a bird and flower trek. Sat pm we'll reboard to follow the island shoreline to Point Bennett, host to the largest and most diverse pinniped rookery in the West. Sat evening, we'll dine and overnight at Taylor Bight to be entertained by hundreds of frolicking sea lions. Sunday is reserved for Santa Rosa Island, home of the Chumash people until 1820. There'll be plenty of time to explore or kayak or just relax on the beach before returning to Santa Barbara late Sunday afternoon. A bunk, all meals and snacks and naturalist-guided tours are included in the \$275 fee. To reserve space, send a deposit of \$100 to Ldr: Joan Jones Holtz. Co-Ldr: Don Holtz.

### Apr 7-17 Sun-Tue Angeles Chapter Fundraiser

C: Zen Adventure in Japan: Fly LAX to Osaka and spend 9 days in the cultural capital of Japan, Kyoto. Day trips via rail to Hiroshima, Nara, Miyajima, Takayama, Ise, Nagahama. See cherry blossoms, compose haiku poems and soak up the zen beauty of the Kansai. Must be willing to walk 5-7 mi daily. Price \$2,310 (\$2,350 non-mbrs) incl. airfare, hotel (2 sharing) brkfst, 7 day rail pass, donation. To reserve, send \$700 deposit, 2 SASE, SC # to Ldr: Roxana Lewis. Co-Ldr: Maggie Belknap.

### OCT 5-14 Sat-Mon Angeles Chapter Fundraiser

C: The Sierra Club in Paris, City of Lights!: Due to the popularity of this trip in Oct, 1999 and Oct, 2000, we are offering it again in 2002. See Paris! The Louvre, L'Arc de Triomphe, Versailles, the Tuileries, Bateau Mouche evening boat tour on the Seine, numerous guided bus and walking tours through Paris. Opportunity to tour Monet's Giverny Gardens. Bonus bus tour through the Loire Valley, with stops at the famous Gothic cathedral of Chartres, and famous castles, Fontainebleau and Vaux le Vicomte. Plenty of time for personal explorations. Trip fee includes roundtrip non-stop airfare, 8 nights hotel, daily breakfast, 2 dinners, Paris museum pass and metro ticket. Price is \$1,425. with early sign-up discount price of \$1,325 for sign-up and deposit before Feb 1, 2002. To sign up, send initial deposit of \$500 to World Encounters, P.O. Box 3009, Santa Monica, CA 90408. Refund policy: Refund less \$250 before June 15. After June 15, no refund unless a suitable replacement is found. For your protection, trip cancellation insurance is recommended. Non Sierra Club members, add \$35. To request brochures, call (800) 972-8996, or send a SASE to Organizer: Maya Hyams.

### Nov 16-25, 2002 Sat-Mon Angeles Chapter Fundraiser

C: Adventurer's Tuscany, Florence and Tuscan Hilltowns: Experience the hidden treasures of Tuscany with Italianophile, Roxana Lewis, who has been tramping its back roads for 19 years. Visit Siena, San Gimignano, sip Chianti in Greve, run/walk the Florence Marathon, visit Pisa and climb the famous Tower, walk the ramparts of Lucca and more. Approx. 7-26 mi of walking per day to justify great eating opportunities. Price is \$1,639 (\$1,671 non-mbrs), incl. airfare, hotel, brkfst, donation. To reserve, send \$500 deposit, 2 SASE and SC # to Ldr: Roxana Lewis. Co-Ldr: Maggie Belknap.

## CPR & Basic First Aid Classes

Sponsored by the Angeles Chapter and LTC

September 8      Saturday  
October 6        Saturday  
November 10     Saturday

C: CPR & Basic First Aid Class: This free class is made possible by a grant from the Friends of the Angeles Chapter Foundation. The class is open to LTC graduates and outings leaders who wish to refresh first aid skills. Includes AHA CPR card. Sign up is strictly limited.

\$50, payable to the event of a To sign up, send a check for \$50 (FACF) to Organizer, ANN KRAMER.



## New Sign-in Forms, Waivers, Incident Forms

Effect immediately, you will be seeing something new on Sierra Club trips - a combined sign-in/waiver sheet. Waivers have become standard in the outdoor adventure industry, and the Sierra Club is implementing them on all Sierra Club trips.

Some Angeles Chapter entities have been incorporating waivers on their sign-in sheets for some time. (In fact, the format of the new national sign in/waiver sheets was developed from these Angeles Chapter models.) Participants on trips sponsored by the HPS, DPS, SPS and some other entities won't notice much of a variation in their pre-hike routine. The only difference will be in the text of the new standardized waiver.

The waiver is an important legal document, and everyone should read it before signing it.

A few Angeles Chapter entities have been exempt from the sign-in sheet requirement for certain regularly repeated conditioning hikes. At this time, it appears that the sign-in sheet/waiver requirement will apply to these conditioning hikes, too. Participants on these conditioning hikes, please be patient with us as we work out these new procedures!

The new Sign-in/waiver form is available from the Sierra Club via internet. **Please check with HPS Outings Chair or the Leadership Training Committee for instructions on using the new forms, or for obtaining copies of the new forms.** LTC's website is <<http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc/>>

There is a new Emergency Response - Patient Report Form available. All leaders will receive a copy of this form via direct mail. Leaders, please carry this form with you on your hikes. A copy of this form is also available on the LTC website or from the HPS Outings Chair.

The Sierra Club has prepared a document which attempts to anticipate questions you may have about the new waiver requirements. For your convenience excerpts from the document follow.



## **Message from the Sierra Club Regarding Mandatory Use of New Sign-in/Waiver Forms**

### **Why this new policy exists**

**Q. Why is the Club using a liability waiver?**

A. While no document can be relied upon to prevent a lawsuit or protect anyone from grossly negligent conduct, a participant liability waiver is of value in protecting individual outing leaders and the Club.

**Q. Who decided that the Club should use liability waivers?**

A. Use of liability waivers was a key recommendation from recently conducted program-wide risk review of Outdoor Activities. This recommendation was adopted by the Outdoor Activity Governance Committee in October 2000.

**Q. Is the Club currently using liability waivers on any outings?**

A. Liability waivers have been used for a number of years on foreign and mountaineering outings, and for the last two years on all National Outings. Some chapters, groups, sections, and ICO groups have also been using liability waivers.

**Q. Is it mandatory that all outings use a liability waiver?**

A. Yes.

### **Legality of liability waivers**

**Q. Are liability waivers enforceable?**

A. Although some say that liability waivers are worthless, our legal counsel and outdoor industry professionals believe that they are of great value. There is an emerging body of case law in which liability waivers have afforded very real protection. You may have noticed that when you use the services of other outdoor organizations, you are asked to sign liability waivers when doing anything from renting a kayak to going horseback riding. This is a reflection of the belief that liability waivers will protect those organizations from liability.

**Q. What do I say when a participant tells me liability waivers are not "worth the paper they are printed on?"**

A. You must not allow participants to be left with the impression that the waiver has no meaning. Simply state that the Club believes that liability waivers are enforceable. It is not in either the leader's or the Club's interests to downplay the importance of the liability

waiver.

**Q. Is a participant really giving up the right to sue?**

A. Nothing can prevent someone from bringing a lawsuit. A liability waiver is just one piece -- a very critical piece -- in the defense against lawsuits. A liability waiver may serve as a deterrent to a frivolous lawsuit, it may cause the court to dismiss a lawsuit early on, or it may help persuade a jury to side with the leader and the Club.

### **When this policy is in effect**

**Q. When does this policy become effective and how long do we have to implement a local process to use the new form?**

A. It is effective immediately, but it is recognized that it may take time to inform and provide the appropriate forms to all the outings leaders in your community and to implement a process where the forms are used and collected correctly. It is expected that it should not take more than two or three months to implement this policy in your outings program.

### **Using the liability waiver forms**

**Q. What liability waiver forms does the Club use?**

A. The Club uses several different forms:

Sign-In Sheet and Acknowledgment of Outing Member Responsibility, Express Assumption of Risk, and Release of Liability -- A group liability waiver form used mainly on Chapter, Group and Section outings.

Sign-In Sheet and Acknowledgment of Outing Member Responsibility and Express Assumption of Risk -- A group form used mainly on Chapter, Group and Section outings to public lands where the land agency does not allow liability waivers.

Permission to Participate and Release of Liability -- An individual liability form for minors used mainly on Inner City Outings that is part of a larger pre-trip information package. English and Spanish versions are available.

Acknowledgment of Outing Member Responsibility, Express Assumption of Risk, and Release of Liability -- An individual liability waiver form used mainly on National Outings. This form is part of a larger pre-trip information package.

Acknowledgment of Outing Member Responsibility and Express Assumption of Risk -- An individual form used mainly on National Outings to public lands where the land agency does not allow liability waivers.

Q. How do I get copies of the forms?

A. If you are a leader, you should get the appropriate forms from the Chair or **Outing Chair of the entity sponsoring your trip**. If you are a Chair or an Outing Chair working to select the forms for your leaders to use, you can either go to the Outings Leader Extranet Web site

<http://mitchell.sierraclub.org/outings/> or contact the Outings department at (415) 977-5630.

Q. What is the difference between a liability waiver and an acknowledgment of risk?

A. A participant's acknowledgment of risk is just that – an acknowledgment that the participant might get hurt. A liability waiver includes such an acknowledgment, but goes beyond mere acknowledgment of risk and also asks the participants to assume the responsibility for that risk.

Q. How will I know whether to use the liability waiver or an acknowledgment of risk form on my outing?

A. Use the liability waiver unless the land use permit explicitly prohibits use of liability waivers – typically only some US Forest Service and National Parks Service permits. All the permits that we are aware of allow acknowledgment of risk forms, even those that prohibit liability waivers.

Q. My entity would like to track different information on the sign-in sheet or permission form.

Can we modify the forms?

A. No and yes. Your entity may modify the columns in the lower section of the form where participants write identifying information in order to gather additional or different information that may be useful on the local level. For example, instead of asking participants to note their email address, you may want to use that column to collect membership number. However, the "Name," "Signature," and "Early Sign-Out" initial columns must always be present.

Please note that the liability waiver language at the top of the form cannot be modified and the participant signature must be on the same side of the paper as the liability waiver language. Or, if you are using a two-sided form, the second side must have the title of the document and the reference to the liability waiver language on the first side as is presented in the model form. This latter point will avoid a situation in which a participant claims not to have seen the liability waiver language.

