



THE LOOKOUT

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Hundred Peaks Section Holds Annual Election

The Hundred Peaks Section is holding its annual election. There are twelve (12) candidates for 2003 Management Committee, three (3) peaks are candidates for addition to the List, one peak reinstatement, six (6) peaks are candidates for removal from the List, and four (4) bylaw changes.

Candidates for Management Committee include George Wysup, Kathy Cheever, Dave Comerzan, Mars Bonfire, Ray Wolfe, Kent Schwitkis, Byron Prinzmetal, Brian Leverich, Michael Gosnell, Laura Joseph, Tom Hill, and John Connelly.

Peaks proposed to be added to the List are Freda Walbrecht Peak (6274'), Luella Todd Peak (9356'), and Frank Goodykoontz Peak (7558'). It is further proposed that Toro Peak (8716') be reinstated.

Peaks proposed to be removed from the List include Palomar Mountain (high point) (6140'), Buck Point (6433'), San Sevaine (LO) (5240+'), Cleghorn Mountain (5333'), Indian Mountain (5790'), and Cuyapaipa Mountain (6378'). Proposed changes to the Bylaws include the creation of two-year staggered terms for Management Committee members, specification of roles of the members of the Management Committee, the creation of a "Mountain Bike Emblem," and the creation of a "Snowshoe Emblem."

Members will be receiving an election packet under separate mailing with a ballot for each member of your household who is a member, statements of candidates for Management Committee, arguments for/against peak additions and removals, arguments for/against bylaw changes, and an envelope to return your ballot(s).

The election packet will also include information about our upcoming Annual Awards Banquet, and an envelope for early reservations and discounted raffle tickets.

Members should receive your election packet by early November. Please contact any member of the Management Committee or the Chair of the Elections Committee (Joe Young, 310-822-9676, 12551 Presnell Street, LA 90066) if you have not received your election packet by early November. Ballots must be received by December 1 to be counted.

Inside this issue:

- ◆ Fires force closures of Angeles, Cleveland and San Bernardino National Forests
- ◆ Access to many peaks denied
- ◆ Closures to remain until rainy season begins



Ruth Lee Dobos, Chair of the Hundred Peaks Section in 1993 and 1996, passed away on August 23, 2002.

Hold the Date!

The HPS 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. 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:
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

For Period August 3 to October 1 2002

By Laura Joseph

ACHIEVEMENT	DATE	PEAK NAME	SEQUENCE
Lead List No. 1 Carleton Shay	9/3/2002	San Sevaine	7
<i>Congratulations Carleton!</i>			
List Completion No. 1 Ingeborg Prochazka	Sept. 16, 2002	Suicide Peak	234
Sandy Sperling	Sept. 28, 2002	San Rafael	235
(Sandy led or hiked solo the majority of the peaks)			
100 Peaks Emblem John McCarty	August 18, 2002	Jepson Peak	1037
Lilly Fukui	Sept. 21, 2002	Akawie	1038

New Members (7 including upgrades*)

Brent Crookman*
Edd Ruskowitz
Melissa Kane
Pamela Reid
George Denny
Alan Pincus*
Jim Kalember*

Cynthia Zahorik
Cyril Kaicenter
John Peters
Grey Garbacz
Lauren Garbacz
Ann Thank
William Hemmings
Barbara Eaves
Pat Brennan
Dan Ducey
Jean Ducey
John Bierbower
John Robinson

New Subscribers (15)

Tino Lian
Dawn Wilson

RENEWALS

There have been 5 renewals between August 2 and October 1, 2002.

There are 10 overdue renewals (September-October expiration dates).

REMINDER: In you need to renew (sticker next to your mailing label) please see the back page AND RENEW PROMPTLY

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

Category	Current	Last Report
Honorary, Life, Benefactor*	6	6
Members (total)	444	446
Subscribers who are not members	121	114
Total	571	566

From THE
Editor

Our newsletter, **THE LOOKOUT**, is published six times a year. Final dates for receipt of material are February 1 for the March-April issue; April 1 for the May-June issue; June 1 for the July-August issue; August 1 for the September-October issue; October 1 for the November-December issue; and December 1 for the January-February issue. If you send photos please write

your name on the photo. Please identify each photo. [*When please ask remove sunglasses!*] photos returned



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and include a return SASE. Articles may be edited for length or appropriateness. Please send articles to Joe Young, 12551 Presnell Street, Los Angeles, CA 90066 - 6730, fax to Joe at (310) 301 - 9642; or email to joengeri@attbi.com. **THE LOOKOUT** is the property of the Hundred Peaks Section.

From the Chair
By Karen Isaacson Leverich

ELECTION DAY!

Well, Election Month? Whatever...

It's October going on November. And that means ... right, our mailboxes are full of shiny brochures from various politicians urging us to vote for them. How could we miss the fun here at HPS? Yes, we're having an election, too. The hardworking nominating committee dragooned, er, convinced twelve impressive candidates into running for next year's Management Committee. You won't find their statements in this issue of **The Lookout** – time was too tight to get all of them in, and Joe quite reasonably decided that it would be unfair to include some but not all. But those of you who are Members, watch your mailboxes – you should be receiving ballots soon, with candidate statements, and statements pro and con on a couple of potential bylaw revisions, plus statements pro and con on some potential new peaks for the lists and some old peaks that are being considered for deListing.

On behalf of the Management Committee, I want to emphasize the importance of your vote this year. The field of strong candidates includes people with differing views and approaches to the issues facing HPS. The two proposed amendments to the bylaws could make a profound difference in the way HPS is governed. Know your candidates, study the ballot measures and be sure to VOTE!

What if you're Member and don't receive a ballot by November 15 contact Joe Young of the Election Committee at (310) 822 9676 or email Joe at joengeri@attbi.com and he can get you a replacement ballot.

If you aren't a Member but would like to be, here are the criteria: - Send to: Laura Joseph, HPS Membership Chair 2386 East Del Mar Blvd., #328 Pasadena, CA 91107

- A check for \$9 payable to HPS (only if you aren't already a subscriber).

- A list of 25 peaks you have hiked on the HPS list, and the dates you hiked them. (It's OK if the peaks are currently suspended.)

- Your Sierra Club membership number. If you aren't a Sierra Club member, there's information on joining at:

<http://www.sierraclub.org/membership/>

BAGGING A PEAK

What's your Management Committee done for you lately? Well, in August, in response to confusion expressed by HPS hikers, we agreed to prepare a piece on what Mars' calls "The Rules of the Game". So ... here it is. With an addendum from me afterwards about a hot new topic, suspensions:

PEAK BAGGING GUIDELINES

We have been asked quite a few times, "What are the HPS rules/guidelines for counting a peak as bagged?"

First of all there aren't any rules per se. Everything is on the honor system. If you believed you bagged a peak, you have bagged it. Only your conscience can tell you differently.

Second, as some would have you believe, the Hundred Peak's Management Committee has not appointed a group of peak bagging police who check signatures in register cans.

Third, any legal mode of transportation is acceptable to include but not limited to: human power as in hiking, helicopter, hang glider, mule, piggy back on your leader's shoulders, snow shoes, mountain bike, Sherman tank, the latest and greatest SUV's (even old ones are ok), levitation or simply carried by your Mother (before or after birth), etc.

Fourth, to count a peak you need to be transported from any starting point to the peak. On drive-up peaks that means from the door of your car to the peak (if you choose to do them as drive-ups instead of hike them). As Carleton pointed out in the last issue of the Lookout many old timers (and some new ones) have employed a technique called the "Pitty Pat". The "Pitty Pat" is a technique where one transports himself/herself from car to the register can, back to car, patting the vehicle (hence the term "Pitty Pat") and repeating this process over and over again. Every complete cycle is counted as peak bagged. So in short order one can bag a drive-up peak ten times by doing the "Pitty Pat" dance ten times.

Fifth, some of our summit blocks are high class two or three (e.g. Lily Rock, Martinez, Five Fingers, Antsell Rock). Since we are not a technical rock climbing club, many years ago your management committee wisely voted to be on record that on such peaks if you feel you cannot climb their high class two or three summit blocks safely, you can still count the peak as bagged (if you make it to the start of the technical rock climbing part of the climb). Simply stated, summit blocks are optional. So that's it.

It is all on your honor.

What is most important is that we all enjoy exploring our mountains safely.

SUSPENSIONS

From our bylaws:

"Temporary Suspension of Peak: By majority vote the Management Committee may suspend a peak from the Peak List for six months, and may remove such suspension at any appropriate time. Suspension will cause a peak to be ignored in applications for list completion achievements. Suspended peaks may be counted toward the 100 or 200 peak achievements, at the option of the applicant."

As I write this, the entire Angeles, San Bernardino and portions of the Cleveland National Forests are closed. Per a press release from the United States Forest Service, the Forests will remain closed until the end of fire season. The "end of fire season" isn't a date anyone can write down on their calendar. It has to do with when we get enough rain that the USFS thinks the fire danger has substantially abated. Their call, in other words. The Information Desk for Angeles Forest can be reached at (626) 574-5200 – unless you know the closure is over, please phone and confirm that entry into the Forest is OK before attempting any of our Angeles Forest peaks.

At the Management Committee meeting of October 10, it was decided NOT to suspend any of the peaks in the areas closed due to fire danger. Who knows when the rainy season will begin? Next week? Next month?

LIST FINISHER SPECIALS

Speaking of finishing the List, there's been a lot of that going on this year. Edith Liu, Laura Joseph, Sue Holloway, me, Rich Gnagy, Sandy Sperling all for the first time, Sandy Burnside for the second, Ron Zappen and Byron Prinzmetal for the third, George Wysup for the fourth, Mars Bonfire for the fifth, Doug Mantle for the sixth, and Carleton Shay just finished leading the entire list. If we've got you inspired, and you're thinking, "Gee, maybe I could do this thing! If only, if only, if only someone would just LEAD that peak I desperately need, that hasn't been led in seemingly forever!" Well, drop me a note at karen@mtpinos.com, and name that peak (those peaks). And maybe I'll be able to coax someone into getting it on the schedule. What a deal, huh? (It may take awhile, the lead times on getting stuff into the Schedule can be several months.)

PROVISIONAL HIKES

I was all set to plug the provisional hikes that our leaders-in-training are leading. Well, let me do so, anyhow, but there are some possible problems:

Saturday, November 9th, meet at 8AM at the La Canada rideshare point and join Ping Pfeffer and Frank Goodykoontz on Ping's provisional hike to Waterman Mountain. That would be Plan A, if the Angeles Forest has reopened. I don't know if they'll cancel the hike or pick a different peak, if the Forest is still closed.

Saturday, November 16th, meet at 6AM at the La Canada rideshare point or 8AM in Joshua Tree at SE corner of Hwy 62 and Park Blvd., and join Bill Valentine and Georgette Rieck on Bill's provisional lead of Quail Mountain.

Saturday, December 7th, join Martin Parsons, George Wysup, and Sandy Sperling for Martin's provisional lead of Bernard Peak, Little Berdoo Peak, and Queen Mountain in Joshua Tree National Park. Contact Martin for info a few days before the hike.

Saturday and Sunday, December 14th and 15th, join Bill Valentine, Mars Bonfire, Kent Schwitkis, and myself for Bill's provisional lead of Rabbit and Villager. Contact Bill for details. It's a hard 'un but a good 'un.

Do you have your 2003 calendar yet? If you do, you might want to make a note of Saturday, February 8th, when Gary Schenk and George Wysup are leading Rosa Point. It's Gary's provisional – contact him for more information!

OKTOBERFEST BIG SUCCESS

By Laura Joseph
Membership and Social Program Chair

The first HPS social event of the year, and the first Oktoberfest celebration in two years, was declared a success by all participants. The Saturday hikes attracted 46 members and friends. As promised, George got moderately lost returning from San Rafael and Karen and Mars maintained their reputation for snails' pace hikes as they led their group along the Mt Pinos Ridge.

We were all delighted with the Mil Potrero Campground facility, conveniently located about 12 miles from the Frazier Park exit, and featuring campsites, bathrooms with showers (!), a four bedroom cabin and lodge with kitchen. Ping Pfeffer, not yet recovered from a knee injury, served as receptionist to the arriving revelers, including some who had not been able to hike with us during the day. We had originally planned an outdoor barbecue in the picnic ground but, in view of the chilly weather and the prohibition on fires of any sort, Ping and Joe Young took occupation of the lodge.

