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Hundred Peaks Section Holds Annual Business Meeting September 12, 2002

All are welcome to attend this annual business meeting, where nominations are closed for next year's Management Committee, proposals for Bylaw changes, peak additions and deletions, and other matters are discussed. The business meeting follows the monthly Management Committee meeting which begins at 6:30 PM. Refreshments provided.

The meeting will be held at the Eaton Canyon Nature Center, located at 1750 N. Altadena Drive in Pasadena. Our meeting will be in the classroom at the Nature Center. Directions: Take the 210 (Foothill) Freeway either east or west to Altadena Drive. Go north (towards the mountains) on Altadena Drive approximately 1 1/2 miles. Shortly after crossing New York Drive, you will see the entrance to the Nature Center on your right. Drive down the curving driveway to the parking lot.



Rich Gnagy, top, with Sandy Burnside and George Wysup on the summit of Waterman Mountain on the Waterman Rendezvous of July 27, 2002. Rich joined an elite group on this outing – he has now climbed every peak on the HPS List, the DPS List, and the SPS List. His first listed peak was Telescope Pk in Death Valley on Labor Day weekend in 1939. Sandy celebrated her second HPS List finish on Kratka Ridge earlier this day, and George celebrated his fourth HPS List completion on Waterman. Congratulations to all!

OKTOBERFEST RETURNS! SEPTEMBER 28-29 2002 RESERVATIONS DUE NOW!

Registration begins right away and is essential to ensure that you get a spot and to enable us to plan the perfect event. Registration is accomplished by contacting membership chair Laura Joseph at (626) 356-4158 or email joseph2@earthlink.net. Cost is \$7/person for campsite, \$12/person for cabin, and \$2/person for day participants.

We are very excited about what we think will be a different and special Oktoberfest this year. The location is a new one — we'll be at a lovely campground on Mil Potrero Road just east of Mt Abel Road and a few miles west of Pine Mountain Club.

We've reserved 20 large campsites — we'll have the entire campground to ourselves — and a cabin that sleeps 8. There are two bathroom facilities with showers (no hat hair!) in the campground and the cabin has a private bath. If we have more people who want to sleep indoors, there are lodging facilities in Pine Mountain Club (email Karen Isaacson at karen@mtpinos.com for advice on lodging in the area) and a dormitory type facility on Mt. Abel Road (which we would reserve only if there is enough demand).

For the potluck, we have a huge picnic area with tables. Because of the fire risk, cooking may be done on camp stoves only. Dinner will be followed by peak-themed games (including the always-popular "Name That Peak"), recognition of the many recent achievements of our members, and campfire singing.

As most of us know, this is an absolutely beautiful area. There are a huge variety of hikes scheduled in close proximity for Saturday and Sunday — see THE LOOKOUT outings schedule for details.

This is going to be a great weekend for hiking, socializing and getting to know each other in a relaxed fun setting. (And HPSers second favorite activity: eating.)

Now comes the inevitable plea for volunteers. We'll need help with the following fun things:

Outreach: Contacting people to remind them to register; Registration and site assignment on Saturday (need to be at site all day); Organizing the pot luck; Clean up (Hurrah!); Games and entertainment.

Please contact Laura at the above number or email to let her know what you would like to do.

Removable advance schedule includes many hikes not in the Schedule. **Page 17**

MEMBERSHIP REPORT
For Period May 29 to August 2 2002
 By Laura Joseph

ACHIEVEMENT	DATE	PEAK NAME	SEQUENCE
List Completion No. 6 (The 6th person to perform this feat) <i>Doug Mantle</i>	<i>March 6, 2002</i>	<i>Constance Peak</i>	<i>6</i>
List Completion No. 5 (CORRECTION from previous issue) <i>Mars Bonfire</i>	<i>March 20, 2002</i>	<i>Etiwanda Peak</i>	<i>7 (CORRECTION)</i>
List Completion No. 4 (The 12th person to complete the list 3 times) <i>George Wysup</i>	<i>July 27, 2002</i>	<i>Twin Peaks</i>	<i>12</i>
List Completion No. 3 <i>Byron Prinzmetal</i>	<i>June 5, 2002</i>	<i>Bighorn Mountain</i>	<i>21</i>
List Completion No. 2 (The 10th woman to do this) <i>Sandy Burnside</i>	<i>July 27, 2002</i>	<i>Kratka Ridge</i>	<i>40</i>
List Completion No. 1 <i>Sue Holloway (no driving)</i>	<i>May 11, 2002</i>	<i>Hildreth</i>	<i>231</i>
<i>Karen Isaacson Leverich (also leading)</i>	<i>July 13, 2002</i>	<i>Split</i>	<i>232</i>
<i>Rich Gnagy (sps & dps list finisher)</i>	<i>July 27, 2002</i>	<i>Waterman</i>	<i>233</i>
200 Peaks Bar <i>Thomas Sakowych</i>	<i>May 18, 2002</i>	<i>Lake Peak</i>	<i>388</i>
<i>Janet Howell</i>	<i>May 22, 2002</i>	<i>Folly Peak</i>	<i>389</i>
100 Peaks Emblem <i>Marie Louise Swain</i>	<i>Nov. 3, 2001</i>	<i>Mt. Marie Louise</i>	<i>1032</i>
<i>Cookie Matson</i>	<i>May 25, 2002</i>	<i>Middle Peak</i>	<i>1035</i>
<i>Heather McNaught</i>	<i>May 25, 2002</i>	<i>Middle Peak</i>	<i>1036</i>

New Members (12 including upgrades*)

Val Saubhayana	Kirt Smoot	Lonnie DeCloedt
Paul McKenna	Suzy Hermann	Bill Ossa
	Robert Charles Altman	Sherry Ross*
	Asher Waxman	Bill Valentine*
	Roy Wallen	Larry Campbell*

New Subscribers (12)

Brent Crookman	Jeannine Acantilado	Jane Fontana
Shirley Lerche	Lisa Constantino	Peter Gasar
Gary Embrey	Evan Wride	Nancy Klipfel
	Ann Wride	Doug McCully
	Constance Leonard	

RENEWALS
 There have been 31 renewals between May 28 and August 2, 2002.
 There are 13 overdue renewals (July expiration dates). All expired subscriptions/memberships prior to July 1 that have not been renewed have been moved to inactive.

REMINDER: If you need to renew (highlighted mailing label), please see the back page for renewal information.

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

Category	Current	Last Report
Honorary, Life, Benefactor*	6	6
Members (total)	442	430
Subscribers who are not members	133	122
Total	571	558

From the Chair By Karen Isaacson Leverich

I'll keep this brief this month, since I think Joe has a ton of material, and I already blathered along elsewhere at great length about finishing the List.

It's going to be a great year for List finishers, by the way. We've already had more list finishes this year than last, and there are many more in the wings. October, if the weather cooperates, is going to be fabulous. There were three List finishes alone at the recent Waterman Rendezvous—Sandy Burnside (second time), Rich Gnagy (first time, but a triple finish as he's already done the SPS and DPS lists), and George Wysup (fourth time). Congratulations are definitely in order!

OK, now let me load up your calendars. Thursday, September 12th, is a very important date for HPS – it's our annual business meeting. What's on your mind? We can discuss changes to the bylaws, peaks to add, peaks to delete, nominations for next year's management committee. Or we can even socialize a bit and talk about some of the great hikes we've been on lately. We'll be meeting at the Eaton Canyon Nature Center. See elsewhere in this Lookout (maybe the front page?) for the time and directions. Y'all come!

I put in a plug last issue for attending provisional hikes and encouraging our new leaders. Brian had a good turnout on his provisional lead of Split and Black, and my backpack near Gorgonio went wonderfully. Thank you! There are more coming up in the next several months, especially in November and December. (More on those in the next issue!) Meanwhile, if you get this in time, consider these:

Sunday, August 11th, Bill Valentine leads Mt Baden Powell. Thursday, August 15th, Dave Comerzan

leads Throop.

The first hike in the new "Easy Peaks of the San Gabriels" series was a success. We had a good time visiting San Gabriel Peak and Mount Disappointment, running into the famous Luella Fickle on our way up and the even more famous John Robinson on our way down. John will be the speaker at our banquet next January, terrific news!

Mars Bonfire and Kathy Cheever and I are attempting another new series of hikes, which we're calling "Mountain Biking/Hiking Adventures". Let Mars explain:

"Strap those trekking poles to the sides of your pack, tuck those pant legs into your socks, jump on a bike, and pedal, baby, pedal. Yeah that's it! Through that sand trap, across those roots and rocks, now up that hill! You got it. Now ditch the bike, get out the poles, and hike, baby, hike. Up that steep and loose, through that brush, and now scramble that rock chute! Looking good. What's up with this? Cross-training the Hundred Peaks way! Sept 1, Sept 7, Oct 14. Be there or be sensible."

Uh, wait wait, Kathy! What did we let ourselves in for here???

And if that weren't enough, how's this for lunacy? We'll be leading a moonlit hike to Hildreth on October 23rd. It'll be a whole new angle on a peak that many of you have found to be merely a long boring road walk. (Laura and Martin made it a brushy adventure, if you're looking for an alternative alternative to moonlight. I think this was written up in a recent Lookout, but if not, I'm sure Laura'd be happy to explain their approach.) Besides seeing the mountains in a new light, we'll possibly see more wildlife. It could be interesting!



HPS Chair Karen Isaacson Leverich, top center, rests atop Split Mountain, July 13, 2002, her List finisher. With Karen, clockwise from her left, are Winnette Butler, Ingeborg Prochazka, Brian Leverich, Kathy Cheever, and Dorothy Danziger.

YALF (Yet Another List Finisher)

by Karen Isaacson Leverich

The list. The List. THE List. I knew from the day I found my first peak (conveniently visible from my living room window) that I wanted to finish the list. Someday. Somehow. But I didn't know for months whether I ever really could.

It will be impossible to name everyone who has helped me on this quest. But it's impossible to not name at least some of the many:

Mars Bonfire: Who hasn't finished the list lately without owing Mars big time? But I have a suspicion I owe him more than anyone else, especially after the Adventure of the Missed Summit Blocks. (See below.)

Byron Prinzmetal: Byron can be truly annoying (I doubt even he would deny that), but all that pestering, er, motivation, can make things happen. Not so much to finish the list, but to work with LTC towards leading our peaks. Besides leading zillions of scheduled outings that helped me ratchet up the peak count, he also took the time to lead me up my nemesis, Occidental.

Carleton Shay: His knowledge from doing the list eighty gazillion times benefits us all. His leadership on outings, especially with Byron and Mars, was extremely helpful.

George Wysup: At the worst of times, George is there with wise words and encouragement. At the best, his humor is irresistible. I NEVER would have made it up Galena without him and:

Tom Hill: Besides welcoming me on my very first HPS hike (where Tom was, oddly enough, a participant rather than one of the leaders), and encouraging me to persist even as the leader (dare I say "Byron") encouraged me to desist (or maybe that was his famous brand of reverse psychology?), it was Tom on one arm and George on the other that got me up Galena. His honesty can be a bit ... direct ... but ultimately reassuring: you KNOW where Tom is coming from.

Brian Leverich: my husband, who has made all this possible with grace and generosity. Including rescuing me at 11PM when I lost the car keys, and driving all over the back of beyond to help tidy up my last orphan peaks.

Dorothy Danziger, Sandy Burnside, Ping Pfeffer, Barbara Guerin, Edith Liu and Laura Joseph: besides being friends and hiking with me, for demonstrating that women can indeed finish this list!

Ron Zappen, for all of the above except!

Winnette Butler, Kathy Cheever, Dave Comerzan, Doris Duval, Joanne Griego, Ginny Heringer, Janet Howell, Mei Kwan, Ingeborg Prochazka, Sherry Ross, Kent Schwitkis, and countless others, for all the great hikes we've done together and will do together, for the helping hands, and shared goodies, and good times!

OK, what was that about

The Adventure of the Missed Summit Blocks

Like this. Fairly early on, I learnt from my leaders that if it doesn't feel safe to do the higher classes of rock

on the summit blocks, in HPS (like horseshoes), being close is good enough. This is perhaps an awkward compromise, but the alternative would be to drop some of our most dramatic peaks from the list for safety reasons. And especially early on, before I felt comfortable on rock, I often did just that: skipped the summit block. Eagle Rest, Marion, Weldon, Martinez – I stayed down and watched the others go up.

But towards the end of the list, I found myself going up Antsell without (too much) fear, up Five Fingers, and up Lily Rock. And I found that when I revisited peaks where I'd been timid on my first visit, they no longer looked so bad. The view to the north from the summit of Eagle Rest, wow! Marion, Weldon, no problem.

Soon it was the week before my list finish, and only one skipped summit block remained. Martinez. In July.

Somehow, Mars and I talked ourselves into doing this. We can't actually remember how. We did have our doubts about the wisdom of the plan, so the day before we intended to do Martinez, we did nearby Asbestos at mid-day. This peak has a unique desert beauty in the direct noon sun, but moving slowly and paying attention to hydration, it wasn't too challenging, even in summer. And the occasional pinon pine does provide wonderful shade.

So bright and early the next morning, off we went towards Martinez. Mars had always found water in Horsethief Creek, so we carried minimal water, a pump, and some empty bottles.

This ended up being a very short trip – Horsethief Creek was bone dry. Disappointed (because it really was a fine day with a nice breeze), we turned back and did Apache and Spitter as a consolation prize. But Martinez hadn't thrown us back. We pondered our calendars, looked at the longterm weather forecast, and decided to meet even earlier on July the 8th, to try again.

Luckily (?) for us, we didn't consult the weather forecast on the 8th, we were too busy loading water (6 quarts in my case, 5 quarts for Mars) into our packs. Otherwise, we'd have learned that there was record breaking heat forecast. Brilliant timing...

Record breaking heat or not, we didn't actually notice it at first. We started at 5:30AM or so, and by the time the day was getting warm, we had gained enough elevation that we were still relatively cool. We were atop Martinez at 2PM, and it was not unpleasant, especially in the shade. Rather than ascend the gully, we'd gone up the ridge, leaving water stashed at Horsethief Creek (still dry), Cactus Spring (not dry, but not very appealing) and where we left the trail to go up the ridge.

The summit block was interesting. I made the right decision last January, when I sat it out – that was the day before I came down with the cold that left me voiceless at the HPS banquet. But this time, not on the verge of illness, it was a doable puzzle. I flipped through the register, and noticed a dearth of entries over the years (as in none) for July and August, but someone did come up once in early June.

I assumed that having made the peak, our work was more or less done. Sure, it would be hot as we

descended – the combination of lower elevations and afternoon rather than early morning. But we'd be working less hard, descending, and temperatures would start dropping as the day neared its end. Right?

Well, no, not really. By the time we got back to the trail, it was as if we had walked in a furnace. Mars and I seem to be conditioned to the heat, and had plenty of water, so were OK, stopping off in the shade from time to time. But by the time we got to Cactus Spring, we were sufficiently interested in cooling off, that the notion of pouring that oddly green/brown spring water over our clothes sounded appealing. And it actually did feel quite nice! Though when I later went to wash the shirt, I was astounded to discover it could stand up all on its own.

And that long hill up from Horsethief Creek? Oh, it seemed endless! Even though, by then, it really had cooled off a bit, especially since we were no longer in direct sun. Definitely a memorable hike, but not one I would recommend to anyone else. Wait for fall or winter! OK, with that little problem out of the way, I could now focus on

Finishing the List

Split is a very dramatic peak with a split top, clearly visible to the north above Lake Isabella. Brian was in the Schedule to lead it as his "I" provisional. It seemed appropriate somehow that I should finish the list and the requirements for an "I" rating on the same peak.

Given we had just done Martinez, I wasn't too intimidated by the potential heat. My friends who (other than Mars) had sensibly foregone (forewent?) the Martinez adventure, were less sanguine. Most came, anyhow, especially after Brian proposed car camping the night before and an early start.

We were lucky. In spite of a muggy heat wave in progress, the early start coupled with clouds and a breeze

made the trip to the summit relatively pleasant. Forest then burnt forest, views... A definite rock scramble at the end, but hey! I'm getting better at this. And finally, the final summit!

I opened the box with trepidation – Byron had promised me a surprise. At the very least, I expected a moldy cheese sandwich. But perhaps friends had come first and removed it? I dunno. No problems, anyhow. We did get a touch of heat on the return to the saddle, but then the clouds reformed, and it was pleasant. Well, almost – the lightning storm across the lake was cause for possible concern.

It seems to be the tradition to tie off a List Finisher article with short observations. How can I resist?

Favorite peak: Who can choose? They're all wonderful. Except I know it's not the Silliest peak: Barley Flats. Any peak named FLATS clearly has an identity problem. Can we delist it??? Most memorable: Martinez in July, or Santa Cruz in December. Hmmmm... Favorite backpack: My "I" provisional in mid-July. See Mars' article in the next Lookout. What can I say, except it was perfect? Most dramatic hike: I was going to write this one up, too, but am out of time and I expect Joe is out of space. When Sandy Sperling and I did Thorn Point recently (after the fire, but good news: the peak, trail, and lookout are more or less OK, though NOT the same), we encountered a buck fleeing a pack of coyotes. As in, we almost had a head on collision! We also saw a condor, and a spectacular sun dog. Or maybe the most dramatic hike was the one a week earlier, when we were on Old Man and Monte Arido when the private planes crashed near Monte Arido. The sudden cloud of smoke from the resulting fire, so near to where we had parked the car, really spooked us...

Hundred Peaks Section Chair Karen Isaacson Leverich leads group down from the summit of Dragon's Head on July 20, 2002, her "I" provisional lead. Karen is the 232rd person to finish the HPS List. She joins a long line of HPS Chairs who have finished the List while they were chair. (Photo by Edith Liu)



Life Springs from Ashes

By Horst Meister

Editor, *The Wrightwood Mountaineer-Progress*
[Reprinted with the author's permission]

Grassy Hollow – A burned forest looks like a moonscape, but the devastation is only temporary.

The Angeles is a fire ecology forest, populated by plants that evolved in an environment that included periodic fires. All native plants are adapted to fire to one degree or another.

The cones of knobcone pines will not open until they are burned in a fire. Old timers called the knobcone pine "the tree that swallows its cones" because the dense cones do not drop from the branches if the fire doesn't open them. As the tree grows, the bark engulfs the cones.

The silvery-white trunks of dead burned trees that stand like ghostly sentinels in the forest are a favorite home for woodpeckers, who excavate holes in the dead wood for nests. The woodpeckers abandon their nest cavities after their chicks fledge, and the cavities are then taken over by other birds.

Contrary to popular belief, trees are generally the last plants to revegetate a burned area. Saplings won't appear for 50 to 100 years, and it may be 150 years before the dominant conifer forest is re-established in a burned area. Ellen Wilson, one of the Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest, said that oaks are the first trees to grow. Young conifers can't survive in direct sunlight, but oaks can. Wilson said that conifers are the climax forest in the San Gabriels.

