

THE LOOKOUT

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Spring Fling is Here! May 17-18

The HPS Almost Annual Spring Fling Weekend at Foster Lodge near Julian in San Diego County: Join the HPS revelers for a grand time at a weekend of peak bagging in the San Diego spring time. Hikes for beginners through tigers planned to all the San Diego peaks. World famous happy hour and potluck dinner Saturday night, followed by the HPS Game, "Which Peak am I?" Breakfast Sunday morning hosted by HPS Management Committee. Camp in the trees around the lodge, sleep in your mobile motel, in the lodge's unisex dorm rooms or in a Julian B&B. Between hikes and happy hour, relax in the beautiful grounds surrounding the lodge and watch the sun set.

Registration: The cost of the weekend is \$10 per person per night regardless of where you sleep. For simplicity, we'll collect the money at the lodge. However, advance registration is really important so that we can be sure not to exceed the maximum occupancy and so that we know what you're bringing for the pot luck. As an incentive, the first 40 people to register in advance will each receive a VALUABLE PRIZE. It is especially important that you let the registrar know if you are arriving Friday night as he will have to notify the lodge of how many people to expect.

To register, contact Ray Wolfe by email raywolfe@verizon.net or (if you have no email access) at 562-595-7916. Give Ray your name, phone and/or email, number of people, when you will arrive, where you will stay and what you will bring for the pot luck. Or send \$10 per person for Saturday night only/\$20 (payable to "HPS") for Friday and Saturday to Reservationist: RAY WOLFE, 2504 E Willow St #106, Signal Hill CA 90806-2266

Monthly Meetings of Management Committee Scheduled

May 8, June 12, July 10, August 14

Management Meeting: Please join us for our monthly open management committee meeting which will be held at 6:30 pm at Laura Joseph's Home, 2386 East Del Mar, Apt. #328, Pasadena. Phone: (626) 356-4158; email ljoseph2@earthlink.net

Check out the Hundred Peaks Section website at <http://www.angeleschapter.org/hps/>

Hundred Peaks Memorial Hike Saturday, May 31

Celebrate Ruth Lee Dobos life on this moderate hike to climb Josephine Peak in the Angeles National Forest. Ruth loved to lead hikes up to the mountains. For her services she received every award the Hundred Peaks Section offers. Meet 8:30 am at the LaCanada rideshare point. Bring water picnic item to share. Hike is on fire road, 6 mil rt, 1600' gain. Leaders: FRANK DOBOS, DAVID EISENBERG, LAURA QUINN.

Adopt - A - Highway Hike/Cleanup Saturday, May 10

O: Winston Peak (7502'), Adopt-A-Highway cleanup: Easy peak in Angeles National Forest and easy cleanup of our section of Highway 2. Hike is 1 1/2 miles rt, 500' gain. Refreshments provided by the HPS, then we give a little back to the mountains. Come have fun with us! Meet 9 AM at the La Cañada rideshare point. Bring water, lugsoles. Rain cancels. Leader: JIM FLEMING. Assts: MIKE and DOTTY SANDFORD.

Our newsletter, **THE LOOKOUT**, is published six times a year. Final dates for receipt of material are February 1 for the March-April issue; April 1 for the May-June issue; June 1 for the July-August issue; August 1 for the September-October issue; October 1 for the November-December issue; and December 1 for the January-February issue. If you send photos please write your name on the back of each photo. Please identify all subjects in each photo. **When taking photos please ask participants to remove sunglasses!** If you want the photos returned please state so and include a return SASE. Articles may be edited for length or appropriateness. Please send articles, photos, etc 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.

Frank H E
Editor

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

For Period January 25 2003 to April 3 2003

By Laura Joseph, Membership Chair

All achievers can order the NEW HPS achievement emblem (see inside back page)
Remember to report your achievements to Laura at her email address

ACHIEVEMENT	DATE	PEAK NAME	SEQUENCE
List Completion No. 6			
<i>Mars Bonfire</i>	<i>March 23, 2003</i>	<i>Toro Peak</i>	<i>7</i>
Number 7 should be coming up any day now. Go for it Mars!			

List Completion No. 1
 This space should have at least three names in it next time: Good luck Zobeida, Kathy and Jean!

ACHIEVEMENT	DATE	PEAK NAME	SEQUENCE
100 Peaks Emblem			
<i>Larry Campbell</i>	<i>March 9, 2003</i>	<i>Hildreth Peak</i>	<i>1044</i>
At the pace Larry hikes, he should finish the List in a month. His hundredth peak was Laura Joseph's provisional "I" hike from Agua Caliente Canyon.			

ACHIEVEMENT	DATE	PEAK NAME	SEQUENCE
200 Peaks Emblem			
<i>Tom Connery</i>	<i>Jan 12, 2003</i>	<i>Lookout Mtn #2</i>	<i>394</i>
Tom has actually done these peaks twice: But he didn't want to count the time when he wasn't counting.			

ACHIEVEMENT	DATE	PEAK NAME	SEQUENCE
Snow Shoe Emblem			
<i>Byron Prinzmetal</i>	<i>March 3, 2003</i>	<i>Gold Mtn</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Ron Zappen</i>	<i>March 19, 2003</i>	<i>Grouse Mtn</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Winette Butler</i>	<i>March 30, 2003</i>	<i>San Jacinto</i>	<i>4</i>
Wow! A trifecta on showshoes. Probably too late for anyone else this season.			

NEW MEMBERS

Gary Murta
 George Wright
 Lew Amack
 Kurt Bayer
 Jeffrey Poteet
 Mark Brown

NEW SUBSCRIBERS

Charlotte Hryse	Greg DeHoogh
Margaret MacDonald	Ed Gallegos
James Morrell	Dennis DePauw
Bill Burke	Ann Kramer
LaVonne Barker	Serop Nazari
Paul Iannacone	Marissa Hindman
Jeff Hindman	Gloria Miladin (only 5 to go!)
Steve Curry	

Welcome All!

RENEWALS

There have been 64 renewals between January 24, 2003 and April 2, 2003

There are NO overdue renewals. EIGHT former members have been moved to inactive status for failure to renew.

There are 87 members and subscribers who must renew between May 1 and July 1: Please see the address section on the back page. **If there is a reminder next to your mailing label RENEW PROMPTLY.**

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

Category	Current	Last Report
Honorary, Life, Benefactor*	6	6
Members (total)	451	460
Subscribers who are not members	134	123
Total	591	589

Achievements dated after March 13 Management Committee meeting were approved by the Management Committee by email poll.

The Hundred Peaks Section is upgrading its membership database to improve accuracy and timeliness. Therefore, the membership list, normally published in the May-June issue of **The Lookout**, will be published in the July - August issue. We appreciate your patience as we complete this project.

From the Easy Chair by George Wysup

Humans have for centuries felt an urge to climb peaks. Why? It doesn't matter, it just is. No written rules have ever been needed. Get to the summit-the true summit. This has also held for HPS, SPS, and DPS climbers for over half a century.

That is, until recently. A noted HPS leader forbade his followers to climb to the summit of Antsell Rock, and then advised all that they should count it. I was there. On another occasion (I was there), going to Five Fingers, one participant reached the bottom of the class 3 part and, after very little consideration, quit. This person appealed to another HPS leader who advised to count it anyway [no sooner said than done]. Subsequently this person finished a different list (involving far more technical climbing), where none of this sort of attitude is condoned.

If you peruse the HPS bylaws you will notice the total absence of rules governing the bagging of a peak. In fact, nowhere do our bylaws say even that the purpose of HPS is to bag peaks. *In short, there are NO rules!* What has happened? The reasoning seems to stem from a spreading belief that [get this] HPS is a hiking section, not a climbing section.

This rather disturbing attitude came out of the closet with the publication in The Lookout (Nov-Dec 2002, page 3, 'From the Chair' column) of several "PEAK BAGGING GUIDELINES". I was disturbed at that time by the content of guideline #5: "Since we [HPS] 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 Simply stated, summit blocks are optional."

Someone should investigate. Did some HPS Management Committee actually pass such a motion? Here's what delving into old HPS minutes (by Secretary Kathy) shows. The archives show only these two items, both from 1997. I know, it's not fun reading. Please bear with me.

From the April 10, 1997 minutes: III. Old Business. D. "The Chapter Safety Committee has proposed revisions to the HPS Outings Procedures which would result in routes involving even minimal third class being rated M. Bill Oliver of the Chapter Safety Committee met with the committee to discuss this issue. . . . Further, on exposed summits it is not necessary to reach the highest point to claim the peak. The Committee approved sending a formal response to the Safety Committee setting forth the HPS position."

From the May 8, 1997 minutes: II. Old Business. C. "[HPS ManCom] sent a letter to the Chapter Safety Committee reiterating the Committee's position that no route listed in the Peak Guides should be rated higher than I, as no ropes or special equipment are required and, where the summit is exposed, the register is in an accessible location and members are neither required nor encouraged to climb the actual summit." . . . there is no copy of this letter with the minutes.

Concern by the Chapter Safety Committee regarding HPS outings practices at that time is obviously the instigator for the HPS action. Their concern was the insurance policy. "M" rated outings were being led by "I" (and even "O") leaders. Let's look at the HPS Outings Procedures (revised Mar 4, 1998) which should reflect any resolutions originating from the 1997 meetings.

1. *"[Some] 3rd class routes are rated M."* [Item 6] This is true for Strawberry (west ridge), Antsell Rock, and Five Fingers.
2. *"On exposed summits it is not necessary to reach the highest point to claim the peak."* Here's what the HPS Outings Procedure says: [Item 6] "Many HPS I rated peaks do not require that you climb the summit block. . . ."
3. *". . . no route listed in the Peak Guides should be rated higher than I, as no ropes or special equipment are required and, where the summit is exposed, the register is in an accessible location and members are neither required nor encouraged to climb the actual summit."*

The M rated routes are still in the peak guides. There is no mention of ropes or special equipment [not normally needed for class 3, anyway]. The intent was that our more serious summit blocks (e.g., Weldon, Cornell, Lightner, Rock Point) should not be scaled, at least not on SC scheduled outings. Just sign in at the register location just below the true summit. This does make sense from a safety and insurance viewpoint. On some less challenging summit blocks, notably Five Fingers, Antsell, Marion, Martinez, and Lily Rock, the registers remain on the highest point.

None of these rules implied in the HPS Outings Procedures say that you don't need to go to the summit of Antsell and Five Fingers to "count" the peak.

The crux is: what should you, the climber, use for your personal rule for "bagging" a summit? Far be it for me to tell you. Remember, if you truly believe you have climbed a peak then claim it. But I urge all HPS climbers to give it your best shot! If at first you don't succeed, make adjustments and try again. What adjustments? Some have taken rock climbing courses in order to improve technique and gain confidence on rock. If this isn't enough you might try the proven method of cultivating an expert climber friend who could top rope you up and down.

I know of many cases of HPS climbers who have failed on the first attempt at a summit, then returned to succeed, often with special assistance from an experienced climber. I don't advise anyone to risk life and limb to conquer a peak; please use all prudence and climb safely.

If you count Antsell Rock or Five Fingers though you stopped trying many meters from the summit, please do the HPS mountaineers a favor. Keep it a secret. If finishing the HPS list is short cut too easily, can there be much pride in the accomplishment?

HPS Mountain Records Needs Your Help! By Wolf Leverich

The HPS Mountain Records Committee maintains the peak guides and maps that many folks use as they hike in our mountains. The 2003 Committee is particularly focussed on correcting the inaccuracies that have crept into the maps and guides as driving and hiking conditions have changed over the years.

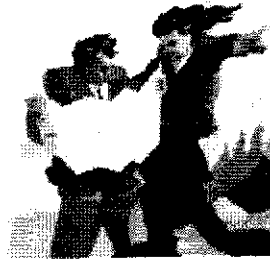
In just the first three months of this year, we've corrected problems in more than 34 of driving and climbing routes. But there's a lot more to be done, and we need your help!

Here's how you can make the guides and maps better for everyone. Whenever you hike a standard route, download a current peak guide and map from the HPS Website at: <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/hps/>
Check the guide and the map against what you actually see as you drive to the trailhead and hike to the peak.

If you find mileages that are wrong, landmarks that have changed inaccuracies, write an email of the form: On Mount So-and-So, this-old-thing but what it should say is this-new-thing. and send mrch@hundredpeaks.org

Please always do include the peak name, the old description of the problem with the map), and your suggestion for inaccuracy. Please also be patient as we process your review process required by our bylaws, it normally takes one to appear in the published guides and maps.

Be assured, though, that your input will be making travel to our peaks easier and more enjoyable for years to come.

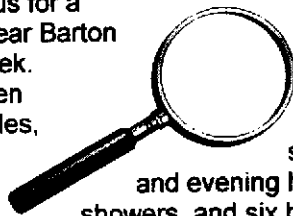


you drive to the trailhead and or are missing, or any other the peak guide (or map) says your correction to:

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Nature Knowledge Workshop June 6-8, 2003

Are you an avid hiker but are curious about the natural wonders around you? Would you like to know about the many inhabitants, both visible and unseen in the trees you walk under, how granite is formed, or what kind of mammal made the tracks across the trail? Or you may be an educator, hoping to glean more information about our mountain ecosystems to pass on to others in the classroom or on a field trip. The Natural Science Section of the Sierra Club's Angeles Chapter invites you to join us for a weekend of exploring, learning and enjoyment. The Workshop site is a resident camp near Barton Flats in the San Bernardino Mountains, in a Jeffrey pine forest bisected by an alder-lined creek. Leadership Training (LTC) credit is available for Angeles Chapter members. Join over a dozen naturalists sharing their expertise in bird and mammal identification, geology, snakes, reptiles, insects and plant study. The Friday evening through Sunday afternoon program includes slow hikes with naturalists, a special slide program on the wildlife of Hawaii, and afternoon and evening hands-on learning sessions. Dormitory cabins (6-8 persons; bring your own sleeping bag), hot showers, and six hearty meals are provided in the cost. To register, send 2 stamped self-addressed envelopes, home & work phone numbers, and a check payable to "Sierra Club, NSS" for \$118 with Sierra Club (include membership number), non-Sierra Club members \$125, to Reservationist: Dave Goldstein, Dept. N, 9941 Comanche Ave., Chatsworth, CA 91311-3902, 818-709-3731. Sorry, participants must be 15 years or older. Leaders: Bob and Maureen Cates, 818-883-2165, Asst Leader: Liana Argento



Oktoberfest October 4-5

Annual Oktoberfest Celebration: Come join us for one or two days in the magical high country of Mount Pinos. Sat night we will camp (or lodge if you prefer) at the lovely Mil Potrero campground in the Mount Pinos area. Everyone is invited to a potluck in the lodge with full kitchen facilities. Weather permitting, we'll have campfire. Joe Young promises a repeat of his famous "Which peak am I?" game. First 50 people to reserve will get a free beer mug emblem. \$10 per person for campsite; \$12 per person for cabin; \$2 per person for potluck only. For reservations, to volunteer to help and for information, contact Reservationist: LAURA JOSEPH, 2386 East Del Mar Apt. #328, Pasadena CA 91107-4774, 626-356-4158, ljoseph2@earthlink.net

GET 'EM WHILE THEY'RE HOT:
Late breaking outings and member achievements
by Karen Isaacson Leverich, Outings Chair and Listmaster

I'm wearing two hats as I write this: as Outings Chair, I want to tell you about scheduled outings that don't appear in either the Lookout or the Chapter Schedule. And as HPS listmaster (listmistress?), I want to tell you how you can find out about those outings as soon as possible, and incidentally keep track of your hiking buddies as they pass the various HPS milestones (100 peaks, 200 peaks, list completion, etc.)

OK, first, new outings. What do I mean, scheduled outings that don't appear in either **The Lookout** or the Chapter Schedule? Many of our leaders are busy people, and find it difficult to commit months in advance to leading a hike on a particular day, which makes it difficult for them to work with the long lead times necessary to include hikes in the Chapter Schedule and/or the Lookout. Also, for some adventures, such as snowshoeing, it's hard to know all those months in advance whether there will be conditions such that the outing will even be possible. Because of these problems, a new procedure was set up late last year that lets leaders set up hikes on as little as two weeks notice.

That's wonderful, and definitely solves some problems. But of course creates a new problem: how are hikers to find out about these new outings and actually go on them? I mean, it's great someone is finally leading that peak you need, but if you have to be in some crowd to know about the hike, it doesn't help any.

Easily solved: we have a mailing list called ANGELES-HPS-OUTINGS where these new outings (and also the outings in the Lookout and Schedule) are all posted. Laura also lets us know about member achievements there: that Lilly reached 100 peaks, and Winnette finished the List, and George led 200 peaks, and so forth. All you need to do is sign on to the mailing list and a few times a week, you'll hear from HPS about new outings and other news.

To sign on to the mailing list, you can either just drop me a note at listmaster@hundredpeaks.org, saying something terribly techie like, "Hey, Karen, put me on that list for new outings!" Or you can send a message to LISTSERV@LISTS.SIERRACLUB.ORG that says "SUBSCRIBE ANGELES-HPS-OUTINGS Karen Leverich" (um, use your own name rather than mine?)

As long as I'm on the topic of HPS mailing lists, we actually currently have two of them. Besides the outings/announcements list described above, we have another list for HPS leaders only, where super secret leader stuff is discussed. Like, "I want to lead Strawberry on such and such a date, anyone want to lead it with me?" Or, "My co-leader has to go to a wedding next weekend and had to cancel out. Can anyone here cover?" Or, "What's the brush like this year on the way to such-and-so peak?" Etc. If you're an HPS leader and would like to participate, drop me a note at listmaster@hundredpeaks.org and ask me to add you to the list.

We're also in the process of asking for a third list, one for anyone interested in HPS peaks, HPS hikes, etc., to chat about routes, the weather, hikes they just made, etc. More news on that if/when the list is available. (In other words: watch this space!)

P.S. What if you get on one of these dratted things and want to get off and the directions you were sent when you signed on just won't work or you can't find them or ... ??? Just write me at listmaster@hundredpeaks.org and I'll help you get untangled.

COME ONE, COME ALL: AUGUST 16, TORO PEAK

Help us celebrate the return of Toro Peak to the HPS List! Join us on August 16th, as (we hope!) several HPSers finish the List for the first time, or multiple times. Or get their 100th peak. Or 200th peak. Or pathfinder's emblem. Or 100th lead. Or... (We don't anticipate anyone getting a snowshoe emblem that day, but stay tuned?)

If you're anywhere near earning an emblem, and haven't yet visited Toro, please hold out, and earn that emblem with us on August 16th.

And if you're nowhere near earning a particular emblem, come anyhow. We anticipate quite a party! We'll definitely need help consuming all that food.

Check the Outings Schedule for more details... And contact Karen Isaacson Leverich, karen@mtpinos.com, PO Box 6831 Frazier Park CA 93222, if you think you might earn an emblem that day.

SUSPENDED: SMITH MOUNTAIN

At the MComm meeting on January 9, 2003, Smith Mountain was suspended from the list. As long as the suspension is in effect, you don't need to have climbed Smith in order to earn a list completion emblem. But if you have climbed Smith, you can count it towards your 100 peaks or your 200 peaks emblem.

The peak is suspended because CalTrans has closed Highway 39 to all traffic: automobile, bicycle, foot. The highway is closed from 6.5 miles south of the Coldbrook Ranger Station to 5 miles north. Their Web sites states this is "due to fire repairs".