Joe, donning his traditional Oktoberfest headgear, and bringing enough beer for the entire membership, worked with his wife, Jeri, and yours truly to keep the logistics running smoothly. The amount and variety of food was truly amazing but, as serious HPSers, we did our best to deplete it along with the beer and wine. As the eating began to slow down, Kathy and Steve Brown's children took labels Joe had printed with peak names and pasted one on each participant's back. Each of us then had the challenge of figuring out "Who am I?" by asking questions that could be answered yes or no.

No HPS event would be complete without some achievement and this one was suitably noteworthy. Sandy Sperling, one of our most powerful women, finished the List Saturday on San Rafael. Naturally, this called for champagne — with and without alcohol. Sandy, it should be noted, also qualified as an "I" rated leader this year.

After sleeping in a tent, a mobile bedroom, the cabin or in the luxury of a Pine Mountain Club residence, we set off Sunday on one of three hikes ranging from easy to a bit less easy (we'd had a lot to eat and drink after all), our ranks augmented by folks who joined us for the day.

A great time! We are planning to have an even better event this May. Watch for details.

Curve Fire Finally Out

September 19, 2002

By Horst Meister

Editor, the Mountaineer-Progress

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San Gabriel River Canyon – The Curve Fire was officially declared contained on September 12. The fire burned 20,875 acres. The fire flashed through heavy chaparral that hadn't burned in fifty years. Flame heights reached 100 feet at times, and fire behavior was extremely erratic due to gusty winds. The steep terrain and slopes of loose talus created problems for fire fighters. 7,000 campers had to be evacuated down Highway 39 on September 1, a feat that fire fighters accomplished without injury or loss of life.

The South Mount Hawkins Lookout was destroyed by the fire, as were 72 other structures in the San Gabriel River Canyon. Fifty cabins and 19 structures in the Falling Springs area were lost, and three Forest Service Administrative buildings. As of Monday, structures within the fire perimeter were still at risk due to active burning. Hikers were asked to stay out of the Sheep Mountain Wilderness due to the fire risk.

Investigators concluded that candles associated with a ritual involving animal sacrifice started the fire. Anyone with information relating to this incident is asked to call Forest Service Law Enforcement and Investigations at 626 574 5351.



Bobcat Thompson took this spectacular photo of the Curve Fire as seen from Blue Ridge. Big Iron is on the left, Rattlesnake is the peak in the center just left of the fire. September 1, 2002.

The Williams Fire chars over 30,000 acres

The second fire in a month to ravage the Angeles National Forest began near Camp Williams on the East Fork Road and spread southward and eastward. Almost the entire San Dimas Experimental Forest was burned. Although Baldy Village was evacuated, the fire did not spread past Cow Canyon Saddle.

However, the area burned was described in a report dated June 1959 found in "Summit Summaries." HPS hiker and leader Trudie Hunt participated on a hike of Big Iron, and the drive approached the peak from Cow Canyon Saddle. Trudie's description: "To this observer, we entered one of the wildest, most beautiful and unspoiled areas in the whole San Gabriels, for the forest was a paradise of shady alder sycamore, poison oak, ancient trees lining a swift flowing stream which we were forced to ford many times."

In Memoriam: Ruth Lee Dobos

Ruth Lee Dobos passed away on Friday, August 23 after a year-long battle with cancer. Along with her husband, Frank, she led hundreds of outings for the Sierra Club, primarily for the Griffith Park and Hundred Peaks sections. The Dobos' also led outings for the Desert Peaks and Sierra Singles Sections and the Central and Verdugo Hills groups. She retired approximately two years ago from her long career as an Occupational Therapist.

Ruth will be best remembered as a warm and welcoming I-rated leader for the Hundred Peaks Section (HPS). During her many years of leading hikes, Ruth compiled a long list of accomplishments, such as becoming the ninth woman to finish the HPS list twice (see "Ruth Dobos' Achievements.") She was also well known among female hikers as a leader with panache, always hiking in matching outfits with perfectly done hair, makeup, and her signature turquoise jewelry.

Although she worked hard to coordinate the perfect hiking outfit, Ruth spent considerably more time protecting our shrinking wild places. This devotion manifested itself through her willingness to take on a leadership role in several Sierra Club sections and the Angeles Chapter Executive Committee. She was an ardent letter writer, thorough reader of environmental impact reports and active solicitor for support of other club members and local politicians on wilderness protection issues. While hiking, Ruth peppered conversation with information on how the government still allows mining in Death Valley, logging in the forests and why we should not be buying Adventure Passes, to mention a few crucial issues. She actively supported the Desert Protection Act that resulted in the formation of the Mojave, Death Valley and Joshua Tree National Parks, and promoted the protection of areas of the southwestern deserts where big horn sheep reside.

As a leader, she welcomed new hikers and eagerly provided many with encouragement to continue exploring the outdoors, despite any physical or individual limitations they might have. Many of those who began hiking with Ruth and Frank have now become leaders, ensuring that her legacy to the Sierra Club will continue. Even though she's no longer with us, her education of these new hikers and leaders will continue her legacy of ardent support of our wilderness areas.

Ruth's interest was not solely focused on peakbagging. She partied with vigor. She and Frank co-founded the HPS Spring Fling and worked on Oktoberfest, and served on the coordinating committee for these two events almost every year. Along with Frank, Doty and Mike Sandford, Ruth founded the annual Mt. Islip Peaknic Hike, which celebrated its 12th year a few weeks ago.

Even as she became too weak to hike herself, she continued to offer advice on new places to hike and was a good friend who challenged those to whom she was closest to take a more active role in Sierra Club activities. She was also a devoted wife to her husband, Frank, the guy whose hand she frequently held around the campfire and whom she always kissed atop each new peak.

Among those who knew Ruth well, the one secret that she always maintained was her age, and that secret will not be revealed here. Let's remember Ruth as an eternally young spirit who can count many generations of Sierra Club members as her friends.

Ruth Dobos' Achievements

Angeles Chapter Awards

1991 – Outings Service Award
2002 – Lifetime Service Award

Angeles Chapter Positions

2001-2002 – Executive Committee

HPS Achievements and Awards

1987 – 100 Peaks Emblem
1989 – 200 Peaks Bar
1990 – First list completion
1991 – Lead 100 Peaks
1992 – Second list completion
Pathfinder Emblem
1994 – Lead 200 Peaks
1995 – R.S. Fink Award
2000 – John Backus Service Award
2001 – Conservation Award

HPS Management Committee Positions

1988 – Conservation Chair
1992 – Vice Chair
1993 – Chair
1994 – Immediate Past Chair
1996 – Chair
1997 – Immediate Past Chair
1998 – Vice Chair
1999-2001 – Conservation Chair

DPS Achievements

1989 – Emblem

DPS Management Committee Positions

2000-2002 – Conservation Chair

Verdugo Hills Group Management Committee Positions

2001-2002 – Conservation Chair

Angeles Chapter Leadership

I-rated leader

[Information compiled by David F Eisenberg, long time friend of Ruth and Editor of the Angeles Chapter Schedule of Activities]



The world is missing Ruth Lee Dobos today. The Sierra Club has lost one of its most dedicated participants, and I have lost a friend. Through the many years I have known Ruth, I have watched her become more active in the many sections and groups including Excom. Mike and I along with Ruth and Frank founded the Mt Islip Peaknic which as celebrated for the 12th year this past summer. A leader among leaders, Ruth together with Frank devoted themselves to leading many hikes as well as organizing Oktoberfest and Spring Fling. Ruth had a way of pulling you in and getting you involved in these events. I could talk all day of her many accomplishments in the Sierra Club, her various awards and concerns about the environment. What I would like to tell about is her courage and determination to survive and make each day count. Ruth carried out her duties in the Sierra Club almost to her last days. I admired this lady greatly. I have come to realize that we were really one big family. The times we shared, the fun parties, the grueling hikes and long drives to get to them. We became close sharing the good and the hard times. I will miss Dr. Ruth and feel so fortunate to have known her.

Dotty Sandford

(Left) Ruth celebrates finishing the List with a beautiful cake.

(Below) Ruth and Frank frolic on the slopes of a mountain.



Mountain Records Chair Report **By Byron Prinzmetal**

This will be my final MRC report for this year (boy the year has gone by fast). What a year this has been for your MRC! Here are some of the things that were accomplished:

1. All of our maps with GPS waypoints were once again made available to our members at the beginning of the year. Many have been updated with new routes and corrections made since they were deleted several years ago by a previous HPS Chair.
2. Over a hundred peak guides were updated/corrected.
3. Many new routes were added to either our peak guides and/or maps. Many of these routes are brand new while many others have been known by more senior HPS'ers, but not shared with the rest of us.

What have I learned as your MRC?

1. Many of our peak guides have been updated since their original inception by very experienced HPS'ers who only use the guides for driving instructions. (I am a prime example of this as I only use a guide for driving instructions, if that.) While the route descriptions might be technically correct, in many cases, there is not enough descriptive detail for the first timer.
2. The people who will provide the most current information to update our guides/maps are the people doing our peaks for the first time.
3. Adding new routes to our maps and peak guides is a good thing as long as the route is safe and does not cover up needed details on our maps. Many of the new routes I and others have added are now being lead and enjoyed by others. However, it should be noted that there are some HPS'ers who believe only standard routes should be made available and nothing new or extra. This I believe will be an on-going debate.
4. Different folks have different needs as far as maps are concerned. An example: Some people want GPS waypoints made available to them while others find their use "cheating". The National Geographic Software allows for both sets of needs to be satisfied.
5. The number of map problems reported is far less than peak guide problems by about a 10 to 1 ratio. The reason being is that it is far harder to put into English what can easily be drawn using the National Geographic Software. This is not to say there are not errors in the maps, but they are far fewer than in our peak guides and are far less open to interpretation (other than my shaking hands trying to draw accurate lines).
6. Large groups of old timers reviewing peak guide/map changes does not guarantee accuracy as I corrected many a guide that has been updated by such large group of veteran HPS'ers.
7. The process of updating our maps and peak guides will be a never ending process. Meaning things change. Accuracy problems with maps and peak guides will be with us for a long time to come.

Here is what I recommend for the future (my opinion, not necessarily shared by others):

1. Our Mountain Records Chair/committee members should mostly come from those who are doing our peaks for the first time.
2. A large group of veteran HPS'ers is not a solution to the accuracy problem. It is far better to have a small group of people the current management committee trusts. This is especially true since most of our peak guide errors are simple fixes (e.g. turn right-west instead of left-east).
3. Routes that are difficult to put into words, in many cases, need to be re-written for the first timer. Adding pictures to a peak guide on some of these routes can prove to be useful (please see the revised Little San Gorgonio guide).
4. We need to use a standard set of software. Presently, the standards are MS Word and National Geographic's Topo. The reason for using one set of software is to avoid errors. I had to make many corrections due to the conversion of WordPerfect to Word (e.g. ½ mile became 2 mile, etc).

Below are the changes approved at the last two management committee meeting's. Please excuse the different formats, but I thought it would be better use of my time to correct existing guides/maps than to take the time to make the formats the same.

Changes approved the August HPS Management Committee:

- 1) Thanks to Karen the following very important changes have been made to the peak guides in her area:
 - a. Spelled "Mil" correctly (s/b Mil) on Mt Pinos, Mt Able, San Emigdio, Grouse.
 - b. Fixed in Lockwood peak guide the peak name which s/b be Lockwood Peak, not point.
 - c. On sawmill added to the AAA maps Kern as this is the county the peak is in.
 - d. On Grouse fixed the county to Kern from Ventura.
- 2) On Tip Top added high clearance, 4x4 for the drive-up instructions.
- 3) On Mt Marie Louise and Pinnacles fixed north approach driving instructions which were way off.

