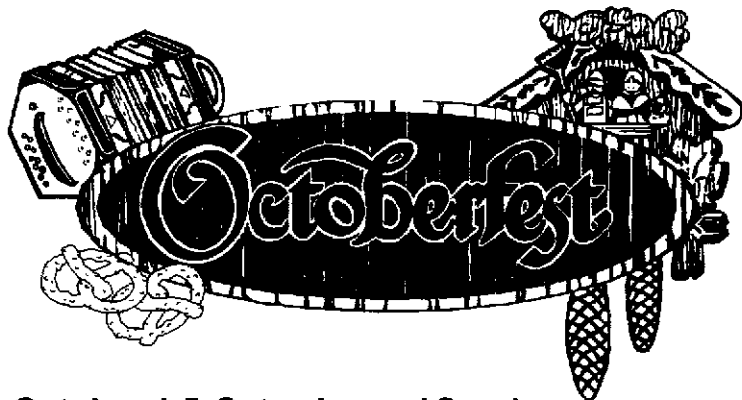




# THE LOOKOUT

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## October 4-5, Saturday and Sunday

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. 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.

See page 21 for details

## Draft Proposed Policy Regarding Training Standards for Sierra Club Outings Leaders

The Sierra Club has issued a draft outings policy applicable to *all* outings conducted by Sierra Club entities, including the Hundred Peaks Section. The entire draft policy is reprinted beginning on page 5. Please read it. Comments should be sent to the Sierra Club as indicated in the cover letter accompanying the policy.

## Hundred Peaks Section Annual Business Meeting September 11 Thursday

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.

## The Hanna Shay Memorial Hike September 14, 2003 Sunday

We will first rendezvous at Pomona rideshare point at 7 am, then at Butler Peak Lookout just north of Big Bear Lake (dirt road driving) at approximately 9 am. The group will then explore the route to nearby Hanna Rocks (7840') -- despite its name is a fun and easy scramble -- where we will celebrate the life of Hanna Shay. The pace will be easy, the leaders considerate. The Big Bear area offers many activities for the afternoon. The leaders will conduct an optional afternoon outing to White Mountain #1 (7727') that will include a non-driveup opportunity that follows an obscure jeep road and firebreak from the south, 4 miles round trip, 1300' gain. Co-Leaders: TOM HILL, CARLETON SHAY, VIRGIL POPESCU, MAGGIE WILSON

## Annual Awards Banquet January 24, 2004 Saturday

Join us for a "Celebration of Fifty Years of the Hundred Peaks Section," featuring reminiscences and slides from each of the decades and your own HPS experiences. The celebrating starts at 5 pm with a no host bar and a chance to chat with your hiking buddies (and see them in real clothes) and meet peakbaggers young and old. This is also the yearly occasion for recognizing members' achievements and presenting awards. The event will be at Taix Restaurant (1911 Sunset Blvd). Reserve before Dec. 1 and get 15 raffle tickets for \$5; before Jan. 1 and get 10 tickets for \$5; after Jan. 1, raffle tickets are 5 for \$5. Send \$30 per person plus whatever you want to spend on raffle tickets, choice of vegetarian, chicken or fish entree. Please include your email address or phone number. No SASE. Tickets will be held at the door. Please make your checks payable to the Hundred Peaks Section and send to Reserv: SANDY BURNSIDE. For information or to contribute raffle prizes, contact LAURA JOSEPH.



Visit the Hundred Peaks Section website at <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/hps/>

# MEMBERSHIP REPORT

## For Period May 26 to August 4 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
<b>List Completion No. 5!!!!</b>			
<i>George Wysup</i>	6/26/2003	<i>Toro Peak</i>	8
<i>Way to go George! An inspiration to all of us; especially those over 60.</i>			
<b>List Completion No. 1</b>			
<i>Zobeida Molina</i>	6/22/2003	<i>Charlton Peak</i>	239
<i>Felicidades Zobeida! Gracias to Zobeida's friends for a fantastic List Finish Party.</i>			
<b>200 Peaks Emblem</b>			
<i>Shane Smith</i>	6/8/2003	<i>Russell Peak</i>	399
<b>100 Peaks Emblem</b>			
<i>Marlen Mertz</i>	6/7/2003	<i>Bohna Peak</i>	1049
<i>Cheryl Gill</i>	5/18/2003	<i>Monument Peak #1</i>	1048
<i>Welcome to the club, Marlen and Cheryl!</i>			
<b>Pathfinder Emblem</b>			
<i>Rosemary Campbell</i>	5/30/2003	<i>Constance Peak</i>	46
<i>This emblem requires an adventurous attitude. Good going Rosemary.</i>			

### NEW MEMBERS

William Hemming  
Paul Garry  
Gloria Miladin (Bienvenido!)  
Sharon Hechler (Hurrah!)  
Ron Hohausser  
Cindy Coaty  
George Estrada  
Marlen Mertz  
Ignacia Manriquez (Soon to reach 100)  
Wayne Voltaire (Special welcome)

*Welcome All!*

### NEW SUBSCRIBERS

Diane & Rob Van	Marissa Hindman
Virginia Decker	Jeff Hindman
Ted Tassop	Rudy Fleck
Margaret MacDonald	Steve Curry
Jean Konhoff	Clarence Arneson
Alexandra Maeck	Melanie Leavitt
Lynn Holcombe	Ted Mattock
James Morrell	Barbara Taylor
Dennis DePauw	Rachel Pinto
Bill Burke	Ruth Alcalde
LaVonne Barker	Yumi Shieh
Serop Nazari	Burton Daigle
Paul Iannaccone	Rachel Mendoza
Randall Taylor	

### RENEWALS

There have been 75 renewals between May 26 and August 4, 2003

There are **14 overdue** renewals (due before September 1).

There are 22 members and subscribers who must renew by September 1.

**If there is a reminder next to your mailing label on this issue, RENEW PROMPTLY**

### MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

Category	Current	Last Report
Honorary, Life, Benefactor*	6	6
Members (total)	445	453
Subscribers who are not members	126	140
<b>Total</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>599</b>

This is the first time in 18 months that we have had a net loss of members and subscribers. Please contact Laura if you have any ideas about this problem.

**REMEMBER OCTOBERFEST. SEE PEAK BOOTEAK PAGE AT THE END OF THIS ISSUE FOR BARGAINS!**

**From the Easy Chair**  
by George Wysup

**A Rant on Registers**

One little thing that enlivens my summit trips is perusing the registers as I relax and refill my hiking muscles. I particularly look forward to Doug Mantle sign ins. Usually all I see is something like a simple "Doug Mantle 6x". There is, though, the occasional pearl.

I don't know why the following struck me as funny (on the summit of Jean Peak) recently. Mars B and Kathy C had signed in mid-March with the comment, "Snowshoe adventure". In mid-May (one page later) Mr. Mantle's comment was, "Posthole adventure".

On Weldon, where the can is atop some rocks but below the class 5 summit block, the Mantle sign in was something like "Went to the real top". But the best was in the Sans Sevine Lookout register. Sans LO is not exactly one of HPS' more beautiful or more exciting destinations, but ya gotta go there to finish a list. The Mantle comment was, "10 days ago I was on Ama Dhablam [a magnificent Himalaya peak] and now, this."

In the Sam Fink register, Doug comments on the peaks added to the HPS List to memorialize past stalwarts. He refers to Backus and Russell Peaks as "sand piles", but seems to think Sam Fink Peak is suitable. He knew them, I didn't.

I have been intrigued by register can design features after seeing so many faulty cans full of wet masses of paper. Peanut butter jars and Tupperware cans are not the best, not standing up to the environment for long. Of course, no register will stand up to a blast from a shotgun, or a vandal intent on smashing it. This occurs all too often on HPS summits, especially near "civilization" or on frequently visited summits.

We have seen the "pipe bomb" type register, made from a section of 4-inch plastic pipe with end caps. The early design had no breathing holes, with the result that condensation built up with temperature cycling and the paper inside got soaked. Adding any number of Ziploc pouches helps not a whit. Drilling some small holes in one end cap allows the can to breathe, but the holes also allow melting snow or a puddle of water to creep in.

Ammo cans work well, especially in a desert climate. These cans offer excellent hermetic seals, minimizing condensation problems, and can be chained to their site, seemingly an advantage. Chaining, though, seems to challenge certain individuals, who try desperately to unchain them.

As far as I am concerned, the best design is the simple nested cans. This design does well to prevent rain and snow from gaining entry, since the moisture must travel up the wall of the inner can. Also, the can breathes, preventing condensation. The optimum arrangement is for the outer can to be about 1/2" larger in diameter than the inner can. If the fit is too tight, a bit of banging causes the cans to interlock. The older cans are dull red in color, I suspect because they were painted with red lead paint for durability. Rustoleum (any color) works well.

I have noted that the nested cans design is not stupid-proof. Idiots have replaced the cans upside down. This tends to create a truly rank mass of paper after a few months.

Many register cans contain ball point pens. These work nicely for a time, but do not stand up well. The reliable writing implement is the #2 pencil, which is easily sharpened with a knife. Many years ago, NASA spent many thousands of dollars to develop a pen that would operate well with no gravity and no air. Meanwhile, the Soviets realized that a pencil was perfect for the task.

Many peak baggers carry an extra register can with a pencil and pad, handy to replace deficient or missing registers. This does not weigh much. If you discover a problem register, please take some time to notify our register guy, Jim Adler.

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**Hundred Peaks Section Outings and Safety Policy**  
By George Wysup

HPS Outings have been governed by a HPS Outings and Safety Policy document revised in 1998. It is likely that most of you, including the HPS leaders, haven't a clue as to the existence of said document. This policy document actually has some provisions that are very important to many of the HPS leaders.

Do I have your attention? You want to see this policy document? Well, I'm not going to show it to you here because it turns out not to be entirely blessed by the Chapter Safety Committee (SafeCom). The HPS Management Committee (ManCom) has been working with SafeCom to revise this policy for the last few months, and we are close to final agreement.

Why does HPS need such a policy of its own if the Chapter sets the rules through its LTC? HPS does have a few unique rules in addition to the Chapter rules, but the main thing is that SafeCom recognizes that many of the HPS leaders seek the "Lead the List" emblem, and they are willing to work with us so that certain qualified "I" rated leaders can lead "M" rated peaks. I will speak more about "qualified" later. First, let's discuss what our "M" rated peaks are.

As of now (subject to SafeCom approval) we have four peaks that have an "M" rating.

- 01 I Five Fingers by all routes,

- 11B Strawberry Peak by Route 2 (via Colby Canyon),
- 28A Lily Rock by all routes,
- 28E Antsell Rock by all routes

Furthermore, HPS peaks with "M" or "E" rated summit blocks shall have the registers placed below the summit blocks, and "I" rated trips shall not allow climbing the summit blocks. These peaks include:

- 02Q Weldon Peak
- 27G Cornell Peak
- 28K Pine Mtn #2
- 28N Rock Point

Exploratory outings that may possibly encounter "M" rated conditions shall be rated appropriately.

Just one more restriction, for Winter hikes in snow conditions: Normally "O" rated routes shall become "M" rated under conditions requiring snowshoes or skis, and routes requiring ice axe and crampons shall become restricted "E" rated.

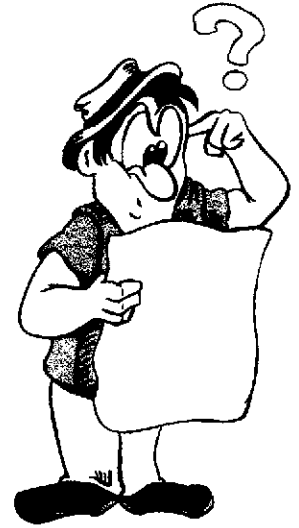
You "I" leaders are no doubt wondering what it takes to be approved to lead the "M" rated peaks. Basically, you must apply to the HPS Safety Chair (now Ray Wolfe) and be approved by him. Then he will submit your name and qualifications to SafeCom for final approval. I expect that SafeCom will accept the HPS recommendations unless they have a separate opinion, or until they believe we are too lax.

In order to be recommended, "I" rated leaders shall meet the following criteria:

- (1) Previously led at least 20 sanctioned HPS "I" rated peaks,
- (2) Previously been a participant on a hike with an M (or higher) rated leader, or an "I" rated leader who has been approved by HPS, to the peak by the route they plan to lead. [the hike need not have been a scheduled Sierra Club outing],
- (3) Shall have experience at climbing on 3rd class rock, and demonstrated knowledge of the risks of the 3rd class climb and the skills to manage a group so that the risks are minimized,
- (4) Shall have applied to the HPS Safety Chair stating their qualifications for leading each of the routes.

If you are an "I" rated leader who wants to lead the list, and if you believe you are qualified, please send your resume' to the HPS Safety Chair. If he is not well acquainted with you, he will likely make inquiries. Remember, we all want you to succeed in leading the list, but you must be qualified, or the agreement will be canceled.

If you have questions, contact your HPS Safety Chair.



## Flexible Assignments Proposal By Tom Hill

The current Management Committee has been reviewing ways to encourage more candidates to run for HPS office. One hurdle for candidates is the sometimes arbitrary assignment of roles on the Management Committee. After each election there is a bewildering dance as the new Committee members try to fit themselves into fixed job slots defined in our Bylaws decades ago. It is surely better to enable people to assume a role that suits their interests and enthusiasms rather than to force them into a position because of a mandate in the Bylaws.

An easy, sensible solution to this annual problem is to **adopt the flexible language in the Chapter Bylaws** that governs the assignment of positions within ExCom. Note that "At Large" has never been a defined position within ExCom; it remains the default title for anyone not choosing some other function.

To make this change requires the following proposal to appear on the ballot. **The Management Committee is only considering doing so at the present time. Please contact Tom Hill with your questions and comments.**

### Proposed language for the first two sentences of 4.1 Selection of Officers:

"At a time prior to the annual banquet in January, the Management Committee shall select from their number the following officers: a Chair, a Vice Chair, and at its option, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Management Committee may appoint from outside its membership any other Committee officers it considers necessary, including the Secretary and Treasurer."

### Current language for the first two sentences of 4.1 Selection of Officers:

"At a time prior to the annual banquet in January, the elected members of the Management Committee shall select from their number five officers: the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Program Chair. A sixth Committee member shall be designated At Large."