No need for despair: there are still 275 other fine peaks on our list that you can climb...

GET READY TO FLING!

Trees are budding, flowers are blooming, birds are singing.....it's Spring and HPS is ready to celebrate in our usual fashion by hiking, eating and having fun. Here are the details. Email Laura at ljoseph2@earthlink.net or phone (626) 356-4158 if any of your questions are not answered below.

Accommodations: Foster Lodge near Julian on the Sunrise Highway (S1) south of Julian in San Diego county. The lodge is operated by the San Diego Chapter. We have reserved the lodge for the weekend. Sleeping accommodations in the lodge are in dormitory style rooms. There are bathrooms with running water but no showers (one can use the showers in the campground across the highway). Tents can be set up anywhere on the grounds; car camping is also an option.

If you prefer, there are (expensive) B & B's in Julian or the campground across the highway from the lodge.

Facility: The lodge has a large common room with tables and chairs, fireplace (Hurrah!), and sofas. The kitchen has two stoves, two refrigerators, microwave, toaster and coffee pots. Cookware, utensils and dishes are also provided.

The grounds of Foster Lodge are lovely, with panoramic views of the surrounding mountains. There are trails adjacent to the lodge if anyone wants to work off those pot luck calories in the evening or early morning.

Directions: The turn off for the lodge (east side of Sunrise Highway) is 12.4 miles north of I-8 and 11.2 miles south of SR 79. Coming north, heads up after you see the sign on your left for Laguna-El Prado campground. Coming south, look for the Al Bahr Shrine camp on your right. Participants in scheduled hikes Saturday, will be able to "caravan" to the lodge.

Activities: Hikes are scheduled Saturday and Sunday to the following peaks: Boucher Hill, Palomar Mtn., Combs Peak, Hot Springs Mtn., Little and big Cahuilla, Granite #2, Middle, Cuyamaca and Stonewall Peaks, Oakzanita, Garnet Mtn. and Peak, Monument #1, Cuyapaipa and Sheepshead. Three of the hikes qualify for Natural Science credit. See the schedule in the Lookout for details. Come a day early and fill in the San Diego peaks by doing some on your own.

Saturday night is the famous **Pot Luck** dinner. Please tell Ray Wolfe, registrar (see below), what you are going to bring so he can coordinate a balanced menu (with lots of chocolate). Do as much preparation before coming to the lodge as possible to avoid gridlock in the kitchen. We do need people to bring things like paper towels, plates, etc so think about those items as an option for your contribution. And don't forget sodas, beer and wine (nothing stronger is allowed). HPS will provide coffee and tea.

After dinner, we will have a campfire and play the "Which Peak am I?" game that was so popular at Oktoberfest.

Breakfast: The management committee is hosting a "continental" breakfast Sunday morning. If you want something more than breads, muffins, fruit, juice and coffee/tea, bring your own.

Registration: The cost of the weekend is \$10 per person per night regardless of where you sleep. For simplicity, we'll collect the money at the lodge. However, advance registration is really important so that we can be sure not to exceed the maximum occupancy and so that we know what you're bringing for the pot luck. As an incentive, the first 40 people to register in advance will each receive a **VALUABLE PRIZE**. It is especially important that you let the registrar know if you are arriving Friday night as he will have to notify the lodge of how many people to expect.

To register, contact Ray Wolfe by email raywolfe@verizon.net or (if you have no email access) at 562-595-7916. Give Ray your name, phone and/or email, number of people, when you will arrive, where you will stay and what you will bring for the pot luck. Remember that questions should be directed to Laura, not Ray.

What to bring (and what NOT to bring): Bring your own towels and bedding. Do not bring pets.

Help Needed! The management committee is doing a lot of the work for this event but we really need more help. Please let Laura know if you can volunteer for anything. We particularly need someone who is not hiking on Saturday to be our "receptionist" during the day.



Advance Schedule April 26, 2003 - October 31, 2003



Come get high with us.

Apr 26 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: San Gabriel Peak (6161'): Moderate 4 miles, 1400' gain hike in the front range of the San Gabriel Mountains. Enjoy the spring flowers and the view of the city and the ocean. Meet 8:30 am at the La Cañada rideshare point. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles. Be prepared for any kind of weather. Rain or snow cancels. Leaders: FRANK DOBOS, DIANE DUNBAR

Apr 26 Sat Hundred Peaks, Palos Verdes-South Bay

I: Pinnacles (5737'), Mount Marie Louise (5507') and Deep Creek Hot Springs: 12th semi-annual Deep Creek Hot Springs hike/soak/swim, with some more peaks. Moderately paced 14 mile, 2500' gain with considerable cross-country via exploratory route. High clearance vehicles desirable for dirt road driving. No beginners. Plan on spending full day - it's near Hesperia. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, lugs (swim suit optional). Rain cancels. Send email/sase to Leader: BARRY HOLCHIN bholchin@cox.net. Co-Leader: GEORGE DENNY

Apr 26 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Queen Mountain (5680'), Warren Point (5103'): Visit two great peaks in beautiful Joshua Tree National Park. Moderate hike with moderate pace, 6 miles round trip, 1200' gain for each peak, do one or both. Send email/sase to Leader: PAT ARREDONDO paarredo@att.net. Co-Leaders: BOB BEACH, GEORGE WYSUP

Apr 26 Sat Hundred Peaks, Crescenta Valley, K-9 Committee

O: Strawberry Peak (6164'): Moderate to strenuous 6 miles round trip, 1500' gain. K9 welcome, but leash during snack time. Meet 8:30 am La Cañada rideshare point or 9am paved parking area (just off Angeles Crest Hwy past Red Box). Bring lugsoles, lunch, water. Rain cancels. Leader: OLIVIA HERNANDEZ. Assistants: CATHY KISSINGER, NORM STABECK, RON BARBOUR, ANN PEDRESCHI, AL MADER

Not an Angeles Chapter Outing

Apr 26 Sat San Gorgonio Sierra Singles, San Gorgonio Chapter Angeles Oaks To San Bernardino Peak: 7am. Hike to San Bernardino Peak and the initial Baseline monument for our 3rd "pre-Whitney" hike. Strenuous 16 miles round trip with 4600' gain and fantastic views. Camp Angeles trailhead to Manzanita Flats, Limber Pines Springs and on to the peak. Plan on eating afterwards. BRING: Ten essentials, layered clothing, minimum 4 quarts water and lunch. RESERVATIONS: Space is limited. You must sign up with leader in advance. Leader: RALPH SALISBURY 909-686-4141

Not an Angeles Chapter Outing

Apr 26 Sat San Diego Chapter

Marion Mountain Trail to San Jacinto Peak: S12E (Strenuous difficulty, 12 miles round trip, over 3000' gain). Moderate fast-paced hike with an elevation gain of 4600' in 5.7 miles. Fit and experienced hikers only, limited to 12. Bring plenty of water, lunch and essentials. Call or leave message for required sign-up. Leader: CECILIA HERNANDEZ 619-286-4542 Asst: KEVIN WOOLWORTH

New Outing, not in the Schedule

Apr 26-27 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Cuyama Peak (5876'), Lizard Head (5350'), Fox Mountain #1 (5167'): Opportunity to do the usually driven Cuyama by the interesting ridge route along with two traditional hikes in the same area on a moderate but fast paced backpack. Saturday pack in to Upper Tinta campsite 1.5 miles, hike Lizard Head, 3200' gain, 8 miles round trip; Saturday night pot luck. Sunday pathfinder to Cuyama, 6 miles round trip, 1700' gain; pack out to cars, Fox on way out, 5 miles round trip, 2300'. Email leader for meeting place and time. Leader: LAURA JOSEPH ljoseph2@earthlink.net. Co-leader: MAGGIE WILSON

Apr 27 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Onyx Peak #2 (5244'): Wildflowers and sweeping views from this peak near Lake Isabella. 4 miles round trip with some steep cross-country, 2300' gain. Meet 8 am Flying J truck stop (Frazier Park exit from I-5). Leaders: WOLF LEVERICH, KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH

May 3 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Mount Lawlor (5957'), Strawberry Peak (6164'): Moderately paced hike to prominent peaks in lower San Gabriels. 7 miles round trip, 2200' gain. Meet 8:30 am La Cañada rideshare point. Bring Forest Service Pass. Leader: DAVE BEYMER. Co-Leader: MAURA RAFFENSPERGER

May 3 Sat Hundred Peaks, Wilderness Adventures

I: Mount Pinos (LO) (8831'), Sawmill Mountain (8818'), Grouse Mountain (8582'), Cerro Noroeste (Mount Abel) (8280'): Join us on a scenic hike among the pines on this ridge route connecting some of highest peaks in Kern County. Moderately paced 12 mile round trip, 2170' gain hike, mostly on trail, some short cross-country. Meet 7 am Sylmar rideshare point. Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, boots, 10 essentials. Leader: BILL VALENTINE. Co-Leader: HARVEY GANZ

May 3 Sat LTC

I: Mount Lowe (5603') 16th Beginning Navigation Clinic: Spend the day one on one with an instructor, learning/practicing map and compass. Beginners to rusty old timers welcome. Not a checkoff. Many expert leaders will attend; many "I" rated leaders started here in the past. Recent no-shows require a \$25 deposit (Sierra Club). Send sase, H&W phones to Leader: DIANE DUNBAR, 2351 Chapman Rd, La Crescenta, CA 91214-3014. Co-Leader: RICHARD BOARDMAN

New Outing, not in the Schedule

May 4 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Iron Mountain #1 (8007'): A long dayhike to the Big One in the San Gabriel Mountains. We hike at a moderate but steady pace up the standard route from Heaton Flat, very strenuous, 14 miles, 7200' gain round trip. Send sase/esase with recent conditioning and

experience to Leader: TOM HILL tomlyns@earthlink.net. Co-Leader: VIRGIL POPESCU

May 4 Sun Hundred Peaks

O: Easy Peaks of Southern California - Liebre Mountain (5760'): Relaxed pace will get us through this 8 mile round trip, 2100' gain hike up the PCT. See a variety of flora, maybe even some flowers, on the north face of this westernmost peak of the San Gabriels. Beginners welcome. Meet 9 am Sylmar rideshare point. Bring water, lunch, sturdy shoes, Forest Service Pass. Leaders: WOLF LEVERICH, KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH

Not an Angeles Chapter Outing

May 5 Mon San Diego Chapter

Toro Peak Triangle Hike: H9D (Hard difficulty, 9 miles round trip, 2001'-3000' gain). On Cinco de Mayo, we confront Toro the Bull for the tenth time. The Toreadors then march along the ridge to subdue Santa Rosa Mountain before returning to their base. Trailhead is 4 miles up a rough road, 6200' requiring high clearance vehicles. This cross-country adventure is good for all fit hikers. Carpools leave Mission Valley ("Take I-8 to the Qualcomm off-ramp. Go west on Camino de la Reina. Park on Camino del Este near Camino de la Reina. Meet near the NE corner of Camino del Este and Camino de la Reina.") at 5:30 am. Leader: ALLEN HOLDEN, Sr. 858-558-0308 Asst: WITOLD MARTYNOWICZ

May 7 Wed Orange County, Santa Ana Mtns TF

O: Santiago Peak (LO) (5687'): A peakbaggers special - hike up by Old Camp to the peak. 18 miles, 4000' gain. Or stop at Old Camp, only 10 miles round trip. Meet 6:30 am Cooks Corners with plenty of water, lugsoles, lunch. Leaders: PATTY RAMBERT, CLOYD COLBY

May 8 Thu Hundred Peaks

Management Meeting: Please join us for our monthly open management committee meeting which will be held at 6:30 pm at Laura Joseph's Home, 2386 East Del Mar, Apt. #328, Pasadena. Phone: (626) 356-4158; email ljoseph2@earthlink.net

May 9-11 Fri-Sun Hundred Peaks

I: List Finishers' Special - Sewart Mountain (6841'), Cobblestone Mountain (6733'), White Mountain #2 (6250'), Snowy Peak (6532'), Black Mountain #2 (6202'), McDonald Peak (6870'), Alamo Mountain (7367'): Car camp and bag peaks in Sespe Wilderness of Los Padres National Forest, near Gorman. Join us for one, two or three days. Day 1 is Alamo and McDonald, 4 miles round trip, 1050' gain. Day 2 is Sewart, Cobblestone and White, 18 miles round trip, 6500' gain. Day 3 is Sewart (again, if anyone missed it the first time), Snowy and Black, 10 miles round trip, 3900' gain. Except for Alamo and McDonald, expect some steep, brushy, occasionally slippery terrain, and for a significant part of the gain to be on the return. Long dirt road driving requiring high clearance vehicles. Send email/sase, H&W phones, conditioning to Leaders: WOLF LEVERICH, KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH karen@mtpinos.com

May 10 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Reyes Peak (7514'), Haddock Mountain (7431'): Get two peaks in the Los Padres National Forest and a good workout. Moderately paced, strenuous, 17 miles, 4500' gain loop over trail routes. We'll take the Chorro Grande Trail rather than driving Pine Mountain Road to visit these especially beautiful forested peaks. Send email/sase to Leader: LAURA JOSEPH ljoseph2@earthlink.net. Co-Leader: KATE ROGOWSKI

May 10 Sat Wilderness Adventures

O: Mount Wilson (5710'): Moderately strenuous 14 miles, 3900' gain; moderate pace. No beginners or tigers. Meet 8 am Chantry Flat lower parking lot (from 210 Fwy, exit Santa Anita, L 7 mi to end of road). Bring 2+ quarts water, lunch, lugsoles, FSP. Rain cancels. Leaders: GARY ANDERSON, DAVE HEFFERNAN

Not an Angeles Chapter Outing

May 10 Sat San Gorgonio Sierra Singles, San Gorgonio Chapter San Bernardino East Peak: 6:45 am. This is our 4th "pre-Whitney" summer series of hikes. This hike is fairly steep covering 5000' elevation gain in 7 miles (one way) and requires an early start to avoid afternoon heat on the sun exposed face. BRING: Ten essentials, minimum 4 quarts of water. MEET: Details available when you sign-up. Leader: RALPH SALISBURY 909-686-4141

May 11 Sun Hundred Peaks, Wilderness Adventures

O: Mount Pinos (LO) (8831'), Sawmill Mountain (8818'), Grouse Mountain (8582'): Great views and beautiful flowers make this moderately paced 8 mile round trip, 2000' gain hike a spring favorite. Meet 8 am Sylmar rideshare point with water, lunch, suitable clothing layers, good footwear for steep sections. Leaders: SOUTHERN COURTNEY, ROSEMARY CAMPBELL

May 13 Tue Hundred Peaks

O: Grays Peak (7920'): Enjoy the beautiful forest high country on this 6 mile round trip, 1200' gain suitable for beginners. Experience great views and clean air. We will be doing Route 1, starting from the trailhead at the Grout Bay Picnic area. Email/phone Leader: DAVE COMERZAN comerzan3@aol.com 909-482-0173. Co-Leader: INGEBORG PROCHAZKA

May 14 Wed Hundred Peaks, Local Hikes

O: Waterman Mountain (8038'): Yet another way to this fine old peak. We will take our time up a new dirt road which at times will be steep. We will view things of interest along the top then follow the leader down a fun way to the cars. If snow, we will do Josephine. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare point with water, lunch, good footwear. Leaders: SOUTHERN COURTNEY, ROSEMARY CAMPBELL

May 14 Wed Orange County

O: Timber Mountain (8303'): A spring tonic in the high country - clean air, scent of pines, a great hike. 8 miles round trip, 1700' gain to Icehouse Saddle. 9 miles round trip, 2400' gain if you continue to Timber. Meet 8 am N Orange County rideshare point with 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles. Leader: ALLYN SCHNEIDER. Assistant: WALT WHISMAN

May 15 Thu Pasadena

O: Moonlight Hike to Mount Lowe or San Gabriel Peak from Eaton Saddle: Leaders' choice to enjoy night views from high above LA basin on moderate 3-5 miles, 700' or 1000' gain hike to historic peak in Front Range. Meet 7 pm La Cañada rideshare point with water, snack, lugsoles, flashlight. Leaders: DON BREMNER, GINNY HERINGER, PHIL LAING, BILL JOYCE, NANCY SILBERMANN, PAM & TERRY GINSBERG

May 17 Sat Hundred Peaks, Wilderness Adventures

O: Thorn Point (LO) (6920'): Scenic, seldom visited peak with abandoned fire lookout in Sespe Wilderness. Moderate 8 mile round trip, 2000' gain hike. Some dirt road driving, not for low clearance vehicles. Meet 7:30 am Sylmar rideshare point. Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, lugsoles. Rain cancels. Leader: JIM HERINGER. Co-Leader: ROSEMARY CAMPBELL

May 17-18 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks

The HPS Almost Annual Spring Fling Weekend at Foster Lodge near Julian in San Diego County: Join the HPS revelers for a grand time at a weekend of peak bagging in the San Diego spring time. Hikes for beginners through tigers planned to all the San Diego peaks (some appear below). World famous happy hour and potluck dinner Saturday night, followed by the HPS Game, "Which Peak am I?" Breakfast Sunday morning hosted by HPS Management Committee. Camp in the trees around the lodge, sleep in your mobile motel, in the lodge's unisex dorm rooms or in a Julian B&B. Between hikes and happy hour, relax in the beautiful grounds surrounding the lodge and watch the sun set. Send \$10 per person for Saturday night only/\$20 for Friday and Saturday to Reservationist: RAY WOLFE, 2504 E Willow St #106, Signal Hill CA 90806-2266

May 17 Sat Hundred Peaks, Palos Verdes-South Bay Group, Natural Science

I: Granite Mountain #2 (5633') - A HPS Spring Fling Outing: Start the Spring Fling off right with a strenuous hike, mostly cross-country/brush, in desert terrain 17 miles east of Julian in San Diego County. Some dirt road driving. Moderate pace, 8 miles round trip, 3000' gain, 8 hours. LTC credit offered for leaders. Send email/sase, rideshare, vehicle info, H&W phones to Leader: KENT SCHWITKIS schwitki@earthlink.net. Co-Leader: BARRY HOLCHIN. Naturalist: SHERRY ROSS

May 17 Sat Hundred Peaks, Natural Science

O: Middle Peak (5883'), Cuyamaca Peak (LO) (6512'), and Stonewall Peak (5730') - A HPS Spring Fling Outing: Start your Spring Fling weekend right with a moderate but briskly paced ramble over this especially beautiful loop hike on maintained trails for 12 miles and 3700' gain. We will stop along the way to learn about the interesting flora and fauna from our naturalist. Satisfies one day of the Natural Science requirement for prospective "I"-rated leaders. We'll finish in plenty of time to enjoy Happy Hour and Foster Lodge. Send email/sase to Leader: LAURA JOSEPH ljoseph2@earthlink.net. Co-Leader/Naturalist: GINNY HERINGER

May 17 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Oakzanita Peak (5054') - A HPS Spring Fling Outing: Start Spring Fling with this relatively easy and very relaxed pace warm-up, leaving ample time for socializing at Foster Lodge. Beginners welcome on this 5 mile, 1000' gain trail hike in Cuyamaca State Park. Driving is on paved roads. Meet 9 am junction of Hwy 79 and County Hwy S1 (6 miles south of Julian). Leader: PING PFEFFER Co-Leaders: FRANK GOODYKOONTZ, GEORGE WYSUP

