

THE LOOKOUT

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Results of Hundred Peaks Section 2003 Election

Approximately 44% of members returned ballots in this year's election. This was yet another excellent turnout! The three bylaw changes were approved.

After tabulation, and discussion among the elected members of the Management Committee, the following positions have been determined for 2004:

Chair: Vice Chair, Programs: Kathy Cheever Laura Joseph

Secretary:

Winnette Butler

Mountain Records Committee Chair,

Co-Webmaster

Wolf Leverich

Outings Chair, Co-Webmaster Karen Leverich Membership Chair, Merchandiser Lynda Armbruster

Past Chair, Safety Chair

Ray Wolfe

These seven serve as the elected, and voting, members of the Management Committee. They will be joined by several non-voting appointees. The Committee is presently confirming these appointees.

Fires and Peak Suspensions

Due to the closure of many portions of the Angeles, San Bernardino and Cleveland National Forests and all of Cuyamaca Rancho State Park until next spring. the following peaks have been temporarily suspended from the HPS List: 17G-H (Buck Point, San Sevaine Lookout). 19A-D (Cleghorn, Cajon, and Sugarpine Mountains. Monument Peak #2), 32D-G (Middle Cuyamaca, Cuyamaca, Stonewall, and Oakzanita Peaks). Smith Mountain (suspended last January due to access restrictions) remains suspended.

While a peak is suspended, you don't need to have climbed it to earn a List completion emblem. That is, you don't need to have climbed Smith in order to finish the List. However, if you have climbed a suspended peak, you can still count it towards your 100 Peaks Emblem, 200 Peaks Bar. etc.

With so many jurisdictions involved, the restrictions on entry and hiking the many burned areas will likely be frequently changing. Your Management Committee will attempt to respond to these changes in a timely manner.

To find out if a peak has been suspended, visit the

http://angeles.sierraclub.org/hps/hpslist.htm. Suspensions (if any) will be noted next to the name of the peak on the list. Updates on suspended peaks will also appear in The Lookout.

Annual Awards Banquet Saturday, January 24, 2004

Join us for a "Celebration of Fifty Years of the Hundred Peaks Section," featuring reminiscences- visual and oral- 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). Buy 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. Reservationist: SANDY BURNSIDE, 256 South Craig Dr. Orange, CA 92869. Raffle coordinator: LAURA JOSEPH

Ninth Annual Joint Climbing Groups' Social Program

Thursday, February 5, 2004

Annual Program for all Climbing Sections: Join us for the 9th annual joint climbing groups social program, hosted this year by HPS. In a departure from the usual, there will be an important 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 paraphemalia. Swap Meet: 6:30. Show: 7:30 pm at the Griffith Park Ranger Station auditorium. For information, contact HPS Program Chair: LAURA JOSEPH

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

For Period October 5 to December 10, 2003

Karen Leverich finishes List #2

Prepared by Laura Joseph, Membership Chair

ACHIEVEMENT	DATE	PEAK NAME	SEQUENCE
List Completion No. 2			
Karen Leverich	11/21/03	Crafts Peak	41
Pathfinder 200			
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and peak name of #200. We'll include a	Il the claimants in the next	report in the sequence i	n which #200 was
reached. Thereafter, sequence will be ba	ased on date of notification.		
Pathfinder 100			
James Carden	10/5/03	Thom Point	3 5
200 Peaks Emblem			
Larry Campbell	11/2/03	Cross Mtn	404
100 Peaks Emblem			
Robert McEwan	10/11/03	Mt Hillyer	1057
Bill Hauser	10/18/03	Mt Hillyer	1058
Lonnie DeCloedt	10/23/03	Silver Peak	1059
Lonnie wonders if anyone else did their fi	rst 100 by themself?		
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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS	New Subscr	New Subscribers	
Ann Trank	Gerry Ong		
Bill Hauser	Susan McCr	eary	
Diana Neff-Estrada			
Jane Simpson			
Calvin & Ruth Boyer			

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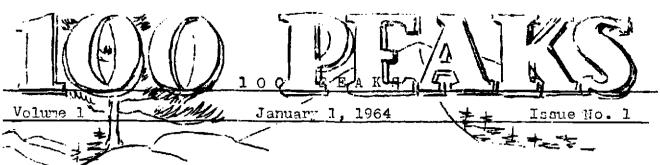
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Members (total)	446	436	42	3	15
Subscribers	121	118	72	9	14
Total	579	558	Please see mailing label for your renewal date		

This is the last report I will do as Membership Chair. On January 1, Lynda Armbruster will take over in that position and I will focus my efforts on my role as Programs (aka Social) Chair and Vice-Chair. I've genuinely enjoyed the opportunity the Membership position has given me to interact with so many really great people who are the members of HPS. Be kind to Lynda and get your renewals in on time!

And be sure to get your reservation in for the Banquet right away! We might sell out. Laura

The Hundred Peaks Section Website is at http://angeles.sierraclub.org/hps/.

It contains UP TO THE MOMENT information about upcoming outings, special events, and peak accessibility, as well as historical information about our members, our peak guides, peak trip reports, and much, much more! Please check it out.



As a fitting introduction to this new publication nothing could be more suitable than to quote from Weldon Heald's article on the subject, which appeared in the Oct. 160 Southern Sierran.

"Southern Californians are lucky. Los Angeles and Vienna are the only two cities of over a million population in the entire world that have great mountain ranges at their doorsteps. High above the crowded, smorgy valleys, from Santa Barbara to San Diego, are running streams, green meadows, little tarns and forests where the sun-filtered peace is broken only by the sighing of the pines. May be they aren't the highest mountains in the world, the grandest, or the most beautiful - but they provide a mighty satisfying escape hatch from the tensions of modern living.