## Draft Proposed Policy Regarding Training Standards for Sierra Club Outings Leaders

Dear Interested Outing Volunteer:

The document linked below is a *DRAFT* of a *PROPOSED POLICY* concerning training standards to which the Sierra Club outing leaders must conform. The Outdoor Activities Governance Committee (**OAGC**) determined over two years ago now that we should have such a **Club-wide policy** and have spent much time in the intervening two years putting together this draft.

The OAGC as a group has broad experience with a variety of Club outing programs, but we don't pretend to be omniscient. Now it's time for us to find out about our blind spots by hearing from you. This document is a *draft*, etched in nothing more durable than ink on paper and magnetic markings in web servers, and the OAGC figures to make changes based on what you tell us. **We welcome all comments, but in particular we want to hear what you think about requirements for CPR and for Wilderness First Aid (WFA).** (Incidentally, the OAGC is exploring avenues for helping to fund WFA, so we encourage comments based on the—currently untrue—assumption that WFA is available and at a reasonable price. The OAGC is also trying to identify resources to support any other additional training needs.)

We encourage you first to read the philosophical thinking we have followed, written up on the next page. We admit right up front that we know that there are leaders out there who will have some work to do to come up to this standard. Also, we're aware that there is a balance to be struck between having better trips (with higher leader standards) and making it reasonable (with lower leader standards) to maintain the volunteer-led outing program for which the Club is justly famous.

After you've read the philosophy, please take a little time to familiarize yourself with the proposal—it's long, unfortunately, because the outing programs the Club runs are complex—and think about what seems right to you and what ought to be changed (Keep in mind that the overwhelming majority of trips the Club runs will be "Level 1" under the proposed policy.) Then send any constructive **suggestions** you want us to consider before we do make this Club-wide policy. Send them to [oa-leader-requirements-forum@lists.sierraclub.org](mailto:oa-leader-requirements-forum@lists.sierraclub.org). You can review suggestions that others have made at <http://lists.sierraclub.org/Archives/oa-leader-requirements-forum.html>

**You may mail your comments to Sierra Club Outing Department, 85 Second Street, Second Floor, San Francisco, CA 94105-3441**

We'll consider all suggestions. We'll likely circulate another draft for more suggestions before we're done, but we hope that the next draft will be very close to complete.

Thank you for your time and interest.

**OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE, David Simon, Chair**

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### Philosophy

From the very beginning, Sierra Club trips have been led by Club members, volunteers rather than professional outing leaders. Although the Club now maintains outing staff to support the program, we are still entirely dependent upon volunteer leaders to plan and conduct our outings.

It is common to use the word "amateur" to connote low quality. It is also common to use volunteer status as an excuse for a variety of lax practices. Neither of these is necessarily the case, however: the level of skills in a volunteer fire department, for example, are very close to those of the professionals. This is for a good reason: incompetent firefighters, volunteer and otherwise, endanger themselves, their coworkers, and the public.

Untrained outing leaders are perhaps not as dangerous as untrained firefighters. They are, however, a risk to themselves, their trip members, and the Club. Further, running the risk of running an outing is only worthwhile if the Club can reap the benefits of running it. The benefits—bringing an enjoyable trip to our members, bringing them back safely, and bringing them into the ranks of Club activists—can only accrue if the leader has appropriate background. This implies that all our leaders must have decent skills. The Sierra Club can afford to be fussier than communities with volunteer fire departments: communities need fire departments worse than we need a few more outings.

The principal difference between the professional outing leader and the volunteer outing leader is time. The professional, spending the bulk of his working time planning and conducting trips, can easily afford to devote much more time to training, planning individual trips, scouting, and so forth than can a volunteer. The professional can have a wall full of first-aid certificates, have covered the route of his trip a dozen times before, and seen hundreds or thousands of previous trip participants and the various problems they bring. The volunteer, by contrast, leading just several trips a year, can devote only so much time to these endeavors.

Being a volunteer, however, is not a license to be lazy. Just being willing to donate the time to lead an outing for the Club does not entitle someone to lead that trip without spending an appropriate amount of time learning necessary leadership skills, scouting, contacting trip members before the trip, and so on. This means that leading a Club outing may take more time than is superficially apparent. The Club need not apologize for this; we need simply explain it to potential volunteers

and take only those willing to put in the necessary time.

The challenge that we face is to set those standards for our leaders that will reap the maximum benefit in return for a reasonable expenditure of volunteer time. Although it would be ideal if our volunteers had the same training experience that professional outing leaders have, we will have very few volunteers if we set that as the standard. However, leading outings is one of those activities in which the 80-20 rule applies: we can get 80 percent of the benefit for 20 percent of the work. A 16-hour hands-on course in bicycle repair might be ideal, for example; a 4-hour course might deal with most of the problems that leaders will actually see.

**Outdoor Activities Governance Committee  
Leadership Standards Policy  
Version 5; July 1, 2003**

In order to ...

Promote the mission of the Sierra Club outdoor activities program to maintain a superior, volunteer-run outings program that supports the Sierra Club's conservation mission; Encourage all Club Entities running outing programs to provide appropriate training to their outing leaders; and Reduce the risk to participants and leaders;

The Outdoor Activities Governance Committee (OAGC) requires that all persons leading outdoor activities obtain and keep current the knowledge and skills listed in this policy. The groups, chapters, sections, ICO groups, National Outing subcommittees, and any other unit of the Club sponsoring outings (the Entities) are responsible for administering and enforcing this policy. The standards listed in this policy represent minimum standards; Entities running outings should determine whether standards beyond the ones listed in this policy are needed or desirable and add them at their discretion. However, Entities may not waive any of the standards listed here. Entities running outings are responsible for enforcing all standards, both those listed here and any additional standards imposed by the Entity. Entities are required to keep reasonable records regarding the qualifications of their leaders. Outing staff will develop web-based tools to assist in this process.

**Classifying an Outing**

The requirements for outing leadership depend upon the level of the outing. This section of the policy provides the definitions of the four Levels of outings for use with this policy.

*Level 1 Outings* are outings not exceeding three days in duration on which it would take less than four hours for professional medical help to arrive, except those classified at a higher level as discussed below.

*Level 2 Outings* are outings of four or more days in duration on which it would take less than four hours for professional medical help to arrive.



or more days in duration on which it would take less than four hours for professional medical help to arrive.

*Level 3 Outings* are outings of any duration on which it would take four or more hours for professional medical help to arrive.

duration on which it would take four or more hours for professional medical help to arrive.

*Level 4 Outings* are Level 3 outings with Special Circumstances as discussed below. Since Special Circumstances can increase the challenge of leading an outing, an outing should be placed in a higher level if in the judgment of the Entity the following Special Circumstances warrant such reclassification: Terrain: More than incidental off-trail travel, poorly marked trails, or steep or exposed routes. Weather: Extreme heat or cold present or reasonably expected, snow or ice on the ground or reasonably expected to occur. Water: Wading in swiftly moving water greater than knee-deep reasonably expected. Boating in whitewater or rough seas. Equipment: Use of special gear for travel such as rollerblades, snowshoes, bicycles, and skis. Strenuousness: More than the usual demands of the average trip, e. g., long hikes, hard climbs, heavy packs, high altitude, prolonged or arduous paddling, etc. Minors or People with Special Needs: A trip participant population requiring more leader attention than the general adult population.

This policy does not override other policies pertaining to "Special Types" of outings, which may contain other standards to which leaders must conform. Currently, there are policies concerning the following Special Types of outings, but the OAGC may create other Special Types later: Mountaineering, Challenge Course, Watercraft, International.

See the appendix for information about these current Special Types. Leadership Standards Based on Outing Level This section lists the requirements for the leadership of each Sierra Club outing based upon the outing Level and Type into which the outing falls, as determined in the section above. Note that in these requirements, the term Provisionally Lead means to lead the trip (be listed as leader in the trip writeup, screen participants, and in all other respects from the participants' point of view be the leader) with a fully qualified leader (the Mentor Leader) to observe, evaluate, mentor as necessary or useful, and, if the provisional leader proves not to be able to carry out the duties of leading the trip, take over the trip. The Entity outing chairs determine when someone is qualified to Provisionally Lead.

#### Level 1 Outings

The leader of a Level 1 Outing must...

Be a Sierra Club member; Be at least 18 years of age.

Have a current American Red Cross Basic First Aid certification, including CPR (or equivalent). Complete the Outing Leader Handbook (OLH) Training. If OLH Training is not available, then the leader must complete the OLH curriculum on his or her own and pass a self-test on each section. Leaders must repeat the self test every three years. Complete the Outing Leader Conservation and Sierra Club Structure Training ("Conservation Training"). If Conservation Training is not available, then the leader must complete the Conservation Training curriculum on his or her own and pass a self-test on each section. Leaders must repeat the self test every three years. Have outing participant skills appropriate for the activities of the trip towards the advanced end of the scale. Provisionally Lead at least one trip of Level 1 or higher and receive a positive evaluation by the Mentor Leader. Receive approval from the Outing Chair or delegated authority of the Entity sponsoring the outing.

#### Level 2 Outings

The leader of a Level 2 Outing must...

Meet all of the requirements of Level 1 leaders.

Successfully complete a Sierra Club Outing Leader Core Training Workshop or comparable training from local outings Entity. If participation in a training workshop cannot be arranged, then the leader must complete the Leader Core Training curriculum on his or her own and pass a self-test on each section: Safety Management Planning, Trip Planning, Interpersonal Leadership, and Group Management. Provisionally Lead at least one trip of Level 2 or higher and receive a positive evaluation by the Mentor Leader.

#### Level 3 Outings

The leader of a Level 3 Outing must...

Meet all of the requirements of Level 1 and Level 2 leaders. Have a current Wilderness First Aid certification.

Provisionally Lead at least one trip of Level 3 or higher and receive a positive evaluation by the Mentor Leader.

#### Level 4 Outings

The leader of a Level 4 Outing must...

Meet all of the requirements of Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3 leaders. Provisionally Lead at least one trip of Level 4 with similar Special Circumstances and receive a positive evaluation by the Mentor Leader.

Currency: If a leader has not led a trip at a given level for a period exceeding two years, then he or she must repeat the requirement to Provisionally Lead at that level or higher before leading an outing at the given level; or otherwise satisfy the Entity outing chair that he or she continues to possess the requisite skills. Interpretation of Standards; Exceptions In consultation with the Outdoor Activities Training Committee, the following are empowered to interpret these standards for Entities within their purview and to make exception to standards in special cases, as discussed below:

National Steering Committee of Inner City Outings  
Outing Administration Committee (National Outings)  
Group and Chapter Outing Committee

In addition, the staff in the Outing Department in San Francisco is empowered to interpret these standards but not to grant exceptions. The OAGC anticipates that there are special circumstances in which one or more of the standards embodied in this policy will place an unreasonable burden on particular Entities. We therefore empower the OAGC subcommittees listed above to consider individual requests from outing chairs of Entities within the subcommittee's purview to grant exceptions to particular requirements of this policy. However, exceptions to the standards in this policy will be made only in special cases in which adhering to the standards would involve unreasonable expenditure of volunteer time or funds and in which a large or important portion of the outing program of the Entity requesting the exception is affected. In any case, exceptions will be granted only to the individual requirements of this policy; in no case will any kind of blanket exceptions be granted. Exceptions will be granted for a time period not to exceed one year but may be renewed annually at the discretion of the subcommittee that granted the exception. In all cases, interpretation and exception decisions can be appealed to the OAGC, which may in its sole discretion agree to review them.

#### Grandfathering Existing Leaders

Leaders who have led one or more Sierra Club outings between January 1, 2002 and December 31, 2003 may be granted the following exemptions at the discretion of the Entity outing chair: Leaders who have led one or more trips that would have been classified as Level 2 or higher under this policy may be exempted from the requirement to take Leader Core training. Leaders who have led a trip in whatever Level may be exempted from the requirement to Provisionally Lead a trip at that Level. Such leaders must in all other ways conform to the standards of this policy.

## Training from Other Organizations

Persons who have led outings for other organizations that would have been classified as Level 2 or higher may be exempted at the discretion of the Entity outing chair from the requirement to take the Leader Core training. Such persons must in all other ways conform to the standards of this policy. Appendix: Phase-In

In order to allow Entities running outings time to organize to prepare themselves and their leaders to implement this policy, the standards in this policy become effective over a period of time, as shown in the following table:

Standard	Date Standard Becomes Effective
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### Level 1 Standards

(1) (Membership)	January 31, 2004
(2) (18 years of age)	January 31, 2004
(3) (Basic First Aid)	June 30, 2004
(4) (OLH Training)	June 30, 2004
(5) (Conservation Training)	June 30, 2004
(6) (Participant Skills)	January 31, 2004
(7) (Provisional Lead)	January 31, 2004
(8) (Outing Chair Approval)	January 31, 2004



### Level 2 Standard

(1) (Meet Level 1 Standard)	The same phase-in applies as listed above for	the Level 1 Standard
(2) (Outing Leader Core Training)	September 30, 2004	
(3) (Provisional Lead)	January 31, 2004	

### Level 3 Standard

(1) (Meet Level 1 and Level 2 Standards and Level 2 Standards)	The same phase-in applies as listed	above for the Level 1
(2) (Wilderness First Aid)	June 30, 2005	
(3) (Provisional Lead)	January 31, 2004	

### Level 4 Standard

(1) (Meet Level 1 and Level 2 Standards)	The same phase-in applies as listed above for the Level 1 and Level 2
Standards	
(2) (Provisional Lead)	January 31, 2004

## Appendix: Comments; Examples

This appendix contains explanatory and illustrative information. However, the words here are to help interpret the policy; they do not modify, limit, or extend the meaning of the policy language in any way. The OAGC observes that most outings currently run by the Club are classified as Level 1 under this policy. In particular, dayhikes and conditioning hikes within four hours of professional medical help and to which no Special Circumstances apply are Level 1. Similarly, weekend backpacks not exceeding three days in length are Level 1 unless Special Circumstances apply or it would take more than four hours for professional medical help to arrive. A number of the requirements in the policy state that a leader must "pass a test about..." The OAGC anticipates creating and distributing open-book take-home tests that should take a leader no more than an evening to complete, using materials readily available in print and on the web. The point of the test is partly to test knowledge but also partly to ensure that the leader has looked through the available information. The OAGC is aware that all Sierra Club outing leaders are volunteers, and we have created what we believe is a minimum set of standards. Ideally, most leaders will have knowledge and skills in addition to the minimums listed here. Entities are required to keep records of leader qualifications, not evidence. Hence, it is sufficient, for example, to record the date on which a leader's first aid card expires; it is not necessary to have the card or a copy of it. Similarly, a notation in a file that indicates that a leader met a certain standard or passed a certain test on a certain date is sufficient for compliance with this policy.