To facilitate entity revisions to the Sign-In sheet and Waiver form, a version in Microsoft Word is available on the Outings Leader Extranet Web site <http://mitchell.sierraclub.org/outings/>.

Q. On the sign-in sheets, what does "Early Sign-Out" mean?

A. Occasionally a participant decides to leave an outing before the outing officially ends. When this happens, the participant must initialize the "Early Sign-Out" column next to their name. This will document the fact that the participant is no longer on the outing and that the Sierra Club leaders are no longer responsible for the participant's safety. This documentation will help protect the Club and the leaders in the event that a participant is injured after leaving the outing.

Only participants who leave the outing early need to initialize the "Early Sign-Out" column. Participants who stay with the group until the outing officially ends do not need to initialize this column.

### Signing the liability waiver form

Q. Who should sign the liability waiver?

A. All leaders and participants should sign the liability waiver with the leader's signature on the first row so that participants have an example to follow.

Q. When and where should participants sign the liability waiver?

A. A participant should sign the liability waiver at the location where the outing officially begins. If participants and leader meet at a parking lot and then carpool to the "trailhead," the trip begins at the trailhead and the liability waiver should be signed at the trailhead -- not the parking lot. Note that this may be different from the usual way of doing business -- signing in at the parking lot. If you are using the combined sign-in/waiver you should change to having participants sign in at the trailhead.

On the other hand, for outings that require participants to fill out forms prior to the outing, the individual liability waiver should generally be included with those forms. Thus, a signed liability waiver would be collected from the participant prior to the outing.

Q. What do I do if someone refuses to sign the liability waiver at the trailhead?

A. This is obviously a difficult situation, but a person who does not sign the liability waiver cannot be allowed on the outing. Remind the person that the requirement to sign the liability waiver was mentioned in the outings publicity materials.

Of course this is not an issue on trips which obtain signed liability waivers prior to the outing (see When and where should participants sign the liability waiver?).



## Minors and liability waivers

Q. Can minors sign liability waivers?

A. No. Liability waivers signed by minors are not enforceable. Minors must have a liability waiver signed by their parent or guardian. Anyone under 18 years old is considered a minor.

Q. Can an adult who is not the parent or guardian, such as a scout leader or teacher, sign the liability waiver on behalf of the parent or guardian of a minor?

A. No.

## Publicizing the liability waivers

Q. When should participants be told about the requirement to sign a liability waiver?

A. All potential participants should be informed as soon as possible and always prior to the outing. All publicity materials, including newsletter listings and flyers, should include a notice that participants will be required to sign a liability waiver. You should also mention the liability waivers whenever you talk to or write to a participant before the outing.

Q. What if our newsletter, activity list, or Web site does not have any notification about the need to sign liability waivers?

A. If you are the Chair or Outings Chair of a Club entity that runs outings, contact the appropriate editor or webmaster about the importance of such notice. Here is our suggested notification language:

"All participants on Sierra Club outings are required to sign a standard liability waiver. If you would like to read the liability waiver before you chose to participate on an outing, refer to the public Web site at: <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/national/participantforms/liabilit.pdf> or contact the Outings department at (415) 977-5630 for a printed version."

## Waivers on trips involving a concessionaire or third party

Q. The concessionaire running my outing requires participants to sign a liability waiver. Do participants need to sign the Club's liability waiver too?

A. Yes. A liability waiver between the concessionaire and the participant protects the concessionaire and its employees, not the Club and its leaders.

Q. My entity runs official outings in conjunction with another organization. Do the members of the other organization on the outing need to sign the Club's

liability waiver?

A. Yes, as the Club is responsible for the conduct of the outing.

## Miscellaneous

Q. The liability waiver appears to say that participants are responsible for the travel from the meeting place to the trailhead. Is this true if I am renting a vehicle or chartering a service for this travel?

A. No. In such a case, the liability waiver's reference to carpooling refers to how participants get to the meeting place which has been designated as the beginning of the outing. Once the participants are in the rental or chartered vehicle, the outing has begun.

Q. What do I do when a participant has questions about certain aspects of the liability waiver?

A. You should not interpret the document for participants. However, if you wish, you may tell them that you are not a lawyer, but that the document appears to say that "there are risks on outings and by going forward, you are assuming the risks, and agreeing not to sue the Club if you are hurt." You can also advise them that if they are uncomfortable signing the document, they should not go on the outing.

Q. Won't liability waivers make more work for me?

A. We understand that using liability waivers creates an extra burden. We have tried to facilitate the waiver process by providing the waiver in the format of a Group/Chapter outing sign-in sheet and an ICO permission slip. This way, for many there are no additional papers to handle and these forms can be retained in the same manner as the existing sign-in sheets and permission slips.

Q. How long should liability waivers be kept?

A. While the statute of limitations varies from state to state, it is suggested that the liability waivers be retained for six months longer than the statute to compensate for any delay in notification of a lawsuit. Generally, this means that liability waivers should be maintained for 3.5 years. State-specific information may be provided in the future.

How to contact us: Group & Chapter Outings:  
<chapter-group.outings@sierraclub.org >  
or,  
Sierra Club Outing Department  
85 Second Street, Second Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94105-3441  
Phone: 415-977-5630



## Leading the List

By Byron Prinzmetal (aka the Grand Sluggo)

By the time you read this I will have finished leading the List. There have only been five other esteemed HPS'ers who have accomplished this feat before me. They are John Backus, Frank Goodykoontz, David Eisenberg, Charlie Knapke, and Mighty Joe Young. Some might say, you (they) are crazy, nuts, your brain is not all there, "lead the list, but why???"

The answers are simple. It is the small things that people do to tell you they really appreciate what you are doing. It is a way of giving back to others what you so much enjoyed yourself.

So I would like to suggest that if you love our mountains and want to give back something for all the joy you have received when bagging our peaks, why don't you lead? The added joy you will receive will be **many times more** than the pain of getting out of bed at 4 am and driving 100's of miles just to lead another HPS hike.

So if you are not already a **leader, become one**, and if you are a leader, why not **lead the List**?

Now for the thank you's. We are blessed with some of the most beautiful rugged mountain ranges in the United States with weather that allows us to hike twelve months of a year. I am very appreciative of these very special places. I am also grateful for our founders who created our section, discovered routes to these beautiful places and those who documented them in the form of a List, peak guides and maps.

I would not have been able to lead the List without the leaders I co-lead with, especially **Mars Bonfire and Carleton Shay**. Their patience and understanding of my exotic personality is very much appreciated. They both went way beyond the call of duty. I thank you both.

I would like to thank the following people and organizations:

- ◆ Harry Freimanis, Southern Courtney, and Tom Hill for helping me learn to navigate.
- ◆ The United States government for giving us topo maps and the great equalizer called a gps and Matt Heller of National Geographic. Matt took many of my suggestions (and pushy emails and phone calls) and made their mapping software simply fantastic.

- ◆ Steve Schuster and his team for a most wonderful wilderness first aid course. If you have not taken it I suggest you do, it is simply marvelous.
- ◆ Larry Tidball for getting me to finally understand and implement the Angeles Chapter's safety philosophy. Dan Richter for organizing the chapter's current leadership training program.
- ◆ Bill Oliver for his overall leadership for the entire chapter outing program.
- ◆ Sherry Ross and Ginny Heringer for allowing us to setup the combined HPS/Natural Science hikes. These have helped me open my eyes as to the very unique qualities of the places we hike to.
- ◆ And, special thanks goes to David Eisenberg and Joe Young for the many hours each spends on their individual labor of love (David the Schedule, Joe THE LOOKOUT ).

And, most of all I would like to thank all of the **hikers** I have been most **FORTUNATE** to hike with. Without you there would be no such thing as a Hundred Peaks hike.

Thank you all.



*Byron Prinzmetal, lower left, with his group on Aquila.*

**Reminder: The Hundred Peaks Section Annual Business meeting will be held at The Grande Room at the Los Angeles Zoo administrative complex on Thursday, September 13. Everyone is welcome.**

## Current Trip Reports

### 3000 Meter Ridge

July 1, 2001

**Leaders: Tom Hill, Virgil Popescu,  
and George Wysup  
by George**

Tom and George hatched a trip to the commonly led triumvirate of 10K Foot Ridge, Lake, and Grinnell, all 10,000+ footers in San Geronio Wilderness. Tom figured we needed a new slant for this humdrum hike. Why not do the entire ridge, not just the register can bump? Why not, indeed. I had hiked the ridge almost 30 years ago (with a San Geronio area legend named Bob Tosh) before I had ever heard of HPS, and I was excited about doing it again. We would go up to bump 9930' at the east end, then run the ridge over bumps 9884', 9971', 10094' (current HPS register site), Lake Peak (10161'), to Zahniser Peak (10056') on the west end. The return would include Grinnell Mtn (10284').

We nailed Virgil as a third leader, since we know that "stuff" happens. He was tickled to go along since he is amidst his funky pathfinder period and the route was to get him two very nice pathfinders. The HPS Outings Chair (me) approved and submitted the writeup to the Chapter Schedule, and we were now stuck with it.

SASE responses dribbled in and it became apparent that this trip was destined to be quite popular. People somehow sense a true classic hike and want to be a part of it, I suppose. We ended up with a total of 21 eager hikers at 7:30 a.m. at the Fish Creek trailhead. Many were known by the leaders to be strong hikers and the others had good credentials. Besides the leaders there were: Joanne Andrew (Long Beach WTC fame), Mike Bayer, Pat Brea, Tom Connery, Peter Duerst, Marc Garfinkel (MD), Rich Gnagy, Laura Joseph, "Ranger Mike" McCawley, Agustin Medina, John Meehan, Zobeida Molina, Ed Nemeth, Larry Piccone, Gary Schenk, Viorel Udrica, Janet Yang, and Dave Zalewski. Rich Gnagy deserves special mention since he has completed the DPS and SPS lists and is well on his way to an HPS finish, which would make him the oldest to complete the triple list. Rich has been climbing mountains in 8 decades now, and started climbing when I was 2 years old (and I am on Medicare now).

Tom took the initial lead because he had been reconnoitering the route for an hour before I arrived with a group from the car pool spot at Mill Creek ranger station. I soon learned from group conversation that some of the folks were doing their first cross-country hiking—and they were loving it. The route took us basically south from the trailhead over a bump (8480'+) and up a ridge to elev 9580'. From there Virgil led us SE down to the saddle at 9400+, keeping the near-headwall of Hell-for-Sure Canyon on our left, then SW to 9930', past the hungry chirping of a nest of woodpecker chicks. The route had, amazingly to the leaders, gone quite well, with minimal brush and was just pleasantly steep. It appeared to be quite popular with large animals of the non-human persuasion. We now had about 2 miles and 2000' gain under our belts.