New Outing, not in the Schedule

May 17 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Oakzanita Peak (5054'), Middle Peak (5883') - A HPS Spring Fling Mountain Bike Outing: Bring your mountain bike to Spring Fling and see these peaks as you've never seen them before. Oakzanita is 8 miles round trip, 1000' gain. Middle is 5 miles round trip, 1200' gain. We should be done with plenty of time to celebrate with the other Spring Fling party-goers. Meet 9AM at the East Mesa Parking Area, on the left (east) about 17.3 miles south of Julian on SR 79, or approximately 4 miles north of I-8. Bring water, riding helmet, spare tube, a lock for your bike (we'll have to walk a little ways, sorry!), ten essentials, a snack, and your spirit of adventure. Leaders: KATHY CHEEVER, WOLF LEVERICH, KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH

Not an Angeles Chapter Outing

May 17 Sat San Diego Chapter

[IMPORTANT NOTE: The following outing has not yet (as The Lookout goes to press) been formally approved by San Diego Chapter. Please check the HPS Web site in early May, or contact Al, to make sure the outing is as described below. Thanks! -- Karen] Cuyapaibe - A HPS Spring Fling Outing: Join San Diego legend Al Holden for a great Cuyapaibe hike. It is two different Pathfinder routes, one in, one out. Better than slogging on the road when the gate is locked. Leave at 9 am from Red Tailed Roost parking area, mile 22.6, about 3 miles South of Foster Lodge. Look for Al by his white Dodge camper van. Should finish in time for everyone to be early for happy hour. Leader: ALLEN HOLDEN 858-558-0308

May 18 Sun Hundred Peaks, Palos Verdes-South Bay Group, Natural Science

I: Oakzanita Peak (5054'), Palomar High Point (LO) (6140'), Hot Springs Mountain (6533'), Boucher Hill (LO) (5438') - A HPS Spring Fling Outing: Join us for easy hikes as we leave Foster Lodge for home. We'll decide exactly which peaks to do at Foster Lodge. Total 8 miles round trip, 1800' gain. Take all day with long dirt road driving between peaks; high clearance vehicles preferred. Centered 40 miles SE of Temecula in San Diego County. Send email/sase, rideshare, vehicle info, H&W phones to Leader: KENT SCHWITKIS schwitki@earthlink.net. Co-Leader: BARRY HOLCHIN

May 18 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Sheephead Mountain (5896'), Cuyapaibe Mountain (6378'), Monument Peak #1 (6271'), Garnet Mountain (5680'), Garnet Peak (5880') - A HPS Spring Fling Outing: Add any or all of these to your collection. Up to 11 miles round trip, 3100' gain. Beginners welcome. Meet at 9 am Foster Lodge. Leaders: GEORGE WYSUP, SANDY BURNSIDE, MAGGIE WILSON

New Outing, not in the Schedule

May 18 Sun Hundred Peaks, Natural Science

I: Little Cahuilla Mountain (5042'), Cahuilla Mountain (5635'): Enjoy these easy, pretty peaks on your way home from Spring Fling feasting. We'll stop to look at the flowers and critters as we hike the 8.5 mi rt, 1800' gain over trail and use trail. Flingers will caravan from Julian. Qualifies for Natural Science credit. Email or phone Leader: LAURA JOSEPH ljoseph2@earthlink.net 626-356-4158. Co-leader: SANDY SPERLING. Naturalist: SHERRY ROSS

New Outing, not in the Schedule

May 18 Sun Hundred Peaks

O: Cuyamaca Peak (6512') - A HPS Spring Fling Bike Adventure: Bring your road or your mountain bike to Spring Fling and ascend the highest peak in Rancho Cuyamaca State Park. 6 miles round trip, 1600' gain, all on paved (but sometimes steep) road. The road is gated, so we won't be dodging automobiles. Meet at Foster Lodge at 8:30 am or at 9 am in the day parking lot of the Paso Picacho picnic area and campground, about 11.7 miles south of Julian on SR 79. Bring water, riding helmet, spare tube, ten essentials, snack. Leaders: KATHY CHEEVER, WOLF LEVERICH, KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH

New Outing, not in the Schedule

May 18 Sun Hundred Peaks

O: Winston Peak (7502'), Adopt-A-Highway cleanup: Easy peak in Angeles NF and easy cleanup of our section of route 2. Hike is 1-1/2 miles rt, 500' gain. Refreshments provided by the HPS, then we give a little back to the mounta ins. Come have fun with us! Meet 9am La Cañada rideshare point. Bring water, lugsoles. Rain cancels. Leader: JIM FLEMING. Assts: MIKE AND DOTTY SANDFORD

May 24 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Granite Peaks (7527'): We will be attempting a new route to this lovely peak near Big Bear over unknown terrain. The expected route is 15 miles round trip and 2000' gain over rocky, brushy desert terrain. The hike will be led at a moderate pace. Send email/sase, recent conditioning, vehicle info to Leader: BYRON PRINZMETAL bsprinzmetal@earthlink.net. Co-Leaders: WOLF LEVERICH, KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH

Not an Angeles Chapter Outing

May 24 Sat San Gorgonio Sierra Singles, San Gorgonio Chapter Assaults On Baldy: 6:30 am. These are two hikes that take different routes to the peak. The first is the 5th hike of our annual pre-Whitney hikes and is the most strenuous route to the peak, with a gain of nearly 6000' in 3 horizontal miles. It will start and finish in Baldy Village, taking Bear Canyon 5800' and 13 mi round trip to the summit. Call leader with recent hiking/fitness resume. BRING: Ten essentials, layered clothing, 4 qts water and lunch.

The second hike is a much easier route from Manker Flat to the summit and reduces your round trip to 8 miles and 3800'. Locals call this the Ski Hut Trail as it passes the Sierra Club San Antonio Ski Hut about 2 miles along the way. Plan on meeting "the men" at the top. Both these hikes are only for those in good condition. RESERVATIONS: Call leader for reservations, meeting locations and times. Leader: RALPH SALISBURY 909-686-4141

May 24-26 Sat-Mon Hundred Peaks, Sierra Peaks

I: Sirretta Peak (9977'), Cannel Point (8314'), Taylor Dome (8802'), Pinyon Peak (6805'), Owens Peak (8453'): Car camps. Moderate pace. Saturday 8 miles round trip, 3200' gain; Sunday 8 miles round trip, 3800' gain; Monday 8 miles round trip, 3200' gain. Come for 1 or all 3 days. Send email/2 sase to Leader: SARA WYRENS s_wyrens@yahoo.com. Co-Leader: GEORGE WYSUP

May 26 Mon Hundred Peaks

O: Easy Peaks of Southern California - Strawberry Peak (6164'): Moderate, easy paced 6 mile round trip, 1500' gain hike in the San Gabriel Mountains. Beginners welcome. Meet 9:30 am La Cañada rideshare point. Bring water, sturdy shoes, Forest Service Pass. Leaders: WOLF LEVERICH, KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH

Not an Angeles Chapter Outing

May 29 Thu Sespe Group, Los Padres Chapter

Mount Pinos to Mount Abel: Midweek hike, Mount Pinos to Mount Abel, 6 miles, moderate to strenuous. Meet at 9 am at the Ojai Park and Ride next to the Ford dealer. We'll drive to the Mount Pinos trailhead and do a car shuttle so we can have a one-way hike. Bring lunch, plenty of water, wear boots. SHEILA 805-649-9044 or PAT 805-643-0270 (SP)

May 31 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Ruth Lee Dobos Memorial Hike To Josephine Peak (5558'): Climb the peak where Frank and Ruth first met. Potluck on the summit. 6 miles round trip, 1900' gain on fire road. Meet 8:30 am La Cañada rideshare point. Bring water, lugsoles, food item for 8 to share. Rain or fire closure cancels. Leaders: FRANK DOBOS, LAURA QUINN, DAVID F EISENBERG

New Outing, not in the Schedule

May 31 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Via West Ridge to Josephine Peak (5558'): Memorial Hike and Rendezvous, in memory of Ruth Dobos. We will join the main group on the summit. The West Ridge is a classic route, rugged but beautiful. The number of participants is strictly limited: call or email leader before the outing for information and approval. Leader: TOM HILL tomlyns@earthlink.net 323-666-4140. Assistant: To Be Determined

May 31-Jun 1 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks, WTC

I: Mount Burnham (8997'), Throop Peak (9138'), Mount Hawkins (8850'), Mount Islip (8250'), Mount Williamson (8214') and More: Strong WTC students and others are welcome on this strenuous weekend backpacking trip in our local San Gabriel Mountains. We will backpack and hike 12 miles, 5100' gain on Saturday with some daypacks, some off trail on steep terrain, then camp at Little Jimmy Campground. See spring's response to the Curve Fire firsthand. A night hike is planned to Mount Islip. The next morning we will pack out to Islip Saddle and change to daypacks for the hike over Mount Williamson and do some cross-country navigation to find "Goodykoontz Peak" (7558'). Second day is 8 miles, 3200' gain/4000' loss (if our students find the correct route). Two short car shuttles. No early checkouts. Send sase or esase, WTC group name, conditioning, H&W phones to Leader: K C REID kcreid@earthlink.net. Co-Leader: SANDY SPERLING

May 31-Jun 1 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks, Palos Verdes-South Bay, Natural Science

I: Nicolls Peak (6070'), Lightner Peak (6430'), Bald Eagle Peak (6181'), Onyx Peak #2 (5244'): Weekend of peak bagging in Lake Isabella area with some dirt road driving. Saturday 6 miles round trip, 2700' gain; evening camp in area. Sunday 13 miles round trip, 2700' gain. Take time to learn from our naturalist about the fauna and flora. Email/sase, recent conditioning, phone, rideshare to Leader: KENT SCHWITKIS schwitki@earthlink.net. Co-Leader: BARRY HOLCHIN. Naturalist: SHERRY ROSS

May 31-Jun 1 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks, Palos Verdes-South Bay Group

I: Split Mountain (6835'), Black Mountain #5 (7438'), Sunday Peak (8295'), Bohna Peak (6760'): Moderate hike to first two on Saturday, 10 miles round trip, 2700' gain. Happy hour and car camp in area. Sun two easy/moderate hikes to second two with driving between - total 7 miles, 2400' gain. Send email/sase, H&W phones, recent conditioning/ experience, rideshare info to Leader: BOB BEACH rabeach4@juno.com. Co-Leader: KEITH MARTIN

Jun 1 Sun Hundred Peaks

O: South Hawkins (LO) (7783'): Moderately paced hike is suitable for beginners in good shape. Hike on trail and road explores area burned in the Curve Fire in the Angeles National Forest. Witness the vastness of the burned area but also the new growth. 7 miles round trip, 2000' gain. Meet 8 am at Azusa rideshare point. Bring water, lunch, sturdy boots, and goodies to share on summit. Leader: JOE YOUNG. Assistant Leaders: STAG BROWN, NAMI BROWN

Jun 1 Sun Wilderness Adventures

O: Mount San Antonio (Baldy) (10,064'): 9 miles round trip, 3800' gain on this strenuous but beautiful hike to the summit. Meet 7:30 am Manker Flat trailhead (from 10 Fwy, exit Mountain Ave, N joining Mt Baldy Rd through Mt Baldy Village and winding 11 miles to

Manker Flat campground, 1 mile further and park in dirt lot on L). Bring 2+ quarts water, lunch, lugsoles. Leader: MARY FORGIONE. Assistant Leader: CAROL MILLER

Jun 4 Wed Hundred Peaks, Local Hikes

O: Pacifico Mountain (7124') from Mill Creek Summit: 12 miles round trip, 2200' gain with half mile steep climb at end to reach Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare point with water, lunch, good footwear. Leaders: BOBCAT THOMPSON, SOUTHERN COURTNEY

Jun 7 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Grays Peak (7920'), Keller Peak LO (7882'), Slide Peak (7841'): Easy to moderately paced, 6 miles round trip, 1200' on beautiful trail with great views of Big Bear Lake, then short drive to Keller LO followed by climbing Slide Peak, 1 mile round trip, 300' gain on a new firebreak. Meet 7 am at Diamond Bar rideshare point. Bring lugsoles, lunch and water. Leaders: LUELLA FICKLE, GABRIELE RAU

Jun 12 Thu Hundred Peaks

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Jun 13 Fri Pasadena

O: Moonlight Hike to Mount Lowe or San Gabriel Peak from Eaton Saddle: Leaders' choice to enjoy night views from high above LA basin on moderate 3-5 miles, 700' or 1000' gain hike to historic peak in Front Range. Meet 7 pm La Cañada rideshare point with water, snack, lugsoles, flashlight. Leaders: DON BREMNER, GINNY HERINGER, PHIL LAING, BILL JOYCE, NANCY SILBERMANN, PAM & TERRY GINSBERG

Jun 14 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Easy Peaks of Southern California - Rouse Hill (5168'), Thomas Mountain (6825'), Indian Mountain (5790'), Santa Rosa Mountain (8070'), Toro Peak (8716'): Let your high clearance vehicle do most of the work for a change, see some beautiful, very varied, terrain near Idyllwild, and incidentally bag 5 HPS peaks. If you value your paint, the hike to Indian is 6 miles round trip, 1300' gain. If your legs need a work out, too, stay over a day and do Sam Fink Peak on Sunday. Meet 7:30 am Pomona rideshare point. Leaders: WOLF LEVERICH, KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH

Jun 14 Sat Wilderness Adventures

O: Wildhorse Creek To Sugarloaf Mountain (9952'): Moderately paced 15 miles, 2700' gain. Climb a ridge trail before descending into a sheltered canyon filled with Jeffrey pines and other trees along a babbling brook. Then ascend the less traveled E saddle trail to the highest peak outside the San Gorgonio Wilderness to enjoy magnificent views. Meet 7 am Mill Creek Ranger Station. Bring 2-3 qts water, lunch, hiking boots. Rain cancels. Leaders: TERRY GINSBERG, JIM HERINGER

Not an Angeles Chapter Outing

Jun 14 Sat Sespe Group, Los Padres Chapter

San Gorgonio Peak (11,502'): Very strenuous, 14 miles round trip, 5,000+' elevation gain, on Vivian Creek trail thru pine and fir forests, subalpine meadows, and streams to the highest peak in Southern California for a spectacular view (on a clear day) of San Gorgonio Wilderness and beyond. Call to reserve space (limited number on permit). Directions to trailhead: Take I-10 east past San Bernardino to the Orange Street exit (Hwy. 38). Take Hwy 38 east for about 12 miles and turn onto Forest Home Road (at the hairpin turn). Drive to the end of the road to parking area. Adventure Pass. Meet at trailhead 8am. Wear hiking shoes, bring lots of water, food, sunscreen, jacket (may be cold and windy at the top). SUZANNE TANAKA 805-648-6292 or email at hothiker@pacbell.net (SP)

Not an Angeles Chapter Outing

Jun 14 Sat San Gorgonio Sierra Singles, San Gorgonio Chapter Skyline Trail (San Jacinto Peak): 4 am. Skyline is a one-way hike up from Palm Springs to the Aerial Tramway station at the top. It is well-suited to be our pick for the 6th "pre-Whitney" hike this year. You hike up 8000' in 9 miles. We'll plan on hiking just 11.5 miles more round trip with just another 2300' elevation (so we can make it to the peak) and then take the tram back down to your cars. We will be leaving very early in the morning. RESERVATIONS: This hike is a very strenuous hike so you MUST call the leader with your hiking/fitness resume and you must have successfully completed an earlier "pre-Whitney" hike or you will not be allowed on the hike. BRING: Ten essentials including 5 quarts of water and sun protection. MEET: See leader for time and location. Leader: RALPH SALISBURY 909-686-4141

New Outing, not in the Schedule

Jun 15 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Black Mountain #5 (7438'), Split Mountain (6835'): A strenuous hike to two of our most northern peaks, 12 miles round trip, 3700' gain, including much brush and some moderate rock scrambling amidst occasional forest. The trip to these challenging peaks is usually long, hot, and dry, so bring a positive attitude and enjoy them with us. Send sase, recent conditioning, contact info to Leader: VIRGIL POPESCU. Co-Leader: TOM HILL tomlyns@earthlink.net

Jun 15 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: List Finishers' Special - Sam Fink Peak (7339'): Please join us as we hike from one side of the San Jacinto Range to the other and back again to visit a peak that Sam Fink surely enjoyed. Moderately paced, but very strenuous. 12 miles round trip, 4000' on trail and steep cross-country. Space limited by permit. This hike is part of a series that helps hikers who are nearing list completion, but anyone up for a challenge is welcome to participate. Send email/sase with H&W phones to Leaders: WOLF LEVERICH, KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH karen@mtpinos.com

Jun 15 Sun Santa Clarita

O: Liebre Mountain: Moderate 6 miles, 1600' gain hike. Delightful views of Antelope Valley and Tehachapi Mountains. Steady climb through black oak, digger pines and white sage. Meet 9 am entrance to Ed Davis/Towsley Canyon Park (take I-5 to Calgrove, L to The Old Rd, L to park entrance). Bring water, lunch, lugsoles, FSP. Serious rain, fire closure cancels. Leader: HENRY SCHULTZ. Assistant: CASEY BIALAS

Jun 19 Thu Hundred Peaks

O: Circle Mountain (6875'), Gobbler's Knob (6955'): Enjoy the beautiful forest high country on this 3 miles round trip, 1300' gain suitable for beginners. Experience great views and clean air. Email/phone Leader: INGEBORG PROCHAZKA ingebike@earthlink.net 310-559-0823. Co-Leader: DAVE COMERZAN

New Outing, not in the Schedule

Jun 21 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Mount San Antonio (10,064'), Mount Harwood (9552'), Thunder Mountain (8587'), Telegraph Peak (8985'), Timber Mountain (8303'): Strenuous 18 mi loop, 8000' gain hike over established trails in Eastern San Gabriels. E-mail or snail-mail (with SASE) climbing resume to leader, Kate Rogowski rogo@ea.ucla.edu. Leaders: KATE ROGOWSKI, MARTIN PARSONS, MIKKI SIEGEL

Jun 21 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Wright Mountain (8505'), Pine Mountain #1 (9648'), Dawson Peak (9575'), Mount San Antonio (10,064'): Join us for a very strenuous hike up the north side of Baldy, bagging a few other peaks along the way. 11 miles round trip, 6200' gain. Send email/sase, conditioning, contact information to Leader: SANDY SPERLING ssperling@juno.com. Assistant Leader: SANDY BURNSIDE

New Outing, not in the Schedule

Jun 21-22 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Mount San Antonio (Baldy) (10,064'), Dawson Peak (9575'), Pine Mountain #1 (9648'): Join the Sandies on the first annual summer solstice, full moon slumber party. We will ascend Baldy from Manker Flat (4 mi, 4000' gain), drop our packs and overnight gear, head off to Dawson and Pine (5 mi rt, 3400' gain/loss), and return to Baldy for sunset/sunrise celebrations. Sunday morning we will return to our cars. Side trips could include West Baldy and Harwood. Number of participants will be strictly limited. Please email conditioning, experience, and questions regarding which outing will be taken to Leader: SANDY BURNSIDE kburnsides@aol.com. Co-Leader: SANDY SPERLING