How does a new outing program provide the provisional leadership experience for its leaders? The GCOC document "How to Start an Outing Program" contains this information. ICO leaders in new groups can get their provisional leadership experience from the local group and chapter outing program or from another nearby ICO program.

On a trip with more than one leader, must one leader meet all of the requirements or may the requirements be split among the leaders? One person must have all the requirements. However, that person need not be the leader but can have another leadership role on the outing.

Can an established Entity training program substitute for the Leader Core requirement? This is one of the exceptions that the OAGC anticipates granting. However, the Entity must apply and be granted the exception. The policy states that Level 1 trips are trips of up to three days duration. The OAGC recommends (but does not require) that trips over two days'



duration be classified as Level 2 or higher. The policy states that trips on which it would over four hours for professional medical help to arrive be classified as Level 3 or higher. ***The OAGC recommends (but does not require) that trips on which it would take two to four hours for professional medical help to arrive be classified as Level 3 or higher.*** The policy language places no requirements for Provisionally Leading other than that the Entity outing chairs determine that someone is qualified to Provisionally Lead. The OAGC recommends (but does not require) that Entity outing chairs should make that determination only when someone meets at least most of the other requirements for leading that outing.

#### Appendix: Outing Leader Handbook Training Curriculum

This appendix contains the current curriculum of the Outing Leader Handbook Training. Note that this appendix is not part of the policy and is subject to change.

#### Appendix: Special Types of Outing

This appendix is included for the convenience of the reader and is not part of this policy. In addition to a Level, an outing may be one of the Special Types of outing, in which case the leader of the outing must meet any standards that appear in the policy concerning that Special Type in addition to the standards in this policy. The current Special Types are:

Mountaineering Outings are covered by the Mountaineering Policy (currently at

<http://mitchell.sierraclub.org/outings/Mountaineering/policy>. Note that the definition in the Mountaineering Policy is the definitive definition of a Mountaineering Outings; for the convenience of the reader of this policy, we note here that a Mountaineering Outings is one that requires the use of ropes, runners, ice axes, or crampons.)

Challenge Course Outings are covered by the Challenge Course Policy (currently at

<http://mitchell.sierraclub.org/outings/policy/ChallengeCourse>. Note that the definition in the Challenge Course Policy is the definitive definition of a Challenge Course Outings; for the convenience of the reader of this policy, we note here that a Challenge Course Outing is one that consists of a series of trust activities and physically challenging exercises that are designed to increase self-esteem, group relations, and the use of problem solving skills.)

Watercraft Outings are covered by the Watercraft Policy (currently at <http://mitchell.sierraclub.org/outings/policy/watertrip>.

Note that the definition in the Watercraft Policy is the definitive definition of a Watercraft Outings; for the convenience of the reader of this policy, we note here that a Watercraft Outing is one that requires the use of watercraft of any kind other than for transit on a common carrier.)

International Outings are covered by the International Policy (currently at

<http://mitchell.sierraclub.org/outings/policy/GCO/International>. Note that the definition in the International Policy is the definitive definition of an International Outings; for the convenience of the reader of this policy, we note here that an International Outing is one that occurs outside the boundaries of the United States, its possessions, and Canada. All outings to Mexico are considered international outings. Note that as of the date of this policy, the policy concerning International Outings contained no leader standards.)

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## **OAGC Responses to Some of the Comments**

The Outing Activities Governance Committee (OAGC) met on the evening of Tuesday, July 29, 2003 to discuss the various comments we have received concerning the draft of the leader standards policy. There was general acknowledgement for the many thoughtful responses to the Draft Standards. We have not yet had a chance to discuss all of the issues that have been raised; here are our reactions to those we have had a chance to consider.

#### Schedule for Comments

Our current intention is to **close the first round of comments on September 30** and issue the next draft within a month after that. We may float some specific ideas for categorizing trips into levels before then. In any case, another round of comments on this next version will last to the end of the year.

#### Why We Started on This Project

The OAGC embarked on this project because it was our observation that there are some Club outing programs that maintain high leader standards and others whose standard range between dismal and nonexistent. Although this last may sound harsh, it reflects reality. Consistent with the mission of maintaining a superior outings program, we are setting about raising the standard, to some extent across the board, but especially at the low end of the spectrum.

Our primary goal is to increase overall quality and have programs that better support the overall objectives of the Club. After the standards are in place, we anticipate that trip participants will have a better experience and that they will go home after the trip with more connection to the place they have visited and to the Club and its conservation work. Reducing risk to our participants is also a goal (Club entities report on average about one accident a week and we suspect that many go unreported) but only one goal of several. The OAGC and Outing Activities Training Committee are volunteer entities; we have only one lawyer among us, and he's also a long-time volunteer Club outing leader. This is a volunteer-driven initiative.

#### Response to Particular Issues

- **Recommendations vs. Requirements.** Although several have suggested that this policy should embody

recommendations rather than firm requirements, the OAGC is currently unswayed on this point. We believe that the minimum standards should be required. The discussion we wish to have is about what those required standards should be.

- We'll lose leaders. The OAGC is aware that ours is a volunteer program and that raising standards may well reduce the size of some programs. However, we feel that the goals of this new policy justify taking the risk of losing some leaders. We are working to set requirements we consider to be a reasonable minimum. We will lose those leaders who will not or cannot come up to that reasonable minimum standard. Size, however, is only one measure of an outing program. Quality is at least as important.
- The four-hour rule for level 3 is hard to measure and too strict. The OAGC now has at least one alternative proposal to consider. In particular, we are considering counting all day outings as level 1. However, the new proposal still uses the time to medical care as the measure for requiring more advanced first aid skills. We agree that there is some room for judgment in making this determination but feel that the obvious, more straightforward measurements such as overall length of the trip lead to requiring more advanced first aid on trips for which it makes no sense. The definition of the outings levels is vague in general. Our surveys indicate that the Club runs at least a few dozen types of outings. Given this variety, we do not believe it is practical to classify every outing without counting at least to some extent on the judgment of outing chairs. The draft policy draws bright lines where we feel we can reasonably draw them and suggests the considerations that outing chairs should use to set actual classifications.
- CPR. Based on your comments and the ineffectiveness of CPR in a wilderness setting, the OAGC is reconsidering the CPR requirement. One possibility is to require it only for water trips. Another possibility is to require it but not require that it be current. Since CPR classes currently include rescue breathing, which we consider valuable, we feel that leaders should be exposed to this knowledge once or twice.
- Basic First Aid. We agree that not all of the basic first aid course is particularly valuable in a wilderness setting. However, it does include some universally applicable concepts, and it is widely available. If the choice is between basic first aid and no requirement whatever, the OAGC leans towards basic first aid, although we are open to considering whether leaders must keep it current.
- Wilderness First Aid (WFA) costs a lot and isn't universally available. The OAGC has long been aware of this, and we know that we can't require WFA in places where this problem can't be resolved. We are still inclined to require leaders to take appropriate training in situations where it is reasonable to get it. We would like to hear comments about when it would be appropriate to require WFA (ignoring the cost and availability issues).
- The WFA Curriculum isn't standardized. This is true, but we've seen no WFA classes that didn't seem valuable.
- Leader Records. Since record keeping may become a burden, the national offices have begun working on a web-based information system to help chapters and groups maintain leader and training information. This system should be ready in early 2004. We are also intrigued by the suggestion that all certifications should expire simultaneously for the purposes of this policy in order to reduce the record keeping hassle.
- Recognition should be provided for leaders obtaining the additional training. We agree.
- How do Mentor Leaders get qualified? Although we're not without opinions on this point, the OAGC discussed this issue before we released the policy and decided to leave this up to the judgment of local entities.
- We shouldn't require outing leader learn about conservation. The OAGC disagrees with this. Long standing Club Board of Directors policy is that conservation is the core mission of the Club and that other programs (including outings) exist to support that mission. We believe that outing leaders should be alert to the possibilities of supporting the Club's conservation work by making membership brochures available, being able to answer basic questions about the Club's work, and so on. This does not mean that leaders should be messianic conservation advocates. It does mean that leaders should generally be able to support and explain the Club's purposes and campaigns. Therefore, we think it is reasonable that leaders know some minimum information about the Club's conservation work.
- Various wordings in the policy are confusing or misleading. Thanks to everyone who pointed these out. We'll fix them. Once again, we have not had a chance to go over all the comments we have received, but we will be doing that at future meetings, and we will propose a new draft of the standard in the next few months.

## Comments on the *PROPOSED POLICY* Concerning Training Standards to Which the Sierra Club Outing Leaders Must Conform

By Duane McRuer

[Editor's Note: The OAGC has requested comments on the draft proposed policy. Please send your comments to the OAGC at [oa-leader-requirements-forum@lists.sierraclub.org](mailto:oa-leader-requirements-forum@lists.sierraclub.org) You may mail your comments to Sierra Club Outing Department, 85 Second Street, Second Floor, San Francisco, CA 94105-3441. If you respond by email, please consider sending a hard copy to the OAGC as well.

Please review Duane McRuer's comments when you consider your own response to the draft proposed policy. Please also read carefully the proposed policy itself as well as the OAGC's *own* responses to the initial feedback *they* received from hikers and leaders like us. All Sierra Club members are invited to respond.]

### Duane McRuer's comments:

This proposed policy, promulgated by the Outdoor Activities Governance Committee (OAGC) of the Sierra Club, is intended to provide some top-down guidance for outings leadership standards for outings entities within the Sierra Club. It is not clear what influence the existing standards and training activities presently conducted within various Chapters may have had on the policy formulation, nor what perceived deficiencies or incidents encountered in current programs that the policy is expected to correct. The proposed policy raises questions on several levels and topics, some that may have a highly negative and deleterious impact on the Club's outing activities.

As far as the Angeles Chapter is concerned, a careful reading of the proposed policy implies that the existing Trip Classification/Leadership Training/Safety etc. infrastructure elements should qualify essentially as is under the policy. The "Group and Chapter Outing Committee(s)" are empowered to interpret "these standards for Entities within their purview." This is to be done "In consultation with the Outdoor Activities Training Committee" whatever that is. So, for starters, the Angeles Chapter Outings Management Committee (OMC) and its subordinate Leadership Training Committee (LTC), Safety Committee (SC), etc. could recognize that current OMC, LTC, SC operations and the guidance presented in the Leaders' Reference Book (with one or two very minor modifications) is in compliance with the general intent of the proposed policy. It should be carefully noted that this total system takes into account all the "special circumstances" of the Angeles Chapter's enormously diverse outings programs, is far more comprehensive and detailed than anything else available from National, etc. I suppose that a letter detailing the Chapter's various infrastructural elements, the LRB, Chapter Safety Policy, etc. could be sent to the "Outdoor Activities Training Committee," for their "Consultation," with the proviso that the Chapter's outings program will continue essentially as is in the absence of any comments from them.

The major problems with the proposed policy as presented are its narrowness in types of trips and interpretation of the "Currency" requirements in connection with the First Aid proposals. The latter is a very likely "show stopper" – first as an excessive requirement with no sustainable benefit and, second, as an "unfunded mandate." Just satisfying the First Aid requirements for LTC certification at the various levels has always been a major problem. Our current requirements have stood the test of time and the safety record is superb. I know of no accident/incident data that suggests that some deficiencies exist that can be ameliorated by exposure to the same old material by fiat every few years. In the absence of a logical and well-based rationale, an arbitrary and expensive requirement for "First Aid Card" currency is unlikely to receive much approval from any currently active experienced leader or outings participant. (This comment from a very long time leader and ever longer time First Aid and Mountaineering Medicine instructor.) Lest I be perceived as antediluvian, I do think that a Club web site with instructional materials and stories of actual occurrences, including appropriate treatments, could be useful and instructive. Also, a very occasional (say 5+ years) suitable written "currency" exam covering refresher First Aid topics appropriate to the types of outings led might have a favorable effect, if only to encourage self-evaluations by individual leaders. But I'd encourage even this to be presented as suggestions for the leader cadre and not requiring a "sign off." Experienced and qualified leaders are generally excellent judges of their capabilities in the context (including emergency situations) of a particular trip. Further, "surveillance" procedures essential to oversee and correct potential human error are explicit in assigning the responsibility for leader selection and approval for a particular to the sponsoring entity.

There are a few other items that could bear introspection and discussion. These include:

Trip Classifications – Viewed from the perspective of the various entities within the Angeles Chapter the proposed policy is very narrowly defined (length, and time to medical care are central factors). The Levels 1 to 3 proposed trip levels could arguably fall within what the Angeles Chapter currently considers "O" trips. The Angeles Chapter has standards and associated training protocols, checkouts, and provisional lead requirements that take into account a far more extensive set of conditions. In general, many HPS and most DPS, SPS, and SMS, as well as a fair number of Group trips would fall into Level 4 with Special Circumstances. These "Special Circumstances" have long since been taken into account in designing the curricula, checkouts, examinations, provisional leads, etc. associated with the Leadership Training Course.

Currency – The narrow trip classification definitions give rise to many potentially difficult areas. For example, it is difficult to understand why a Level 4 Mountaineering Outing (based on "Special Circumstances") leader should suddenly not be able to lead such a trip because he or she hadn't led a Level 2 and Level 3 trip within the last 2 years. For

leadership of mountaineering trips, for example, a principal consideration has always been associated with demonstrated technical capabilities. These skills may arguably deteriorate over time, as can other leadership factors. Such leadership qualities can only be assessed by experienced and responsible people who are directly aware of the true status of a particular leader's skills as applied to the actual requirements of a particular trip. Consequently, the fundamental responsibility for selecting qualified leaders for particular trips has always resided with the sponsoring entity and is based upon an intimate knowledge of the proposed leader's background and experience.