- 4) On all of area 31 peaks clarified the Hwy turnoff instructions, two already were correct, but the rest needed clarification.
- 5) On Boucher Hill added driving instructions from Warner Springs and Julian as most people do this peak from these two areas and do not do the peak alone.
- 6) On Arctic point correct road 2N09 road number and clarified when you turnoff on 3N43.
- 7) Corrected Mt Baldy hiking where it refers to Mt Harwood (it said turn left, but s/b right (north). Also, added a new great route.
- 8) Fixed error in Split Mtn route two where it said two miles to flat area (s/b 0.5 miles)
- 9) Fixed driving instructions for route 1 to Birch. It said go 2 miles on Orange and it s/b 0.5 miles as the rest of the peak guides say.
- 10) Fixed the highway designation (said 38 s/b 138) on Circle, Wright, Pine and Dawson.
- 11) Add an alternative map route to Red Mtn, which I am told is better, but since I have not done it I did not remove the parallel route.
- 12) On many of the peak guides there were WordPerfect formatting errors with driving or hiking instructions. I fixed some of these problems.
- 13) On Iron Springs and its neighbor I clarified the utm grid used (nad 27 for those who understand and care about such things).
- 14) Updated Butterfly Peak Guide thanks to John Connelly.
- 15) I added peak naming information to Walbrecht Peak and Luella Todd Peak.
- 16) I added a peak guide for Goodykoontz Peak and updated the map

Changes approved from the September HPS Management Committee

Peak - Items Changed

- 020 Red Mtn map -Added new alternative route which is easier to hike than the standard one from the west.
- 03B Black Mountain and 03E Tehachapi Mountain Guides -For Black and Tehachapi made a note that Double, a nearby peak, is now deListed.
- 08A Liebre Mountain Guide -Listed a shorter driving route down to highway 5.
- 13F Mount Williamson Guide -Made minor corrections per Laura and said where the register can is.
- 20 D White Mtn map and guide -Now that the gate is opened, corrected the hiking/driving instructions per Dave C. suggestions.
- Maps and guides for Shay and nearby peaks -For these peaks there is now a gate that makes the hike 0.5 miles farther, if the gate is closed. Added a mention of the gate and where to start hiking if it is closed.
- 21B-C Butler/Grays Peaks map -Corrected the map so route 2 is the same as the peak guide.
- 23 CD Tip Top and Mineral Mtns map and peak guide -Corrected route 2 for Tip Top to be George's new route.
- 24 FGHIM map and 10K peak guide -Added the route to get to 10k via old 10k peak.
- 24FGHIM Charlton/Jepson/Dobbs/San Gorgonio/Dragon's Head Map -Updated map with re-routed Vivian Creek Trail.
- 25 A-B-C-D-E-F Yucaipa Ridge CS map -Updated map and peak guide with better instructions and a picture on how to do Little San Gorgonio from Mill Creek.
- 27 E-F-G-H-I San Jacinto Peak et al map and Cornell and LuellaTodd Peak Guides -Fixed some errors that George pointed out to me. Added another route to Cornell and to Todd on the map and peak guide.
- 31H Hot Springs Mountain Peak Guide -Added correct phone number and other contact info.
- And three more...
- Highway 2 mileage 09-01-2002.doc -New document thanks to George and others.
- Highway 243 mileage 09-02-2002.do -New document also thanks to George.
- Hiking Phone Numbers 08-31-2002.doc -Old document resurrected.

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. There are quite a few new leaders leading and many old timers getting back into the leading.

I want to thank you all for taking the time out of your busy lives to lead HPS outings.

DAVID BEYMER 4
 MARS BONFIRE 16
 STAG AND NAMI BROWN 1
 SANDY BURNSIDE 8

DAN BUTLER 1
 WINNETTE BUTLER 4
 ROSEMARY CAMPBELL 6
 JAMES CARDEN 1

KATHY CHEEVER 5
 DAVE COMERZAN 5
 SOUTHERN COURTNEY 2
 PETER DOGGETT 2

DORIS DUVAL 5
 LUELLA FICKLE 2
 HARVEY GANZ 1
 CHERYL GILL 1
 PETER GLOVER 4
 FRANK GOODYKNOOTZ 1
 RICH GORDON 2
 LYNN HEATH 1
 JIM HERINGER 1
 BARRY HOLCHIN 2
 LEORA AND RON JONES 3
 LAURA JOSEPH 3
 BRIAN LEVERICH 11
 KAREN LEVERICH 18
 AL MARTIN 1

MARY MANNES 1
 SCOTT NELSON 1
 MARTIN PARSONS 1
 PING PFEFFER 1
 VIRGIL POPESCU 5
 BYRON PRINZMETAL 4
 INGEBORG PROCHAZKA 4
 MAURA RAFFENSPERGER 4
 PATTY RAMBERT 1
 GABRIELLE RAU 1
 GEORGETTE RIECK 1
 KATE ROGOWSKI 4
 RON ROSIEN 2
 SHERRY ROSS 1
 GARY SCHENK 1

KENT SCHWITKIS 4
 MIKKI SIEGEL 2
 DON SIMINSKI 1
 SANDY SPERLING 3
 BOB CAT THOMPSON 4
 TONY TRULL 2
 BILL VALENTINE 3
 BRENT WASHBURNE 2
 JENNIFER WASHINGTON 1
 ASHER WAXMAN 1
 SUSANNE WEIL 4
 MAGGIE WILSON 7
 SARA WYRENS 1
 JANET YANG 2
 JOE YOUNG 2

NEW HPS LEADER MILESTONES

This year as your Outings Chair I also undertook the job of HPS Leadership Training Chair.

Here is what I discovered and what I recommend for the future:

1. New HPS leaders is one of the most important things to the success of our Outings Program. Why you ask? As has been the case over the years, our existing leaders get burnt out, move or become unable to lead. Without new excited leaders many of our peaks will never be lead on a public outing and the number of our public outings will greatly decrease.
2. Having enough new leaders, especially "I" rated ones to fill our needs, will not happen by happenstance. Efforts have to be made to recruit, train and nurture new HPS leaders.
3. A proper environment has to be maintained that communicates over and over again that **we very much appreciate our leaders**. This was done this year with various Lookout articles (e.g. Honor Roll of Leaders, via email messages through our leaders list server, etc.)
4. I have worked to have the requirements for the "I" leadership changed to make it more inline with our needs (e.g. eliminating the need for an "I" provisional backpack). Things like this need to continue as this is just another way of saying to our current and potential leaders, **"We Love You."**
5. Our leader's list server has also been helpful. It has made it easier and simpler for the outings chair to communicate to our leaders. It has made it easier for our leaders to insure their outings are properly listed. The server is just another way we are saying to potential and existing HPS leaders, **"we care about you"**.

The result of all of this has been the following:

1. We have many new leaders (probably a record number of new leaders) to take the place of our old worn out existing ones (e.g. me).
2. Many old timers are now leading again and/or are leading more hikes.
3. The number of outings and diversity of our outings is a record or close to a record.
4. We are much less dependent upon a few leaders to lead the majority of our hikes.

I hope the next management committee and those that follow, continue the efforts to expand the number of active HPS leaders, the number and diversity of our outings, and continue working with the Chapter's Outing Committee to make things better for our current and future leaders. I believe that while we were successful this year, it should be viewed as only a start. With fresh ideas and energy, much more can and should be done.

And, finally things would not be complete without listing our new 2002 leaders. Here they are. What a list of mountaineers. They and our existing leaders form the sole of the HPS, in my opinion.

Patty Rambert-"I"
 Sandy Sperting-"I"
 Sandy Burnside-"I"
 Brian Leverich-"I"
 Karen Isaacson-"I"

Kent Schwitkis-"I"
 Martin Parsons-"PI"
 Bill Valentine-"PI"
 Gary Schenk-"PI"
 Scott Nelson-"PI"

Laura Joseph-"O", working on her "I"
 Pat Arredondo-"O", working on her "I"
 Dave Comerzan-"O", working on his "I"
 Ping Pfeffer-"PO"

We are looking forward to all of the wonderful hikes all of our new and existing leaders lead.

**Exciting News-Save BIG BUCKS
From your Mountain Records Chair
Byron Prinzmetal
email: prinzmetal@charter.net**

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 mapXchange 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 \$50 plus shipping and tax. The software normally costs \$99.00. (a savings of about \$50).

This discount is a very special thing that National Geographic is only offering to HPS members. They are making this offer because the HPS has provided all of our maps for posting to the National Geographic's mapXchange web site and because of the help various HPS members have provided to improve their software.

The offer is for a limited time only. So why not join the many other HPS'ers who have taken advantage of this great offer.

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.

**Leading the List
By Byron prinzmetal**



Carleton Shay, right, accepts congratulations from Byron Prinzmetal on the summit of San Sevaine Peak on September 3, 2002. Each has led every peak on the HPS List

A few weeks ago I was given the honor of co-leading with Carleton Shay when he finished LEADING OUR ENTIRE LIST.

Carleton represents the best of the HPS best. He has bagged our peaks more than anyone else. He has been chair of our management committee and has served us in most every conceivable capacity possible. This includes Carleton's ongoing role as mailer of **THE LOOKOUT**, a task appreciated by few.

In my opinion, leading scheduled outings and especially leading our entire List, is the ultimate gift one can give to the HPS. Carleton joins a very short list of some of the most dedicated HPS'ers in our entire 50 plus years (John Backus,

Frank Goodykoontz, David Eisenberg, Charlie Knapke, Joe Young, and Byron Prinzmetal).

Carleton serves as a great model for all of us to follow. While not exactly a young man (he is in his late 70's), finishing leading the List and working on his 11th and 12th List finish is an inspiration for all.

The Angeles Forest, Cleveland, and San Bernardino Closures

Byron Prinzmetal-Outings Chair

By now most of you heard that the Angeles, San Bernardino and parts of the Cleveland National Forests are closed until the fire season is over with. I am not sure when the forest, parts of the forest and/or roads will be reopened.

These forests are supposed to be reopened at the end of the fire season. Based upon past major fires, the fire season does not end until the first major rain usually in late November, but who knows what the Forest Service will do and I suspect parts will be opened before the entire forest is re-opened.

What is open for us is all of areas 1-7 (Los Padres and the Southern Sierra), peaks on BLM administered land (20A-Round Mtn, 23A-Bighorn Mountains, 23F-Black #4 and 23I-Chapparrosa) and all the peaks in area 26 (Joshua Tree). Many of the peaks in the Cleveland National Forest are open. For peaks in the Cleveland National Forest the best advice I can give you at this time is to call the ranger district where the peak is located and ask if it is ok to climb that peak. Further, for the Angeles and San Bernardino Forests, in some case, if you call the ranger district for a particular set of peaks (e.g. Yucaipa Ridge, drive to Keller LO.) they may give you permission to hike/drive those peaks.

Finally, because of the fires, the forest service has enacted a team of specialists to determine the best means to restore the forest. In the past this has resulted in parts of the burn areas being closed to hiking and/or vehicle use for several years. The recommendations of the team have yet to be published. In the past the HPS management committee has suspended the peaks affected until they can be hiked legally.

The HPS web site and the HPS list servers will publish the latest information when made available to us.

Most of our leaders are finding alternative places to hike. The hikes that might be effected I have so noted and suggest that you contact the leader ahead of time.

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/chapter/forms>"

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."

Updated HPS Schedule 10-08-2002

Nov 2 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Burnham Pk (8997'), Ross Mtn (7402'), Mt Baden Powell (9399'): Paved road drive and lots of steep xc hiking at moderate pace. 10 mi rt, 4500' gain. Send email or sase, recent hiking experience to Ldr: George Wysup. Co-Ldrs: Sandy Burnside, Maggie Wilson

New Outing, not in the Schedule

Nov 2 Sat Hundred Peaks, San Gorgonio Chapter

I: Granite Pks (7527'), Mineral Mtn (7238'), Tip Top Mtn (7623'): Strenuous (but at moderate pace) 10 mi rt, 2800' gain cross country hiking in pinyon/joshua forest near Arrastre Creek E of Big Bear. Some class 2 scrambling. Some dirt road driving (please volunteer your high clearance or 4WD vehicle). Phone or email Ldr: George Wysup, for meeting place and time. Co-Ldrs: Sandy Burnside.

Possible Fire Closure-Contact Leader

Nov 2 Sat Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks, Orange County Sierra Singles O: Dawson Saddle to Throop Pk (9138'), Mt Hawkins (8850'), Middle Hawkins (8505'): Comfortably paced, moderate 8 mi, 2100' gain/3400' loss one-way trail hike ending at Islip Saddle. Short car shuttle. Beautiful hike through Jeffrey and Sugar Pines to these scenic peaks in the San Gabriel Mtns. Meet 7:30 pm La Canada rideshare pt with 2 qts water, lunch, boots, 10 essentials, fsp. For pre-hike information package, send email or sase to Ldr: Bill Valentine. Co-Ldr: Lynn Heath

New Outing, Not in the Schedule Possible Fire Closure-Contact Leader

Nov 3 Sun Hundred Peaks, San Gorgonio Chapter

I: Shay Mtn (6714'), Ingham Pk (6355'), Little Shay Mtn (6635'), Hawes Pk (6751'): Strenuous (but at moderate pace) 10 mi rt. 3200' gain on trail and cross country in 3 year old burned area north of Fawnskin. Some easy dirt road driving. Stay over from Saturday hike (Luna, Deep Creek, et al) to bag these peaks. Phone or email Ldr: George Wysup, for meeting place and time. Co-Ldr: Sandy Burnside, Maggie Wilson.