Behold! A register can of sorts, obviously ancient, was nestled in a ragged rock cairn. I say ancient because it was a rusty Sir Walter Raleigh tobacco tin. The weathered notebook inside dated from 8/10/1968. John Backus had signed in 1971. Was this an old HPS summit location? I don't know. I understand that the previous location was on bump 9971'. We speculated that this summit was worthier of HPS peak-hood than many others now on the list. Tom left a modern nesting can register and we dubbed the pleasant summit "Hell-for-Sure Peak".

I took the lead, at the risk of getting us lost, to the real HPS can. We passed the unspectacular bump 9884' and visited the top of 9971'. Here again was a register can. The book claimed the summit to be 9884'. Was this the old official HPS can? Why is the elevation wrong? Was it moved from 9884'? Unanswered questions.

We were hiking through a limber pine forest containing some aged specimens. How old? All I can say is that Bob Tosh had core-sampled several of the trees about 40 years ago and the samples were dated by a U of AZ lab at over 2000 years old. I suppose that makes them ante-Christis.

We continued over rocky class 2 bump 10040+ to our first official HPS summit in time for a brief lunch. Now we had done about 4 miles and 2800' elev gain.

Virgil led us to Lake Peak, adding another 1.5 miles and 400' gain to our effort. We marched through the "toothpick forest" resulting from an old fire. After many years most of the toothpicks no

longer stand, and the downed trees cause a bit of extra work for hikers. The plan had been to visit Zahniser Peak, near Mine Shaft Saddle, on the way to Grinnell. A few hikers seemed reluctant to go out of their way to an unlisted peak, so we voted. 14 hikers elected to go to Zahniser, and 7 went with Tom to Grinnell to wait.

Zahniser is just a little mound, but is rather attractive. A short, 200' vertical romp from the trail got us to the summit where we found an old ammo can register. Not many people bother with this one.

We quickly got up to Grinnell and found the rest of the group slothfully enjoying the afternoon. We noted the unexplained recent felling of several large pines at the summit. We are now up to 7 miles and 4200' gain. Another 4 miles downhill, after a shortcut down the SE face of Grinnell, got us back to the cars. Passing through Fish Creek Meadows we were awed by the unusually lush plants and flowers, including spectacular giant lupine, many lemon lilies, and very healthy-looking yarrow and skunk cabbage.

All present, uninjured, and seemingly pleased by the day's effort. Gary Schenk even rewarded me with a cold Michelob.

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## **Marion Mountain, Jean Peak, and Drury Peak**

**July 18, 2001**

**"An incomplete hike report"**

**Leaders: Byron Prinzmetal  
and Carleton Shay**

**By Karen Isaacson**

I was going to write up a hike report last week about the trip to Marion Mountain, Jean Peak, and Drury Peak, led by Byron and Carleton. But I'd barely begun writing when I decided I'd better start packing for the San Bernardino Ridge trip. So I never finished, and now I want to write about San Bernardino Ridge instead. I'm apparently so infatuated with my own prose, however, that here I am, sharing the little bit I did manage to put into words. So, here's my -incomplete- recollection of a wonderful hike in the San Jacinto Wilderness:

"This Bud's for you!" (While doing a lovely cross-country tramp between Drury and Marion, what should we find, but two cans of Budweiser? No water for camping anywhere near, but beer, hey, I like

this place! Anyhow, in honor of George's birthday, we left them for him on Marion. George, we hope you enjoyed!)

"I'm going to have legs that look like Brian's!" (Ingeborg, contemplating that last pitch of tall thick brush between her and the trail back up to Wellman Divide.)

"You'll have to try harder than that!" (Brian, to Ingeborg, having just landed on his back in the brush and added to his world class collection of cuts and scratches.)

"Hey, I still have feet!" (Me, upon surviving the hike and making it back to the tram station. Thanks again for all the foot sore advice I received here last week.)

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Byron's already sent around the important information from last Wednesday's hike to Marion/Jean/Drury, stuff about good new routes and so on. Here are a few additional informal impressions.

After consolidating at the Myrtle park-and-ride, two cars arrived at the Palm Springs Tram Station well in time for the first (10AM on weekdays) shuttle. Besides our leaders Byron Prinzmetal and Carleton Shay, there were Doris Duval, Ingeborg Prochazka, Kent Schwitkis, and Brian and Karen Leverich.

Usually (at least for me) those first few thousand feet in elevation gain are the toughest, but not this time. Maybe they'll use our Adventure Pass dollars to build trams up to all our peaks? (Er, never mind, dumb idea.) This does make for one of the more dramatic trailheads I've ever used, for sure. The views were incredible, we could see clear to the Salton Sea.

Once we had our wilderness permit, we headed for Round Valley, then up towards San Jacinto Peak, turning off cross country for Jean when only three-tenths of a mile from San Jacinto. Carleton navigated, and found us a very tidy route from Jean to Drury (apparently the State Park people call it Newton, knowing it well enough to be on a first name basis?) and then through a level brush-free forest (though not Bud-free, go figure) to Marion. Nearly everyone except me rockclimbed their way up to the summit. I contented myself with applauding them from below, taking a picture of Kent taking a picture of everyone else ascending a crack.

Along the way, we were buzzed by a glider, which was interesting to watch, but sounded eerily

alien. Atop Marion, we determined somehow (I can't recall the logic for this at all) that Carleton is responsible for the mess over in the Balkans.

On our way out, we encountered lots of other hikers, not a one of them attired quite like us. Then, in a final terrific blow to our self-esteem, no one would sit next to us in the waiting area for the tram. I don't think we were all that dirty, so it must have been our untrendy attire. People are so shallow! (Brian and I are heading back up tomorrow for the hike to Cornell Peak and Divide Peak. What to wear, what to wear?)

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## **Mt McDill (5187') and Sierra Pelona**

### **A Private Tour, July 17, 2001**

### **By Tom Hill and Hugh Blanchard**

Mt McDill is hikable again. This peak was on the original 1946 HPS list but was delisted in 1973 after some dangerous encounters with the property owners at that time. One report (ca 1982) mentioned that a gun club claimed ownership of the summit and was enforcing that claim. Well, things can change in 20-30 years. On our visit we found no signs of any recent activity nor any evidence of a gun club.

What we *did* find is a fence 3/4 mile to the west of the summit with two gates, the southernmost with an announcement, "Santa Monica Mountains Nature Conservancy." A partial "No Trespassing" sign is found attached to the fence south of this sign. If you take the northern fork in the dirt road, following along on the west side of the fence, you quickly find an unposted, wire-ring standard hiker's gate for passage through the barrier. Pass through and hike along the ridgeline road (improved dirt) where you encounter four bumps marking the Mt McDill plateau. The first bump has a benchmark "Mint." The second bump has a three-boulder arrangement marking the ruins of an old benchmark, with the HPS register can in the center. The third and fourth McDill bumps offer good views to the east of the ridgeline punctuated by electronic sites rolling off toward Odell Peak (5217'), the high point of the Sierra Pelona, and Hauser Peak (5200+) one mile farther.

This cluster of named peaks occurs along the 20-mile long hogback ridge of Sierra Pelona, which divides Mint Canyon from Leona Valley between Saugus and Palmdale, north of the Antelope Valley 14 Freeway. This destination is less than 25 miles from the Sylmar rideshare point. Our research found that the 4234-acre Ritter Ranch/Sierra Pelona Open Space donation is

indeed one of the Conservancy properties. It was set aside as a result of a development initiative begun in 1989.

Back to our trip. With no idea of what to expect, Hugh and I set out on an all-day touring exploratory that began on Bouquet Canyon Road, which we accessed by taking Hwy 126 exit east from the I-5 in Santa Clarita. There were three potential access roads from Bouquet Canyon. The first (about 9 miles from Hwy 126) was Forest Road 5N14 into Texas Canyon: Gated. The second (3 more miles north) was Forest Road 6N07, the road that follows the entire ridgeline: Open for business. We turned right (east) on this dirt road and began the ascent in Hugh's more-than-adequate SUV. Passenger cars not recommended.

The road climbs quickly through chaparral-choked canyon slopes into broad grasslands along the main ridgeline. The slopes drop off gently and then more steeply for 2000 feet on both sides of the ridge making for quite a heady experience. The road itself is a dual system along the entire ridge. The main road goes around the many ridge bumps. A parallel track follows the actual ridgeline, sometimes in rather dramatic fashion, and appears to have seen much use by 4x4 enthusiasts.

We encountered two side roads that provide alternate driving access. First we noted Forest Road 5N18 heading right (S) at 5.7 miles. After a stop at 9.2 miles at a minor saddle for a short walk west to the remains of the Sierra Pelona Lookout (4850') we continued to 9.7 miles. Here we noted a second access road 6N08 heading left (N) to Artesian Spring Campground. This road was open and would have saved 5 miles each way of dirt road driving. (It meets Bouquet Canyon Road 1/2 mile before the eastern tip of Bouquet Reservoir.)

Then we enjoyed the views and exploration of the McDill summit plateau on foot, 3 miles, 600' gain, before driving back to the junction with 5N18. A 3.5 mile downhill brought us into Texas Canyon, where we noted the 5N14 gate closed on our right (west) to match the closure at Bouquet Canyon. Now we had a surprising bonus 1.1 miles farther east into Texas Canyon, where you can take a breather from admiring the unusual rock formations by stopping to visit the Silver King Mine at a road pullout (alternatively reached by backtracking from Rowher Flat ORV Area for 0.9 miles). The mine is easily identified by its two open-mouthed caves just above the stream on the opposite side of the creekbed.

It's unusual to find unblocked mine openings -- particularly when they are easily accessible to the public. Examination solved the mystery. The

opening on the left is the entrance to a hard-rock tunnel more than 100 feet long into utter darkness and appears to be bombproof; the opening on the right is much shorter.

Our driving journey then continued to the Rowher Flat ORV area where we turned right on 5N13, soon passing a downhill use-trail to impressive Table Rock, and then 3 more miles out to paved Sierra Highway north of Vasquez Rocks and the 14 Freeway.

