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Hundred Peaks Section 2003 Election

Eight candidates are running for the Management Committee: Kathy Cheever, Winnette Butler, Wolf Leverich, Karen Isaacson Leverich, Kent Schwitkis, Janet Howell, Laura Joseph, and Lynda Armbruster.

The membership will be asked to approve a change in the Bylaws to adopt the flexible language in the Angeles Chapter Bylaws that govern the assignment of officer positions.

The membership will also be asked to expand the emblems for Pathfinder achievements, and to expand the emblems for Snowshoe achievements.

The full text for these proposals as well as arguments in support of them, and statements by each candidate for Management Committee, are included inside this issue of **The Lookout** on beginning on page 28.

There are NO proposals for changes in the Peak List.

Ballots under The ballot include one HPS member household. If a ballot ballot package ballot for each HPS, please call



will be mailed out separate cover. package will ballot for each residing in your you do not receive package, or if your does not contain a household member of Elections Chair Joe

Young at (310) 822 - 9676, or email joengeri@comcast.net
Ballots must be returned on or before December 1, 2003 in order to be counted.

Chapter Outings Assembly To Hear David Simon Saturday, November 1, 2003

All Outings Chairs, Outings Leaders, and Participants are invited to the first annual Chapter Outings Assembly (COA). This will be the first time that we convene stakeholders from across the Chapter to discuss our outings program, celebrate our successes, review and recommend policies, and get training. The keynote speaker for this event is **David Simon, Chair of the Sierra Club's OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE and author of the Waiver policy and the proposed new Leaders Standards policy.** We will vote to select Outings Representatives to sit on the Outings Management Committee, the Leadership Training Committee, and the Safety Committee. Bring a brown bag lunch. Meet 9 am at the River Center (old Lawry's restaurant) 570 West Avenue 26 in the California Room. (From 110 exit Ave 26, turn W., go past Figueroa, turn left into parking lot.) The workshop

will break around 12 noon. To make a nomination contact Grant Rigby. The organizer for this event is Will McWhinney.

Annual Awards Banquet Saturday, January 24, 2004

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 no chance to chat buddies (and clothes) and peakbaggers This is also the for recognizing achievements and The event will be at Restaurant (1911



celebrating starts at host bar and a with your hiking see them in real meet young and old. yearly occasion members' presenting awards. Les Freres Taix Sunset Blvd). Buy 15 raffle tickets for \$5 if you reserve before Dec 1; get 10 raffle tickets for \$5 before Jan 1; 5 for \$5 thereafter. Send \$30 plus raffle tickets (make checks payable to the HPS), choice of vegetarian, chicken, or fish entre. Please include your email address or phone number. No SASE. Tickets will be held at the door. For updated details, check the Southern Sierran, the HPS website, or **The Lookout**. Reservationist: SANDY BURNSIDE, 256 South Craig Dr. Orange, CA 92869. Raffle coordinator: LAURA JOSEPH



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MEMBERSHIP REPORT
For Period August 4 to October 5, 2003
Peter Doggett and Mars Bonfire Finish List for 7th Time!!
Dorothy Danziger and Tom Hill Finish List #3

ACHIEVEMENT	DATE	PEAK NAME	SEQUENCE
List Completion No. 7			
Peter Doggett (Go Peter!)	8/16/03	Toro Peak	3
Mars Bonfire (And the next...?)	8/16/03	Toro Peak	4
List Completion No. 3			
Dorothy Danziger	7/23/03	Lily Rock	22
The third woman to finish List #3!			
Tom Hill	8/2/03	Bighorn Mtn	23
How does he know all the peaks so well in only three go-rounds?			
Lead 100 Peaks			
Karen Leverich	8/16/03	Toro Peak	29
List Completion No. 1			
Mike Gosnell	8/16/03	Toro Peak	240
Joanne Griego	8/16/03	Toro Peak	241
Janet Howell	8/16/03	Toro Peak	242
Wolf Leverich (finally!)	8/16/03	Toro Peak	243
Jean White (Hurrah for Jean!)	9/20/03	Iron Mtn #1	244
Roy Randall (All by himself)	9/27/03	Sam Fink Peak	245
Too bad if you missed the party on Toro Peak August 16! (Jean had to be different and finish on a killer peak.)			
200 Peaks Emblem			
Mei Kwan (couldn't wait for Toro?)	8/8/03	Pine Mtn #1	400
Doris Duval (only the tough ones left)	8/16/03	Toro Peak	401
Roxana Lewis (a bit late reporting)	12/16/01	Butterbredt Peak	402
Patrick Stevens	8/30/03	Lion Peak	403
100 Peaks Emblem			
John Meehan	4/19/03	Strawberry Peak	1050
Sharon Hechler	7/16/03	Pinyon Ridge	1051
Ignacia Manriquez	8/16/03	Toro Peak	1052
(She's following Peter; should finish the List by the end of the year)			
Martin Parsons (Edith's his inspiration)	8/16/03	Toro Peak	1053
Mark Allen (Just missed Toro)	9/21/03	Will Thrall Peak	1054
Mike Dillenback (At Octoberfest)	10/5/03	San Emigdio Mtn	1055
Pathfinder Emblem			
Rosemary Campbell	5/30/2003	Constance Peak	33 (correction)
Sorry we got Rosemary's number wrong in the last issue.			
Karen Leverich	8/16/2003	Toro Peak	34
Only Karen would insist on two emblems on the same day and the same peak!			

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS
 Jan St. Amand
 Greg DeHoogh
 Allen Hartman
 Carol Snyder
 Patrick Stevens

NEW SUBSCRIBERS
 Spasoje Neskovic
 Donald Waterbury
 Suzanne Moore
 Richard Jonas
 Wes Jackson

Thanks to our new LIFE MEMBER Tom Hill

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

August 4-October 3, 2003

Category	October	August	Renewed	Due Oct. 31	Due Dec. 31
Honorary, Life, Ben.	7	6	NA		
Members (total)	436	445	42	11	26
Subscribers	118	126		12	6
Total	558	577	Please see mailing label for your renewal date		

Prepared by Laura Joseph, Membership Chair

Special Announcements

Upcoming Hundred Peaks Section Management Committee Meetings

Nov 11 Tuesday

Management Meeting: Please join us for our monthly open management committee meeting. 7 pm at Newcomb Ranch. Meet at La Cañada rideshare point at 6 pm. Bring \$\$ for dinner. For more information, contact any member of the Management Committee.

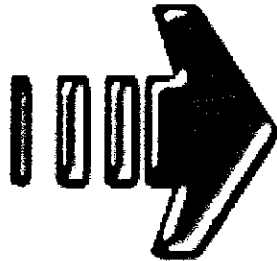
Dec 9 Tuesday

Management Meeting: Please join us for our monthly open management committee meeting which will be held at 7 pm at the home of Membership Chair: LAURA JOSEPH

Jan 13 Tuesday

Management Meeting: Please join us for our monthly open management committee meeting. For time and location, contact Membership Chair: LAURA JOSEPH

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Hundred Peaks Section to Conduct A Series of Special Outings To Commemorate The Fifty Years Of The Hundred Peaks Section Becoming A Section Within The Angeles Chapter

The Hundred Peaks Section became a section of the Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club in 1954.

A number of outings to be conducted by the HPS in 2004 will be specially designated as "Fifty Year Commemorative Outings" This does not mean that the outing being commemorated occurred in 1954. Nor does it mean that the event being commemorated occurred on the exact date it is being scheduled in 2004. But it does mean that the HPS considers that the event being commemorated is special enough in HPS history that the event is worthy of celebrating and, to the degree possible, reenacted.

When these outings appear in the Angeles Chapter Schedule of Activities, they will be specially marked with an icon signifying that these are special outings of historical significance to the HPS.

The management committee has agreed that there will be no scheduled, HPS outings competing with these outings.

Please show your respect for the traditions of the Hundred Peaks Section and participate in these special, commemorative, historical events.

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small, needs defense."—

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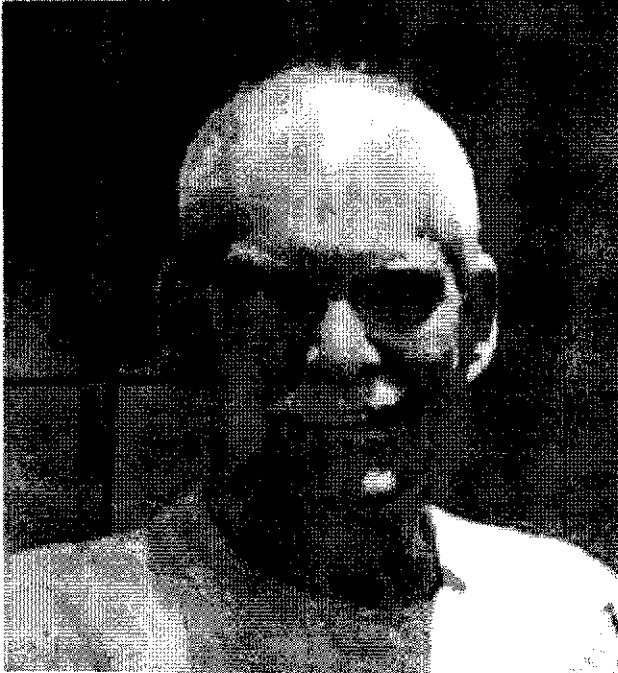
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From the Chair
Ray Wolfe



This is at least as big a surprise to me as it is to you, I didn't expect to be writing an HPS chair column any time soon. Chair George Wysup has resigned, and I am filling in as interim chair until after the election and selection of a new chair.

When an outstanding hiker, leader, chair and all-around HPS contributor like George resigns, one could be tempted to ask about the state of the organization. This is at least class 3 territory, possibly class 4, but I think no class 5.11 moves are required so here goes. It is easy to say that the state of the HPS continues to confound the (very few) skeptics:

The organization is strong, membership is increasing, membership participation in hiking activities continues unabated, leaders continue to schedule interesting hikes at all levels, membership participation in special activities (we are predicting a great Oktoberfest) is excellent, new hiking achievements of members are strong, attendance at the annual meeting is outstanding for an organization like this, and the percentage of members casting votes in elections is incredible. So there are good indications that no one is losing interest. HPS has coordinated its safety policies with those of Angeles Chapter with small and tolerable changes after a period of non-compliance and has greatly improved relations on that front. Proposed safety changes by national that would have threatened the existing leadership program have been challenged by Angeles Chapter and appear to be headed in a good direction. So HPS has good relations both ways with the rest of the Sierra Club.

Is there dissent and discussion in the management committee? You bet, and it's a good thing.

A healthy organization needs differing opinions, and it all works as long as the committee members respect democratic processes and each others points of view. I am happy to report that the current MCOM functions quite well in this regard. No one is attempting to usurp proper processes to advance a personal agenda. Changes in the HPS will continue to be evolutionary, not revolutionary, as the membership has repeatedly requested by its response to the more revolutionary ballot measures.

The Nominating Committee has provided an excellent slate of candidates for next year's MCOM, and no matter how the members vote, MCOM next year will be mostly female. A bit less testosterone will no doubt be a good thing. We should all be optimistic about next year.

Yes, we are very sorry about the departure of George, but the hiking club he has left us continues in excellent shape.

FROM THE MOUNTAIN RECORDS COMMITTEE
By Wolf Leverich, MRC

Documenting, Ducking, and Pruning Routes

HPS is, in almost all respects, a wonderful organization. One of the very few problems that we've recently had, though, is that honest disagreements seem to simmer indefinitely and do damage all out of proportion to the significance of the issue at hand.

One recent disagreement centered on the documentation, ducking, and pruning of routes to our peaks. Although nobody was really at these extremes, opinions seem to range between:

- We should extensively document and pave 6-lane highways up every route to each of our peaks.
- We should document nothing, duck nothing, and absolutely crucify anyone we caught building ducks or pruning brush.

In an attempt to settle the quarrel, the 2003 HPS Management Committee discussed that matter with as many of HPS members as possible. We then adopted the compromise policy as noted in the August 2003 MComm minutes. The adopted resolution follows this article. In short, the compromise policy does the following:

- Asks the Mountain Records Committee to document as many routes as possible.
- Recommends the clear ducking of one route to the summit of each peak.
- Does not object to (this is *very* different from recommending) individuals acting as individuals pruning on one route to the summit of each peak.
- Recommends that all other approaches to our peaks be left wild with minimal ducking and pruning.

We believe this reflects the desires of the

majority of HPS members while retaining wild routes for hikers looking for navigational and brush-pushing challenges. The Management Committee will continue to listen to the membership and modify the policy if a majority of HPS members so desire.

Route Updates

So far this year, the Mountain Records Committee has fixed glitches in more than 80 peak guide routes. Most of the glitches reflected changes that had occurred over the years in wilderness permit procedures, road alignments, and trail alignments. A few of the glitches were simple mismeasurements of route lengths and elevation gains.

Mountain Records recommends that hikers visiting a peak for the first time go to the HPS Website at: <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/hps/> and print a fresh copy of the HTML version of the peak guide. (Kathy Cheever does a wonderful job of maintaining the Word versions of the peak guides but, because of the MRC process, those guides inherently are a little behind the HTML guides.)

Despite the fact that we've updated 80 routes this year, there are still many routes that need updating and some excellent new routes still to be added to the peak guides. We'll continue to make updates and additions as fast as our resources allow.

A RESOLUTION

HPS POLICY TOWARDS DOCUMENTING, DUCKING, AND PRUNING ROUTES

(A) WHEREAS, the Hundred Peaks Section of the Sierra Club has as its purpose fostering the exploration, enjoyment, and preservation of the mountains in our area, and

(B) WHEREAS, the exploration and enjoyment of those mountains is facilitated when there exist routes that can be safely and comfortably traveled by hikers of many skill levels, and

(C) WHEREAS, the exploration and enjoyment of those mountains is facilitated, and in particular the safety of hikers is enhanced, when there exist routes that can be traveled in darkness or conditions of limited visibility, and

(D) WHEREAS, the preservation of the mountain environment is generally enhanced when most human traffic is directed to specific corridors, and

(E) WHEREAS, the enjoyment of experienced hikers is enhanced when there exist wild routes showing little evidence of human maintenance.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

(1) DOCUMENTATION: The HPS Mountain Records Committee shall document and maintain current documentation of as many routes to our peaks as the Committee's resources allow.