Complexity -- record keeping volume once the policy is in place is an example. Angeles Chapter has hundreds of fully trained and highly certified leaders at present. Currently just keeping up with a leader's Club membership currency (as of the date of a proposed trip) can be a challenging and extensive bookkeeping activity for an outings entity. Adding other currency checkoff requirements, especially if they cannot be clearly and plainly justified on logical bases can create chaos for a major outings program run by volunteers. The Angeles Chapter, for instance, has extensive outings sponsored by numerous Area Groups, Specialty Section, and Committees.

Time Scales for the Policy. Hypothetically, the OAGC has requested reviews of the proposed policy and comments and suggestions from the potential users. There is currently no time line given for this. Then, time for incorporating the comments into the next version, followed by another go-around with the entities. The entities must then adjust their existing programs to take into account the OAGC guidelines, come up with special local considerations and circumstances that may require some appeal to the OAGC, etc. The integration of OAGC policy proposals into even the extremely active Angeles Chapter Leadership Training Program (with a 2 lecture series/year) could easily take 5-6 months alone. With the additional lags implicit in the development of a rational and well-accepted throughout the Club policy the time scales proposed are far too optimistic.

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### **The Hanna Shay Memorial Hike September 14, 2003 Sunday**



We will first rendezvous at Pomona rideshare point at 7 am, then at Butler Peak Lookout just north of Big Bear Lake (dirt road driving) at approximately 9 am. The group will then explore the route to nearby Hanna Rocks (7840') -- despite its name is a fun and easy scramble -- where we will celebrate the life of Hanna Shay. The pace will be easy, the leaders considerate. The Big Bear area offers many activities for the afternoon. The leaders will conduct an optional afternoon outing to White Mountain #1 (7727') that will include a non-driveup opportunity that follows an obscure jeep road and firebreak from the south, 4 miles round trip, 1300' gain. Co-Leaders: TOM HILL, CARLETON SHAY, VIRGIL POPESCU, MAGGIE WILSON

## **Memorial Gathering on Vetter Mountain for Dick Worsfold**

A memorial gathering for Dick Worsfold (1905 - 1998), Hundred Peaks Section Chair in 1959 and 1963, was held on the summit of Vetter Mountain on Saturday, June 28, 2003. The event was attended by family members and by hiking friends.

The date was selected in large part because HPS member Jim Fleming, himself a former Chair of the HPS, was the volunteer ranger in charge of the newly opened lookout atop Vetter for the weekend. Jim had hiked with Dick Worsfold back in the 1970's.

Jim Fleming greeted the entourage of hikers and family at about 10 AM on a warm Saturday morning. Attendees arrived by car or by hike. Dick Worsfold's widow, Henrietta, was accompanied by Tom Amneus, a nonagenarian who knew Dick well. Henrietta and Tom received a ride to the base of the steps leading to the lookout. Jim cheerfully explained the history of the lookout, the people who "resided" there, and how the Osborne Fire Finder works.

At about 11:00 AM everyone gathered in the lookout, introduced themselves, and told a story about Dick or spoke of their relationship to Dick. Family members spoke of Dick's gentleness, his love of the outdoors, and his passion for photography. They referred to Henrietta as "Oma," which means grandmother in Dutch. (Henrietta was born in Holland.)

Henrietta herself spoke of her first encounters with Dick. She mentioned meeting Dick only shortly after losing the first love of her life in an accident. While it was not their first date, Henrietta and Dick's first hike together was to Vetter Mountain in the late 1950's.

Hiking comrades of Dick also spoke of his gentleness, his photography, and his love of nature. Tom Amneus shared a story about Dick when a mosquito had landed on Dick, but Dick refused to swat him. As Tom put it, Dick had reasoned that the mosquito deserved a chance to work and live, too. (This story was almost identical to a story described by Angeles Chapter historian Bob Cates in an obituary he had written in 1998 but referred to an incident probably in the early 1970's. Joe Young read this obituary aloud.) Other hikers related some personal stories about Dick.

After the personal stories were told, everyone gathered for pictures while standing on the walkway around the lookout. Then Henrietta opened the bronze urn which carried Dick's ashes and scattered them near the summit. Prior to his death Dick had requested that his ashes be scattered in the local mountains he loved so much.

Family members attending this day included Dick Worsfold's widow Henrietta, his son Richard, grandson Rick Worsfold, grandson Donald Worsfold and his wife Sandra and children Sabrina and Hannah, and Dick's youngest granddaughter Jacqui Newfield.

Hiking friends of Dick Worsfold included Jim Fleming, Alice and Jack Goldberg, Bobcat Thompson, Stag Brown, Harry Sutherland, Tom Amneus, Doris Duval, and Joe Young.

Dick Worsfold's obituary, written by Angeles Chapter Historian Bob Cates, is reprinted below.

### **Dick Worsfold**

Joined Sierra Club 1955. Led first outing, 1957. Chaired Local Hikes Committee, 1958-78. Hundred Peaks Section leader, and Chair, 1959, 1963. Recipient of Chapter Outings Service Award, 1977. Recipient of R. S. Fink Service Award from the Hundred Peaks Section in 1980. Long-time member of West L.A. Management Committee. Contributor to Angeles Chapter photographic archives. Retired movie studio cameraman.

### **Adventures With a Gentle Man**

Dick Worsfold passed away on February 2nd of this year (1998). He had been in declining health these past few years, yet it still came as a shock to me. As Chapter Historian, one of my chief duties over the years has been to write the "obits" on many of our more well-known Sierrans. This one, however, is more personal than most because of the many fine hours I spent on the trail with Dick as an up-and-coming peakbagger in the 1970s.

Two events from those days shed some light on the character of the man. The first occurred during a rest break when I plunked down beside Dick and watched with fascination as he calmly observed a mosquito land on his forearm, scittle around for a tender spot, and fill up with a load of blood. As the sated insect buzzed off, Dick saw my quizzical look and said matter-of-factly, "mosquitos have to make a living, too." On the same trip, Dick gently removed ticks from himself, not so much out of concern that they might have imbedded themselves in his epidermis as much as his desire not to harm these fellow creatures. He was a gentle man who possessed great respect for the natural world and all its inhabitants.

My other story stems from our infamous descent of Gobbler's Knob, an insignificant peaklet in the eastern San Gabriels. It was Dick's habit, as a former two-time Chair of the Hundred Peaks Section, to help some of the closet and wanna-be peakbaggers among the retirees, housewives, and unemployed who composed the "Wednesday Hikers." Gobbler's Knob was one of dozens of hikes he either led or otherwise organized during his tenure as Chair of the Local Hikes Committee.

I was serving as an unofficial assistant leader, and it was under my urging that Dick elected to take our group of trusting participants directly down the mountainside, thus bringing upon us a painful but invaluable lesson about the follies of taking shortcuts. The last 200 yards to the cars were blocked by near-impenetrable chaparral. As the leaders, we each took turns crashing, crawling, and cursing our way through the thorny jungle in a 3 hour race against darkness. I'm sure I

did all the cursing. Dick was too much the gentleman to ever vent his frustration in such a manner. In fact, Dick remained calm throughout the whole adventure, even suggesting how interesting it would be to bivouac overnight in the brush only a few yards from our cars! We emerged in the last twilight, in tatters and bleeding from dozens of wounds—scars to be carried with a certain lunatic pride by each of us for a lifetime.

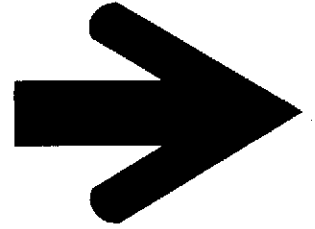
So here's to you Dick. Wherever you are, may the passageways always open up before you in the chaparral of the hereafter.

Bob Cates, Chapter Historian

Photos on opposite page:

(Top) Henrietta Worsfold chats with Doris Duval inside the lookout on Vetter Mountain.

(Bottom) Worsfold family and hiking friends pose for the camera on the deck of the lookout on Vetter Mountain.



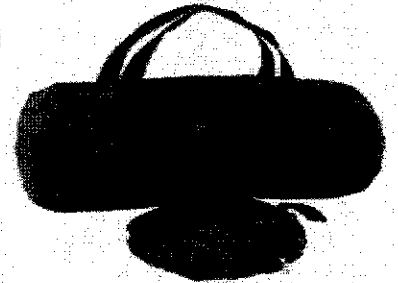
Dick Worsfold loved the Sierra Club, its activities, and the great outdoors. If you are not yet a member of the Sierra Club, or if you know folks who would like to join, please honor the memory of Dick Worsfold and join the Sierra Club using the simple form presented here. By joining, you receive the Angeles Chapter Schedule of Activities, which will inform you of upcoming activities, outings, and will provide you with contact information about Club and Angeles Chapter leaders. You will also receive "The Sierra" magazine, "Southern Sierran," and "Planet" newsletters. You will also receive information about local Sierra regional groups and discover that many of your neighbors are members of the Sierra Club.



(Above) Sharon Hechler celebrates her 100th peak on Pinyon Ridge July 6. Photo taken by Suzy Hermann. Trip leaders Maura Raffensperger and David Beymer were pleasantly surprised, as Sharon gave no indication of her impending achievement until a tremendous grin overcame her on the summit!

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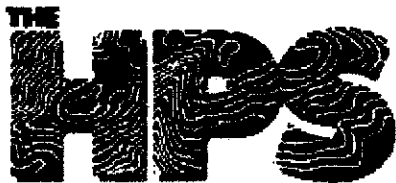
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# Schedule of Activities

## August 23 – November 9, 2003

By Karen Isaacson Leverich



Aug 23 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Mount Burnham (8997), Mount Baden-Powell (9399), Ross Mountain (7402): Come join us for a moderately paced, strenuous challenge. 12 miles, 4300' gain. (Almost 1/2 of this is on the return trip.) Email your qualifications and recent hiking experiences to Leader: LAURA JOSEPH, ljoseph2@earthlink.net Co-leader: SANDY BURNSIDE

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 point 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 Co-Leaders: MAGGIE WILSON, VIRGIL POPESCU

Sep 6 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Timber Mountain (8303'): Moderately paced hike up beautiful Ice House Canyon, 10 miles round trip, 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 10 Wed Pasadena

O: Moonlight Hike to Mount Lowe or San Gabriel Peak from Eaton Saddle: Leaders' choice to enjoy night views above Los Angeles Basin on moderate 3-5 miles, 700'-1000' gain hike to historic peak in front range. Meet 7 pm La Cañada rideshare point with water, snack, lugsoles, flashlight. Leaders: DON BREMNER, BILL JOYCE, DAVID CZAMANSKE, PAT WARREN

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 point. Bring lunch, water, 10 essentials, lugsoles. Rain cancels. Leaders: FRANK DOBOS, LAURA QUINN

Sep 13 Sat Crescenta Valley, K-9 Committee

O: Pleasant View Ridge/Burkhart Loop: Strenuous but moderately paced 12 mile loop, 3600' gain. No tigers. Hike over the summit of Mount Williamson (8214'), then up and down the bumps along Pleasant View Ridge [Webmaster note:but not the HPS "summit" of Pleasant View Ridge, which lies past Burkhart Saddle] use trail to Burkhart Saddle. Return via Burkhart and Rattlesnake trails. K9 welcome, but leash during lunch. Meet 7:45 am La Cañada rideshare point. Bring water, lugsoles, hat, lunch. Rain cancels. Leader: RON BARBOUR. Assistants: CATHY KISSINGER, AL MADER, ANN PEDRESCHI, NORM STABECK

Sep 13 Sat Sierra Singles, Local Hikes

O: Evening Dinner Hike - Mount Wilson: 5 miles round trip, 500' loss/gain. Where the sky is blue and the air is clear. Learn about the old and the new telescopes. Meet 3 pm La Cañada rideshare point. Bring water, boots, plate, cup, utensils, daypack, potluch dish to serve 8 (keep perishable food ice cold). Leaders: JOHN DePOY, BRUCE HAUSWIRTH

Sep 13 Sat Wilderness Adventures

O: Throop Peak (9138'), Mount Burnham (8997), Mount Baden-Powell (9399'): Walk in beauty along forested ridge from Dawson Saddle to the sunny summits of these three peaks. Moderate-slow pace, 9 miles round trip, 2200' gain. Meet 7 am La Cañada rideshare point. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles. Rain or snow cancels. Leaders: DEBORAH NAKAMOTO, YVONNE TSAI

Sep 14 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: **The Hanna Shay Memorial Hike:** We will first rendezvous at Pomona rideshare point at 7 am, then at Butler Peak Lookout just north of Big Bear Lake (dirt road driving) at approximately 9 am. The group will then explore the route to nearby Hanna Rocks (7840') -- despite its name is a fun and easy scramble -- where we will celebrate the life of Hanna Shay. The pace will be easy, the leaders considerate. The Big Bear area offers many activities for the afternoon. The leaders will conduct an optional afternoon outing to White Mountain #1 (7727) that will include a non-driveup opportunity that follows an obscure jeep road and firebreak from the south, 4 miles round trip, 1300' gain. 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, 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 Co-Leaders: SANDY SPERLING, KENT SCHWITKIS



Sep 20 Sat Angeles Chapter History

O: Mines and Cabins of San Antonio Canyon, Baldy Notch: Hike up the moderately steep dirt road from the San Antonio Falls Road to Baldy Notch at the end of the ski lift at 7800', where we'll search for the site of Baldy Cabin, a log house built by miners and later converted for use by the Chapter in the late 1920s. 6 miles round trip, 1800' gain. Gold mining was a major activity in upper San Antonio Canyon and at Baldy Notch from the early 1870s into the 1930s. We'll discuss these old-time mining activities and, aided by photographs dating back to the 1890s, visit some of the sites. If you like history and are in moderate condition, this is the trip for you. Meet 9 am intersection of Mount Baldy Road and San Antonio Falls Road, (1/4 mile beyond Harwood Lodge driveway). Bring sturdy shoes, lunch, water, Adventure Pass. Rain/forest closure cancels. Leaders: JOHN W ROBINSON, RON JONES