New Outing, not in the Schedule

Jun 21-22 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks, Wilderness Adventures, WTC

I: Sawmill Mountain (8818'), Grouse Mountain (8682'): Strenuous moderately paced 17 miles round trip, 5000' gain backpack on trail and cross-country in beautiful Los Padres National Forest. Overnight camp at Lilly Meadows. Optional peaks - Mount Pinos (8831'), Cerro Noroeste (8280'). Rain postpones. Send sase or E-mail, recent conditioning/backpack experience, carpool info to Leader: BILL VALENTINE hiker@brightlion.com. Co-Leader: GAREN YEGPARIAN

Jun 22 Sun Hundred Peaks

O: Easy Peaks of Southern California - Mount Williamson (8214'), Mount Islip (8250'): Join us for two relaxed paced hikes. We'll do Williamson first, 5 miles round trip, 1600' gain. Then Islip second, 7 miles round trip, 1700' gain. Beginners welcome. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare point. Bring lunch, water, Forest Service Pass. Leaders: WOLF LEVERICH, KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH

New Outing, not in the Schedule

Jun 22 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Charlton Peak (10,806'), Jepson Peak (11,205'), Dobbs Peak (10,459'): Ms. Zobeida Molina will be the first known Nicaraguense to finish the HPS list. Celebrate with her atop Charlton and at trailhead later. Jepson and Dobbs are optional for you hard core baggers. Bring goodies to share. 15 mi rt, 4300' gain, mostly on South Fork trail, for Charlton. Add 4 mi, 1300' for the other peaks. Email (preferred) or telephone Leader, George Wysup, with recent conditioning and contact info to reserve a place. Leader: GEORGE WYSUP geowy@earthlink.net 909-987-5348. Co-Leaders: MAGGIE WILSON, LAURA JOSEPH

Not an Angeles Chapter Outing

Jun 22 Sun San Gorgonio Sierra Singles, San Gorgonio Chapter Cucamonga Peak: 6 am. Our 7th "pre-Whitney" summer conditioning hikes takes you to the eastern citadel of the high sub-alpine Cucamonga Wilderness. This 12-mile-round-trip and 3800' elevation gain hike is worth the effort. RESERVATIONS: Limited space; Must sign up with leader. BRING: Minimum 4 qts water, layered clothing, 10 essentials, lunch. Leader: RALPH SALISBURY 909-686-4141

Jun 25 Wed Hundred Peaks, Local Hikes

O: Mount Burnham (8997') from Dawson Saddle: 6 miles round trip, 1700' gain through at least partially burnt high country. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare point with water, lunch, lugsoles. Leaders: DORIS DUVAL, DON SIMINSKI

New Outing, not in the Schedule

Jun 27-29 Fri-Sun Hundred Peaks, Palos Verdes-South Bay, WTC

M: Moses Mountain (9331'), North Maggie Mountain (10,234'): Friday backpack 4 miles, 1000' gain from Mountain Home State Park in Western Sierra to camp and climb Moses, 4 miles round trip, 2500' gain. Saturday climb North Maggie, 5 miles round trip, 3400' gain. Sunday leisurely pack out. WTC or equivalent experience required. Email recent conditioning/experience, H&W phones & rideshare info to Leaders: RICHARD BOARDMAN mmptorr@flash.net, BOB BEACH rabeach4@juno.com

CANCELED

Jun 28 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Langells Peak (9358'), Cornell Peak (9750'): Easy, moderately slow paced hike of 2000', 9 miles round trip on trail and steep cross-country with some class two rock. Some want to name the peak Luella Todd after the first HPS woman 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 hiked with us for over 30 years. CANCELED. Leader: BYRON PRINZMETAL Co-Leaders: SOUTHERN COURTNEY, KENT SCHWITKIS

Jun 28 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Sam Fink Peak (7339'): Moderately paced, strenuous trail/cross-country hike to peak near Idyllwild named after HPS's most illustrious leader. 16 miles rt, 4500' gain. Send sase/email, recent conditioning/experience, contact information to Leader: DAVE BEYMER MoonBeym@adelphia.net. Co-Leader: MAURA RAFFENSPERGER

New Outing, not in the Schedule

Jun 28 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Mount 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. Send SASE or email to Leader: KATE ROGOWSKI rogo@ea.ucla.edu. Asst: JANET YANG

Jun 28 Sat Orange County Sierra Singles, Hundred Peaks

O: Anderson Peak (10,840'), Shield's Peak (10,680'), San Bernardino Peak (10,649'): Strenuous 19 mile, 4800' gain hike in San Bernardino Mountains. Join us for a beautiful day of peak bagging. Permit limits group size. Send sase/email, recent conditioning, phone numbers to Leaders: MARKEY & ROBERT NEIGHBORS mildaley@aol.com

New Outing, not in the Schedule

Jun 29 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Apache Peak (7567'), Spittler Peak (7440'): Veteran Tom and Novice Laura promise you an adventure on this total 10 mi rt, 3300' gain hike via Spittler Peak trail. Join the Sam Fink hike on Saturday and spend the weekend in Idylwild, with a potluck at a campground (to be selected) Saturday night. Apache-Spittler will be short enough to beat the worst of the Sunday traffic on the return trip. ESASE leader. Leader: LAURA JOSEPH ljoseph2@earthlink.net. Co-leader: TOM HILL

Jun 29 Sun Santa Clarita

O: Mount Baden Powell (9399'): Join us for one of the most popular hikes in the San Gabriels. Moderate 8 mile round trip hike, 2800' gain. Panoramic views of Devil's Punchbowl, Antelope Valley, Southern Sierras, plus 2000 year old limber pines. Meet 8 am Canyon Country rideshare point or 9:30 am Vincent Gap. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles, FSP. Serious rain, fire closure cancels. Leaders: ED BENISON, MELINDA ARREDONDO

Jul 2 Wed Local Hikes

O: Mount Williamson (8214') from Islip Saddle to Eagles Roost Picnic Area: 6 miles round trip, 1800' gain with car shuttle. Should be a fun hike. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare point with water, lunch, good footwear. Leaders: SOUTHERN COURTNEY, DAN BUTLER

Jul 4 Fri Pasadena

O: Moonlight Hike to Mount Lowe from Eaton Saddle: Join us for this popular event. Enjoy Rose Bowl fireworks from high above LA basin on moderate 3.5 miles, 700' gain hike in Front Range. Meet 6:45 pm La Cañada rideshare point with water, snack, lugsoles, flashlight; binoculars helpful. Leaders: BYRON TAYLOR, BOB MEADE, DON BREMNER

Jul 5 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Mount Lewis (8396'), Kratka Ridge (7515'), Mount Akawie (7283'), Mount Mooney (5840'), Vetter Mountain (5908'), Mount Sally (5408'), Barley Flats (5600'): Join us as we pick off easy peaks along the Angeles Crest Highway. 9.2 mi rt, 2650' gain total. Moderately paced, newcomers welcome. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare point. Bring min 2 qts water, lunch. Leader: DAVE BEYMER. Co-Leader: MAURA RAFFENSPERGER

Jul 6 Sun Hundred Peaks

O: Wright Mountain (8505'), Gobblers Knob (6955'), Circle Mountain (6880'), Pinyon Ridge (6535'): Moderately paced, strenuous hike mostly on trail; 12.5 miles round trip, 4250' gain total. Some dirt road driving. Potential pathfinder for Wright (we are using secondary route from Gobbler's Knob). Meet 8:30 am Mt. Baldy Rideshare. Bring minimum 3 quarts water, lunch. Leader: DAVE BEYMER. Co-Leader: MAURA RAFFENSPERGER

Jul 6 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Thunder Mountain (8587'), Telegraph Peak (8985'), Timber Mountain (8303'): Moderately paced, moderately strenuous on trail and cross-country terrain, 12 mi rt, 3600' gain. Meet 8:30 am Monrovia rideshare point. Bring ten essentials including a headlamp, water and lunch. Leaders: WOLF LEVERICH, KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH

Jul 8 Tue Hundred Peaks

O: Antimony Peak (6848'), Brush Mountain (7000'), San Emigdio Mountain (7495'), Cerro Noroeste (8286'): Four peaks in Los Padres National Forest. Antimony is 5 miles round trip, 800' gain. Brush is 2 miles round trip, 400' gain. San Emigdio is 0.2 miles round trip, no gain, and Cerro Noroeste is a drive-up. Email or call leader for meeting time and place. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN comerzan3@aol.com 909-482-0173, INGEBORG PROCHAZKA

Jul 10 Thu Hundred Peaks

Management Meeting: Please join us for our monthly open management committee meeting which will be held at 6:30 pm at Laura Joseph's Home, 2386 East Del Mar, Apt. #328, Pasadena. Phone: (626) 356-4158; email ljoseph2@earthlink.net

Jul 11-13 Fri-Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Dragon's Head (10,866'), Bighorn Mountain (10,997'), San Gorgonio Mountain (11,502'), Jepson Peak (11,205'), Charlton Peak (10,806'), Dobbs Peak (10,459'): Join us as we backpack in the San Gorgonio Wilderness and bag as many of these peaks that time and energy allow. Be prepared to carry a backpack in 7 miles, 3000' gain. The total trip could be 30 miles, 9000' gain. Space limited by permit. Send email or SASE and backpacking experience to Leader: PAT ARREDONDO paarredo@att.net. Assistants: KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH, VIRGIL POPESCU

Jul 12 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Mount San Antonio (10,064'), Dawson Peak (9575'), Pine Mountain #1 (9648'): Strenuous 13.5 miles round trip, 6200' gain hike over established trails in Eastern San Gabriels. Send SASE/email to Leader: KATE ROGOWSKI rogo@ea.ucla.edu. Assistant: JANET YANG

Not an Angeles Chapter Outing

Jul 12 Sat San Gorgonio Sierra Singles, San Gorgonio Chapter San Gorgonio Peak: 5:45am. This is the 8th of our "pre-Whitney" summer peak ascents. This hike is 15 miles round trip and 5300' elevation gain. We will go up Vivian Creek, which is the shortest way to the peak. The first mile is the steepest. RESERVATIONS: Very limited space; must sign up with leader early. BRING: Ten essentials, at least 4 quarts water, lunch, layered clothing. MEET: Mill Creek Ranger Station. Leader: RALPH SALISBURY 909-686-4141

Jul 19 Sat Orange County Sierra Singles, Hundred Peaks

O: Sugarloaf Mountain (9952'), Onyx Peak #1 (9113'): Join us for two peaks in the Big Bear area. Moderately paced 8 miles 2200' gain hike to Sugarloaf Mountain then short drive to nearby Onyx Peak, 2 miles 230' gain hike. Meet 6 am No Orange County rideshare point or 7:30 am Mill Creek Ranger Station. Leaders: MARKEY & ROBERT NEIGHBORS. Assistant: CHERYL GILL

New Outing, not in the Schedule

Jul 20 Sun Hundred Peaks

O: Vetter Mountain (5908'): Anniversary hike for Stag and Nami Brown. Easy 3 mi round trip via trail up to Vetter Mountain with fun, food and celebration at campground after the hike. Everyone invited. Come share this special day with us. Bring smiles, appetite and a special dish to share. Meet 7:30 am for breakfast at Hill Street Cafe or 8:30 am at the La Cañada rideshare point. Leaders: STAG BROWN, NAMI BROWN, BOBCAT THOMPSON & JOE YOUNG

Jul 20 Sun Hundred Peaks
O: Cerro Noroeste (8280'+), Grouse Mountain (8582'), Sawmill Mountain (8818'), Mount Pinos (8831'): Enjoy this classic high-elevation ridge walk west of Frazier Park. Expansive views of Los Padres National Forest. Moderately paced 10 miles round trip, 3000' gain. Meet 8 am Sylmar rideshare point. Leader: VIRGIL POPESCU. Asst-Leaders: JAMES CARDEN, TOM HILL

Jul 23 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Timber Mountain (8303'): 10 miles round trip, 3300' of gain at slow to moderate pace. Shorter options available. Meet 8:30 am at new rideshare parking lot at the top of Mills Ave and Mt Baldy Rd. Have water, lunch, lugsoles. Leaders: DORIS DUVAL, GABRIELE RAU

Jul 26 Sat Hundred Peaks
The 10th Annual Great Waterman Mountain (8038') Rendezvous "Pig Out": HPS invites you to join us for our annual party atop Waterman Mountain. Choose the hike that most interests you, or just wander up on your own. Be sure to bring lots of food and drink to share with other hungry hikers. Plan on spending some time on top getting acquainted and having fun, as most hikes won't be returning to the cars until late afternoon or early evening. Rain cancels.

Jul 26 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: The Easiest Route: Join annual gathering of Hundred Peakers on 8 miles round trip, 1200' gain moderate hike to meet other groups and picnic on top. Meet 9:30 am La Cañada rideshare point. Bring water, lunch, goodies to share, wear lugs. Rain cancels. Leaders: FRANK DOBOS, DAVID EISENBERG, LAURA QUINN

Jul 26 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: Mount Akawie (7283'), Kratka Ridge (7515'), Mount Waterman (8038'): Join Sandy, Harv, Kent and George to nab a couple of easy ones on the way to the party. 11 miles round trip, 2500' gain on trail and cross-country route from Kratka to Waterman trail. Meet 7:30 am at La Cañada rideshare. Bring celebratory goodies to share. Leaders: GEORGE WYSUP, SANDY SPERLING, HARVEY GANZ, KENT SCHWITKIS

Jul 26 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Waterman Mountain (8038') via Twin Peaks (7761'): Fast-paced strenuous hike from Islip Saddle led by the Terrible Three. 12 miles round trip, 3200' gain on maintained trail and very steep use trail. Experienced hikers only. We intend to be the first to reach the Rendezvous. If you wish to rise to the challenge, contact leader via email or (for Luddites) phone. Leader: LAURA JOSEPH ljoseph2@earthlink.net 626-356-4158. Co-leaders: KATE ROGOWSKI, JANET YANG

Jul 26 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Waterman Mountain (8308') Via PCT and West Ridge: 6 miles round trip, 2100' gain on the PCT and use-trail. We start from where the PCT crosses the Hwy 2 at a large pull-out 6000'+. Use the PCT to reach Cloudburst Summit then climb up steeply the west ridge and over to peak. Be sure to bring lots of food and drink to share with other hungry hikers. We will return by a quick, sometimes steep fun way to our parking area. Meet at 9:00 am La Cañada with water, good footwear. Leaders: SOUTHERN COURTNEY, ROSEMARY CAMPBELL

Jul 26 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Waterman Mountain (8308') By Mountain Bike: 7 miles round trip, 1300' gain on fireroad. Meet 10 am La Cañada rideshare point. Bring good quality mountain bike, riding helmet, spare tube, and cable lock, and don't forget some goodies to share with all those hiker dudes who will be looking at you funny as you arrive on two wheels. Leaders: INGEBORG PROCHÁZKA, WOLF LEVERICH, KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH

Jul 27 Sun Hundred Peaks
I: Mount Hawkins (8850'), Copter Ridge (7499'), Throop Peak (9138'): Moderately strenuous hike in Angeles National Forest involves 8 miles round trip and 3000' gain over trail and easy cross-country. Examine fire damage, and nature's recovery, from last year's curve fire. Meet 7 am La Cañada rideshare point. Bring water, lunch, sturdy boots. Leaders: JOE YOUNG, BOBCAT THOMPSON

Jul 30 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Middle Hawkins (8505') and optional Islip (8250') on return: 7 miles round trip, 1400' gain for both of these lovely favorites by starting from Angeles Crest Highway on use-trail to Windy Gap. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare with minimum 2 quarts water, lunch, good footwear. Leaders: DON SIMINSKI, ROSEMARY CAMPBELL

Aug 2 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: San Gorgonio Mountain (11,499'): Strenuous 19 mile loop, 5420' gain hike over established trails going up by Dollar Lake and coming out Dry Lake. Send sase/email with climbing resume to Leader: KATE ROGOWSKI rogo@ea.ucla.edu. Assistant: MARY FORGIONE

Aug 3 Sun Hundred Peaks
O: Easy Peaks of the San Gabriels - Mount Akawie (7283') & Kratka Ridge (7515'): Two short, separate hikes. Akawie is just over a mile, 400' gain. Kratka is 1.5 miles, 700' gain. Beginners welcome! If you've been curious about HPS, come and meet us and see some of the lovely places we hike. Meet 9:30 am La Cañada rideshare point. Bring water, lunch, sunscreen. Leaders: WOLF LEVERICH, KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH

Aug 6 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Mount Baden Powell (9399') from Dawson Saddle: 8.5 miles rt, 2400' gain. Meet at 8 am La Cañada rideshare with plenty of water, lunch, and lugsoles. Leaders: DAN BUTLER, DORIS DUVAL

Aug 9 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Mt Islip (8250') 13th Annual Peaknic Hike: Moderate pace, 6 miles round trip, 1300' gain. Peaknic at Little Jimmy's Camp Ground. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare point. Bring lugsoles, water, your best potluck item, good cheer. Leaders: MIKE & DOTTY SANDFORD, FRANK DOBOS, LAURA QUINN, DAVID EISENBERG

Aug 9 Sat Hundred Peaks, K-9 Committee
I: Waterman Mountain (8038') on the Ridge from Three Points: Moderately strenuous 10 miles, 2200' gain round trip. Well behaving dogs are welcome. Meet 7 am La Cañada rideshare point. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles. Leader: RAY WOLFE. Assistant: BOB FREED

Aug 12 Tue Hundred Peaks

O: Wright Mountain (8505'), Pine Mountain #1 (9648'), Dawson Peak (9575'): Hike near Mt. Baldy with some steep, exposed sections. You must be comfortable in steep, slippery terrain. Total distance is about 12 miles round trip with 3000' of gain. Email/call leader for meeting time and place. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN comerzan3@aol.com 909-482-0173, INGEBORG PROCHAZKA

Aug 13 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: Kratka Ridge (7515') and More: About 6 mile loop, with 2100' gain. We will on trail and well used use-trail. All of the steep part is before lunch. After lunch it is down trail and through Buckhorn Campground to parking. Many great view and lots of fun. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare with water, lunch, good footwear. Leaders: SOUTHERN COURTNEY, BROOKS TREIDLER

Aug 14 Thu Hundred Peaks

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Aug 16 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: San Jacinto Peak (10,804'): Could be a pathfinder. Moderately paced 19 miles round trip, 5160' gain hike over beautiful trails near Idyllwild. Bring 4 liters water, lunch, lugsoles. Rain cancels. Send sase/email to Leader: KATE ROGOWSKI rogo@ea.ucla.edu. Assistant: JANET YANG

Aug 16 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: List Finishers' Special - Santa Rosa Mountain (8070'), Toro Peak (8716'): This one really is a list finishers' special! Join several of us as we possibly finish the list for the first, second, or ??? time, or earn emblems for leading 100 peaks or climbing 200 peaks or ... Santa Rosa is a drive-up. Toro is 3 miles, 800' gain. Plan on the party to end all parties afterwards. Send SASE/email for details to Leader: KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH karen@mtpinos.com. Co-Leader: WOLF LEVERICH

Aug 27 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: Mount Islip (8250'): 7 miles round trip, 1500' gain past Little Jimmy Spring and Windy Gap. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare with water, lunch, lugsoles. Leaders: DORIS DUVAL, SHIRLEY WEISMAN

Aug 30 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Easy Peaks of the San Gabriels - Throop Peak (9138'), Mount Hawkins (8850'): 8 miles, 1400' gain on trail to two peaks in or near last year's fires. A social pace, so you can chat as we saunter. Beginners welcome. Meet 9:30 am La Cañada rideshare point. Bring water, lunch, sunscreen. Leaders: WOLF LEVERICH, KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH

Aug 31 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Toro Peak (8716'), Santa Rosa Mountain (8070'): Strenuous hike up the northside slopes to our newest addition to the HPS Peak List and its nearby companion, minimum 10 miles round trip, 3000' gain. High clearance or 4wd vehicles needed to reach trailhead. Send sase/email with recent experience and conditioning to Leader: TOM HILL tomlyns@earthlink.net. Co-Leaders: MAGGIE WILSON, VIRGIL POPESCU

Sep 6 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Timber Mountain (8303'): Moderately paced hike up beautiful Ice House Canyon, 10 mi rt, 3300' gain. Permit limits group size. Bring lunch, 10 essentials. Send email to Leaders: WINNETTE BUTLER winnetteb@earthlink.net, KATHY CHEEVER cheever@ucla.edu

Sep 10 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: Throop Peak (9138') and Mount Hawkins (8850'): We will start from below Windy Gap and do about 9 miles round trip with about 2000' of gain. Some of the best viewing in our mountains. Meet 9 am La Cañada with water, lunch, good footwear. Leaders: SOUTHERN COURTNEY, JANET BARTEL

Sep 11 Thu Hundred Peaks

Annual Business/Management Meeting: All are welcome to attend our annual business meeting, where nominations are finalized for next year's Management Committee. In addition, proposals for Bylaw changes, peak additions and deletions, and other matters on which members will vote are discussed and votes are taken on whether to put them on the ballot. The business meeting follows the monthly Management Committee meeting. Refreshments provided by the committee. To attend the business meeting only, arrive by 7 pm. The management meeting will be begin at 6:30 pm at the Eaton Canyon Nature Center, located at 1750 N Altadena Dr in Pasadena. Go north from I-210 on Altadena Dr approximately 1 1/2 mi. Enter the Nature Center parking area on your right shortly after crossing New York Dr.