(2) DUCKING: When an obvious primary route exists to a peak, the HPS Management Committee recommends that the route be ducked or otherwise marked in a natural, unobtrusive, and environmentally benign fashion that will allow transit by hikers of a broad range of skills, and nighttime and limited-visibility transit by experienced hikers.

(3) PRUNING: When an obvious primary route exists to a peak, the HPS Management Committee recommends that pruning, for trafficability, hiker comfort, or route clarification, not be discouraged except in areas of specific environmental concern.

(4) WILD ROUTES: On nonprimary routes, the HPS Management Committee recommends that ducking be limited to the minimum required for navigation by experienced hikers and pruning be limited to only that which is absolutely necessary for trafficability.



Advance Schedule October 25, 2003 - March 20, 2004 By Karen Isaacson Leverich

Oct 25 SAT

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
Sponsored by Lower Peaks, co-sponsored by HPS

Oct 25 SAT

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
Co-sponsored with Palos Verdes-South Bay, Natural Science

Oct 25 SAT CANCELED

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 SAT

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
Sponsored by Sierra Sage of South Orange County

Oct 25 SAT

Visit Mesa Springs: Arduous trip up and down the side of Cerro Noroeste to view Native American art. Trip length: approximately 6 hours. Must be in fit condition. Meet 8 am at Pine Mountain Club tennis courts. Call: DALE 661.242.1076, CHES 661.242.0423 Sponsored by Condor Group, Kern-Kaweah Chapter

Oct 25-26 SAT-SUN

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

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
Sponsored by Local Hikes, co-sponsored by Hundred Peaks

Oct 30 THU

Cougar Crest to Bertha Peak: 9:00 AM. A moderate to difficult 6 mile round trip hike with a 1300' elevation gain. This is a well maintained trail which passes through a wide variety of Big Bear's natural environments. From the summit there is a 360 degree view of the Big Bear Valley,

Holcomb Valley and the Mojave Desert. BRING plenty of water and a snack to enjoy at the summit. A National Forest Adventure Pass is needed to park at the trailhead OR you can park at the Discovery Center for free and hike the 0.6 miles west to the trailhead. Call to verify. Leader: CHRIS COOK, 909-878-4524
Sponsored by Big Bear Group, San Gorgonio Chapter

Nov 1 SAT

I Mount Williamson (8214') to Goodykoontz Peak (7558') Adventure: Approximately 8 miles, 3000' gain. Steep cross-country exploratory along ridgelines for experienced hikers. Meet 8 am La Cañada rideshare point with Adventure Pass, 2-3 quarts water, food, lugsoles, etc. Co-Leaders: DIANE DUNBAR, JIM KILBERG

Nov 1 SAT

I San Gabriel Peak (6161'), Mount Disappointment (5960+), Mount Deception (5796'), Occidental Peak (5732'): Don't be deceived or disappointed by missing this trip. Moderately paced 9.2 miles round trip, 2400' gain total. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare point. Bring minimum 2 quarts water, lunch. Rain cancels. Leader: DAVE BEYMER Co-Leader: MAURA RAFFENSPERGER

Nov 2 SUN

I Oakzanita Peak (5054'), Monument Peak #1 (6271'), Garnet Peak (5880'), Garnet Mountain (5680'): Ah, the southern delights of the HPS in the incomparable Mount Laguna and Cuyamaca areas. Come experience them yourself when at their best. Do any or all of them, moderate 9 miles round trip, 2500' gain. We will set up meeting points at Julian and Sylmar. Call or email leader week of hike for details. Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leader: VIRGIL POPESCU

Nov 5 WED

O Mount Hillyer (6162') from Chilao: About 6 miles with 1200' of gain. Always a good hike. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare point with water, lunch, good footwear. Leaders: BETH MIKA, SOUTHERN COURTNEY Co-sponsored with Local Hikes

Nov 7 FRI

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/exp to Leader: BARRY HOLCHIN
Co-Leader: TONY TRULL Co-sponsored with Palos Verdes-South Bay, Natural Science

Nov 8 SAT

I Asbestos Mountain (5265'), Lookout Mountain #1 (5590'): Riverside County peaks, 260 miles round trip driving. Asbestos 3 miles round trip 1000' gain rock scramble, Lookout is 1 mile round trip, 600' gain, easy. We will try Toro Peak (3 miles round trip 800' gain) if there is time. Meet 7:30 am Pomona rideshare point. Bring food, water for a long day, wear lugs. Rain cancels. Leaders: FRANK DOBOS, DIANE DUNBAR

Nov 8 SAT

I Pilot Knob (6200'): Dayhike of Kern County peak near Walker Pass. Southernmost SPS peak, only peak shared with HPS. Strenuous cross-country with yucca, brush, some scrambling. 6 miles, 3500' gain. Views of the Domelands. Send sase/email to Leader: BETH EPSTEIN
Co-Leader: KIM GIMENEZ Co-sponsored with Sierra Peaks

Nov 9 SUN

I Lightner Peak (6430'), Bald Eagle Peak (6181'): Two "little" peaks near Lake Isabella offering an adventurous introduction to the HPS. Newcomers welcome. Moderate 7 miles round trip, 1800' gain, some non-exposed rock scrambling. Some dirt road driving; high clearance vehicles recommended. Meet 7 am Sylmar rideshare point. Leader: VIRGIL POPESCU Co-Leader: TOM HILL

Nov 9 SUN

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 Co-sponsored with Palos Verdes-South Bay, Natural Science

Nov 11 TUE

O Thunder Mountain (8587'), Telegraph Peak (8985'), Timber Mountain (8303'): Known as the 3 "T's" in the Angeles National Forest near Mt. Baldy. We will do this as a car shuttle. 13 miles round trip with 3800' of gain. Contact leader either by phone or email 2-3 days before hike for details. Bring water, lunch, and lug soles. Rain cancels. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, INGEBORG PROCHAZKA

Nov 11 TUE New Outing, not in the Schedule

O Mount Markham (5742'), Mount Lowe (5603'): Join us for a short, fun, hike in the San Gabriels before the monthly MComm meeting, which will be held at Newcomb Ranch. (Attendance at the meeting isn't required, just make sure you don't ride to the trailhead in the car of someone who is attending the meeting. Like Lynda and I...) Very mellow paced 5 miles round trip, with perhaps 1000' of gain. Mt Markham has a short stretch of some very steep terrain with bad traction, while the rest of the hike is on road and trail. Great views from the top of these peaks. Meet noon La Cañada rideshare point. Bring ten essentials, snack and water, money for dinner if you'll be joining us at Newcomb Ranch. Rain cancels. Leaders: KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH, LYNDA ARMBRUSTER, TOM ARMBRUSTER

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\$\$ for dinner. For more information, contact any member of the Management Committee.

Nov 12 WED

O Strawberry Peak (6164'): 7 miles round trip with 1600' of gain. Red Box to saddle 600', saddle to peak 1000'. Lunch is great on the summit. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare point with water, lunch, good footwear. Leaders: ROSEMARY CAMPBELL, SOUTHERN COURTNEY
Co-sponsored with Local Hikes

Nov 15 SAT New Outing, not in the Schedule

O Pinyon Ridge (6535'): 2 miles roundtrip. 900' foot gain. Join Mark Allen on his provisional as he makes an interesting hike out of an ordinary drive up peak. Potential pathfinder via firebreak to the peak, then follow the trail back. Meet 10 am Mt Baldy rideshare point. Limited parking at trail head. Leader: MARK ALLEN Assistant: MARS BONFIRE

Nov 16 SUN

O Santiago Peak (5687'), Modjeska Peak (5496'), Bald Peak (3947'), Bedford Peak (3800'), Pleasants Peak (4007'): Come join us on a relaxed, view-filled driving tour with nice breaks for hiking atop the Santa Ana Mountains, 5 miles round trip, 1200' gain if you ascend all five. Newcomers welcome. The final three peaks are on the Great Lower Peaks List (free copy handed out to participants). All five peaks have excellent alternative hiking routes available, so expect some fascinating trail talk. Much dirt road driving; high clearance vehicles recommended. Call or email leader week of hike for details. Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leader: VIRGIL POPESCU
Co-sponsored with Lower Peaks

Nov 22-23 SAT-SUN

I Sheep Mountain (5141'), Martinez Mountain (6560'): Very strenuous backpack in the Santa Rosa Mtns. Knock off two whoppers. Saturday backpack 5 miles on trail to Cactus Spring, set up camp and cross-country 3 miles round trip to Sheep Mountain (2900' gain). Sunday trail and cross-country 6 miles round trip to Martinez Mountain over rocky cross-country route (4300' gain) and pack out, total 16 miles for the day. This unique terrain is flushed with beautiful Pinyon Pines, various cacti, yucca, desert washes, deep canyons, steep and rugged gullies and rewards the hardy peak victors with wonderful views of familiar peaks far and wide. Send two SASEs or e-SASE to Leader: ROBERT NEIGHBORS (RNeighbor7@aol.com) Assistant: GEORGE WYSUP Co-sponsored with Orange County Sierra Singles

Nov 22 SAT

I Rabbit Pk #1 (5307'), Granite Mtn #1 (6600+'), Round Top (6316'), Iron Mountain #3 (5040'): Join the Sandies for a counter-clockwise jaunt around the Round Top 4 loop in the San Gabriel Mountains. 8 miles, 3200' gain, moderate pace. Bring treats! Esase/sase leader for time and meeting place at least two days before hike. Heavy rain cancels. Leaders: SANDY SPERLING, SANDY BURNSIDE

Nov 23 SUN

I Sawtooth Mountain (5200'), Burnt Peak (5788'), Liebre Mountain (5760'): Traditional but enjoyable visits to HPS peaks north of Castaic, moderate 9 miles round trip, 2700' gain for all three. Do any or all. Much dirt road driving; high clearance vehicles recommended. Call or email leader week of hike for details. Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: MAGGIE WILSON, VIRGIL POPESCU

Nov 28 FRI New Outing, not in the Schedule

O Mount Lawlor (5957'), Strawberry Peak (6164'): Join us for a moderately paced 7 miles round trip, 2200' gain hike to two fun classic peaks in the lower San Gabriels. Meet 8:30 am La Cañada rideshare point. Bring lunch, water, lugsoles. Contact leader for weather cancellation. Forest Service Pass required. Leader: AMY ESSINGTON Co-leader ROSEMARY CAMPBELL

Dec 6 SAT

O Beginning Navigation Clinic (Mt. Lowe): The Leadership Training Committee invites you to spend your day with an expert (one to two students per instructor) learning or practicing your map and compass skills. Enrollment is limited to ensure personal instruction. Beginners or rusty old-timers welcome. Our practice route takes us up Mt. Lowe (5603'), 4 miles round trip, 500' gain. This is not a check off. To register in the clinic, send contact info, SASE and \$25 check (payable to Sierra Club) to leader Diane Dunbar, 2351 Chapman Road, La Crescenta, 91214-3014, (818) 248-0455. The clinic is free; your check will be returned at the trailhead. If you no-show the check will be deposited. Leader: DIANE DUNBAR Co-Leaders: RICHARD BOARDMAN Sponsored by Leadership Training Committee

Dec 6 SAT

I Sunset Peak (5796'): Grand views, good company, doggie friends await on this moderate, 6 miles round trip, 1500' gain hike near Mt Baldy Village. Meet 9 am Pomona rideshare point. Bring water and munchies for you and your companion, warm clothing. Rain cancels. Leader: VIRGIL POPESCU Co-Leader: MAGGIE WILSON Co-sponsored with K-9 Committee

Dec 9 TUE

O Cucamonga Peak (8859'), Etiwanda Peak (8662'): Strenuous hike in the Angeles National Forest starting up Icehouse Canyon. 17 miles round trip and 4400' of gain. Contact leader either by phone or email 2-3 days before hike for details. Bring water, lunch, and lug soles. Rain cancels. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, INGEBORG PROCHAZKA

Dec 9 TUE

Management Meeting: Please join us for our monthly open management committee meeting which will be held at 7 pm at the home of Membership Chair: LAURA JOSEPH

Dec 10 WED

O Barley Flats (5600+'): Hike starts at Red Box, follows old road. 6 miles round trip, 1000' gain. Explore abandoned prison and hear about its past. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare point. Bring warm clothes, sturdy boots.

Bad weather cancels. Leaders: JOE YOUNG, BOBCAT THOMPSON Co-sponsored with Local Hikes

Dec 14 SUN

I Onyx Peak #2 (5244'), Skinner Peak (7120'): Strenuous pre-winter workout in the Southern Sierras, much cross-country, 14 miles round trip, 4000' gain. Some dirt road driving; high clearance vehicles recommended. Send sase or esase with conditioning, experience to Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leader: VIRGIL POPESCU

Dec 14 SUN

O Mount Emma (5273'), Old Mount Emma (5063'): Leader celebrates his 58th birthday on this moderate hike in the Angeles Natl Forest near Palmdale. 6 miles round trip, 2000' gain. Meet 8 am Sylmar rideshare point. Bring warm clothing, sturdy boots, fsp. Bad weather cancels. Leaders: JOE YOUNG, BOBCAT THOMPSON

Dec 20 SAT

O San Gabriel Peak (6162'), Mount Deception (5796'), Mount Disappointment (5960'): 7 miles round trip, 2000' gain to do these old peaks. We will have fun coming down. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare point with water, lunch, good footwear, Adventure Pass. Leaders: SOUTHERN COURTNEY, ROSEMARY CAMPBELL Co-sponsored with Wilderness Adventures

Dec 21 SUN

O LA by stroll thru spread clothing Along the Center, Chinatown, Union Station. Wear warm clothing and sturdy boots. Rain will abbreviate hike, not cancel. Bring \$\$ for bkfst. Meet midnight Saturday night. Call leaders for meeting place. Return to cars approx 5 - 6 AM. Leaders: STAG BROWN, BOBCAT THOMPSON, JOE YOUNG



night Xmas hike: Annual downtown LA streets to goodwill, food and to the homeless. way visit Civic Little Tokyo,

Dec 21 SUN

I Round Mountain (5272'), Luna Mountain (5967'), Rattlesnake Mountain (6131'): Moderate winter solstice cross-country adventure to Luna and neighbors near Hesperia, 8 miles round trip, 2500' gain. Much dirt road driving; high clearance vehicles recommended. Call leader week of hike for details. Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leader: VIRGIL POPESCU