For many years in my spare time I headed for those high places. Although more interested in exploring Southern California's exhilirating rooftops then in peakbagging, I found in 1946 that I had stood upon 100 summits over 5,000 ft. altitude between Tchachapi Pass and the Mexican border. The experience in doing so had been so gratifying that I suggested to a few follow Sierrans that we start a "Bundred Peaks Came." The rules were simple - reach the top of 100 Southern California mountains, 5,000° or over, on foot, horseback, car, helicopter or levitation. They liked the idea, and for something to aim at we prepared a list of all 188 named peaks in the Santa Berbara, San Gabriel, San Bernardino, San Jacinto, San Diego and other smaller Southern California ranges. Among these we were surprised that 13 topped 10,000 ft. elevation.

The Hundred Poaks gare cought on immediately, and since than an increasing number of enthusiastic Sierra Club members have been ferreting out remote roads, trils, conyons, and firebreaks to reach seldor-visited mountains to add to their collection. All Hundred Peakers keep records and compare notes, and attaining the century surmit is an occasion for congratulation and colobration. It also means that the distinctive blue-and-white enough Hundred Peaks embler

The "Game" was a popular Sierra Club activity with no official status until 1955, whon it became a full-fludged section of the Angeles Chapter. Then, bylaws were adopted, chairman and other officers elected, and a definite purpose stated. This reads: "to encourage the climbing of peaks throughout Southern Californi; to proserve records, history and other information of these pecks; and to bring together those having this mutual interest. Peaks shall be over 5,000', south of the Tehnchapi Pass and west of the desert basins." A revised list of 212 named mountains was compiled and membership opened to all Sierrans who reach the top of may 25 of them.

But thatever the Hundred Peaks Section may do in the future, there isn't a doubt that it has already greatly stimulated appreciation of Southern California's natural heritage. Up in the quist, unspeiled sky-country, its members seen to have found an entidate to the fast-paced valleys below. And, best of all, their field is not some for-distant wilderness realm, berd to reach, but friendly, easily accessible mountains which may be visited in a day's round-trip from their own marages.

100 Peaks Officers Chairman Mary Moisel Vice Chriman....Glonn Stevenson Secr.-Treas......Bill Rietkerk So. Siorran Repr. Bob Hawthorne Senior Officer Walt Wheelock

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This is the first issue of the 100 Peaks bulletin. Like all newly discovured peaks it's nameloss. So get busy and think of one. There'll be a prize for the best name - semething suitable for a peak bagger's bull tin. The officers will be the judges. Deadline: March 20th. Meil suggestions to: Mary Moisel.

In connection with this, denstions are needed. It is hoped to obtain enough blue and green trading starps to get a thermic jug or thermos, just the thing for that refreshing pause after a dusty hile. This will be the winner's prize. And while we're on the subject of donations, also needed is some of that groon stuff (lucre) for expenses involved in this and future or aver. Let us know your interissues. (\$1.00 would be fine for a yoar.) Perhaps of the next annual meeting the by-laws can be changed so that \$1.00 and so that the care of the content would take care of such exponses.

Send denations to Bill Rietkork, so please save that and pass 1941 Clancho Way, L.A. 28, stemps to Mary Meisel, 15101 Kingsbury St.,

Mission Hills. This publication will be issued four times a year. If you think it should be monthly, drop the editor a line, or phone, and let your opinions be knewn.

The "Format"

In the bulletin it is heped to cover such subjects as do-scriptions of hikes, proviouing the new schedule, news on peaks such as inaccessibility, items of historical interest, changes in reads leading to podrs, news about mombors, perhaps a question & answer column, peck-of-the-month and the column in ich will feature what is called the "American's privilege" .- the gripe. So send in your news, gripes, peak facto, etc. If you have a gripe you're just dying to hir and got wish to romain anonorgous, ok, mo promiso not to use your nere.

The Annual Picnic

A number of changes were decided on. In addition to the new officers shown on this page, there were several innovations. New omblem holders will be taken out to dinner (the officers and those proviously taken to dinner are responsible for arrangements.) So, if you're getting near that 100 mark let one of the officers know, and the date of the dinner can be published in the next issue. A restaurant mill be chosen near the member's home.

A certificat: will be issued

to those with 25 publis.

It is hoped to have a group party soon for all with 200 peaks est in this.

Attachments to the emblem will be obtained for those with 200 or over.

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Mar. 7 - McDill, Eurnt, Sawnill, Liebre

15 - Black & Meeks

28 - Lookout #2

Apr. 4 - Twin Poaks

11 - Disappointment & Scn@brie1

May 9 - Pilot Rock, Marie Louise 16-17 - Madulcd, West Pine, Big Pine, Samon

23 - San Sevaine Lookout

June 6-7 - 3 Sisters & Onyx 13-14 - Pacheco & Hot Springs 20 - Ross Mtn.

Unloss there were some last minute changes, that's the list for the



<u> Peak-Of-The-Month</u> - Vill Thrall

This 7978 peak was formerly Pleasant View Ridge. On July 1st it was renamed for Jill Thrall, a writer, whose columns appeared in the Los Angeles Times for many years. (Dick Worsfold has a collection of them.) Thrall wrote on the San Gabriels, and so renaming the peak for him was very fitting. He also wrote for Sunset Magazine. Because of his love for nature and his senuine interest in the San Gabriels to rated high with the rangers. He sought to interest others in hiking and to save the mountains for hiking. lived to be about 84 years. Will Thrall Took can be done from either the desert near Valyormo or from Lughhorn.