Some plants sprout so soon after a fire that they are called fire followers. The oddly named Poodle-Dog bush (Turricula Parryi) is among the first to sprout in a burned area.

This perennial shrub is a coarse that can grow six feet tall. Its leaves have a fowl smell, and touching the cause dermatitis in sensitive people. The bush can in sensitive people. The flowers through poodle-dog because the some what poodle.



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The Pacific Crest Trail passes behind the Grassy Hollow Visitor Center. Strolling west along the trail takes the hiker through an area burned by the 1997 Narrows Fire. Last Saturday, Jody Lopez and Jack Cain of the Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest took the public on a fire ecology hike along the trail to show people how the forest recovers after a fire.

A few saplings sprout here and there, but most of the vegetation is chaparral.

"Chaparral will re-establish itself in five to seven years," said Wilson. "This is a group of plants like white thorn, bitter cherry, and buckwheat."

The trees are dead, their bark-stripped trunks still standing until some winter storm knocks them down. But the forest is far from dead. Indian paintbrush, ceanothus, gillia, California fuschia, phacelia, blue phlox, prickly poppy and fleabane bloom on the forest floor.

Sagebrush, wild currants, wild lilacs, poodle-dog bushes, and yerba santa are everywhere. Native wild grasses have gone to seed, their heavy seed heads bending the straw stems over, the better to spread next year's seeds. Mountain chickadees, juncos, and acorn woodpeckers flit about the dead timber. Squirrels and chipmunks scurry about their business. Fire-blackened logs are strewn about like match sticks fallen from a giant's pocket.

Wilson said that the vivid green patches found on dead logs are lichen, a plant that is a partnership between fungus and algae.

Lichens break down dead wood, and the decomposed wood builds up the topsoil.

The natural ecological succession is well under way. Fire is not a problem for the forest. Fire is a problem for us because we build houses in the forest.

Please visit the Home Page of Ken Ferrell, The Hiking Photographer
<http://home.myprimus.com/~ken.ferrell/>

Sea Horse Head Sculpture was the first image I took of an ancient piece of wood carved by Mother Nature. It is a beautiful piece from that searched the country for other high mountain images.



I have been Hiking and Climbing mountains in the Southwest for over 30 years and during that time I have climbed over 400 mountains. I have a lot of images of ancient trees that I call "High Altitude Art With Ancient Trees". I specialize in images of Bristlecone Pine, some of them are over 4800 years old.

"Sculpture... The bristlecone pine might be looked upon not only as a subject for art but as art itself." From: "timberline ancients" by David Muench and Darwin Lambert.

"It seems incongruous that a farm boy from Valley Falls, Kansas should be one of the few to capture the sensuous beauty that is hidden among the furtive crags and peaks of the high mountain country." By: (Ava O'Neil - LA Herald Examiner Staff Writer, 2-11-73) (California Living Cover)

[Editor's note: Ken Ferrell was very active in the Hundred Peaks Section in the 1960's and 1970's. He was known as "The Orange Baron." Ken presented the program at the 1970 HPS Annual Awards Banquet which was about the history of the HPS. Ken's tape recordings of HPS pioneers and activists have recently been re-recorded and made into compact discs by the HPS.]

Those *@#!&*!!%# DriveUps

By Carleton Shay

It seems no one likes drive-ups. These poor vilified peaks, which were innocently included in the original "100 peaks" because they were in the right area, had the requisite altitude, were named, etc., without regard to their ease of access, have been pilloried ever since. Should they be deListed? Should they be singled out for special consideration, like being counted as many times as necessary after being grudgingly ascended once? Why are they so hated when most have alternative routes that are often quite pleasant? Are they worth changing the Bylaws over?

Consider changing the Bylaws—any old way. To do so would necessitate defining terms. **What is a drive-up?** Certainly it is not literally a driveup as some require a one-way walk of half mile or more and a hundred feet or more of altitude gain. (Some are reviled because of their long driving approach, not the actual effort of the ascent—e.g., Cannel). So if they are not literally driveups, what should be the criteria? DeListing only the few that are would not satisfy the drive-up haters. How much distance and gain would be permitted in the requisite definition of "drive-up"? Let's say for openers that any peak that requires less than a half mile distance one-way and a 100' gain is a drive-up. This would exclude Peak Mtn (1 mi rt, 400' gain, one of the most reviled driveups. Also McDonald (1 mi rt, 300' gain), Mooney (1 mi rt, 250' gain), Lewis (1 mi, 500' gain) (Does anyone consider Lewis a driveup?), Monrovia (1 mi rt, 600' gain), Wright (½ mi rt 200' gain), Gobbler's Knob (1 mi rt, 500' gain), Cleghorn (½ mi rt, 200' gain), Sugarpine (½ mi, 160' gain), Round -1 mi, 700'gain- (Does anyone consider Round a driveup?), Little Bear (1 mi rt, 200' gain), Delamar (1 mi rt, 600' gain), Black Mtn LO (1 mi rt, 200' gain), Lookout (1 mi rt, 600' gain) Garnet Mtn (0.6 mi, 200' gain). Many of these are considered driveups, but not all. It should be obvious without looking at this List, that to define a peak with 500 or 600 feet gain as a "driveup" is nonsense. Equally inane is to lengthen the maximum distance requirement and still consider the peak a driveup. The conclusion is that it is virtually impossible to define the numerical characteristics of a driveup, including in the definition's criteria all the offending peaks yet allowing the virtuous ones to retain their exalted status.

So, what's the alternative? Draw up a list of the offending peaks, ignoring their measurements? Who's to choose, and how? Would you like a list of "driveups" in the Bylaws? Again, Nonsense.

As to the suggestion that we allow a driveup to count many times after one ascent, what's wrong with the present acceptance of the informal "pitty-pat" procedure, which accomplishes the same thing without putting it in the Bylaws) [For those who don't know what the pitty-pat method is, each cycle of alternately touching the register and the car counts as an ascent if your car is close enough to the register to do that]. Furthermore, to reiterate, putting anything about driveups in the Bylaws would necessitate defining them, so we're still behind on that score. (An

election allowing either method might not pass; then where would we be?)

Also, consider the case where a gate is fortuitously found open as often happens on a number of peaks. These are not driveups, but would the proposed "multiple count rule" above apply here? (It does with pitty-pat). You want that in the Bylaws too?

I have long since concluded that a peak is a peak is a peak. I don't like driveups either, partly because they engender such acrimonious debate, but I think that bitching and moaning about them is fruitless. A careful reading of the argument above about trying to define them, excluding some and including others, pretty well shows the futility of the quixotic search to find a solution that will satisfy everyone.

On the debate concerning Drive-Ups and Mountain Naming, I would like to present an alternative viewpoint.

By Kevin Dixon

Drive-ups, do we continue with a peak list that has so much variety in access options? Not everyone is a 'Speedy Gonzales', drive ups broaden our membership base by providing an easy introduction to mountains and keeping those less active involved. For those that want to or have to (lack of 4wd), drive ups can be hiked or mountain biked or any combination thereof. The peak list we have now has worked successfully for many years and we have one of the most active sections – why mess with something that is working?

As a land surveyor and geodesist in over eighty countries, there have often been 'suggestions' for me to add someone's name to a feature but I have steadfastly refused. Adopting instead a policy of using only local names which have been in use for many years.

Naming a feature as large as a mountain is not something lightly done. All three nominees are worthy individuals but as active in the hills as we are, the HPS membership represents only a very small percentage of the people in this region. I would therefore suggest that the HPS adopt the principles, policies and procedures for domestic names in the United States as detailed at the following web address.

<http://geonames.usgs.gov/pppdgn.html>

For those without web access, the following extracts dealing with commemorative names and wilderness areas are the most applicable.

"Commemorative Names Policy

sec. 1 The U.S. Board on Geographic Names will consider proposals for assignment of the names or nicknames of deceased persons to geographic features in the United States and areas under the jurisdiction of the United States. The Board will not consider names that commemorate or may be construed to commemorate living persons. In addition, a person must be deceased at least 5 years before a commemorative proposal will be considered.

sec. 2 The person being honored by the naming should

have had either some direct and long-term association with the feature or have made a significant contribution to the area or State in which it is located.

sec. 3 A proposal commemorating an individual with an outstanding national or international reputation will be considered even if the person was not directly associated with the geographic feature.

sec. 4 All commemorative name proposals must meet the same basic criteria required of any other name proposal.

Guidelines

A proposal to commemorate an individual should contain evidence of local support for the proposed name and its application. Such evidence may be in the form of letters from local residents and administrative agency personnel and (or) petitions containing original signatures of local citizens. In States with no official State names authority, approval must be obtained from local governing bodies such as the county commissioners or supervisors or the town selectmen. Past decisions by the Board have found "direct association" or "significant contribution" when the person being commemorated was a(n):

- early or long-time settler - 20 or more years
- developer of the designated feature
- restorer or maintainer of the feature
- donor of the land to State or Federal Government
- person who played a large part in protecting the land for public benefit.

A person's death on or at a feature such as in a mountaineering accident or plane crash, or the mere ownership of land or the feature, does not normally meet the "direct association" criterion.

The Board urges careful review of an individual's association with the intended feature, as well as the proposal's consistency with other Board policies, before submitting the proposal.

Approved by:

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Current Trip Reports

Mt Williamson

June 2, 2002

Leaders: Stag Brown & Bobcat Thompson

By Bobcat

*We sixteen climbed the son of William
In the high San Gabriels.
We counted lizards a quarter million
O'er all the hills and dells.*

*Amongst our troupe, 3 kids, 3 dogs
Scrambled over many rocks & logs.
And far above the heat and smog
Lunched on top with food and grog.*

*The Desert spread out far below
And lightly did the cool winds blow.
And finally it came time to go
So down the trail we all did flow.*

With sixteen bi-pedal hominids and three quadrupedal friends, we arrived back down at the cars at Islip Saddle by 3 p. m. and headed for Pepe's of La Cañada for post hike revelry. Thanks to Stag for asking me to help lead this hike.



*Once again, the time has come
to lead this hike; sure fun for some.
It's Joe's & Stag's first Sunday in June.
For twenty one years, they've hiked the same tune
But Joe could not answer the call.
In comes Bobcat shouting, "I'll help out, y'all!"
"Thank you, Bob, you'll do just fine."
Said Stag, "In twenty one, this is the first time
That Joe Young could not have come
To lead this and have some fun."
Starting with sixteen in two legs
Including three children with three dogs.
Three children ranging ages 5 through 8,
And the dogs a-roaming: It was great!
As we started up the trail,
Big smiles, eyes gleam, waggin' tails,
We added to the elevation gain,
And time passed some strength did wane.
Five decided to they had to turn back,
Eleven onward, fun did not lack.
But later on, two more must stop,
One plus her dog, yet not to the top.
However, the remainder continued on
To the top of Mt Williamson.
One child was Reina Lee Brown
Who bagged this peak, second time around.
With stomachs full and rested well
"Five more minutes" did Stag yell.
Time to head down the dusty trail.*

*A day well spent, the joy not veiled.
The group spread out heading back
But keeping pace with lightened packs.
And Reina still having fun
Counting lizards one by one.
We arrived back, some tired and sore,
Thinking of the reward that's in store.
So at Pepe's, cooling down with a drink
It's the end for now...I think.*

By Nami T. Brown



*Stag Brown, colorful as always, sweeps the group on the
21st annual 1st Sunday in June hike with Stag.*

Two For The Price of One – Mt Drury & "Sam Fink" Peak

A Private Trip

June 4 – 6, 2002

By Barbara Lilley

Gordon MacLeod and I had originally planned to climb these peaks as a 3 day backpack from the tramway. However, after having been informed that all water sources in the area, including Round Valley, had dried up, we elected to backpack up the Devils Slide Trail and camp near the only known water source in the San Jacinto Wilderness (even Caramba was dry). This was a spring, with good water coming out of a pipe and assorted birds drinking and bathing in the overflow, located along the Long Valley trail about ½ mile from Saddle Junction.

Mt. Drury was climbed the next day (Wed.) from the Wellman's Divide – San Jacinto trail by going over the saddle north of Jean Pk. The following day we made the

long trek to climb "Sam Fink" Pk. and backpacked out, staying in a campground near Idyllwild that night and returning home the next morning.

Mt. Drury needs a supplemental register container – nested cans or a glass jar – as the current one has a plastic top which tends to disintegrate in the sun.

Incidentally, all HPSers may not be aware that the cost of the USFS Adventure Pass is half price for holders of the Golden Age Passport, available at age 62.

A Small World in the Mountains San Gabriel Pk (6161')

July 6, 2002

Leaders: Mars Bonfire and Karen Isaacson

Leverich

By Mars Bonfire

With Karen Leverich, Doris Duval, Brian Leverich, Gary Gibson, Mike Moser, Mars Bonfire, Hiro Yanamoto, Mark Allen, Chris Spisak, and Kyler Yanamoto

It was billed as "Easy Peaks of the San Gabriels" and was essentially an introduction to Hundred Peaks. And Hundred Peaks by any other name would, of course, still be a collection of 275 or so Southern California high points of profound and delirious hill walking fun. A collection that enables us to experience first hand the many wild treasures encircling Los Angeles, to develop a love for them, and ultimately, to protect them.

Did I use the phrase "hill walking"? I guess I did. Coincidentally and of great significance the July – August AARP Bulletin (Yes, it's true. I am a senior citizen!) has a short column titled "New Drive Helps 50+ Americans stay 'Active for Life'" in which it's stated: "...common sense and current science agree that exercise helps people live longer, healthier lives. The benefits are so compelling that AARP and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation have joined together to launch a major program encouraging Americans age 50 and older to make exercise a part of their daily lives." The quintessential HPS experience is the **L I S T F I N I S H** and once one accepts the challenge of that quest exercise, perhaps above and beyond what one might have thought one's self capable of, will definitely be a part of daily life. And equally apropos, the July issue of National Geographic has an insert by the Arthritis Foundation titled "See the USA the Walking Way" in which it's stated: "Walking works wonders...walking is one of the best exercises there is. In addition to helping control arthritis symptoms, walking can also help you: Ease arthritis pain. Cut your risk of heart disease. Control blood pressure. Lower your risk of diabetes. Build your bones. Lose weight." And finally, not to be outdone, the esteemed American Journal of Viagra Confabulations definitively states: "If you experience an erection that lasts longer than 4 hours, seek immediate medical help!" Oops. I guess that doesn't have much to do with walking. Forget that advice.

Okay. Back to walking of the hill variety. Aren't

we lucky we know about Hundred Peaks and are involved in leading or hiking the many adventures within minutes or hours of LA? And now the wonderful group who showed up for San Gabriel know about Hundred Peaks and, I hope, will become increasingly involved in doing what is such profound and delirious fun and, as it turns out, so good for us to...hill walking!

By the way, do you have well used copies of "San Bernardino Mountain Trails" and "Trails of the Angeles"? Of course you do. Every hiker I know does and refers to them often for historical, floral/fauna, and route information on our beloved peaks. What would be the chance of running into their author, John Robinson, down below in a sea of millions? Not very high I would guess. Yet as we were sitting trail side taking a break who should come along but the man himself. He recognized Doris and stopped to talk. Karen put in an effective pitch for his presence as speaker at our upcoming banquet. And what more appropriate place to meet a man who writes about the mountains than in the mountains. It's a small world up there isn't it?

Sunday and Bohna, One Nice Hike

July 17, 2002

by George Wysup

On June 9 last year my group hiked Bohna route 1. On the way up the steep road we encountered a steady stream on motorcycles racing down the road. This made for a rather dusty hike.

One biker, not in so much of a hurry, stopped to converse. We learned that their route started at the Sunday Peak trailhead, ascended to near the summit, then continued along a trail heading west, then south, along the ridge to the saddle just north of Bohna summit, then down the trail to our parking place, then along a dirt road back to Sunday trailhead. More importantly, we learned that their organization had cleared the entire route.

I had heard of hikers trying this route between Sunday and Bohna and finding it choked with brush and difficult to follow. The info we received indicated that the route may be greatly improved. My curiosity was now ready to kill this cat and I aimed to try it.

On July 17 Sandy Burnside and I tried it from the Sunday trailhead. It appeared to have the hot weather advantage that the route never went below 6500', whereas the Bohna trailhead starts at 5500'. Also, the single hike would save a significant 16 miles of driving.

We did the easy hike to the trail junction near Sunday's summit; then we turned right instead of the usual left. The trail continued west through a pine / cedar / red fir forest, then turned south, steeply down hill to a saddle north of bump 6991T, up this bump and down the other side to the usual departure point at the saddle (6480+) north of Bohna, about 2.5 miles from the trail junction. To my surprise the entire trail was through forest (so thick that it was impossible to get a GPS to track except in a few clearings), and the trail was as easy to follow as the PCT. The motorcycle activity had not

eroded the trail terribly. In short, this was a very pleasant hike, though it was warmer than we would have liked.

The stats: Mileage is a bit under 9 miles round trip; total elevation gain (from Sandy's altimeter) is about 3400'. We took a leisurely 6 hours for the hike. In comparison, the separate hikes are about 6 miles with 2400' gain. Incidentally, the route is shown quite precisely on Brent Washburn's old HPS map, and rather less so on the more recent ".tpo" file.

Mt Sally, Mt Mooney

July 20, 2002

**Leaders: Stag Brown, Nami Brown, Joe Young
By the leaders**

Twenty hikers participated on this mid-summer hike. Skies were clear, temps warm, spirits high. A number of hikers new to the Hundred Peaks Section as well as a few old hands were on the hike.

The group arranged itself into six vehicles for the caravan to the peaks. Short hikes were enhanced by group discussions led by Stag whenever we stopped in the shade. Oldtimers Stag Brown, Bobcat Thompson, Alice Goldberg and Joe Young shared their hiking experiences with the relatively newer hikers. A new register in good condition was found on Sally. No register or can was found on Mooney.



Stag, Nami, and Reina Lee Brown

After the hikes the group reassembled at a pair of picnic tables near Mt Vetter. (We observed that the picnic area and nearby restrooms frequently used by the HPS for celebrations, near the trail head for Mt Vetter, was fenced off.) There we enjoyed a celebration marking the seventeenth wedding anniversary of Stag and Nami. The group shared champagne, barbecued chicken, and fruit. Joe Young and Reina Lee Brown, now eight years old, pestered the group by blowing special durable bubbles which stuck to everything. Surprisingly, the campground appeared deserted. We all wondered why.

After the celebration eight of us reconvened at Pepe's of La Cañada for even more post hike revelry.