Dec 21 SUN

I Sawtooth Peak (5200'), Burnt Peak (5788'), Liebre Mountain (5760'): Ease some of the holiday stress on these easy peaks near Castaic. Sawtooth is 2 miles cross-country, 800' gain with 900' on the return. Burnt is 2.9 miles cross-country, 200' gain. Liebre is a driveup and home with time to shop! Moderately paced, newcomers welcome. Extensive dirt road driving. Meet 9 am Sylmar rideshare point. Bring minimum 2 quarts water, lunch. Recent rain cancels. Leader: DAVE BEYMER Co-Leader: MAURA RAFFENSPERGER

Dec 27 SAT

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

Jan 4 SUN

I Brush Mountain (7040'), San Emigdio Mountain (7492'), Lockwood Peak (6261'): If the dirt roads are closed, we enjoy a peaceful, cool winter loop hike to the first two peaks in the Frazier Park area, moderately paced 10 miles round trip, 2800' gain. If roads are open, we drive closer and add Lockwood Peak afterward, with same overall gain and distance. Call or email leader week of hike for details. Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leader: VIRGIL POPESCU

Jan 7 WED

O Mount Hillyer (6200'): 8 miles round trip, 1500' gain. Moderate slightly-devious, but still straightforward climb of one of our favorite winter destinations. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare point with water, lunch, good footwear. Leaders: BRENT WASHBURNE, DAN BUTLER Co-sponsored with Local Hikes

Jan 10-11 SAT-SUN

I Martinez Mountain (6560'), Sheep Mountain (5141'): Join us for us for two days of backpacking just south of Palm Desert. Often these two desert peaks are done in one fairly strenuous day. We will spend two days and a night. Total gain of 4400' plus 800' on the return. Total distance of 19 miles. Send sase or email with recent hiking experience, H&W phones to Leader: DAVE COMERZAN (comerzan3@aol.com) Assistant: GEORGE WYSUP (geowy@charter.net)

Jan 11 SUN

I Cahuilla Mountain (5635'), Little Cahuilla Mountain (5042'), Indian Mountain (5790'): Join this moderate mid-winter outing to peaks east of Temecula, 9 miles round trip, 2100' gain first two peaks. Final peak optional, depending on group and conditions. Some dirt road driving; high clearance vehicles recommended. Call or email leader week of hike for details. Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leader: VIRGIL POPESCU

Jan 13 TUE

Management Meeting: Please join us for our monthly open management committee meeting. For time and location, contact Membership Chair: LAURA JOSEPH

Jan 14 WED

O Echo Mountain (3207') from Millard Canyon: Moderate 9 miles round trip, 1200' gain hike along Sunset Ridge trail and the historic remains of the Mount Lowe railroad. Meet 9 am trailhead (from 210 Fwy W, exit Lincoln Ave, N to Loma Alta, R to Chaney Trail, N on Chaney Trail up and then down to Millard Cyn-Thomas Guide p 535, H2). Bring water, lunch, clothing layers, good footwear. Leaders: ROSEMARY CAMPBELL, SOUTHERN COURTNEY Co-sponsored with Local Hikes

Jan 17 SAT

O Queen Mountain (5680'), Ryan Mountain (5457'), Inspiration Point (5575'): Moderately paced desert hikes in Joshua Tree National Park. 9 miles round trip, 2800' gain. Some dirt/gravel road driving. Send sase or esase with contact info to Maura. Co-Leaders: DAVID BEYMER, MAURA RAFFENSPERGER

Jan 20 TUE

O Tecuya Mountain (7155'): Easy peak in Los Padres National Forest. We will hike Route 2, 1 1/2 mile round trip, and 300' of gain or more, depending on road conditions. Contact leader either by phone or email 2-3 days before hike for details. Bring water, lunch, and lug soles. Rain cancels. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, INGEBORG PROCHAZKA

Jan 24 SAT

Annual Awards Banquet: 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 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 Les Freres Taix Restaurant (1911 Sunset Blvd). Raffle tickets 15/\$5 before Dec 1; 10/\$5 before Jan; 5/\$5 thereafter. Send \$30 plus raffle tickets (Hundred Peaks), choice of vegetarian, chicken, or fish entre. Please include your email address or phone number. No SASE. Tickets will be held at the door. For updated details, check the Southern Sierran, the HPS website or The Lookout. Please make your checks out to the Hundred Peaks Section and send to Reservationist: SANDY BURNSIDE. Raffle coordinator: LAURA JOSEPH

Jan 24 SAT

Queen Mountain to Wonderland Rocks: Hey, this is a good one. Lots of scenery, unusual views, many rock art sites. We're not going to climb Queen Mountain but rather walk behind it by way of a small saddle off the western shoulder. Please don't bring your GPS. There is about a two hundred foot elevation gain fairly early in the hike which is about six miles and should take about that many hours. BRING food, good boots, layered clothing, and two liters of water. Leaders: AL/ANN MURDY (760) 366-2932, aemurdy@eee.org Sponsored by Tahquitz Group, San Gorgonio Chapter

Jan 25 SUN

I Mount Pacifico (7124'): Moderately paced hike to this beautiful sylvan peak. 12 miles round trip, 2200' gain. Short off trail piece to complete loop. Meet 7 am La Cañada rideshare point. Bring 2 liters water, 10 essentials. Leaders: DON CROLEY, GEORGE WYSUP Co-sponsored with WTC

Jan 28 WED

I Vetter Mtn (5908') via Uncle Brent's Westside Ridge: 6 miles round trip 2500' gain. It's up, up, & up some more, then down and down after lunch. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare point with water, lunch, good footwear. Leaders: BRENT WASHBURNE, DORIS DUVAL, SOUTHERN COURTNEY Co-sponsored with Local Hikes

Feb 1 SUN

O Mount Markham (5742'), Mount Lowe (5603'): Strenuous hike to these two historic peaks. 15 miles round trip, 4300' gain. Meet 7 am at the end of Lake St in Altadena. Bring 2-3 liters water, 10 essentials. Leaders: DON CROLEY, GEORGE WYSUP Co-sponsored with WTC

Feb 5 THURSDAY

HPS, which is hosting the 2004 program for hiking sections, has confirmed the auditorium at Griffith Park Visitors' Center as the venue for the 2004 event. That venue is not available on the date that will appear in the Schedule (Feb. 4) so we are changing the date to Feb. 5. Program: This year, in a departure from the usual, there will be an exciting presentation of the threats to our forests and the critters that live in them by Sierra Club Regional representative, Bill Corcoran, biologist Monica Bond and the "what to do about it" expert, John Monsen. Refreshments provided by host. Swap Meet precedes meeting; bring all your unwanted hiking and camping paraphernalia. Swap Meet: 6:30. Show: 7:30 pm. Co-sponsored with SPS, DPS, Ski Mountaineers, LPC

Feb 7 SAT

O Liebre Mountain (5760'): Moderately easy hike on trail SE of Gorman in Angeles National Forest involves 6 miles round trip, 1800' gain. Meet 8 am Sylmar rideshare point. Bring warm clothes, sturdy boots, fsp. Bad weather cancels. Leaders: JOE YOUNG, DIANE DUNBAR

Feb 15 SUN

O Mount Wilson (5710'): Strenuous hike on Old Mt Wilson Trail from Sierra Madre. 14 miles round trip, 4700' gain. From 210 Fwy take Baldwin north to Mira Monte turn right. Trailhead on left. Meet 7 am. Bring 2-3 liters water, 10 essentials. Leaders: DON CROLEY, RAY RILEY Co-sponsored with WTC

Feb 21 SAT

I Queen Mountain (5680') from the North: 9 miles, 2000' cross-country gain, adventurous route with hidden pictographs in 4 caves, 2nd pathfinder route down. Must be comfortable with steep slopes and boulder scrambling. Meet and leave 5 am sharp Pomona rideshare point. Leaders: DIANE DUNBAR, BOBCAT THOMPSON

Feb 28 SAT

I Snowshoe in the San Gabriels: Enjoy a moderately paced snowshoe hike to one or more peaks in the San Gabriels. Anticipate 4-8 miles, 1000-2000' gain, depending on conditions. At least two days before trip, send

esase/sase to Leader: SANDY SPERLING Co-Leader: SANDY BURNSIDE

Feb 29 SUN

O Chaparrosa Peak (5541'): Enjoy this loop trip to an easy peak in a new nature preserve near Yucca Valley, 7 miles round trip, 1300' gain. The trail was designed for equestrians but is mostly used by hikers and has some unusual features. Meet 8 am Pomona rideshare point. Newcomers welcome. Bring water, lunch, warm clothing. Leader: VIRGIL POPESCU Co-Leader: TOM HILL

Feb 29 SUN

I Queen Mountain (5680') from Indian Cove: Rough tough scramble up a ridge near Rattlesnake Canyon to follow a watercourse through no-man's land. Very strenuous unique cross-country route with a look at 3 Pictograph sites en route. Approximately 10 miles, 3000' hard won gain. Well conditioned non-tigers send SASE early with experience, HW phones to Leader: DIANE DUNBAR Assistants: ROBERT & MARKEY NEIGHBORS

Mar 20 SAT

Quail Mountain: This, we're planning to do as a shuttle loop. Quail Mountain is the highest peak in the park. The altitude gain is a couple thousand feet. There is a great 360 degree view. You can see the Salton Sea and, on a clear day, right on past it into Mexico. There are a few historical sites along the way. This is about a ten mile hike. BRING: It's sometimes windy at the top so bring well thought-out layers. Also: bring lunch, snacks, two liters or more of water and wear good boots. Leaders: AL/ANN MURDY (760) 366-2932, aemurdy@eee.org Sponsored by Tahquitz Group, San Geronio Chapter

Rideshare locations:

La Cañada: Angeles Crest Hwy (Hwy2). Just N of Foothill Fwy (I-210). Park on Angeles Crest Hwy only.
Mt 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.)
Pomona: Towne Av exit from SB Fwy (I-10), S 1/2 block, park along curb.
Sylmar: Encinitas Av, S of Roxford St; Roxford exit from Golden St Fwy (I-5)



Don't get a ticket!
Make sure your headlights are turned ON from the La Cañada rideshare point to the junction with the Angeles Forest Highway.

Current Trip Reports

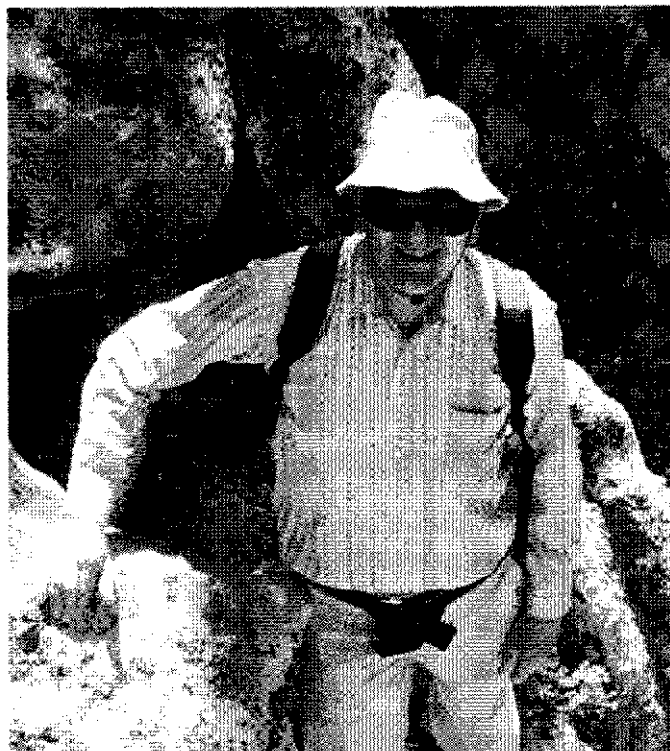
Hanna Shay Memorial Hike

September 14, 2003

Leaders: Tom Hill, Carleton Shay, Maggie Wilson,
Virgil Popescu
By Tom Hill

HPS friends of Hanna Shay (1926-2003) conducted an outing in her memory on Sunday, September 14, 2003, on a fine summer day in Big Bear. In the spirit of peakbagging, five HPS peaks and two unlisted summits were ultimately climbed this day. In addition to the wonderful efforts of the co-leaders, thanks also to Joe Young, George Wysup, and Mike Wilson for their essential help.

"Swiss Chalet" (150' gain): First up was Butler Peak. First-timers to this peak expressed the same astonishment that I had felt long ago upon first approaching this wildly improbable perch high on an outcrop above Big Bear Lake. After this initial shock wore off, we finally located the beginning of the summit trail, somewhat disguised by many vehicles strategically sardined into the parking area. We then wended our



Carleton Shay

rocky way up the well-maintained path (gain 'None' per peak guide magic) to the lookout tower. Two courteous lookout staffers gave us a nice overview of the area and graciously handed out squirrel cards granting us membership in the Ancient and Honorable Order of Squirrels.

"Memorial: Adventurous Scramble" (350' gain): Next up was nearby Hanna Rocks, an unlisted peak

reached by a short, "easy" scramble to a summit area packed with interesting boulder outcrops. With Carleton leading the final stretch we found the highest point and the remains of the register can placed there a few years ago. We refurbished the register with a new setup. After signing in, posing for photos from the Wilson digital camera, settling down for a short lunch break, and admiring the summit views stretching to the far horizons, members of the group reminisced about Hanna Shay. Various participants related stories and remembrances of her long association with the HPS, of her unflinching good cheer and helpful spirit.

Editor's note: Per John Robinson, here is information about the origin of the name "Hanna Rocks": The information is contained in a book entitled "Place Names of the San Bernardino Mountains" by Lewis Garrett, published by the Big Bear Valley Historical Society, 1998: "Hanna Flat, rocks, campground ... are located in the Fawnskin area... All are named for Wilson Creal Hanna, the leading oologist of the 19th and 20th century in California. Hanna moved from Leadville, Colorado to Banning as a child and then to Colton in 1889 where he and his wife, Blanch, were leading citizens until his death in 1971. He did much of his observing and bird egg collecting in the San Bernardino Mountains. His collection of 200,000 bird eggs was donated to San Bernardino Valley College and is housed at the San Bernardino County Museum in Redlands." (Oology" is the branch of Ornithology dealing with birds' eggs.)

"Moonscape" (600' gain): Thirteen of the original sixteen hikers continued on for a promised hike to the summit of White Mtn #1 near Big Pine Flat. At our planned trailhead we were greeted by a shadeless moonscape of ash and devastated terrain left over from the huge Willow Fire. After consultation, and with a nod to the five rugged vehicles still present, the group altered course with a caravan up 3N11 to the saddle junction with aptly named "jeep road," then proceeded to park at a high point on that rough road just west of South Peak of White Mountain. Sensible hikers walked the remaining half mile directly to the HPS register found at "White Mtn Benchmark" (7727'). A second group enjoyed (?) a side excursion to South Peak of White Mountain (7736', the high point) before joining the summit celebration.