Nov 3 Sun Hundred Peaks Cancelled

O: Wright Mtn (8505'), Gobbler's Knob (6955'), Circle Mtn (6875'): Highlight is PCT pathfinder from Wright to Gobblers. Circle is optional. Easy dirt road drive to Guffy campground. 11 mi rt, 3600' gain. For info a few days before hike, email or call Ldrs: George Wysup, Sandy Burnside, Laura Joseph

Nov 7 Thu Hundred Peaks**New Hike, not in the Schedule**

I: Ross Mountain (7402') or (Fox Mountain #1 (5167') and Cuyama Peak (LO) (5878')): Ross is 14 miles rt, 4000' gain (1600' on way to peak, 2400' on return), Fox Mountain is 5 miles rt, 2300' gain, with a long dirt road drive to a bonus peak. We'll do Ross if Angeles Forest has been reopened for hiking, otherwise we'll do Fox. If we do Ross, we'll also do Baden-Powell. Send e-mail or SASE with H/W phones and recent hiking experience to Co-Leader: KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH. Leader: WOLF LEVERICH.

New Hike, Not in the Schedule**Possible Fire Closure-Contact Leader****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

Nov 9 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Topatopa Bluff (6367'): Strenuous 14 mi, 4500' gain hike over established trails in Los Padres National Forest. Send sase or email, conditioning/experience to Ldr: Kate Rogowski. Assts: Mikki Siegel, Rick Gordon

Nov 9 Sat Hundred Peaks Possible Fire Closure-Contact Leader

O: Waterman Mtn (8038'): Easy slow/moderate hike. 8 mi rt, 1200' gain on a beautiful trail to top of a beautiful mountain. Meet 8 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, 10 essentials. Rain cancels. Ldr: Ping Pfeffer. Co-Ldr: Frank Goodykoontz, Pat Arredondo

Nov 10 Sunday Hundred Peaks**New Hike, Not in the Schedule**

I: Walbrecht Peak (6274'): Come join us as we hike Walbrecht Peak. Freda Walbrecht was the first women 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

Nov 10 Sun Hundred Peaks Possible Fire Closure-Contact Leader

O: Easy Peaks of the San Gabriels: Mount Lowe (5603'), 3 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, such as the closure of the Angeles National Forest due to fire danger, but weather allowing, we'll hike somewhere! 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: WINNETTE BUTLER, KATHY CHEEVER, DORIS DUVAL, BRIAN LEVERICH, KAREN LEVERICH

Nov 10 Sun Hundred Peaks**Possible Fire Closure-Contact Leader**

O: Mt Islip (8250'), Mt Hawkins (8850'), Throop Pk (9138'), Middle Hawkins (8505'), South Mt. Hawkins (LO) (7783'): Visit this absolutely beautiful part of the San Gabriels on a real marathon hike. We'll start at Crystal Lake and climb to Islip, then east to Hawkins and Throop, south to Middle Hawkins and South Hawkins and return to Crystal Lake. The hike will be moderately fast paced and strenuous. 16 mi, 4900' gain. Send sase or esase to Ldr: Laura Joseph. Co-Ldr: Peter Doggett

Nov 13 Wed Hundred Peaks**New Outing, Not in Schedule Cancelled**

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 prinzmetal@charter.net to insure tram is open and running. Ldrs: KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH BYRON PRINZMETAL

Nov 13 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks**Possible Fire Closure-Contact Leader**

O: Waterman Mtn (8038'): Come and do yet another way up to this fine old peak. 6 mi rt, 1500' gain. We will take our time going up a new road that, at times, is steep. We will view some things of interest along the top and follow the leader down a fun way back to the cars. Meet 9 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, good footwear. Ldrs: Southern Courtney, Rosemary Campbell

Nov 14 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.

Nov 14 Thu Hundred Peaks**Possible Fire Closure-Contact Leader**

O: Mt Williamson (8214'): Enjoy the beautiful forest high country on this 5 mi rt, 1600' gain, suitable for beginners. Experience great views and clean air. Meet 9 am at La Cañada Rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Ldr: Ingeborg Prochazka. Asst: Dave Comerzan

Nov 15-18 Fri-Mon Hundred Peaks

I: Scodie Mtn (7294'), Morris Pk (7215'), Mt Jenkins (7921'), Russell Pk (6696'), Backus Pk (6651'), Lightner Pk (6430'), Bald Eagle Peak (6181'): Join us for some or all four days as we visit these interesting peaks near Lake Isabella and Walker Pass. Everything from trail to steep, loose xc. Everyone welcome!. Day 1, Scodie, 7 mi rt, 2300' gain. Day 2, Morris and Jenkins, 14 mi rt, 3500' gain. Day 3, Russell and Backus, 8 mi rt, 3500' gain. Day 4, lots of dirt road driving, and 6 mi rt 2200' gain, plus a bit of Class 2 rock scrambling gets us the last two peaks. Send email or sase with H/W phone for more information to Ldr: Karen Isaacson Leverich. Co-Ldr: Brian Leverich

Nov 16 Sat K-9 Comm, Hundred Peaks**Possible Fire Closure-Contact Leader**

O: Mt Hilyer (6200'): Moderately paced hike from Charlton Flat, along the Silver Moccasin Trail to Horse Flat. Tall trees, fresh air and great views. 6 mi rt, 1200' gain. Meet 9 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring water (for you and your k9 buddies), leash, lunch, lugsoles. Rain cancels. Ldr: Maggie Wilson. Co-Ldr: Virgil Popescu

Nov 16 Sat Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks**Possible Fire Closure-Contact Leader**

O: Mt Lowe (5603'): Scenic 13 mi, 3800' gain, moderately paced semi-loop hike past historic Echo Mtn on the Castle Cyn Trail to Inspiration Pt and on to Mt Lowe. Return via Sam Merrill Trail. Not suitable for beginners. Meet 7:50 am top of Lake Ave in Altadena with 2-3 qts water, lunch, appropriate clothing layers (rain gear), good footwear. Heavy rain cancels. Ldrs: Southern Courtney, Rosemary Campbell

Nov 16 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Quail Mtn (5800'): Enjoy spectacular desert scenery at a moderate pace on moderately strenuous 10 mi, 1800' gain xc route to the highest point in Joshua Tree NP. Some steep, rocky portions. Meet 6 am La Cañada rideshare pt or 8 am in Joshua Tree at SE corner of Hwy 62 and Park Blvd. Bring 3 qts water, lugsoles, lunch, ten essentials. Call or email Ldr for pre-hike info. Ldr: Bill Valentine. Asst: Georgette Rieck

Nov 23 Sat Hundred Peaks Possible Fire Closure-Contact Leader

O: Easy Peaks of the San Gabriels: Winston Peak (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, such as the closure of the Angeles National Forest due to fire danger, but weather allowing, we'll hike somewhere! 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: WINNETTE BUTLER, KATHY CHEEVER, DORIS DUVAL, BRIAN LEVERICH, KAREN LEVERICH

Nov 23 Sat Hundred Peaks Possible Fire Closure-Contact Leader

O: Palm Springs Tram (8450'): Strenuous 11 mi, 8000' gain to tram with possibility of including San Jacinto Pk if time and energy permit. Send sase or email, conditioning and experience to Ldr: Kate Rogowski. Co-Ldr: Peter Doggett

Nov 23 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: San Guillermo Mtn (6602'), Lockwood Pt (6273'), Frazier Mtn (8013'): Come enjoy easy peaks in Ventura backcountry. First San Guillermo, 2 mi rt, 800' gain, xc. Short drive to Lockwood. Lockwood is 5 mi rt and 700' gain on trail and xc. Drive up Frazier Mtn on way back to L.A. Moderately paced, newcomers welcome. Some dirt road driving. Meet 8:30 am at Sylmar Rideshare Point. Bring min 2 qts. water, lunch, fsp. Recent rain cancels. Ldr: David Beymer. Co-Ldr: Maura Raffensperger

Nov 27 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks Possible Fire Closure-Contact Leader

O: Mt Lukens (5074') via Stone Cyn Trail: 7 mi rt, 3300' gain. A real climb, but at a moderate pace to the highest point in the City of Angels. Great views in all directions. Meet 9 am supermarket parking lot (NE corner of Foothill Blvd and Mt Gleason Rd). Bring water, lunch, good footwear. Ldrs: Ron Rosien, Dan Butler

Nov 30 Sat Hundred Peaks Cancelled

O: Throop Pk (9138'), Mt Hawkins (8850'): Moderately paced, easy 7 mi, 1500' gain from Dawson Saddle to see views of Angeles National Forest and LA Basin beyond. Meet 8 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles, rain/wind gear, fsp. Ldrs: Peter Glover, Susanne Weil

Dec 4 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: Strawberry Pk (6164'): 6 mi rt, 1600' gain on trail from Red Box. Parts somewhat steep. Shorter options available. Join us for lunch with a great view. Meet 9 am La Canada rideshare pt with suitable clothing layers, footwear, water, lunch. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Ron Rosien, Rosemary Campbell

Dec 7 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Bernard Pk (5430'), Little Berdoo Pk (5440'), Queen Mtn (5680'): 3 nice xc mountains in Joshua Tree National Park with dirt road drives. 15 mi rt, 2600' gain. Moderate with some class 2 bouldering. Moderately paced. Bring your high clearance or 4wd vehicle if you can. For info a few days before hike, email or call Ldr: Martin Parsons. Co-Ldrs: George Wysup, Sandy Sperling

Dec 7 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: List Finishers' Special—Rosa Pt (5083'): Moderately paced. 12 mi rt, 5500' gain, all xc, some steep and slippery through the glorious desert terrain of Anza-Borrego State Park. 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. For more info, send email or sase, H&W phones to Reserv/Ldr: Karen Isaacson Leverich. Ldrs: Brian Leverich, Kent Schwitkis

Dec 7 Sat Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks

O: Mt Wilson (5710'): Hike the oldest trail (built 1864) to the top of the most identifiable peak (antennas) in the San Gabriel Mtns. 14 mi rt, 4740' gain make this a strenuous hike, not suitable for beginners. Meet 7:45 am trailhead (exit 210 Fwy at Baldwin Ave, N on Baldwin, E on Mira Monte to Mt Wilson Trail Park in Sierra Madre). Bring 2-3 qts water, lunch, suitable clothing layers, lugsoles. Heavy rain cancels. Ldr: Jim Heringer. Co-Ldr: Rosemary Campbell

Dec 7 Sat Lower Peaks, Hundred Peaks

O: Red Rock Mtn (3991'): This peak is new to the LPC list and has never been led before. It is in the NW corner of the Angeles National Forest. See beautiful Fish Cyn, old mines and more. 10 mi rt, 1900' gain with a steep climb to the peak. Meet 7 am Sylmar rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles, high clearance vehicle recommended. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Asher Waxman, Luella Fickle

Dec 7 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Winston Pk (7502'), Winston Ridge (7003'): Moderately paced hike of 6 mi rt, 1300' gain on trail, near Cloudburst Summit. Meet 8:30 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, warm clothes. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Ron Jones, Leora Jones

Dec 10 Tue Hundred Peaks

O: Sunset Pk (5796'): Easy paced, 7 mi rt, 1300' gain. Walk on a fire road near Mt Baldy. In case of snow, bring your snowshoes. Meet 8:30 am Monrovia rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles. Rain cancels. Ldr: Ingeborg Prochazka. Asst: Dave Comerzan

Dec 11 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

I: West Ridge of Mt Vetter (5908'): 8 mi rt, 2000' gain. Moderately strenuous hike up a recently cleared of brush ridge. Great views of upper Big Tujunga basin. Meet 9 am La Canada rideshare pt with water, lunch, good footwear. Ldrs: Brent Washburne, Bob Thompson

Dec 12 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 4158p 6 for details.