/ - Steve Molnar

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Mineral Mtn. trip. Who
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There have been several complaints made to the 100 Feaks Chairman about schedule conflicts - 100 Feaks done by other groups on the same we kend as a 100 peak hike. If you have a strong opinion on this, one way or the other, please come to the January business meeting, date and place of which will appear elsewhere in this bulletin. Two or more peak hikes for the same weekend make it difficult to decide which to de and some peak baggers object strenuously.

Your Chairman.

Kelp!

If you've moved, please send Secretary Bill Rictkerk your new address so that the records can be brought up to date. Future issues wen't have a 5% stamp so will not be forwarded if you move. The records need to be brought up to date. In checking them over it was found that some members were deceased. See what we mean?

Date: January 17th (3rd Fri.) Time: 7:30 p.M. Place: Home of Lill Rietkerk

All officers and interested perk-baggers please attend. TE TANT YOU IN PERSONS

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Our sincere thanks to Derothy Cutler who volunteered to run off the first couple of issues. (So. Sierran Ed. for a long time)

Hundred Peaks Section Outings and Safety Policy

Revised: June 12, 2003

I. Classification of Outings

Outings shall be rated as "!", "O", or "M" in accordance with Angeles Chapter Safety Committee policy. Routes to peaks on the current HPS list are considered to be rated either "O" or "I" except for certain "M" peaks or routes listed in Section V below. Ascents by unusual routes involving class 3 or higher climbing or under snow and ice conditions which ordinarily involve moderate or higher technical difficulties shall be rated "M" or "E".

II. Outings and Safety Chair

- A. The Outings Chair and the Safety Chair shall be experienced mountaineers and outings leaders, and shall be familiar with the peaks on the HPS list and with the capabilities of HPS leaders. These Chairs will normally, but not necessarily, be the same person.
- B. The Outings Chair shall maintain a current file of leaders and their certification level as approved by Angeles Chapter.

III. Outings Requirements and Distribution of Write-Ups for Approved Trips

- A. Proposed outings write-ups shall be submitted to the Outings Chair for approval and distribution for publication. For jointly sponsored outings, the write-up shall be submitted through the first mentioned sponsor, with a copy sent to the Outings Chair of the other named sponsors. The Outings Chair will be responsible for distributing approved Outings for listing.
- B. Every outing shall be listed in the Angeles Chapter Schedule of Activities, The HPS newsletter (The Lookout) or the HPS internet website.
- C. The outing write-up shall define requirements placed on participants as to effort required (distance, elevation gain, etc.) and special skills and equipment, including the difficulty level classification.

IV. Leader Qualifications

- A. Leaders of HPS sponsored outings are expected to be HPS members, however exceptions may be authorized by the HPS Outings Chair. Leaders must be Sierra Club members in good standing.
- B. For any outing, the leader and the assistant leader must be rated by the Chapter as being qualified to conduct outings of the designated rating.
- C. It is the policy of the HPS that both leaders should have climbed the peak before conducting the outing, preferably within 3 months of the scheduled date. However, HPS will accept for scheduling, at the discretion of the Outings Chair, outings where the leaders have not previously climbed the peak and are not planning to scout it, providing that one of the following criteria is met:
 - (1) The outing is listed as "exploratory", or
 - (2) A route in the HPS approved Peak Guide is followed.
- D. Leaders must follow the current HPS Outings and Angeles Chapter Safety Committee Policies.

V. Leader Qualifications for "M" Rated Peaks and Routes

- A. The following routes in the approved HPS Peak Guides are considered to be third class ("M" rated) routes;
 - 11 Five Fingers by all routes.
 - 11B Strawberry Peak by Route 2 (via Colby Canyon).
 - 28A Lily Rock by all routes.
 - 28E Antsell Rock by all routes.

The HPS Peak Guides shall indicate the "M" rating of these routes.

- B. "I" rated leaders who wish to lead the routes in Section V.A. must be approved by the Chapter Safety Committee. The Chapter Safety Committee is delegating to the HPS Management Committee to recommend to the Safety Committee leaders who they feel should be granted the privilege of leading these "M" rated routes. In order to be recommended, "I" rated leaders shall meet the following criteria (set by the HPS Management):
 - (1) Previously led at least 20 sanctioned HPS "I" rated peaks,
 - (2) Previously been a participant on a hike with an M (or higher) rated leader, or an "I" rated leader who has been approved by HPS, to the peak by the route they plan to lead. [the hike need not have been a scheduled Sierra Club outing].

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- (3) Shall have experience at climbing on 3rd class rock, and demonstrated knowledge of the risks of the 3rd class climb and the skills to manage a group so that the risks are minimized.
- (4) Shall have applied to the HPS Safety Chair stating their qualifications for leading each of the routes in V.A.
- C. The outing shall be listed as "M".
- D. The following peaks shall require "M" (or higher) rated leaders to climb the summit block highest point. "I" rated leaders may lead to the base of the summit block (register location), but neither they nor their participants shall climb the highest point.
 - 2Q Weldon Peak 27G Cornell Peak 28K Pine Mtn #2

28N Rock Point

The HPS Peak Guides shall indicate the leader requirements for these routes.

- D. "M" or higher rated leaders are required for any exploratory or undocumented (not described in the HPS Peak Guide) route that is likely to require class 3 or higher climbing, for example, Iron Mtn #1 from Mt San Antonio.
- E. Winter hikes in snow conditions:
 - 1. Normally "O" rated routes shall become at least "!" rated under conditions requiring snowshoes or skis.
 - Routes requiring ice axe and crampons shall become restricted "E" rated.