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**Mt McDill**  
**Register placed 1/5/64**  
**Sierra Club Angeles Chapter**  
**By Tom Hill & Hugh Blanchard**

Roy Gumm 100 Pks / 5-18-74 / Windy—

The lines above are found on the cover of a register book found on Mt McDill on a scouting trip July 17, 2001, by Tom Hill and Hugh Blanchard. The nested red cans remain on the summit, but not the book. Please bring a replacement book when visiting this delisted peak.

The historic but heavily weather-damaged old register book now resides safely as part of a large, private HPS archive maintained by Hugh Blanchard.

Register Book labeled "For Geologist Service / Call the nearest Geologist Office"

Cover has baby blue border on white surface.

Binding consists of five red plastic bands.

Size 2 3/4" x 4 1/2".

The register is severely damaged from 37 years of field exposure. Several hundred people, mainly HPSers on section-sponsored trips, signed in on its sixty pages over the years. One striking difference from modern practice is the great many children and entire families who signed in. Another difference is the large number of participants on some of these trips.

First sheet

1/5/64 W. E. von Pertz, Bruce Collier, V e r y  
windy but beautiful

2/29/64 B. Hanson, Barbara Estin

3/1/64 Peak #13

Sierra Club Members

Cal & Mary Turner – Glendale

Very windy & cold – clear

view of snowy peaks

5/30/89 Pete Hanson, George Egbert

Quartz Hill High teachers

Biked up from down ridge 5 miles

11/4/93 Taking lunch break.

Ken Moss SCE meter reader

[Note: This entry is the most recent one in the book.]

Second sheet

3/7/64 Cold clear windy

Bob Hawthorne, Roger K Mitchell, James Hawley, Mark Goebel, Mary Anne Pidgeon, Paul Ferguson, Gene Andreosky, Julius M Zetterbaund Bob Franson, Anne M Carlson, Henry P Arnstanz John Nienhuis, Bob Schull, Parker Severson, John A Danielson, John Danielson, Robert Davis Raymond Fagg, Suzanne Danielson, Teresa Clark Marvin Siddel

Third sheet

Roy Arnold, Ottmar Goebel, Les Gampp Laura Dard, Mark & Franci Shpink, Larry E Shpink Dorothy Cutler, Norma Diamond Francis, W E Van Dagel, Martha Mullin, Bob Hawkinson, Cliff Parks, Eleanor Faulkner, Ron Eckelsmann, Dave Bingham, George O Hale, Phil Clarke, Richard Raskoff, John Frost, Dave Frost (old), Age 9 Barbara Frost

[Note: This was the final entry for the 3/7/64 trip]

We stop here with the full record and list only a few entries from the rest of the book. As you begin to see, the register is completely full and signers have rummaged through to find sign-in room.

Other entries in order of their appearance

3/29/64 (Easter) How Bailey, beautiful & warm but hazy

12/4/71 In Wind Joseph Young

6/25/66 Bernie Petitjean #100 Finally

Lu Petitjean #100! (Now open the champagne!), Sandra Petitjean #61, 10 years

Suzie Petitjean #46, Don Petitjean #62, 8 years

12/11/66 G Palmer, put new register can here.

Old can full of water & rusting.

Jerry Russom, Feb 19 group left can upside down. Full of water. I'll leave plastic cover off.

8/19/6 Art Rich

5/9/71 HPS Trip, Duane McRuer, Leader...

Ron Webster... John Backus, Leader

5/31/71 Bill Russell #59, Pat Russell #12

10/8/72 John Robinson, cold, windy, foggy

5/21/73 Barbara Reber #93

4/15/72 Fran Smith HPS DPS

7/8/72 Harry Brumer #72, Henry Heusinkveld #133

12/8/75 Jon Inskeep, La Canada

24 Nov 68 Gordon MacLeod #139, Barbara Stacy MacLeod #90

1/4/69 John Backus #142, Paul Lipsohn #147

## **Off the Beaten Path to Santa Rosa Mtn (8070')**

**December 24, 2000  
by Erik Siering**

The Toro Peak 7.5 min topo quad map shows a jeep road that switchbacks far up the north side of the Santa Rosa Mountains. I'd wanted to hike this for some time. Richard Hughes of San Diego also described it in an email listserv account of his Toro Peak trip in 1999. So Annie Kramer and I hiked from the Cactus Spring trailhead (4040') on Christmas Eve. We followed the jeep road from the initial intersection, then zigzagged north. We set out before dawn to finish by midday for a dinner date atop the Palm Springs Tram, enjoying sunrise over Martinez and Sheep Mtns to the east.

High-clearance 4wd would only be required in two ruts high up on the "DPS good" dirt road. It leads to a largely intact charcoal kiln and a vigorously flowing spring (6200'+). This is a comfortable, though littered, campsite at the treeline of the pretty pine forest. The kiln was presumably utilized to generate charcoal for the Dolomite Mine below. There remains some abandoned logging equipment, including an old log hauling trailer.

Above the spring the road deteriorates into a pair of steep, eroded jeep tracks, not shown on the 7.5 min topo. Left at a fork, it becomes a well-marked trail to an abandoned road spur below Stump Spring Campground. A homemade sign on a tree reads "RV Loop, Santa Rosa Mtn 3." Right at the fork leads on a track past Stump Spring to a four-way intersection that is a mile east of the summit.

Annie continued at her own pace well behind on the road. I went left at the fork. At a drop in the trail, I headed cross-country upridge, shortly rejoining the pleasant footpath. At the road spur (7640') is another posted sign: "RV Loop, Hwy 74 10 mi." Not quite. I turned west on the spur, to the main road at the aforementioned four-way intersection (7700'), and on to the summit by the normal route. A family on a Christmas campout had a pair of tents on the leeward side. They enjoyed a great campfire the prior night in the cabin ruin's fireplace, the chimney still intact. I retraced my way down, meeting Annie at the kiln.

Did I mention that all those road switchbacks seemed a lot more tedious on the downhill? Still a fun way to summit Santa Rosa or Toro. Later I found this "Sawmill Road" route

described as trip #66 in Phillip Ferranti's "100 Great Hikes In and Near Palm Springs."

Stats: About 18 miles, 4600 feet gain roundtrip.

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## **San Bernardino East Peak, San Bernardino Peak, Anderson Peak, Shield's Peak**

**Friday, 20 July 2001**

**Byron Prinzmetal/Mars Bonfire**

**By Karen Isaacson**

**"We're all here because we're not all here."  
(Maybe you had to be there?)**

I have to confess I was already feeling somewhat intimidated by this hike when we arrived at the Forsee Creek trailhead at the gruesome hour of 6:15AM or so. 20 miles and 5000' gain? Steep, brushy cross-country? Did I have oatmeal for brains, what was I thinking of? And then Byron welcomed us to the "Death March". If someone had shared with me at that point that the world-class ridge advertised in the Lookout was the one that had destroyed Sandy Burnside's ankle, I'd've started hiking back down the road for home, as fast as my feet would carry me! But that little tidbit of information didn't surface until much much later.

Gathered that day in the chilly dawn were our leaders, Byron Prinzmetal and Mars Bonfire, plus Rich Gnagy, JoAnn Griego, Karen Leverich, Ping Pfeffer, and Ingeborg Prochazka. Ingeborg set a lovely pace and headed up the miles and miles (and miles and miles) of well-graded, switchbacked Forsee Creek Trail that separated us from the top of the San Bernardino Ridge. Byron, ever the optimist, warned us of the horrors in store as we ascended. I have a facility for later blanking out this sort of information, so can't recall if he was alarming us with possibilities of man-eating deer or what, but at some point I whined that he wasn't being cheery enough, and he changed his tune, promising us sun-kissed meadows of singing birds and dancing flowers and so on. Much nicer.

Many feet of elevation gain later, we had safely evaded all the dangerous whatever, entered an almost parklike forest of lodgepole pine, and arrived atop the ridge. The views alone made this worth the climb, never mind the four peaks. To the south was Yucaipa Ridge, to the east San Gorgonio, to the north Big Bear Lake looked invitingly blue. After caching extra supplies, we headed west and bagged San Bernardino East

Peak, then continued west towards San Bernardino Peak.

Y'know, these peaks look *a lot* closer together on the map? So many false summits, so little time. Rich took us up the final slope to San Bernardino Peak, mumbling something inspirational like, "This looks like the top of something!"

Returned to the point at which we'd cached our supplies, Byron generously gave us something like two and a half minutes to eat lunch, tacking on an extra minute so I could check out my feet (yep, still there!) before we continued east up the side of Anderson Peak, this time with Mars in the lead. "Is that the peak?" someone asked. "It's up there somewhere," someone else responded. Do you suppose it's the thin air that makes our conversations so profound?

The first three peaks had been similar, a bit rocky, but fitting somehow onto the ridge. So Shield's was a surprise, a big extrusion of boulders that looked like it had been beamed in from elsewhere entirely. We worked muscle groups I didn't know I possessed, scrambling up the ridge to the top, then down the north face to the trail.

At which point, there was a minor mutiny. We were tired, we didn't want to go down a world-class ridge when there was a perfectly fine trail that would take us back to the cars.

So, how was it we came to descend by way of the ridge? Hypnosis? Blackmail? Bribery? Nah, the explanation is simpler. Byron and Mars shared two facts with us. First, the return via the ridge was only two miles or so, while on the trail it would be six or more. Second, we'd have to go back uphill on the trail, before we could go down. That clinched it: we'd already done more elevation gain than we wanted, the ridge it is, let's go!

Mars continued to lead. The first part wasn't tricky, a stroll through an open forest of lodgepole pines, just lovely. But we needed to descend 4000' or so, and there's no way to do that in two miles without some steep parts. No (serious) problem, Mars and Byron found safe ways down the steepest parts, brush-free paths through the brushier parts, and down down down we went. We paused now and then to marvel at our good fortune, being in this unique place. A once in a lifetime opportunity! ("You'll never get me back here again," mumbled one participant who shall remain nameless.) At some point, they came clean

about this being the very ridge where Sandy had broken her ankle, uh oh.

Seriously, this was a terrific route to come down, but don't attempt it unless you have excellent navigation skills. I felt privileged to have been able to descend such a ridge, and had a lot of (unexpected) fun doing so, but never could have done so without Mars and Byron making it possible. Eventually, inevitably, the slope leveled off -- we were down. Where we weren't was at the parking area. Byron had his GPS at hand, and let us know that, "The trail is about .6 miles this way; the cars about .75 miles that way." Rich: "So why don't we just go to the cars?" Byron: "The trail is so much easier to follow." As if we hadn't tried to communicate that concept before descending that world-class ridge, huh?