Dec 14 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Black Mtn #6 (5244'): Easy xc hike in colorful El Paso Mtns N of Mojave. Help celebrate leader's 57th birthday. 6 mi rt, 1200' gain. Time permitting, possible excursion to historical Burro Schmidt tunnel. Some dirt rd driving. Meet 7 am at Sylmar rideshare pt. Bring water, goodies to share on summit, sturdy boots, warm clothing. Ldr: Joe Young. Asst: Bobcat Thompson

Dec 14 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Pacifico Mtn (7124'): Moderately paced, 12 mi rt, 2200' gain to Pacifico from Mill Creek Summit on Pacific Crest Trail. Meet 7:30 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring food, water, lugsoles, wind/rain gear, fsp. Rain/snow cancels. Ldrs: Peter Glover, Susanne Weil

Dec 14 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: The Pinnacles (5737'), Mt Marie Louise (5507'), Monument Pk #2 (5290'), Sugarpine Mtn (5478'), Cajon Mtn (5360+'), Cleghorn Mtn (5333'): Area 19 cleanout. The first 2 are nice with rock scrambling near the summits. The last 4 are just on the list (you can bail). Lots of dirt driving. Up to 10 miles rt with 2300' gain. Motivated beginners welcome. Call or email a leader a few days before hike for info. Ldrs: George Wysup, Sandy Burnside, Sandy Sperling, Maggie Wilson

Dec 14-15 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Rabbit Pk (6640'), Villager Pk (5756'): Very strenuous xc backpack to these scenic desert peaks in the Santa Rosa Mtns. Sat backpack to base camp, just below the summit of Villager. Sun hike up/down ridge to Rabbit, break camp, and return to cars. 21 mi rt, 8300' gain total over steep rocky desert terrain; carry all water for weekend (2+ gal). Send 2 sase (or email), H&W phones, conditioning/experience to Ldr: Bill Valentine. Assts: Wolf Leverich, Karen Isaacson Leverich, Kent Schwitkis

Dec 15 Sun Hundred Peaks

O: Monrovia Peak (5409'): Wonderful workout in the San Gabriels. Moderately paced 11 mi loop, 4500' gain hike over road and trail routes. Send sase or esase, climbing resume to Ldr: Kate Rogowski. Asst: Janet Yang

Dec 18 Wed Hundred Peaks

O: Rouse Hill (5168'): Hike this winter gem and save your vehicle. 10 mi rt, 2000' gain on road and trail. Beginners welcome. For info a few days before hike, email or call Ldrs: George Wysup, Mary McMannes, Laura Joseph

Dec 21 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Asbestos Mtn (5265'), Lookout Mtn #1 (5590'), Rock Point (5280+'): This Desert Divide trip usually goes in Winter. Try Lookout via PCT 'pathfinder' route. Some dirt driving to Asbestos (experience the beautiful cat's claw), pavement to others. 8 miles total rt, 2300' elev gain. Beginners willing to do class 2 xc are welcome. For info a few days before hike call or email Ldrs: George Wysup, Sandy Sperling, Maggie Wilson

Dec 21 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Santiago Pk (5687'), Modjeska Pk (5496'): Join us to climb these two great Orange County HPS Peaks! Moderately paced, strenuous 17 mi rt, 5258' hike over road and trail routes. Send sase or esase, climbing resume to leader Ldr: Kate Rogowski. Assts: Mikki Siegel, Rick Gordon

Dec 21 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Sawtooth Pk (5200'), Burnt Pk (5788'), Liebre Mtn (5760'): Ease some of the holiday stress on these easy peaks near Castaic. Sawtooth is 2 mi xc, 800' gain with 900' on the return. Burnt is 2.9 mi xc, 200' gain. Liebre is a drive-up and home with time to shop! Moderately paced, newcomers welcome. Extensive dirt road driving. Meet 9 am at Sylmar Rideshare. Bring min 2 qts. water, lunch, fsp. Recent rain cancels. Ldr: David Beymer. Co-Ldr: Maura Raffensperger

Dec 21-22 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks

O: XMAS Hike at night: For years HPSers have hiked the streets of LA before XMAS and donated food and clothing to the homeless. We also explore Chinatown, Little Tokyo, Union Station, the music center, the garment and jewelry districts, with breakfast at the Original Pantry. Possible 10 mi rt, negligible gain. Meet Sat Dec 21st at 11:59 PM at the LA School admin parking area near Grand St.. Bring water, sturdy boots, food or clothing to donate. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Stag & Nami Brown, Joe Young, Bobcat Thompson

Dec 27-30 Fri-Mon Hundred Peaks

I: Joshua Tree National Park Cleanout: Four days, eight peaks in the Little San Bernardino Mountains. Come for any or all! Everyone welcome! A lot of good trail, but also xc, some steep and slippery. Friday, Bernard Pk (5430') and Little Berdoo Pk (5440'+), 7 mi rt, 1800' gain. Saturday is especially lovely for newcomers with Ryan Mtn (5457'), Lost Horse Mtn (5313'), Mt Inspiration (5560'+), 10 mi 2700' gain. Sunday, Queen Mtn (5680'+) and Warren Pt (5103'), 10 mi 2200' gain. Monday, Quail Mtn (5800'), 14 mi 1500' gain. Send email or sase with H/WV phone for information to Ldr: Karen Isaacson Leverich. Co-Ldrs: Brian Leverich, Kent Schwitkis

Jan 1 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: San Gabriel Pk (6161'), Mt Disappointment (5960'): Via JPL trail. Short car shuttle. Meet 9 am La Canada rideshare pt with lunch, water, good footwear. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Al Martin, Jennifer Washington

Jan 3 Fri Hundred Peaks

O: Josephine Pk (5558'): Who cares about college football? Start 2003 on the left foot with this (almost) any weather hike. 8 miles rt with 2100' gain on trail and road. Beginners welcome. Meet 10 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring rain gear and 9 other essentials. Ldrs: George Wysup, Sandy Burnside, Laura Joseph

Jan 4 Sat Hundred Peaks, Palos Verdes-South Bay, Natural Science

I: Beauty Pk (5548'), Iron Spring Mtn (5755'): Enjoy the brush as we thrash through these chaparral covered "beauties." This will be a moderately paced 8 mi rt, 2500' gain hike. LTC natural history credit available for leaders. Esase (preferred) or sase with recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Ldr: Kent Schwitkis. Co-Ldr: Karen Isaacson Leverich. Naturalist: Sherry Ross

Jan 8 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: Mt Hilyer (6200'): 8 mi, 1500' gain. Moderate by a slightly-devious, but still straightforward climb of one of our favorite winter destinations. Meet 9 am La Canada rideshare pt with water, lunch, good footwear. Ldrs: Brent Washburne, Bob Thompson

Jan 9 Thu Hundred Peaks

O: Barley Flats (5600'+): Easy 7 mi rt, 2000' gain, lovely trail to this lower peak. Suitable for beginners. Meet 9 am La Cañada Rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles. Rain cancels. Ldr: Dave Comerzan. Asst: Ingeborg Prochazka

Jan 9 Thu Hundred Peaks

Management Meeting: Please join us for our monthly open management committee meeting. Please call or email the HPS Chair for time and location.

Jan 11 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Bighorn Mountains (5894') from the desert side: Moderate 7 mile rt with approximately 2700' gain. Meet 7 am Pomona rideshare. Bring lunch, 2 1/2 qts water and 10 essentials. Ldrs: Harvey Ganz, George Wysup

Jan 11 Sat K-9 Comm, Hundred Peaks

I: Cole Pt (5604'): Moderately paced hike from Kentucky Spring Cyn on road, firebreak and xc. 6 mi rt, 1700' gain. Meet 8 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring sturdy footwear, lunch, water for you and your k9. Rain cancels. Ldr: Virgil Popescu. Co-Ldr: Maggie Wilson

Jan 11 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Inspiration Pt (5560'), Lost Horse Mtn (5313'), Ryan Mtn (5457'): Moderate paced introductory hike in upper Joshua Tree National Park. 10 miles and 2600 gain. Both natural history and a historic mine will be seen. Fit beginners are welcome. Meet at 5:30 am at Diamond Bar Carpool Point or 7:30 am at entrance station above town of Joshua Tree. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Luella Fickle, Cheryl Gill

Jan 11 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Mt Wilson (5710'): The Mount Wilson Grand Tour. Moderately paced, strenuous 20 mi rt, 5200' gain hike from Sierra Madre, over Newcombe Pass to Observatory and back, over trail and a little fire road. Esase or sase to Ldr: Kate Rogowski. Asst: Janet Yang

Jan 11 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Vetter Mtn (5908'), Mt Mooney (5810'), Mt Sally (5408'): Easy moderately paced hikes of 5 mi rt, 1300' gain in the San Gabriels. Suitable for newcomers. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, warm clothes, lunch or snacks at the cars. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Ron & Leora Jones

Jan 12 Sun Hundred Peaks, Desert Peaks

I: Pinto Mtn (3983'): Moderately-paced, strenuous hike to peak in Joshua Tree NP, 9 mi rt, 2,400' gain over rocky xc route. Send esase or sase, contact info, recent conditioning/experience to Ldr: David Beymer. Co-Ldrs: Maura Raffensperger, Sara Wyrens

Jan 12 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Waterman Mtn (8038'): Snowshoe hike in the Waterman Mtn area. Destination may change depending upon conditions. Up to 8 mi, 2500' gain, all xc, moderate pace. For info a few days before hike, email or call Ldr: Byron Prinzel. Co-Ldrs: Sandy Burnside, Karen Leverich

Jan 18 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Mt Lukens (5074'): Moderately paced, 7 mi rt, 3500' gain to historic hogback, highest point in City of Los Angeles via Stone Cyn Trail. Meet 8 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles, rain/wind gear, fsp. Rain/snow cancels. Ldrs: Peter Glover, Susanne Weil

Jan 18 Sat Hundred Peaks

Annual Awards Banquet: Renowned author and hiker John Robinson presents a program, "Celebration of Peaks and People." Robinson is author of Trails of the Angeles and San Bernardino Mountain Trails, virtual hiking bibles for trekkers in southern California. John has also written histories of our three nearby ranges, the San Gabriels, the San Bernardinos, and the San Jacintos, and is a member of the Chapter history committee. This is a rare opportunity to meet John and share his encyclopedic knowledge of our peaks. The celebrating starts at 5 pm with 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 member's achievements and presenting awards. The event will be at Les Freres Taix Restaurant (1911 Sunset Blvd). You can purchase discount raffle tickets for \$4 for 5. Send \$29 per person plus raffle purchase (HPS), choice of vegetarian penne pasta, chicken marsala or grilled salmon to Reserv: Laura Joseph. Please make your checks out to the Hundred Peaks Section.

Jan 22 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: Josephine Pk (5558'): 6 mi rt, 1900' gain on fire road. See spectacular rock formations. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare pt with water, lunch, good footwear. Ldrs: Doris Duval, Gabriele Rau

Jan 26 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Mt Pinos (8831'): Snowshoe hike in the Mt Pinos area. Destination may change depending upon conditions. Up to 8 miles 2500' gain, all xc, moderate pace. A few days before hike, email or call Ldr: Byron Prinzmetal. Co-Ldrs: Sandy Burnside, Karen Isaacson Leverich

Feb 1 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Mayan Pk (6108'), Butterbrecht Pk (5997'): Enjoy the desert at its finest with these short, strenuous, sand hills near Mojave. Mayan is 3 mi rt xc, 1800' gain. Butterbrecht is 3 mi rt xc, 1200' gain. Moderately paced, newcomers with conditioning welcome. Extensive dirt road driving. Meet 8 am at Canyon Country Rideshare. Bring min 2 qts. water, lunch. Rain cancels. Ldr: David Beymer. Co-Ldr: Maura Raffensperger

Feb 2 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Crafts Pk (8264'): Snow shoe hike in the Lake Arrowhead area. Destination may change depending upon conditions. Up to 8 miles 2500' gain, all xc, moderate pace. A few days before hike, email or call Ldr: Byron Prinzmetal. Co-Ldrs: Sandy Burnside, Patty Rambert, Kent Schwitkis, Karen Isaacson Leverich

Feb 6 Thu Hundred Peaks

O: Condor Pk (5440'+), Fox Mtn #2 (5083'), Iron Mtn #2 (5635'): Beautiful views, fairly strenuous walk, 12 mi rt, 3600' gain. Not a tigerhike. Meet 7 am La Cañada Rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles. Rain cancels. Ldr: Dave Comerzan. Asst: Ingeborg Prochazka

Feb 8 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Rosa Pt (5083'): Strenuous xc desert hike on slippery, steep terrain. Moderately paced, 13 mi rt, 4600' gain via Smoke Tree Wash. Limited to a small group of adventurers. Send sase with H&W phones, recent conditioning/experience and rideshare info to Ldr: Gary Schenk. Co-Ldr: George Wysup

Feb 13 Thu Hundred Peaks

Management Meeting: Please join us for our monthly open management committee meeting. Please call or email the HPS Chair for time and location.