"Mysterious Forest" (300' gain): Seven of the remaining hikers continued on for climbs of Mill Peak, Slide Mtn, and Keller Peak. A verbal check with guru George Wysup updated the description for the western approach to Mill Peak, which proved to be flawless. We drove to the "Closed Area" signs that mark the driving limit of a dirt road branching off from Running Springs School Road. Then we strolled through the densely forested countryside that conspires to block even a hint that you are near some kind of peak. Fortunately our tried and true method of heading uphill brought us quickly to the summit. What a beautifully textured route!



Group on Hanna Rocks

"Ski Run" (500' gain): Five of the remaining hikers continued on to Slide Mtn. In former times the route to this peak ventured through almost impenetrable brush, enough so that Spouse had hopelessly lost a contact lens in her fight with the fields. About a year ago I discovered the new, massive firebreak that slices along the ridge, continues smack-dab through the former "fence," and then right up to the summit of Slide. So, it's now a ski run, but makes for an easy hike for late afternoon.

"Brush/Rock Problem" (400' gain): The paved road to Keller Peak Lookout was gated a mile from the summit. We created a neat little cross country route up the north ridge to Radio Facility. Simple procedure: (1) choose cross country over road; (2) choose forest slopes over brush/rock; (3) choose chinquapin over buckthorn; (4) choose easy rocks over any brush; (5) have Virgil lead the way. Complete success, another sunset heralding our drive home from the mountains. Participants not mentioned above: Sharon Hechler, Val Saubhayana, Lilly Fukui, Frank Dobos, Natalie Gruneberg, Bob McEwen, Dave Cannon, Robert True, Angie Wysup.

Santa Rosa Mountain, Toro Peak

16 August 2003

Leaders: Mars Bonfire, Frank Dobos, Tom Hill, Laura Joseph, Karen Isaacson Leverich, Wolf Leverich, George Wysup

By Karen Isaacson Leverich

For some time now, I've been keeping a list of the HPS peaks along with the initials of folk I know who "need" the peak. What for? Maybe nosiness, or maybe to facilitate inviting everyone who would be especially interested when planning a visit to a seldom led peak, and also to inspire Wolf and I when we're deciding which

peaks to lead next. I mean, we might as well lead hikes to places that people want to go, y'know?

But anyhow, in the HPS election last year, Toro Peak was returned to the List. And as I was updating my little "who needs what" chart to include Toro, I noticed ... almost everyone now needed Toro. Lightbulb! Wouldn't it be fun if we had a mega-humding of a List finish? If Toro is anything like Santa Rosa, which is high with a wonderful pine forest, it should be very attractive. And since you can see Toro from no end of other peaks and places, the views must be tremendous.

I sent out an e-mail. Even those who had already done Toro (even when it wasn't on the list, such overachievers!) thought a party sounded like great fun. I compared calendars with potential participants, factored in my paranoia about Forest closures, and settled on a date: August 16th. Other than a few

awkwardnesses (several peaks to climb, one to avoid, the latter a bit of a trick as Wolf and I were scheduled to lead Toro in June), we were set.

The next several months were a demonstration of HPS at its absolute best: hikers helping hikers. As anyone who has neared a List finish can attest, the peaks one needs simply aren't scheduled. Aspiring List finishers received welcome assistance bumping off their orphans from HPS veterans, especially Mars Bonfire, Peter Doggett, and George Wysup. And the orphans of a near-List finisher, aieeeee!

Did I say Peter "I'm never going to finish another List" Doggett? Yup. Maybe people had misunderstood him. I think he was simply waiting for Mars to catch up. When he heard that Mars had just finished his 6X and was shooting for his 7X on Toro, Peter was in the running, too. (We invited Doug Mantle, figuring three guys getting their 7th List finish on the same day would be awesome, but I think Doug had other, more compelling, plans. Imagine!)

Those who were "on the verge" early in the year calmly collected their few remaining peaks. Others, faced with doing fun stuff like the Big Four in summer, kept waiting ... and waiting ... and waiting for an Arctic front that never arrived. Lucky me, the Big Four in late July! (See Wolf's write-up elsewhere in this Lookout.)

Others were aiming for their 100 Peaks emblem, or their 200 Peaks bar, or their Pathfinder, or their 100 Peaks led, and found it tricky (to say the least) to make everything come out right to arrive at Toro with the right number of peaks already done, and Toro still undone. The list-obsessed are known for saying stuff like, "Oh, that peak! I've already done it. I think I'll find a different hike." So imagine how startled I was to hear from an HPS veteran that, "Oh, that peak! I've not done it yet. Do you know of any hikes to places I've been that I can join, instead?" She was at 199, and didn't want to hit 200



Toro Peak Blast, Aug 16, 2003

List Finishers Photo

Front row (L-R): Southern Courtney, Frank Dobos (3), Dorothy Danziger (3), Harvey Ganz

Middle Row: Sandy Burnside (2), Winnette Butler, Jan Howell, Mike Gosnell, George Wysup (5)

Rear: Wolf Leverich, Joe Young (2), Edith Liu, Karen Leverich, Barbara Guerin, Laura Joseph, Ingeborg Prochaszka, Tom Hill (3), Sonia Arancibia, Joanne Griego, Peter Doggett (7), Dave Jensen (3), Mars Bonfire (7).

Total Lists finished by these climbers = 48.

prematurely!

And at last, The Day. The emblems and their earners weren't the same list I had blue-skied back in January: some had missed by a few peaks, some hadn't waited, some had opted for different emblems entirely, and of course there were some wonderful surprises.

There were ten of us, and eleven emblems:

- ◇ 100 Peaks: Ignacia Manriquez, Martin Parsons
- ◇ 200 Peaks: Doris Duval
- ◇ 1st List Completion: Mike Gosnell, Joanne Griego, Janet Howell, Wolf Leverich
- ◇ 7th List Completion: Mars Bonfire, Peter Doggett
- ◇ Pathfinder: Karen Isaacson Leverich
- ◇ 100 Peaks Led: Karen Isaacson Leverich

The event itself was more confused than I had imagined: some needed Santa Rosa to hit the Toro target, others had to postpone Santa Rosa so as not to overshoot before reaching Toro. The car I sent ahead to form the anchor for a regrouping heard, "Turn to the left, go a short distance, wait in a clearing by a picnic table," when I'd intended to say, "Go past a turn to the left, go a short distance, wait in a clearing by a picnic table." Unfortunately, if you incorrectly turn left, there is, in a

short distance, a picnic table in a clearing. Out of sight of the main road. Arggggh!

So when Wolf and I "swept" the road, NO ONE was gathered at the rendezvous point. Luckily, peakbaggers are endowed with common sense: when in doubt, head for the peak. Most were gathered at the Toro trailhead. And with half the active rated HPS leaders in attendance, it was easy to get groups launched right and left for the summit: Frank took one contingent up the Toro road, Tom and Laura another contingent up the ridge, Wolf and George backtracked with the ones who needed Santa Rosa before Toro, while I fluttered about the gate with the stragglers, and worried about (of all things) a possible white-out. In August?

Eventually, Wolf and George returned and we were ready to get the remaining emblem holders(-to-be) up the peak. Wolf and Mars did "road duty" while George and I took another group up the ridge. And a very lovely ridge it is: see the description of Tom and Laura's hike elsewhere.

Soon, we were all (well, almost all: Ron Zappen was zipping back and forth to pitty-pat the peak) posed atop the Toro summit block. Lots of milling around, some

nameless individual took a nap, and then back to the cars (everyone went down the road, the better to chat?) and back to the base of Santa Rosa.

Party time! Ping and Joanne brought a table, and in no time at all it was full of delicacies: Chinese chicken salad, salsa, fried chicken, rum cake, etc. etc. etc. And beverages both bubbly and not. And more.

Did this sound like a Good Time? Then mark your calendars: Peter proposes that that we celebrate the 60th anniversary of Weldon Heald's 100th peak by having another emblem orgy on June 20th, 2006, on Grouse Mountain.

But why wait that long? Anyone have any bright ideas on when and where to do this in 2004? (I only have 21 peaks left on my 2X. Hmmm....)

**Antsell Rock
Private Hike
June 15, 2003
Mars Bonfire and Mark Allen
By Mark Allen**

In an attempt to make something out of the year 2003, I set my goal as Antsell Rock. The year before, while on the PCT toward Southwell Peak, our group stopped long enough to look up the "gully" towards this peak. Our leader was Mars Bonfire. He cautioned me against trying this climb alone. But, as we moved on toward Southwell, I vowed to bag Antsell Rock as one of my first 100 peaks.

Seeking a mentor for this hike, I called Mars and explained my situation. He agreed this was a fascinating peak; and the date was set. Arriving early at the Idyllwild Ranger Station, I met another HPS group led by Wolf and Karen Leverich. They were off to Sam Fink Peak. Coincidentally, I would be on a Sam Fink trail later that same day.

Meeting up with Mars, we traveled to the tranquil scene at the Zen Center. We proceeded up the Apple Canyon trail to the PCT and the gully approach to Antsell Rock. Anxious to bag this peak, I simply looked up the gully when asked if I wanted a break. Mars, ever the conscientious leader, took this as my answer and we were off and away toward the top. I was advised cautiously on virtually every foothold I made. Accordingly, I acknowledged the guidance and agreeably fitted myself with safety rope and harness when maneuvering the vertical ascent. We were on the top of Antsell before long and enjoyed the rarefied air of peak conquest.

To complete the day, we traversed the old Sam Fink trail toward Southwell rather than returning back down the gully. One comes to appreciate the more modern PCT rather quickly. However, the route taken by the great leader was ingenious, to say the least. Returning to the PCT, we made our way back to the cars and the end of a great hike.

**Galena Hike
August 20, 2003
By Ron Zappen**

On August 20th I hiked to Galena Peak (9324') from Forest Falls up Mill Creek in the San Bernardino Mountains. It was overcast, but that kept the temperature down for when the going got steep. Is that headwall getting steeper? While eating lunch on the summit I heard some thunder and decided to get out.

Just as I got down from the peak and the headwall at the upper end of the canyon it started raining and hailing. About 15 minutes later just as I got to a place where I wasn't in the bottom of the channel, I hear a rumble and roar. When I looked back I saw a little down the vaulting moved a south side watched my march by. It was awesome. Mostly rock, sand and gravel; many 2 to 3 feet in diameter and a few feet in diameter as much as 8 feet in diameter. The noise was deafening and the masses of moving rock; not a little frightening! Only a few boulders came down my side of the canyon and I watched four Bighorn Sheep dodge them. I kept moving downstream with one eye on the slopes above me and one on the rocks at my feet until I came to a narrows.



I found shelter under part of a downed tree trunk. It was an area amongst trees that had not been scoured by rock and water flows. I waited there about 50 minutes or about 15 minutes after the rain stopped. While waiting I could watch the rock falls across the river. I've read about how rain can move vast amounts of material in a very short time, and now I've seen it. AWESOME! Once it stopped the rain didn't start again and I was able to hike out (crossing the stream) without difficulty.

Keep that in mind when you hear thunder in the mountains. I've always had proper concern for lightning, but I've never really thought about flash floods in the mountains. That's something that happens in the desert, right! It only takes a short but heavy rain in a steep canyon. If I'd been about 15-20 minutes later coming down and didn't bivouac on the headwall, I could have been caught in the beginning of that flood. There would be NO chance of surviving being churned with those rocks!

MUD WRESTLING THE BIG 4

July 28 - August 1, 2003

BY Wolf Leverich

The first foreshadowing of what was to come happened as I hauled my gear out of the Jeep. It was Monday evening 28 July, and Karen Isaacson Leverich and I were at the trailhead for the Big 4.

"Ugggh. My gear's all wet."

One of my liter-and-a-half water bottles had sprung a leak and soaked my pack, including the map. But who needs a map? (Luckily, I'd printed up a spare and had it packed elsewhere.) Sogginess notwithstanding, we pulled on our gear and started walking the road towards Chokecherry Spring.

Three hours later we were almost there, and found a nice pad off the road for a campsite. Setting up camp took about 5 minutes, because we'd gone in ultralite with no tent, just Z-Rests and lightweight down bags. We then settled in for a good night's sleep.

Nature had other plans.

At about 1 a.m., the rain began. The rain wasn't very hard, but it was clear that the down bags were going to get soaked and useless so we stuffed them into garbage bags. We thought about hiking out in the dark and the rain, but lethargy got the better of us and we laid back down and slept in our rain gear on the Z-Rests.

Sleeping bags in wet garbage bags make lousy pillows. The side of your face on the plastic gets all sweaty and stuck to the garbage bag in a most disagreeable fashion.

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Tuesday dawned clear, so we hiked on and arrived at Chokecherry at about 8 a.m. The well system is blocked and the horse trough is almost empty, with just a shallow pool of stagnant water and tadpoles. We cleaned out a basin uphill and pumped water from the surface flow.

After a brief conference concerning rather to do something easy like Madulce or go ahead and get the Pines done, we opted for pain and started out for the Pines. The weather was cool for July and in all regards perfect.

As we passed Alamar, we noticed clouds were beginning to form. But we plodded bravely along, bagging West Big Pine at 2:35 p.m. We lounged a bit on the summit and enjoyed the view, then turned back towards Chokecherry with the intent of bagging Big Pine on the way out.

Nature decided we needed a shower.

Before making it back to the road, the skies opened wide and let loose with a tremendous deluge. We huddled miserably under a shrub, trying to stay dry and hoping it didn't hail.

Then the downpour ended as quickly as it started, we got moving again, bagged Big Pine, and ambled back to Chokecherry. It was clear that Chokecherry hadn't gotten soaked as hard as the Pines, but our garbage bags were wet and muddy and making camp was an ugly chore.

As the sun set, its last rays illuminated yet another thunderstorm moving towards us. Philosophically accepting our fate, we packed away our nice down bags, put on our raingear, and sacked out on the Z-Rests.

Sleeping bags in wet garbage bags seem to make better pillows when you are dog-tired.

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Wednesday dawned clear, we bagged Madulce, and had a nice long evening in which to pump water, cook, and clean our gear (and our muddy selves). It looked like it might rain again, but since we thought it was our last night we figured it didn't matter if the bags got wet. So we actually enjoyed the luxury of curling up in down sleeping bags.