VI. Outing Procedures

- A. Leaders are expected to be familiar with Sierra Club National and Angeles Chapter policies, which take precedence over HPS policies.
- B. Every outing shall have at least two leaders. Trips with large groups may need more than 2 leaders for adequate control. All leaders have to be rated appropriately to the outing.
- C. A sign-in sheet with waiver approved by the Sierra Club shall be used on all outings to check participants in and out. The leaders shall ascertain that all participants legibly list their emergency phone numbers and automobile license plate numbers in the spaces provided for this information. All participants shall be checked in and out.
- D. The leaders should have available Sierra Club and HPS Membership information for nonmembers.
- E. The leaders are responsible for enforcing Sierra Club rules of conduct on the outing.
- F. The leaders shall check that all participants are properly equipped and qualified for the outing requirements.

 For outings rated "O" or "I", this check may be made at the road head.

 For "M" or higher rated outings, reservations shall be required with the check on participant qualifications as a part of the reservation procedure.
- G. The leaders shall keep the group under control at all times and exercise prudent judgment at all times during the trip.
- H. The leaders shall modify the outing plan as necessary to avoid exceeding the capability of the group.
- The leaders shall abort the outing objective if circumstances prevent its completion in safety.

ADDENDUM

Definitions (in accordance with Chapter Safety Committee policy at the time of this revision)

- O: Class 1 hiking and no technical difficulty
- i: Outings involving navigation skills or class 2 climbing and little technical difficulty
- M: Outings involving greater technical difficulty, including class 3 climbing

Fire on the Mountains by Karen Isaacson Leverich

I went hiking on Sunday, October 26th, to Sawtooth Mountain and Burnt Peak. From the summits, we could see not one, not two, but many huge plumes of smoke. We were observing the beginnings of the Piru Fire and the Simi Fire and, further away, the Grand Prix and Old Fires. I spent the next days in front of my TV, hypnotized and horrified by the round-the-clock coverage.

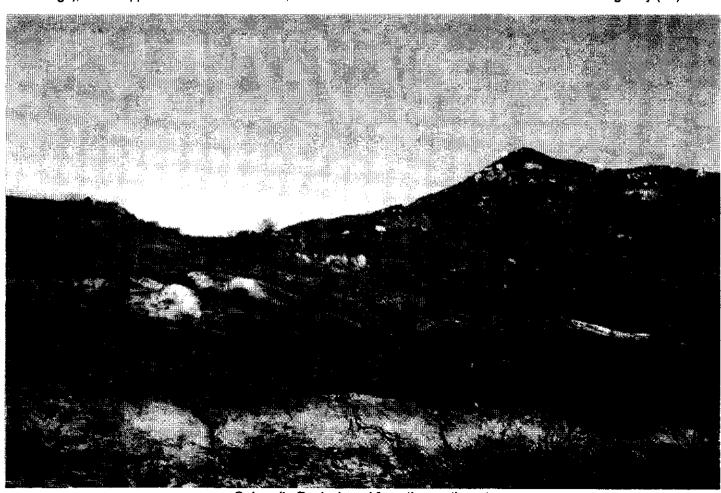
What the reporters didn't, couldn't, know, was what the fires would mean to hikers. Everyone, understandably, was focussed on the question of danger to life and property. But now the first winter rain and snow has come, the temperatures and the winds have dropped, and we can start to understand the devastation of these huge fires. In particular, for HPS, what burned? What's closed?

A caveat up front: from the various maps I've seen, I can tell you which peaks are within the burned perimeter, and which are not. Until someone actually goes there, it's hard to know for sure what burned and what didn't. In last year's fires, for instance, South Hawkins is within the burn perimeter, and in fact, the lookout burned. But if you visit the peak (as I did a few months ago), what happened there is a mix. Yes, the

lookout burned, But many tall trees on the summit survived. I hiked down from Angeles Crest Highway, through totally burned patches, and through areas hardly touched by fire. If we're lucky, many of our peaks will have been similarly at least partially spared. Not all of them, though: see Joe's photograph of Oakzanita Peak!

CEDAR FIRE: This fire in San Diego County burned almost 300,000 acres, mainly south and west of Julian. It devastated Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, which includes four of our peaks: Cuyamaca, Middle, Stonewall, and Oakzanita, Joe (and several other HPSers) visited the area in mid-November. He writes: "Middle Cuyamaca appeared to be charred, but the lighting was poor and we weren't sure if we saw damage or not. (From a distance burned trees look a lot like unburnt trees.) Ditto for Cuyamaca Peak. But my guess is that those peaks were incinerated. However, there was no mistaking the total devastation of Stonewall Peak and Oakzanita Peak. The areas along side 79 were charred, including the camparounds. No parking alongside 79 was permitted." Cuyamaca Rancho State Park (and our four peaks within its boundaries) will be closed at least until spring, and perhaps longer.

The fire burnt to the Sunrise Highway (S1) but



Oakzanita Peak viewed from the southwest

only crossed it in one large area. Foster Lodge did not burn. Joe reports: "It appears that the traditional roadhead for Garnet Peak (5880'+) (the Garnet to the south) was charred, and probably the peak itself." I hiked Garnet Peak before the fire: it had been partially burned in the Pala Fire last year, and there was thick poodle dog on the final approach to the summit. Garnet Mountain was totally burned over in the Pala Fire, but the Cedar fire did not touch Garnet Mountain. It sounds as if the Cedar Fire burned the parts the Pala Fire missed. Monument, Sheephead, and Cuyapaipe were all spared. My understanding is that these areas are now open to hikers, but suggest you double-check with Cleveland Forest before heading down that way.

PARADISE FIRE: Also in San Diego County, this fire burned just under 60,000 acres. It forced the closure of areas containing our peaks, but never jumped Highway 76, so all the peaks in that area remained unburned. In particular, Boucher Hill, Eagle Crag, Palomar High Point, Combs, etc. did not burn.