Cruising the High Peaks in the San Jacinto Wilderness: A Pants-ripping Back Pack

July 13-15

**Leaders: Kent Schwitkiss and Laura Joseph
By the leaders**

On Saturday, July 13, 10 excited hikers joined provisional "I" leader Kent Schwitkiss and evaluator/assistant leader (and Rainier submitter) George Wysup at Long Valley Ranger Station just beyond the Tramway building, to back pack up to Round Valley for a weekend of trekking in the San Jacinto range. The group included Sherry Ross (as always a fount of knowledge about plants and the odd habits of bugs), Kent's son Zachary and his friend Matt (two courageous 19 year olds who were challenged to keep up with the older generation), Lisa Cozzetti (who had traveled from fire-damaged Arizona for a weekend of cool hiking), Connie Leonard, Ken Norris, John Bacon, Marlin Mertz, Jane Fontana (another musician member of HPS), and Laura Joseph.

En route to Round Valley, we were all made vividly aware of the after effects of George's amazing feat on Mt. Rainier (described elsewhere in this issue) by his hacking, gut wrenching coughs and almost inaudible voice (there's a good side to everything). Close to the campground we passed Byron Prinzmetal's group consisting of Sandy Burnside and one "follower" which was on a day hike to Cornell and the presently named Landells (that Byron, of course, proposes to name after yet another HPS "great").

We hauled our heavy packs — there was no water at Round Valley — to the far side of the campground to find a suitable campsite. Once finished with "chores," we headed to Cornel where Laura hoped to retrieve the trekking poles lost there a year ago (hope springs eternal).

Kent is a very organized and knowledgeable leader and handles HPS hikers well, having had a lot of experience with unruly Boy Scouts. Here's a section of his guide written prior to our expedition:

There are many ways to get the peaks that we will do on Saturday and Sunday. Consideration needs to be given to navigation and expected energy effort. Remember, I'm not interested in exercise here, just a relaxing stroll [Hah!]. Another desire of mine is to make loops. It gets rather boring to go someplace just to retrace your steps. Isn't it better to visit someplace new?

The first issue was the specific track to Cornell. Even though the peak is obvious, the specific track is not. One needs to balance the amount of climbing with the group strength. Doing this peak on Saturday by itself was part of the plan.

Kent had modified his original trip plan to account for the lack of water at Round Valley. *We are each quite different in this regard. One guideline is to have 1 liter for each 1000 feet of gain. Another is to*

have one gallon per day. We should be able to fine-tune our needs by Saturday afternoon, and we will have the opportunity to get more on Saturday afternoon. The water situation was exacerbated by high temperatures, even at our lofty altitude. As it turned out, collectively we had enough to last through the trip thanks to Kent and the two young men carrying extra gallons.

Leaving camp at midday on Saturday, Kent led us on an easy route to the base of the wonderful rocky summit of Cornell where we again encountered Byron and company who regaled us with references to life insurance. Our group was perhaps a little heartier than typical as all of us reached the summit easily and then, seeing that there was more rock to climb to get to the tippy-top, each of us in turn, with coaching from Kent and Sherry, climbed another twelve feet or so.

We returned to camp in mid afternoon and, not long after, were joined by Sandy B and began an extended happy hour that lasted into dinner (for those who could still eat). Happy hour was enhanced by wine brought by Sherry, Jane and Laura; Sandy B's customary culinary delights, exotic things prepared by Sherry, Laura's (fat free) brownies and much more.

After an uneventful night punctuated by George's incessant coughing, we set off shortly after 7 for the remaining 5 peaks in the following sequence: Marion, Drury, Folly, San Jacinto, and Jean. We would arrive at these peaks through a combination of trail walking, cross country, and even some class 2.5-ish hiking with a total of 10.5 miles and 3200' gain. Here's Kent's description.

The day can be easily described in legs to specific locations, just like an orienteering event. The first leg was from camp to Wellman Divide, next Wellman Divide to Marion, then Marion to Drury, then Drury to Folly, Folly to San Jacinto, then to Jean, and finally from Jean to camp. So there were a total of seven legs. Every leg had an attack point or a handrail. Once identified, these attack points and handrails define a strategy to gain the target. Then it is just a matter of executing on the plan, and making minor corrections to account for vegetation or rock.

There were only two legs that required multiple leg plans, and perhaps a site decision. These two legs were from Drury to Folly, and from Jean to camp. The Drury / Folly leg had to deal with vegetation, while the Jean to camp leg dealt with a quest to minimize the leg length. That is, to go more directly to camp, rather than travel all the way back to Wellman Divide.

The leg from Drury to Folly required a passage on a south-facing slope. My concern was that this passage would be difficult because of thick vegetation. I had imagined that the flora in this region would be quite similar to that on the Marion Leg, and would require some on-site information. The information I had suggested that there was a path through the chincapin, and that the path from Drury to Little Round Valley was clear. So the "grand strategy" changed from a direct route to a more conservative route. This more conservative route added another handrail and attack point. Instead of angling up to the saddle between Folly

and San Jacinto, we would first drop down to Little Round Valley and pick up the trail to San Jacinto. The next attack point would be the saddle, and the final attack point was Folly Peak itself.

The leg from Jean back to camp was interesting as well. The first part of the leg was to drop down into the gully that separates Jean from San Jacinto. One proceeds down this gully until the trail from Wellman Divide (to San Jacinto Peak) is reached. Then one has a decision to make. Either one heads for Wellman Divide, or one heads for Tamarack Valley. There are several possibilities if one heads for Tamarack Valley. 1) There is an unmarked trail to Tamarack, and of the three times I've summited San Jacinto, I've never seen it. 2) There is a distinct gully (with an intermittent stream) on the map, which is supposed to be clear. 3) There is ridge just south of the gully, which is also supposed to be clear. It ended up that we found the unmarked trail and used it.

The trail from Wellman Divide to Mt San Jacinto Peak makes a long traverse along the eastern flank of Jean Peak. There is a pronounced gully between Jean and San Jacinto. An old un-maintained trail goes from this location to Tamarack Valley. We were going to do a straight shot down this gully and the ridge just south of it. We wanted to avoid the long traverse back to Wellman Divide. This trail goes through waist/chest-high chincapin).



George undergoes repairs

In more commonplace language, this is what we did. We had a great time summiting Marion — another rocky peak with an interesting shoot to shimmy up— and, from there, crossed Little Round Valley to that rock pile known as Drury where the otherwise indomitable Wysup had to check out to nurse his Rainier hangover at camp. With Sandy taking over as assistant leader, we set off for Folly (the summit of which I cannot picture in my memory, no matter how many times I've been there). More fun was in store as we took a "new" route, following the ridge from Folly to San Jac, having a grand time watching Kent find the best way to get around various (in the memorable words of Mars Bonfire) "rock problems." We all thought this was a great way to get to the lofty

summit which, by the usual route, is pretty uninteresting. On the summit of San Jac, we picked up two Sierra Club members who tailed after us as we made a beeline down to the saddle and up to Jean. From there, once again, we took the most direct route possible — given vegetation — back to camp along a gully.

About that butt-ripping. It started with Sherry on Cornell. Feeling an unwonted draft on her nether regions, she noted a huge rip in the seat of her pants. We all assured her that, although she had neglected to wear her designer underwear, she looked just fine. The next morning she emerged with the offending rip neatly duct-taped. On the way to Marion, someone noted a similar phenomenon in the seat of George's pants. Fortunately, Sandy was at the ready with duct tape that had been wrapped around her trekking poles and Marlin made quite an operation of the taping. Not to be outdone, on the descent from yet another peak, Lisa beckoned secretively to Laura and held out a piece of duct tape to apply to her bottom.

Back at camp, a well-rested George rejoined us as we completed our preparations for leaving, redistributed water from the haves to the have-nots and set off for the promised refreshments at the tramway station. Our convivial gathering in the bar of the station was the occasion for missing one tram but we caught the next and reluctantly parted company at the parking lot.

Natural history notes from Sherry: Some of us spotted four deer grazing in the meadow of Round Valley and Laura spotted a possum in the parking lot. Among the more common flora we observed were white fir, lodgepole and sugar pine, wild gooseberry, the always popular manzanita and chinquapin shrubs in the undergrowth, corn lilies and cow parsnips in the meadows, wallflowers, ranger's buttons and lupines by the trailside. This trip deserves a repeat in a wet year for some fabulous wildflower displays — when can we go?

A Weekend Backpacking Trip Above the Tram July 5-7, 2002 A Private Trip By Sandy Sperling

Pat Arredondo and I are getting close to finishing the list. We actually haven't hiked together very often due to scheduling conflicts, but our hiking styles are similar so we decided to plan way in advance to bag some peaks we both needed: Jean, Marion, Drury, Folly, ...and Sam Fink, which is sort of in the neighborhood. Our first thought was to do them from Idyllwild on consecutive days, but Pat, being the avid backpacker that she is, suggested a backpacking trip from the top of the tram instead. Looking at the map, it made sense. We were concerned when we heard that the Round Valley spring was completely dry, but we figured that we could each carry 20 or so pounds of water with our gear for the 2-mile trip from the tram to Round Valley. Hey, it wouldn't be as bad as Villager and Rabbit! Our plight

was made even easier when Sandy and Keith Burnside decided to join us for the first set of peaks and leave their extra water with us. True friends!

Keith and Sandy were able to take the first tram up at 10am on Friday, July 5, which was a pseudo-holiday (they didn't have to work anyway!). They bagged Folly and San Jacinto while Pat and I, the working ladies, had a later start and took the 2:45 tram. We topped off all our water containers in the restaurant at the upper tram station and were on our way. Upon arriving in Round Valley, we searched for Burnside belongings and soon found them. We set up camp, made dinner, and soon heard Burnsidish voices along the trail. It was fun to share such a beautiful campsite together.

The next morning, we left our campsite going north on the trail and then headed up the gully toward Jean that bypasses all the switchbacks. We intersected the top switchback, then left the trail to climb the gully to the saddle north of Jean, then took the ridge south to the summit. We had perfect weather and wonderful views. We moved on to Marion and climbed the interesting class 3 summit block. Then we hiked to Drury. Of course, we had snacks on every summit. I'm told that is in the HPS bylaws.

Keith and Sandy had to leave us at this point to go back to camp and pack out to the tram. After saying our good-byes, Pat and I headed down the north side of Drury to intersect the Deer Springs Trail. We took advantage of this trail for some of our ascent toward Folly Peak, then headed off into the brushy, sometimes bouldery gully.

Before we left, we had noticed that there was an HPS scheduled hike to San Jacinto and Folly led by David Beymer and Maura Raffensberger this same day. One reason we did Folly last was the hope that we might meet up with their group. As Pat and I were nearing the ridge between San Jacinto and Folly, I thought I saw someone, but when I called out there was no answer. We continued to Folly. Indeed, Dave and Maura's group was immediately behind us! And as if that wasn't enough, Don Tidwell, Mei Kwan, and Winnette Butler, who were hiking privately together, had just met with Dave and Maura's group as well! We had three groups spontaneously converge on the summit of Folly Peak! "The first—and last—Folly Peak reunion!" said Dave Beymer. We enjoyed each others' company for a time (while eating snacks according to the bylaws), then headed off in our separate directions.

Pat and I descended back to the Deer Springs Trail, then followed it up to the San Jacinto turnoff. We had each climbed this peak several times, but it wasn't far to the summit and we had time, so we decided to do it "since it was there." After enjoying the highest peak of the area and our fifth peak over 10,000' of the day, we headed back toward camp.

We got to talking while going down the trail and somehow missed the turnoff that we had intended to take. After we discovered this, we didn't really want to backtrack uphill. I thought it would be fun to descend cross-country and see how close I could come to the rear

of our campsite, using my intuition. It was very brushy in places and steep in others, necessitating a randomly winding route. I knew if we kept going we would hit the Round Valley trail, but I really wanted to go straight to the campsite. Finally, I pulled out my GPS when I knew we were pretty close but wasn't sure whether to go a little more northeast, east, or southeast. We were only 0.21 miles from the waypoint I set that morning in camp! It was a lot of fun being able to walk right into the back side of our camp!

The next morning, Pat and I packed up all our things in Round Valley and began hiking toward the tram, but took a trail fork to the right to head toward Hidden Lake Divide so we could go climb Sam Fink Peak. After passing the next trail junction (where we would go back to the tram later), we stashed our backpacks and continued with daypacks down the Divide Trail toward Laws Camp. There is significant elevation loss here, which must be regained on the return. The trail is beautiful and well maintained.

From Laws Camp, we crossed the non-existent stream (everything is dry) and hiked on to Caramba Camp. The lower we got, the hotter it was and the more bugs there were to pester us. At Caramba Camp we crossed the dry creek bed and ascended the other side to the overlook campsite. Then it was rather fun to find the route, but we made our way around the ridge to where we could visualize the peak and climbed up to the saddle, then to the summit. It was a bit exciting near the summit when I surprised a rather large sandstone-colored diamond back rattlesnake, and, needless to say, he surprised me. We both backed off and avoided each other.

The views from the summit of Sam Fink Peak are indeed wonderful! We found a small piece of shade on the east side and ate our lunches. Then, being careful to watch for our rattler friend, we returned the way we came. Thanks to the extra water that the Burnsides left us, we didn't have to ration our water too stringently. The portion of trail from Caramba to Laws was quite hot, but we were fortunate that much of the Divide Trail ascent was in the shade.

After reclaiming our packs we had an easy hike (not much water left!) to the Long Valley Ranger Station where we freshened up a bit, then climbed up to the tram station in time to take the 5:30 tram down.

For future reference, this second day (Round Valley to Sam Fink to the tram) was about 13 miles with around 4000' loss and gain and was quite reasonable to do. If Divide Peak or some other peak in this area is added to the list, one might consider combining it with Sam Fink Peak for a day hike, or part of a backpacking trip using Laws Camp or Caramba Camp if water is available.

This weekend was just plain fun, fun, fun!!!!

Mt. Rainier Exploratory

July 4-6, 2002

By George Wysup, neophyte glacier climber

Roxana Lewis got the silly idea of climbing Mt. Rainier (14,410'), a glaciated volcano which happens to be the WA state high point. Unfortunately, she did not keep this idea to herself. "Great idea!" John Connelly and I responded. HPS Prior Chair Virgil Popescu got wind of the plan and had to join us.

I felt that this might be a breakthrough exploratory to get a new peak added to the HPS list—perhaps exchange Rainier for Keller Peak. Mt Rainier meets most of the HPS criteria; it is over 5000' elevation and is a named summit. So it's a wee bit out of the HPS geographic boundary; what's such a big deal? Just add Pierce County, WA into the HPS by-laws. Should cut down on the multiple list finishers, eh?

So I made arrangements to pay \$728 to Rainier Mountaineering, Inc. (RMI) to take me there, spent a bunch of \$ on equipment, and arranged lodging. After all this I learned that Rainier is no 'gimme' peak. It is reputed to be a tough physical chore, it is somewhat on the technical side, and people have been dying like flies on it. Can I get my money back? No, I have already shot off my big mouth to any and all that I am gonna climb it.

For those of you who don't know, the trip consists of schooling in the techniques of climbing the mountain on day 1, hiking with backpack from the parking lot in Paradise (5400') to Camp Muir (10,000') on day 2, then climbing (roped up) to the summit and back to Paradise on day 3. My calculations suggested that the total effort was to be 9000' gain and equivalent loss in less than 2 days. Much of this is at rather high altitude and on treacherous terrain. My wife suggested that this is for a younger person than me. That cinched it.

24 prospective climbers showed up at the shuttle staging area in Ashford, WA, with ice axes crampons, and the prescribed clothing, to be chauffeured to the training area just above Paradise. There was a brief equipment inspection to see that we conformed. None of us knew the first thing about glacier mountaineering (anyone who knew how would not have paid for the training). Personally, I had always thought that an ice ax was designed for use in long split breaks, and crampons were the result of hiking too far in hot weather without salt.

Our instructors marched us up the slush field for the better part of an hour while trying to spot the weaklings among us. We then proceeded to learn self-arrest techniques to prevent our demise in the slushy slopes. The weather at 6500' was snowy, windy, and cold. We hoped that the next days would be better. We learned pressure breathing and the rest step. We learned to put our crampons on our boots. We learned some rudiments about traveling roped up. A guide would yell "falling" and the entire rope team was expected to go into ice ax arrest mode immediately.

One of our RMI instructors was a Virgil Popescu look-alike named Gangbu, who is rather famous for

submitting Everest twice—the first time with Jim Whittaker in 1963 (first successful American Everest climb) and the second time sans oxygen supplement. Gangbu is 70 years young.

All 24 of us were cleared to try for the summit. Realize that the consequence of not passing the school would require RMI to return much of their fee. They are probably quite ethical, though.

On day two all 24 again showed at the staging area, with equipment and packs, for the climb. We started at 1030 from Paradise, hiking with ski poles across mostly snowy trails and up the Muir snowfield, 4600' elevation gain to the disappointing Camp Muir. From the beginning, the guides were asking us if we REALLY wanted to go on this trip. One intelligent fellow, Jeffery, decided he really did NOT. One down. We would hike an hour, break 10 minutes, hike again, *ad nauseam*, until we got within sight of Camp Muir. At this break we received instructions regarding occupying our space. We arrived at the hut at about 3:30 p.m.

RMI has its own little shack at Camp Muir. The sleeping facilities for the clients are a three layer platform providing 24 cramped spaces, each space having a Ridge Rest pad. There is also a short bench and a small table. There is a collection of brain buckets (helmets) and climbing harnesses. We each received one of these, along with brief training in how to wear them. It was necessary to leave much of our equipment outside. Most weighted their pack with a large rock to keep the substantial wind from blowing it back down to Paradise. We got a briefing about the morrow's climb, a junior guide provided cold drinking water and hot water for reconstituting food and drinks, and we received our rope team assignments. There were 3 or 4 clients and a guide on each team. My rope leader guide was a young fellow, Eric deBergh, and my team also included John Connelly, Eric from Vermont, and Chuck from Alabama. My team was one of three teams in Group A. Group B climbed about 1/2 hour behind us. Two clients remained at Camp Muir. 21 clients and 6 guides would set out for the summit.

The guide-in-chief was George Dunn, age 49. This was to be his 436th ascent of Rainier, and he has climbed Everest (from the North, in '91). No one has nearly that many Rainier ascents. George's words; "I've been there a lot of times; I know the way; follow me." OK, I was convinced.

The guides awoke us at midnight. Group A scrambled while group B hit their snooze button. 11 people flailing around in cramped quarters, dressing, donning harness and helmet (with headlamp attached) and crampons. A guide came around and flipped an avalanche beacon over each torso—"this won't be necessary, but you have to carry it," he said. I *hope!*

A bite of breakfast, packs on, and assemble outside in the almost pitch darkness. Let me insert at this point that my hero, Virgil, handicapped himself by forgetting to remove a 10 lb rock from his pack. Whataguy! The rope team leader clipped our harnesses into loops on the 50 meter rope with a hefty 'biner. We're off, up the glacier,

at 1:30 a.m. There are about 60 headlamps heading up, 27 from RMI leaders and clients.