It rained that night, but not enough to wet the down. At this point rain at night was becoming ordinary, and it hardly disturbed our sleep.

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Thursday again dawned clear, and we moved fast to break camp and scamper up Samon. We bagged the peak a bit before noon and, as we lazed there, Karen looked north and brightly observed:

"The Jeep's getting washed!"

Sure enough, there was a truly impressive looking cloudburst going on not far to the north. We trotted down Samon, picked up our gear, and started out.

As we hiked north, the road went from dry to damp to muddy. We reached the Jeep as the sun set, grateful that the road never got too soft for walking. Karen and I were fantasizing in some considerable detail about taking hot showers and eating hot pizza. (Not to mention sleeping under a roof and not getting rained on while we slept.)

Driving out, the road was initially in fine shape and we rattled right along. But as we drove north down the canyon, the road obviously got muddier and washouts were starting to appear. The washouts got progressively deeper and gnarlier, until finally we came to a truly impressive one that made me glad I was driving a Wrangler.

We plunged down one side, climbed up out of the other side, and then bogged in mud. Mud with light reflectors some distance off. This sorely perplexed me. Ordinarily, you bog in mud down in the low spots, not after you've driven back up. So, in a true Jeeper fashion, I opened the door and stepped out to get a close look at what was going on.

And sank calf-deep in mud.

Trying to figure out what was going on, I slogged forwards through the deepening mud slide until I could see that "the light on the other side" was actually a bunch of wet stones that had slid off Fox Mountain with the mudslide. Knowing that we weren't going to make it out of the canyon that night, I turned back towards the Jeep.

And my sandals stuck. In cartoon-fashion, I went face-down in the mud.

Extricating myself, I dripped slime like some science fiction horror and staggered back to the Jeep.

Flipping off what mud I could, I sat down in the driver's seat, coaxed the thing into 4WD low, and backed my way out of the mud, down into The Washout From Hell, and back out of the washout.

Too bad the Jeep marketeers weren't there. They undoubtedly could have sold another 10,000 units if they'd captured on film what the Jeep managed to do getting out of there.

We drove back to the turnoff for Lizard Head and Cuyama Lookout, and Karen made camp while I tried to get the mud off of me. Making camp was a little strange. Huge beetles we'd never seen before scurried around. Drowned mice lay around on the ground. There were no mosquitos that night. It was as if all the local ecology was upset.

We slept there by the road.

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And it didn't rain. It just dewed more heavily than I had ever seen before. We woke Friday morning with everything around us soggy and cold. Since we obviously weren't going to drive out, we started preparing to hike out.

I contemplated my clothes, especially my only pair of pants, with poorly masked horror. The mud had set like plaster, and the pants were heavy and stiff. Karen came to the rescue, loaning me her "Samon pants" which were a pair of old, trashed trousers she had brought along just for the Samon climb.

I put them on, we prepped our gear, drove back down canyon, parked just before The Washout From Hell, and started hiking out. The mud flow and the terrain pretty well channelized our route, and we wound up exiting through Fred Reyes' horse pasture. (Fred owns Santa Barbara Ranch, and that's Reyes as in "Reyes Peak" and "Reyes Creek".)

As we walked through Fred's front yard, he road up on a Cat he'd been using to clear the road further down canyon. I apologized for being on his land, and asked if he knew any local kids who'd like to make some money running a couple of stranded hikers back up to our home in Pine Mountain Club.

He said he'd call around, and we wandered off to look at the mud flow from the other side. It looked pretty bad and we clearly weren't driving out that day, but could have been worse: let the mud dry for a few days and we'd be able to get the Jeep out. Walking back into his yard, Fred greeted us with the happy news that nobody was available. We thanked him, and started to hike out to the highway.

Fred thought that might be quite a walk, especially since it wasn't clear that the Cuyama could be forded as they'd had 3 inches of rain in an hour the day before. So he offered us a ride and, as things happened, wound up taking us clear up to our house.

We went back with our other Jeep and got the Wrangler out a few days later.

(If you're intending heading up Santa Barbara Canyon, Mars Bonfire was there a few weeks later and reports that the road has been informally graded and vehicles other than Jeeps can probably pass.)

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Lessons learned:

- o Stagnant water infested with tadpoles smells bad.
 - o Sleeping on a Z-Rest in your raingear during cold downpours starts to feel normal after doing it enough nights in a row.
 - o People who voluntarily take mud baths are nuts.
 - o Ultralite backpacking has minor drawbacks that are seldom discussed in the guide books.
- But nobody died, so it must have been a good hike!

Throop Peak, Mount Hawkins, Mount Lewis 30 August 2003

Leaders: Wolf and Karen Leverich

The write-up of our August 30th "Easy Peaks" hike to Hawkins and Throop went astray somewhere between my desk and that of the Schedule editor, so it only appeared in The Lookout, and not the Chapter Schedule. You'd think that would mean that only HPS subscribers would come, but in fact, we arrived at La Canada on August 30th to find a good mix of HPS veterans, and hikers new to not only HPS but Sierra Club outings. I doubt any of them were new to hiking, though: when we did the circle thing and introduced ourselves, everyone except two hikers were equipped with Leki poles. The two without shook hands and showed the rest of us that poles really aren't very necessary on the PCT.

For those new to Sierra Club outings, they had chosen well — the weather was exquisite, and my worries about our peaks (would they be covered with charred trees from last year's bad burns?) were mainly unfounded. Learning how far it was to the trailhead (we were going to start the hike at Dawson Saddle) and with gas in excess of \$2.00 a gallon, everyone quickly consolidated into a lot fewer vehicles. We warned the drivers about turning their headlights on (do it) and crossing the double-yellow to avoid running over bicycles (don't do it, but don't run over the bicycles, either!) and up up up we went, to some of the prettiest terrain in Los Angeles County.

Still. Even after the fire. Although the fire did reach Throop, there's little evidence of it on the approach from Dawson Saddle. If you look at the peak itself from afar, you can see some damage. And there is the occasional (small) burnt patch during the approach. But at least on the edges of the fire zone, you don't run into acres and acres of destroyed forest.

The very first peak we did on my very first ever HPS hike was Throop. Not that I'd expected to go there: the outing that day (June of 2001) was to Copter Ridge, and Throop wasn't mentioned in the Schedule at all. But I was already peak-greedy, so when the leaders (Byron Prinzmetal and George Wysup) proposed adding it, I happily assented. And ascended. It's the first time I saw someone (the leader) s-l-o-w down when it got steep, and just keep plodding on up to the top. Left to my own devices on steep slopes, I would keep zipping along (so to speak) no matter how steep, then collapse in a

puddle, then "zip" up another segment, collapse, repeat until summit attained or until I gave up and went back home. Slow down and keep going, what a good idea!

Anyhow, the rest is history? I do remember quite a few more trees atop that peak than are there now -- between the fire and the efforts to fight the fire, our forest is a lot more open than it used to be. Not surprisingly, the plaque to Throop, founder of CalTech, survived the burn. We found and signed the register, had a snack, were amazed at how close Hawkins looked (surely our eyes were fooling us!), and off we went.

Good heavens, Hawkins IS close. We were there in no time at all. But there was no register. Were we sure this was the right peak? (No, except for the detail that there wasn't anything else nearby that was tall, except for Throop and Middle Hawkins, both of which we recognized.) We settled down for lunch, and pondered nabbing Middle Hawkins while we were in the neighborhood (Mark Allen hit #99 on Hawkins and needed Middle Hawkins, wouldn't it be nice to have a celebration?) but we weren't sure about going down (we'd have to come back up) plus some of the group needed to get back to La Canada. Sorry, Mark! But there are 177 fine peaks left for you to choose from, some much finer than Middle Hawkins.

We also looked out toward South Hawkins. Although a lot of the Forest did burn, the ridge to South Hawkins has mainly survived. Wolf and I hiked that ridge a few weeks ago -- the trail is a bit faint in places, seemingly not getting much traffic this year. South Hawkins itself was a surprise -- yes, the lookout burned. But there are still living trees on the summit, our register is intact, the picnic table is there (although its legs are charred), the outhouse burnt but the throne proudly remains. Sitting on Mount Hawkins, we described all this to the hikers while waving our arms out towards South Hawkins.

Everyone having eaten up and rested up, back we went on the really fine trail to Dawson Saddle. When we'd first parked here some hours before, I'd pointed across the road to the steep "hill" there and told the group that that was Mount Lewis, "also on the List." They were definitely intrigued, though concerned once warned it was a bit steep. We looked back at it as we ascended Throop, and pondered it some more on our return. Unfortunately, Mark had already done it, so it wasn't a candidate for his 100th. And the woman who'd been disturbed by the steepness of the Akawie use trail a few weeks ago, even though she now was expertly wielding a pair of hiking poles, decided she wasn't yet ready for this adventure.

But after everyone had reshuffled themselves between the various cars, we did have two peak-greedy peakbaggers who needed Lewis, and were determined to have it. So we redonned our gear, walked back along the highway past the maintenance shed, and up (especially at the beginning, that use trail goes UP) we went.

One problem with Lewis is that I've ALWAYS

done it last, after several other peaks. We never seem to do Lewis just for the sake of doing Lewis, because if we did, I suspect we'd find it very enjoyable: it's covered with a lovely pine forest, and the views are excellent. But I'm always already tired, so focus instead on how bloody steep the dratted thing is. And how the sun is ALWAYS about to set. (Though actually, the late afternoon light filtering through the forest on Lewis really is quite nice.) Lewis really does deserve better than to be a last minute bolt on to an already busy day. My New Year's Resolution?

And one can make good time on the return to the cars. You bet...

Thanks again to the participants, who made this such a fun and enjoyable day: Mark Allen, Lynda Armbruster, Diane Ascoli, Paul Garry, Joe Krenek, Rebecca Sallen, Ted Slap, Rob Van, and Roy Wallen. (And no, I'm NOT going to snitch on who wasn't carrying the de rigueur Leki hiking poles!)

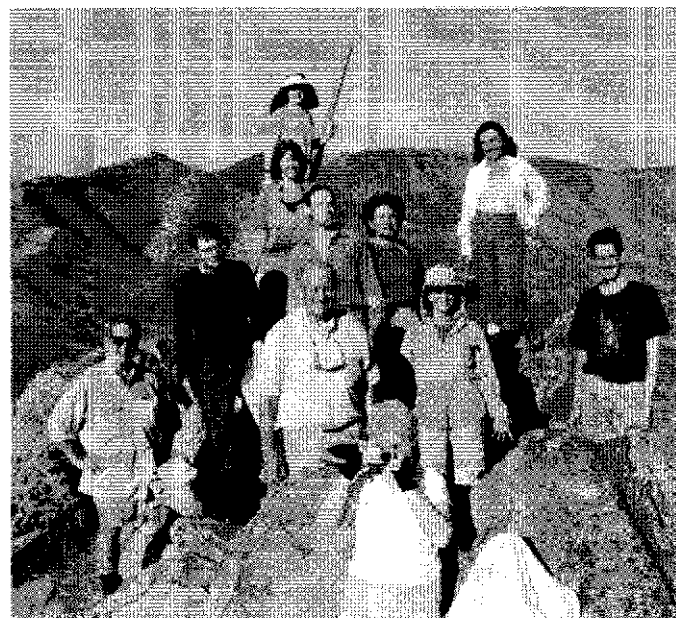
South Sierra Peakbagging

Sept 27, 28, 2003

by George Wysup

Sandy Sperling and I decided that this would be a good time to lead a bunch of peaks near Tehachapi and Lake Isabella. Some customers actually signed up.

My spouse (Angie) and I met Sandy Sperling, Dave Cannon, Tom Connery, Zobeida Molina, Pat Brea, John Meehan, Gloria Miladin, Bill Gaskill, Suzy Hermann, and John Connelly at the McDonalds in Tehachapi on Saturday morning, then we proceeded the 3 miles or so to the trailhead for beautiful Black #3 on Quail Springs road. We started hiking at 7:30 and it was



Black#3 Summit

front (with camera): Suzy Hermann

2nd row: John Connelly, Dave Cannon, Angie Wysup, Bill Gaskill

3rd row: John Meehan, Tom Connery, Zobeida Molina

4th row: Sandy Sperling, Gloria Miladin

top: Pat Brea

already too warm for this cowpasture/peak. The only event of interest was Dave Cannon coming up lame with, the later diagnosis showed, a torn gastrocnemius (calf muscle). We all got the "peak" in 2 hours round trip. Dave headed for home, commendably leaving his "goodies to share" items with me. He would have done better to leave them with anyone else. The rest of us hiked up Water Canyon Road to Tehachapi Mountain Park. An uneventful bagging of Tehachapi ensued. We didn't hike on the road much. We returned at about 1 pm, giving John C. and Suzy ample time to run off and get Skinner via route 2 and hurry home for non-HPS Sunday commitments.

The rest of us drove about 50 miles via the Caliente-Bodfish road to the Lightner Peak 2WD trailhead. It goes better in 4WD now, with some really deep ruts. The ride was a bit on the thrilling side for some. The hike was uneventful and we all returned at about 5:30. We noticed many vehicles containing camouflaged people with rifles. Fortunately we and all our vehicles got out safely, no one being hit by stray shots. Hard to believe— almost everything went as planned. Stat for the day: 5100 feet elevation gain.



The group dispersed for the night at civilized lodging around Lake Isabella. I must say that my and Angie's and Sandy's dinner at 'That's Italian' in Kernville was, as usual, more than satisfactory.

Next day the group met at the west end of Saddle Spring road and caravanned to the Bald Eagle trailhead. Here Brent Crookham joined our group, after attending Ret Moore's SPS list finish and 80th birthday celebration on Lamont Peak the day before.

Bald Eagle is the peak I was most curious about after hearing tales that there were examples of the endangered Piute Cypress growing along the route and these supposedly had been partially sacrificed for the ease of passage by several not-so-endangered species (homo sapiens). The bad news: yes, someone had clipped and sawn these cypress trees (they still live, despite the carnage). The good news: no one had (yet) chopped steps in the class 2 rocks. For future reference by hard core clippers— the Piute Cypress looks quite like a Western Juniper, but has small cones. There are none until you get to the last saddle before the class 2 begins. Please leave them be.