OLD FIRE: This was the huge fire in San Bernardino National Forest, to the east of the I-15/215 corridor. Almost 100,000 acres burned, including several hundred homes along Hook Creek Road (one of our approaches to Deer Mountain). At the Big Bear Discovery Center, north of Big Bear Lake, they have a large detailed map that shows the burn perimeter. Within the burned perimeter: Mill, Cajon, Cleghorn, Sugarpine, and Monument. Not burned: Deer, Keller, Slide, Pinnacles, Marie Louise. A large portion of San Bernardino National Forest containing many of our peaks remains closed: more on that below.

PADUA and GRAND PRIX FIRES: These fires burned mainly in the foothills to the west of I-15/215, threatening Rancho Cucamonga, and burning around 70,000 acres. Within the burn perimeter were Buck Point, San Sevaine, and Etiwanda. From the maps, it appears that Cucamonga may also have burned, but George Wysup has heard that Cucamonga was spared.

A news release dated November 6th from the San Bernardino National Forest details the closures still in effect. It's probable these areas will remain closed until

late spring. The issue they're addressing is "damage by vehicles" — probably dirt bikes. But the only way to prevent that damage is to keep everyone out. The release states that "[t]he closure area includes all National Forest land between the Angeles National Forest on the west and Highway 330 on the east, with the exception of the area north of Lone Pine Canyon Road. In the area east of Running Springs, the closure extends east along Highway 18 to Green Valley Road, then northeast along Forest Roads 3N16 and 3N14 to the Forest boundary. Forest Roads 1N09 and 1N13 will be closed, as well as all Forest roads and trails within the closure area."

What does that mean for HPS? Taking the described area literally, it includes (on the border) Pine. Wright, Dawson, San Antonio (Baldy), Harwood, Telegraph, Timber, Bighorn, and Ontario, Suggestion: before hiking these peaks, stop by the Baldy Ranger Station and confirm their status. Also closed: Cucamonga, Etiwanda, Gobblers Knob, Buck Point, San Sevaine, Cleghorn, Caion, Sugarpine, Monument, Pinnacles, Marie Louise, Deer, Hawes, Shay, Little Shay, Ingham, and Luna. Open: Circle, Rattlesnake, Round, White, Butler, Crafts, Mill, Keller, and Slide, For these remaining closed peaks, I'd check at a local San Bernardino Ranger Station for the current status of the closure. I know Luna has recently been hiked even though the area is closed: there were no signs, the parking area is on BLM land rather than in SBNF. Caveat hiker!

PIRU FIRE: This was a large fire north of the towns of Piru and Fillmore, burning north into the Sespe Condor Sanctuary and the Sespe Wilderness. A closure was in effect that included several of our peaks, but was mainly lifted on November 14th. None of our peaks are within the burn perimeter, nor in the remaining closed area (south of the Condor Sanctuary).

Bottom line: the devastation in our forests is huge. We won't understand the implications for months to come. HPS will be exploring ways to help, such as volunteering to replant trees. More on that in future issues!

Upcoming Special Events

January 13, 2004 Tuesday
Management Committee Meeting
Meet 6:30 PM at the home of Laura Joseph, 2386 East
Del Mar Blvd, #328. Please call Laura (626) 356 - 4158
if you plan to attend.

January 24, 2004 Saturday
Hundred Peaks Section Annual Awards Banquet
(See front page for details.)
Les Freres Taix Restaurant
1911 Sunset Blvd
Los Angeles

February 5, 2004 Thursday

7:30 pm at the Griffith Park Ranger Station auditorium. HPS Management Committee meets prior o the Combined meeting. Please call Program Chair: LAURA JOSEPH or check the HPS Website for information.

March 28, 2004
Angeles Chapter Awards Banquet
Please save this date! HPS will reserve tables for its
members. See the next issue of **The Lookout** for information.

The Hundred Peaks Section Website is at http://angeles.sierraclub.org/hps/. Check it out!



Advance Schedule December 27, 2003 to July 3, 2004 By Karen Isaacson Leverich



Come get high with us.

Dec 27 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Mount Lawlor (5957'), Strawberry Peak (6164'): Moderately paced hike to prominent peaks in lower San Gabriels. 7 miles round trip, 2200' gain. Meet 8:30 am La Cañada rideshare point. Recent rain cancels. Leader: DAVE BEYMER Co-Leader: MAURA RAFFENSPERGER

Dec 31 Wed New Outing, not in Schedule I: Tehachapi Mountain (7960+'), Black Mountain #3 (5686'): Work up an appetite before you head off to celebrate New Years Eve with these two very different peaks located near each other and near Tehachapi. Depending on how the winter is progressing, we may need snowshoes for Tehachapi, which will be about 4 miles round trip, 2000' gain. Black is about 3 miles, 1500'. SASE to karen@mtpinos.com or PO Box 6831, Frazier Park, CA, 93222 a few days before the hike. Leaders: WOLF LEVERICH, KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH

Jan 1 Thu New Outing, not in Schedule I: Cross Mountain (5203'), Chuckwalla Mountain (5209'): Help Wolf celebrate (?) the 2nd anniversary of his broken leg. Yup, New Years Day, 2002, he took a tumble coming down Chuckwalla... We'll not recreate that! Anyhow, a leisurely pace will get us through this strenuous hike on sometimes steep terrain with poor traction, 12 miles round trip, 4200' gain. SASE to karen@mtpinos.com or PO Box 6831, Frazier Park, CA, 93222 a few days before the hike with information about your conditioning (even with take it slowly, this is a tough hike). Leaders: WOLF LEVERICH, KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH

Jan 3 Sat New Outing, not in Schedule
O: Garnet Mountain (5680'), Garnet Peak (5880+'), Monument
Peak #1 (6271'): Three easy peaks near Julian give us the
chance to see the devastation of the Cedar Fire and bag a few
peaks, perhaps as pathfinders. Three separate hikes, totalling
about 6 miles round trip, 1200' gain. SASE to
karen@mtpinos.com or PO Box 6831, Frazier Park, CA,
93222 a few days before the hike. Leaders: WOLF
LEVERICH, KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH

Jan 3 Sat Wilderness Adventures, WTC
O: Mount Pinos Snowshoe: Winter snow play on moderately paced 4 miles round trip, 500' gain snowshoe hike on groomed road and trail on gentile slopes of Mount Pinos and Condor Observation Site in Los Padres National Forest. Send sase/email, your interest, rideshare info to Leader: JANE SIMPSON Co-Leaders: BILL VALENTINE, DAVID COPLEN

Jan 4 Sun Hundred Peaks
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 4 Sun New Outing, not in Schedule
O: Hot Springs Mountain (6533'), Palomar Mountain (6140'),
Boucher Hill (5438'): The success of this outing depends on
several miles of dirt road being open and driveable. If that part
works out, you won't. Palomar will be about a mile of hiking,
200' gain; Boucher Hill is paved all the way to the summit
(though if a gate is closed, it's about 1 miles round trip,
modest gain); and Hot Springs is maybe 1/4 mile round trip,
50' of gain? SASE to karen@mtpinos.com or PO Box 6831,
Frazier Park, CA, 93222 a few days before the hike. Your high
clearance vehicle especially welcome! Leaders: WOLF
LEVERICH, KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH

Jan 7 Wed Hundred Peaks, Local Hikes
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

Jan 10-11 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks
!: 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@aoi.com) Assistant: GEORGE WYSUP (geowy@charter.net)

Jan 10 Sat Hundred Peaks
New Outing, not in Schedule
I: Mount Lukens (5074'): Join HPS members on their 50th
Anniversary year and our 21st annual mid-winter ascent of
"Sister Elsie." Hike two new trails from Deukmejian Park in La
Crescenta. Moderate hike involves 11 miles round trip, 2600'
gain on trails, fire roads & firebreaks. Meet 9 am La Cañada
rideshare point or 8 am at Hill Street Café (Foothill @ Angeles
Crest Hwy) for breakfast. Bring water, sturdy boots, and
goodies to share as we celebrate on top. Leaders: BOBCAT
THOMPSON, STAG BROWN, JOE YOUNG

Jan 10 Sat Wilderness Adventures, Pasadena
O: Mount Wilson Rim Ramble: Moderate 9 miles, 3000'
loss/gain. From Mount Wilson, descend 6 miles following the
Rim Trail to Newcomb Pass and ultimately Sturtevant Camp.
Brunch and possible tour of Sturtevant Camp. Climb steep 3
miles back via Echo Rock to Mount Wilson. Be prepared for
an upside down hike, poison oak, ticks. No beginners or
tigers. Meet 8 am La Cafiada rideshare point with 2-3 quarts
water, lunch, hiking books, Adventure Pass. Rain cancels.
Leaders: TERRY GINSBERG, PAM ALLEN

Jan 11 Sun Hundred Peaks
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 11 Sun Pasadena
O: Vetter Mountain from Charlton Flat: Moderate 4 miles, 500'
gain hike to historic fire lookout with panoramic view of
snow-capped Front Range peaks. Optional hike to Devils
Peak, 400' gain, after lunch. meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare
point with water, lunch, lugsoles. Heavy rain/snow cancels.
Leaders: DAVID CZAMANSKE, BOB MEADE

Jan 11 Sun Ski Mountaineers TI: Mount Pinos (LO) (8831') and Sawmill Mountain (8818'): Local ski trip from parking lot at road's end to Mount Pinos and Sawmill Mountain. 6 miles round trip, 1200' gain. If the road is closed at McGill Campground, we will ski from there. Suitable for touring skis. Call/email Leader: JAN ST AMAND Assistant: TOM MARSH

Jan 13 Tue Hundred Peaks
Management Meeting: Please join us for our monthly open
management committee meeting. For time and location,
contact Membership Chair: LAURA JOSEPH

Jan 14 Wed Hundred Peaks, Local Hikes
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

Jan 17 Sat Hundred Peaks
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 17 Sat Antelope Valley
O: San Gabriel Peak (6161'): This is an easy hike up San
Gabriel Peak (6161') near Mount Wilson. Join us for a 3 1/2
mile round trip, 1000' gain hike to the crest of the front range
for a 360° panoramas of the San Gabriel peaks and valley.
Meet 9 am Palmdale rideshare point or 10 am Red Box
parking area. Bring lunch, lugsoles, water, layered clothing in
case of wind and cold at the top. Rain cancels. Leader: BILL
BRENNAN Co-Leader: VERN BENHART

Jan 17 Sat New Outing, not in Schedule
I: Occidental Peak (5732'), Mount Wilson (5710'):
Peakbaggers and newcomers only need apply for this short sweet hike past a scenic antenna and along a ridge to the summit of Occidental: 2 miles round trip, 200' gain. Then hop in the cars and bag Wilson the lazy way. Maybe call it a day or maybe do some other nearby easy peaks. SASE to karen@mtpinos.com or PO Box 6831, Frazier Park, CA, 93222 a few days before the hike. Leaders: WOLF LEVERICH, KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH

Jan 17-19 Sat-Mon Wilderness Adventures
I: Martin Luther King Joshua Tree National Park Carcamp:
Camp at group site Sat and Sun nights (Fri optional).
Dayhikes include Eagle Cliff and other mines (4 miles, 700' gain), Queen Mountain (8 miles, 1200' gain), Ryan Mountain (3 miles, 1000' gain). Some rock scrambling; not for beginners. Optional dinner in 29 Palms Sat night. Group will share modest campground expense, max \$15 each. Send 2 sase/email, recent conditioning/experience, H&W phones, rideshare info to Leader: DEAN WALLRAFF Co-Leaders:
BETH POWIS, TERRY GINSBERG