Sep 13 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: San Gabriel Peak (6161'), Mount Disappointment (5960'+): You won't be disappointed if you join us to bag these two easy peaks in the front range. Meet 8:30 am, La Cañada rideshare. Bring lunch, water, 10 essentials, lugsoles. Rain cancels. Leaders: FRANK DOBOS, LAURA QUINN

Sep 14 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Hanna Shay Memorial Hike: Butler Peak (8535'), Hanna Rocks exploratory (7840'+), White Mountain #1 (7727'): Visit pleasant forest north of Big Bear Lake to celebrate the life of Hanna Shay. Easy-paced morning hikes, 1 mile round trip, 500' gain to pick up Butler and unlisted Hanna Rocks, followed by optional moderate afternoon hike -- not drive -- to White Mountain via an obscure jeep road and firebreak from the south, 4 miles round trip, 1300' gain. Meet 7 am Pomona rideshare point. Co-Leaders: TOM HILL, CARLETON SHAY, VIRGIL POPESCU, MAGGIE WILSON

Sep 16 Tue Hundred Peaks

O: Mount San Antonio (10,064'), Mount Harwood (9552'): Commonly known as Mount Baldy, these two peaks are 14 miles round trip with 4000'+ gain. Harwood is on the way down from Baldy, and we'll return via the Devils Backbone trail. Email/call leader for meeting time and place. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN comerzan3@aol.com 909-482-0173, INGEBORG PROCHAZKA

Sep 20 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Mount Burnham (8997'), Mount Baden Powell (9399'), Ross Mountain (7402'): Strenuous 9 miles round trip, 4500' gain, hike in San Gabriels on trail and use trail. Email/sase stating recent conditioning to Leader: GEORGE WYSUP geowy@earthlink.net. Co-Leaders: SANDY SPERLING, KENT SCHWITKIS

Sep 21 Sun Hundred Peaks
I: Will Thrall Peak (7845'), Pleasant View Ridge (7983'), Pallett Mountain (7760'): Strenuous 13 miles round trip, 4700' gain, hike in San Gabriels on trail and use trail. Email/sase stating recent conditioning to Leader: GEORGE WYSUP geow@earthlink.net.
Co-Leaders: WOLF LEVERICH, KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH

Sep 24 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Mount Williamson (8214') from Islip Saddle: 5 miles round trip, 1600' gain with short use-trail scramble to summit. Meet 9 am La Cañada Rideshare with water, lunch, lugsoles. Leaders: DORIS DUVAL, DAN BUTLER

Sep 27-28 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks
I: Black Mountain #3 (5686'), Tehachapi Mountain (7960'), Lightner Peak (6430'), Bald Eagle Peak (6181'), Piute LO (8326'), Skinner Mountain (7120'): Add this collection to your peaks portfolio. Primitive car camp Saturday night to celebrate Rosh Hashana. We will try a pathfinder hike to Piute. Email/sase stating contact, recent conditioning and rideshare info to Leader: GEORGE WYSUP geow@earthlink.net. Co-Leaders: SANDY SPERLING, MAGGIE WILSON

Sep 27 Sat Hundred Peaks, Palos Verdes-South Bay, Natural Science
O: Chuckwalla Mountain (5209'), Cross Mountain (5203'): Moderately paced, moderately strenuous over steep, slippery but beautiful desert cross-country terrain, 9 miles round trip, 3000' gain. Dirt road driving with high clearance recommended. Take time to learn from our naturalist about the fauna and flora. Bring 10 essentials, lunch, and water. Email (preferred) or sase with recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Leader: KENT SCHWITKIS schwitki@earthlink.net. Co-Leader: BARRY HOLCHIN. Naturalist: SHERRY ROSS

Oct 1 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: San Gabriel Peak (6161') & Mount Lowe (5603'): We will hike the fine JPL Trail starting near Red Box climbing 1400' in 2+ miles. Then return to junction go E down to water tank, 1/2 in from Eaton Saddle. Climb to Lowe then go down either the East or West Trail to Lowe Camp (Tavern) for lunch. Return up the East or West Trail 1100' to near Lowe, then back the way we came. Total hike about 9 miles 3000' or so. Shorter options will be available. Meet 8 am La Cañada rideshare with water, lunch, good footwear. Leaders: RUTH GOLDSTEIN, DAN BUTLER

Oct 4 Sat Lower Peaks, Hundred Peaks
I: Mount McKinley (4926'), Iron Mountain #2 (5635'): 14 miles round trip, 1000' gain, 1000' gain on return, moderate pace. No special equipment needed for the trip to a famous peak! We climb Iron Mountain first, maybe Tin Mountain (on nobody's list), last the Big One. Meet 7 am N Orange County or 8 am La Cañada rideshare. Bring water, lunch, lug soles. Rain cancels. Leaders: GABRIELE RAU, BARBARA GUERIN

Oct 4-5 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks
Annual Oktoberfest Celebration: Come join us for one or two days in the magical high country of Mount Pinos. Sat night we will camp (or lodge if you prefer) at the lovely Mil Potrero campground in the Mount Pinos area. Everyone is invited to a potluck in the lodge with full kitchen facilities. Weather permitting, we'll have campfire. Joe Young promises a repeat of his famous "Which peak am I?" game. First 50 people to reserve will get a free beer mug emblem. \$10 per person for campsite; \$12 per person for cabin; \$2 per person for potluck only. For reservations, to volunteer to help and for information, contact Reservationist: LAURA JOSEPH, 2386 East Del Mar Apt. #328, Pasadena CA 91107-4774, 626-356-4158, ljoseph2@earthlink.net

Oct 4 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: Lockwood Peak (6261'), San Guillermo Mountain (6606'): Warm up your appetites for Oktoberfest with some moderate hikes in the area. We will take the new route to Lockwood (Route 2 on the web) for 7 miles round trip, 2500' gain on trail and somewhat brushy cross-country. If you'd like, add San Guillermo, 2 miles, 800' on firebreak. High clearance vehicles needed. Early start, moderate pace will get us to happy hour and dinner in time. Meet 8 am at Lake-of-the-Woods junction, about 7 miles west of Frazier Park exit from I-5. Leaders: SANDY SPERLING, SANDY BURNSIDE, GEORGE WYSUP

Oct 4 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Mount Pinos (LO) (8831'), Sawmill Mountain (8818'), Grouse Mountain (8582'), Cerro Noroeste (Mount Abel) (8280'): Experience the magic of tall pines and far reaching views. Moderately paced, 11 miles round trip, 2600' gain, mainly on trail, but some cross-country. Afterwards, come party with us at Oktoberfest! Meet 7:30 am Flying J Travel Center, Frazier Park exit from I-5. Leaders: WOLF LEVERICH, KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH

Oct 5 Sun Hundred Peaks
I: Brush Mountain (7040+'), San Emigdio Mountain (7492'), Frazier Mountain (LO) (8000+'), Tecuya Mountain (7160+'): Join us the day after Oktoberfest revelry for some easy peaks with great views and learn a little history of the area along the way! We plan to drive (high clearance) most of the way to Brush and San Emigdio (2.2 miles, 400' combined), drive most or all of the way to Frazier, and hike at a moderate pace to Tecuya (3 miles round trip, 1500', some steep cross-country) before heading home. Come for one or more! Meet 8:30 am at entrance to Mil Potrero Campground. Leaders: SANDY SPERLING, BILL VALENTINE, GEORGE WYSUP

Oct 5 Sun Hundred Peaks
I: Fox Mountain #1 (5167'), Cuyama Peak (LO) (5878'): Work off a few of those Oktoberfest calories hiking this steep 5 mile 2000' gain cross-country route to peak in Santa Barbara Canyon near New Cuyama. If road open & group desires, drive dirt road to Cuyama Peak LO. Afterwards, if you've worked up an appetite, join your leaders for a steak dinner at nearby Sagebrush Annie's. Send email/sase for meeting time and place to Leader: KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH karen@mpinos.com. Co-Leader: WOLF LEVERICH

Oct 5 Sun Hundred Peaks, Santa Monica Mountain Task Force
I: Grinnell Mountain (10,284'): Adventurous 11 miles, 4200' gain cross-country hike in the San Gorgonio Wilderness from South Fork Campground. Limited to 12 participants. Send e-mail (preferred) or SASE to Nancy with H & W phones and recent experience. Leaders: NANCY KLIPFEL nkclipfel@hotmail.com, RAY RILEY

Oct 8 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Mount Lukens (5074') from Deukmejian Park, via Cresenta View Trail: 10 miles round trip, 2500' gain. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare point with water, lunch, sturdy boots. Leaders: BOB THOMPSON, SOUTHERN COURTNEY

- Oct 9 Thu Hundred Peaks**
Management Meeting: Please join us for our monthly open management committee meeting which will be held at 6:30 pm at Laura Joseph's Home, 2386 East Del Mar, Apt. #328, Pasadena. Phone: (626) 356-4158; email ljoseph2@earthlink.net
- Oct 11 Sat Hundred Peaks**
I: Hawes Peak (6751'), Little Shay Mountain (6635'), Ingham Peak (6355'), Shay Mountain (6714'): Strenuous 12 miles round trip 4300' gain hike north of Big Bear on trail and cross-country. Will approach Hawes from the south. Email or sase stating recent conditioning to Leader: GEORGE WYSUP geowy@earthlink.net. Co-Leaders: SANDY SPERLING, KENT SCHWITKIS, SANDY BURNSIDE
- Oct 11 Sat Hundred Peaks**
O: Mount Hillyer (6200'+), Mount Sally (5408'), Mount Mooney (5840'+): 5 miles, 1100' gain. Three great, short hikes for beginners. Will car shuttle between peaks. Meet 8:30 am, La Cañada rideshare. Bring lunch, water, 10 essentials, lugsoles. Rain cancels. Leaders: FRANK DOBOS, LAURA QUINN
- Oct 12 Sun Hundred Peaks**
I: Sugarloaf Mountain (9952'): Moderate 8 miles round trip 2700' gain hike via seldom hiked west side on road and cross-country. Some easy dirt road driving. Email/ phone a few days before the hike for info to Leader: GEORGE WYSUP geowy@earthlink.net 909-987-5348. Co-Leaders: SANDY SPERLING, SANDY BURNSIDE
- Oct 14 Tue Hundred Peaks**
O: Thorn Point (6935'), Lockwood Peak (6273'): Hike two peaks in Los Padres NF. Thorn Point is 8 miles round trip with 2000' gain on a scenic trail. Lockwood Peak is 5 miles round trip on trail, cross-country and 700' gain. Email/call leader for meeting time and place. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN comerzan3@aol.com 909-482-0173, INGEBOG PROCHAZKA
- Oct 18 Sat Hundred Peaks**
O: Caliente Mountain (5106'): Moderately paced strenuous hike, 17 miles round trip, 3000' gain, along a ridge road to the highest point in San Luis Obispo County. Dramatic views, a historic WWII lookout, and maybe see some interesting wildlife. Send email/sase for details to Leader: KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH karen@mtpinos.com. Co-Leader: WOLF LEVERICH
- Oct 19 Sun Hundred Peaks**
O: Buck Point (6433'), San Sevaine (5240'+): Two modest peaks near Cajon Pass with vehicle access limited to the fall season. Moderately paced 8 miles round trip, 2000' gain on road and firebreak. High clearance vehicles recommended. Meet 8 am Pomona rideshare point. Leader: VIRGIL POPESCU. Co-Leaders: MAGGIE WILSON, TOM HILL
- Oct 22 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks**
O: Throop Peak (9138') and Mount Burnham (8997') from Dawson Saddle: 8 miles round trip, 1400' gain. Meet La Cañada 9 am rideshare with water, lunch, and lugsoles. Leaders: DORIS DUVAL, DON SIMINSKI
- Oct 25 Sat Lower Peaks, Hundred Peaks**
O: Slide Mountain LO (4631'): This peak overlooks Pyramid Lake and has excellent views of the Cobblestone Peak area. 10 miles round trip, 2400' gain on washed out jeep road and overgrown trail. Historical lookout on top. Moderately paced. Meet 7 am at North Orange County Rideshare or 9 am at roadhead. Email or SASE to Luella if you plan to go directly to roadhead. Bring water, lunch, lug soles, Adventure Pass. Rain cancels. Leaders: LUELLA FICKLE luellafickle@yahoo.com, CHERYL GILL, ERICH FICKLE
- Oct 25 Sat Hundred Peaks, Palos Verdes-South Bay, Natural Science**
I: Granite Pks (7527'): Moderately paced 8 miles round trip, 2000' gain, in semi-desert region east of Big Bear Lake. View the remains of the world's largest (deceased) Joshua tree on this cross-country scramble through stark boulder fields and pinyon-juniper woodlands. Some dirt road driving. Besides bagging the peaks we will take time to learn from our naturalist about the fauna and flora. Bring water, lunch, camera, boots. Send sase or email (preferred) with H/W phones, recent conditioning and hiking experience to Leader/Naturalist: SHERRY ROSS chross@yahoo.com. Co-Leaders: BARRY HOLCHIN, KENT SCHWITKIS
- Oct 25-26 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks**
I: Garnet Mountain (5680'+), Garnet Peak (5880'+), Monument Peak #1 (6271'), Oakzanita Peak (5054'), Sheephead Mountain (5896'), Cuyapaipe Mountain (6378'): Enjoy the Fall near Julian in San Diego County. Saturday do first four peaks - 14.1 miles round trip, 2200' gain. Carcamp Saturday night. Sunday do last two peaks - 6 miles round trip, 1400' gain. Moderately paced, strenuous hikes with some brush. Send sase or email to Leader: DAVE BEYMER MoonBeym@adelphia.net. Co-Leader: MAURA RAFFENSPERGER
- Oct 29 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks**
O: Pacifico (7124') from Mill Creek Summit: 12 round trip, 2200' gain on this favorite fall hike. Shorter options available. Meet 8:30 am at La Cañada rideshare with water, lunch, suitable clothing layers, good footwear. Leaders: RON ROSIEN, ROSEMARY CAMPBELL
- Nov 7 Fri Hundred Peaks, Palos Verdes-South Bay, Natural Science**
O: Palm Springs Tram (8450') Moonlight Hike: Strenuous hike for tigers only, 10 miles, 8300' gain to tram with possibility of including Mount San Jacinto (additional 10 miles, 2300' gain) if time and energy permit. We'll start hiking before midnight. Bring money for tram ride and taxi back to cars. Send email (preferable - bholchin@cox.net) or sase, conditioning/experience to Leader: BARRY HOLCHIN. Co-Leader: TONY TRULL
- Nov 9 Sun Hundred Peaks, Palos Verdes-South Bay, Natural Science**
I: Deer Mountain (5586') and Deep Creek Hot Springs: 12th semi-annual Deep Creek Hot Springs hike/soak/swim with another peak. Moderately paced 13 miles, 2300' gain. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, lugs (swim suit optional). Take time to learn from our naturalist about the fauna and flora. High clearance vehicles desirable for dirt road driving (fairly long car shuttle). No beginners. Plan on spending full day - it's near Hesperia. Rain cancels. Send email (preferable - bholchin@cox.net) or sase to Leader: BARRY HOLCHIN. Co-Leader: KENT SCHWITKIS. Naturalist: SHERRY ROSS

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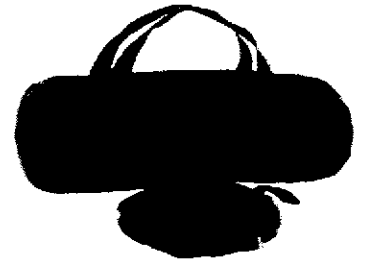
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Current Trip Reports

The BIG 3 in a (Long) Day

Feb 2, 2003

by George Wysup

Zobeida Molina mentioned that she had an 'orphan' in her quest for HPS immortality (finishing The List). This is a serious orphan-Santa Cruz Peak. Well, hey! I "need" the BIG 3 (Santa Cruz, San Rafael Mtn, and McKinley Mtn) before I can finish list #5. The weather has been weirdly hot and dry. Let's go for them!

It turns out that Zobeida was not alone in this orphan problem. It seems that the Sespe Group, unlike HPS, is not fodder for a psychiatrist; they couldn't care less about any lists. Can you imagine? So, they schedule hikes like McKinley Mountain – without regard for the other parts of the BIG 3. We added Tom Connery, John Meehan, and Pat Brea to make a strong enough Gang of Five.

The forecast was for sunny skies and pleasant temperatures. So it was almost a foregone conclusion; the peaks were in the bag. The 'sunny skies' turned out to be correct. The 'pleasant temperatures' finally arrived at noon. Well, here's the story.

We arrived at the trailhead at Cachuma Saddle early Saturday evening, meeting cool temperatures and a rather stiff breeze. Since we were to arise at 0230 we dosed up with our favorite sleep-inducing drugs (beer and melatonin for me, benadryl for others, perhaps something else which I choose not to be aware of) and retired early for sweet dreams of conquered peaks and finished lists.

Meanwhile the wind picked up velocity and, by wending its way through tree limbs, it created a notable howl. Another effect is that the stiff breeze interacted with the walls of a tent, inducing an undamped vibration mode in the agitated cloth that generated notable sound waves. In short, this hullabaloo interrupted any sleep that may have been forthcoming.