So off we went, over and across a surprising number of annoying washes and small ridges. Byron spotted a water tank marked on the map, which reassured us all that we weren't hopelessly and forever lost. Then, hurrah, a trail! We all oohed and aahed and kissed the ground, terra firma! Except for Ingeborg, who pointed out that the trail was too narrow and nobody had been walking on it lately. It wasn't our trail, fiddle! But then, just where it was supposed to be, we found the real trail, oohed and aahed again (though perhaps not quite as rapturously), and walked on out to the cars. Twelve hours, four peaks, and who knows how many miles later, we had all survived Byron's Death March!

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## **San Jacinto High Peak Bagging**

**July 21, 2001**

**Leaders: George Wysup and Maggie Wilson  
by George Wysup**

I am quite fond of hiking the cool, granite summits of the San Jacinto area and I thought it would be a challenging outing to do a bunch of them in one day. Such a trip has been done in many times in the past, but not recently.

I needed a co-leader and some followers. What better co-leader than Maggie Wilson-- pleasant, competent, strong. Since she "needed" these peaks she readily consented. Followers? If we build it, the unsuspecting might come.

The goal would be to climb Jean, Marion, Drury, Folly, San Jacinto, and Cornell. Maggie and I

agreed on a route that would do that in an estimated 15 miles, 5100' elevation gain from the Palm Springs tram. Catch the first tram at 8 am, and make it back before the last tram at 9:45 pm.

17 hardy hikers signed in at 7:30 in the tram parking lot. The ticket price has soared to \$20.80 this year. Why not \$20.99 or \$20? Anyhow, \$2 off for seniors (55+) and \$1.90 off for AAA members. I can but wonder at the scientific marketing strategies that result in this pricing structure. Ticket sellers check names and ages closely on ID. We all made the first tram and secured our day hike permits (self serve at the ranger station). We were ready to start.

I set a rather fast pace toward Round Valley, and the entire group was right on my heels. I must not be walking fast enough, I told myself, perhaps it's the altitude. So I picked up the pace a bit, huffing. They're still with me. Break time near Round Valley brought some comments that the pace could really be a bit slower and they wouldn't mind. Praise be to the gods! It appears that this was a case of macho syndrome in action; no one wanted to appear the trip weakling.

Have you noticed that, as every village has its idiot, every hike has its slug? This trip didn't. Some were stronger than others, naturally, but the true slowpokes must have all been hiking somewhere with Byron, "smelling the flowers". We too pondered the vegetation at some length. I pointed out a white-flowered weed growing in the meadow, calling it *yarrow*. I usually get away with this if I sound confident enough. But, no; a young damsel wondered if I was certain that it wasn't "*ranger buttons*". Of course she was correct. At least she was tactful about it and I could claim that my eyes aren't what they used to be now that I have turned 65. At least I know my *chinquapin*, and that is the brush that I wanted to avoid.

The participants were a diverse bunch, several of whom I had not met before. Some are peak baggers diligently working the list, others are training to day hike Whitney, a few just wanted a long hike in a gorgeous setting. In no particular order they were Kevin Dixon (speaker at next January's HPS banquet), Zobeida Molina, Patricia Brea, John Meehan, Laura Joseph, Paul McKenna, Tom Connery, Chris Davis, Robinette Lloyd, Dee Dee Miller, Alex Gonzalez, Dave Harvey, Mikki Siegel, Rick Gordon, and Margaret Ou.

From Round Valley we stayed on trail to Wellman Divide, turned north, and skirted Jean Peak for ¼ mile to a cove (near "21" on the topo) where Jean's slope is on the northeast side, hence is free of brush. It didn't take us long to cover the 600' elevation to the pleasant summit (10,670'), keeping to the left of the ridge to avoid most class 2 stuff. We reveled around the register for some time, identifying the sights and replenishing energy. On toward Marion. The easiest path is a rather straight line, modified as necessary to stay to the right of the ridge that includes bump 10388.

Marion (10,320') was a crowd pleaser. The first thing we spied was a tall can of Bud, left by the Byron and Carleton's trip three days earlier, ostensibly as a birthday present to me. The group exulted in climbing the class 3 chute to the actual summit. Some decided (on their own) to take a trickier approach. Atop the summit block were two cans. One was the register can, the second was another tall Bud; a dead Bud as it turned out. Back below the summit block we dined and shared the (live) Bud, warm though it were. After too long a break we headed for the next destination.

I took Carleton Shay's route, which goes pretty much directly from Marion to the saddle just east of the mound called Newton Drury Peak (10,160'+; there is no name on the 7.5' topo map). Drury is about 1 mile directly north of Marion. The hiking time between the two is a bit over ½ hour. The group was proving to be a gluttonous gaggle; most everyone had pigged out on every summit so far. I personally encourage, and sympathize with, this behavior. On to Folly.

Folly Peak (10,480', on the ridge northwest of San Jacinto) is about ¾ mile due north of Drury. We went back down to the saddle below Drury, then walked past Little Round Valley campground on its east side, intersecting the main trail. We headed up the trail for a few switch backs, to about the 10,000' contour, to find an area not terribly infested with brush. We headed slightly west of due north, zigging here, zagging there to minimize brush, then tip-toed over a few boulders to the register. The view was indeed impressive. Yep; everyone pigged out again. Well, on to San Jac, and I'm becoming concerned about the time because Cornell seems the peak that many wanted especially to visit.

We did an eastward traverse to join the trail, then followed the trail to San Jacinto Peak (10,804') summit, passing a multitude of hikers, most of



whom have no idea about the other peaks in the area. I hurried the group down to the hut to sign in and we scurried off, Cornell bound.

Opting not to include Miller Peak because of the lateness of the hour, we completed the trail loop back to the red 21 (on the map—it doesn't exist on the terrain) then a few yards to where the topo shows a (no longer existing) trail. We don't need no steenkin' trail. We made an easy descent to the base of Cornell (9750') just above Tamarack Valley campground, arriving at about 6:15 pm. One person opted out, but was willing to wait. We GPS-ed her location and hurried toward the summit. I spontaneously developed an uncontrollable urge to get Cornell from the northeast side. This, as I faintly recalled, is the way that Charlie and Alan took me about 5 years ago on my very first HPS hike. The south side is familiar to me. We went around to the northeast side, spying a few ducks, and headed up a rather obvious-looking class 2.9 route. One lady set aside her poles, which felt more like albatrosses than poles at that point, figuring to recover them later. After several minutes of scrambling we got within 20 feet of the summit—to be met by a stretch of class 4, with no way around. The obvious route ceased to be. Somewhere, I had goofed. Alex, Kevin, and Rick climbed the thing (against my official advice) and found that they were within a few feet of the tip top, with no register can in sight. With this info I knew that we were actually at least as high as the register can, so I declared that everyone had bagged the peak. The declaration was readily accepted. Scrambling back down, we followed a route that became unfamiliar. We had found a better way down! The only problem was the parked poles. A few minutes of searching did no good. Oh, well, they aren't MY poles, and it's going to be dark soon. We're outta here!

We retrieved the waiting person at the bottom of Cornell and the group, still 17 strong, hastened back to the tram. I heard muffled grumbles of "hiker abuse" from rearward. We needed flashlights for only the last 15 minutes. Kevin switched on his headlamp, which emitted an intense greenish light. He had modified the light to use 7 LEDs (light-emitting diodes) in place of the incandescent bulb (what is a "candescent" bulb?). It operates for many dozens of hours using lithium cells. Kevin used green, rather than white, LEDs because the green have about twice the efficiency. In my opinion his LED lamp was the brightest of all the lamps used

by the group. Another advantage: the lithium cells have excellent low temperature performance. I want one.

We reached the tram at about 9 pm, in plenty of time to visit the facilities and take the 9:30 tram down. During Summer months trams run once per hour in late evening, except for a final run at 9:45. The restaurant had long since closed, but there was no time for food anyway. Maggie's Avocet altimeter registered 5440' cumulative elevation gain, and the time from start to finish was about 12.5 hours.

The ride down in the tram was rather spectacular in the night lit by both stars and the Coachella Valley lights. Nighttime animal sightings consisted of a toad and a raccoon.

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## Idyllwild Amble

By Maggie Wilson

What a great way to enjoy Memorial Day Weekend! We literally smelled the flowers on the way to Suicide Rock and felt the great earthly upheaval that pushed rock up over two vertical miles from the desert floor far below to towering Mount Jacinto.

Normally, I hike and lead with/for the Hundred Peaks Section where the goal is to bag as many peaks as possible in as little time as possible. That doesn't allow much opportunity to look around. Well, this weekend I decided to do it differently.

HPS leaders Byron Prinzmetal and Mars Bonfire scheduled a hike with self-described amateur naturalists Ginny Heringer and Sherry Ross, and self-described amateur geologist Duane McRuer. The plan was to learn about the "stuff" around us as we hiked the Deer Springs and Suicide Trails to Suicide Rock in the San Jacinto Wilderness. It worked!

I wasn't the only one interested. Twenty-four other people showed up too. We started hiking up the Deer Springs Trail about 10:30 a.m. Well, before we could say *Lupinus sparsiflorus*, Ginny and Sherry pointed out the slender, blue-lilac wildflower, lupine. The word "lupine" is derived from a Latin word meaning "wolf", because it was once believed that the plant depleted nutrients from the soil. Not so, said Ginny and Sherry. It actually enriches the soil with nitrogen from bacteria living in its roots. All members of the Pea Family, of which lupine is a

member, have the nitrogen -fixing bacteria in their roots. And sure enough, the pod off the plant smelled just like peas I have snapped in my kitchen. Not all members of the pea family are edible. At least one species of lupine is toxic to livestock. Lupine can be further identified by its leaves. They are palmately compound. Translation: if you were to open your hand palm up, stretch out all of your fingers, then imagine that you had fingers all the around your palm, the leaves would look something like that.

We quickly moved on to a plant called Lomatium that is in the carrot family. G & S cautioned that all members of this family are not edible. Poison hemlock, another carrot family member, was the death sentence for the Greek philosopher Socrates. The carrot family can be identified by a starburst-looking flower, referred to as an "umbel".

Further ahead, we learned the best way to distinguish a Jeffrey pine from other pine trees. It's the smell. Some thought it smelled like butterscotch, others like vanilla. Another way to identify a Jeffrey is by its pinecone. It does not stab your hands when held; therefore, it is referred to as "gentle Jeffrey".