Jan 18 Sun New Outing, not in Schedule
O: Condor Peak (5440'), Fox Mountain #2 (5033'): Slow
paced hike, 14 miles round trip, 3000' gain. Some dirt road
driving, but 4wd not required. If clear weather, we will access
via Gleason Road and time and energy allowing include Iron
#2 (5635') and Gleason (6520+'). If there has been early
snow, we will instead access from Vogel Flats. Meet 7 am La
Cañada rideshare point. Bring lugsoles, 3 quarts water, lunch,
10 essentials. Leaders: MARK ALLEN, WOLF LEVERICH,
KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH

Jan 20 Tue Hundred Peaks
O: Tecuya Mountain (7155'): Easy peak in Los Padres
National Forest. We will hike Route 2, 1 ½ 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 22 Thu New Outing, not in Schedule
I: Butterfly Peak (6228'), Rock Point (5280') Two rocky summits at the south end of the Desert Divide. 8 miles, 2400' gain. SASE to karen@mtpinos.com or PO Box 6831, Frazier Park, CA, 93222 a few days before the hike. Leaders: WOLF LEVERICH, KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH

Jan 23 Fri New Outing, not in Schedule
I: Ken Point (6423'), Asbestos Mountain (5265'): Stretch your legs the day before the banquet with these two peaks just off the Palms to Pines Highway between Mountain Center and Palm Desert. Asbestos is 3 miles, 1000' gain, steep and rocky in dramatic desert terrain. Ken Point is ten or so miles, 1500' gain. SASE to karen@mtpinos.com or PO Box 6831, Frazier

Park, CA, 93222 a few days before the hike. Leaders: WOLF LEVERICH, KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH

\{ Jan 24 Sat Hundred Peaks

Annual Awards Banquet: See front page for info!

Jan 25 Sun Hundred Peaks, WTC
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

Jan 28 Wed Hundred Peaks, Local Hikes
I: Vetter Mountain (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

Jan 29 Thu New Outing, not in Schedule
I: Combs Peak (6193'): A few miles of PCT then some steep use trail takes us to the top of this peak north of Warner Springs. 5 miles round trip, 1200' gain, if the gate is open. Longer (or postponed)otherwise. SASE to karen@mtpinos.com or PO Box 6831, Frazier Park, CA,93222 a few days before the hike. Leaders: WOLF LEVERICH, KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH

Jan 30 Fri New Outing, not in Schedule I: Beauty Peak (5580'), Iron Spring Mountain (5755'): Let's explore these brushy beauties before the ticks come out this year. The usual tremendous views you've come to depend upon in HPS. Not to mention lots of nifty chaparral on this pair of peaks near Aguanga. 8 miles round trip, 2500' gain. SASE to karen@mtpinos.com or PO Box 6831, Frazier Park, CA, 93222 a few days before the hike. Leaders: WOLF LEVERICH, KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH

Feb 1 Sun Hundred Peaks, WTC
O: Mount Markham (5742'), Mount Lowe (5603'): Strenuous hike to these two historic peaks. 15 miles r/t, 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

Feb 1 Sun New Outing, not in Schedule
O: Barley Flats (5600'): Slow paced hike, 8 miles from Big
Tujunga Road, gain 2200'. Newcomers welcome. Meet 8 am
La Cañada rideshare point. Bring lugsoles, 3 quarts water,
lunch, 10 essentials. Leaders: MARK ALLEN, WOLF
LEVERICH, KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH

Feb 4 Wed Hundred Peaks, etc. Annual Program for all Climbing Sections: This has been rescheduled to February 5th. See below.

Feb 5 Thu HPS, SPS, DPS, LPC, Ski Mountaineers
Annual Program for all Climbing Sections: Join us for the 9th
annual joint climbing groups social program, hosted this year
by HPS. In a departure from the usual, there will be an
important 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 preceeds
meeting; bring all your unwanted hiking and camping
paraphernalia. Swap Meet: 6:30. Show: 7:30 pm at the Griffith
Park Ranger Station auditorium. HPS Program Chair: LAURA
JOSEPH

Feb 7 Sat Hundred Peaks
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 7 Sat Ski Mountaineers TI: Thunder, Telegraph, and Timber: Ski the 3 Ts in the San Gabriel Mountains. Intermediate or better skiing ability required; not for beginners. Metal-edged skis with skins required. Send experience, H&W phones, email to Leader: REINER STENZEL Assistant: RANDY LAMM Feb 14 Sat New Outing, not in Schedule I: Old Man Mountain (5525'), Monte Arido (6010'): Bring your old man (or old woman?) to celebrate Valentine's Day on these two remote peaks in Santa Barbara County. Lots of dirt road driving, then a 6 mile round trip, 1600' gain hike, on a dirt road with a brief cross-country segment. Maybe a nice dinner afterwards at Sagebrush Annie's in Ventucopa or somewhere nice in Ojai? Inability to obtain special permit will cancel or postpone trip. Number of 4WD vehicles limits number of participants. SASE to karen@mtpinos.com or PO Box 6831, Frazier Park, CA, 93222 a few days before the hike with information about your conditioning (even with take it slowly, this is a tough hike). Leaders: WOLF LEVERICH, KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH

Feb 15 Sun Hundred Peaks, WTC
O: Mount Wilson (5710'): Strenuous hike on Old Mount
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