Sep 20 Sat Pasadena

O: Mount Islip Rendezvous Hikes: Join us for this popular event. Hikers start from different locations and meet on top of peak for lunch. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles, extra treat to share. Coordinator: PHIL LAING  
From Islip Saddle: Moderate 7 miles, 1500' gain hike via Little Jimmy campground. Meet 8:30 am La Cañada rideshare point. Leaders: PHIL LAING, GINNY HERINGER  
From Crystal Lake Recreation Area: Moderate 7 miles, 2200' gain via Windy Gap, return via Big Cienega Trail. \$5 entry fee. Meet 8:30 am Azusa rideshare point. Leaders: DON BREMNER, BILL JOYCE

Sep 20-21 Sat-Sun Santa Monica TF, WTC, Hundred Peaks

M: Red Tahquitz (8720'), Marion Mtn (10,320'): Moderate backpack near Mt San Jacinto with easy option 3rd class climb to summit of Marion. Sat pack in from Hunber Park (4 miles, 1500' gain) to camp; climb Red Tahquitz (3 miles round trip, 1000' cross-country). Sunday pack out (1 mile, 300' gain); climb Marion (6 miles round trip, 2500' gain) cross-country with some serious bushwhacking; pack out (3 miles, 1500' loss). Trip will include some navigation and route finding practice for WTC students. Limited to 12 participants. For details, send email/sase, H&W phones, address, recent experience to Reservationist/Leader: RAY RILEY Assistant: MARK HERTZ

New Outing, not in the Schedule

Sep 20-21 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks, SPS

I: Four Gables (12,720'): SPS Intro trip, moderately paced. Saturday backpack to Upper Horton Lake, 5 miles, 2900' gain, then happy hour. Sunday climb Four Gables by South ridge, 6 miles, 2600' gain round trip and pack out. Send email/SASE with carpool info, recent conditioning and experience to Ldr: GARY SCHENK. Assistant: ERIK SIERING

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 Co-Leaders: WOLF LEVERICH, KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH

Sep 21 Sun Pasadena, Wilderness Adventures

O: Burkhardt Trail to Will Thrall Peak (7845'): Strenuous 13 miles, 3200' gain route to this rugged peak, named after Will Thrall, an early pioneer, historian and editor of Trails Magazine. Meet 7:30 am La Cañada rideshare point with 3 quarts water, lunch, sun protection, lugsoles. Leaders: JIM HERINGER, TERRY GINSBERG

Sep 24 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: Mount Williamson (8214') from Islip Saddle: 5 miles round trip, 1600' gain with short use-tr scramble to summit. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare point with water, lunch, lugsoles. Leaders: DORIS DUVAL, DAN BUTLER

New Outing, not in the Schedule

Sep 24 Wed Hundred Peaks, Lower Peaks

O: Silver Peak (1804'): Join us on a great hike on Catalina Island. We will take the ferry from Long Beach, hike and return the same day. Hike is 12 miles round trip, 2500' gain on the way in, 700' on the way out. For details, contact leaders either by phone or email 2-3 days prior to hike. Bring water, lunch and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Leaders: INGEBORG PROCHAZKA, DAVE COMERZAN

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 Sat nite 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 Co-Leaders: SANDY SPERLING, MAGGIE WILSON

Sep 27 Sat Palos Verdes-South Bay, Natural Science, HPS

I: Chuckwilla 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 Co-Leader: BARRY HOLCHIN Naturalist: SHERRY ROSS

New Outing, not in the Schedule

Sep 27 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Cleghorn Mountain (5333'), Cajon Mountain (5360+'), Sugarpine Mountain (5478'), Monument Peak #2 (5290'), The Pinnacles (5737'), Mount Marie Louise (5507'): Come clean out the whole Lake Arrowhead area in one fell swoop. Moderately paced 10 miles round trip, 2300' gain total. This trip will involve much dirt road driving. Send e-sase or sase to leader for meeting instructions. Leader: DAVE BEYMER Co-Leader: MAURA RAFFENSPERGER

Oct 1 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: San Gabriel Peak (6161') & Mount Lowe (5603'): We will hike the fine JPL Tr starting near Red Box climbing 1400' in 2+ mi. Then return to junction go E down to water tank, 1/2 mile from Eaton Saddle. Climb to Lowe then go down either the East or West Tr to Lowe Camp (Tavern) for lunch. Return up the E or W Tr 1100' to near Lowe, then back the way we came. Total hike about 9 miles 3000' or so. Shorter options will be available. Meet 8:00 am La Cañada rideshare point with water, lunch, good footwear. Leaders: RUTH GOLDSTEIN, DAN BUTLER

Oct 4 Sat Lower Peaks, Hundred Peaks

O: 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 7:00 am at N Orange County or 8:00 am La Cañada rideshare point. 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 Reserv: LAURA JOSEPH.

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

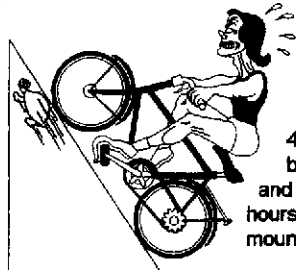
Oct 4 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: 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

New Outing, not in the Schedule

Oct 4 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Samon Peak (6227') by Mountain Bike: Moderately paced, moderately strenuous mountain bike and hike in beautiful Los Padres National Forest wilderness areas north of Santa Barbara. Meet 8 am at Mil Potrero Campground. It will take about an hour to drive to the trailhead. The pavement ends about 5 miles before the trailhead - high clearance vehicles are recommended for this section. Mountain bike 9.5 miles one-way from trailhead to Chokecherry Springs (2400' elev gain, estimate 2.5 hours). Hike 6 miles roundtrip from Chokecherry Springs to Samon Peak (1900' elev gain, estimate 7.5 hours). Then end the day with a really fun mountain bike ride down



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bag, bike helmet, cable bike

those 9.5 miles back to (there is a short 300' on return, estimate 1.5 totals for the trip are approximately 25 miles, road, trail, and steep, cross-country terrain approximately 11-12 to bring: good quality backpack, 10 essentials, trekking poles, stash lock, spare tube,

bike light sufficient for riding at night, enough food for about 11-12 hours adventure, start with 2-3 bike bottles of water to Chokecherry, bring additional empty water bottles to increase to 4-5 bike bottles for hike (we will filter water at Chokecherry Springs). Contact leader for additional information. Also contact leader 2-3 days prior to event date for update on water conditions at Chokecherry Springs. Provisional Leader: KATHY CHEEVER (Cheever@ucla.edu) Co-Leader: MARS BONFIRE

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 Co-Leader: WOLF LEVERICH

New Outing, not in the Schedule

Oct 5 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Cerro Noroeste (8286'): Exploratory cross-country Oktoberfest hike from Mil Potereo campground to Cerro Noroeste, approximately 6 miles roundtrip and ~3000 foot gain through steep, loose, and slippery cross-country terrain. Leaders: PAT ARREDONDO and LAURA JOSEPH

New Outing, not in the Schedule

Oct 5 Sun Hundred Peaks

O: Caliente Mountain (5106') by Mountain Bike: Mountain bike 7.5 miles and hike 2 miles to the peak furthest north on our list and the only one in San Luis Obispo County. Totals for the trip are 19 miles round trip, 3000' gain (2100' out, plus 900' back). Meet 9 am at Mil Potrero Campground. What to bring: good quality mountain bike, bike helmet, day backpack, 10 essentials, stash bag, cable bike lock, spare tube, lunch and snacks, bike light sufficient for riding at night, 3-5 bike bottles of water. High clearance (all-wheel or 4-wheel) vehicles recommended for drive to trailhead. Contact leader for additional information. Leader: KATHY CHEEVER (Cheever@ucla.edu) Co-Leader: MARS BONFIRE

Oct 5 Sun Santa Monica Mountain Task Force, Hundred Peaks

I: Grinnell Mountain (10,284'): Adventurous 11 miles, 4200' gain cross-country hike in the San Geronio 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, RAY RILEY

Oct 5 Sun Pasadena

O: Mount Burnham (8997'), Mount Baden Powell (9399') from Dawson Saddle to Vincent Gap: Moderate 10 miles, 2000' gain hike through Jeffrey pine, white fir and lodgepole pine with views of high country and Mojave Desert. Short car shuttle between Dawson Saddle and Vincent Gap. Meet 8 am La Cañada rideshare point. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles. Leaders: GINNY & JIM HERINGER, DON BREMNER

Oct 8 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: Mount Lukens (5074') from Deukmejian Park, via Cresenta View Tr: 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 the home of Membership Chair: LAURA JOSEPH

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 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 point. 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 Co-Leaders: SANDY SPERLING, SANDY BURNSIDE

Oct 14 Tue Hundred Peaks

O: Thorn Point (6935'), Lockwood Point (6273'): Hike two peaks in Los Padres NF. Thorn Point is 8 miles round trip with 2000' gain on a scenic trail. Lockwood Point is 5 miles round trip on trail cross-country and 700' gain. Email/call leader for meeting time and place. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, INGEBORG PROCHAZKA

Oct 18 Sat Hundred Peaks  
O: Caliente Mountain (5106'): Moderately paced strenuous hike, 19 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 Co-Leader: WOLF LEVERICH

New Outing, not in the Schedule

Oct 18 Sat Hundred Peaks  
O: Pine Mountain #1 (9648'), Dawson Peak (9575'): Moderately paced, strenuous, all-day trudge on trails, including a long spiny ridge not to everyone's liking. 10 miles round trip, 3800' gain. If time permits, we may also bag Wright Mountain (8508'). Meet 7:30 am in Claremont at the Vons shopping center, Baseline Avenue at Mills, about 1/4 mile west of the Baseline Exit of the new 210 Freeway. Park in the back (north) of the parking lot. Bring 3 quarts liquid, good boots, lunch. Rain cancels. Check with leader the week prior regarding weather conditions. Leader: JOHN CONNELLY Assistant: MAURA RAFFENSPERGER

New Outing, not in the Schedule

Oct 18 Sat Hundred Peaks  
I: Marion Mountain (10,362'), Jean Peak (10,670'), Drury Peak (10,160') from Marion Mountain Trail: Visit these peaks in the San Jacinto area by a less common route on the beautiful Marion Mountain Trail. Approximately 12 miles round trip and 4000+ gain on trail and cross country. We'll try some route innovation and a faster than moderate pace. Wilderness area, group size limited. Frozen yogurt in Idyllwild follows hike. Contact Leader: LAURA JOSEPH, ljoseph2@earthlink.net Co-Leader: PAT ARREDONDO

Oct 18 Sat Crescenta Valley, K-9 Committee  
O: Cucamonga Peak (8859'): Strenuous but moderately paced 12 miles round trip, 3800' gain. No tigers. We will travel among the magnificent groves of cedar and pine to Ioe House Saddle and on to Cucamonga Peak with views of the San Bernardino Valley. K9 welcome, but please leash during lunch. Meet 8 am Baldy rideshare point. Bring water, lugsoles, hat, lunch. Rain cancels. Leader: RON BARBOUR. Assistants: CATHY KISSINGER, AL MADER, ANN PEDRESCHI, NORM STABECK

Oct 18 Sat Wilderness Adventures, Pasadena  
O: Chilao to Horse Flats, Mount Hillyer (6200'): Hike 6 miles round trip, 1000' gain in the old bandito country of the San Gabriel Mountains through magnificent stands of Jeffrey pine and around jumbo boulders of Mount Hillyer. This hike is suitable for newcomers/beginners who can hike 6 miles without difficulty. We'll rideshare 27 miles to the trailhead. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare point with 2 quarts water, lunch, light hiking boots. Leaders: PAM ALLEN, TERRY GINSBERG

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 9 am La Cañada rideshare point 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 7:00 am North Orange County rideshare point or 9:00 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, CHERYL GILL, ERICH FICKLE

Oct 25 Sat Palos Verdes-South Bay, Natural Science, HPS  
I: Granite Peaks (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 Co-Leaders: BARRY HOLCHIN, KENT SCHWITKIS

Oct 25 Sat Sierra Sage of South Orange County  
O: Mount San Antonio (Baldy) (10,064') with Lift: 8 miles round trip, 2500' gain/3800' loss. We will ride the chair lift to the Notch, hike 3 1/2 miles via Devil's Backbone to the peak and descend steeply via the Ski Hut to Manker Flat. Strenuous route, moderately paced. Short shuttle. Meet 7:30 am Tustin rideshare point or 8:15 am Baldy rideshare point. Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, lugsoles, money for chairlift, Adventure Pass. Rain/snow cancels. Leader: JOHN KAISER. Assistant: BRUCE BOYDSTON

New Outing, not in the Schedule

Oct 25 Sat Hundred Peaks  
I: Lookout Mountain #2 (6812'), Sunset Peak (5796'): Join us as we connect the dots, hiking the entire ridgeline from Lookout to Sunset following obscure trail and cross country routes through forest and chaparral. Strenuous, 13 miles, 3700' gain round trip. We'll reach Lookout by a beautiful route following the west fork of Bear Canyon. From Lookout we take an overgrown, quite brushy "firebreak" to Cow Canyon Saddle and continue our ridge scramble to Sunset. Phone or email leader week of hike for conditions and rendezvous information. Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leader: LAURA JOSEPH

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. Sat do first four peaks - 14.1 miles round trip, 2200' gain. Carcamp Sat night. Sun 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 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 La Cañada rideshare point with water, lunch, suitable clothing layers, good footwear. Leaders: RON ROSIEN, ROSEMARY CAMPBELL

Nov 7 Fri Palos Verdes-South Bay, Natural Science, HPS  
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, cond/expert to Leader: BARRY HOLCHIN Co-Leader: TONY TRULL

Nov 9 Sun Palos Verdes-South Bay, Natural Science, HPS  
I: Deer Mountain (5586') and Deep Creek Hot Springs: 12th semi-annual Deep Creek HS 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

## Location of Frequently Used Rideshare Points

**Azusa:** On street next to market, 9th St & Azusa Av N of Foothill Bl.

**Baldy:** Pomona First Federal Bank & Trust parking lot, NE Corner, Indian Hill/Foothill Bls; Indian Hill exit from I-10. N about 1 mi. (Weekends only.)

**La Cañada:** Angeles Crest Hwy (Hwy2). Just N of Foothill Fwy (I-210). Park on Angeles Crest Hwy only.

**Mil Potrero Campground:** 2 mi W of Pine Mtn Club. Exit I-5 20+ miles north of Santa Clarita on Frazier Mountain Park Road, go W 12.5 to junction with Mil Potrero Road, turn right and watch for campground on left in approximately 8 miles.