Feb 15 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Mt Wilson (5710'): From Sierra Madre. Snowshoe trip possible if enough snow near summit. 15 miles rt with 4800' elev gain. For info and reservation, a few days before trip, call or email Ldrs: George Wysup, Sandy Burnside

Feb 15 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Mt. Lawlor (5957'), Strawberry Peak (6164'): Moderately paced 7 mi rt, 1800' gain to hike these classic peaks overlooking Mt. Wilson and environs. Meet 8 a.m. La Cañada rideshare. Bring lunch, water, lugsoles, rain/wind gear, fsp. Rain/snow cancels. Ldrs: Peter Glover, Susanne Weil

Feb 22-23 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks

New Hike, not in the Schedule

I: Mt Waterman (8038'): The Second Annual "Glory Days of Winter" Snow Camp and Snowshoe Adventure. Last year it was Mt Pinos in the Los Padres N. F. For this year we have selected the beautiful and moderately angled west ridge of Mt Waterman in the Angeles N. F. Sat, backpack on snowshoes 2 mi and establish base camp. Sun, snowshoe to summit, celebrate, return to camp and pack out. Around 7 mi rt, 2,300' gain. Send e-SASE to Karen Leverich or SASE to Mars Bonfire. Ldrs: SANDY BURNSIDE, BRIAN LEVERICH, GEORGE WYSUP, KAREN LEVERICH, VIRGIL POPESCU, MARS BONFIRE.

Feb 22 Sat K-9 Comm, Hundred Peaks

I: Iron Mtn #3 (5040'), Round Top (6316'), Granite Mtn #2 (5633'), Rabbit Pk #1 (5307'): Escort your pooch as he/she bags four peaks in the San Gabriels. Strenuous but moderately paced xc, brushy in spots. 14 mi rt, 4000' gain. Meet 7 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring water for you and your k9 friend, leash, lunch, lugsoles. Rain cancels. Ldr: Virgil Popescu. Co-Ldr: Maggie Wilson

Feb 22 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: San Jacinto Pk (10,804'): Moderately paced but strenuous snowshoe day hike. 10 miles round trip and 2400' elevation gain from the Palm Springs Tram (fee required). Weather and snow conditions could affect plans. Send esase or sase with conditioning and snowshoe experience to Ldr: Scott Nelson. Asst: Maria Roa

Current Trip Reports

Musings on "The List"

By Sandy Sperling

San Rafael Peak—September 28, 2002

One May day in the year 2000 while hiking above Icehouse Canyon, I happened upon a register can at the summit of Timber Mountain. Little did I know that the little brown slip of paper inside the can (with a web address on it) would have a dramatic impact on my life. I looked up the website, discovered there were people out there who did crazier things than I could imagine...and ended up joining them! This is the Hundred Peaks Section.

At first I thought, this is wonderful: there are peak guides and maps so I can go to a lot of new places that I never would have known about. My intent was to go solo or with a friend or two. But my curiosity got the best of me. I attended a monthly meeting (those of you who know, there wasn't much of a turnout!). Then I showed up for a day of hiking 4 peaks (wow, 4 all in one day, I thought!). They were Cleghorn, Cajon, Sugarpine, and Monument. Hey, who were these guys anyway??? Is this a 4-wheeling club? But I rode with John Connelly that day and met Cheryl Gill. Between the two of them, I got a complete picture of both HPS and WTC. I couldn't believe that people actually climbed 100 peaks much less "finished the list," but was glad to have found some people who seemed to have a lot of fun and welcomed outsiders.

The hardest hike was Rosa Point. You might wonder why, since there are others with worse reputations. I had gotten brainwashed by an infamous leader that it would be fun to do Villager, Rabbit, and Rosa in 3 days. I followed his directions of how much water to carry, but found my pack much too heavy (65 pounds). Would I make it? Turns out that the leader miscalculated the number of quarts in a gallon so I had way too much. Water reduced, things got better (never mind that we could have used some of it later—I distinctly recall Ron Zappen saying on top of Rosa that he was going to eat his dried fruit since it was the wettest thing that he had!). Then there was the new pack. It just didn't fit. Then there were the boots, and the steep desert cross country slopes. I was a neophyte and didn't yet own a set of trekking poles. With a heavy pack, slick soles, blisters, and steep slippery terrain, I was an accident waiting to happen. It happened about 10 yards from the safety of a wash. My boot slipped and my left hand tried to break my fall on a cholla cactus. Need I say more?

The only peak I attempted without finding the way to the summit on my first try was Cuyapaibe. I was following the peak guide. Just couldn't find a way through that brush!

The most unusual hikes were alluded to by

Karen Leverich in the Sep/Oct '02 Lookout. Karen and I were coming off Old Man Mountain, just hitting the road, and I looked up to see a thick column of smoke. I took a bearing on the map from where we were to our parking spot, then held my compass up and it was in the center of the smoke! We thought Karen's Jeep was on fire! It turns out that two small planes had crashed in the box canyon just north of the parking spot. By the time we returned, they let us drive past. The fire had already burned up as far as the road. We didn't find out until the next day that it had been caused by the planes, but we were glad we didn't know when we were there (6 people killed). The other unusual occurrence was the same week. Karen and I were on our way to Thom Point and saw some rustling in the bushes. A coyote had a tight grip with his jaw on the left groin of a fairly large deer, and a pack of coyotes was in quick pursuit. We scared the coyotes (beware, Sandy and Karen are pretty scary looking!) and the buck was able to limp up a steep slope away from the pack. Both these things shook us up, but won't keep us from hiking together again!

I took the Wilderness Travel Course (WTC) in 2001 and didn't climb any HPS peaks for 3 months. One of my WTC leaders said I was unusual since I had already climbed 75 peaks prior to taking the course and had navigated most of them. I got on the track to becoming a leader thanks to George Wysup, passed navigation, and learned some snow skills (and cut off my 15 inch ponytail since it froze when it snowed and I don't like being cold). Now I am an assistant leader for WTC and an I-rated leader.

On one WTC outing near Mt San Jacinto, I decided I wanted to sign out from the group to get Folly since it was "so close." Only problem, it was snowing so hard on the west side of the mountain that I couldn't see more than 20 feet. I gave up that "folly" (sorry, I couldn't resist) and went back to do Cornell since it happened to be in a spot of sunshine. I admit to signing in and not going all the way up the summit block. It was 17 degrees, the wind was blowing fiercely from the west, my water bottles froze, and I was solo. Just not safe. (Next time I'll go with you, Kent!)

Ah, the most memorable trip. That would be Cobblestone. We bagged 7 peaks in two very full days of hiking. After the sixth peak, a rock came slamming down on my left hand (which had been supporting some of my weight on a large rock), broke the bone that attaches to my index finger, and sliced open a good-sized vein. In the expert hands of Patty Rambert, I was bandaged up and off to the last peak in record time, and in the ER a mere 10 hours later.

I had begun all this hiking nonsense with a Mazda 626--you know, a 4-door sedan. After trying to plan my days off work around days when I could catch rides to trailheads from people who had proper vehicles, and then sometimes have to find a place to set up a tent, I finally bit the bullet and bought a 4WD Jimmy that I can sleep in. Picking up that little brown piece of paper

two years ago has cost me over \$20,000 in gear and a vehicle!!!

Once I got the Jimmy, I was free to go hiking more often and to stay for weekends more frequently since it was like a motor home, too. Besides, by this time I was truly obsessed with this thing called (only by insiders) "The List." I was trying to clean up the San Bernardino area and also the desert east of there. Maura and David were leading a hike to the Shays, Ingham, and Hawes on a Saturday. I also needed White, which I did after the group hike. Then I checked in with Maura and David to let them know I got out okay, took up the offer of a shower at the B&B where they were staying, and spent the night on Lone Valley Road. My intent was to climb Black #4 and Meeks the next day, the only peaks I had remaining in the area. I was dreading the long drive around from the Black trailhead to the Meeks trailhead, but thought I might as well do it while I was there. To verify my position, I turned on my GPS at the Black trailhead. To my amazement, when I hit "Nearest Waypoints," Meeks was closer than Black! I hiked to Black, but kept surmising how I might get to Meeks without the long drive out Pipes Canyon and back in New Dixie Mine Road. I found my own route that took less time than driving around! Unfortunately this route cannot be published due to private property issues, despite a lack of "No Trespassing" signs. But it was tremendous fun to "discover" my own route!

Sandy Burnside has become a really good buddy. I didn't know how good until she offered to do the Big 4 (that's a 53 mile backpack, folks!) for a second time in two weeks so I wouldn't have to wait a year to finish the list. We also have the common experience of acquiring Giardia from Chokecherry Spring! Beware of contamination from the trough!!!

I got down towards the end of my list and needed some help with a few peaks. I don't mind going solo some of the time, but I enjoy good company and like to learn from others with more experience. Somehow, I coaxed George Wysup and Ron Zappen into helping me clean out my 6 remaining peaks up north. It was fun, in spite of my undiagnosed Giardia. It was blazing hot and we miscalculated on water, but we rescheduled everything and got them all done in the time allotted. Ron left before the last peak. I drove George to the Skinner trailhead and back, then left down Hwy 14. A few miles later, I blew my left front tire. Now George had said two days before that I would need new front tires soon, but I didn't think it would be this soon! It was 96 degrees outside and I proceeded to get out my owner's manual and change the tire while the traffic whizzed by. (Of course, this is a "no phone service" area!!!) When I was almost done, a nice man stopped to help. I assumed George must have gone home the other direction, but when I called him that night, he remembered seeing me but said he didn't recognize me. Hmm, been with me for 3 days and just got out of my Jimmy. Just didn't recognize me

underneath my car?

My greatest fear when I got down near the end of the list was that I wouldn't be able to get through the Potrero Seco Road gate to go to Hildreth. That fear, based on horror stories from many long-time HPSers, was justified. I had a valid permit with two combinations that didn't work. But there was a property owner leaving as we were attempting to enter, and he let us through. I knew I was taking a big chance, but I really needed that peak—and for Pete's sake, I had a valid permit!! We passed one vehicle on our way to the trailhead, and asked for their combination, showing them our permit. They gave us the right combination. There was a truck parked at the trailhead with the permit on the dash, signed by the same person who signed my permit. It also boasted the combination that the other driver had given us. I will be writing to the Ojai Ranger to try to straighten this out. One hypothesis is that this permit-writing person is confusing the combinations of different gates. In the meantime, double check the numbers, and contact me to see if I have gotten resolution from the Ojai Ranger.

Now I was down to two peaks: Eagle Rest and San Rafael. Mars Bonfire and Karen are leading a trip to Eagle Rest next month. Did they want help defining the route? We did just that the day before I finished on San Rafael. By finishing on San Rafael, I was co-leading with George Wysup and Sandy Burnside, two of the people who have had the greatest influence on my hiking, and we had a group of 24 people out for Oktoberfest weekend. Many thanks go to countless others!!

Some stats: On my first pass through the list, I did 69 solo hikes and 85 additional hikes where I navigated but had someone else (usually non-HPS friends) along. This means I navigated 56% of the peaks my first time. (When I rode with someone to a drive-up, I didn't count it as navigating!) I have 45 on my 2X list, 27 pathfinders, and 23 official peak leads. That is minuscule compared to some of our HPS greats, but a nice start since I hadn't even heard of HPS 2 ½ years ago...and I work full time. Let's see, 3 pairs of boots, accumulation of a lot of clothing and equipment, one SUV, one broken bone, countless lost toenails and blisters, about 30 cholla spines broken under the skin, sunburn, bug bites, nights on hard ground, hundreds of miles hiked, thousands of feet of elevation gained, getting dirty, sweaty, thirsty, hungry, tired...and meeting a lot of terrific people! This is HPS!!!

**The Great San Rafael Peak Oktoberfest
Party Pooping Rescue
Sept 28, 2002
by George Wysup**

Sandy Sperling, Sandy Burnside, and I led a trip to San Rafael Peak (6640+) as part of the great

Oktoberfest (Septemberfest?) weekend. 24 hikers showed at Mutau trailhead for a 10 mile trek to the summit and back. As the hike commenced at 9:30 a.m., many of us already had visions of food, booze, and naughty frolicking at Mil Potrero Park after the hike. Well, not Sandy Sperling, whose thoughts were on her finishing the HPS list on this San Rafael climb, and who isn't much for boozing in any case.

The first part of the hike is an easy trail sprint to a saddle at 5729', where we rested, snacked, and considered the cross country bush whack to come. The route turned out to be pretty good use trail most of the way to the summit, with just a few short spurts of route finding challenges. To our chagrin, someone (guess who) had improved the use trail just a week before. It was going to be too easy. The mob would be totally in control; no leadership talent required.

Sperling, with a huge pudding-eating grin on her face, was first to reach the summit. Number 275! Everyone in our entourage congratulated her, even a few folks who had no concept of what a list finish is. We took the obligatory photos and stuffed ourselves while admiring the view, with wet clouds coming up from the south and dying at the summit. We had made good time, and all seemed blissful.