The trail is marked by wands with a little "NPS" flag on each. Your National Park rangers at your service. The snow is well trodden along this trail, and it would not be easy to get lost . . . in the daylight. At night or in a whiteout and the story might be different.

RMI is not intimidated by weather unless it is truly severe. They get paid a lot of money to get people up the mountain, and they don't want to give much back without good cause. Safety is one reason for the extensive and expensive equipment list they provide. Another reason is that RMI can make plenty of extra dough from equipment rentals. RMI appears to be a lucrative enterprise, at least for its majority owner, Lou Whittaker (Lou is Jim's twin brother, and is a famous climber in his own right). Lou is now 73 and is turning over control to eldest son Peter. The operation also includes the Summit Haus mountaineering equipment store and Whittaker's Bunkhouse lodging in Ashford.



We walk along a rather gentle trail at the outset, but that soon changes. We traverse a rocky area and then up some steep snow, switchbacking our way up. The crampons work nicely in the frozen snow and I feel confident. The initial pace is rather slow, but it soon picks up as the leader understands that the group is warmed up. We break for 10 minutes after the first hour and 1000' gain. The guides inquire as to our physical state. "110 %" is the most common reply since everyone is leery of getting "bagged and tagged" (placed in a sleeping bag with a name and group ID, to be picked up on the descent). John and I got chewed upon by leader Eric because of our faulty rope technique.

Another 1.5 hours of steep climbing and a 10 minute break puts us at 12,400'. It is now about 4:15 a.m. and getting quite light. We had been seeing vestigial *aurora borealis* during the night. Headlamps are no longer needed. We break out the sunglasses, ready to put them on. We put the sunscreen in a pocket where it won't stay frozen. Another hour up the trail and another 1000' gain gets us to within 1000' of the summit. We are hiking at

just about my max pace. Last break—put on sunscreen and sunglasses. Be sure to put sunscreen in your nostrils; the reflected sun from the snow is brutal.

At 7:30 a.m. we reach a crater rim and unrope. Success! All 21 clients had made it this far, which I understand is rather uncommon. But, alas, the summit is way over there, across this huge crater. Almost half of us decide that we have stopped at a good enough summit. But a true HPS member goes for the top! I realized I'd hate myself next week if I didn't go to the actual top. Pant, pant, huff, puff. I needed an oxygen tank and a Sherpa to short rope me up.

At 8:30 we clip back in to the ropes and proceed down the hill. It is now broad daylight and we can see what we did during the night. Geez! We had crossed snow bridges over some rather impressive crevasses, and had passed some rock piles that looked ready to spit boulders. The early start is designed to get us up and down before the afternoon heat melts things and causes snow bridges to collapse and rocks to spit.

By the time we reach about 12,400' the snow has turned to slush in the heat of the sun and I notice that I am sliding a lot. This is because my crampons are clogging with sticky snow. I have to clear them continually to keep firm purchase in some steep spots.

The Ninth Annual Waterman Rendezvous, July 27, 2002 included four hikes and 97 participants. Three noteworthy achievements were recorded today. Sandy Burnside achieved her second List finish on Kratka Ridge, George Wysup achieved his fourth list finish on Waterman, and Rich Gnagy, already immortalized as the 1000th HPS Emblem holder a few years ago, completed the HPS List on Waterman and became a triple List finisher (HPS, DPS, and SPS).

Right: Bill Byrne took this photo of Rich Gnagy standing with Duane McRuer, also a triple List finisher. One other triple List finisher, Jerry Keating, was on the Waterman rendezvous hike.



Leo Rosario holds an exotic Asian fruit called a durian. This huge fruit has a texture similar to mashed bananas and a taste that's hard to describe, though pleasant. It contains several large seeds. Leo holds a sharp knife needed to cut the fruit. The durian was shared with as many people who dared to try it.

We get back to Camp Muir at noon, euphoria being the order of the day since the technical part is over and we can relax and enjoy our accomplishment. We re-dress and re-pack for the easy 4600' descent. Virgil discovered the boulder in his pack. He searched high and low for a missing gaiter, only to find it already attached to his right leg. I am missing a pair of shell mittens. They are undoubtedly at the bottom of a crevasse after blowing (40 mph breeze) and sliding down the ice from about the 13,500' level. John is missing a full 1.5 liter water bottle which decided to have fun skiing down the mountain. Roxana swore never to wear those boots again.

We reached the parking lot in mid afternoon, the adventure over. All that was left was to battle the gawker traffic down the highway toward home. Mount Rainier NP is, indeed, a very beautiful place, and who can blame people for gawking?

Little known fact: Mt. Rainier is named, not for Monaco's Grimaldi family Prince, but for an 18th C. British admiral—Peter Rainier (pronounced 'rainy-er').

To view our route up the mountain from Camp Muir, see website: www.rmiguide.com/htmldocs/route.asp. This is the safest of many possible routes.



Hundred Peaks Section Advance Schedule of Activities August 19 - November 13, 2002

NOTICE: "In order to participate in a Sierra Club outing, you will need to sign a liability waiver. If you would like to read a copy of the waiver prior to attending the outing, please see <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapterforms/>"

NOTICE: "In the interests of facilitating the logistics of some outings, it is customary that participants make voluntary carpooling arrangements.

The Sierra Club does not have insurance for carpooling arrangements and assumes no liability for them. Carpooling, ride sharing or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel."

Aug 19 Mon Hundred Peaks
I: Chariton Pk (10,806'), Jepson Pk (11,205'), Dobbs Pk (10,459'): Moderately paced, very strenuous via Mill Creek. 15+ mi rt, 5000'+ gain on trail and steep xc. Send esase, recent conditioning to Ldr: BYRON PRINZMETAL. Co-Ldr: SANDY BURNSIDE

Aug 21 Wed Hundred Peaks
I: Three Sisters (8080'): Moderately paced hike of 6 mi rt, 1800' gain to Three Sisters over rocky and sometimes brushy xc. Meet 7:30 am Monrovia rideshare pt. Bring 10 essentials, lunch, water. Email leader week of hike. Ldr: BYRON PRINZMETAL. Co-Ldr: SANDY BURNSIDE

Please Note New Date

Aug 24 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: 10,000 Ft Ridge (10,094'), Lake Pk (10,161'), Grinnell Mtn (10,284'): Moderately paced, very strenuous on trail and over steep, slippery, brushy, rocky xc terrain. 15 mi rt, 3500' gain. Dirt road driving with high clearance recommended. Permit limits size of group. Send email to Ldr: BYRON PRINZMETAL. Co-Ldr: Mars Bonfire, Karen Leverich

New Outing, Not in Schedule

Aug 24 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Thunder Mtn (8,587'), Telegraph Pk (18,986'), Timber Mtn (8,303'), Mid-Summer calorie burner-loop hike on trails with car shuttle-up by way of the Ski Lift area, down by Ice House Canyon. 10 mi rt, 3,000' gain. Moderate pace. Group size limited to 12 persons. Well-conditioned newcomers welcome. Send sase or esase with contact information to Ldr: JOHN CONNELLY. Co-Ldr: Luella Fickie.

Aug 24 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: Dragon's Head (10,866'), Bighorn Mtn (10,997'), Dobbs Pk (10,459'): Very strenuous, moderately paced loop hike on Vivian Creek Trail and forested xc to 3 high peaks in the San Geronio Wilderness. 15 mi rt, 6200' gain. Send sase or esase, H&W phones, recent experience to Ldrs: VIRGIL POPESCU, MAGGIE WILSON

Aug 25 Sun Hundred Peaks
O: Easy Peaks of the San Gabriels: Mt Hillyer (6200'+): 5 mi rt, 1000' gain. Come join us for a pleasant, easy, moderately paced hike in the San Gabriels. Beginners welcome, no tigers. Peak destination may change to handle adverse weather or conditions. Meet 9:30 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring 2 qts water, goodies to share, lunch, comfortable walking shoes, clothing to match weather. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Mars Bonfire, Winnette Butler, Kathy Cheever, Doris Duval, Brian Leverich, Karen Leverich

Aug 26 Mon Hundred Peaks
O: Cucamonga Pk (8859'), Etiwanda Pk (8862') from Ice House Cyn: Moderately paced, strenuous 12 mi, 4200' gain hike on one of the most scenic trails in the San Gabriels. Permit limits size of group. Send email to Ldr: BYRON PRINZMETAL. Co-Ldr: SANDY BURNSIDE

Aug 28 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Mt Islip (8260'), Middle Hawkins (8505'): Moderately paced scenic hike from Islip on good trail through historic area. 10 mi rt, 2500' gain. Shorter option. Meet 8 am La Canada rideshare pt with water, lunch, good footwear. Ldrs: DAN BUTLER, SOUTHERN COURTNEY
Please Note Change in Date

Aug 28 Wed Hundred Peaks
I: Red Tahquitz (8720'), South Pk (7879'): Moderately paced, strenuous, but very beautiful hike via the Devil's Slide Trail. 15 mi, 3500' gain on trail and xc. Wilderness permit limits group size. Send email to Ldr: BYRON PRINZMETAL. Co-Ldr: SANDY BURNSIDE

Aug 31 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: List Finisher's Special—Folly Pk (10,480'): Moderately paced 12 mi rt, 2700' gain, trail and xc. Space limited by permit. This hike is part of a series that helps hikers who are nearing HPS list completion, but anyone up for a challenge is welcome to participate. Send email, H&W phones to Co-Ldr: KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH. Ldr: MARS BONFIRE

New Outing, Not in Schedule

Sep 1 Sun Hundred Peaks
O: Introductory Mountain Biking/Hiking Adventure: Vetter Mountain (LO) (5908') - bike, Mount Akawie (7283') or Mount Lewis (8396') - hike, and Wright Mountain (8505') bike and hike: If you've been feeling guilty about that mountain bike gathering dust out in the garage, this may be the adventure you've been waiting for. Vetter is 1 1/4 mi rt, 300' gain; Akawie or Lewis is about 1 mi rt, 500' gain; and Wright is 3 1/2 mi rt, 750' gain, much of that on bike. Meet at 8AM at La Canada rideshare point. Should have good quality mountain bike, riding helmet, spare tube, and cable lock, plus small pack for hiking essentials. Ldrs: MARS BONFIRE, KATHY CHEEVER, KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH, INGEBORG PROCHAZKA

Sep 2 Mon Hundred Peaks
I: San Sevaine (8240'), Buck Point (6433'): Moderately paced, but easy hike. 6 mi rt, 1500' gain. Dirt driving required with high clearance vehicles. Meet 7:30 am Monrovia rideshare pt. Bring 10 essentials, lunch, water, goodies to share. Email leader week of hike. Ldr: BYRON PRINZMETAL. Co-Ldr: CARLETON SHAY

New Outing, Not in Schedule

Sep 4 Wed Hundred Peaks
I: South Hawkins (7783'), Middle Hawkins (8505'): Moderately paced hike on trail and xc, 12 mi rt, 3500' gain (2300' getting to the peaks, 1200' on the return). Meet at 8AM at La Canada rideshare point. Bring ten essentials, water, lunch. Ldr: MARS BONFIRE. Co-ldr: KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH

New Outing, Not in Schedule

Sep 7 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Introductory Mountain Biking/Hiking Adventure: Burnt Peak (5788') - bike, Sawtooth Mountain (5200'+) - hike, Liebre Mountain (5760'+) - drive: If you've been feeling guilty about that mountain bike gathering dust out in the garage, this may be the adventure you've been waiting for. Burnt about 6 mi rt, 800' gain, none of it very steep; Sawtooth is 4 mi rt, 1700' gain, much of it steep; and Liebre just requires driving another few miles on a fairly reasonable dirt road. Meet at 8AM at Sylmar rideshare point. Should have good quality mountain bike, riding helmet, spare tube, and cable lock, plus small pack for hiking essentials. Ldrs: MARS BONFIRE, KATHY CHEEVER, KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH

Sep 7 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: Mt Pinos (LO) (8831'), Sawmill Mtn (8818'), Grouse Mtn (8582'), Cerro Noroeste (Mt. Abel) (8280'): Come hike in the pines on these great high peaks in Kern Cnty. Moderately paced 6 mi one-way, 2170' gain hike mostly on trail. Newcomers welcome. Car shuttle. Meet 8 am Sylmar rideshare pt. Ldrs: MAURA RAFFENSPERGER, DAVID BEYMER

Sep 8 Sun Hundred Peaks
O: Easy Peaks of the San Gabriels: Winston Pk (7502'): 2 mi rt, 500' gain. Come join us for a pleasant, easy, moderately paced hike in the San Gabriels. Beginners welcome, no tigers. Peak destination may change to handle adverse weather or conditions. Meet 9:30 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring 2 qts water, goodies to share, lunch, comfortable walking shoes, clothing to match weather. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Mars Bonfire, Winnette Butler, Kathy Cheever, Doris Duval, Brian Leverich, Karen Leverich

Sep 11 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Mt Baden Powell (9399'): 8 mi rt, 2800' gain. The drive to Vincent Gap is long, but the hike and views are great and after lunch it's all down hill. Meet 8 am La Canada or 9:15 am Vincent Gap. Have plenty of water, lunch, good footwear. Ldrs: RUTH GOLDSTEIN, SOUTHERN COURTNEY

Sep 12 Thu Hundred Peaks
Annual Business/Management Meeting: Please join us for our annual business meeting combined with our monthly open management committee meeting. See front page for details.

Sep 14 Sat Sierra Singles, Hundred Peaks
C: Horseback Ride in the Local Hills: Come ride in this joint outing with the Western Riding Club. We will get horses at a local stable in the lovely Hansen Dam area and trail ride in the riparian area and the adjoining hills. Participants must have prior riding experience. For reservation and information, call Ldr: DON GENTRY. Co-Ldrs: JULIE RUSH, CHARLOTTE FEITSHANS

Sep 14 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: List Finisher's Special—Chariton Pk (10,806'), Jepson Pk (11,205'), Dobbs Pk (10,458'): Moderately paced, but very strenuous 18 mi, 5500' gain on trail and xc in the glorious high country of San Geronimo. Space limited by permit. This hike is part of a series that helps hikers who are nearing HPS list completion, but anyone up for a challenge is welcome to participate. Send email, H&W phones to Co-Ldr: KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH, Ldr: MARS BONFIRE

Sep 14 Sat Verdugo Hills, WTC, Hundred Peaks
I: Telegraph Pk (8985'): Strenuous 5 mi, 2900' gain xc on steep terrain from Harwood Lodge to the peak. Meet 6:30 am Harwood Lodge. Wear lugsoles, bring minimum 2 L water, 10 essentials Co-Ldrs: GAREN YEGPARIAN, JASON LYNCH

Sep 14 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Throop Pk (9138'), Mt Burnham (8997'), Mt Baden Powell (9399'): Enjoy the beautiful high country with limber pines and clean air on this 9 mi, 2400' gain loop trip. Easy to moderately paced. Short car shuttle. Meet 7:30 am Pomona rideshare pt or 9 am Vincent Gap trailhead. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles, fsp. Ldrs: GABRIELE RAU, HEIDI UDINK, KATHY CHEEVER

Sep 15 Sun Hundred Peaks
O: San Bernardino Pk (10,649'), San Bernardino E. Pk (10,691'), Anderson Pk (10,840'), Shield's Pk (10,680'): Classic trail hike, 17 mi rt, 5480' gain along the San Bernardino Ridge in the San Geronimo Wilderness. Strenuous, moderately paced. Well-conditioned newcomers welcome. Send sase or esase, recent conditioning, H&W phones to Ldr: JOHN CONNELLY. Co-Ldrs: GEORGE WYSUP, KATE ROGOWSKI

Sep 18-20 Mon-Fri Hundred Peaks
I: Peaks and Lakes of Rocky Mtn National Park: Come join us for a wonderful week of hiking in beautiful Rocky Mtn National Park and the Indian Peaks Wilderness area. Each day, depending on conditions and group desires, will be moderately strenuous, moderately slow paced high altitude hikes of between 5 to 16 mi, up to 4500' gain on trail and steep, slippery, rocky, snowy xc terrain. Some 12,000'+ peaks are

possible including Twin Sisters, Flattop, Hallet Peak, Mt Wuh plus other easy high peaks as conditions warrant. You will need to provide your own transportation and lodging. Send email, recent conditioning, H&W phones to Ldr: BYRON PRINZMETAL. Co-Ldrs: SANDY BURNSIDE, BOB BEACH, BRENT WASHBURNE.

Sep 18 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Mt Gleason (8520') and Messenger Flats Campground: From Mill Creek Summit we drive on the Mt Gleason Rd to park below the detention center. We'll hike on the PCT 7 mi rt, 1200' gain. Meet 9 am La Canada rideshare pt with water, lunch, good footwear. Ldrs: JENNIFER WASHINGTON, AL MARTIN

Sep 21 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Easy Peaks of the San Gabriels: Mt Akawie (7283'): 2 mi rt, 400' gain. Come join us for a pleasant, easy, moderately paced hike in the San Gabriels. Beginners welcome, no tigers. Peak destination may change to handle adverse weather or conditions. Meet 9:30 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring 2 qts water, goodies to share, lunch, comfortable walking shoes, clothing to match weather. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Mars Bonfire, Winnette Butler, Kathy Cheever, Doris Duval, Brian Leverich, Karen Leverich

Sep 21 Sat Hundred Peaks, Natural Science
O: San Bernardino Pk (10,649'), San Bernardino E. Pk (10,691') via Johns Meadow: Strenuous, moderately paced 16 mi rt, 4500' gain hike exploring the natural wonders of the San Geronimo area. LTC credit available. Group size limited by wilderness permit. Send esase or sase to Ldr: GEORGE WYSUP. Assts/Naturalists: SHERRY ROSS, GINNY HERINGER. Geology: RON ZAPPEN

New Hike, not in the Schedule

Sep 22 Sun Hundred Peaks
O: Cucamonga Peak (8868') and Etiwanda Peak (8662'): Moderate/slow pace but strenuous 17 mi rt, 4200' gain hike on scenic trail from Icehouse Canyon to two beautiful peaks in the Sheep Mountain Wilderness. Space limited by permit. Phone or email Winnette (winneteb@earthlink.net). Ldr: Mars Bonfire. Asst: Winnette Butler.

THE NEXT LEADERSHIP TRAINING SEMINAR

Sep 21 Sat LTC
Deadline for Leadership Training Seminar: Last day for receipt of application and payment by LTC Registrar for enrollment in October 5 seminar. Next seminar: Spring 2003.