Sleep or no sleep, at least we got some rest. We arose to find that the wind was strong and chilling, but not so stiff that we couldn't stand and walk. Off we went, initiating the big adventure at 0311.

Except for being pummeled by a few gusts at some unsheltered saddles, the winds were not a deterrent. I convinced myself and the others that the breezes would soon abate. I considered the chance that the opposite could happen, and that we could all be blown down to Lake Cachuma. Not wanting to appear the wimps, we pushed up the road in the moonless night, guided by a few milliAmps of electric current forcing a dim white light from tiny diodes focused into a beam by a metallic parabolic reflector. The stars were spectacular. John pointed out a bright Jupiter at its closest approach to Earth. Venus rose on the horizon.

We reached Cold Spring at about 7 a.m. after 8.2 boring miles (the peak guide says 7.5 miles) on the

fire road. The spring lived up to its name. Our fingers were freezing in the ultra cold air draining into that gully as we clumsily pumped water from the covered tank. We trusted the reservoir's cover to keep critters from falling in and contaminating the water.

The normal flow into the tank had diminished to a slow drip-drip-drip, barely compensating for evaporation. This could be a sad sign for Spring at the spring. In the shade of McKinley's north side were sparse patches of old snow, frozen solid.

Onward to Santa Cruz! We ascended the 0.7 miles to McKinley Saddle and cached some unneeded weight. I became the bellwether since I (presumably) knew the route; or perhaps this had to do with the tick I flicked from my pants leg. We were sheltered from the wind by San Rafael's bulk until we reached the ridge at 5800', where the wind buffeted us again. At least the sun was up and its rays warmed us. Our attitudes improved and we could see our destination.

From a distance I pointed out our route to the cherished summit; follow the road around the east side of penultimate bump 5484, then turn back westward, over the top of 5485 to saddle 5240+ below the east ridge of Santa Cruz. Then, rather than follow the original route westward along the old (now horribly overgrown) road to the west ridge, we would make a direct assault up the east ridge through the scrub oak forest, climb the class 2 sandstone outcrops, and bushwhack the final 100 meters to the summit.

When we arrived at saddle 5160+ just northwest of bump 5484, we noted that a primrose path through the brush barrier had magically transpired, seeming to lead directly to saddle 5240+, bypassing 5484. We took it; it went just fine! This little shortcut eliminates about 3/4 mile and 500 feet gain from the round trip. Naturally, this path will become overgrown without persistent grooming, but this is also true of the longer route around 5484. I should say at this juncture that (as an experiment) we returned via the older route, and it has become severely overgrown in the (dry) year since I last visited. This suggests a principle: If all paths need grooming, groom the shortest one.

We then found, in clambering up the east ridge toward the summit from saddle 5240+ that someone (I know who) had done considerable route-building, pretty much following the path that I took a year ago. A passage through the scrub oak was open and a plethora of ducks guided the way through the rocks. This route now is, without a doubt, the route of choice to the summit. It is both easier and more interesting than the old route.

The rest of this saga is anticlimactic. The snow that often blocks the trail to San Rafael was trivial after the many days of winter warmth. The northeasterly winds blew away all traces of atmospheric contaminants and blessed us with a rare combination view of the Channel Islands and the snow capped Sierra Nevada.

All 5 of us bagged all three summits, needed or

not, in order to experience the true BIG 3 day hike adventure. We returned to the trailhead at about 8:40 p.m., hiking more slowly than when we started. Tom was actually falling asleep on his feet, due more to lack of caffeine than to energy depletion. After all, it was at least 30 miles and 7300' elevation gain that we old folks did in a single day.

Note: Zobeida tells me that her Sespe Group leaders on her 2 previous hikes to McKinley saddle shortcut the road (1/2 mile vs 2 miles) by going up and down an old firebreak whose bottom is at 3350', about 3/4 mile from the trailhead. It leads directly to the same road at about 4100'. We opted not to do this in the dark.

Young Emma, Middle-aged Emma, Old Emma

8 March 2003

Leaders: Wolf and Karen Leverich

By: Karen Isaacson Leverich

Mars Bonfire started a hiking series last summer, Easy Peaks of the San Gabriels. The notion was to introduce people who like being outdoors (not necessarily hikers) (yet!) to the wonder and beauty of our local mountains. Some of whom will simply have a nice time, others of whom will become hopelessly obsessed and not rest until they have Finished The List. No, no, wait!, that's not quite it!

But anyhow (envision one of those movie moments where the pages are flying off the calendar and -- this being very much an Environmentally Correct group -- into a nearby recycling bin) it's now 2003, and Wolf and I seem to have somehow inherited the series. My impression last year was that we were actually attracting hikers (not simply people who like to be outside) who were capable of reaching higher goals than Barley Flats, but who weren't quite confident yet about their ability to zip up Gorgonio. So when we submitted some hikes for Schedule 292, we were maybe a bit ambitious for our newcomers -- we promised them Emma and Old Emma, a relaxed pace, and a welcome for newcomers.

I had scheduled Emma in spring of '02 as my backup "O" provisional, and nary a soul showed up. (Well, my co-leader came, but you know what I mean.) So Wolf and I were pleasantly astonished to find 18 people gathered in Sylmar yesterday morning, with only two of the "usual suspects" that we already knew well from countless past HPS hikes. Those two, Doris Duval and Pat Arredondo, we of course immediately tapped to help out. We had hikers nearing their 100 peaks (who "needed" the Emmas), hikers nearing 25 and their coveted status as HPS members, a 77 year old gentleman from Hong Kong and his wife (Ping would be tall if stood next to Mrs. Lee), and a sweet young thing on her very first hike, ever. Wolf immediately propagandized them all with sample copies of **THE LOOKOUT** and the pretty Three Peaks Section brochure. (I mean SPS, HPS, and DPS, and NOT a

truncated HPS with only three peaks!)

We fairly efficiently consolidated into fewer cars and headed up the Antelope Valley freeway to Angeles Forest Highway and then Mt Emma Road, setting up a simple car shuttle. It was a pleasant day, not too warm, a light breeze, a light haze (well, you can't win them all). I was hoping for flowers, but no joy. There ARE some exquisite poppies abloom further north, so maybe the timing was wrong. Still, the beginning of the hike up Emma, a trail through a juniper/pinon woodland, is very attractive. I was sweep, and pedagogically pointed out to my comrades the trees, explaining that they're the type of pine responsible for those trendy pine nuts finding their way into salads all across the Westside.

All good things must end. We emerged onto the fire road, and carefully pointed out how to find the way back to the cars, in case someone was having second thoughts about our adventure. There were no takers. (And since this is not a Hollywood cliffhanger, let me share the not-so-surprising ending: all 20 made the full hike, and all seemed to have a fine time, even the woman who was on what was probably her first and last ever hike.)

"Is that the peak?" asked the septuagenarian Mr. Lee, pointing to one of those inevitable false summits we seem to specialize in here at HPS.

"Uh, no. Though I think when we get there, we'll almost be able to see it." Am I inspirational or what?

p we went, pausing in strategic bits of shade to catch our breath. Mrs. Lee shared a tremendously sweet grapefruit. As we went up one steep rocky bit, a new hiker asked, with some concern, whether we'd have to go back down that way. "No, no, we'll go along an easy ridge to Old Emma, we won't have to go down this." Little realizing quite how STEEP the Emma-Old Emma ridge is in places.

Before noon, we were all gathered on Emma, admiring the views, having a good snack in the shade. Those new to peak bagging were fascinated with the register, and with all the other peaks we could see and (sort of) identify. (The latter exercise would have been a tad more convincing if we had agreed on the names of anything other than Cole Point and Old Emma, oops...) Old Emma looked like an easy stroll, slightly downhill along a gentle ridge. Nice!

Well, not quite. Beginning hikers (and experienced ones, too) blanched at some of the less gentle "slopes" we encountered. Pairs of trekking poles were split up so everyone who wanted one had a prop. We in the rearguard called these bits "cliffs" and were grateful to Mrs. Lee, who used her Hong Kong hiking experience to route pick a more surefooted line of descent than the unstable motorcycle track. Hikers who had yearned for the uphill to be replaced by downhill suddenly discovered the charms of going up.

We did some of that, too. Eventually arriving on top of a bump we called "Middle-aged Emma." We decided she'd started out young, but was old by the time she had transited this ridge.

s we went up the final ridge to Old Emma, I

pointed to a firebreak on the next mountain over to the east. "That's where we go next!" I chirped. I'm lucky to still be alive, let me tell you!

rom Old Emma, we worked our way cautiously down the motorcycle track. This is hard on the knees and a certain amount of analgesic ("We're doing drugs!") was consumed. The road got closer and closer, and soon we descended a cross-country ridge into a garbage-strewn wash. (Civilization!?) Thence a short stint on an almost flat road (no one could believe it: normal walking!) and the car.

Most of us relaxed on the shoulder while the drivers untangled the cars. Everyone seemed to have had a good time, even she who probably won't be hiking with us again (bad knees). Though there was some concern: if there were the EASY peaks, then what are our other peaks like? Not to worry, team: you did the Emmas with such flair and elan, you'll do fine on the remaining 274 peaks on the HPS list. Trust me! Starting with that firebreak over there up yonder mountain...

A Journey to Lookout #2 **By Laura Joseph with Jim Kalember**

In October 2000, before I became a member of HPS, I joined an HPS outing to Lookout #2. As I recall, the hike was to be led by the venerable team of Tom Hill and Virgil Popescu, with Tom navigating the route from Bear Flat. Tom, however, was AWOL that day and was replaced by Mars Bonfire, who allowed as how he wasn't real sure how to get there. I don't remember exactly how we did get to Lookout, but it was touch-and-go for a while. There was a canyon and LOTS of brush; Mars seemed to be uncertain, but we did finally end up at a fire break, which we followed to the unimpressive summit. The return trip was no improvement.

A few months ago, having read about "Erv Bartel Canyon," I asked Dorothy Danzinger — who knows our peaks very well indeed — to accompany me on an adventure to Lookout via the infamous canyon. "You're crazy," said Dorothy (or words to that effect) and volunteered to join me for a romp up the fire break. "Too tame," said I.

At the beginning of February, I was thinking about a relatively short, nearby hike to do on a Saturday and remembered my interest in Bartel and — more important — I remembered my favorite partner in impossible adventures, the courageous Jim Kalember.

On the appointed day, after studying the topo, we decided that the cool thing to do would be to go to Lookout via the route from Bear Flat to the West Fork of Bear Canyon and return by Bartel canyon. As we climbed Bear Canyon trail (AKA baldyfromthevillagetrail), we studied the ridges and canyons to the west and traced them on the map. As best we could determine, the canyon named in honor of Erv Bartel was, without doubt, the brushiest, most overgrown canyon we could see. We therefore tentatively selected the ridge that begins just east of the summit and travels down at about 110 degrees as our

preferred method of descent. It looked like that ridge would drop us into Bear Canyon and we figured we could make our way out from there.

The trail from Bear Flat to Lookout is a delight: one of the prettiest and most varied I have seen. It begins by contouring around a wide ridge at about 5600'; this stretch is unshaded and the trail is well defined. Gradually, the trail meanders down into the canyon and follows it up, staying on the east side, through beautiful trees — incense cedar, says Jim — and the kind of scenery that makes me want to stop and just hang out. But we pressed on and up the canyon. As the trail reaches about 6000', it becomes faint and disappears (to me), but Jim has an eagle eye and we soldiered on. If you don't have a Jim with you, just stay on the east side of the gully and you'll make it.

The peak guide advises following the gully up to the saddle at 6520'. We hadn't read the peak guide and it seemed to us to make sense to cut up the broad ridge northeast of bump 6840'. After sitting upon that bump and admiring the panoramic view, we proceeded south along a fairly clear use trail that goes down to the saddle north of 6930' (which we think should be the peak, being both taller and much prettier than the named Lookout). From the saddle, the trail skirts east of the pretty 6930 and contours around into a saddle and up to Lookout.

The summit of Lookout #2 is most notable because it was, with Mt Wilson, the site of one of the most famous physics experiments of all time when the speed of light was accurately measured. The three concrete slabs on the summit once supported a large parabolic mirror which reflected a beam of light back to a spinning apparatus on Mt Wilson.

Jim notes that, from the summit, his observation that the fire break shown on the map is fairly well overgrown with manzanita is confirmed.

It was on the return trip that our adventure reached its high point — or, to be more precise, its low point. We identified our chosen ridge and made our way due east through moderate brush to reach it and begin heading down. The going was fairly easy for a while but became increasingly brushy and, as it did, we began to slide (literally) down the north side of the ridge, ending, inevitably, in the gully.

Now Jim is as agile as a cat and just dances over obstacles. I, on the other hand, as is well known, am a klutz. The gully — as one might expect — was littered with dead fall, rocks, puddles, leaves and miscellaneous debris of the forest. Picking my dainty way over this stuff slowed us down considerably and, before long, I suggested we might want to check out the ridge to the east of our path. (For those who wonder how I ever passed nav, I want to note that I studied the map and identified exactly where we were.) We plowed up the ridge when the opportunity presented itself and, reaching a high point (dramatic pause) what did we see?

Picture, if you will, an early morning and you are trotting up the baldyfromthevillagetrail to work off those extra pounds. You've gone about half a mile when you

see a trail spur that forks to the left just as the actual trail turns sharply to the right. Have you ever peered down that spur? If you have, you will have noticed the remains of a cabin: chimney and some concrete footings.

Well, folks, that's where we were! Right behind that chimney! Well, almost. Actually, there was some class 3 rock between us and the chimney. Jim scrambled down and then guided me.

We congratulated ourselves on superior navigation and route finding as we romped back to the car. We highly recommend this route for beauty and adventure. It is obviously not for everyone. But, consistent with my mission to lead hikes that no one else ever does, I plan to lead this one next fall. Look out for it in **The Lookout**.

NOTE: The sage Tom Hill suggests that I note that Erv Bartel, a long term HPSer — and someone I wish I had known — is survived by his still-active spouse, Janet. He further corroborates that we were not in the famous Bartel canyon. Here are his words:

"On the topo map, find the contour number 5600 in brown letters, ESE of the summit of Lookout. You indicate that you are on the ridge line adjacent to the top of this number whereas Erv Bartel Cyn is the canyon adjacent to the west and south of the number. You went north of the ridge line into an interesting but unnamed gully [hereinafter known as "Kalembert Gully"] and then even further away by escaping on to the next ridge east. The nature of the contours on that final ridge predict the possibility of some Class 3 work."

Rabbit and Villager as a "Day Hike"

12-13 March 2003

Privately led by: Mars Bonfire

**Participants: Dorothy Danziger, Wolf Leverich,
Karen Leverich**

Reported by: Karen Isaacson Leverich

Mars Bonfire recently led a group to Rabbit as a day hike from Clark Dry Lake ... it took 22 hours! Wolf and I were on his calendar for a similar hike, and got to thinking (dangerous!) that if we were going to be up there hiking for 22 hours, why not go for Villager, too? I had a suspicion that the Clark Dry Lake route would be 6000' of scree, far from my favorite thing, while I remembered the route over Villager to Rabbit as mainly being long, with a few too many false summits along the way, but no scree.

Mars and Wolf and I each did the numbers and each came up with the hike taking 18 to 20 hours. The same amount of time, or less, but two peaks. What's not to like? I popped an e-mail off to Dorothy, who needed Rabbit for her 3X, and she hesitantly agreed to come along, but she thought we were nuts and that the trip would take 28 hours.

In the event, Dorothy was closest to being right. It took us 26 and a half hours, and we may now hold the new HPS record for longest (duration) "day" hike. I believe

the prior record holders were Tom Hill and Don Winter, whose return from Samon and Madulce was delayed by the awkward fact of not having a working flashlight. That trip took a mere 26 hours.

Free advice for anyone contemplating doing this hike: if everyone in your group is a fast hiker (not true of our group), this could well work and means you can leave the backpack at home. But before you rush out to attempt it, be warned. The day we picked was shortly before the full moon, and was a compromise with various calendar conflicts we all had. You want to be more flexible: get the FULL moon if at all possible, but more importantly, don't go in the middle of a warm spell. Hold out for cooler weather. In our case, the temperatures, both day and night, were quite balmy (warm), and slowed us down substantially. (On the other hand, once the sun set, it was nice that it wasn't TOO cold out there.) Because it's a "simple" in and out trip, carry water portioned such that you can stash it as you go. Think about where you stash it, so you can find the water (remember, it might be dark) on your return.

Speaking of returning in the dark: we did. The sun set while we were on Rabbit. Daylight navigation on the Rabbit/Villager ridge isn't too difficult. But when the sun sets, even with an expert and experienced nighthawk like Mars in the front, it gets much more difficult. Take your time, make sure you're on track, but if you get hopelessly muddled, plan on spending the night after all and waiting for light. (So DON'T travel dangerously light, even if speed is of the essence.)

Especially difficult in the dark is the turn to the west (right) you'll need to make around elevation 4300', where the ridge splits. This was complicated for us because we were hiking before the full moon, so what moon we had (it was a fairly nice one) set before we got there. Oh well! On your way up, you'll skirt a dramatic dropoff on your left, then sidehill to the right for a spell, then turn left and head north again next to another dramatic dropoff. Study this area carefully in daylight, think about what it will look like illuminated by a powerful flashlight in the dark. Bring a powerful flashlight! Bring an altimeter. (This can also be useful for finding your water stashes.) And when you're in the dropoff area on your descent, 1) don't drop off the dropoff, but 2) spot the landmarks you memorized on your way up. That ridge between the dropoffs may appear as a whitish hill floating off to the right. You want to find the use trail and get over there. Otherwise, you'll accidentally head down the wrong ridge and be working your way through some extremely challenging terrain in the dark. Not recommended.

After you get past that sticky bit, the navigation gets a lot simpler. In our case (hopefully not yours), it was dramatically simplified because morning came. Mars, as we neared the end of the ridge off Villager, admiring the green ocotillos in full bloom in the morning light: "I've never seen it look like this here!" He was right, it was beautiful! And I imagine very very few hikers have been there at quite that time, or seen it in quite that way.

Sally, Mooney and Vetter

Jan 11, 2003

Ron Jones

We had 19 hikers show at the La Canada carpool point, a good mix of newcomers and veteran hikers. Fog and clouds blanketed the L.A. basin but the mountains above La Canada were glorious and clear, and incredibly warm for a mid-winter hike.

Our first stop, about 20 miles from our starting point was Mt. Sally, which we climbed by the usual Route 2. Since there had been rain a week earlier, the slope was perfect for walking, no sliding, and no dust created by all the folks. The views of Mt. Baldy were spectacular, some snow still on the top, and clear as a bell. The southland was socked in though. Everyone signed in, enjoyed the view, and soon we were on our way back to the cars below.

Second we headed to Mt. Mooney. We parked our cars in slush not quite melted by the sun as yet, and headed up Route 1 and the wide trail for ½ mile. No register was found but the summit is marked by a large letter "M" outlined with stones. Again there were some nice views to behold. It was close to noon so we decided to head back to the cars, head on over to Vetter Mtn and have lunch



there at the lookout.