The original plan was to attack Piute Lookout from the northeast, for a pathfinder. A quick poll of the Attendees showed that no participant really cared a hoot about the fine pathfinder, and many wanted to get the (unplanned) Sorrell Peak. So we opted to summit via route 1 (almost drive up) to save time. Also, we were annoyingly slowed by an army of hunters trolling the dirt road for a shot (from the car window?) at a legal buck. We were indeed blessed that it was still early and the hunters had not yet made their transmogrification into a throng of drunken Mr. Hydes, blasting away at bottles



*Bald Eagle Summit
front: L-R: Tom Connery, Zobeida Molina, Bill Gaskill,
Brent Crookham rear: L-R: Gloria Miladin, Pat Brea,
John Meehan, Sandy Sperting photo by George Wysup*

and cans of opportunity. Certainly I exaggerate. Most hunters are very responsible sportsmen. But ya have to wonder about those who troll from their vehicles.

So we bagged Sorrell; no problem. 3 people bailed at this point and the remaining 7 of us drove to Bird Spring Pass to conquer mighty Skinner Peak. It was hot on the shade-free PCT, but we did it. First timers were thrilled by the 5 minute 1000 foot scree descent. We drove east to route 14, stopping at Graziano's in Mohave for well-earned sustenance.

Note: Highway 58 now bypasses Mohave about 3 miles to the north. Traffic flow through town is much improved.

Weekend Adventures in BIG PINE

August 22-24, 2003

By Lilly Fukui and Larry Pirrone

Friday morning, August 22nd, 2003, after enjoying a homemade breakfast, the four of us (Larry Pirrone, Ed Nemeth, Lilly Fukui, and Val Saubhayana), headed out to Big Pine.

Big Pine Canyon near Big Pine, California, is the access point to not only a beautiful string of lakes, but also the southern most glacier in the Sierras. The Big Pine Creek Canyon North and South Fork trails pass a chain of 15 lakes on the way to the glacier areas, with the higher lakes stocked with the ever-treasured golden trout. The Palisades Glacier is two square miles of ancient ice and snow, located at an elevation of about 12,000 ft. and 12 plus miles from the trail head. It is the

primary water source for the gorgeous Big Pine Creek and the lakes in that region. Fourth Lake, however, is mostly spring-fed, with very clear water and a large population of big brook trout.

The Glacier Lodge Campground at the end of the road is right on Big Pine Creek. It has camping and rental cabins. Sadly, the main lodge burned down a few years ago but a general store and cabins still exist.

We drove up Crocker Road to the Big Pine Canyon to Glacier Lodge Road. After setting up camp, Larry took us to the area where his grandparents had built a nice cabin. Unfortunately, The cabin burned down from a forest fire started by the Forest Service in about 1965. In 1968 when the rebuild was almost done it was taken by an avalanche! The Forest Service exercised the total destruction clause of the lease and his grandparents were not allowed to rebuild again (not that they could have afforded to). Larry used to fish in this area as a little boy.

There are some great peaks in the area, Kidd Mountain being one of them which is not a class 2 or 3 but is right behind where the lodge would have been.

We had an early campfire dinner and enjoyed a walk to the trout pond, where other people were fishing. After we retired for the night (here comes the bear encounter), in the wee hours of the morning Larry heard something banging, woke up, and saw that a bear was attacking Lilly's ice chest so he got out with his flashlight (with Ed close behind), yelling "bear," and bravely tried to coax the bear to go away. After about what seemed like ages, the bear disappeared. Since it was only 4:00 a.m. we tried to get a couple more hours of sleep.

Saturday we were up at dawn, had breakfast, folded our tents and headed out on the North Fork trail with our backpacks. I think Ed's pack weighed close to 100 lbs. This was Lilly and Val's first backpacking hike. Their pre-inaugural backpack was to Toro Peak a week prior to celebrate Mars and Peters 7th list finish, etc. On the way to North Fork we past a stone cabin built by movie actor Lon Chaney. We kept pushing (all uphill), past a junction in the trail which goes up to Black Lake, where exceptionally good views of the Palisade Glacier and Crest can be seen. We saw many manzanitas, Jeffrey Pine, and corn lilies along the path leading into the canyon. The canyon shows the classic signs of glacial activity with polished granite walls and the classic "U" shape. This is a beautiful canyon.

When we finally reached Third Lake (after about 5 hrs.), we set up our tents before hiking up to Fourth Lake. Third Lake is fed directly from the Palisade Glacier, which causes its milky turquoise color from the glacial powder carried down from the melting glacier. The tall, dark mountain above this lake is Temple Crag. It is a wonderful example of the granite structure of the Sierra batholith.

Lilly and Val took lots of photos of the scenic area. The Fourth Lake had water ridges, clearly a sign of trout feeding on water born insects! It took 45 mins. to get up to Fourth Lake from our campsite (Third Lake) but only took about 30 mins. to get down. Ed made us a

super pasta dinner and we all relaxed. The light sunset and alpine glow on the Temple Crag was quite beautiful. No bear adventure this night!

Sunday got up early and headed out - all downhill. Can't believe we made it out in only 3 hours - not that our packs were any lighter, carrying out our trash, etc.!

We will go back again next year, maybe to Black Lake so Larry can go fishing...and maybe to the Glaciers the year after that, when Lilly and Val would have had more experience with backpacking. The trail to the Palisade Glacier is about one-half mile above Third Lake and requires much boulder-hopping and the trail is very obscure...the slope is gentle along the lower part of the glacier but one should avoid the upper reaches unless he/she are experienced on ice and snow. WTC here we come!!

It was quite an adventure!

Counting Sheep—an Opportunity to Volunteer

By George Wysup

I was contacted recently by Wade Hamel, a resident of San Gabriel, who is a volunteer for the California Dept. of Fish and Game (CDFG). Wade's job is to coordinate a study to help estimate the number of bighorn sheep remaining in the San Gabriel mountains, and to help assess the impact of the mountain lion population on any decimation in their numbers. I have become a volunteer, working for Wade. I have not yet begun, since the rules are not quite firmed. Many more volunteers are needed for this project, and training for the volunteers has not started.

The job should be right up the alley of many of you. Yes, the job is to HIKE! As you will note from reading Wade's overview, below, there is a list of 26 trails and 6 roads to be observed for evidence. Many of these trails lead to peaks on the HPS List.

Some of the trails begin in the closed area around highway 39. Wade tells me that the volunteers will receive permission to enter this area. One of the routes is to Smith Saddle. There is no rule against extending the route, say to a peak, so one could continue to Smith Mtn.

The job as I understand it goes something like this: First, hike the trail or road, noting, then eliminating, any sign of sheep (tracks and scat) or mountain lions. Eliminating sign would involve perhaps obliterating with the boot or hiking stick. The next day, or as soon as possible afterward, another volunteer would hike the trail again and note any fresh sign. Naturally, sightings of actual sheep should be noted. A GPS and a digital camera are pluses.

If you are interested in volunteering, call or email Wade Hamel at 626-576-1538 or topperkee@msn.com. You will have to sign a Volunteer Service Agreement in order to participate.

"A recent study by biologist Steve Holl concludes

that, in response to a drastic decline in deer population, mountain lions have been preying on bighorn sheep, which has led to the dramatic decline in the sheep population observed since 1988. The current Nelson Bighorn Sheep population in the San Gabriels is estimated to be about 100, considerably less than the high estimate of 740 made in a study in 1983.

"Biologist Holl recommends that "mountain lion removal be implemented if annual population surveys indicate a continued trend in a smaller population size and the number of animals counted in two successive years is less than 60 bighorn sheep". Holl's study consisted of examination of previous studies and of available data. His conclusions are not based on current observations of animals in the field.

"The Department of Fish and Game has begun a special project to discover concrete facts from direct observation of animals or of animal sign in the mountains. This involves dragging large, rubber mats over dirt roads to obliterate tracks, and then returning the next day to record new tracks. It involves recording tracks and other sign of animals found on trails, removing the tracks or sign, and returning later to record any new tracks or sign. Biologists will capture and install tracking devices on some animals to determine where they roam.

"It's possible that in the future some lions could be relocated to areas with high deer populations and no bighorn sheep. It's also possible that bighorns could be brought in from other locations to invigorate the San Gabriel herd. The last thing anybody wants to see is the mountain lion population starving because there are too many of them and not enough deer or bighorns left to sustain them. That would result in the tragedy of their being shot as they search for food near people. The San Gabriels are like an island from which there is no way for animals to escape. At this time, no one knows what our project will discover and what conclusions will be drawn.

"There are about 6 roads and 26 trails to examine. Obviously this involves many people. My job is to recruit and coordinate volunteers to do the work as directed by CDFG wildlife Biologists. I furnish free 7.5' topo maps printed from my computer [from a MapTech program] showing each hike. We need many more volunteers in order to vary the hiking schedule and avoid over-utilization of the same people. The matter of training hikers in accurate recognition and recording of animal tracks and sign has not yet been resolved. That's the next priority."

Here is the current list of the 26 trails. We won't worry about the 6 roads. The trip # corresponds to Robinson's "Trails of the Angeles". Sign up for as many as you'd like and feel you can complete.

Trip #, Trip Name, Total Miles (approximate), Elevation Gain (Feet), Classification

- #59 Three Points to Twin Peaks Saddle, Twin Peaks. (12 mi, 3700', moderate)
- #65 Mt. Williamson from Angeles Crest Highway. (5 mi, 1600', moderate)

- #74 S.G. Wilderness- Hwy.39 to Smith Saddle, Bear Creek, W Fk SG River (11mi, 1100'gain & 2800'loss, moderate)
- #78 MidHiCountry-Crystal Lake to Windy Gap, Mt Hawkins, Troop Pk, Baden-Powell. (17 mi, 3300', strenuous)
- #79 Crystal Lake to Mt Hawkins and So. Mt Hawkins LO. (12 mi, 2800', moderate.)
- #80 Dawson Saddle to Throop Pk. (4.5 mi, 1200', moderate)
- #81 Vincent Gap to summit of Mt Baden-Powell. (8 mi, 2800', moderate)
- #82 Vincent Gap to Bighorn Mine. (4 mi, 500', easy)
- #83 Vincent Gap via Vincent Gulch to Prairie Fork, E. Fork San Gabriel River. (6 mi, 2000' loss & gain, moderate)
- #84 East Fork San Gabriel River Ranger Station to The Narrows. (9 mi, 1100', moderate)
- #85 East Fork, San Gabriel River Ranger Station to The Narrows to Cabin Flat (14 mi, 3200', strenuous)
- #86 East Fork Ranger Station to Iron Mountain. (15 mi, 7200', strenuous)
- #87 East Fork Ranger Station to Allison Gold Mine. (14 mi, 3600', Strenuous 1 day, Moderate 2 days)
- #88 Prairie Fork to Pine Mtn Ridge, Sheep Mtn Wilderness, Little Fish Fork, Upper Fish Fork. (9 mi, 1800', moderate)
- #89 Big Pines to Blue Ridge. (4 mi, 850', Easy)
- #90 Glendora Ridge Road to Sunset Peak. (7 mi, 1350', moderate)
- #91 Manker Flat to Baldy Notch, Devil's Backbone, Mt San Antonio. (13 mi, 3800', strenuous [moderate w/ski lift])
- #92 Mt. Baldy Village to Mt San Antonio and Baldy Notch. (14 mi, 6000', strenuous)
- #93 Manker Flat to Upper San Antonio Creek, Baldy Bowl, Mt San Antonio. (9 mi, 3800', strenuous)
- #94 Stockton Flat to Baldy Notch. (8 mi, 2000', moderate)
- #95 Baldy Notch to Thunder, Telegraph, Timber Mtns, Icehouse Saddle, Ice House Cyn (8.5mi, 2700' gain, 3400' loss, strenuous)
- #96 Ice House Canyon to Ice House Saddle. (8 mi, 2600', moderate)
- #97 Ice House Canyon to Ice House Saddle, Kellys Camp, Ontario Pk. (13 mi, 3600', strenuous)
- #98 Ice House Canyon to Ice House Saddle, Cucamonga Wilderness, Cucamonga Pk (12 mi, 3800', strenuous)
- #99 Middle Fork of Lytle Creek to Cucamonga Wilderness, Icehouse Saddle. (12 mi, 3600', strenuous 1 day, Mod. 2 days)
- #100 San Sevaine Flats to Cucamonga Peak. (12 mi, 3300', strenuous 1 day, Moderate 2 days)

REGISTER BOX By Jim Adler

During the period covered by this Register Box one peak was added to the list and two were removed. My informants for this report were Leo Rosario, Joe Young, George Estrada, and Luella Fickle.

Missing and deficient registers:

9C	Condor Peak	deficient	2-03	14H	Mt. Burnham	missing	6-02
10I	Mt. Hillyer	missing	5-02	16F	Thunder Mtn.	missing	8-02
12B	Disappointment	missing	12-02	16J	Mt. Harwood	missing	6-03
12D	Mt. Markham	missing	3-02	26B	Quail Mtn.	missing	1-02
14A	Mt. Waterman	missing	5-03	27K	Drury Peak	deficient	6-02
14C	Mt. Islip	missing	8-03	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. Alandale Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90036-4625**, or telephone at **(323) 931-6844** or e-mail at **jimadler@mindspring.com**. or from the HPS web site. Also, please advise if you have replaced any of the missing or deficient registers or discover that any of the above reports are erroneous or out of date. (Since register books and pencils are so easy to carry all the time, peaks where only books or pencils are needed are not listed.)



Current Hard Rock Gold Mining in Los Angeles County by Hugh Blanchard

A hundred years ago, the clatter of rock drills and the thumping of stamp mills was commonly heard in parts of L.A. County. Today these sounds are long gone, although their legacy is still evidenced by the Big Horn, Red Rover, Governor and other once famous mines that remind us of our lusty mining heritage.

Yet, contrary to general belief, hardrock mining

never completely disappeared. There are three hardrock mines that are still occasionally worked in the Angeles National Forest. One, the Benco Mines, consists of two shallow tunnels occasionally worked for platinum and rare earth according to its owner Joe Benz of Saugus. It is located near the old Knapp Ranch, 10 miles north of Lake Castaic, about 2 miles northwest of Redrock Mountain. The other two mines, occasionally worked one man operations, are mined for gold and are off Angeles Forest Highway near Monte Cristo Campground.