G & S reminded us how to remember buckthorn-See-I-Know-This-or, Ceanothus. Near the end of the outing, Ginny tried to wash her hands with water and the flowers off of a Ceanothus. Apparently, some buckthorn bloom/water combinations will suds up-this one did not cooperate.

Our naturalists identified black oaks, manzanita, blue dicks (member of the onion family), and penstemon (with five stamens) aka scarlet bugler. The way to tell a red fir from a white fir tree is by rolling one of its needles between your fingers: "Red rolls, white won't." The best smelling plant of the day goes to the Western Azalea. There was a small stand of them in a shady area near a stream. Wow!

Duane McRuer provided us an initial geology lesson on a rocky overlook on the way to the peak, and then at our lunch stop on a large rocky area just below Suicide Peak. Mac explained that our hike to summit was along a section of the Peninsular Ranges province, which is a LARGE block of granitic rock bounded on the San Andreas fault to the east and the San Jacinto fault to the west. The Peninsular Ranges province is 30-100



*Duane McRuer discussing the geological history of the San Jacinto Mountains on a trip to Suicide Peak over Memorial Day weekend.*

miles wide and about 900 miles long, stretching to the end of Baja Mexico. The ranges are the continually changing products of geologic forces in the earth's crust, called plate tectonics (a really fascinating area of geology to dive into). These formative forces began shaping the Peninsular Ranges about 90-120 million years ago. Over 25 million years ago, the ranges were about 200 miles to the southeast, in Mexico. Movement, rotation, and elevation of the giant rock block (called a batholith) proceeded to its present location, where it continues to creep very slowly in a northwestern direction. As we viewed the more noteworthy granite domes in the area, such as Lily Rock and Suicide Rock, we appreciated the forces of erosion that helped shape them.

After our post-lunch geology lesson we moseyed down the trail, with just a few, brief botany stops along the way. We arrived back at our cars about 4:30 p.m.

The best way to approach an outing like this is to be relaxed and curious. Don't expect to remember everything you have heard during the day. Instead, learn a few things and build on it on your next outing, then your next, then your next.....

Thanks Ginny, Sherry and Duane for sharing your knowledge and thanks Byron and Mars for putting it together!

Post script: HPS and the Natural Science Section co-sponsor moderate hikes throughout the year with an emphasis on learning, enjoying and appreciating the plants, animals and geology that make each journey (and destination) special. In

addition to the fun and camaraderie, these hikes also satisfy the natural history requirement for those seeking "I" or higher leadership rating. The next co-sponsored HPS/Natural Science Section hike on July 8 will take you to Mts. Pinos, Grouse and Sawmill, where we will hope to find stands of mariposa lilies and enjoy mountain birds. We'll visit Sugarloaf Mountain south of Big Bear on August 12 to end the summer. Also be on the lookout for HPS/NSS hikes this fall and winter to some unique hideaways and high places including a BLM lead tour to Round Mountain and a geology tour of San Antonio Canyon. Come join us.

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### **Lily Rock from On High**

**July 15, 2001**

**Leaders: Tom Hill and George Wysup  
By the leaders**

The trip to Lily Rock from Tahquitz Lookout is a hike that I have been aching to try (yes, I'm weird). Tom Hill had scouted it last year with Virgil Popescu so Tom and I hooked up to lead it. Throw in Red Tahquitz to turn the trip into a nice loop hike – because it's there and we "need" it. The outing attracted 12 unsuspecting responders.

How does one accurately describe this trip? "Strenuous . . . rocky . . . 12 miles, 4200' gain", just doesn't tell the story. The initial participants were: ~~(the long lost)~~ Sonia Arancibia (a list finisher who keeps on going!), Patricia Arredondo, Patricia Brea, Tom Connery, Lilly Fukui (yes, Lilly was on Lily), Joanne Griego, Rhonda Longmore, Zobeida Molina, Ping Pfeffer, Val Saubhayana, Gary Schenk, and Joe Whyte. Later we picked up Gerry Ovieda—more later.

I cringed when I saw Rhonda's knee brace. I tried to tell her what was in store; I wasn't scary enough. Ping was SO HAPPY to have #257 in the bag after the trip. Ping didn't need Lily, but she did it any way, "no problem, I just go slow."

Here is the plan: First, we lull them with an easy trail hike up the Devil's Slide and PCT to Red Tahquitz, then more trail to Tahquitz Lookout. Then down the South Ridge trail to the tenth switchback, where some ducks can be seen; then . . . then all hell breaks loose . . . then we get back to Humber Park. We executed the plan to perfection.

Travelling at moderate pace through the lush fern forest of Tahquitz Meadow and then around Little Tahquitz Valley, we were overtaken and quickly passed by a young man. (That will be Gerry). Later, at the trail junction just below T., we met this young man on his way down. We got to

talking and I suppose he was intrigued by our plan. I signed him in, concerned that he appeared to be too fast for the group. He had just quit his job to live in Idyllwild, which he loves. I can understand that. How does he make a living? I don't know, maybe itinerant knife sharpening?)

Reaching the summit of Red T., I was reminded that the can is on the second bump, just south of the first rocky outcrop. My altimeter recorded that this second bump is perhaps 10 feet higher. A long lunch break among the multitudes atop Tahquitz left us feeling lazy. I tried to warn them, getting replies of, "yeah, sure."

We skipped/trotted down to the ominous switchback with the ducks and received a remonstrance from Tom to scream "rock!" whenever we kicked a deadly boulder toward the corpus of a fellow hiker beneath. Shortly there was a steady chorus of "rock!" with an occasional shout of "cone!". We went downhill, steeply downhill, going around or over several rocky ribs, scrambling over obstacles, slipping and sliding on the ball bearing-covered granite slabs, our route 2 finally meeting route 1 just before the saddle adjacent to Lily. The route was not at all well ducked, so we added considerably to its general duckiness. Nature has a way of dispensing with ducks on steep slopes such as this.

Most of us dropped our packs and poles at the saddle and hydrated for a few minutes, then began to negotiate the summit block. Some of us had heard the scary tales, and seen the steepness from afar, and were worried. Others had no clue. I heard one curse to the effect that, "this isn't class 3, it's class 4!" I have to admit, he has a point. 12 of the 15 made the summit. I won't say who the 3 wise ones are. A bit of high-fiving and photographing on the summit, then back down, thanking the gods for providing the gnarled mountain mahogany at the critical spot. What will we do when the plant perishes?

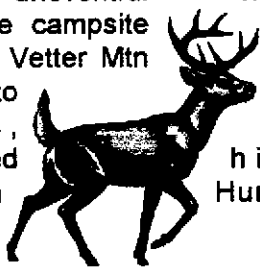
I explained that there was still ample opportunity for us to die on the way back to the Ernie Maxwell trail. The route is indeed steep. It becomes better and better defined as one gets lower and lower. This is a climbers' use trail, and most climbers actually climb the rock, so upper trail is quite faint. The maxim is to stay close to the rock, except where you shouldn't.

Well, we all did it. Tired but proud back at the cars. Young superhiker Gerry was wiped out; the downhill cross-country we did uses different muscles than trail hiking.

**Vetter Mtn**  
**June 3, 2001**  
**Leaders: Joe Young & Stag Brown**  
**By Joe Young**

We had a great turnout today for the 20th Annual first Sunday in June hike with Stag Brown. About 30 or so people. Sunny, moderate temps, no breeze. We enjoyed talking to the volunteer in the Lookout museum on the summit of Vetter.

After the uneventful hike we celebrated at the campsite near the beginning of the Vetter Mtn Trail. Stag asked everyone to talk about themselves, how they started specifically hiking and wound up in Hundred Peaks. We also talked about the first Sunday in June hikes with Stag.



It turns out that quite a few couples first met on hikes in Griffith Park or at a piano bar immediately after a Griffith Park hike. Examples on THIS hike included Ruth and Frank Dobos, Mike and Dotty Sandford, Roy and Karen Stewart, Stag and Nami Brown (whose wedding took place in Griffith Park), Ben and Sarah Pavonne, Barry and Suzanne Hardy, and Jeri and me. (I may have left somebody out.)

Two other couples at the outing who first met on Sierra Club outings were Charlotte Feitshans and Rodger Maxwell, and Jon Sheldon and Ruth Felton (with their kids Benjie and Becky).

"Well behaved dogs" were ok today. Only 2 or 3 hiked, but 8 or 9 joined us at the post-hike celebration. There was only one brief incident among the dogs. Dog owners present today included HPS Chair Virgil Popescu, Roy and Karen Stewart, Bruce and Paula Petersen, Jim Fleming, and one or two others.

This was a nice outing. Wish more of you could have been with us.

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**Winston Peak, Winston Ridge**  
**July 8, 2001**

**Leaders: Joe Young, Stag and Nami Brown**

Twelve participants joined the three leaders for this easy stroll in the Angeles Forest. The fifteen two-footed hikers were joined by three generally well-behaved canines.

Meeting at 8 AM at La Cañada, the group consolidated and commenced the drive to

Cloudburst Summit, about thirty two (32) miles from La Cañada. Skies were clear, temps moderate at the trail head.

While passing around the HPS sign-in sheet/waiver, Stag asked the group to introduce themselves and add a little information, which everyone did. Just past 9 AM we began the hike.

Winston Peak was ascended via standard route. We found a register on the summit block.

At about 10 AM Joe led the group to the ridge leading northeasterly to the saddle south of peak 6903'. This ridge is steep, and many took a fall en route. But there were no incidents. Once at the saddle the leaders and long-time but seldom seen (at least recently) hiker Gary Murta recalled how our first encounters with that ridge required strict cross-country route finding; now there is a nice, though steep, trail from the summit of Winston Peak to the saddle. Stag observed that a few dark clouds were forming.

Joe led the group on the trail that sidehills the west side of peak 6903' to the saddle north of peak 6903'. After another brief respite, we began the hike along beautiful Winston Ridge. Joe and others noted the evidence of recent rain along the trail. (An unusual westerly shift of the monsoonal summer weather pattern that normally brings thunderstorms to Arizona and New Mexico had brought daily rain showers throughout Southern California during the previous week.) We arrived at the summit of Winston Ridge (11 AM). There we enjoyed a brief lunch under now partly cloudy skies.

At about 11:30 we began the return. Joe led the group to the saddle north of 6903', then around the west side to the saddle south of 6903'. Stag led the group back to the cars via the PCT/road. Reina Lee Brown, Nami & Joe swept and examined tadpoles in puddles along the road en route. Most participants arrived at the cars before 1 PM. No rain developed today.