**North Orange County:** Park-N-Ride, E side of Tustin Av just S of Lincoln Av, Orange.

**Pomona:** Towne Av exit fro SB Fwy (I-10), S 1/2 block, park along curb.

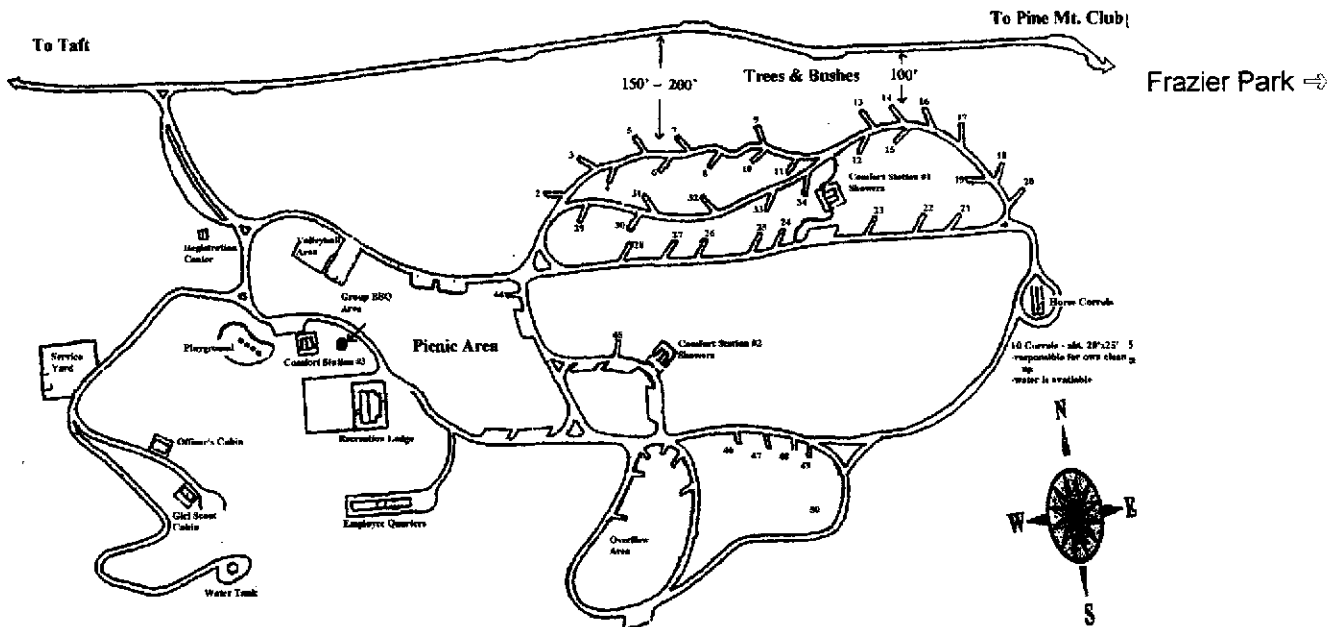
**Tustin:** Redhill Av on N side (fwy side) of Stater Bros Market, just SW of Redhill Av exit from Santa Ana Fwy.

Did you know that there is a new Mt Baldy rideshare point? You can reach it via the new 210 Freeway which runs from San Dimas to the I - 15 Freeway. The rideshare point is at the northeast corner of Mills Av @ Mt Baldy Road, Claremont, N of the Foothill Freeway (210). Exit Baseline from the 210 Freeway, then go west on Baseline about 1 mile to Mills. Then north to the parking area. This rideshare point is very convenient for hikes to Mt Baldy, Mt Harwood, the three T's, Sunset and Lookout, and all hikes from Icehouse Canyon. Parking is available here seven days a week.

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## BEER (AND WINE) DRINKERS TAKE NOTE! OKTOBERFEST HAS COME 'ROUND AGAIN OCTOBER 4-5

Oktoberfest is a traditional ceremony usually associated with consumption of large quantities of beer. At HPS, we make two modifications to the ritual: we include wine consumption and provide hikes to work off the calories. This year's Oktoberfest will take place at Mil Potrero Campground, where we held last year's incredibly

The weekend features a minimum of three Frazier Park/Mt Pinos area and beyond (see the and Ventura counties). You'll find those outings



outings each day to many of the peaks in the peak list for Southern Kern, Santa Barbara listed in the HPS Schedule in this issue of the

The partying begins Saturday evening with a equipped with a full kitchen. Complimentary beer BYO. After happy hour, dinner and socializing, we'll HPS peaks. Sunday morning, there will be the (now) breakfast.

pot luck in the Mil Potrero Lodge, which is and wine will be available; all other beverages are play "Which Peak am I?" to test our knowledge of traditional Management Committee hosted

**Getting there:** If you're participating in a hike on Saturday, go to the meeting place for that hike; after your hike, the group will caravan to Mil Potrero. If you are going directly to Mil Potrero, take I-5 to the Frazier Park exit west; to Mil Potrero Hwy on the right; go 5.5 miles to Pine Mtn Village and another 1.3 miles to the park on the left. If you need directions from another route, go to the website: [www.taft.org/wsrpd/facilities](http://www.taft.org/wsrpd/facilities). Or look at a map of the area.

**Facility:** Mil Potrero is a lovely forested area with 40 camp sites, a cabin and a lodge. Each spacious camp site has a fire ring and picnic table. The sites are large enough to accommodate several tents and/or vehicles. There are restrooms with HOT SHOWERS (!) for your use. The four bedroom cabin has a double bed in each room, a living room with fireplace and a kitchen and bath. If you prefer, there are motel accommodations in the area. See the website for Taft or send an email to the Leveriches.

**Reservations:** If you plan to stay in a camp site, send an email to Laura at [ljoseph2@earthlink.net](mailto:ljoseph2@earthlink.net). Your check or cash will be accepted when you arrive. If you want a room in the cabin, you must send a check to Laura in advance to reserve. Please include your email or phone number. The rooms will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

**Pot Luck:** Everyone is expected to bring something for the pot luck. If you like to cook, please consider bringing a main dish. In addition, we'll need salads, veggies, desserts, breads and before-dinner nibbles. Remember that you can use the kitchen.

**Registration:** Registration will be at the campground Saturday beginning at 3:00 pm. If you are going to arrive earlier, please contact Laura. An Oktoberfest gift will be given to each of you on arrival as long as they last. *Bring cash or check!*

**Cost:** Camp sites - \$10/person; cabin - \$12/person; potluck *only* - \$2/person.

**For more info:** contact Laura at [ljoseph2@earthlink.net](mailto:ljoseph2@earthlink.net). If you have no email access, phone (626) 356-4158

## Current Trip Reports

### **Big Iron: Chris Wu Gets #100**

May 4, 2003

**Leaders: Virgil Popescu and Tom Hill**  
**By Tom Hill**

Chris Wu celebrated his official #100 HPS peak amidst the company of energetic and fun-loving hikers on a comfortable outing to Big Iron on Sunday, May 4, in the wake of a storm system that had moved away from the area. We also took the short side trip to Bonita Peak on the Lower Peaks List.

Information from George Wysup led us to inquire about a wilderness permit for the Heaton Flat Trail at the Glendora office of the forest service. Yes, there is now a permit requirement; our request was handled promptly and efficiently by mail.

Temperatures in the 40-50 range, a few inches of new snow only on the summit's tippy top, and a foggy but cool cloud canopy made for perfect hiking conditions. And the reward? A vista unlike any other: the glory of the snow-covered white tower of Mt Baldy arising out of the mists surrounding the summit of Big Iron – a perfect climax for those willing to commit to a 12-hour dayhike with more than 7000 feet of gain. If you are still unconvinced please view the magnificent summit photos in the previous issue of The Lookout.

We celebrated Chris Wu's 100th at the successful conclusion of this long hike, with champagne and goodies and smiles of relief under late afternoon sunlight back at the parking lot. The participants were Cyril Kaicener, Sonia Arancibia, Lilly Fukui, Val Saubhayana, Ron Rosien, Steve Smith, Larry Campbell, Chris Wu, and Shin-fu Hsu, a fine mix of strong HPS newcomers and long-time stalwarts. In addition a large number of hikers tried to sign up for this SASE hike after the trip was already fully booked and ended up on a long waiting list that we were not able to accommodate.

Congratulations to Chris and company!

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### **El Montanon 1,808', a Lower Peak Hike** **Or: The Beauty of Top Map and Compass**

May 24, 2003

**Leaders: Gabriele Rau, Dave Coplen**  
**By Gabriele Rau**

A backpack trip to Santa Cruz Island gave us the opportunity to climb the second highest peak on the island. The highest peak, Devil's Peak or El Diablo on some maps, is located on Nature Conservancy Property and thus out of reach for all but Conservancy people. The easy part was the hike from the harbor to the campground at Scorpion Anchorage: ½ mile on a flat road. Everybody made it! I had told the Leader, Joel Goldberg, that I wanted to climb El Montanon. The next day seven more people wanted to join, and so it was determined that I would be the leader and Dave Coplen my co-leader.

We started at 9:00 AM. Only Mark, my significant other, left one hour before us. We had an excellent peak guide written by Charlie Knapke, who had added El Montanon to the Lower Peaks List. We also had local maps, topo maps, and a compass, but one thing was missing: the sun! The whole island was blanketed with a heavy fog. One could barely see 20 feet. The first part of the hike was easy, ascending on the only road on that part of the island. We could even see a sign for the Historic Oil well, and the tower appeared out of the fog. No oil was ever found there. Then the road deteriorated fast. We continued hiking in the heavy fog with extremely poor visibility. We had a faster and a slower group, but waited frequently for the slower participants and watched them appearing out of the fog. Several times Dave Coplen, an I-rated leader, and I took out maps and compass to ensure we were hiking in the correct direction. At one time the use trail dipped, and everybody stopped. How far was the descent? We could not see; we were blind. Our goal at this time was a peak called High Mount, but where was it? After consulting the maps and compass again, we continued on the use trail. The descent was short and we contoured around a higher area.

Suddenly we heard a voice from below. It was Mark; he had been on High Mount and told us that he was on the right trail. We did not believe him; he came up and joined us. After a sharp right turn we climbed High Mount with a USGS marker. Everybody suggested another direction, but Dave could persuade everybody to continue together after map and compass consulting. And right he was: soon a carved wooden sign appeared out of the fog: "Prisoner 10". We knew we were correct, as it was ten miles downhill to Prisoners Harbor. We continued on the obvious ridge. On every bump there was a metal marker indicating the former Nature Conservancy/State Park boundary. Finally we saw a small transmitter station and, lo and behold, two human beings!! They had come up from the Prisoner Trail, using an electric cart part of the way, and they were repairing the transmitter used for an eagle project on the island. We had made it!

First everybody sat down and ate lunch, as it was 12 o'clock. Originally we had planned a loop trip, and we asked the eagle lady about it. She told us that there was no trail, but that we should go to the next bump, which was the actual peak, then over the left bump, and down on the left ridge, aiming for the farmhouse and the Olive Grove beyond. By now the fog miraculously cleared and we had a 180 degree view. We could unmistakably see the farmhouse and the ocean.

We departed to the next bump which had a larger building, and left a register next to the USGS marker. We continued on over the next bump and the left ridge. This ridge was a ball bearing steep slope, precipitous and tough. This time Mark stayed with the slow hiker, I with a moderate hiker, and Dave went

ahead with the fast group. By now visibility was excellent. We could always see one another as well as our goal: the farmhouse, the ocean, Anacapa Island and much more. On the slope several people took a fall; I waited with my fall until we got to a flat grassy area. We finally reached an old road and from then on the going was easy. Dave waited at the farmhouse and we decided that he should go ahead with the fast group, because he was the Happy Hour host and badly needed back at the campground. We left the old farmhouse, located at sea level, at 3:30 pm and hiked back on the road, another 3.5 miles, 600' gain and loss to the campground.

We joined the Happy Hour and reported on our adventures. Joel told us that several years ago a group had tried this loop, but got lost. He had contacted the ranger, but they all returned, rather late, but before a search had to be started. It is easier to return the way we came and not take the loop trip.

Stats: 12 miles RT, total 2500' gain, 7 ½ to 8 ½ hours. Eight hikers climbed the peak.

A special thanks goes to Dave Coplen, who helped navigate and convinced people to take the right directions!

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### List Finish #5 By George Wysup

I have been near List finish #5 for a few months. It's late June and getting hot in the desert. I have finished Lists in the last four Junes. I figured I'd better get after it. I needed to climb Big Four, Nicolls, Heald, and Toro to finish. My quest is ever complicated because my dear spouse prohibits me from hiking alone. This is aggravating at times, but perhaps she is saving my life.  
BIG FOUR (May 13-15)

Sandy Burnside loves hiking the Big Four almost as much as she loves snowshoeing. So it was easy to impose upon her to accompany me to the Big Four in mid May. The weather was a bit dicey with possible rain. We postponed it, then tried for a three day gap in the rains.

We got an early start at the trailhead and reached Chokecherry Spring at about noon. The spring was not flowing at all strongly, considering the recent rains. No water was going into the tank; it all flowed under the road and out the culvert pipe. But there was ample water, which we drank without filtering or treating—with no harmful effects.

We managed to hike to Saron Peak on this rather warm and sunny first day, and decided to risk the random rock fall and set up camp on the road near Chokecherry. Next morning, after a leisurely breakfast, we went for the Big Pines.

We hiked to Big Pine Spring, a bit off the road near the turn to West Big Pine. There was plenty of water in the spring, which is more like a well. There is a cover to keep animals from climbing in and drowning, and there is a bucket on a rope. We didn't sample the water. We hiked to West Big Pine as wet-looking clouds started

blowing in. We cut up the southwest ridge to the summit of Big Pine as the clouds seemed to disappear. This got us thinking about nailing Madulce on the way back to camp but, as we neared Madulce saddle, we went into a near white out, so decided to exercise discretion and wait for the morrow. Just as we reached camp at about 4:30 it began to rain. The rain was gentle and lasted less than an hour, after which the sun re-emerged (too late for bagging Madulce).