The Falcon is on a posted and gated side road about a third of a mile off of Forest Road 4N18 a mile and a half south of Mill Creek Summit Ranger Station, on the western slope of Granite Mountain. It has been worked off and on since 1877. There were formerly utility and storage buildings, an A-frame cabin and a cable tram and mill. All these were destroyed in the widespread Sage fire in 1979. Its owner since 1985 has been Dr. Ralph Pray of Monrovia (his Ph.D. is in metallurgical engineering). Dr. Pray in his vigorous mid-seventies has been a miner and mining consultant for over 50 years, primarily in the western U.S. but also in Alaska, South America and Africa and has written numerous articles on mining. Ownership of the Falcon was recently transferred to his son Ross.

The main tunnel or adit, which is posted and gated, is at the 5000' level and reportedly is about 200' long. Two shorter tunnels are at the 5200 and 5450 levels.

The Lucky Strike is on a gated road with a sign stating "Do Not Block Gate" also off of Forest Road 4N18, about a half mile south of the junction with forest road 8N23, which begins at Monte Cristo Campground. It has been operated on and off since the mid-1920s. Otis Lewis, who with other family members has long operated the nearby Hidden Springs Café, has worked it for the past 15 years. The mine is posted and gated and is reportedly about 100' long with three tunnels. It is near the firebreak between Iron and Round Top Mountains.

There are several other nearby gold mines that are no longer in operation. The Black Cargo was worked until 1991 when its owner was forced to leave after prolonged litigation with the Forest Service who claimed successfully in Federal Court that his mining claim was invalid because his mining was not commercially viable. The owner, Billie Joe Bagwell, and his wife lived in a cabin at the junction of Forest Roads 4N18 and 3N23 on National Forest land. An earlier miner named Maynard originally built and occupied the cabin. After their eviction, the Forest Service, in their words, 'rehabilitated' the area by removing all signs of the cabin and replacing the existing mine gate with a so-called 'bat friendly' gate. The 'bat-friendly' gate (there are actually three gates close to each other) has small slots for any bats to go through. The gates are sealed shut with cement reinforcements on all sides and a hidden lock inside. To the writer it appears the present gates are less 'bat-friendly' than their predecessors and the actual reason for the re-gating was to ensure that no future mining claims with attendant homesteading would be made for that mine. Prior to the re-gating the writer briefly viewed the mines interior and observed it had at least three levels with 800 feet of passage. It is located off the same gated road as the Lucky Strike. Just before the gate a trail on the left leads to the mine entrances about 100' down the trail.

Close by is the historical Monte Cristo gold mining area. Its posted and gated entrance is off Forest Road 4N18 one-half mile north of its junction with 3N23. A caretaker presently resides on the premises to prevent

trespassing. The mining area is comprised of much of the triangle encompassing Rabbit Peak and Granite and Round Top Mountains.

Unlike the previous mines mentioned this area consists of a 25-acre, privately owned enclave within the National Forest surrounded by 525 acres of mining claims. The first reported gold mining in the area was in 1895 and continued off and on to 1942. The Sage Fire in 1979 destroyed the mill and other mining structures but three old houses survived the blaze and are still standing. Bob and Susanna Kerstein are the present owners. Susanna's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walters, acquired the property in the 1940s. The Kersteins reside in Falls Church, Virginia where Bob has been an executive in the communications industry and also a major dealer in buying and selling old securities as collectibles. His website containing a detailed history of the area is www.encyberpedia.com/gold.htm.

There are two main mines on the property. The West Ledge Mine is on the southeastern slope of Rabbit Peak with the main passage extending 250 feet with some water in the last 20 feet. A 40-foot pit near the entrance leads to a 100-foot side passage. There are four small exploratory digs above the mine. About 2000 feet to the east is the Monte Cristo Mine, which extends about 225 feet. There are at least a dozen other exploratory digs on the property varying in length from 20 to 100 feet.

Many years ago before the present posting, the writer briefly viewed the property and noted several old houses and old mining equipment scattered about. There were also a couple of tunnels, which seemed to have collapsed just inside the entrances. The Chilao Flat topo shows three other area mines – The Black Crow, Gold Bar and Loomis. The writer suspects that the Forest Service has sealed their entrances.

The Easy Chair Goes to the Landfill **By George Wysup**

Many of you have heard that I have, rather abruptly, resigned from the HPS Management Committee. Some of you may be quite curious, and I feel that I owe you an explanation. Otherwise, stop reading here and go on to the Outings listing.

The following are not the reasons for the resignation: My wife made me quit; I prefer SPS and DPS; I have a bad back.

Basically, I was starting to lose some sleep, and the pay for this job just wasn't enough to warrant that. Let me start at [sort of] the start. HPS, which had been known as one of three climbing sections in Angeles Chapter, has a wonderful heritage and has had many members who accomplished a great deal and are understandably proud of their emblems. As Chair, I felt a duty to maintain the tradition and those feelings of accomplishment.

In the last few years there has been considerable strife within the HPS Management Committee (MComm), a fact that is well known outside

the Section. I was rather hoping to change our image with the aid of a fresh set of MComm faces. At the same time I felt a need to set right a fallacious idea that had been espoused in print by a member of the 2002 MComm. This idea was that some ancient MComm had taken a position that a peak can be "counted", if the climber feels a bit unsafe, by getting within, say, a football field length of the register. One leader actually instructed his followers not to climb Antsell Rock, and to count it anyway. To me, this sort of stuff is part of some other game, not the HPS game. It is like HPS is gradually, but absolutely, turning into some kind of, may I say, Ronald McDonald Hiking Club. I am far from the only one who is disturbed by this trend.

Another example of this trend is that I have seen, with my own eyes, some bizarre route modification, for example: register cans moved from class 2 perches to class 1 placements at the very bottom of summit blocks (such as Lightner and Eagle Rest). Also, some routes are being marked with pink plastic flags. I personally correct these atrocities when I can. I could go on.

There are those who want to make a rule or establish a **policy** to cover every eventuality. The MComm [x] approved a resolution that dealt with ducking and pruning. (The Chair cannot vote except to break a tie.) Let's not go into the legality of pruning or the litter aspects of ducking and flagging. Many peak baggers are very grateful for these; it does make the task easier. But does HPS really need an official policy on this? I think not. The philosophy of "don't ask, don't tell" has served us well for the last 50 years. Suddenly we need to write

something?

At this point I began missing out on my customary sleep. I proceeded to alienate some Mcomm members. Then I realized that I, too, was becoming a source of strife in the 2003 MComm, which I had so wanted to avoid. I felt that HPS would be best served by my resignation from the scene, based on the premise that a Chair is much easier to replace than is a webmaster. So I resigned, the first Chair in HPS history to resign. QED. There you have it.

Finally, please allow me to express my thanks to HPS' excellent Membership/ Program Chair, Laura Joseph, and Vice Chair Ray Wolfe for their support and good work. MComm is backed by some fine people in the appointed positions; especially Sandy Burnside who has been our exemplary finance person (in effect doing the Treasurer job), and Carleton Shay who has performed so well in the thankless job of Lookout Mailer. You may not realize the immense contributions to HPS of Lookout Editor and Historian Joe Young. He attends most of the business meetings and contributes a lot. In my opinion Joe has been the fiber who has held HPS together through some difficult years.

A piece of advice to the membership: Think carefully about the candidates and what you want HPS to be, and be sure to vote. There are those who would degrade HPS to an exercise hiking club. Some of them are candidates for 2004

George Wysup



Virgil Popescu celebrates his 50 years of hiking on El Misti volcano, 19,106', Arequipa, Peru, June 23, 2003

**HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION,
ANGELES CHAPTER**

**Minutes: Management Committee Meeting
Thursday, July 10, 2003, Laura's Place, Pasadena**

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

In attendance were MComm members Mars Bonfire, Kathy Cheever, Laura Joseph, Karen Isaacson Leverich, Wolf Leverich, and Ray Wolfe. Visiting were Tom Hill and Joe Young.

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

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

* Wolf is holding on the \$200 and \$60.25 checks until we have more information about the rebuilding plans of the lookouts that have been burned.

Old Business: none

Committee Reports

1. Membership: Laura Joseph

* M/s/p the following emblems:

* George Wysup - List #5 on Toro

* Zobeida Molina - List #1 on Charleton

* Rosemary Campbell - Pathfinder emblem on Constance

* Marlen Mertz - 100th peak on Bohna

* Shane Smith - 200th peak on Russell

* Brent Crookham - 200th peak on Monte Arido

* Pat Brea - 200th peak on San Guillermo

2. Programs: Laura Joseph

* Briefly discussed Oktoberfest cost to attendees. Cost will be what has been listed in the Schedule.

* More discussion about the banquet which will celebrate the 50th anniversary of HPS.

* Discussed holding the February Joint Meeting at the L.A. Zoo Grande Room and speaker possibilities. Also discussed including groups like the Ski Mountaineers and Lower Peaks Section to the joint meeting.

3. Outings: Karen Isaacson Leverich

* M/s/p to renew suspension of Smith for 6 more months as the road is still closed. Will revisit this regularly.

4. MRC: Wolf Leverich

* Wolf reports that the new Topo! is good.

* M/s/p peak guides changes (report included in minutes)

5. Bylaws: Tom Hill and Laura Joseph

* Suggestions of Bylaws changes were given for presentation at the annual meeting and for the ballot:

* Delete proxy statement. This will be handled by George through the Chapter

* Annual meeting - more openness and clarity

* Naming peaks after living people (or not naming peaks after living people). We decided that this was moot.

* Change the section "Selection of Officers"

New Business

* Tom Hill presented idea of having a petition to support change of South to Southwell to be signed by willing participants at the Waterman Rendezvous. This action is supported by Mcomm.

* Joe Young briefly discussed the validity of "pitty-pat".

* Next meeting will be August 14 at Laura's place.

* The Management Committee went into executive session.

Adjourned 9:05 pm M/s/p

Thursday, August 14, 2003, Laura's Place, Pasadena

Call to Order (6:38 p.m.)

In attendance were MComm members George Wysup, Mars Bonfire, Kathy Cheever, Laura Joseph, Karen Isaacson Leverich, Wolf Leverich, and Ray Wolfe. Visiting were , Virgil Popescu, Tom Hill and Robert True.

Minutes from the July 10 Meeting: M/s/p with small revision of \$60.45 should read \$60.25 (change has been made)

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

Old Business:

* The validity of the HPS Lifetime Membership was challenged. Investigation into the past minutes revealed that this was m/s/p'd in 1999, there is no Chapter bylaw objection to it, and a brief discussion of the financial outlook noted that due to low numbers of members in the category there is no financial impact. Mcomm concluded that the 1999 minutes adequately approved life and the other categories of membership.

* Discussed past and future contribution distributions. Some have questioned whether we have contributed to Search and Rescue - we have. Discussed distribution of \$210.25. It was m/s/p that \$60.25 will go to the Wildlands Conservancy, \$100.00 will go to the Zen Center, and \$50.00 (plus an additional \$50.00 matched by Wolf and Karen Leverich) will also go to the Wildlands Conservancy.

Committee Reports

1. Membership: Laura Joseph

* M/s/p the following emblems:

* Dorothy Danzinger - List #3 on Lily

* Tom Hill - List #3 on Big Horn Mountain

* Mei Quan - 200th peak on Pine Mountain #1

* Some people have not been renewing, although Laura is following up with mail reminders.

2. Programs: Laura Joseph

* Briefly discussed the Joint meeting in February. We will have 3 speakers: Bill Corcoran, Monica Bond and John Monsen. They will be addressing environmental issues related to the forests in which we hike. Kathy will

send a formal invitation to DPS, SPS, LPS, Ski Mountaineering and other Angeles Chapter sections. The evening will also include the swap meet and wine and snacks.

- * Oktoberfest - plans are moving well.
- * January banquet - Joe Young is working on the program.

3. Outings: Karen Isaacson Leverich

- * Smith continues to be suspended. Recent report says the road may be closed until March.

4. MRC: Wolf Leverich

- * No peak guide changes this month.
- * Presented a new policy called "A Resolution: HPS Policy Towards Documenting, Ducking, and Pruning Routes". This was m/s/p by MComm. There was a brief discussion about what to do with the document. It was decided to discuss this at a future time, but at some point the document could be put into the Lookout by the MRC Chair. The resolution is included as an attachment to the minutes. *[Editor's note: The resolution appears in this issue of The Lookout immediately following the Mountain Records Committee report on page ___]*

New Business

- * Virgil Popescu presented his concerns about insults to him appearing on a public listserv and about an anonymous complaint that the Chapter Safety Committee considered last year. Virgil outlined specific requests:

- * Adopt a policy that HPS will not consider anonymous complaints even if referred from Chapter
- * The person being investigated for a complaint must be informed about the complaint and allowed to respond.
- * He thinks we should watch the information on Schiker though and would like to see a resolution from HPS that we can't tacitly condone misbehavior by ignoring it.
- * M/s/p to support these requests. Wolf, along with Virgil, was authorized to put these into wording for final approval.

- * There was discussion about using Schiker Listserv as a MComm communications device since it is a privately managed listserv. It was decided that HPS business should be on the HPS listservs only and no HPS business will be posted on Schiker.

- * Proposals for the September Annual Meeting were discussed. Laura suggested that the proposals be written out in complete detail prior to the meeting:
 - * New emblems:
 - * Expand snow and pathfinder emblems to include 100 (snow), 200 and list finish.
 - * Change snowshoe to Snowshoe Mountaineering to include crampons and ice axe.
 - * Bylaws amendment: Flexible MComm officer assignments
 - * Have not received a report from the Nominating

Committee at this time.

- * MComm members should bring something for refreshments.
- * Will reduce extra copies of the Lookout to 50.
- * Briefly discussed whether HPS should respond to the OAGC Outings Proposal. Not everyone has seen the response sent by San Francisco - Kathy will send it to MComm for review and will discuss whether HPS should also respond at a future meeting.
- * Discussed the possibility of holding MComm meetings in November and December at hiking locations, i.e. trailhead to Vetter. These meetings will include a hike followed by the meeting. It is hoped that other members will be encouraged to attend the meetings.

Adjourned 9:00 pm M/s/p

Minutes: Annual Business and Management Committee Meeting Thursday, September 11, 2003 at Eaton Canyon Nature Center

MComm Meeting call to Order (6:45 p.m.)

Attending:

In attendance were MComm members Ray Wolfe, Acting Chair for George Wysup; Mars Bonfire, Kathy Cheever, Laura Joseph, Karen Isaacson Leverich, and Wolf Leverich. Visiting were John Connelly, Joe Young, Stag and Reina Brown, Tom Hill, Winnette Butler, Frank Dobos, Robert True, Will McWhinney, Lynda and Tom Armbruster.