Sep 28 Sat K-9 Comm, Hundred Peaks
O: Mt Sally (6408'), Mt Mooney (5840'): Join us for 2 easy peaks with your K9 buddies in local mountains. A total of 4 mi rt with 900' gain. Newcomers welcome. Meet 9 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring water, leash, lunch, lugsoles. Ldrs: CHARLOTTE FEITSHANS, TAMMY SOLKO

Sep 28-29 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks
Annual Oktoberfest Celebration: Come join us for one or two days in the magical high country of Mt Pinos. Sat night we will camp (or lodge if you prefer) at a lovely campground in the Mt Pinos area. Everyone is invited to a potluck (grills are available for cooking), campfire songfest, games and prizes. For reservations, to volunteer to help and for information, contact Laura Joseph (email: ljoseph2@earthlink.net or phone: 626-358-4158). See the Lookout for more details.

Sep 28 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: Mt Pinos (LO) (8831'), Sawmill Mtn (8818'), Grouse Mtn (8582'), Cerro Noroeste (Mt. Abel) (8280'): Experience the magic of tall pines and far reaching views. Moderately paced, 11 mi rt, 2800' gain, mainly on trail, but some xc. For meeting time and place, send email to Reserv/Co-Ldr: KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH. Ldr: MARS BONFIRE. Co-Ldr: BRIAN LEVERICH

Sep 28 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: San Rafael Pk (8840'): Work up an appetite with this strenuous 10 mi, 2500' gain seldom-led and seldom-found peak near Mutau Valley. Trail and where-the-heck-are-we xc for brush lovers. Early start, moderate paces will get us to Oktoberfest in time for happy hour and

dinner. For info of start time and place, call Ldrs: GEORGE WYSUP, SANDY BURNSIDE, SANDY SPERLING

Sep 29 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Frazier Mtn (LO) (8888): Strenuous, moderately paced 10 mi rt, 3400' gain xc hike to explore a non-drive up route to this summit. For information, call Ldrs: GEORGE WYSUP, DON CROLEY

Sep 29 Sun Hundred Peaks

O: Reyes Pk (7614), Hadlock Mtn (7431): Easy outing in Los Padres National Forest is on beautiful, forested trail, suitable for beginners. Hike involves 8 mi rt, 1200' gain. For rideshare, meeting info, call Ldr: JOE YOUNG. Asst: JOHN CONNELLY

New Outing, Not In Schedule

Sep 29 Sun Hundred Peaks

O: Oktoberfest Drive Up Spectacular: Some, probably most, probably not all, of San Emigdio Mountain (7492), Brush Mountain (7040), Cerro Noroeste (6296), Peak Mountain (5843), McPherson Peak (5749), Teoye Mountain (7180+) and Frazier Mountain (LO) (8013), depending on the time and interests of participants. Optionally followed up with an excellent dinner at the very unique Sagebrush Annie's in Ventucopa. For meeting time and place, email Co-Leader: KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH. Leaders: MARS BONFIRE, BRIAN LEVERICH

Cancelled

Sep 29 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: San Emigdio Mtn (7492), Brush Mtn (7040): A pathfinder up the ridge to peaks more typically done as drive ups. Moderately paced, 12 mi rt, 2400' gain, some steep, slippery, brushy xc. For meeting time and place, email Reserv/Co-Ldr: KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH. Ldr: MARS BONFIRE. Co-Ldr: BRIAN LEVERICH

Oct 5 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Pilot Knob (6200'): Moderately paced, strenuous hike over very steep, slippery, brushy, rocky xc terrain. 6 mi rt, 3700' gain. Some class 2 rock. Parking fee at trailhead. Meet 6 am Walker Pass Campground. Bring 10 essentials, headlamp, water, lunch. If in doubt call or email Ldrs: VIRGL POPESCU, MAGGE WILSON

Oct 5 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Yucalpa Ridge—Little San Geronimo Pk (9133'), Wilshire Mtn (8832'), Wilshire Pk (8680'), Cedar Mtn (8324'), Birch Mtn (7826'): Moderately paced, very strenuous xc hike to rugged peaks near Redlands. 7 mi, 5000' gain with short car shuttle. Send sase or esase, H&W phones, recent hiking experience to Ldr: MAURA RAFFENSPERGER. Co-Ldr: DAVID BEYMER

Oct 5 Sat LTC

Leadership Training Seminar: Become a qualified Sierra Club leader! For info, see LTC section in front of Schedule. Deadline for receipt of application and payment is Sep 21. No registration after this date or at door. Next seminar: Spring 2003.

New Outing, Not In Schedule

Oct 5 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Mt. San Antonio (10,064'), Dawson (9,575'), Pine (9,648'): Strenuous 13.5 mi rt, 6,200' gain hike over established trails in Eastern San Gabriels. Send SASE or E-SASE to Ldr: Kate Rogowski (krogo@ea.ucla.edu). Assts: Janet Yang, Peter Doggett.

Please Note New Date, Was 10/19

Oct 5 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Easy Peaks of the San Gabriels: Waterman Mtn (8038'): 8 mi rt, 1200' gain. Come join us for a pleasant, easy, moderately paced hike in the San Gabriels. Beginners welcome, no tigers. Peak destination may change to handle adverse weather or conditions. Meet 9:30 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring 2 qts water, goodies to share, lunch, comfortable walking shoes, clothing to match weather. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Mars Bonfire, Winnette Butler, Kathy Cheever, Doris Duval, Brian Leverich, Karen Leverich

Oct 6 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: List Finisher's Special—White Mtn #1 (7727'), Arctic Pt (8338'): Moderately paced, 9 mi rt, 1800' gain on road and xc. May be quite warm—be sure to bring plenty of water. This hike is part of a series that helps hikers who are nearing list completion, but anyone up for a challenge is welcome to participate. Send email, H&W phones to Co-Ldr: KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH. Ldr: MARS BONFIRE

New Outing, Not In Schedule

Oct 9 Wed Hundred Peaks

I: Mt Hawkins (8850'), Copter Ridge (7499'): Strenuous hike on trail and xc, 10 mi rt, 2600' gain. Hike in Angeles National Forest involves much gain on return from Copter Ridge. Meet 8 am La Canada rideshare point. Bring ten essentials, water, lunch. Ldr: MARS BONFIRE. Co-Ldr: KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH

Oct 10 Thu Hundred Peaks

Management Meeting: Please join us for our monthly open management committee meeting. Please call or email the HPS Program Chair, Laura Joseph, for time and place. Laura can be reached at ljoseph2@earthlink.net or (626) 356 4158

Oct 12 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Mt Hawkins (8850'), Copter Ridge (7499'): Moderately strenuous, mostly xc, at times steep, 7 mi rt, 3000' gain. No beginners or tigers. Meet 7 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles. Ldrs: ROBERT FREED, VIRGL POPESCU

Oct 12 Sat Verdugo Hills, WTC, Hundred Peaks

I: Peak Baggers' Grand Tour: Car hop hike with total 6.5 mi rt, 2000' gain among Barley Flats, Mt Sally, Vetter Mtn, Mt Mooney, Winston Pk, Mt Lewis. Meet 6:30 am La Canada rideshare pt. Wear lugsoles, bring minimum 2 L water, 10 essentials. Co-Ldrs: GAREN YEGPARIAN, WILL MCWHINNEY

New Outing, not in Schedule

Oct 12 Sat Hundred Peaks Section, Palos Verdes Group, Natural Sciences Section

O: Stonewall Peak (5730'), Cuyamaca Peak (6512'), Middle Peak (5883'): Strenuous but moderately paced 12 mi rt, 3700' gain loop hike in San Diego Co. on well-maintained trails. Enjoy late fall in the unique forest primeval of Cuyamaca State Park. LTC natural history credit available for leaders. Bring 10 essentials, lunch, and water. Meet 9 am at the bulletin board parking area 1 mile south of Cuyamaca Dam on Hwy 79. Call leader week of hike to confirm. Esase (preferred) or sase with recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Ldr: KENT SCHWITKIS. Co-Ldr: LAURA JOSEPH. NATURALIST: SHERRY ROSS

Oct 12-13 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Sewart Mtn (6841'), Cobblestone Mtn (6733'), White Mtn #2 (6250'), Snowy Pk (6532'), Black Mtn #2 (6202'), McDonald Pk (6870'), Alamo Mtn (7367'): Car camp and bag peaks in Sespe Wilderness of Los Padres National Forest, near Gorman. Join us for one or two days. Each day will be very strenuous (11+ mi rt, 4000' gain) over steep, brushy xc terrain. Long dirt road driving requiring high clearance vehicles. Send email, H&W phones, conditioning to Co-Ldr: KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH. Ldr: MARS BONFIRE

New Outing, Not In Schedule

Oct 14 Mon Hundred Peaks

O: Mountain Biking/Hiking Adventure: Mount Pinos (8831') - bike, Sawmill Mountain (8760'+) - hike: Celebrate Columbus Day by doing a little exploring of your own. Join us for a 3 mi rt, 600' gain, trip to the high point of Ventura County. Beautiful pine trees and who knows, maybe even a condor sighting? Then continue afoot another 1.5 mi to nearby Sawmill Mountain, another 600' of gain on a good trail. Meet at 8AM at the Flying J at the Frazier Park exit from I-5. Should have good quality mountain bike, riding helmet, spare tube, and cable lock, plus small pack for hiking essentials. Ldrs: MARS BONFIRE, KATHY CHEEVER, KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH

Oct 18 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: Winston Pk (7602'), Winston Ridge (7003'): Always a good hike of 6 mi, 1200' gain. We start and end at Cloudburst Summit. Meet 9 am La Canada rideshare pt with water, lunch, good footwear. Ldrs: BRENT WASHBURNE, HOWARD EYERLY

the San Gabriels with a possible list finish. Beginners welcome, no tigers. Peak destination may change to handle adverse weather or conditions. Meet 9:30 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring 2 qts water, goodies to share, lunch, comfortable walking shoes, clothing to match weather.

Oct 19 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Sunset Pk (5796'): Join us for an easy paced 7 mi, 1300' gain rt walk on a fire road near Mt Baldy. Well behaved k9s on leash are welcome. Meet 8:30 am Mt Baldy rideshare pt. Wear sturdy tennis shoes suitable for dirt trails; bring water, snack, fsp. Rain cancels. Ldrs: LEORA & RON JONES

Oct 20 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: List Finishers' Special—Antimony Pk (6848'), Eagle Rest Pk (6005'): Moderately paced but strenuous 10 mi, 5500' gain route will climb Eagle Rest crossing over Antimony each way. Steep, slippery, rocky, brushy xc terrain. This hike is part of a series that helps hikers who are nearing HPS list completion, but anyone up for a challenge is welcome to participate. Send email, H&W phones to Co-Ldr: KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH. Ldr: MARS BONFIRE

Oct 20 Sun Hundred Peaks

O: Mt Wilson Grand Tour: Enjoy leader's favorite Southern California loop hike, 20 mi, 5000' gain, moderate pace. Meet 7:30 am Chantry Flat. Bring at least 2 qts water, lunch, snacks. Ldr: ASHER WAXMAN. Asst: GEORGE WYSUP

New Outing, Not in Schedule

Oct 23 Wed Hundred Peaks

O: Hildreth Peak (5065') by Moonlight: 14 mi rt, 5000' gain (2500' going to the peak, 2500' on the return), almost entirely on a dirt road but with a short segment of use trail. Rather than a long, sunburning trek, an intriguing new angle on this oft-avoided peak. Enjoy the magic of moonlit mountain vistas! Be sure to bring a headlamp or flashlight. Hike will start at approximately sunset. For full details, send email or SASE with H/W phone to Co-Ldr: KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH. Ldrs: MARS BONFIRE, DAVE COMERZAN

New Outing, Not in Schedule

Oct 26 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Rabbit Pk #2 (6640+'): The classic. Start in dark below sea level. 16 hard xc and use trail miles, 7000' gain. Group size limited to 12. Send SASE/ e-mail with contact info and recent hiking resume' to ldr: George Wysup; Ass't: Kent Schwtkis, Maggie Wilson

Oct 26 Sat Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks

O: Mt Hawkins (8850'): 10 mi rt, 2400' gain, moderately fast paced hike from Islip Saddle to the summit along the scenic PCT in the San Gabriel Mtns. Meet 7:45 am La Canada rideshare pt with 2-3 qts water, lunch, suitable layered clothing, good footwear, fsp. Ldrs: ROSEMARY CAMPBELL, MAYA HYAMS

Oct 26 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Mt Williamson (8214'), Kratka Ridge (7515'): 5 mi rt, 2200' gain hike on trail and use trail. Meet 7:30 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles. Rain cancels. Ldrs: JAMES CARDEN, VIRGIL POPESCU

Oct 27 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: List Finishers' Special—Sam Fink Pk (7339'): Please join us as we hike from one side of the San Jacinto Range to the other and back again to visit a peak that Sam Fink surely enjoyed. Moderately paced, but very strenuous. 12 mi rt, 4000' gain on trail and steep xc. Space limited by permit. This hike is part of a series that helps hikers who are nearing HPS list completion, but anyone up for a challenge is welcome to participate. Send email, H&W phones to Co-Ldr: KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH. Ldr: MARS BONFIRE

Oct 30 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: Pacifico Mtn (7124') from Mill Creek Summit: 12 mi rt, 2200' gain with steep scramble to the summit. Shorter options available. Especially beautiful in the fall. Meet 8:30 am La Canada rideshare pt with water, lunch, suitable clothing layers and footwear. Heavy rain cancels. Ldrs: ROSEMARY CAMPBELL, DON SIMINSKI

New Hike, Not in the Schedule

Nov 2 Sat Palos Verdes-South Bay, Hundred Peaks

O: Luna Mtn (5967'), Round Mtn (5272'), Rattlesnake Mtn (6131'), Deep Creek Hot Springs: 11th semi-annual Deep Creek Hot Springs hike/soak/swim with another twist—get a few peaks. Moderately paced, 12 mi, 3000' gain. High clearance vehicles desirable for dirt road driving. No beginners. Plan on spending full day—it's near Hesperia. Meet 6 am Wilson Park with lunch, water, lugs, swimsuit optional. Rain cancels. Ldr: BARRY HOLCHIN. Co-Ldr: TONY TRULL

New Hike, Not in the Schedule

Nov 9 Sat Palos Verdes-South Bay, Hundred Peaks

O: Palm Springs Tram (8450'): Strenuous hike for tigers only, 11 mi, 8000' gain to tram with possibility of including Mt San Jacinto if time and energy permit. Bring money for tram ride and taxi back to cars. Send sase or email, conditioning/experience to Ldr: BARRY HOLCHIN. Co-Ldr: TONY TRULL

New Hike, Not in the Schedule

Nov 10 Sunday Hundred Peaks

I: Walbrecht Peak (6274'): Come join us as we hike Walbrecht Peak. Freda Walbrecht was the first woman to complete the entire HPS list and reportedly the first woman to bag all of California's 14'ers. We will vote to add this peak to the list later this year, so why not be one of the first to bag it. The peak is a craggy spire of beautiful desert rock that can be seen for miles around. It is the highest peak in the area. The hike will be moderate in pace of about 1000' and 2 mi rt. Other peaks possible in the area. Bring ten essentials. Meet 7:30 am at Sylmar Rideshare point. Email leader week of hike to confirm. Ldr: Byron Prinzmetal. Co-Ldr: Sandy Burnside

New Outing, Not in Schedule

Nov 13 Wed Hundred Peaks

I: Luella Todd Peak (9358'): Easy, moderately slow pace exploratory hike of about 1000' and 6 mi rt on trail and steep xc with some class two rock. Other peaks possible in the area. The peak, some want to name Luella Todd Peak after the first HPS women to earn the 100 peaks emblem. She was instrumental in setting up our section, picking the first set of peaks, served on our management committee and she hiked with us for over thirty years. Meet 8:00 am Monrovia Ride Share Point. Bring good cheer, food to share, lunch and water. Email trip organizer Byron Prinzmetal at prinzmatal@charter.net to insure tram is open and running. Ldrs: KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH BYRON PRINZMETAL

Hold the Date!

The HPS Annual Awards Banquet is scheduled for January 18, 2003. The program will feature author, hiker and Angeles Chapter member John Robinson presenting a "Celebration of Peaks and People." Robinson, whose books on hikes in the Angeles and San Bernardino forests are bibles for hikers, is also a renowned historian of the California mountains. This is a rare opportunity to meet him and share his encyclopedic knowledge of our peaks. The celebrating starts at 5:00 PM with a no host bar and a chance to chat with your hiking buddies and see what they look like without hat hair. This is also the yearly occasion for recognizing members' achievements and presenting awards. The event will be at Les Freres Taix Restaurant, 1911 Sunset Blvd, west of the 110 Fwy near Alvarado. Send a check for \$29 per person payable to "HPS" to reserve your place to Laura Joseph. Specify vegetarian penne pasta, chicken marsala, or grilled salmon. Contact Laura by email or phone for information:

Laura Joseph

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Reports from Byron Prinzmetal
Mountain Records Chair and Outings Chair
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Changes to Peak Guides and Maps

Your management committee and mountain records chair/committee has been busy these last few months updating our maps and peak guides and adding many new exciting routes. Below is a listing of the most recent changes/additions.

Peak Guides/Maps with new routes

1. Cannel has a new route from Kernville and we added alternative driving directions for route one-guide and map.
2. Split and Black-got rid of obsolete info about the fire that happened 12+ years ago, updated the vehicle requirements and show a better route down to the Split Saddle-guide and map.
3. Added new peak guides for Piute and Wallbrecht. Piute is a change in location and peak name. Wallbrecht will be on the fall ballot.
4. Samon has a new route that bypasses Chokecherry and added Big Four summary statistics-guide and map.
5. Sugarloaf has a new route from the west-guide and map.
6. Morris map has a new great route down to the Owens parking area-map only.
7. The Five Fingers map was updated with two new routes and the old route is now drawn more accurately thanks to George Wysup-map only.
8. The Williamson et al map now shows various routes to the proposed Goodykoontz Peak, which will be on the fall ballot-map only.

Minor changes in either a peak guide and/or map:

1. Rock Point guide minor peak guide changes thanks to John Connelly and the map now shows the miners trail more accurately.
2. Nicolls-Made the changes suggested by Sandy Sperling where we removed the statement that a normal car can drive in. we added some driving info to help insure nobody gets lost driving out as has happened on several occasions recently. The map now has gps waypoints for critical the drive in points and some road names added.
3. Grouse to Mt Able route now shows where the trail has been rerouted and shows a water source.
4. The route from the lookout down to Lily Rock is now drawn more accurately based upon actual gps readings-map only.
5. Birch now has driving instructions for the route from Mill Creek and the map is now more accurate for this route-guide and map.