Reina Lee Brown, now age 7, daughter of Stag and Nami, handled herself quite nicely today.

**NEW Sierra Club Books - Coming Soon!** The following titles will be published by the Sierra Club in the Fall of 2001.

Breaking Gridlock, by Jim Motavalli \$23.00/cloth  
ISBN 1-57805-039-1 December 2001

Desert Dog, by Tony Johnston, illustrated by Robert Weatherford \$15.95/cloth  
ISBN 0-87156-979-5 September 2001

Wild L.A., by James Lawrence, illustrated with full-color photographs \$40.00/cloth/ ISBN 1-57805-074-X  
November 2001

## **S.1011 National Parks Stewardship Act Bill Would Make Rec Fee Demo Permanent**

Sponsor: Sen Bob Graham (Democrat - Florida)  
(introduced 6/11/2001) Latest Major Action:  
6/11/2001 Referred to Senate committee

A bill to provide the financial mechanisms, resource protections, and professional skills necessary for high quality stewardship of the National Park System and to recognize the importance of high quality outdoor recreational opportunities on federally managed land.

### **Summary of the bill**

Directs the Secretary of the Interior to prohibit activities incompatible with conservation and preservation of national park resources, including action that degrades or destroys natural, cultural, or historical resources. Requires the Secretary to ensure that each artifact, document, record, and report in the permanent possession of the National Park Service (NPS) is housed, secured, maintained, organized, and made available to researchers.

Requires the Secretary of the Interior: (1) to report to Congress on national park units that face the most serious impacts on resources from proposed actions or occurrences outside unit boundaries; and (2) acting through the Director of the National Park Service, to study and report to Congress on the natural and cultural marine resources in national park units.

Requires the Secretary to report to Congress on the use of nonappropriated fund instrumentalities for the benefit of the National Park System.

***Authorizes the collection of fees for admission to or for use of an area, site, project, facility, visitor center, equipment, or service under the jurisdiction of the NPS, Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, and Forest Service. A violation relating to a payment of a fee (i. e., non-payment) shall be punishable as a Class B misdemeanor.***

Authorizes challenge cost-share agreements to carry out NPS projects that are mutually beneficial to the Secretary and the cooperator and enhance NPS activities or services.

Directs the Secretary to establish a pilot Professionals for Parks Program.

Requires the Director of the Office of Personnel Management to report to Congress on

qualifications for national park management positions.

Want to read the full text of S 1011? You can read it on the Internet at  
[http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c107:S.1011:](http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c107:S.1011)

Here's how the bill's author, a Democrat from Florida, describes his bill:

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, John Muir, the founder of the Sierra Club once said, "Thousands of tired, nerve-shaken, over-civilized people are beginning to find out that going to the mountains is going home; that wilderness is a necessity; and that mountain parks and reservations are useful not only as fountains of timber and irrigating rivers, but as fountains of life."

As our society becomes increasingly removed from the natural world, this prescient statement rings ever more true.

Americans are becoming increasingly aware of the opportunities that our national parks provide for us to reconnect with the magnificent natural heritage of our country. The number of visits to national parks is soaring, as is use of their diverse resources. While this is good news in many ways, it has created a peculiar problem.

We are loving our parks to death.

Today, I am joined by my colleague Senator Akaka (Democrat - Hawaii) to introduce the National Parks Stewardship Act of 2001. This legislation endeavors to address some of the most serious problems facing the national parks system today.

First, the National Parks Stewardship Act ensures that activities in parks and on Federal lands adjacent to parks are compatible with the conservation and preservation of natural, cultural, and historical resources. This legislation also requires the proper preservation of historic documents, records, and artifacts, including resources in marine environments which may require specialized skills for their maintenance.

The National Parks Stewardship Act also helps the Park Service plan for the future by studying visitation and demographic patterns and preparing for an increasingly diverse and growing population.

Second, this legislation provides innovative financing tools to help fund operations and maintenance and to address the current maintenance backlog. Specifically, the National Parks Stewardship Act proposes a non-appropriated

funds instrumentalities program and challenge cost share projects.

In addition, the ***Recreation Fee Demonstration Program would be permanently established*** with the requirement that certain percentages of the revenues generated remain available to the park at which they were collected. A system of signs would also be established to let park visitors know how recreation fees are spent and which projects have been completed as a result of this program.

Finally, the National Parks Stewardship Act establishes a pilot program called Professionals for Parks. This program would enable the Park Service to recruit prospective employees who have completed graduate-level administration and business management programs. Furthermore, this legislation creates a student loan payment program to entice quality employees to bring their expertise to the Park Service.

I believe that the Park Service and our national parks are beginning a new era. Visits to and enjoyment of our parks will continue to increase, and we must enable the Park Service to keep pace with this trend. We must encourage sound management of our parks and the vast natural and cultural resources they safeguard. We must also encourage opportunities for new ways to fund increasing operations and maintenance costs. Finally, we must encourage our national parks to represent a growing and increasingly diverse population. The National Stewardship Act starts us along that path.

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## **What does the Public Think About the Adventure Pass?**

**From the United States Forest Service Website**

Dr. Jerrell Richer, of California State University San Bernardino, has conducted several user surveys associated with the Adventure Pass trial program. The data gathered by his team helped with initial program design and implementation. Dr. Richer's surveys also helped determine an appropriate fee structure that would minimize any impact on low income visitors and result in net revenue for reinvestment. Dr. Richer's forest surveys are on-going, and we use the information to monitor and improve the program. We believe Dr. Richer's surveys provide the best measure of overall forest visitor response to the Adventure Pass.

Dr. Richer's surveys indicate that the vast majority of forest visitors either support the program

or are neutral about it. Sixty-five percent of survey respondents feel that they are "better off" with the Adventure Pass program, while seventeen percent feel they are "worse off." Public support has been on an upward trend since the start of the program as individuals who were initially uncertain about a recreation fee now indicate that they support the program. This is consistent with the reports of Forest Service field rangers, who find that visitors are much more supportive of the program when they know that the fee they pay is reinvested locally.

**Are Low Income and Minority Users being kept out of the Forest?**

Effects on low income and minority visitors has been a primary concern since project inception. Pre-project surveys indicated that the effect of income on visitors' willingness to pay was very slight. The survey also demonstrated that ethnic minority visitors were more willing to pay a fee than non-minority visitors if the funds were returned to the forest.

Our field personnel have not noticed a dropoff in visitor use since the Adventure Pass program began. Popular areas continue to be crowded with visitors, and parking lots are overflowing. The areas most frequently used by low income or minority users are packed to capacity, and in some locations visitors must be turned away. Survey results show that only 1% of Forest visitors indicate that they have not purchased an Adventure Pass because they are concerned about the cost. Although the number of visitors priced out of the forest is extremely low, we have implemented a number of "Free Days" to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to enjoy their National Forest. These days include the following: New Year's Day, Arbor Day, Earth Day, National Trails Day, National Public Lands Day, Thanksgiving Day, and two national fishing days.

### **Fee Compliance**

The National Forests of Southern California serve a highly mobile population of more than 20 million people. A large number of forest visitors are first-time users. Also, the visitor population changes with the seasons, bringing a new group of visitors to the forests at different times of the year.

Public awareness is a major factor in obtaining compliance for fee programs, particularly one that covers a broad area and lacks controlled entry points for ease in fee collection. Similar fee

programs in other areas (e.g. State and County parks) have achieved compliance over a period of years, with participation improving as visitors become familiar with the fee requirement. Our research showed that a compliance rate of thirty percent would be appropriate during the first two years of the Adventure Pass project when our focus was on increasing public awareness, rather than on enforcement. Compliance has exceeded those projections, and has been rising steadily, reaching a current compliance rate of 55%.

Surveys indicate that 30% of visitors are still unaware of the program. They account for most of the noncompliance. Finding new ways to inform these infrequent or first-time users remains the primary goal in our information.

Efforts to inform the public are making a difference.

The number of repeat violators of the Adventure Pass program is very low. Of 47,000 Notices of Non-compliance issued during the past year, about 30 individuals, or 0.07% are considered repeat offenders. These individuals have three or more Notices of Non-compliance and have made no attempt to remedy the situation through payment of fees.

This report appears on the website of the USFS at  
[http://www.fsadventurepass.org/public\\_think.htm](http://www.fsadventurepass.org/public_think.htm)

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## Legislative Alert!

Two bills in Congress seriously threaten the ability of non-profit institutions to carry out educational and recreational programs on public lands. The first threat, the repeal of a key provision of the 1998 National Parks bill, is the most time-sensitive, so this message will focus on that threat. However, Larry Craig's proposed Outfitter bill is also a significant threat, so you may receive more information about that bill in the coming weeks.

### THE FIRST THREAT – HR 1461

HR 1461 has a self-explanatory title – "To amend the National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998 to remove the exemption for non-profit organizations from the general requirement to obtain commercial use authorizations." That is the title, purpose, and content of this bill introduced by Rep. Joel Hefley (R-CO).

**BACKGROUND.** Late in the 1998 congressional session, the Congress passed a bill

that preserved the right of non-profit organizations to run trips on NPS lands. This bill governs concession and outfitter activities in the parks and exempts non-profits from the requirement to obtain commercial use permits for trips that do not earn taxable income. Unfortunately, while the NPS has reissued many of their regulations affected by the 1998 bill, the NPS has not reissued the key sections related to commercial use permits that would have implemented this exemption. And, continuing the trend of many years, some non-profits are finding it increasingly difficult to obtain access due to commercial classification. This classification puts non-profits in competition for a limited number of permits with established commercial outfitters – even if no more commercial permits are being issued by a Park and even if the volume and impact of non-profit activity is a small fraction of the commercial outfitter activity. Accordingly, some non-profits have been forced to hire a commercial outfitter in order to gain access to conduct activities for their members.

Now, before the law can ever be properly enacted, Rep. Hefley's bill would cut off the promised relief and permanently burden all non-profits with the likelihood or certainty of reduced access and the certainty of unnecessary paperwork and expense of complying with the regulations designed for large recreational businesses. At a hearing on June 7, both the National Park Service and the Sierra Club testified in opposition to this bill.

**SO, WHAT CAN YOU DO?** There are several things you can do:

1) Send a letter to the Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Parks, Recreation and Public Lands, Rep. Joel Hefley (R-CO), copying Rep. Donna Christensen (D-VI), the ranking democrat on the subcommittee. Explain how the Hefley bill would prevent your organization and other non-profit environmental education, children's, and civic groups from working in the National Parks.