Minutes from the August 14 Meeting: M/s/p with revision to Virgil Popescu's concerns (change has been made).

New Business

MComm received and accepted George Wysup's resignation as Chair of HPS MComm and from the HPS Management Committee. Discussion followed on how to fill the open position. Winnette Butler and Lynda Armbruster, both candidates on the ballot for next year's committee, expressed interest. It was decided to flip a coin to decide who would fill the position. Lynda Armbruster won the coin toss and became the new 6th member of MComm.

At this point Ray Wolfe turned the position of Chair over to Laura Joseph in order to discuss who would fill the Chair position. This person would also be past chair next year. Nominations were open for Chair. M/s/p for Ray Wolfe to become Chair. Nominations were then open for Vice Chair (Ray's prior appointment). M/s/p for Kathy Cheever to become Vice Chair as well as Secretary.

Laura then turned the meeting over to the new chair, Ray Wolfe.

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

minutes

Old Business:

- * With regard to the Resolution for Safety Committee. Per Tom Hill, Virgil Popescu has seen it and approves it as written. M/s/p to accept the Resolution - included with minutes.
- * There was some re-discussion on the HPS Policy Toward Documenting, Ducking and Pruning Routes Resolution (with August minutes). Laura presented a motion to reconsider the motion. Lengthy discussion followed with pros and cons of this motion. Concerns included wording and appearances. Will McWhinney reiterated that following the land managers rules is the general Sierra Club policy. No second of the motion followed. The motion was declared dead.
- * Discussed posting HPS business to outside forums. At the August meeting we decided that HPS business should not be posted on non-HPS forums. Ray has received comments expressing concern that the resolution above was put on an outside forum after it was determined that HPS business would not be posted on these forums. Wolf expressed that the purpose was to tie off loose ends of a previous discussion that started prior to the August meeting. He has agreed that no more business will be posted on an outside forum from this point. Joe reminds us all to be watchful about what's written and what we write in email.

Committee Reports

1. Membership: Laura Joseph

- * M/s/p the following emblems:
- * Peter Doggett - finished List #7 on Toro
- * Mars Bonfire - finished List #7 on Toro
- * Janet Howell - finished List #1 on Toro
- * Mike Gosnell - finished List #1 on Toro
- * Wolf Leverich - finished List #1 on Toro
- * Joanne Griego - finished List #1 on Toro
- * Karen Isaacson Leverich - Lead 100 on Toro
- * Doris Duvall - 200 on Toro
- * Martin Parsons - 100 on Toro
- * Ignacia Manriquez - 100 on Toro
- * Sharon Hechler - 100 on Pinyon Ridge
- * Tom Hill - went public with a greater than \$500 donation and is seeking recognition as a Life Member of HPS. M/s/p by email vote.

2. Programs: Laura Joseph

- * Briefly discussed the Joint meeting in February. Still discussing the venue - maybe Eaton Canyon. Kathy sent out the invitation to our other Sierra Club groups.
- * Oktoberfest - The lodge is not available, but we can use the cabin. Laura recapped assignments and the event will be featured on our website.
- * Spring Fling will be held April 24-25 at Foster's Lodge (near San Diego)
- * Banquet - no update at this time

3. Outings: Karen Isaacson Leverich

- * Discussed possibilities for planning anniversary hikes in celebration of the 50th anniversary of HPS. Send ideas to Karen.
- * Discussed location of meetings for November 11 and December 9 at Newcomb Ranch. The idea is to try new things to encourage attendance and possibly include a hike prior to the meeting.

4. MRC: Wolf Leverich

- * M/s/p peak guide changes (included with minutes)

MComm meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Annual Business Meeting call to order at 8:00pm

Nominating Committee Report

- * John Connelly, Chair of the Nominating Committee, submitted the report. M/s/p to accept slate of nominees. Report filed with minutes
- * M/s/p to Thank You to John, Sandy Burnside and Sandie Sperling for their work on the committee
- * Nominations were solicited from the floor and/or by petition. None offered.

Elections Committee

- * Joe Young, Stag Brown and Nami Brown appointed as the Elections Committee

Ballot Proposals

- * Several proposals were presented for the ballot:
- * M/s/p flexible MComm job assignments as presented by Laura Joseph
- * M/s/p snowshoe emblem amendment and pathfinder emblem amendment as presented by Kathy Cheever
- * These 3 proposals are presented following the minutes.
- * George Wysup had discussed a snowshoe/mountaineering emblem. Since he was unable to attend the meeting, this has been tabled to another time.
- * Ray called for ballot proposals presented by petition - none presented.
- * Joe discussed how to disseminate these items. He will need the arguments for and against by the 1st weekend of October. The ballots will be mailed separately from The Lookout and will include the invite to the annual banquet in January.

Other Business

- * Laura passed out S.G. Mtn. Big Horn Sheep Restoration Project call for volunteers.
- * Will McWhinney told us about the Chapter's 1st Annual Outing Assembly on Saturday, November 1 at 9:00am. Featured will be David Simon. The agenda will include review of safety and outing policies.

Annual Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm. M/s/p

Bylaws change: Flexible Assignments Proposal

Shall HPS adopt the flexible language in the Chapter Bylaws that governs the assignment of Officer Positions?

Proposed language for the first two sentences of Bylaws 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: the Chair, Vice Chair, and at its option, Secretary and Treasurer. The Management Committee may appoint from outside its membership any other Committee officers it considers necessary, including the Secretary and Treasurer."

Current language to be replaced if the proposal passes:

"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."

Argument In Support Of This Proposal

A major issue for each newly elected HPS Management Committee is the often arbitrary assignment of positions required by the Bylaws. At the start of each year, there is a bewildering dance as the new Committee members try to fit themselves into fixed job slots defined 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.

The proposed amendment offers an easy, sensible solution to this annual problem by adopting the same language used in the Chapter Bylaws governing assignment of positions. This will mean that only the chair and vice chair must be assigned from among the committee's elected members. Other positions, at the discretion of the Committee, may be filled by volunteers.

Here's an example: Sandy Burnside, well-qualified for the position, has graciously served the 2003 Committee as volunteer Treasurer, but an elected Committee member must be listed as Treasurer. This charade satisfies the current Bylaws but should be unnecessary.

No square pegs in round holes: Vote yes on this amendment.

Tom Hill, Laura Joseph, Karen Isaacson Leverich, Wolf Leverich, Ray Wolfe

No arguments were received in opposition to this Proposal

Emblems change: Expand Pathfinder Emblem Proposal

Shall HPS change the language for Pathfinder to expand the emblem?

Proposed language for Bylaw 8.5 Achievement Recognition:

"5. Pathfinder emblem recognition is awarded for climbing 100, 200, or all the peaks on the List by two different routes."

Current language to be replaced if the proposal passes:

"5. The Pathfinder Emblem is awarded for climbing 100 peaks on the List by two different routes."

Emblems change: Expand Snowshoe Emblem Proposal

Shall HPS change the language for Snowshoe to expand the emblem?

Proposed language for Bylaw 8.6 Achievement Recognition:

"6. Snowshoe emblem recognition is awarded for climbing 25, 100, 200, or all the peaks on the List by use of snowshoes or other flotation device in snow."

Current language to be replaced if the proposal passes:

"6. The Snowshoe Emblem is awarded for climbing 25 peaks on the List primarily with snowshoes or other flotation devices in snow."

Argument In Support Of These Proposals

Our current 25 peak Snowshoe Emblem and 100 peak Pathfinder Emblem have been wildly successful in encouraging our members to enhance their knowledge and love of our local mountains through experiencing them in their winter splendor and admiring them from new vantage points. So much so that many are well beyond 25 snowshoe adventures or 100 pathfinder adventures. For these pioneers and those who will follow additional recognition is warranted. Then ever more HPS hikers will, on ever more peaks, be able to add two more powerful reasons why our mountain treasures must continue to have our protection!

Mars Bonfire

No arguments were received in opposition to these Proposals

Statements of Candidates

Janet Howell

Since I first discovered "the List" six years ago, the Hundred Peaks Section has provided peak guides and maps, wonderfully competent leaders, a variety of scheduled hikes, and best of all, amazing and fun hiking companions that enabled me to finish in August. During that time hundreds of hours of volunteer labor kept the organization running smoothly while I was just out there having a good time. Now it's my turn to return the favor by volunteering time, energy, and appropriate skills to the Management Committee so that lots of other folks can know and continue to enjoy the pleasure of exploring our splendid Southern California mountains, bagging great peaks (mostly), and hanging out with wonderful people who share enthusiasm for the outdoors.

Karen Isaacson Leverich

2004 is the 50th anniversary of HPS as a Section. It's been around longer than I have, though not by very much.

This year I've served as your Past Chair, your Outings Chair, and have been assisting the Webmaster (Wolf Leverich). As Past Chair, I mainly sit around and nod sagely, then nag the committee to set dates for Spring Fling and Oktoberfest. Or maybe I do that as Outings Chair – it's hard to keep these hats straight. I also pester our leaders to lead more hikes (including looking in the mirror and pestering myself).

Notice more trip reports in the archives on the Web? With our 50th coming up, I've been uploading lots of material from the 1960's.

Anyhow, if you like what I do, if you want a kinder, gentler HPS, I'll be back. Otherwise, you won't be rid of me: we'll meet atop our wonderful peaks!

Laura Joseph

I have served on the Management Committee for two years as Membership and Social (Programs) Chair. I've enjoyed the opportunity to meet and get to know so many of our members, to outreach to new members and to plan fun events for HPS. My goals to 2004 are to continue to provide these services and to do what I can to keep the Management Committee on a smooth and collegial path, responsive to members' needs and wishes. I'm especially excited about the opportunities to plan some really fun events and outings in 2004, HPS's 50th anniversary year.

Lynda Armbruster

I have always loved mountains and hiking so I inevitably discovered HPS, officially joined in 1989, completed 100 peaks in 1991 and subsequently served in various capacities including leading hikes, elections committee, refreshments, etc. I've met and associated

with the finest people on earth in this group, including (especially) my husband Tom, and I've experienced great joy from peak-bagging. Unfortunately, shorter, closer hikes replaced HPS participation and list progress somewhat over the years due to various challenges, work schedule and "busy-ness."

Fortunately, a recent re-evaluation of my priorities and activities helped me realize I had nearly let something precious (peak-bagging) slip away ...yikes! I've made some changes and I'm back with realigned priorities, reduced teaching schedule and renewed energy. Hooray, I'm bagging peaks again!

I'm eager to "give back" to HPS and open to contribute whatever I can in expression of my appreciation and gratitude.

Winnette Butler

I've enjoyed all the benefits and rewards of belonging to our great HPS Section for the last few years while I was busy finishing the list for the first time. It's clear, however, that this organization doesn't run itself and that a tremendous amount of work and effort go into the planning, promoting and updating of our various activities and records. I'd like to offer my energy and commitment by contributing some of my time to help maintain and achieve our HPS goals.

I feel I can be an objective Management Committee Member. As a member of the Management Committee, I'd be interested in preserving our worthwhile past traditions while being open to expanding and promoting new ideas for retaining and increasing membership and preserving our great natural resources.

Those of you who have hiked with me know that when I hike I like to have fun. I also believe it's important that we expand our membership base to include new members so that the great HPS traditions continue for decades to come. In summary, what I offer as a member of the HPS management team is a commitment to the past, an eye to the future, a willingness to help fight to protect our lands, and a desire to help others enjoy themselves while hiking in and learning about our great open spaces.

Kent Schwitkis

Who am I?

I'm rather new to the Sierra Club and the HPS, being in the club for only three years and still "working" on my first list. My latest introduction to the outdoors is due to the Boy Scouts, and my twin Eagle Scouts. Through our activities together, we started exploring many locales in the state. I feel I owe a significant debt for those that preserved and protected these locales. What experience do I bring to bear?

My BSA involvement included extensive training associated with leading safe trips for youth. At the local level, I was the committee chair for about 5 years, and helped to lead the outdoor program. I started the Navigation training program for adults at the Council

Level and am the liaison between the LA Orienteering Club and the LA Council of BSA. I 'gained' my I-rating last year and have led some 30 peaks for the HPS along with maintaining my commitments to BSA (eg, led youth trips to Ken Pt, Olancha, Rixford, Gould, and Conness). What do I think the issues are? Like any club, we have issues of personality and substance. Hopefully, we all can move beyond the first and work the second. It is clear that we have a lot of folks that are very committed to improving and participating in the HPS. My concerns are probably the same as everyone, how to balance those actions described in the Sierra Club Credo: Exploration, Enjoyment, and Protection. I tend to support those activities that minimize environmental impacts, allowing for any safety shortfall to be made up in improved training. So I would discourage cairn building and tape hanging, but encourage Orienteering and Bouldering. I would encourage more to become leaders, and to always improve their skills. I would also encourage those that are not in our club, but in the various Internet Clubs, to join us in our quest to Explore, Enjoy, and Protect.

Wolf Leverich

An active "I" leader, I favor (and lead) more and varied outings: newbie hikes, tough climbs, K-9, snowshoes, mountain bikes, ... I support and lead at events like Spring Fling, Waterman Rendezvous, and Oktoberfest. I actively recruit new leaders.

As Mountain Records Chair, I work to improve peak guides and maps. This year we've updated 80+ guides and maps, though there's still much to be done. I'm active in trail maintenance, believing we should have one ducked and cleared route to each peak while leaving other routes as natural as possible.

While in title HPS Treasurer and Webmaster, credit's fairly due Sandy Burnside (our Comptroller) for extreme competence in handling our finances and Karen Leverich for outstanding work at maintaining outings and emblems while bringing many historical trip reports online.

If re-elected to the Management Committee, I'll do my best to continue to help us explore, enjoy, and protect our mountains.

Kathy Cheever

I believe that in order to be motivated to explore, enjoy and protect the wild places of the earth, we need to be in them. I believe our peaks can provide numerous opportunities to explore a vast assortment of wilderness adventures. I believe that these adventures should be obtainable to anyone who wants to experience them. I believe that hiking, biking, snowshoeing, and/or whatever you do to enjoy our wilderness areas accomplish these goals! I believe that the HPS management committee should concentrate on keeping our peaks accessible and on making these objectives fun, safe, attainable, and an experience that makes us yearn for more. The committee should take time to talk with people so we can

represent the thoughts and desires of the members. I've enjoyed being this year's secretary and working with all the members of the committee and hope to continue working with them next year!

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