As usual, please report all errors in peak guides and maps to the Mountains Record Chair at prinzmetal@charter.net.

To obtain our maps, you will need to download them from the National Geographic web site. The file that

contains the maps can be obtained by going to:

1. <http://maps.nationalgeographic.com/topo/>
2. Click on MapXchange
3. Under the state product drop down box, click on California
4. You will find the maps listed under the heading, "Hundred Peaks of So. Cal. over 5000"

If you have trouble with using our maps in the previous edition of the Lookout there was a "how to" article. If you would like me to email the article to you, please send me your email address.

Our peak guides are housed on our web site or they can be ordered in hard copy format from Bobcat Thompson (see order form on the back of this Lookout issue.)

Until next month.

Proposed New HPS Peaks

As reported in the last edition of **THE LOOKOUT** a few of us are proposing to add three new peaks to our List to be named after two of our most famous HPS women and one after our all time greatest HPS leader. These three mountaineers have contributed as much as anyone in making our section all that it is.

Let's talk about the two women we want to name HPS peaks after (there is a separate article on Goodykoontz Peak). First of all, there are NO HPS peaks today named after HPS women, but there are five peaks named after famous HPS men. Could it be that only male chauvinists proposed names up to now? Well, let's change that.

The first proposed peak is to be called **Freda Walbrecht Peak**.

- Freda was the first women to complete our List, right after Sam Fink. She relates that "I couldn't stop at the hundred mark, and the remainder of the peaks on our list just had to be climbed." Freda finished the List in October 1957, which then included 204 peaks.
- She was a famous mountaineer of her time, heavily involved in Sierra Club activities and led our peaks for over 19 years starting in 1942 and the last in 1961.
- In addition, Freda served on the 1956 Mgmt Committee.
- In "Summit Summaries," Freda Walbrecht recollects her memories from the 1940's about the hundred peaks game. One "game" they played was to beg Palm View Peak in the morning, Kitching Peak at noon, and Galena in the evening, on the same day!
- Freda is credited with helping many others get interested in the "game."
- It has been reported that she was the first women to climb all 14'er in California.
- The peak we want to name after her is in the Southern Sierra, is a rocky, gnarly affair that sticks up higher and looks down upon both Butterbredt and Mayan. It is the

tallest peak in the area and the prettiest by far. It can be seen for miles around. The peak looks like it can not be climbed due to its rocky granite cliffs, gendarmes, and other natural terrain made for eagles and not mankind. But, with good route finding the peak is easy to climb (about 1000' of gain and 2 miles rt). The first known HPS ascent was by Pete Doggett and Patty Kline, followed by Virgil Popescu, Tom Hill and James Carden. An official HPS exploratory on 3/1/2002 was led by George Wysup and myself.

The second peak we want to add is to be named after **Luella Todd**.

- Luella was the first women to earn the 100 peaks emblem.
- She served on the first few HPS management committees as the Secretary-Treasurer, was on both the Mountain Records Committee and the Outings Committee.
- She led our and other peaks for 33 years starting in 1929 and ending in 1962.
- She was instrumental in picking the peaks on our initial List. Robert Cates, the Angeles Chapter Historian writes about Luella as follows: "By far the most important woman in the early history of the HPS, though, was Luella Todd. There is a record of early correspondence from Weldon Heald to Todd and Jack Bascom that makes it clear that she was an equal among this triumvirate in developing and keeping the Hundred Peaks 'Game' going throughout the late 1940s into the early 50s before the Section was officially formed in 1954. In particular, I remember Heald discussing this trio's work at discovering named summits to put on what he called 'our list.' He suggested naming one beautiful but un-named summit after themselves (Mt. Luwelmack, or something like that)."
- Although Heald already had his own personal Hundred Peaks list, it was the triumvirate of Heald, Bascom, and Luella Todd that prepared the first peaks list for use by a Hundred Peaks group. Heald wrote an interesting letter to Luella in February, 1946:

"I must apologize for getting the Hundred Peaks text to you so late, but anyway--here it is. I hope you and Jack [Bascom] approve and that we can get it mimeographed with the peaks list as soon as possible...

I think inasmuch as we are all contributing to making this list as complete as possible that my name as compiler better be left off. Eventually we will probably get a lot of letters like Greenhood's and we three [Heald, Bascom, Todd] being our own geographic board will decide what is legitimate and what isn't. Just so long as we don't get drunk with power!

Wish somebody would dig up a good name for the highest on the Tehachapi Ridge north of Antelope Valley; there is a spot 6743 feet, and not a sign of a name can I find for it. Such a mountain

should be listed. How about sprinkling our own names all along that 6000 foot ridge? Or perhaps Mount Luweljack? Beautiful, isn't it . . ."

- Luella Todd Peak can be seen from the upper deck of the Palm Springs Tramway. It too is a rocky granite peak that can be seen for many miles. The idea of the peak first came from David Eisenberg. Tom Hill and I were the first known HPS'ers to climb the peak. Actually, we had to climb three or four granite spires until we discovered which one was the highest in the area. Since Tom's and my climb there have been several official HPS exploratory hikes (the first on 9/23/2000) to the peak and quite a few private hikes. Everyone I know who has climbed it has loved it. It is a great hike. It, too, is not a hard peak to climb (about 750' and several miles), but takes good route finding skills. The peak makes a great combination hike with Cornell.

All three proposed peaks would make great additions to our List even if they weren't named after famous HPS'ers... To hike them is to love them. So we get our cake and get to eat it too (great hikes, named after great HPS'ers). PS. The official vote to add these two peaks named after some of the most famous HPS women of yesteryear will be done later this year.

We are looking forward to all of the wonderful hikes all of our new and existing leaders lead. Note: For those of you who would like to become an active HPS leader, the HPS encourages you to do so. We are looking for all types of new leaders (e.g. sluggo's like me, tigers, and all those in between. The HPS management will assist you in any way we can to help you obtain your rating. If you have questions please email me at prinzmetal@charter.net.

Leadership Training

The heart of the HPS is its leaders. The Leadership Training Committee (LTC) of the Angeles Chapter hosts a number of excellent training workshops, classes, clinics, and seminars to prepare members to be leaders. The sessions include everything from basic leadership training to environmental awareness to very advanced topics such as technical rock climbing.

The HPS needs many more active leaders. To become a leader all you need to do is take the Leadership Seminar Class on October 5th and obtain your first aid card. To receive an application please send a large self addressed envelope to Don Creighton, LTC Registrar, 2235 W 25th St, #128, San Pedro, CA 90732-4130. To find out more about this wonderful class please see the LTC section in the front pages of the schedule. Deadline for to complete an application is September 21st.

The up-coming intermediate and advance navigation classes and checkoff's are as follows: October 20th, November 16-17th and December 8th all at Joshua Tree National Park. To register send a sase with H&W phones, email address to Mr. Harry Freimanis (see schedule for more information).

The next Wilderness First Aid Class is being held on October 25-27th at Harwood Lodge. More information may be obtained by going to the LTC web site at

www.angeleschapter.org/ltc/. The class at times is hard to get into, so a word to the wise, apply now.

HPS' Leaders Own Email List Server

As announced in previous editions of **THE LOOKOUT**, HPS leaders now have their own free email distribution list (called a list server).

All active HPS leaders (60+ people) have been receiving helpful information from our list server for several months now.

But did you know that the HPS leaders' list server can help leaders do the following:

- ✓ Help leaders setup scheduled hikes
- ✓ Help leaders find substitute leaders
- ✓ Help leaders get information they need to lead more successful hikes.

As a HPS leader you can send an email to the list, which will automatically be sent to all of the members of the list. Here are some of the specific things you might want to try:

1. I would like to lead a hike to XYZ peak the weekend of July 31st, I need a co-leader. Anyone interested? The hike will be posted in **THE LOOKOUT** only.
2. I need a substitute leader for my hike on 3/31/2001 to Mt Pinos. The hike is "O" rated. Can anyone help me out on this?
3. I would like to lead the following hikes for the next schedule and I need a co-leader(s) for them. Please email xyz at isp.com if you are interested.
4. I am planning on leading Copter Ridge. What time of year is best and about how long does it take?
5. Does anyone know how to get the gate combination for xyz peak?
6. Does anyone know the road condition to xyz peak?

If you are a HPS leader why not give our leaders' list server a spin. Just send your leader related email to: angeles-hps-leaders@lists.sierraclub.org

Leader's Hike Submissions Dates

The next Schedule covers the period March 2003 through July 4th 2003. Your write-ups for this schedule will be due to me by Monday November 4th. I will send out additional information closer to the submittal time. If you do not receive this information by the middle of October and if you desire to submit outings for this schedule please email at prinzmatal@charter.com or call me at (970) 586-2018 (if I don't return your call within a day or so try 818-952-8614) and I will send you the information you need.

In addition, you can submit additional outings for **THE LOOKOUT** any time your heart desires by sending me the hike description to prinzmatal@charter.net. The hikes that will appear in the next Lookout will cover the period of November 1st onward. They are due to me by Monday September 30th.

Exciting News-Save BIG BUCKS

As reported previously, your management committee has approved as official HPS maps, the maps with GPS waypoints that are now housed on the National

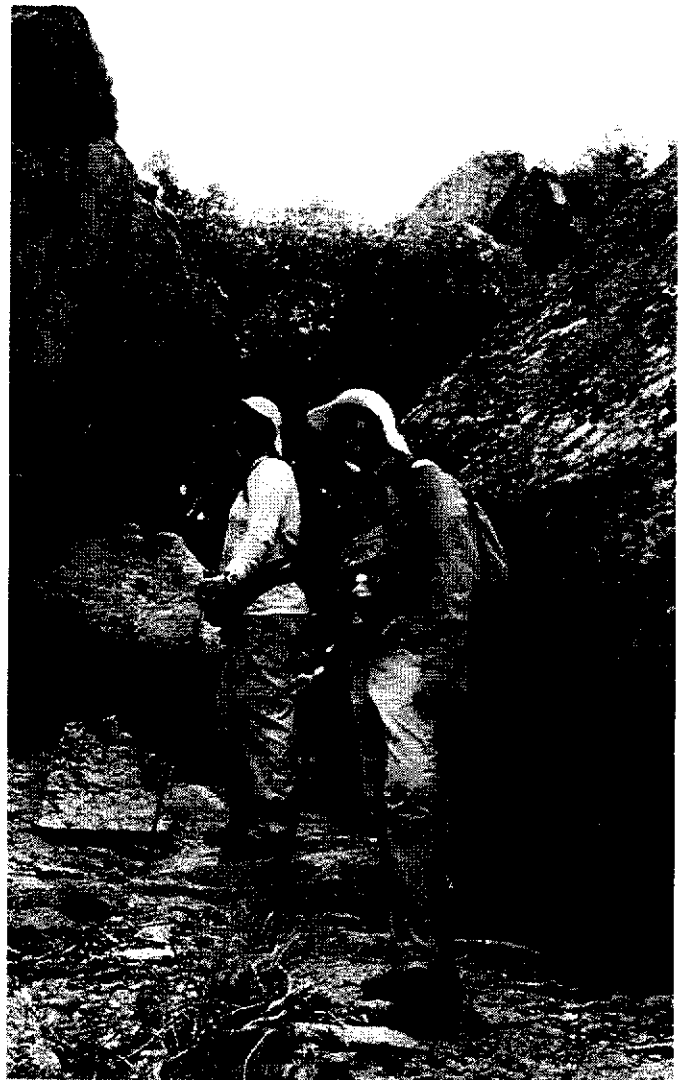
Geographic's web site using National Geographic's California Series CDROM windows based software.

We have arranged for you to be able to buy National Geographic's California Series CDROM which contains all of the USGS maps for the entire State of California for about half off (*a savings of about \$50*).

This discount is a very special thing that National Geographic is only offering to HPS members. The offer is for a limited time only.

If you are a HPS subscriber and you want to take advantage of this offer I suggest you bag your 25 peaks quickly, become a Sierra Club member (if you are not one already) and send the required information into Laura (our membership chair).

If you want to take advantage of this offer please send me your email address and I will forward to you the instructions for obtaining the discount. You will need to buy the software online from TOPO's web site using your credit card.



Brian Leverich and HPS Chair Karen Isaacson Leverich pose for the camera en route to Split Mtn. This was Karen's List finisher and Brian's provisional "I-rating" lead.



Edith Liu took this photo on the summit of Bighorn Peak on Sunday, July 28, 2002. This hike marked Pat Arredondo's "O provisional" lead. Standing, left to right: Laura Joseph, Mark Allen, George Wysup, Pat Arredondo, Dorothy Danziger, and Joanne Griego. Seated are Pat Brea and Marci Blue.



Bill Byrne took this photo on the summit of Waterman Mountain, July 27, 2002. Many, but not all, of the ninety seven participants who took part in this annual festive peakbaggers' celebration are pictured.

Exploratory to Goodykoontz Peak (7558')

By Byron Prinzmetal

Frank Goodykoontz needs no introduction as you all know he has led the HPS list four times (twice as many as the next nearest HPS leader) and has climbed all of our peaks nine times (the second most times by any HPS addicted hiker in our entire history)

Because of Frank's dedication to the HPS, a group of us wanted to name a peak after him. Looking high and low, we finally settled upon a peak worthy of our most accomplished leader. The peak sticks high up above Williamson Rocks and looks easy. Well, looks are deceiving. No matter how you do this peak (and it can be done from the north, south, east and west), it is not easy. Besides being a great hike, it takes good navigation and route finding skills. And, the view is more than fabulous as it lies in the heart of the San Gabriel high-country. One can see for miles and miles around and spot many a HPS peak.

So on Sunday July 7th, a first HPS exploratory to this peak was held. It was a nice, clear warm day with a large number of very experienced, climb of Goodykoontz Peak. Actually, by the one and only Frank Dunbar plus many others who have started up the trail to Mt Waterman. A Burnside, Bobcat Thompson, and met at the top of Mt Williamson were You ask why celebrate at the top of from there is a great hike, but it can be members so we elected to celebrate aggressive ones go onto to the peak.

Now you ask why climb Mt is the large mountain that sticks way climbers are always straining their mountain, not just at the top of the climbed from many different directions.

Williamson, then proceed as if we were going to do Pallett, continue along Pleasant View Ridge until you get to the bump where you turn off to the airplane wreck and from there change to a long ridge that goes generally south over many bumps until you reach Goodykoontz Peak. Our return was down the steep, at times very steep east running ridge and from there walk back to our cars via a climbers trail. Below you will find an unofficial peak guide and map.

You can do your part to honor Frank by voting to add this peak to our list at our fall election. I have climbed this peak at least five times and have enjoyed it every time. I hope you too will get the opportunity to bag Goodykoontz Peak and enjoy it as much as I do.



addicted hikers started the long, fabulous earlier in the day a slower group headed Goodykoontz, Joe Young, and Diane completed the list a decade or so ago somewhat faster group led by Sandy myself started about an hour later. We all we all celebrated this great new peak. Williamson. Well, to be truthful the hike tiring especially for our more senior early and let the younger and more

Williamson first. Well, Goodykoontz Peak up above Williamson Rocks that the rock necks to look up at the top of the real rocks. As stated earlier the peak can be We elected to climb it by first climbing Mt

Goodykoontz Peak (7558') Proposed Draft Peak Guide

Use at your own risk

ROUTE 1

Distance: 7 miles rt
Gain: 1900' plus 1100' on the return
Time: 5-6 hours rt
Rating: Class 1, Strenuous
Navigation: Moderate
Leader Rating: "I" (normal conditions)
Route: Trail and cross-country
Original: Byron Prinzmetal July 2002

DRIVING ROUTE 1

From the intersection of I-210 and Angeles Crest Highway (Hwy. 2), drive north on

Angeles Crest Highway 9.5 miles to Angeles Forest Highway. Keep straight.

Continue about 4.5 miles to the junction with the Mount Wilson road at the Red Box Ranger Station. Keep straight.

Continue 24 miles to a large parking area on the left (north). This is 0.7 mi. east of a large shed on the right. Park here.

HIKING ROUTE 1 ***Use at your own risk***

From the east end of the parking area, follow the Pacific Crest Trail as it switchbacks up the southwest ridge of Williamson. After about a mile, at the top of the ridge, the PCT goes southeast to Islip Saddle. At this point, turn northeast and follow the use trail to the crest of the ridge.

Turn west and go about ¼ of a mile to the summit of Mt Williamson at 8244'.

From there continue west along Pleasant View Ridge past bump 8248', descend to the saddle and then up to the next bump at elevation 8340'.

Find the ridge that starts at the top of this bump at a heading of 260 degrees. This ridge is not obvious at first and it is imperative that you find the correct ridge.

Follow the ridge as it curves south over bumps 7413', 7443', and 7546' until you reach Goodykoontz Peak at 7558'.

Note: It is possible to return by going down the south-east running ridge. This ridge is very steep with loose rocks near the bottom and caution is necessary. Once you reach the creek at the bottom of the ridge, there is a climber use trail that goes back to the parking area.

ROUTE 2 ***Use at your own risk***

Distance: 6.5 miles rt
Gain: 1600' plus 1000' on the return

Time: 5-6 hours rt
Rating: Class 1, Strenuous
Navigation: Moderate
Leader Rating: "I" (normal conditions)

Route: Trail and cross-country
Original: Byron Prinzmetal
July 2002

DRIVING ROUTE 2

From the intersection of I-210 and Angeles Crest Highway (SR 2), drive north on Angeles Crest Highway 33.5 miles to the entrance to Buckhorn Campground on the left. Turn left.

Proceed down the entrance road and turn left at the next two forks, then follow the signs "Burkhart Trail" to a large parking area.

If the Campground entrance is locked, drive SR 2 another 0.8 of a mile to the campground exit road, which intersects SR2 at a sharp angle to the left. Park beside the exit road and hike down through the campground to the signed trailhead. This adds 1 mile and 200 feet of gain to the round trip.