Please write a letter to your representative. Use the sample letter below as a guide, but please personalize your letter. *Form letters are discounted by legislators.* Letters to representatives are especially important if you are represented by a member of the subcommittee (Republicans – Hefley, Gallegly, Duncan, Gilchrest, Radanovich, Jones, Thornberry, Cannon, Schaffer, Gibbons, Souder, and Simpson; Democrats – Christensen, Kildee, Faleomavaega, Pallone, Udall [NM], Udall [CO], Holt, McGovern, Acevedo-Vila, Solis, McCollum)

2) If you represent an organization, join the Sierra Club and others and get your organization to

write a letter similar to the below letter that will be sent to the bill's sponsors and the members of the House Resources Committee.

3) Pass this alert on to other individuals and organizations affected by HR 1461

#### HR 1461 -- LETTER TO CONGRESS

The mailing address for Representatives is:

The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

**Reference: Opposition to HR 1461**

Dear Representative \_\_\_\_\_:

HR 1461 seeks to rescind a key provision of the National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998. That Act ensured a better balance of backcountry use in the National Parks made by bona fide non-profit institutional groups and the use made by outfitter and guide concessionaires. Over the years, institutional groups that make no taxable income from Park use have been increasingly required to use outfitter and guide concessionaires to access several National Parks. In other cases, these groups have had to compete with for-profit ventures for commercial use authorizations. These requirements are increasingly burdensome for groups without the resources or staff of large commercial outfitters. The reality is that institutional groups and commercial outfitters are not in competition for commercial recreation users. Unlike commercial outfitters, institutional groups conduct far fewer trips involving far fewer visitors to the Parks. And, institutional groups engage in educational and civic activities that are generally not offered by for-profit travel organizations.

These non-profit groups have often supported designation of units to the National Park System. And many have even conducted service trips to improve Park resources. It would be ironic and unfair to preclude these institutions from continuing this type of use in the National Park System. These groups have the competence to guide their own trips and do not need the services of concessionaires and guides - and should not be forced to pay for them.

The 1998 Act does not confer a preference for groups nor does the Act lead to misuse of resources, as non-profit institutional groups still must still compete for wilderness permits and must still conduct their trips in accordance with land management plans and regulations. Accordingly, we

urge you to reject HR 1461 so that continued existence of valuable children's, educational and civic programs are not endangered.

[Your signature]

The full text of HR 1461 is located at:

<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d107:h.r.01461>:

#### REGISTER BOX

By Jim Adler

Since the last column three new missing register listings were added but six were registers were removed as found, replaced or hopeless.

Reports were received from Kent Schwitkis, George Wysop, and Joe Young.

Again, please note that my e-mail address has changed. Missing and deficient registers:

5A	Caliente Mtn.	deficient	3-01
7A	Frazier Mtn.	shot	5-01
7N	Monte Arido	missing	5-01
12B	Disappointment	missing	4-01
13C	Pleasant View	missing	9-00
13D	Will Thrall	missing	9-00
13F	Mt. Williamson	deficient	9-00
13I	Winston Ridge	missing	7-01
14A	Mt. Waterman	missing	2-01
14B	Twin Peaks	missing	10-00
14C	Mt. Islip	deficient	7-1
14F	Mt. Hawkins	missing	10-00
14G	Throop Peak	missing	10-00
14H	Mt. Burnham	missing	7-1
15D	Iron Mtn. #1	missing	12-00
17B	Ontario Peak	missing	6-01
24D	Anderson Peak	deficient	3-01
26B	Quail Mtn.	missing	11-00
26C	Quean Mtn.	missing	4-99
30F	Rabbit Peak#2	deficient	3-00

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



# HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION, ANGELES CHAPTER

Minutes: Management Committee Meeting  
Thursday, May 10, 2001, Numero Uno Pizza, Glendale

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

Attending:

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

## Minutes from the April meeting

The April minutes were approved. Secretary John Connelly will distribute the May Minutes prior to the next meeting—by mail, or email, as appropriate.

## Announcements

A Waterman hike was submitted too late to make it into the Chapter Schedule. Frank Dobos agreed to talk to Joe Young about getting it into **THE LOOKOUT**.

## Committees

### 1. Mountain Records:

Larry's report was received and approved. It was m/s/p, after lengthy discussion, that Larry can begin work on creating HPS maps using TOPO! Software. We were able to inspect a sample map section Larry created for Black Mtn #2, which included the route as described in the peak guide. It was estimated that each such map will take about an hour for an experienced user/hiker to create. While the results are very satisfactory, it is labor intensive and may be a long time before a full set of maps can be produced.

The result of the process is a file (peak name.tpo) that we can "own," regardless of the software engine used to create it.

15 additional peak write ups have been finalized. Larry reported that this clears out the current backlog.

Double Mountain: m/s/p to suspend for six additional months. Larry intends to hike it soon to see if can be re-listed.

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Howard's report was received and approved. We have a balance of approximately \$8,200. There was more discussion on appropriate uses of our budget "surplus." Dave Eisenberg asked us to consider using some of our funds as a donation to the Chapter to allow it to

publish the Schedule with a color cover. No action. We also talked about fund raiser hikes for special causes, such as the Leadership Training Council.

2. **Membership Chair's Report** presented by David Eisenberg, m/s/p to approve the new members and achievements. Inactive Members: HPS bylaws stipulate that inactive members' records will be kept for five years. Dave proposed that this not be applied to **old subscribers**. It was m/s/p to discontinue keeping records of subscribers who fail to renew. Dave further proposed that we put out a directory similar to the DPS directory—with details of all member's address, phone numbers, email, etc. This was m/s/p, with the instruction to put a notice in the Lookout to the effect that we will publish a membership directory every year—to give anyone the right to opt out if he or she chooses.

3. **Conservation:** Ruth Dobos reported briefly on her attendance at public meetings dealing with the Riverwalk issue. [See amendments in June minutes.]
4. **Programs:** Frank Dobos discussed the Spring Fling. Twenty-four people participated. An Oktoberfest committee is being formed, to take place at Harwood Lodge in October. For the annual banquet, the management committee is considering Castaways, Burbank, for next year. The date of 1/26/2002 was approved.

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

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Minutes: Thursday, June 14, 2001,  
Numero Uno Pizza, Glendale

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

Attending:

Virgil Popescu (Chair), Ray Wolfe (Vice Chair), John Connelly (Secretary), Frank Dobos (Programs), Tom Hill (Past Chair), Howard Eyerly (Treasurer), Larry Hoak (Mountain Records), Mars Bonfire (At Large); David Eisenberg (Membership), Ruth Dobos (Conservation); George Wysup (Outings).

## Minutes from the May meeting

The May minutes were approved, with this correction on Ruth's Conservation report. The meeting Ruth attended was sponsored by the Angeles National Forest. The location was the Riverwalk.

## Announcements

Frank Dobos (DPS Chair) gave advance notice concerning the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary DPS celebration in the Inyo Mountains including a climb of Cerro Gordo and New York Butte. See Angeles Chapter Schedule for details.

## Committees

1. **Nominating Committee:** Tom Hill has volunteered to be the chairperson, and Ruth Dobos and Mars Bonfire agreed to serve on the committee.
2. **Awards Committee:** Joe Young, Dave Eisenberg and Mars Bonfire will form this committee.
3. **Mountain Records:**

- ☐ Larry's report was received and approved. A copy dated 6/4/2001 was filed by the Secretary with the June minutes.
- ☐ Ortega Peak: m/s/p to continue the suspension until the December HPS meeting.
- ☐ Three Sisters: There is a "no-trespassing" sign on the route to the current summit. M/s/p to move the summit to the bump known as 8,100, which is to the west of the existing summit. Larry will revise the write up to reflect this change.
- ☐ Double Mountain: This peak is currently suspended due to logging activity as previously reported. Following discussion, no action was taken to change this status.

## 5. Programs:

- ☐ Frank reviewed plans for Octoberfest, which is described in the Angeles Chapter Schedule.
- ☐ Castaways wants \$46 per person to provide its facilities for a Saturday night affair. M/s/p to stay with Les Freres Taix in Los Angeles.

8. **Conservation:** Ruth Dobos has received a copy of the new Sierra Club Incident Report Form and instructions from the national organization. There is also a Patient Report Form to assist in assessing and monitoring serious injuries and to facilitate evacuations. All leaders may be required in the near future to carry a cell phone or wireless communication device on outings.

As stated in previous write-ups we have been asked by the BLM for the San Jacinto/Santa Rosa National Monument not to hike in the Coachella Valley side of this area, from January thru June, below 3,800. It should be noted that leaders are considered to be personally responsible for hiking in restricted areas. Additional information for outing leaders may be found on the website <<http://mitchell.sierraclub.org/outings>>.

9. **Treasurer's Report:** Howard's report was received and approved, and a copy is filed with the secretary's June minutes. The current balance is \$7,988.39. There was discussion about eliminating the P.O. Box, which costs \$55 per year. No action.

10. **Meetings:** Per **THE LOOKOUT** (July-August 2001), already scheduled meetings will take place at L.A. Zoo's Grande Room, in Griffith Park. The management meetings will commence as usual at 6:30 with a following program. No decision has been made whether to continue the program feature beyond the October meeting. Dave Eisenberg advised us that the deadline for the Chapter Schedule is August 25, but that we really need to advise him sooner than that.

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

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## HPS Bylaws Approved by Chapter ExComm

**Reported by Tom Hill, June 25, 2001**

The HPS membership approved a major revision of the HPS Bylaws during the past election by an overwhelming vote. These revised Bylaws were subject to review and final approval at the Chapter level before they could take effect.

Happily, Chapter ExComm approved the HPS revisions on June 24, 2001 without change. Thanks to David Eisenberg and Ann Kramer for expediting the final step in the approval process. Thanks also to the many individuals who assisted last year in fine-tuning our revisions, whose efforts made the outcome so much better than anticipated at the beginning of that intensive project.

Please contact Tom Hill if you would like a free copy of the HPS Bylaws and specify which version is desired. Three versions are currently available: The previous set of Bylaws, the new Bylaws with notes concerning the changes made, and a clean copy of the new Bylaws without annotations.

The Bylaws document are always HPS Annual Meeting,



September 13 of this year. The HPS Management Committee encourages your participation at this event where you can give a voice to your concerns or just enjoy the proceedings.