Time to return— and party! We more or less retraced our steps toward the vehicles. This, I am sure, seemed all too easy for one participant, a rather well-known leader, expert navigator, and accomplished mountaineer, Ray Riley. As we neared the saddle that marked the transition from cross-country to trail, Ray requested to sign out. I know him to be a very fit hiker (especially for a septuagenarian), and he delights in blazing new paths (the brushier the better) and I did not argue. Off he went, freed from ties to our humdrum bunch.

I got slightly lost, recovered nicely, and we reached saddle 5729 and took a long break. In a bit over an hour (at 4:30) we reached the vehicles. People were salivating, visions of sugar plums dancing in their heads. Oktoberfest and a few pints of import beer— here I come!

We had not yet noticed the absence of Ray. His vehicle was there, his ride sharer, Deborah Clem, was there, but not him. What to do, what to do? Experience has indicated that waiting usually solves this sort of problem. So I waited with Deb (who had the keys to Ray's car) and released the others to celebrate.

6 p.m. came and still no Ray. I left Deb and drove the 22 miles to Lake o' the Woods (near Frazier Park) to make a free phone call to a 3 digit number. I got Kern County 911, who transferred me to Ventura County 911, to whom I explained the situation. In a few minutes I received a return call and was instructed to go to Sheriff Dept. Lockwood Substation. I had unwittingly passed this substation on the way to a phone. It is much closer to the trailhead I had left.

I want to say at this point that my purpose in writing this is not to malign anyone; I only want to describe what might happen in a SAR operation.

I drove there to await the arrival of the deputy in

charge. I was given tea and offered TV to watch in the deputy's home while waiting. I provided information for the dispatcher/ deputy's wife to fill out a standard rescue form. What kind of clothing? Point last seen? Time last seen? Physical description and estimate of condition, supplies, and capabilities. I was referred to as the "RP" (Reporting Party).

Deputy Steve Hanie arrived at about 8:30. The Search and Rescue (SAR) team was already notified and on the way. The substation garage was to be the Command Post (CP). He explained that helicopter support (with its night vision equipment) was not available that night because the heliport was socked in. Steve readied 3 dirt motorcycles. We had a report that Deb was still at the trailhead (called in by Brian and Karen Leverich, who visited the trailhead), so we knew that Ray had not returned.

The SAR team began to arrive. Three fellows changed into Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome-like suits and boots. A very smooth dude, exuding confidence, introduced himself as Senior Deputy Frank (something), the head coordinator for Ventura Co. SAR. Frank, Steve, and I consulted their NF map and I offered my scrap of HPS topo map, which they glanced at, then went back to their 2 miles per inch NF map without contour lines. They asked questions about Ray's habits and capabilities, and formulated a plan.

Frank decided to move the CP to the trailhead, then made some calls. He requested that I go along to the trailhead in case they had some questions. I really was anxious to do just that. I got into a queue of about 6 vehicles and followed them the 14 miles to the trailhead. There was a scene like Normandy on D-Day!. There must have been 15 vehicles there. They were setting up a CP trailer with lights and a generator. Frank was huddling with the Mad Max guys, planning the search routes. They were going to send in 3 motorcycles and 2 "quads" (4-wheel ATVs). There were 2 tracker dogs. There were foot soldiers aplenty. I noticed that they had started using my little map in their discussions.

I learned that this plethora of searchers was on hand because on this day they held the annual SAR picnic at Lake Casitas. Practically the entire SAR staff was available. I learned that they had a sizable day shift set up as well. They seemed to relish this— perhaps as an opportunity to train. I also noticed that the CP dispatch person was rather a babe, which may have been an additional motivational factor.

I left the scene shortly after midnight, leaving Deb to the hand-wringing duty, and got to Oktoberfest at about 1:30 a.m. Strangely, the partying was over and there were no potluck leftovers or booze that I could find. I would inquire as to Mr. Riley in the morning.

Well, are you anxious to know what happened to Ray? Heart attack, broken leg, snake bite, lost, fell over a cliff? Dead, alive? Still missing, found? What? OK. Enough suspense.

He got a little bit lost after taking an interesting route that looked right but wasn't quite. When darkness was

coming on he decided a bivouac was in order. He spent a toasty night on a shelf above Little Mutau creek, getting plenty of sleep. He was smart enough not to try to get out at night with no trail. He did notice some commotion and lights during the night, but didn't think that a rescue effort would start until morning. He continued hiking at first light and found his way to Mutau Creek, an easy 2 mile hike from the trail and 3 miles from the car. He was found here at about 7:30 by the SAR crew, then evacuated by helicopter, examined by a medical professional, and released—to live happily ever after.

While hiking near the summit of Thorn Point the next day we met two SAR members who were assigned to the morning shift and we discussed the operation. They were happy that the ground troops found the victim before the air force (helicopter) arrived. They said that the helicopter is almost always the hero.

I was most impressed with the effort put forth by Ventura County SAR, and HPS owes them a debt of, at least, gratitude.

Bivouac

By Ray Riley

I spent the night of September 28th (Saturday) alone on an unplanned bivouac at 5000' in the Sespe Wilderness. I had been a participant on an HPS hike to San Rafael Peak, and signed out (and assumed full personal responsibility) midway on the return to explore an interesting set of ridges. As it happened the ascending ridge was heavily brushed near the top, and I spent both time and energy attempting to find a penetrable route to the top. Moreover, after finally working westward around the brush, I then inexplicably missed the proper turn to the west onto the trail leading back to the trailhead, continuing northward instead. I dropped sharply into a properly oriented ravine expecting to find the return trail; it was not the proper ravine.

I followed this ravine to its terminus as it turned north, then westward all out of the range of my TopoZone map. At this point it was nearly 6 pm and time and energy indicated a bivouac was in order, with all of the ill-consequences for those unaware of my plan and status. I expected night temperatures in the 40's. I found a promising shelf about 200' above the ravine bottom that had good material for a small impromptu lean-to shelter. I knew I had gone too far northward, and my bivouac faced into an open south-trending ravine. I guessed that this ravine would intersect one of the trails shown on my map and I intended to follow it at first light in the morning. I also supposed that Search and Rescue would be looking for me shortly after first light.

Temperature at my bivouac dropped from 65 deg at 7 pm to 43 deg at 5 am. (I learned later that the low temp in the ravine bottoms had reached 38 deg). I had a light capaline undershirt, a light wind jacket, a rain

poncho, a bandana, some water, and a Power Bar in addition to my summer hiking clothes. I had to make a few adjustments as temperature dropped. I made a thin mattress out of some soft low brush, laying in some extra brush for use as stuffing insulation (which I never needed). I tied the bandana and a handkerchief over the top of my head, which then I covered with the hoods of the wind jacket and poncho. I stuffed some brush into a small stuff bag and topped it with the inserts from my boots and my hat for a pillow, put on my boots, and assumed a pretty comfortable prone position in the lean-to. Later, as temperature continued to drop, I emptied my day pack and strapped it on my back under the poncho, and snugged the nether flaps of my poncho over my butt in two layers. On occasion my legs felt cold and I would find the poncho flaps had slipped and needed to be re-snugged. All this seemed to keep me warm enough to fairly calmly contemplate my situation and snooze periodically.

At first light I dropped into the south ravine and immediately came upon a trail whose continuation, I supposed, was shown on my map and would lead to the trailhead exit. As I headed down this trail it became obvious that I was on track. Shortly before reaching the trailhead exit I encountered a pair of Ventura County Search and Rescue volunteers, and learned that a sizeable search operation had been in progress since 10 pm. (This instantly explained some of the faint sounds that I had heard during the night as well as some canyon-bottom activity that I had observed at some distance about 2:30 am). I obliged them cooperatively by waiting several minutes for the arrival of a helicopter that had been dispatched from Vandenberg. When I was delivered to the trailhead I found a S&R command post with several vehicles and a dozen (or more) S&R personnel. A paramedic checked my vitals, a crew chief debriefed me, and I was released (into the company of my friend, Deb, who had spent the night uncomfortably at the trailhead in considerable anguish).

Now what did I do really wrong (besides, some would suggest, leaving the HPS group in the first place):

I: After leaving the group, I navigated by sight, memory and instinct in unfamiliar territory without periodically confirming my location by reference to my map. I thought the route back to the trailhead would be a no-brainer. (As it turned out it wasn't the route that was a no-brainer.)

II: I had driven to the trailhead in my car with Deb, who stayed with the group, and later all night at the S&R command post. Upon leaving the group (I did give her my car keys), I should have informed her of my desires in case I didn't return to the trailhead as expected. As it was, she had no idea of my (emergency) expectations. Not, I suspect, that she would have behaved differently had she known my expectations.

I owe a special thanks to Deb, and to George

Wysup, who dealt with my untimely failure to return to the trailhead. I also owe a special thanks to the S&R personnel, who mobilized and spent an uncomfortable night searching for me. I am indeed humbled by their concern for me, and I am deeply chagrined by the effort and anxiety that my misadventure provoked. (Nevertheless, I am probably not fully repentant.)

Mount Hillyer (6200')

July 4th 2002

Sara Wyrens

This short little jaunt was a very special hike for me despite the easy class 1 rating given by the HPS website. There are two routes possible; one with a distance and gain of 1.5 miles rt, 300' gain; and another with 6 miles rt, 900' gain. I opted for the latter. What made this little trek unique was it was my first hike since a medical incident I suffered just 4 weeks earlier and wasn't even sure if I would ever hike again at all! Perseverance and luck did pay off as I set out with four buddies who came out for the day to support my efforts. They were: Kate Rogowski, Laura Joseph, Lilly Fukui and Rick Gordon. The well maintained trail starts at Silver Moccasin Trailhead (11W06) and winds around to Horse Flats Campground, follow the sign heading west, winding further until the trail flattens out, then start looking for a group of boulders just west of the trail. This is the peak. Easy to miss as the trail continues on north. Our arrival time was noonish so we jumped right into a potluck lunch which consisted of sushi, courtesy of Kate; soybeans courtesy of Lilly and fresh watermelon. We topped it off with Laura's decadent homemade brownies...yum! Our hike ended early afternoon and we all parted ways and off to 4th of July celebrations of one sort or another.

My fellow hikers and friends were so supportive during my hospital stay, it really made a difference in the early stages of my recovery. I received so many wonderful cards, phone calls, visitors and e-mails from so many awesome people NOT allowing me to get my spirits down, and encouraging me to get right back out there. There is no doubt in my mind this all contributed to my fast comeback! THANK YOU ALL!

Throop/Burnham/Baden-Powell – Timber Mountain

September 14, 2002

Gabriele Rau

This trip had its bad augury: first there was a discussion by e-mail: is Baden-Powell the highest Mountain in the Los Angeles Forest? Well, I had always considered Mt. San Antonio to be the highest one, but let everybody have their own opinion. Then there was

the Curve Fire, which started near Crystal Lake by some people sacrificing animals and burning candles. The weekend before the hike I started calling the Forest Service to find out more about the fire. I learned that Throop Peak was burnt over, and crews are fighting at Mt. Burnham. Then I knew that I had to cancel the hike as planned and decided Icehouse Canyon was the next best choice, because we were meeting in Pomona anyway. By Thursday I saw a map of the burning area and it was evident that the hike was out. All trails to Mt. Baden-Powell were closed.

I talked to my co-leaders and found out that Timber Mountain was one of Kathy Cheever's 'orphans', and Heidi Udink had never been there either. It became clear we would hike to Timber Mountain. I got several e-mails as well as phone calls, and explained where we would go. 13 hikers met at 7:30 AM in Pomona. I handed out the HPS and Oktoberfest pamphlets I had received from Laura Joseph. By this time we had 2 Wilderness Permits, enough to cover even more hikers. To those, who drove to Vincent Gap (second meeting place) I apologize, I had no way to contact them. It helps to call or e-mail the leaders before a hike, especially during fire season!

The TH parking lot was already nearly full when we got there at 8:00 AM. It was very pleasant to hike in the cool morning, the Columbines were still blooming near the first water and the bridge. For several hikers it was their first time hiking Icehouse Canyon. Since this was to be a hot day we stopped at every milepost for a water break. Columbine Spring was running slowly, but fast enough to fill a canteen. We arrived at the saddle 2 ½ hours later. There must have been 30 people there! The trail was crowded all day, we met several SC hikers and many other groups. After a short break we started up to Timber, getting there just in time for lunch in the cool shade, and signed in. We were not alone here, either. Kathy led the way back and we met another Sierra Club Group just below the saddle; their hike to the Bridge to Nowhere had to be also rerouted because of the fire. It seems that the Forest Service had sent everybody to Icehouse Canyon; in the afternoon there was even more traffic than in the morning. We even met a Trail Crew repairing the trail on this hot day; they were Claremont College Students under the supervision of a Forest Service Volunteer, and we thanked them for their work. At 2:30 PM we were all down at the parking lot. By now it was hot, 94' in Claremont. This was an uneventful hike, but everybody enjoyed it. Thanks to Heidi and Kathy for assisting!