HIKING ROUTE 2 ***Use at your own risk***

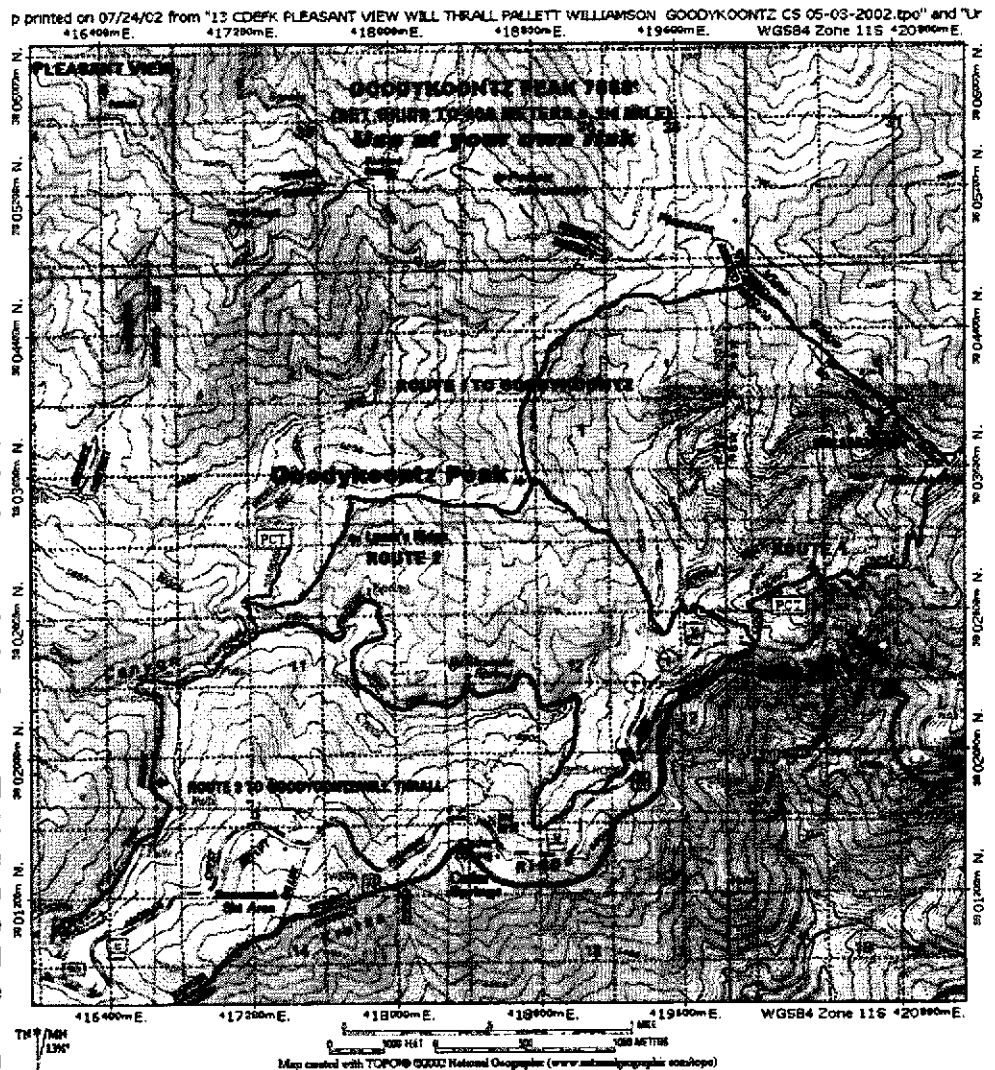
From the parking area (6460'), hike north down the Burkhart Trail (10W02) about 2 miles to a junction with the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) just past Cooper Canyon Falls.

Turn right (east) on the PCT, crossing Little Rock Creek (5600') in about 0.3 mile, and then proceed 100 feet farther to a trail junction with the Rattlesnake Trail (signed)

Turn left onto the Burkhart Trail and go about 1/8th of a mile past the first major bend in the trail.

Leave the trail here and hike east to obtain the ridge that goes to bump 6709'. Once on the ridge follow it to bump 6709'.

At bump 6709' turn east and follow the new ridge to Goodykoontz Peak. Make sure to note your way for your return.



Draft Peak Guides for Proposed Peaks

*** Use At Your Own Risk***

Walbrecht Peak (6274')

Use at your own risk

ROUTE 1

Distance: 7 miles round trip on motorcycle trail and cross country

Gain: 1700' + 400' on return

Time: 4 hours round trip

Rating: Class 2, moderate

Navigation: Moderate

Leader Rating: "I", normal conditions

Original: George Wysup March 2002

Note: This route has been visually inspected from the summit and from the highway, and has not yet been climbed.



Freda Walbrecht

DRIVING ROUTE 1

- From Mojave, drive north on Hwy. 14 for 19.5 miles to Jawbone Canyon Road on the left. Turn left. Note your odometer and go as follows:
- At 4.1 miles, pavement ends.
- At 6.3 miles, fork. Go right.
- At 11.9 miles, fork to the right. Keep straight.
- At 13.8 miles, the road turns west and goes over a saddle.
- At 15.1 miles, the road goes over another saddle. This is Hoffman Summit, the parking spot for Butterbredt Peak.
- At 18.1 miles, fork. Keep right.
- At 18.4 miles, fork. Turn right.
- At 23.7 miles, the pavement begins. The PCT crosses the road at the top of a hill. Park here.

HIKING ROUTE 1

- From the parking area (4963'), hike southeast along a motorcycle trail.
- Continue east along the ridge when the motorcycle trail leaves the ridge.
- Continue to the summit, going around obstacles on the north side of the ridge.
- The register can is at the top of the southernmost rock outcrop.

ROUTE 2 (4WD)

Distance: 2 miles round trip cross-country

Gain: 1000'

Time: 2 hours round trip

Rating: Class 2, Easy

Navigation: Moderate

Leader Rating: "I", normal conditions

Route: All cross country desert terrain with some steep portions.

Original: Byron Prinzmetal 3/2002

DRIVING ROUTE 2

- Continue from the route 1 driving directions:

- At 24.9 miles, a dirt road goes sharply to the right. This is the trailhead for Mayan Peak.
- 4WD vehicles turn east (right) on SC123. Reset your odometer.
- Drive east 2.0 miles on SC123 to a road junction with SC124. Continue straight on SC123.
- 2.7 miles (approx): find a spot to turn left off the road. Park Here. Limited parking.
- You may continue about ¼ mile further east to a road junction that offers more parking.
- Note: SC123 is a one lane road with deep sand in spots, and with numerous dips "whoop-de-dos". You must park off the road.

HIKING ROUTE 2

- From the parking area (5200'), hike south straight up the sandy slope, aiming for a saddle between two large rock outcrops (neither is the summit).
- Continue around the south side of the western outcrop to the summit area. The high point is an obvious class 5 boulder.
- Turn right (west) aiming for the two large rock outcroppings about a tenth of a mile away at the far west end of the summit plateau about 50 meters south of the class 5 boulder.
- The register can is at the top of the southernmost rock outcrop.



Summit of Walbrecht Peak

NEARBY PEAKS

Skinner Peak, Myan, Butterbreath, Piute Mtn, and Weldon.

Luella Todd Peak (9356')

Use at Your Own Risk

Distance: 6 miles rt

Gain: 1000 feet total

Rating: Class 2, Easy

Navigation: Moderate

Leader Rating: "I" (normal conditions)

Route: Trail and cross-country

Original: Byron Prinzmetal July 2002

Nearby Pks: Cornell Peak

DRIVING ROUTE 1

- Take I-10 west past Banning to the junction with SR 111.
- Take SR 111 southeast 8.5 miles to the Palm Springs Tramway road. Turn right.
- Go up this road 3.7 miles to its end and

park in the tramway parking lot.

HIKING ROUTE 1

Use at your own Risk

- Take the tram (fee required) to the upper station at 8560'. Go downstairs and exit the building. Follow the concrete sidewalk as it descends to the valley below.
- Continue straight ahead 200 yards to a ranger station. Pick up a day-hike permit here (remember to sign out here on the return).
- Continue about 1/4 mile to a trail junction

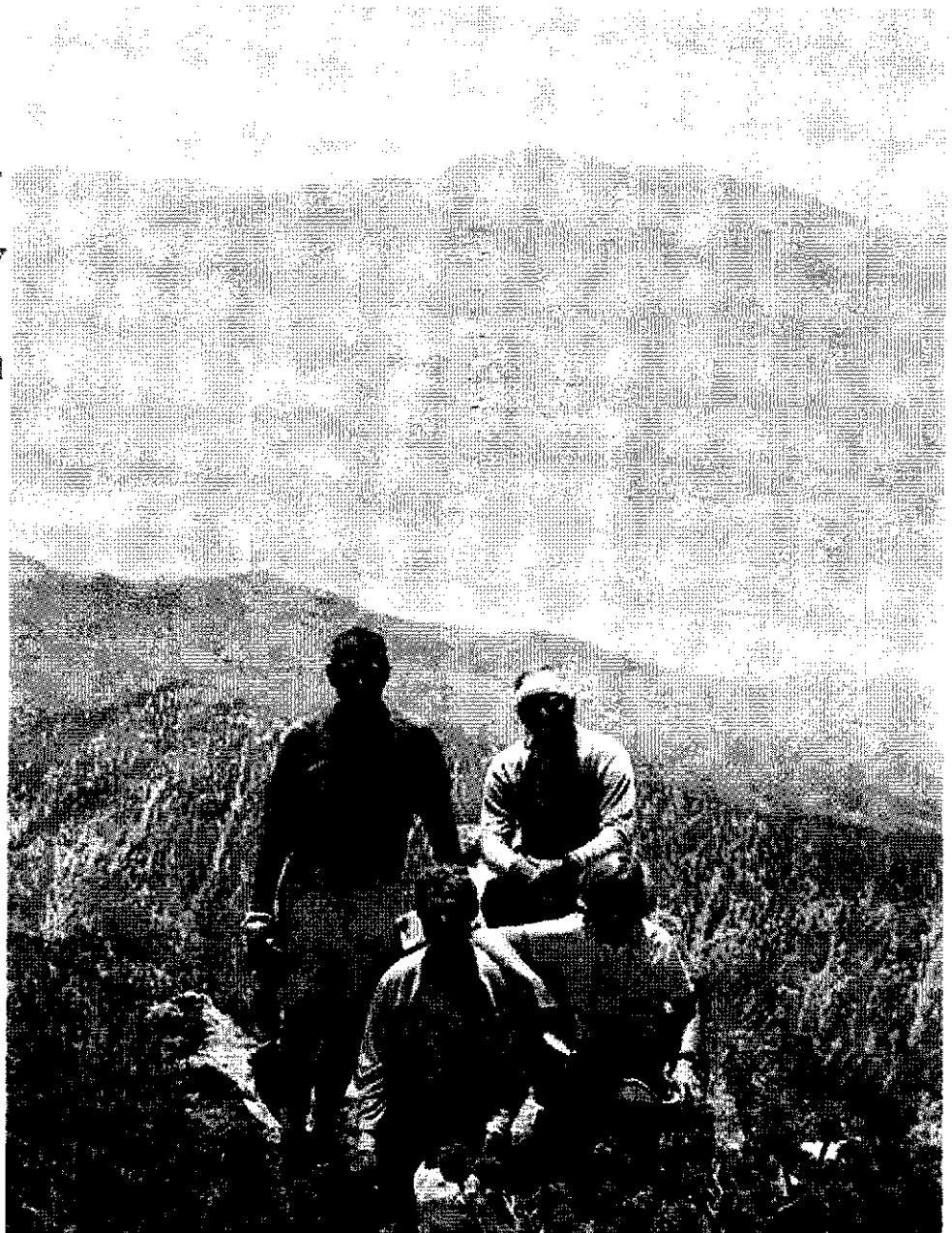
with a sign "Round Valley - 2".

- Continue on the Round Valley Trail until you reach the Hidden Lake Trail, about 1/3rd of a mile before Round Valley.
- Hike south up to the saddle between bump 9384' and Luella Todd Peak.
- Turn east and follow the ridge line toward Luella Todd Peak. Once the ridge gets cliffy, it is best to stay on the north side. Luella Todd Peak is the eastern most rock spire before the saddle that sits between Divide Peak and Luella Todd Peak.

June 5, 2002

Clockwise from front:

Ron Zappen, George Wysup, Byron Prinzmetal and Sandy Burnside appear to have run out of real estate as they perch atop 11,000 foot Big Horn Peak, high in the San Gorgonio Wilderness. Behind them, the imposing hulk of Mount San Jacinto towers 10,000 vertical feet above the sweltering valley floor below. If you look closely, you can identify vehicles traveling on the 10 Freeway as they make their way through the San Gorgonio pass. Up here, in the thin air above timberline, cool breezes brought welcome relief from the 100 degree heat that baked the San Bernardino lowlands. Byron celebrated his 3rd list completion.



HONOR ROLL OF HPS LEADERS

So Few Are Doing So Much For So Many!!

The following HPS leaders have taken time out of their busy, hectic lives to lead scheduled HPS hikes appearing in this edition of the Lookout. I want to especially thank all of those new leaders, which we have quite a few, for leading.

BOB BEACH 1	BOB FREED 1	SHERRY ROSS 2
DAVID BEYMER 2	GINNY HERINGER 1	JULIE RUSH 1
MARS BONFIRE 19	BARRY HOLCHIN 2	KENT SCHWITKIS 2
SANDY BURNSIDE 5	LEORA AND RON JONES 1	CARLETON SHAY 2
DAN BUTLER 1	LAURA JOSEPH 1	DON SIMNSKI 1
WINNETTE BUTLER 5	BRIAN LEVERICH 5	TAMMY SOLKO 1
DAVE COMERZAN 1	KAREN LEVERICH 19	SANDY SPERLING 1
ROSEMARY CAMPBELL 2	JASON LYNCH 1	TONY TRULL 2
JAMES CARDEN 1	AL MARTIN 1	HEIDI UDINK 1
KATHY CHEEVER 8	WILL McWHINNEY 1	BRENT WASHBURN 2
JOHN CONNELLY 3	PING PFEFFER 1	JENNIFER WASHINGTON 1
SOUTHERN COURTNEY 2	VIRGIL POPESCU 4	MAGGIE WILSON 4
DON CROLEY 1	BYRON PRINZMETAL 8	GEORGE WYSUP 6
PETER DOGGETT 1	INGEBORG PROCHAZKA 1	GAREN YEGPARIAN 1
DORIS DUVAL 4	MAURA RAFFENSPERGER 2	JANET YANG 1
HOWARD EYERLY 1	GAGRIELE RAU 1	JOE YOUNG 1
CHARLOTTE FEITSHANS 2	KATE ROGOWSKI 2	RON ZAPPEN 1
LUELLA FICKLE 1		

NEW HPS LEADER MILESTONES

The HPS is proud to announce three new "I" rated leaders. They are Brian Leverich, Karen Isaacson, and Kent Schwitkis. We also have three new "O" rated leaders who are: Laura Joseph, Pat Arredondo and Dave Comerzan.

In addition to the above people the following are in the process of leading their provisionals: Ping Pfeffer-"O"; Martin Parsons-"I", Bill Valentine-"I", Gary Schenk-"I" and Scott Nelson-"I".

Please support all of our future leaders. They and our existing leaders are the heart and sole of the HPS. Please consider doing this by attending their provisionals and by attending their future HPS hikes.

So here is the list of our 2002 brand new leaders and/or provisional leaders (designated with a "P" before their rating):

Patty Rambert-"I"	Karen Isaacson-"I"	Gary Schenk-"PI"	Pat Arredondo-"O"
Sandy Sperling-"I"	Kent Schwitkis-"I"	Scott Nelson-"PI"	Dave Comerzan-"O"
Sandy Burnside-"I"	Martin Parsons-"PI"	Laura Joseph-"O"	Ping Pfeffer-"PO"
Brian Leverich-"I"	Bill Valentine-"PI"		

A little birdie has told me that Dave, Laura and Pat are working on obtaining their "I" rating. We are looking forward to all of the wonderful hikes all of our new and existing leaders lead. Note: For those of you who would like to become an active HPS leader, the HPS encourages you to do so. We are looking for all types of new leaders (e.g. sluggo's like me, tigers, and all those in between. The HPS management will assist you in any way we can to help you obtain your rating. If you have questions please email me at prinzmetal@charter.net.

The Charm Is Back! Burnt Peak (5788')

June 30, 2002

A Mountain Bike Adventure

By: Mars Bonfire

The peak guide said 5.8 miles r.t., 200' gain, 2 – 3 hours. The weather report said record heat. Did I want to hike a dry and dusty dirt road on an unusually hot day? Not really. I could detect no uncontrollable urge pulling me away from my fan, my chilled brew, and my Ministry CD ("Jesus Build My Hotrod"). A trail hike, a cross-country route, or a rock scramble might be engaging and rewarding — especially solo where every decision and every step matters. But I must admit that,

after exploring and enjoying the peaks on our list a few times, fire roads in summer are starting to lose some of their charm. Perhaps I should have considered a different peak — something higher and cooler. But wait! I had a new toy — a brand new red and silver mountain bike with matching helmet and gloves. The road isn't very steep and is in good condition to enable servicing of the signal towers. This could be an ideal maiden voyage for my bike and accessories. But what if pedaling a bike was harder than I thought. Let's be somewhat sensible here. Let's wait until around 5pm and try this experiment as things were starting to cool down. If it were a bust there would still be enough

daylight to ignominiously push the bike out.

I arrived at the locked gate around 4:30pm, reviewed the manual for the safety check I was supposed to perform before every ride, hopped on the bike with a minimum amount of gear on my back, and circled around the parking area until I figured out the complex gear combinations. And then I walked it around the gate, remounted, and was off.

The Bike: A specialized Stumpjumper FSRxc Pro. "Specialized"? Is that a buzzword of the new economy or what? But why humbly stop where they did? Why not exuberantly carry the buzz right over the top and call it the Specialized High Tech State-of-the-Art New and Improved Stumpjumper FSRxc Ultra Pro? Anyway, I fell in love with the name well before every seeing the bike. I may be a clod-hopping slug in the flesh but in dreams I jump stumps with the best of them. If, like me, you haven't paid any attention to bikes since you were a kid, they've changed! Innovation is flourishing and the modern mountain bike has, in addition to the somewhat familiar lever brakes and multiple gears, both front and rear suspension systems. This one came with three separate manuals: one for the bike in general, a second for the front suspension, and a third for the rear. This bike is, in fact, so "specialized" that it had to be made in Taiwan — the combined technological

abilities of America, Europe, and Japan being not quite up to the challenge. I used to just jump on a bike and ride. Now I would need to read carefully before I could ride safely. So read I did.

The Rider: An absolute mountain bike beginner who should have gone out with training wheels on and a medical evacuation helicopter hovering above but who opted instead to trust an uncertain sense of balance in the vain hope of appearing "cool" to any mountain biking women he might encounter en route. But, oops, he forgot to remove a price tag and left it dangling from the rear of his color-coordinated helmet. Dweeb alert! Dweeb alert!

The Ride: An ear-to-ear loony bin grin affair lasting a mere 45min. instead of the usual 2 – 3 hrs. hiking time and working a surprising alchemy: the road experience itself, usually a monotonous trudge, became a desirable and sought after pleasure, equal to or perhaps greater than the joy of reaching the peak. So hold that condo complex and don't even think of setting this area aside as a training ground where Forest Service employees could practice setting fires to become heroes putting them out. I'd be on the phone complaining faster than you could say Senator Barbara Boxer. The charm is back! Explore, enjoy, and P R O T E C T those precious fire roads! I need them for my ride.