Next morning we hiked Madulce and back to the vehicles, meeting Mike Gosnell on his way up. I did have some equipment problems. First, the plastic pump mechanism for my WhisperLite stove failed, so I settled for cold food. Second, I slept with my sleeping bag inside my Gore-Tex bivy sack. It didn't rain, and the outside of the bivy sack was perfectly dry. However, I noticed that the inside of the sack was very wet, as was the outside of my down sleeping bag. There's a lesson there, somewhere. Perhaps it's worth while to carry the extra 2 lbs that a light tent weighs.

#### Nicolls and Heald (June 24)

Mike Gosnell is on a list finishing crusade. He, too, needed Nicolls and Heald. I phoned him on Monday morning to inquire as to his willingness to climb Nicolls and Heald on Tuesday. He was not available since he was busy hiking to Iron Mtn, then across the San Antonio ridge to Baldy (for 10,600 ft elevation gain). Despite this he returned my call and consented to hike with me.

We departed Glendora at 4 a.m., drove 200 miles to the trailhead, and started the hike at 7:45. We took 2.5 hours to climb both Nicolls summits and return to the saddle. We agreed that the southeast summit (the northwest one is the official HPS summit) is the nicer, and there is an ammo can register on it.

We hiked uneventfully to Heald and back for a total hiking time of about 8.5 hours. I measured a cumulative elevation gain of 4900 feet to climb the two peaks. One more peak to go for me—Toro.

#### Toro and Santa Rosa (June 26)

Zobeida Molina (who finished the HPS List on June 22) called and asked if I wanted to hike. "Where?" I queried. "How about Toro," she replied, cooperatively. I wanted to avoid driving or walking the route 1 road (7S02) and try another road from Sawmill trailhead (Martinez and Sheep trailhead). She had already been that way, hiking all the way from the parking lot (4050' elev) with Tom Connery and others, but she hates drive-ups, believing that hiking is more beneficial to the person than driving.

OK, I would see how far my 4Runner could make it up that road to shorten our hike to something I could handle. Zobeida and Pat Brea met me in Cucamonga at 6 a.m. After 100 miles of paved road to Sawmill trailhead, I headed up the dirt road. The road was rutted, but in good shape for 1/2 mile, then deteriorated rapidly so that I was compelled to drop into 4WD and crawl to about 2.9 miles from the pavement. Beyond this, well, maybe my truck was capable, but its driver wasn't. So we began our hike at the 5160' contour.

There are fine views of Martinez, Sheep, Asbestos,



and the desert divide that distracted us from the stark ennui of hiking the dirt road. And we spotted some yellow Mariposa tulips (those are flowers). We hiked past an old charcoal kiln to the unnamed spring (at 6200'), which flowed profusely. The water was cool and tasty. The map shows the road ending there, but it continues as a steep double track trail. We followed it southeast to its end, then took off to the south, cross country, passing through some very pretty terrain. Pretty at present, but the white firs are dead or dying, the cause presumably being bark beetles.

We eventually met the route 1 road not far from the locked gate barring vehicles from bagging Toro. There, we opted to go for a pathfinder for Zobeida and hiked cross country to saddle 8440+, then scrambled up to the summit. This turned out to be quite a pleasant route of about 800 feet gain and I recommend it highly. On the descent we started down the road, then plunged directly down to avoid a long switchback.

We hiked the road to the junction near Santa Rosa and took a gentle cross country ridge to the less than magnificent summit. It occurred to me there that, now that Toro is again on our list, Santa Rosa could be dropped and would not be missed.

There you have it. Five HPS Lists completed in the June of five consecutive years. Don't expect a sixth from me.

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## **Grays Peak, Slide Mountain and Keller Lookout**

### **Or: Slow Hikers Can Hike HPS Peaks**

**June 7, 2003**

**Leaders: Luella Fickle, Gabriele Rau  
By Gabriele Rau**

Everybody wanted to escape the "June Gloom" in the lowlands and sure enough, in the mountains we did have a beautiful sunny and rather hot day. 18 hikers showed for this 'easy to moderately paced' advertised hike. In spite of a huge bicycle event on Highways 330/18, we all made it to the trailhead and started at 9:30 AM.

We soon broke up into two groups, Luella leading the faster one, and I sweeping the slower portion. My slower hikers liked to look at the flowers and wanted to know every single name, and I was lucky to know many names, though not all. The fast group waited patiently for us at every trail intersection. My group reached the peak after two hours while the others had been there for some time. After signing in and eating lunch we returned toward our cars, moving only a little faster than we did going uphill. It was getting warm; some people had finished their water supply, and the spigots at the trailhead were dry. We left for the trip to Slide Peak and some refilled their water supply at Arrowbear. Two people signed out because of other plans.

We parked in the saddle between Slide Peak and Keller LO. From there it was a short and sweet trip to the peak: just a few steps on the road, right up a firebreak, rather steep, but then it got better and soon

after we reached the road. Most hikers had liked the fire break ascent so much that they continued on the next firebreak to the peak; others took the road. There was a great view from the peak, Luella identified all the peaks for us (no problem for her!), and somebody pointed out what looked like rain in the far distance.

By now everybody was hot and we drove by car to Keller Peak. The Lookout allowed only six people to climb up at a time, but we all eventually climbed up and got a tour. There were more great views, including the canyon with the Seven Oaks Dam.

We had 19 people signing in on Grays Peak, and 17 of those also made the other two peaks. This should be encouraging to those who think HPS hikes are just too fast; there are definitely more moderate and slow hikes to peaks! Thanks to the fast group, which included some seasoned peakbaggers, for waiting patiently and not complaining.

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## **Dangerous Level Four Outing to Hawkins, Copter Ridge, Throop Completed Without Incident!**

**July 27, 2003**

**Leaders: Joe Young and Bobcat Thompson  
By The Leaders**

Reviewing the Sierra Club's draft Outings Policy proposed by the Outdoor Activities Governance Committee (OAGC), this outing would quite likely be considered to fall into the level four outing category. [See page 6 in this issue of *The Lookout*]. After all, we were sometimes outside of cell phone communications with the external world; we were clearly more than four hours from medical assistance; the trail was at times steep and poorly-marked. Treacherous pine needles covering the ground added to our woes.

Undaunted by the frightful nature of the outing, nineteen courageous souls dared to show up at the La Cañada rideshare point, and yet again at Dawson Saddle to begin the hike. Immediately prior to the hike the participants were warned of the hazardous nature of the outing, though none chose to back out.

The group began its perilous outing at about 8:30 AM, Joe leading, and stopped at the intersection with the Pacific Crest Trail in about one hour. After a brief rest we headed off to Mt Hawkins, where we arrived at about 10:15 AM. A patriotic assemblage of balloons stuck on a bush was retrieved by one hiker and carried along for a while, but all balloons were eventually burst. We signed the register which was protected by a "pipe bomb" style can. At about 10:25 we headed down to Copter Ridge, arriving on its "summit" at about 11:30 AM. En route we observed the damage caused by the disastrous Curve Fire of September 2002. There were alternately acres of burned trees and shrubs, and untouched foliage. Even though it was late season, numerous flowering plants were observed. Actually Joe followed a new firebreak a short ways beyond the "summit" of Copter Ridge before realizing he had gone a



bit too far. [Wonder where this firebreak begins? Could it become a Pathfinder route?!] The group backtracked to the register and enjoyed a half hour lunch in the shade of two of the few remaining trees on the "summit."

Shortly after noon Bobcat led the group back up to Hawkins, stopping a couple of times to let the stragglers catch up. Big, puffy cumulus clouds blocked the sun for much of this ascent – a welcome relief. The sweep arrived back on the summit of Hawkins at about 1:45 PM. Eight hikers signed out to scamper back at a brisk pace. The eleven remaining headed towards Throop, with Bobcat leading nine of them to its summit. Reconvening at about 2:45 PM at the PCT/ Throop–Dawson Saddle trail intersection east of Throop, the group headed back to Dawson Saddle, the last arriving at about 3:20 PM.

No one was lost. No one was injured. There was no medical emergency. None of the fears associated with level four outings materialized. There were no incidents.

Thanks to all participants who had the confidence to entrust their very lives to the leaders to lead this potentially horrific outing. They included Tom Hill, Lilly Fukui, Gary Murta, Gary Freeman, Gary Schenk, Val Saubhayana, Shannon Wexler, Chuck Bush, Mike Baldwin, Lloyd Johnson, Jay Friedman, Kathy Cheever, Margaret Belknap, Marilyn Krist, Larry Hoak, Zobeida Molina, Neal Cosand, and leaders Joe Young and Bobcat Thompson.

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### **Ruth Lee Dobos Memorial Hike – Josephine Peak**

**Leaders Frank Dobos, David Eisenberg, Laura  
Quinn**

When Ruth Lee Dobos passed away last August, her devoted husband, Frank, and several of her friends felt that a memorial hike in her honor was a grand idea. We still do, although most of us would probably agree that hiking to Josephine Peak on a hot day in May is probably not the way to honor one of the HPS' greatest leaders.

So why was Josephine selected? Ruth and Frank's first solo date – after many a night carousing at the Tam with the Wednesday night Griffith Park hikers – was a hike to Josephine. One hiker, who played a significant role in helping Ruth and Frank get together, the Matchmaker Dotty Sandford, played an equally significant role this day (more about that later.) As the hike started, our thoughts were of Ruth, and how she would have advised us against scheduling a hike to Josephine in late May.

Forty-one hikers, many of them leaders (including: Frank Atkin, George Denny, Peter Doggett, Diane Dunbar, Charlotte Feitshans, Harvey Ganz, Frank Goodykoontz, Tom Hill, Gabriele Rau, Virgil Popescu, Duane McRuer, Pat Russell, Dotty and Mike Sandford, Susanne Weil and Peter Glover, and last but not least, Joe Young) ascended to the summit of Josephine Peak from two different routes on Saturday, May 31. A small

group of hikers that included Tom Hill and Virgil Popescu climbed the peak from the west ridge.

In triumph, every single last one of us staggered to the top of Josephine to enjoy the sunshine and mid-80 degree temperatures – after enjoying the burning sunshine and heat all the way up. In contrast, the tragedy was that there was no comfort in climbing to a relatively higher elevation – it was equally hot up top.

So hot was it, in fact, that a few of the potluck items did some pretty nifty shape-shifting. A fruit sorbet turned to liquid, and while some crackers did okay, the cheese meant to go with them exited the pack as a congealed mess of grease with liquid Cheddar, Gouda and Mozzarella all merging together to form one ugly collage (no surprise that this item was NOT consumed).

One pleasure of the hike up was the abundance of wildflowers that dotted the mountainsides, thanks to our late season rains. Spanish Broom, although a parasite, is wonderfully fragrant. We also saw Penstemon, Chia, Yucca (in bloom) Laurel Sumac, Black Mustard, Wild Rose, a stand of Matilija poppies, and even some red and white oleander to name a few.

After almost an hour on the peak, it became clear that group climbing the east ridge had not made it through the brush to join us. We began to pack up for our return, when – wait – first one, then another and another and another and finally the last of the five West Ridgers emerged from the brush. It was apparent by the numerous scratches and bloodied arms and legs that much DNA was left on that trail in order to reach the peak.

With the entire group assembled, Frank shared some remembrances of Ruth, and we were all left to reflect her passing individually. I recalled my last hike with Ruth. A scant two months before she was diagnosed with advanced lung cancer, Ruth and Frank co-led one of the Waterman Rendezvous hikes. She hiked very slowly that day, and no one, myself included, thought she would make the peak. We were all wrong. She did. When she and I arrived up top, the last group was just departing. Conquering that peak that day was, unfortunately, a victory that went unrecognized.

Ruth, however, made it clear that climbing Waterman was a victory she anticipated. As we sat atop the peak sharing a can of tuna and some crackers (and watching the crows dive bomb for all the crumbs you people leave behind), Ruth's never said I told you so. Her most memorable comment up there was in reference to her vegetarian husband. "Frank's not going to like to smell tuna on my breath," she said. For the record, Frank never mentioned the tuna-breath.

After recollecting privately, the group assembled for the traditional HPS peak-top picture. That when the trouble began. The picture-taking went on a tad too long. Those are not grins you see on the faces of the people in the front row, but grimaces at having to kneel down for so long. Despite the vast potential for locked knees, everyone was a good sport, and the group's cheer only evaporated when it became clear that one of our members was suffering from heat exhaustion.

With conditions that can best be described in one word -- HOT -- one hiker insisted on wearing a sweatshirt while hiking all the way up to the peak. This person also carried a folding chair along with a day pack and once up top, refused to remove the sweatshirt saying that to him, it wasn't hot enough.

That Mike Sandford didn't suffer from heat exhaustion and his wife, Dotty, did defies reason, but then... (okay, I'm not going there.)

As soon as it became clear that Dotty was, indeed, having problems, Diane Dunbar immediately put her EMT training to good use. Dotty moved to a shady area and lay down as Diane put wet, cool compresses on her head. After about 45 minutes had passed, it was apparent that Dotty was getting better slowly -- she was telling jokes, but still felt dizzy when she sat up. Since we were approaching the hottest time of the day, it was felt that she shouldn't hike down and risk getting overheated again. We decided that an evacuation was in order.

Mike, still wearing that sweatshirt, called 9-1-1 and attempted to describe where Josephine was. He later said that person on the other end of the phone

asked if Josephine was in Northern California. Lacking confidence that help would actually arrive, Mike (in the sweatshirt) and Gary Murta, hiked down to make sure that SOMEONE would respond to the emergency call. About 15 minutes later, I climbed back up to the top and spied a green Forest Service vehicle chugging up the Josephine fire road. According to Dotty's rescuer, Captain Steve Johnson of Forest Service Fire Engine Co. #11, Mike was transferred to LA County Fire. They, in turn, contacted the Forest Service station in La Canada and provided our location. It's good to know the system works.

It seemed like an inordinately long time before the Capt. Steve arrived in the truck. He admitted that he would have been up "10 minutes earlier" but that everyone was waving him down to tell him there was a sick hiker on top of Josephine. That is **almost** everyone reported a sick hiker. Capt. Steven told us that the first person who stopped him wanted to know the names of all the wildflowers!

If only Ruth had been there. She would have been able to tell them the name of every flower.