We drove out to the highway, and basically across the highway to 3N16 at the entrance to the Charlton Flats Picnic area. The gate to the area was closed! The ranger said due to the high winds the week before there were lots of down trees and limbs and it wouldn't open until they had cleaned it up. So our lunch was a bit delayed.

We parked outside of the gate in the small parking area, and headed up to what the asphalt road would have been our trail couple of miles to our day, seemed to mind Scattered about below the Vetter enjoyed a lunch and the was such a day. We couldn't help but be in Southern California and have access to these mountains. We were back at the cars saying our good-byes by 2:30. Thanks to all for a good hike. My 13 month old hip replacement slowed me a bit but I was comfortable on this easy day. Looks like I'll have to have the second hip operated on this year.



Sheep Mountain and Martinez Mountain

19 February 2003

A Bona Fide Mars Bonfire Custom Adventure
Starring Mars Bonfire, Wolf Leverich, and Karen
Isaacson Leverich

Related by Karen Isaacson Leverich

Up until last Wednesday, I had hiked in on the Cactus Springs Trail four times, and had three peaks (one Sheep and two Martinez) to show for my troubles. While many HPSers have done Sheep and Martinez together as a day hike, that treat had so far eluded me.

Well, I've finally done it! And it "only" took just under seventeen hours. Sure, that's a bit on the slow side, but the views, the flora, the desert light, all merited appreciation. That, or I was a bit out of shape, having done essentially no hiking for about a month.

The start of this great adventure was less than auspicious. We were to meet Doris Duval and Mars at 6AM at the Pinyon Flats Campground. Doris phoned the evening before and canceled. My estimate of driving time from Palm Desert (where Wolf and I had spent the night in a rather nice little motel that unfortunately we didn't really get the opportunity to savor) must have assumed Mario Andretti at the wheel. And then Mars had the cheery news of a winter storm on the way. A brilliant time to hike in 8 miles from the cars, in terrain riddled with washes currently dry, but if they don't flow with water when it storms, then how did they get there?

But of course, having come so far, we wanted to go for it. And there wasn't a cloud in the sky! We would watch for Weather developing and scurry back as best we could if we didn't like what we saw. After double-checking that we all had enough gear if we misjudged, we decided to give it a try. (I suspect many hikers, unaware of the forecast, seeing that clear sky, knowing these to be tough desert peaks, might have been tempted to leave their rain gear behind to save weight. Not a wise choice! Read on to learn what ALMOST happened

If you have a sturdy 4WD vehicle, contact Mars to learn how to trim a mile or so from this hike. He has a route worked out that gets one a bit past the dolomite mine. On earlier hikes, I haven't at all minded those miles on the way in, but oh, how loooooonnnnnnnngggg they seem on the way out! It's nice not to have to hike that last bit, especially when tired and racing to beat a spooky storm.

So, up and down and up and down we went. Sometime in the first half of 2002, someone did major work on this trail, and it's now substantially easier to follow. (We got muddled a few times coming out in the dark a year ago January, but now it all seems perfectly clear. Or maybe it's due to practice?) Horsethief Creek was running (unlike last July), and was just lovely. I could imagine our less peak-obsessed hiking brethren considering this beautiful stream to be an adequate hiking destination. Not us. We paused and Mars pumped water.

Next the trail goes steeply up, offering glimpses

to the left of a wash that looks almost like a road. Substantially lower than the trail. "That's our wash," said Mars. We hypothesized that we were going up these steep switchbacks, rather than the gentle sandy wash, because that wash was going to have a sudden elevation change (AKA "dry waterfall" or "cliff") somewhere out of sight, shortly before we rejoined it. Early in the day, we thought we'd have the energy on our return to do lots of exploring, find out how Cactus Spring was doing (it was pretty unattractive last July), and how big of a waterfall the wash made, etc. Right.

Mars and I both remembered turning left out of the main wash into a subsidiary wash, pretty soon after rejoining the wash. The first promising wash didn't have the expected ducks, but we took it anyhow. Mars led, seldom pausing at splits to choose, seemingly having an algorithm for deciding which branch to take. Well, duh! He was always choosing the one that aimed most closely at the peak (which we couldn't see, but never mind.) Along the way, we saw the most gorgeous metallic red balloon, presumably a Valentine's Day escapee. Ingeborg, where are you when we need you? You would have loved this one!

On our exit later that evening, we saw the "right" wash, complete with ducks. Mars' assessment is that the wrong wash worked even better than the right one. Or maybe you can take any wash, and as long as you aim for the peak, it all works out?

Eventually we came out on some high ground, which if you're generous, you might call a ridge. If it isn't yet clear, we were going for Sheep first, rather than Martinez. Mars correctly guessed we'd be coming out in the dark, and prefers to do that off of Martinez (more trail) than off of Sheep (more of those fun irregularities we enjoyed during our January trip to Big Shay, Medium Shay, Little Shay, and Shay Shay, or whatever those peaks were.) At some point, Wolf was of course attacked by the vegetation. All three of us were carrying Sam splints, and have been kind of curious if we'd ever encounter a situation where three Sam splints would come in useful (obviously this would be unpleasant in Real Life). Wolf insisted his yucca stab was NOT such an event. On we went. We found recent footprints, so theorized we'd find some very recent sign-ins in the register(s), as surely the recent rains would have obliterated older footprints. Dunno. The register on Sheep goes back to 1967, but there hadn't been anyone there for a day or two, anyhow. We paused, remembering Edith's list finish (complete with headstand), commenting (even a year later) how much better a peak this was for a list finish than her original choice, Black #3 over by Tehachapi. Better this wonderful desert terrain than being terrorized by cattle!

We looked over at Martinez. I've been reading a lot of old trip reports lately, and mentioned one hike where they made it to Sheep, looked at Martinez, and decided it looked way too challenging to bother with. That rocky gully looks as if it goes straight up. I pointed out the ridge on the skyline we'd used last July. We admired Toro, where perhaps many many people will

finish the list next August, but that's another story. We looked back towards Horsethief Creek, and pondered our map: in real life, the terrain is quite a mess of gullies and ridges. On the map, it looks almost like a walk in the park. It's interesting what features don't scream out at one on the topo map, though having watched the experts at the Nav Noodles, I know really good map readers can intuit a lot from mere hints on a map. Not me, not yet anyhow.

Onwards, upwards. Well, at first, onwards, downwards. Though with good route picking, you don't lose a lot of elevation on the trip from the summit of Sheep to the base of Martinez. The intimidating gully still looked pretty intimidating, but not quite straight up. "If you like this peak," we quipped, "you'll love Pilot Knob!"

I'd done Martinez twice before, once coming down with a serious head cold, and once in July. It goes much better without the head cold, and with cooler temperatures. We still didn't exactly scamper up the gully, but it seemed less endless, and soon enough we were on the summit plateau. Shortly before that saddle, Mars had indicated a ridge on our left, and said one could go up that way, though it was a bit steep and a bit of a struggle. Two of my favorite "S" words. I demurred.

Still, Mars didn't want to wait as long as usual before turning left, so (as with Sheep) we took the first promising wash on the left, and worked our way up and over more boulders. Soon we approached a rocky monolith from the west. Could that be the summit block? No such luck. Mars: "It's not scary enough." Great. Wolf and I took a brief break while Mars shopped around for something scarier to climb. And guess what? Yes, he found something, not that far to the east, and fairly easy to get to. In fact, the whole trip from the gully to the base of the summit block was accomplished with very little rock scrambling.

We rested up at the base of the summit block, explaining to Wolf the basic approach to the remaining climb. And zoom! He was off! Mars followed after him, and was astonished to find Wolf already on top reading the register. No problem - all those bouldering skills developed during his formative years in Colorado apparently stayed with him.

Casting a concerned eye westward, we finally saw some weather starting to build. Was that a thunderhead over Gorgonio? Surely not. But it was more than time to go back, weather or no weather. Unless we were very very fast (we weren't), we'd still be descending that gully when it got dark (we were).

Mars had put in some additional ducks on our way up, just in case we ended up coming out in the dark. And while it took some time, we easily followed them down and out to our water stash, and then started hiking down the wash towards the Cactus Spring Trail. Mars: "We'll know we're there when we see the tree with the big horizontal limb." Karen: "It's a huge tree, we'll have problems not walking into it."

Well, so we walked and we walked and we walked and we walked. No tree. And we walked some

more. Still no tree. Had it blown down, been logged, what? Surely we'd covered miles and miles! Wolf observed we'd been walking about ten minutes. Oh. Well then. And sure enough, a few minutes later, there was the tree.

Next problem: the trail should "soon" leave the wash. Mars recalled this as being a bit obscure, maybe looking like a temporary division but actually being a departure. So on we went, suspiciously checking out anything that looked like a branch, losing Wolf the Stubborn a few times in the brush as he made absolutely and certainly certain that the branch-appearing sandy patch wasn't our trail.

Then Mars picked out a trail sign, propped up kind of crookedly, right before something that maybe looked like a temporary division in the wash. Voila!, the trail. And on and on and ON we went. Surely the transit of Sheep, from when we left the trail to when we found the wash near Martinez, was shorter than this trip on the trail. Miles aren't longer when you're tired, that wouldn't be fair!

Off in the distance towards San Jacinto, we started seeing lightning. And more lightning. This was nervewracking, because

of course we were miles and miles still from the cars. Reassuring was the fact that we weren't hearing any thunder: maybe the storm was simply sitting on San Jacinto.

It got progressively windier, so we decided to skip taking a break, holding out for that canyon at Horsethief Creek, where there'd surely be a bit of shelter. When we got to Horsethief Creek, Mars paused to pump a bit more water, sending Wolf and I on ahead. He'd of course easily catch up with us.

And now it really got weird. There wasn't a cloud in the sky (that we could see -- San Jacinto was out of sight). But was that a rain drop on my hand? No, my hand wasn't wet. And another. And another. And finally I could see them in my headlamp: tiny tiny tiny snowflakes. Where were they coming from? Mars guessed from San Jacinto, carried all those miles by the wind.

And now we got to go back up (and down) and up (and down) and UP all those hills we'd barely noticed when we started the hike, eventually passing the Wilderness Boundary sign, a hint that the cars would be coming up "soon". Not that soon is ever soon when you're as tired as we were.

Wolf and I decided to stay in a motel rather than driving home that night. But the Red Roof in Thousand Palms was full up. Ditto the Motel 6 by the freeway near Palm Springs. It started to rain, to pour. Good thing we didn't get caught in that! We decided to try the tried-and-true Super 8 in Banning. What was that weird looking white stuff on the ground and all over the cars? The clerk, while she checked us in (yes, there was a room at the inn) told us it had hailed, heavily, shortly before our arrival.

I am so glad we weren't caught out hiking in that! Though if we had been, we did at least have along

rain gear, fleece, etc. So at worst we'd have been miserable. C'mon, guys, carry that stuff! Even if there's not a cloud in the sky and you're hiking in the desert. If they can get half an inch of hail in Banning, anything can happen! (I might even get both Sheep and Martinez on the same day, who knows?)

Strawberry Peak and Mount Lawlor 15 February 2003

**Leaders: Wolf Leverich and Karen Isaacson
Leverich
by Karen Isaacson Leverich**

Peter Glover and Susanne Weil lead some of the most "user friendly" hikes on the HPS list. The very first Lookout I ever received (July-August 2001) included this paragraph by Susanne:

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

And since then, I've followed their exploits, to wonderful peaks like Akawie, the Winstons, Waterman, introducing many many new people to the joys of our local mountains and welcoming many new members to HPS.

Recent health problems have (we hope briefly!) interfered even worse than the work schedule with Peter and Susanne's hikes. So when Susanne asked if Wolf and I would cover for them on their 15 February outing to Strawberry Peak and Mount Lawlor, we readily ascended. We'd much enjoyed our adventures with Mars last summer leading folk up some of the easier peaks of the San Gabriels. Strawberry and Lawlor are a bit more of a commitment than, oh, say, Sally or Mooney, but sounded like a nice way to ease back into leading. (See, I've restrained myself from whining about our long trip to Houston and not hiking for days and days and days!)

On the other hand, while most of you probably think nothing of an 8AM meeting in La Canada, for Wolf and I it means leaving the house at 6AM. Not only do we lead a lot of those exotic Los Padres peaks, we happen to live out here in the middle of them! But we anticipated a good turn out -- our phone had been ringing, as had Susanne's, with hikers wanting to know if the hike was still on. That tremendous mid-week rainstorm (something like 6" fell out here in the boonies) might have meant trouble. And in fact, Highway 2 was closed somewhere before the ski areas. But we only needed to make it as far as Red Box.

"How will I know I'm at Red Box?" asked one of our ten or so participants, as we prepared to leave La Canada for the mountains. "There's a red box there," said Wolf, helpfully. (Actually, he gave her the mileage and a bit more detail.) There is? I'd never noticed that before. But indeed, there IS a red box at Red Box. Imponderable.

Last time we did Lawlor (not a scheduled lead), we came down the short cut ridge (if you can call that chute a ridge!) from the summit of Lawlor. We decided then and there we would never take a group that way, and probably never do it ourselves again. When we passed below that option and pointed it out, most of our hikers were gratified they'd not have the opportunity to experience that steep yucca-filled descent. Two, however, were intrigued, and ultimately signed out to return that way. They lived -- we found a note from them under our wipers.

But that was later! Since we were neither going up nor down that steep loose ridge, we continued contouring around Lawlor on the trail. While not as posh as the PCT, this is normally the part of the hike where you can really scamper along, being neither steep nor rocky. The recent deluge had changed that equation a bit, though not dramatically: here and there the hillside had washed across the trail, or the trail had washed down the hillside, or both. One of our hikers was a bit nervous about heights, and was disturbed by the seemingly precipitous dropoff to the side. We were all cautious, especially on the narrower bits where it looked as if the trail hadn't decided yet hether or not to slide on down the hillside.

There were definitely fewer mountain bike tracks than the last time I did this hike, though I expect once a bit of trail maintenance has been done, they'll be back.

It's all very civilized now at the Strawberry-Lawlor Saddle, with a lovely sign (our Adventure Pass dollars at work?) indicating various potential destinations, including Strawberry Peak (1.0 miles) and Mount Lawlor (0.6 miles). One would almost think that meant there were trails (you, now, TRAILS!) to those two peaks. Nicely graded, maintained, easy to follow? Well, they are a bit more traveled, as use trails go, than some of the ones on offer up here Los Padres-way, but still...

The use trail up Strawberry is pretty easy to follow. Steep and rocky in places, and ambiguous in others (but just keep going up and it will all work out), we persevered over the intermediate bump just out of the saddle and on up. There were several other hikers at the summit, though we'd not seen a lot of others out hiking -- while it was indeed a pretty day, and a pleasant change from the preceding rainy days, it was a bit hot and muggy. One man particularly attracted my admiration: he'd lugged up a stove and a coffee pot and was enjoying a nice cup of freshly brewed coffee while taking in the vistas!

We debated whether it was lunchtime (still early) and headed back down to the Saddle. Along the

way, the hiker most spooked by heights queried us about the route up Lawlor, which she could easily see from the side of Strawberry. Would it be rocky? Cliffs? I didn't remember anything too dramatic, but then, I'd never noticed the steepness of the dropoff to the side of the trail approaching the Strawberry-Lawlor Saddle, so honestly wasn't sure. She decided to try it -- since we were going to simply retrace our steps back down from Lawlor, once we got there, if she freaked she could just sit down and await our return.

As it turns out, there are a few spooky bits on the ascent of Lawlor. The good news is that they're really quite short. Just when she was ready to give up, Wolf called down from all of ten feet above her head to relay the happy news: this was the last of the rock, and from then on to the summit, it was simple hiking. Up she went. Up we all went.

On Lawlor, we had our long anticipated lunch. I'd lugged a batch of freshly baked cookies up to the Saddle, thence to Strawberry, back to the Saddle, and finally up Lawlor. I was much gratified to be able to coax the group into eating every last cookie, thereby substantially lightening my load.

Then back down the (civilized) ridge to the Saddle, and back around Lawlor to Red Box. It had been a full day -- we met at 8AM at La Canada and got back to Red Box around 4:30PM or so.

To (for Wolf and I) an annoying surprise. Besides the note under our wiper from the two who had checked out atop Lawlor, to let us know of their safe return, there was a ticket from the Forest Service. They hadn't seen our Adventure Pass! How could they have missed it? After systematically forgetting over and over and over again to hang it whenever we stop, we'd finally affixed it to our bumper so we'd never have to think about it again.

I don't know if it was stolen, or washed off by the rain, but our Adventure Pass is now missing in action. We noticed another Wrangler in the lot at Red Box -- it had an Adventure Pass on its bumper, but mounted under a bolted on piece of Plexiglas. Apparently our experience wasn't unique. Oh well, at least there's now a nifty sign at the Strawberry-Lawlor junction! And we've done our bit to support it.

The Flowers of Caliente Mountain March 30, '03 by George Wysup

I felt the need for a good, long hike on Sunday. Caliente Mtn was on my need to bag list. Wildflowers were blooming profusely everywhere in Southern California. I had yet to do route 1 (the ridge road). OK! So who cares if gasoline is \$2.10 a gallon?

I made the long drive across Carrizo Plain on the Soda Lake road. I noticed that it is now a National Monument. And the Selby ranch no longer runs cattle after being bought up by Nature Conservancy. So, the

grass is long again. The most prolific vegetable on the plain seems to be fiddleneck, now blooming with its tiny orange clusters. There were some orange blazes signifying California poppies on some steep, south facing slopes just above the plain. The fields were washed with yellow in many areas (the darned wildflowers are taking over).

Going up the steep Caliente Ridge road I passed some interesting bushes adorned with many light green pods and yellow flowers. This is bladderpod, said my little book.

I reached the trailhead and started hiking at 8:45. While the LA basin sweltered in record breaking heat, it was cool and breezy here. The road past the gate had been freshly scraped in the last week. The vegetation was the usual juniper and scrub oak, liberally peppered with a bushy yellow daisy called threadleaf groundsel. This plant was ubiquitous for the entire hike. I learned that this plant is poisonous to cattle, who then eat everything but, so this groundsel remains as the dominant species. Other common flowers were the fiddleneck and the blue splashes of the common phacelia. Less common were deer weed (common broom) and a bushy violet lupine.

I noticed that I was not alone. I was accompanied by a herd (flock? gaggle?) of crows for more than half way. A bit uneasy, I recalled scenes from Hitchcock's "The Birds". They finally gave up on me-- I suppose they had thought I'd turn into road kill.

I gave a start as I almost stepped on a snake. I can't jump nearly as high as in my youth. It turned out not to be of the pit viper persuasion; just a Pacific gopher snake trying to soak up some warmth. Had I a companion I should have picked the snake up by the tail and said with Aussie accent, "ain't she a little beauty?"

After about 2.9 miles I reached a minor hilltop and a (cellular?) antenna protected inside a barbed wire enclosure. The road past this point showed no sign of vehicular traffic; just mount bike treads and boot prints. Soon the road was covered with low wildflowers, and it seems to be heading back to nature in a hurry.

The road seemed very bikable for about the first 5 miles. The limit for casual bikers is at about the 4500' level at a sandy spot. From here on the road is steeper and rockier. A hard core biker can ride to the summit with a minimum of pushing. I don't advise biking this route during or just after a rain. The adobe soil won't cooperate. Even hiking could be difficult when the road is muddy.