*****An Advertisement*****

Sun Precautions®

Sun protective clothing by Sun Precautions

We're the home of Solumbra 30+ SPF sun protective clothing. We provide medically accepted sun protection to sun sensitive and sun sensible people. Solumbra sun protective clothing is serious medicine. It's regulated as a medical device, recommended by thousands of doctors and sold at some of the finest medical centers. Solumbra has been evaluated in published medical research. Plus, Solumbra is soft, lightweight and exceedingly comfortable. We're proud that the American Academy of Dermatology honored us with the Gold Triangle Award. We hope we can help you.

Sun Precautions is dedicated to helping sun sensitive and sun sensible people to live normal lives by obtaining safe and effective sun protection. Our mission is a result of my brush with malignant melanoma, a deadly form of skin cancer. Luckily my skin cancer was caught in time. But that incident changed by life forever. I tried to follow my doctor's orders, but I couldn't find effective sun protection—I'd sunburn right through my shirts and tan through my sunscreens.

Unwilling to give up, I dedicated my life to finding a medically accepted head-to-toe sun protection solution.

The result of that pursuit is a company called Sun Precautions and a line of 30+ SPF clothing called Solumbra. Solumbra's designs are based upon published medical research and the patented fabric provides all-day UVA and UVB protection. It's designed to keep you—and me—completely immersed in the shade. The sun doesn't come with a warning label. But it should. Because unprotected skin can experience a slight sunburn in as little as 12 minutes on a summer day. And long-term over-exposure may lead to skin cancer. Even skin covered by a typical summer shirt fabric can experience sun damage in about an hour—it has an SPF of only 7.

That's why Solumbra sun protective clothing is so important. Solumbra's 30+ SPF protection is superior to a typical summer shirt. Furthermore, a typical 30 SPF sunscreen, even though it may claim to provide UVA protection, may still allow a lot of UVA rays to penetrate the skin.

And Solumbra blocks more than 97% of both UVA and UVB rays, far better than a typical 30 SPF sunscreen or typical summer shirt. Sun Precautions & Solumbra means sun protection.

Visit their site at www.sunprecautions.com, or 1601 Wilshire Blvd, Santa Monica, CA 90403, or call them at (310) 451-5858

HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION MEMBERS -- TAKE ACTION!

Write A Brief Letter To Senator Feinstein Asking Her To Cosponsor New Wilderness Legislation Protecting Wild Areas In Southern California, Including Areas On 60 Hundred Peaks Hikes

Now that Senator Boxer has introduced her statewide wilderness protection bill, SB 2535, it is vital to secure the support of Senator Feinstein. Not only is she our senior Senator, but she also sits on the Senate Energy Committee, which the bill must pass through. At the moment, Feinstein is gathering information about the areas in the bill and **she needs to hear from Angeles Chapter hikers and wilderness supporters like you.**

CALL AND WRITE TO SENATOR FEINSTEIN. Help convince Senator Feinstein to join Senator Boxer in sponsoring the California Wild Heritage Wilderness Act of 2002, which will protect over 2.5 million acres of currently unprotected wild lands across California, including 100,000 acres in the Angeles National Forest. *The routes to 60 Hundred Peaks Section summits would be protected by this bill.* You should both call and write to her offices as soon as possible. A sample letter appears below. When writing your letter, *please personalize it as much as possible and use business or organizational letterhead if you have it.* Please call her office at 310-914-7300 and tell the receptionist that you support the California Wild Heritage Wilderness Act of 2002 (SB 2535).

SAMPLE LETTER—please **personalize your own letter** as much as possible

[DATE]

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
11111 Santa Monica Boulevard, Suite 915
Los Angeles, CA 90025

Re: Support for S 2535 (Boxer)

Dear Senator Feinstein:

I strongly support the California Wild Heritage Act of 2002 (S 2535). I believe that protecting an additional 100, 000 acres of wild lands in the Angeles National Forest and 2.5 million acres across the state will help preserve the water quality, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities that we Southern Californians [or your local city] value.

I particularly care about protecting

[Use *one* of these examples: 1) the rugged Castaic mountains with wild canyons and striking red rock vistas, 2) the important Condor Peak watershed or 3) or the Pleasant View Ridge area, home to threatened species such as Bighorn Sheep. Additionally, mention one or more wild areas that are important to you and why you want them protected. Visit www.californiawild.com for more details on proposed wilderness areas. Orange County activists: take this opportunity to support the bill and ask that Ladd, Coldwater, and Morrell Canyons in the Cleveland National Forest be added to it.]

These areas should be protected for future generations to enjoy. Once our wild areas are gone, they are gone forever.

As a champion of California's environment, including our desert wilderness areas, please join Senator Boxer as a cosponsor of this important legislation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[YOUR SIGNATURE]

[YOUR ADDRESS, CITY, ZIP]

Please contact John Monsen at wildernessjfm@aol.com if you need more information or have questions. Email copies of letters sent and brief summaries of calls made would be appreciated.

CUSTOMIZING HPS MAPS FROM TOPO! SOFTWARE

By George Wysup

This is a follow-up article to Byron Prinzmetal's introduction to GPS with TOPO software, published in the Jul/Aug '02 edition of **THE LOOKOUT**. The object is to customize the HPS maps to improve their usability for navigation. Since many of us in HPS are or aspire to be mountaineers, we want to be able to find our way using maps and compass. Yes, this is possible.

Caveats. You have downloaded the Official HPS maps from the National Geographic website as instructed in the last edition. A few words of caution are in order. First, these maps have been approved by the HPS Management Committee basically sight unseen for the majority of the maps. There has not been an audit of most of these maps by a Mountain Records Committee. Second, the routes on the maps have been drawn not painstakingly. This means that you should NOT generally rely on the drawn lines to be accurate to a few meters. My own impression, having looked at several of the maps, is that they are generally accurate.

GPS and UTM systems. Any USGS paper maps that you can currently buy use the NAD 27 UTM coordinate system. Most GPS default to WGS 84 coordinate system, but you can change this to NAD 27 if you prefer. TOPO! Software also allows the user to select the UTM system. The important thing is that the maps and GPS use the same system. The difference is appreciable—NAD 27 reads 80 meters higher (more easterly) and 200 meters lower (more southerly) than the same point using WGS 84. To change the TOPO! Setting, select <preferences> from the top menu bar, then click on <coordinate settings> and choose your system.

TOPO! digitizing. TOPO! Software level 5 maps are scanned from USGS 7.5 minute series maps at about 200 dots per inch (dpi). This is sufficient resolution, except that some fine print will appear blurred. In many cases the scanned quad is no longer the latest version, as USGS occasionally updates their maps. You should realize that the elev data shown on TOPO! And used in constructing elevation profiles is not derived from the map contour lines. It comes from a satellite radar mapping data base that is fitted to the map.

Printer and paper. To print good quality maps it is necessary to have a good quality color printer. Accurate 300 dpi printer resolution should be sufficient. Good quality paper that does not soak up too much ink will not blur the image excessively. Be aware that ink will run and smear if it gets wet. A color laser printer would be nice, but these are expensive.

Map size. Maps should, in general, be printed at the 1/24,000 scale (use the <custom> setting) to match the USGS 7.5 minute quads. This scaling preserves the USGS maps' 1 mile = 2 5/8 inch relationship. Slightly compressing the image, say to 1/30,000, results in a satisfactory map. A large map area coverage is critical for good navigation using compass and triangulation. You are indeed fortunate if your office is equipped to

print large size maps. Most home printers will, unfortunately, not handle even 11" stock. I recommend that you have legal size (8 1/2" x 14") stock to allow a larger map area to be printed without compressing the detail. You can print two (or more) contiguous sheets and tape them together to cover the desired area.

What to print. Other than the map itself, only 2 items need be added.

Grid. When you have your print area selected, there are several items that enhance the usability of the image. A UTM grid is very handy in estimating route distance. I use an 800 meter grid (very close to 1/2 mile), others prefer 400 meters (1/4 mile). A round number of meters is imperative because this gives round numbers printed in the map margins. The grid numbers can be quite useful in finding your position using a GPS coordinate, should this become necessary. Simply interpolate between the grid lines using a sharp pencil. Interpolation should get you within 20 to 30 meters of your actual location. When you print the grid there is no need to print the north arrow and scale bar. The grid gives you this info.

Filename. The filename (.tpo) contains the peak name and map date. When setting up to print check the <header> box under <include>, then click on <insert .tpo name>. This takes little room in the margin and allows you to expunge the huge filename in the map area.

What not to print. Accurate navigation requires that a bare minimum of map information be masked. Note that the map file comes up with some large areas blanked by useless information. TOPO! Allows you to delete any added fields that you prefer not to have.

1. "Use at Your Own Risk". This statement adds nothing that you want. You read it once, you can remember it. Delete it.
2. Map title and date. This field obliterates at least a square inch of contour lines and spot elevations. The info is already contained in the .tpo filename in the margin. Delete this text field.
3. Many of the summit names, already indicated on the map, have been added as extra text. Delete this duplication.
4. Trivial information. Many of the maps supply added text information (commonly "saddle"). If you know what a saddle is (I suspect that most of you do), delete these words and the accompanying red arrows.
5. "Grids at 1/4 mile". Some of the maps still contain this wrong statement. You control the grid spacing. Once you set your grid you know what it is. It is not 1/4 mile. It may be 400 meters. Delete this.

Road and trail lines. The maps contain black solid or dashed lines indicating roads and trails. In many cases these lines are rather heavy and approximate and they obscure the road and trail symbols that USGS has placed accurately on the map. I recommend removing these lines (right click, select <delete>) and replacing

them with a colored highlighter marker, or draw them lightly in pencil. This will reveal all the loops and switchbacks in the roads and trails that are shown on the map. Keep in mind that some trails, the PCT in particular, are not accurately indicated on older USGS maps. The HPS map may have a better idea.

Red dashed lines are cross country or use trail routes. Routes marked "possible" have hopefully been

tried by the mapmaker with some degree of success. These routes are not generally described in the peak guides.

By following these hints and procedures you can create a map that will let you navigate effectively, without excessive guesswork, to your destination. You are welcome to phone or email the author if you need further explanation.

HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION, ANGELES CHAPTER

Minutes: Management Committee Meetings

By HPS Secretary John Connelly

Thursday, May 9, 2002, Laura Joseph's Home

Call to Order (6:35 p.m.)

Attending:

Karen Leverich (Chair), Byron Prinzmetal (Vice Chair), John Connelly, Secretary, Laura Joseph (Membership), Mars Bonfire (At Large), Virgil Popescu (Prior Chair), Jon Monson (Conservation Chair).

Minutes from the April 11 meeting

M/s/p with the following correction: Point # 1 under "Byron's Resolutions," now reads: "Increase new members and participation on hikes."

Announcements: None

Committee Reports

1. Treasurer's Report (Sandy Burnside)
 - Received. Balance is \$7,911.34 as of 4/30/2002.
 - M/s/p to obtain committee approval for expenses over \$100.
 - Sandy will develop a report to list our current expenses.
2. Conservation: Jon distributed information about a new wilderness bill introduced by Sen. Barbara Boxer.
3. Website (Brian Leverich): No report
4. Membership Report (Laura Joseph):
 - Report received and filed with the minutes. Laura reports (since the last report) 5 new members, 11 new subscribers and 17 renewals, with a total count of 585.
 - Laura discussed her plan to prepare the report, in odd-numbered months, to be published in **THE LOOKOUT** In even-numbered months, she will present her report to the committee. M/S/P.
 - Emblems for new members. Laura is working on a new design, to be presented at the June meeting.
 - Oktoberfest: Laura has reserved the facility for our campout/cookout, last weekend in September. We will use Mill Potrero Park in the vicinity of Frazier Park this year.
 - The Les Freres Taix restaurant is reserved for January 18. The reservation will be held until August without deposit. Sandy understands that she will need to send in a deposit of \$400. A menu choice of three entrees is \$21. If we (again) bring our own wine, the corkage fee is \$7 per bottle.
 - Oktoberfest, 2002:
5. Mountain Records: (Byron Prinzmetal)
 - M/s/p: Revised peak guides for several peaks were circulated by Byron. M/s/p, with this directive to the MRC: At least two other people, familiar with the routes and map for a specific peak, should review any revisions, on a best-efforts basis.
 - Discussion about electronic dissemination of our maps. Byron is trying to negotiate between National Geographic and the Sierra Club, to the end that the maps will be available on our Hundred Peaks Section website.
 - Toro and Kitching Peaks: The committee is in favor of

taking steps toward the eventual re-listing of these peaks. Before a ballot proposal can be submitted, we must schedule exploratory hikes. Byron will pursue this. John Connelly agreed to contact San Diego leader Al Holden, who has led hikes to the summit of Toro from the west side, starting near the trailhead for Martinez.

6. Outings Report (Byron Prinzmetal):

· No report

New Business

1. Anonymous complaints: Laura proposed that the committee go on record as disapproving of any and all anonymous complaints against members and leaders. M/S/P Text included with minutes.

2. Proxies: Laura suggested guidelines on the use of proxies by committee members. Discussion with no action.

3. Staggered Terms for HPS Officers. John Connelly tabled his motion until the June meeting due to the lateness of the hour.

Adjourned 9:00 PM.

Thursday, June 13, 2002, Laura Joseph's Home

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

Attending: Karen Leverich (Chair), John Connelly, Secretary, Laura Joseph (Membership), Sandy Burnside (Treasurer), Mars Bonfire (At Large), Virgil Popescu (Prior Chair), Jon Monson (Conservation Chair), Brian Leverich (Webmaster), Joe Young (Lookout Editor, Section Historian).

Minutes from the May 9 meeting

M/s/p

Announcements: None

Committee Reports

1. Treasurer's Report (Sandy Burnside)
 - Received. Balance is \$8,131.36 as of 5/31/2002.
2. Conservation: No Report.
3. Website (Brian Leverich): Karen Leverich has volunteered to be the Webmaster, so that Brian can focus more attention on special improvement projects. Karen's role will be to coordinate and act as liaison with Byron Prinzmetal as Chairman of Outings and Mountain Records.
4. Membership Report (Laura Joseph): This month's report is published in **THE LOOKOUT**.
 - Achievements, as reported in **THE LOOKOUT**, M/s/p.
5. Programs (Laura)
 - Oktoberfest, 2002: Discussed how much to charge. To be decided at the July meeting.
 - The Awards Banquet: Discussion about changing the date from the third to the fourth Saturday in January, 2003, and considering a change from Les Freres Taix to Castaway. Due to the Angeles Chapter Schedule deadline (7/2/2002), no changes will be made for the January, 2003 banquet. Joe Young has agreed to negotiate with Les Freres Taix and to

invite John Robinson for the program.

6. Outreach (Laura) The ad for the Southern Sierran will be in the next edition, with minor changes suggested.

Barbie Tidball, Sierra Peaks Section, has contacted Laura about the development of a joint brochure for the three mountaineering sections. Laura has communicated a number of things about HPS for inclusion in the brochure.

7. Mountain Records: M/s/p: In Byron's absence, the committee considered the proposed change in location for the summit of Piute, as discussed in the July-August 2002 edition of the Lookout (pages 12-13, George Wysup). It was m/s/p to adopt this change. A revised peak guide will be published by MRC.

8. Outings Report (Byron Prinzmetal): No report
New Business

1. Staggered Terms for HPS Officers. John Connelly re-introduced his motion to put a proposal on the ballot this year, to elect committee members to serve two year terms. M/S/P The text of the Ballot Initiative is as follows:

Shall the following bylaws amendment be adopted, to take effect for the results of the 2002 election and 2003 terms of office? YES _____ NO _____

3.1 Subject to the powers of Section members as provided in these Bylaws, Section business shall be managed by a Management Committee of seven members. One member shall be the immediate Past Chair. The other members shall be elected to alternating two-year terms, three being elected each year annually. Elected Management Committee members shall take office on January 1 of the year following their election and shall serve for two one years, and until their successors have been elected and assume office. The

Membership Chair and Conservation Chair, if not already members, shall be ex officio Management Committee members without vote.

For elections in the 4th quarter of 2002, we will still put up a slate of candidates to fill the traditional six positions. These elected officers will need to work it out among themselves, which three will serve for a two-year term. Starting with 2003, we will elect only three candidates per year. The John will revise his arguments in favor, considering committee members input.

1. Nominating Committee for 2003 Officers: John Connelly and Laura Joseph will represent the Management Committee, along with Carteton Shay and Sandy Sperling. Names should be suggested to either John or Laura. The slate of at least eight willing candidates will be submitted at the September Annual Business Meeting.

2. Byron's proposed bylaws revision: Discussed with no actions. Questions were raised whether amending the bylaws was necessary to carry out the "realignment of duties" as outlined.

3. The annual business meeting: John is to find us a place. Besides Numero Uno in Glendale, the The Eaton Canyon Ranger Station was mentioned. The Pasadena group meets there.

4. Montrose Post Office Box: Karen re-opened this P.O. Box to accommodate any occasional membership applications, that are directed to this address. Laura pointed out address forwarding could have handled this for the full year. In any case, she has had only one item in the past five - months.

Adjourned 8:30 PM.

REGISTER BOX

By Jim Adler

Three peaks were added to the roster of the missing and the deficient; one was removed.

Reports were received from George Wysup, Luella Fickle, Kevin Dixon, Joe Young, Kate Rogowski, Karen Isaacson Leverich, Byron Prinzmetal, Edith Liu, Gabriel Rau, Peter Doggett, Terry Harrison and Elizabeth Brown.

Missing and deficient registers:

7A	Frazier Mtn.	shot	5-01
10I	Mt Hillyer	missing	5-02
12B	Disappointment	missing	3-02
12C	San Gabriel Peak	deficient	3-02
12D	Mt. Markham	missing	3-02
13C	Pleasant View	missing	9-00
13D	Will Thrall	missing	9-00
14A	Mt. Waterman	missing	10-01
14F	Mt. Hawkins	missing	10-00
14H	Mt. Burnham	missing	6-02
15D	Iron Mtn. #1	missing	12-00
16F	Thunder Mtn.	missing	6-02
17B	Ontario Peak	missing	4-02
17E	Cucamonga Peak	shot	8-01
23H	Three Sisters	missing	12-01
26B	Quail Mtn.	missing	1-02
27K	Drury Peak	deficient	6-02
31E	Beauty Peak	missing	12-01

If you are climbing any of the above peaks, please consider bringing a new register can and book. If you discover a peak which needs a new register can, please let me know by mail addressed to **Jim Adler, 836 S. 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.)



David and Suzanne Michels sandwich Frank Goodykoontz on exploratory to Goodykoontz Pk, July 7, 2002. Ridge leading from Williamson to Goodykoontz is in background.