This hungry rattlesnake greeted us on an HPS trip June 28, about a mile past Laws Camp on the trail to Sam Fink Peak. Photo courtesy of Suzy Hermann.

## Chews, Snooze, Booze

Submit new items to: Tom Hill, tomlyns@earthlink.net

"An army marches on its stomach." -anonymous snake

### Idyllwild Chews

Arriba ... George Wysup, 30 Jun 2003

I like to return from a hike Sunday before 2 pm, then do a total champagne at Arriba, across from the Idolwyllde ranger station. the hill, trying my best to stay on the road. Then I feel at one on I-10, ready to do battle with the other road ragers. The food is providing well over the MDR for lard and sugar. With enough best.



pig out and get blasted on  
Then I can fight my way down  
with the Sunday evening traffic  
outstanding and nutritious,  
jalapenos, any dish is at its

Idyllwild Cafe ... Kirt Smoot, 01 Jul 2003

For breakfast, this cafe on the south end of town was a winner. Good food and the waitresses call you 'hon.

Country Farms ... Tom Hill, 30 Jun 2003

East side of Hwy 243 just south of the Ranger Station. In the snack category. For post-hike sinful delights, they serve up some truly amazing and healthful frozen yogurt and shakes that certainly passed my "yummy" test -- since I consumed 4 of their nonfat vanilla shakes in two days of hiking. Wine, groceries, stuff.

### Idyllwild Snooze

Mile High Inn ... by Kirt Smoot, 01 July 2003

About five blocks from the center of town. I'd found it on the Web and picked it because it didn't require a two night stay as many of the others do. Considering the price, \$65, is was a nice surprise - clean, cabin-like, quiet, friendly staff - it was a good alternative to a basic shower-less campout. I'd recommend it.

Atipahato Lodge (accent the 'tip' and 'ha') ... by Tom Hill, 30 June 2003

25525 Highway 243: AAA: 888-400-0071: website

I've used them twice, having first discovered this lovely set of cabins by recommendation from Penelope May a few years ago. The new owners acquired the cabins in 1998 (formerly called the Singing Woods) and have maintained the gracious traditions enjoyed previously. Rates vary but come in well under \$100 per night; less than one mile from the Ranger Station; a woodsy backyard overlooked by private balconies; and so forth.

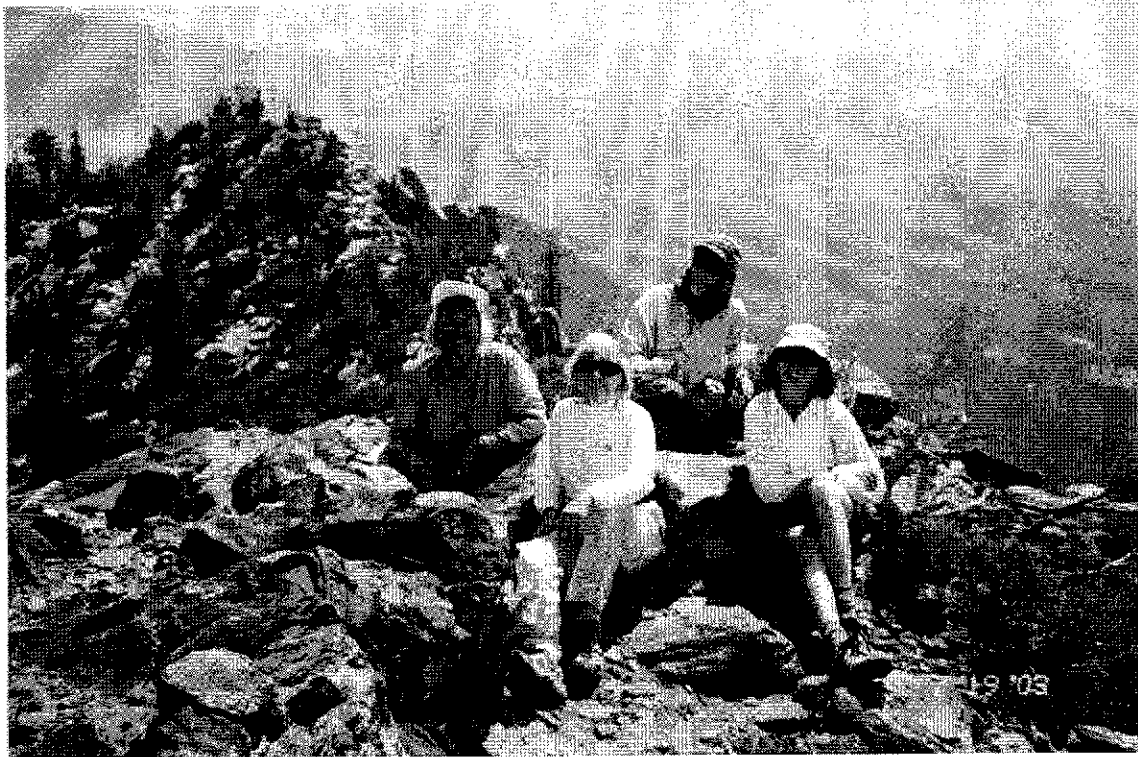
## The Dawn Mine By Hugh Blanchard

The Dawn Mine is not the longest or most interesting mine in Los Angeles County, but judging by the number of people that view its lower entrance, it is certainly the most popular. This is due to its well known location in nearby Millard Canyon just north of Altadena. A number of Sierra Club hikes list it as their destination and directions to reach it are contained in various trail guides. For years the Hundred Peaks Section scheduled hikes to Brown Mountain via Millard Canyon, and hikers always stopped to view the paraphernalia such as cables and gears or especially the entrance, though few ever dared to enter. (Besides, their objective was the summit of Brown Mountain.)

As a result every year hundreds of hikers view the entrance of its lower tunnel although few actually enter because of the water which covers much of its floor and fewer still are even aware of its upper tunnel.

The mine was intermittently worked for gold under several owners from 1895 to the early 1950s and consists of two separate levels with access to the upper level requiring some third class climbing. The lower level is the longer with 680 feet of passage. In some areas the water is knee deep with even a small waterfall. About 50 feet in is a water-filled pit 55 feet deep. The upper level has 195 feet of passage and is dry. Just inside the entrance is a 17-foot pit which perhaps leads to the lower tunnel but this has not been confirmed.

According to some Sierra Club members there was formerly an annex to the mine about 300 yards to the east across the stream by the Tom Sloan Trail. Apparently this was blasted shut by the Forest Service over 20 years ago. Debris from the blasted rocks now marks its site.



*(Above) 2002 HPS Chair Karen Isaacson Leverich, Dorothy Danziger, Mars Bonfire and Kathy Cheever pose for the camera, held by Wolf Leverich, on the summit of Antsell Rock on July 19, 2003*

*(Below) Mars Bonfire, Kathy Cheever and Dorothy Danziger pose for the camera, this time held by Edith Liu, on the summit of Lily Rock on July 23, 2003. This event marked Dorothy's **third** List completion. Congratulations, Dorothy!*



**HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION,  
ANGELES CHAPTER  
Minutes: Management Committee Meeting**

**Thursday, May 8, 2003, Laura's Place, Pasadena**

Call to Order (6:45 p.m.)

Attending:

In attendance were MComm members Mars Bonfire, Kathy Cheever, Laura Joseph, Karen Isaacson Leverich, Wolf Leverich, Ray Wolfe, and George Wysup. Visitors were Larry Hoak and Joe Young.

Minutes from the April 10 Meeting: M/s/p without revision

Treasurer's Report: Submitted - filed with minutes

Old Business: Discussed replacing the conservation chair. M/s/p George Wysup as Acting Conservation Chair while we recruit someone.  
Committee Reports

Membership: Laura Joseph: submitted - filed with minutes \* M/s/p to drop the \$12 late charge.

\* M/s/p the following emblems:

- \* Barry Holchin 100 Peaks on Marie-Louise
- \* George Denny 200 Peaks on Marie-Louise
- \* Cheryl Ross 100 Peaks on Sunset
- \* Kent Schwitkis 200 Peaks on Sunset
- \* Chris Wu 100 Peaks on Big Iron
- \* Kathy Cheever Snowshoe on San Gorgonio

\* M/s/p April emblems which were approved via email poll:

- \* Larry Campbell 100 Peaks on Hildreth
- \* Ron Zappen Snowshoe on Grouse
- \* Winnette Butler Snowshoe on San Jacinto
- \* Mars Bonfire List Finish #6 on Toro

\* Discussed link on home page to membership application. Wolf will look at it to see if it can be done.

Programs: Laura Joseph and Ray Wolfe

- \* Reviewed responsibilities for Spring Fling
- \* Reserved Mil Potrero for Oktoberfest
- \* Laura is looking for location suggestions for the 2004 banquet (4th Saturday in January). Will reserve Taix.

Outings: Karen Isaacson Leverich

- \* Smith is still closed.
- \* Discussed report of over-trimming yucca plants on the Big Iron trail.
- \* Discussed encouraging more people to become "M" rated leaders.

MRC: Wolf Leverich

- \* M/s/p changes to peak guide changes (report attached)
- \* We will drop the route to Caliente via JP Oil Co. due to private property issues. \* M/s/p George's map revisions for Black#3, Tehachapi, Asbestos, Bighorn Mtns/

Meeks, San Gorgonio High Country, Akawie/ Winstons, Condor/ Fox#2/ Iron#2, Cannel Point, Cahuilla/ Little C, Pleasant View Ridge et al

New Business

\* Extension discussion about revised Outings and Safety Policy for submission to ExComm Safety Committee. M/s/p George will revise with tonight's discussion, we will sign the document at Spring Fling and send to Larry Tidball.

\* M/s/p to support Barbara Lilley for Farquhar Award

\* Donation in the amount of \$60.25 came from Ann Kramer on behalf of Haven Fearn's mother which is to be donated for good use relative to outings. M/s/p to donate the \$60.25 to Angeles National Forest Lookout hosts for South Hawkins Lookout.

\* Discussed candidates for Nominating Committee.

\* Joe Young discussed formulating a policy with regard to pit-a-pat. More discussion to follow.

Adjourned 8:45 pm M/s/p

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**Thursday, June 12, 2003, Laura's Place, Pasadena**

Call to Order (6:50 p.m.)

Attending:

In attendance were MComm members Kathy Cheever, Laura Joseph, Karen Isaacson Leverich, Wolf Leverich, Ray Wolfe, and George Wysup. Visitors were Larry Hoak and Joe Young.

Minutes from the May 8 Meeting: M/s/p without revision

Treasurer's Report: Wolf Leverich: Submitted - filed with minutes

\* It was decided that there is no need to have the Trial Balance Sheet submitted.

\* Wolf will attend to contribution checks being distributed. (\$60.25 and \$200 for Look Out hosts). Briefly discussed a contribution from HPS to land owners who allow us to travel on their land (i.e., Zen Center). Will discuss more later.

Old Business:

- \* M/s/p June 12, 2003 revised Outings and Safety Procedures. Kathy to send to Larry Tidball for Chapter approval.
- \* M/s/p MComm Nominating Committee to be John Connelly, Chair; Sandie Burnside and Sandy Spierling.

Committee Reports

1. Membership: Laura Joseph

\* M/s/p the following emblems:

- \* Cheryl Gill 100 Peaks on

## 2. Programs: Laura Joseph

- \* Spring Fling was very successful this year!!
- \* M/s/p: The annual banquet will be held at Taix on Sat, January 24, 2004.
- \* Started discussing ideas for the banquet program to celebrate the 50th anniversary of HPS. A committee was formed to work on this - Laura Joseph, Sandie Burnside and Kathy Cheever

## 3. Outings: Karen Isaacson Leverich

- \* The road to Smith is still closed, but may open by next month.
- \* HPS is scheduled to host the HPS/SPS/DPS Joint Meeting next February. Discussed program possibilities - perhaps Edwin Birdbaum? Joint meeting to be held the first Wednesday in February (February 4) and discussed reserving the Grand Ballroom at the L.A. Zoo for the event.
- \* M/s/p to change MComm meeting day to Tuesday effective the November meeting.

## 4. MRC: Wolf Leverich - no report

- \* George discussed maps software.
- \* M/s/p to add disclaimer on website that maps are unreviewed by Mcomm and then add review date when they have been.

## New Business

- \* Laura Joseph: In preparation for the annual meeting in September, there was brief discussion on possibilities of amendments to bylaws. Will discuss more about this at July meeting.
- \* Next meeting will be July 10 at Laura's place.

Adjourned 8:30 pm M/s/p

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## REGISTER BOX

By Jim Adler

Since the last Register Box, one new peak was added to the missing list and four were removed. Reports were received from George Wysup, Joe Young, Laura Joseph, Gabriel Rau, and Luella Fickle. 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	5-03
14F	Mt. Hawkins	missing	10-00
14H	Mt. Burnham	missing	6-02
16F	Thunder Mtn.	missing	8-02
16J	Mt. Harwood	missing	6-03
26B	Quail Mtn.	missing	1-02
27K	Drury Peak	deficient	6-02
32E	Cuyamaca Peak	missing	5-03

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.)

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## IN PRAISE OF THE OCCASIONAL DUCK

by Tom Hill, July 1, 2003

*There was a bold leader named Hill,  
Who departed a trail per the drill;  
Then he found a "good" duck  
But was s\_\_ outta luck  
When his hikers fell almost at will.*

*"To the rescue!" some said, "it was quite poorly led,  
We have ducks and some flagging to build!"  
Then they labored each day, constructing the way,  
Behold! No more hikers were killed.*

*"But wait just a minute, our hearts are not in it!"  
Poor George and some others complain,  
"He never lost one! These lies are not fun!  
Surely wilderness values should reign!"*

*The occasional duck is often good luck  
When faced with a choice of the route.  
Go left or go right? With trail out of sight?  
It is nice to remove all the doubt!*

*But when faced with a slope with which you can cope,  
Which has oodles and oodles of ducks,  
You often will find, with quackers behind,  
Their oft-stated purpose just sucks!*

*(And now I will speak of quaint Lockwood Peak,  
And the northernmost route to this summit:  
A gully bereft of right turn or left  
Yet everywhere ducks from a dummit.)*

*This sad story ends with very few friends,  
A lament for the values we share:  
Not a mountain in sight without this fowl blight,  
But the flags and the ducks do not care.*