At about the 4500' level the wildflowers changed varieties. There was, of course, the tiny, ever present filaree. Blue dick sent forth single or double curly leaves, but no flowers yet. Purple groundcherry took over as a main species. Miner's lettuce was common (and tasty), as was the intense blue flowers of the scalloped phacelia. There was a patch of beautiful baby blue eyes. Also common were indian paintbrush, wallflower, popcorn flower, desert dandelion, and a small, yellow clustered member of perhaps the

buckwheat family-- or perhaps the carrot family. Anyhow, this and several other small species are not noted in my cheap-o guide book.

A couple of surprises were the magenta clusters of the nettleleaf horsemint, and the hanging bells of the chocolate lily. You had to see it to believe it, folks.

Hiker notes: The peak guide claims that hiking route 1 involves 19 miles with 3000' elevation gain. I took less than 3 hours to reach the summit. At my moderate pace with frequent naturalizing pauses I estimate the distance to me more like 16 to 17 miles round trip. A measurement using TOPO! software supports a 17 miles number. My altimeter confirmed the elevation gain. I consumed 2.5 of the 3.5 liters of water I toted.

Rosa Point

Feb. 8, 2003

**Leaders: Gary Schenk and George Wysup
By Mary Jo Dungfelder**

I left the house a little after 2 AM armed with maps, compass GPS, backpack, hiking sticks and CD's. I cruised down the 10 freeway headed for the trailhead to Rosa point. I arrived early so I took a short nap waiting for the 5:30 AM gathering time. Thirteen of us would start out across the barren landscape up Palo Verde Wash toward our final destination, Rosa Pt. After a minor miss step we were headed in the right direction reassured by the occasional duck marking our path. Clear blue skies, comfortable early morning weather made the slippery rocky terrain more bearable. Our fearless leader was Gary Schenk and his backup, the infamous, George Wysup. In between, eleven of us, 6 women and 5 men. Marching along in single file we traversed the landscape as cholla cactus stepped out to hitch a ride. The ocotillos were just starting to bloom. Small pale red-pink buds graced the tips of the shriveled arms of the plants. The desert appeared dryer than usual. Shades of brown and muted greens and occasional shadows helped define our path. As we reached Pyramid peak @ 3490 the Salton Sea became a dominant feature. Out in the distance it looked like a pristine lake, clean and clear, blue from shore to sky. Lunch was short. I wolfed down a Trader Joe's chicken sandwich and signed the register (even if it's not on the list). The day was slipping away. We needed to move faster if we were going to make the peak. At times it did seem a bit redundant, climb from one bump to the next without a significant change in scenery. With few distinguishing features desert hiking is tricky. Thank goodness for good leaders armed with map and compass (and a few GPS's in the crowd). At the real official saddle (we had passed several false ones) a decision had to be made. Daylight was a concern. The large group had 2,000 feet of gain to go in about 1.5 miles before reaching the summit. George exercised his authority, and requested the slower hikers remain at the saddle while the rest of the group turned up the speed to

reach the summit and turn around time of 2:00 PM. We summited Rosa Point at 1:15. As the afternoon sun began to fade deep shadows began to make the canyons and ridges pop out. The sunlight shifted turning the canyons a deep rich brown bathed in darkness, the light only reaching the ridges and teddy bear chollas. At sunset fresh golden beams broke through the clouds sending celestial spotlights to the desert floor guiding us back to our cars down Palo Verde Wash. It was a delightful desert climb.

Mt Wilson
Feb. 15, 2003
By Mary Jo Dungfelder

As we ascended the Mt. Wilson trail from Sierra Madre everything was dripping with moisture, including the hikers, (especially Ron), from the high humidity and recent rains. The water cascaded down the streambed spilling over rocks and ledges, the color of pale ale with a fabulous frothy head. We walked into and above the clouds. The mountains were only half dressed in their white petty coats, their tops standing out in full

nakedness, a deep rich forest green. Oh, the wonderful days of winter in the San Gabriel Mountains. Like dessert on a side table in all its glory Mt. Baldy stood out dripping in snow like icing on a cake, providing us with that very special 'Kodak' moment. The miles added up with distinctive breaking points: Orchard Camp, Manzanita ridge, and Mt Wilson toll road. With a blink of an eye we were at the top enjoying lunch in the shelter of the Pavilion. First class tables with views, no reservations needed. The clouds stretched out before us in a solid cotton blanket gently covering the city below while we bask in the sunshine above. On our descent we looped on and off the main trail to add to our sense of adventure. We dropped down to meander along the stream, hopping rocks and crawling under and over logs. We regained the main trail at the first water marker and then snaked up above the old trail onto a newer freshly built path. An 8 hour round trip and 5,000 foot gain we were pleasantly relaxed from one hell of a workout and calorically thinner due to all the moisture expired.



Mars Bonfire and Winnette Butler on Toro Peak. Mars finished the HPS List for the sixth time. Photo taken by Kathy Cheever on March 23, 2003

Mars Bonfire
List Finish #6 – Snowshoe on Toro Peak
March 23, 2003
by Winnette Butler

Mars Bonfire has quietly finished "The List" five times – each time as a quiet solo hike. On March 23rd, he made his way on snowshoes to the top of the recently relisted Toro Peak with Kathy Cheever and myself in tow. However, as we all know, Kathy and I together are anything but quiet! So this list finish was going to be a little bit different.

Having recently acquired the snowshoe addiction, we've had very little snow in the San Gabriels to help us out in our quest for the new Snowshoe Emblem. After doing peaks like Galena and Jean, when Mars contacted us about the possibility of doing a snowshoe between Santa Rosa and Toro, we naturally jumped at the chance. Driving up a very bad road as far as he safely could, Mars parked, and we took off up the road and cross-country up the ridge to Santa Rosa. From Santa Rosa, the top of Toro is very visible. Another combination of road and cross-country across the ridgeline brought us to the summit of Toro. For Mars and Kathy no problem. Boulder scrambling on big rocks for me with snowshoes, well.....

But it was well worth it. A first on that peak for all of us, and a 6th List Finish for Mars. It's a beautiful hike with great views of many of our finest peaks from the summit – Rabbit, Villager, San Jacinto, San Gorgonio, San Ysidro, etc., etc. Of course, we had to have the obligatory celebration of chocolate brownies and champagne! (Rumor has it that List Finish #7 isn't very far away.)

Introducing the Snowshoe Emblem!!
by Kathy Cheever

You voted for it and it passed! MComm submitted it to Chapter and it's official! We now have a 10th emblem – the Snowshoe Emblem!!!

For those of you who love to hike and also love to play in the snow, here's the emblem for you! The verbiage: "The Snowshoe Emblem is awarded for climbing 25 peaks on the List primarily with snowshoes or other flotation device in snow." What it means: Whether it's with snowshoes, skis, or whatever floats (from here I'm mystified about what could constitute another flotation device to go uphill in snow, but we left room for future inventions!), get 25 peaks with this method, submit your list to Laura Joseph for MComm approval and, voila, the Snowshoe Emblem is yours!

There are quite a variety of snowshoe peaks to choose. Let's see, where to begin. Big Bear – Wow! After a big snow it's a paradise up there! Grays, Little too short, incredible wintry view of the

Idyllwild! Had to have had one Magnificent views of heavily snow-up to Saddle Junction. The quiet on a snack – can't even describe it. needles to stack up horizontally in the and rocks glistening in the sun –

San Jacinto! Have you fought possible to beeline it from Marion to snowshoes equals walking on top of was crisp and clear, and the 360 sun glistening on the ocean, the desert – dry and basking in the sun, Joshua Tree and on down to the Salton Sea, and further around we could see all those peaks in Anza Borrego and Desert Divide. I challenge you to count how many of our peaks you can see from up there on a clear day!

Galena! Now there's a snowshoe adventure! Would you believe it could be easier to get up that headwall in snowshoes? Got to go check that one out!!

The list goes on and on – Mt. Pinos and the peaks in the Los Padres area, the peaks down by Julian, and the San Gabriels! Yep, lots of snowshoe possibilities in the San Gabriels – but you got to be quick for those lower ones – the snow melts fast! As for the higher ones, well we managed to get Williamson in just before the snow got soft enough so that when it froze crampons would have been required for safe traveling which would have caused us to abandon the trip. But as it was, the snow worked fine for our snowshoeing adventure, we saw more of those horizontal ice crystals on the pine needles, and were rewarded with a fine view at the top!

As you can see, the numbers of snowshoe peaks and flexibility in snowshoe adventures is surprisingly broad!! Where is the trail? Covered with snow? Possibilities of pathfinders also abound! So now there's even more reason than before to get out there to explore and enjoy our mountains – LET IT SNOW!!!



of the most snowy snowshoe adventures imaginable. laden trees and brush while walking, excuse me – snowshoeing, stillness of new falling snow while sitting in the snow, munching And did you know it's possible for ice crystals on the tiniest pine same direction? Fascinating. Icicles hanging from pinecones breathtaking!

with the chinquapin going up Marion or ever wondered if it were San Jacinto? Indeed it is! Lots of snow combined with that nasty bush! I was on top of San Jacinto recently. The air panoramas at the top was pure joy! Turning, you could see the

The Hundred Peaks Section New Snowshoe Emblem Gets Off To A Fast Start!

Clockwise from left: Winnette Butler, in front, and Kathy Cheever head for the summit of Marion Mtn on March 30, 2003. Later that day Winnette achieved Snowshoe Emblem status on Mt San Jacinto.

Patty Rambert, left, and Sandy Burnside on Wright Mtn on March 21, 2003.

Byron Prinzmetal, left, and Sandy Burnside congratulate Ron Zappen on becoming the third person to qualify for the Snowshoe Emblem on Grouse Mountain on March 19, 2003. (Does this remind anyone of another famous handshake on Grouse in 1946, when Weldon Heald became the first to ascend 100 peaks?)

Patty Rambert, Sandy Burnside, Ingeborg Prochazka and Ron Zappen pose for Bryon Prinzmetal's camera on Cerro Noroeste on March 18, 2003.



HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION

Minutes: Management Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 9, 2003, Laura Joseph's Home, Pasadena

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

Attending: George Wysup, Chair; Mars Bonfire, At Large; Laura Joseph, Membership; Karen Isaacson-Leverich, Past Chair; Wolf Leverich, MRC/Webmaster; Joe Young, **The Lookout** editor; Kathy Cheever, Secretary. Also attending: John Connelly, 2002 Secretary; Will McWhinney, Chapter Outings Chair

Minutes from the December 12 Meeting

M/s/p without revision

Treasurer's Report

Received treasurer's report via email – filed with minutes. Will McWhinney mentioned that the year end report will be quarterly now. Joe mentioned that assuming we break even on all other activities, we only lose funds on the election. LOOKOUT pays for many things – discussed raising membership costs. Agreed to revisit this topic in about 6 months.

Announcements

1. George received and brought to the meeting the 3-Section Mountaineering brochures (1 is filed with the minutes). Thought about distribution ideas: give to leaders, REI, WTC, A-16 etc. Karen was tasked to send the brochures to all the active leaders.
2. Montrose PO Box: Wolf is willing to pick up mail for now. Will discuss this again when the bill becomes due.

Committee Reports

1. **MRC Report:** Wolf Leverich
 - M/p/s to re-consider the maps in 2 months: (For global problems, Wolf requests to defer for 2 months while looking at combining GRASS software and USGS topos)
 - George will give Karen maps for Piute Lookout and Sorrel – they are missing
 - Chapter needs to approve description of Snowshoe/Winter Mountaineering emblem: Joe Young to provide description from election materials; Kathy & Karen to follow-up
 - The 2003 MRC committee: Wolf Leverich (Chair), Mars Bonfire, Kathy Cheever, Karen Isaacson Leverich, George Wysup, and Ron Zappen
 - There was some discussion about Cuyapaipe and whether we need to write a letter to the Indians: there was no complaint or request to stop hiking – decided it was a non-issue at this time.
 - Toro Summit: M/p/s to postpone register location until peak is scouted and location is identified.
 - M/s/p: Proposal for "immaterial" change policy to give the peak guide maintainers blanket permission to make immaterial changes without formal MRC or MComm Review. Definition of "immaterial" change with MRC report and filed with minutes.
 - M/s/p: Peak guide changes: Recommendations for minor changes to the peak guides proposed for Josephine, Jepson Peak, Dobbs Peak, San Gorgonio Mtn, Dragons Head, Beauty Peak, Iron Spring Mtn, Black Mtn #5, and Cannel Point. Details of changes with MRC report and filed with minutes.
 - M/s/p: Proposal to suspend Smith Mtn: Lack of access due to road closure on hwy 39 - revisit in July.
 - Began discussion of proposal to break HPS peak information into formal reviewed and maintained "canon" (the peak guides and maps of the official routes) and an unreviewed "apocrypha" of related information (trip reports, summit signatures, maps of possible routes, etc.).
9. **Conservation:**
 - M/s/p: Nomination for Tom Hill to be Conservation Chair (replacing John Monsen).
 - Jim Fleming will be adopt-a-highway appointee.
3. **Membership Report:** Laura Joseph
 - M/s/p to accept the following achievements (report filed with minutes):
 - i. George Wysup: Lead 200 peaks
 - ii. Valapa Saubhayana: 100 peaks
 - iii. David Cannon: 100 peaks
 - iv. Bill Byrne: 100 peaks
 - v. Wolf Leverich: 200 peaks
 - vi. Winnette Butler: Finished the List
 - vii. Sandy Burnside: 1st ever winter mountaineer (snowshoe) emblem
 - **HPS Peak Bouteak:** Laura discussed merchandise and various methods for reducing the current inventory
 - M/s/p to move distribution of TOPO! discounts to membership chair.
 - **Awards Banquet:** Laura report filed with minutes
 - **Spring Fling:** Laura reports that Ray Wolfe will be reservationist
9. **Outings:** Karen Isaacson-Leverich
 - Introduced Will McWhinney, Chapter Outings Chair

- Karen reported she was able to get 1 hike submitted and approved within 1 hour using the new system.
- There was some discussion about putting an article in So. Sierran.
- Is starting to solicit outings for Schedule 293: 7/5 – 10/31.
- Date for Waterman Rendezvous: 7/26/2003.
- M/s/p for date for Oktoberfest to be 10/4-5/2003. Will discuss location at next meeting.
- 7. **Webmaster:** Wolf Leverich
 - M/s/p that Ray Wolfe and Karen Isaacson-Leverich be the Website Review Committee.
 - M/s/p to establish member discussion list for HPS [involving no official business].
 - M/s/p to establish this list with standard Sierra Club list serve.

New Business

- M/s/p to award Bill Siegel HPS t-shirt and HPS visor to honor his work advertising HPS in the So. Sierran and the banquet invitation. (He will not be attending the banquet.)
- M/s/p that Carlton Shay continue as LOOKOUT mailer and Bobcat Thompson remain as peak guide mailer.

Adjourned 9:00 pm

Minutes: Management Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 5, 2003, Grande Room, Los Angeles Zoo

Call to Order (5:55 p.m.)

Attending: George Wysup, Chair; Ray Wolfe, Vice Chair/Safety Chair; Laura Joseph, Membership; Karen Isaacson-Leverich, Past Chair; Wolf Leverich, MRC/Webmaster; Kathy Cheever, Secretary. Also attending: Tom Hill, Conservation Chair

Minutes from the January 9 Meeting: M/s/p without revision

Treasurer's Report: Submitted

Old Business

1. Discussed putting suspensions, etc. in Lookout. Outings chair (Karen) will be responsible to get information to Joe for Lookout. Will also be posted to the Listserv and website. Discussed new idea for Outing Policy when are suspensions, etc. actually in effect? Will be on agenda for March meeting.
2. Snowshoe Emblem: Karen and Kathy to submit what we have to Dave Czamanskie, Chapter Bylaws Chair; Virgil Shields, Chapter Chair; Will McWhinney, Chapter Outings Chair; and Ann Kramer.

Committee Reports

1. MRC: Wolf Leverich

- Discussion to proceed to rename South Peak to Southwell Peak, as charged by John W. Robinson. Tom is willing to work with the USBGN but needs a title. M/s/p to name Tom Hill as HPS Peak Names Chair. Wolf will work to reference Southwell on South Peak's descriptions, registers, etc.

2. Conservation: Tom Hill

- Introductory report on the Southwell renaming project filed with minutes

3. Membership: Laura Joseph no report

- M/s/p to accept the following achievements (report filed with minutes):

i. Tom Connerly: 200 peaks

- Laura discussed giving new members a choice between a patch and a pin. We agreed (no vote needed)

- Discussion of achievement process. We decided it would be OK to proceed with achievements only via email poll. Laura will not solicit for a poll until she confirms that the applicant's HPS and Sierra Club memberships are current. It is noted that this process is not intended to circumvent the requirement that management decisions be made in a public forum, rather it is to allow for achievements to be posted to the Lookout in a more timely fashion. A caveat will be included in the membership report published in the Lookout

4. Outings: Karen Isaacson-Leverich

- Waterman Rendezvous will be held the last Saturday in July

- M/s/p Oktoberfest to be held Oct 3-4, 2003 at Mii Potrero Park
- Regular management meetings will continue to be held at Laura's
- Discussed where to hold the Annual Business Meeting in September. At first the Grande Room at the Zoo was favored. Later the Eaton Canyon facility was favored due to gate problems at the Zoo.

5. Webmaster: Wolf Leverich

- Wolf is still working on Topo! Asks to keep map discussions for after he's completed his research

New Business

· Discussion of establishing a by-laws committee. Ideas involve getting information out to the members early to allow discussion. Also agreed it's best not to make so many changes at one time as this tends to confuse or frustrate members. More discussion to follow in upcoming meetings.

Adjourned 6:30 pm M/s/p

REGISTER BOX
By Jim Adler

Only two new "deficient" registers were added to the list of deficient and departed, while four missing or deficient registers were reported replaced or found.

Reports were received from George Wysup, Bruce Morgan, Ron Zappen, Karen Isaacson Leverich and Ted Slap.

Missing and deficient registers:

9C	Condor Peak	deficient	2-03
10I	Mt Hillyer	missing	5-02
12B	Disappointment	missing	12-02
12C	San Gabriel Peak	missing	12-02
12D	Mt. Markham	missing	3-02
14A	Mt. Waterman	missing	10-01
14F	Mt. Hawkins	missing	10-00
14H	Mt. Burnham	missing	6-02
16F	Thunder Mtn.	missing	8-02
17B	Ontario Peak	missing	4-02

17C	Bighorn Peak	deficient	3-03
17E	Cucamonga Peak	shot	8-01
26B	Quail Mtn.	missing	1-02
27K	Drury Peak	deficient	6-02

If you are climbing any of the above peaks, please consider bringing a new register can and book. If you discover a peak which needs a new register can, please let me know by mail addressed to **Jim Adler, 836 S. Alandele Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90036-4625**, or telephone at **(323) 931-6844** or e-mail at **jimadler@mindspring.com**. or from the HPS web site. Also, please advise if you have replaced any of the missing or deficient registers or discover that any of the above reports are erroneous or out of date. (Since register books and pencils are so easy to carry all the time, peaks where only books or pencils are needed are not listed.)



Hiking a bit outside of Hundred Peaks territory, Pat Arredondo, Rosemary Campbell and Edith Liu pose for the camera at Tongriro Crossing in New Zealand. Photo was taken on March 3, 2003.