One comment on the Towne Avenue meeting place: It is possible to exit I-10 from the East, but both on-ramps are closed. This freeway construction project is going on for years!



From left: Laura Joseph, Kate Rogowski, Rick Gordon, Sara Wyrens, and Lilly Fukui. These hikers posed for the camera on the hike to Mount Hillyer on July 4, 2002. See Sara's write-up on the opposite page.



Ten hikers/bikers participated in the first ever scheduled HPS bike ride on September 1, 2002. Pictured here are, from left: Mike Baldwin, Bobcat Thompson, Richard Iverson, Augie Medina (face only, in rear), Ingeborg Prochazka, Mars Bonfire, Kathy Cheever, Karen Isaacson Leverich, Bill Byrne, and Keith Burnside. Photo and caption by Bill Byrne.

HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION, ANGELES CHAPTER SIERRA CLUB

Minutes: Management Committee Meeting Thursday July 11, 2002 at Laura Joseph's apt.

Call to Order: 6:50pm

Attending: Karen Leverich (chair), Byron Prinzmetal (Vice Chair), Laura Joseph (Membership & Programs), Mars Bonfire (At Large), Sandy Burnside (Treasurer), John Monsen (Conservation Chair - non voting)

Recording: Laura Joseph [I have underlined names where follow up is required]

Minutes of June 13 meeting: MSP to accept

Donations: MSP to donate \$50 to Wildlands Conservancy as a token of our support; MSP to donate \$100 to Zen Center at Desert Divide with letter from Karen expressing appreciation for allowing us trail access.

Nominating Committee: The Chapter ExCom has rejected the amendment to our bylaws passed in 2001 allowing Man Com members to serve on the Nom Com. MSP to reconstitute the Nom Com as George Wysup, Sandy Sperling and Carleton Shay. Laura will contact the Chapter chair to determine if there is any point in pursuing this. [Subsequent to the meeting the contact was made; the ExCom is adamant on this matter.]

Committee Reports:

Conservation: John reported on the status of the wilderness bill that Sen Boxer is carrying in the Senate and Rep. Hilda Solis in the House. 20% of the peaks on our list will be in wilderness areas and thus protected from all but hiking use if the bill becomes law. We discussed ways of encouraging section members to actively support the bill. John will put a petition, an article and prepared letter in the next Lookout. MSP that the HPS supports the bill.

Treasurer's Report: Sandy submitted her reports in writing. She will prepare an analysis of the average cost of the Lookout for our next meeting.

Membership and Outreach: Laura reported on several items:

The ad for our section beautifully designed by HPS member William Siegal will appear in the August *Southern Sierran* at a cost of \$200. It was agreed that we would run an ad in the September, October and November issues. Laura will talk with Bill about making the ad smaller in order to reduce costs and possibly highlighting several hikes that illustrate the different types of hikes we do.

Mailing to Leaders: Laura will prepare a mailing to all HPS leaders enclosing the pads that are used as register can stuffers urging the leaders to have hikers fill them out and give the payment to the leader to return to Laura. Byron agreed to stuff the envelopes.

Rendezvous planning: Karen will make the speech recognizing the achievements of that day. Laura will bring OkFest fliers and sign up sheet and will announce the OkFest and Banquet.

New Achievement Emblem: Laura showed a draft design of the new emblem which incorporates our existing emblem with a surrounding band that records the achievement. There was general support for the design and agreement that Laura would ask Bill Siegal for his suggestions on color. Laura will then get prices from the vendor to report back at the next meeting.

Banquet: With able and fortuitous assistance from Mars and Karen, John Robinson has agreed to speak at our banquet. Laura has sent the announcement for Schedule 291. She will do an article for the November Lookout. An announcement should appear in the September Lookout.

Membership status report: Since May 28, there have been 20 renewals, 10 new members and subscribers. There are 5 overdue subscribers and 22 that will be due before September 1.

Mountain Records: Byron made several proposals.

MSP to revise the peak guides and maps presented by Byron except the peak guide for Butterfly which members felt was confusing.

MSP to approve proposed procedure (attached) for acting on revised guides and maps. Basically the procedure calls for timely circulation of the proposed changes; comments from the Man Com and at least two other reviewers and submission of those guides on which there is unanimity to the Man Com for approval. Laura objected to the language in the proposal stating the approval would be "automatic" and voted against approval.

MSP to submit Byron's proposed reorganization of the management structure as a bylaws amendment for approval by the membership. Laura voted against on the grounds that it was not necessary to amend the bylaws and that the changes locked future committees into a structure that was not as flexible as our current structure.

MSP to accept the petitions Byron submitted to put three proposed peak additions to the membership for a vote.

Byron recommended and everyone agreed to add the Chapter outings chair and safety chairs to our mailing list for complimentary copies of the Lookout.

Adjourn: 8 :30 pm

Minutes: Management Committee Meeting Thursday August 8, 2002

at Laura Joseph's Home

Call to Order: 6:40pm

Attending: Karen Leverich (chair), Byron Prinzmetal (Vice Chair), Laura Joseph (Membership & Programs), Mars Bonfire (At Large), John Connelly (Secretary), Virgil Popescu (Past Chair)

Minutes of July 11 meeting: MSP to accept

Election Committee: Joe Young will be asked to head up this committee of two or three, who will count ballots from our

annual elections of officers and ballot initiatives.

Committee Reports:

Conservation: No report.

Treasurer's Report: Sandy's reports were emailed and distributed at the meeting. M/S/P to accept.

Membership and Outreach: Laura reported on several items:

The ads for our section will continue.

Oktoberfest: Laura is handling the planning and reservations.

Membership status report: M/s/p to receive reports for both June and July.

Laura led other discussions on "Hikelights," and mailings to leaders.

Mountain Records: Byron made several proposals.

Byron submitted a long list of peak guides and maps with minor revisions. M/S/P.

There was discussion on what needs approval of the management committee. In general, only "material changes" require approval. A resolution to this effect was m/s/p.

Piute Peak: The Management Committee will introduce a ballot initiative to replace Piute LO with nearby **Piute Peak**.

Laura will write an argument in favor for the ballot mailing.

Byron's latest proposals on the maps and the Topo software were tabled to the next meeting.

Toro Peak: Discussion about re-listing this peak. John agreed to pursue this, including inquiries to Al Holden in San Diego, and other S.C. Members who have hiked this peak. John and Laura agreed to hike one or another of the routes to this summit on September 7 and report to the committee.

New Business:

Virgil asked us to pay \$160 for a trophy cabinet at chapter headquarters. M/s/p authorizing Virgil to move forward.

Adjourn: 8:45 pm

Minutes: Management Committee Meeting & Annual Business Meeting

Thursday, September 12, 2002, Eaton Canyon Nature Center, Pasadena

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

Attending: Karen Leverich (Chair), Byron Prinzmetal (Vice Chair), Sandy Burnside, (Treasurer), John Connelly, Secretary, Laura Joseph (Membership), Mars Bonfire (At Large), Virgil Popescu (Prior Chair), Joe Young (Lookout Editor), John Monson, (Conservation), George Wysup (Nominating Committee), Brian Leverich (Website). Also attending were Kathy Cheever, Bobcat Thompson, and Ingebord Prochazka.

Minutes from the August 8 meeting

M/s/p without revision

Treasurer's Report (Sandy Burnside)

M/s/p without revision

Committee Reports

Conservation: John Monson: Comments on the Boxer Wilderness Bill. Sen. Feinstein has not yet committed to this bill. John circulated a petition to urge her support.

Website (Brian Leverich): No report. One suggestion was made that we develop a downloadable peak list, as we have for the individual peak guides.

Membership Report (Laura Joseph):

- Laura reported Carleton Shay's 7th list lead completion.
- **Octoberfest, 2002:** We will use Mill Potrero Park in the vicinity of Frazier Park this year. Laura is coordinating. Approximately 20 paid reservations so far, with more "informal" and unpaid reservations. Will be more of a campout/barbeque, in contrast to the accommodations at Harwood Lodge.
- **Ad, Southern Sierran:** We will miss the October issue, but back for the November one.
- **Brochure, 3 Mountaineering Sections:** Laura circulated a draft of the brochure.
- **Emblems:** M/s/p authorizing Laura to buy some. She will distribute free of charge to qualifiers/new members.

Mountain Records: (Byron Prinzmetal)

- M/s/p: Revised peak guides and map changes, with one exception: The new proposed route to Josephine was not approved for inclusion on the peak guide. Copies filed with minutes.
- Peaks affected by the Curve Fire in the Azusa Canyon area: M/s/p to include a caveat on possible closures on the peak guides for the affected peaks, advising to verify with the Forest Service that the respective hiking routes are open. We will also publish a notice in the Lookout and on the website to the same effect.
- **Peak Additions:** M/S/P: Three New Peaks will be on the ballot: Luella Todd, Frank Goodykoontz. Freda Walhbrecht. Additionally, m/s/p to reinstate Toro Peak.
- **Peak Deletions:** M/s/p: The following will be on the ballot for possible deletion from the list: Cannel Point, due to no legal access; also: Palomar LO, Buck Point, San Sevaine, Cuyapaipe, Cleghorn and Indian.
- **Piute LO:** M/s/p to reverse a previous decision to change the summit to one nearby. I.e., no change as to the name or location of this peak.

Outings Report (Byron Prinzmetal):

- Snowshoe Emblem: M/s/p to develop a ballot proposal for 25 peaks attained via snowshoes. A similar discussion regarding mountain bike ascents.

Election Committee (Joe Young)

- Joe Young advised us that Stag & Nami Brown will be on the committee, as well as Brian Leverich.
- The ballot package will be sent in a separate mailing, including a flyer on the banquet. One or two return envelopes may be included at the discretion of the election committee.

Nominating Committee (George Wysup)

- George submitted a slate of 12 persons, who have agreed to stand for election:

Mars Bonfire, Brian Leverich, Kathy Cheever, Edith Liu, Dave Comerzan, Byron Prinzmetal, Michael Gosnell, Kent Schwitkis, Tom Hill, Ray Wolfe, Laura Joseph, George Wysup

Awards Committee (Joe Young)

- Joe announced that Janet Howell and George Wysup will be on his committee.

New Business

Ruth Dobos, In Memoriam: The committee ratified its decision to make a donation to the Chapter Outings Committee for \$500.

Two additional checks received: John Connelly turned over checks from Roxana Lewis and David Michel, also in memory of Ruth Dobos. It was M/s/p to donate these also to the Chapter Outings.

Maps on the HPS Website: It was m/s/p to authorize Karen to sign the Sierra Club's license agreement, which will permit our posting of HPS Maps on our website.

Bylaws: M/s/p to table the proposed changes to HPS Bylaws pending further review.

Adjourned 8:50 PM

REGISTER BOX

By Jim Adler

Based on reports received it was a good period for registers. Three erstwhile registers were replaced. No new listings were made

Reports were received from George Wysup, Edith Liu, Gabriel Rau, Chris Landa and John Connelly.

Missing and deficient registers:

10I	Mt Hillyer	missing	5-02
12B	Disappointment	missing	3-02
12C	San Gabriel Peak	deficient	3-02
12D	Mt. Markham	missing	3-02
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	8-02
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. Alandeale 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.

Important Dates

- November 14 **Next HPS Management Committee Meeting**
Please call Program and Membership Chair Laura Joseph for time and location.
Laura may be reached at ljoseph@earthlink.net or (626) 356 - 4158
- December 1 **Ballots in the HPS election must be received by this date.** If you have not received the HPS Election package by mid November, please call Elections Chair Joe Young at (310) 822 - 9676 or email Joe at joengeri@attbi.com, or contact any member of the Management Committee.
- December 12 **HPS Management Committee Meeting Election results will be certified at this meeting.**
Please call Program and Membership Chair Laura Joseph for time and location.
Laura may be reached at ljoseph@earthlink.net or (626) 356 - 4158
- January 18, 2003 **Saturday** **Hundred Peaks Section Annual Awards Banquet**
Les Freres Taix Restaurant, 1911 Sunset Blvd. John Robinson presents "Celebration of Peaks and People."
\$29 per person. Reserve with Laura Joseph, 2386 E. Del Mar #328 Pasadena, CA 91107