Feb 19 Thu New Outing, not in Schedule I: Silver Peak (6756'): Join us for this simple hike near Big Bear: 3 miles round trip, 1000' gain. If everything conspires in our favor, perhaps we'll drive up the peak then hike up Mineral and/or Tip Top instead. SASE to karen@mtpinos.com or PO Box 6831, Frazier Park, CA, 93222 a few days before the hike. Your high clearance vehicle welcome! Leaders: WOLF LEVERICH, KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH

Feb 20 Fri New Outing, not in Schedule I: Chaparrosa Peak (5541'), Black Mountain #4 (6149'): Two wonderful winter peaks northwest of Yucca Valley beckon us. Chaparrosa is 6 miles, 1200', on road and trail. Black #4 is a charming cross-country trip, 4 miles, 1000' gain. SASE to karen@mtpinos.com or PO Box 6831, Frazier Park, CA, 93222 a few days before the hike. Your high clearance vehicle welcome! Leaders: WOLF LEVERICH, KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH

Feb 21 Sat Hundred Peaks 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 22 Sun New Outing, not in Schedule
O: Mount Markham (5742'), Mount Lowe (5603'): Get ready
for Spring with this great conditioning hike up historic Mount
Lowe. Moderately paced 11 miles round trip, 4200' gain total.
Meet 8:30 am at the north end of Lake Ave in Altadena. Bring
min 3 qts. water, lunch, Adventure Pass. Rain cancels.
Leader: DAVE BEYMER. Co-Leader: MAURA
RAFFENSPERGER

Feb 22 Sun Mountain Bike, Ski Mountaineers
TS: Cerro Noroeste (Mount Abel) (8280"): Mountain bike
partially snow covered paved road toward Mount Abel, 18
miles round trip max, 2000' gain. When snow coverage is
solid, abandon hiking and continue cross-country skiing. Tour
the slopes of Mount Abel. Intermediate skiing (SMS 4th Class)
and biking abilities required (B/T2/E3). Email/sase,
experience, H&W phones to Leader: REINER STENZEL
Assistant: BAHRAM MANAHEDGI

Feb 28 Sat Hundred Peaks 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 Hundred Peaks
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 Hundred Peaks
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, H/W phones to Leader: DIANE DUNBAR Assistants: ROBERT & MARKEY NEIGHBORS

Mar 2 Tue Hundred Peaks
O: Mayan Peak (6108'), Butterbredt Peak (5997'): Both peaks
north of Mojave are steep, sandy hikes of 3 miles round trip
and 1800' gain, and 2 3/4 mi round trip and 1200' gain,
respectively. Dirt road drive to trailhead requires
high-clearance vehicle. Email leader a few days before for
meeting time and place. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN,
INGEBORG PROCHAZKA

Mar 3 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Waterman (8038') from Cloudburst Summit (7018'); After peak it will be down the west ridge to Newcomb's. Car shuttle! Bring water, lunch, good footwear. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Leaders: BETH MIKA, SOUTHERN COURTNEY, BRENT WASHBURNE

Mar 5 Fri Hundred Peaks
I: San Gabriel Peak (6161'), Mount Disappointment (5960'),
Mount Deception (5796'): Moderate 6 miles round trip, 1700'
gain on road, trail, and cross-country. Enjoy panoramic views
from atop these three peaks. Slow pace, no tigers,
newcomers welcome! Sturdy hikers can stay for bonus peaks.
Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare point. Bring water, 10
essentials. Co-Leaders: KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH,
WOLF LEVERICH

Mar 6 Sat Orange County Sierra Singles
1: Mount Pinos Backcountry Ski Tour: Moderately strenuous 4 miles, 500' gain to panoramic vista. Ski from end of Mount Pinos Highway to Moderately strenuous 4 miles, 500' gain to panoramic vista. Ski from end of Mount Pinos Highway to summit at Condor Point. Possible side trips to Inspiration Point or North Ridge Overlook may add a few miles and a few 100' loss/gain. Part of route in pre-existing tracks, but recent snowfall, rutted trail or aesthetics may require breaking new trail. Intermediate cross-country skills required. Metal-edged, backcountry skis and boots highly recommended. No snow or likely blizzard cancels. 2 weeks before trip, send email/phone, experience/conditioning to Leader: MARK MITCHELL. Co-Leader: NINA KAUFMAN

Mar 7 Sun Hundred Peaks
I: Granite Mountain #2 (5633'): Late winter climb of this large peak in Anza Borrego, 155 miles from Los Angeles. Strenuous ascent from the east, 12 mi round trip, 4000' gain cross-country in steep desert terrain. Paved road driving. Send sase or esase with conditioning and experience to Leader: TOM HILL. Co-Leaders: PAT ARREDONDO, VIRGIL POPESCU

Mar 13 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: Chuckwalla Mountain (5029'), Cross Mountain (5203'): Two
cross-country desert peaks near Mojave with a fun sand slope
at end for quick descent to cars. Moderately paced, strenuous
11.5 miles round trip, 3800' gain total. Send esase (preferred)
or SASE with recent HIKING experience to leader; requests
without this will not be considered. Leader: DAVE BEYMER.
Co-Leader: MAURA RAFFENSPERGER

Mar 14 Sun Hundred Peaks
O: fron Mountain #3 (5040'), Rabbit Peak #1 (5307'):
Celebrate the anniversary of the March 10, 1946 outing to
these two peaks, the first ever "HPS game" hike to be listed in
the Schedule. Relaxed pace, 8 miles rt, 1200' gain; both
shorter and longer hiking alternatives will be available. This
special event will socialize newcomers with longtimers, the
more the merrier. Celebration at Monte Cristo Campground
after hike so bring goodies and stories to share. Meet 8 am La
Cañada rideshare point; if rain threatens call or email TOM
HILL for status. Leaders: LYNDA ARMBRUSTER, TOM
ARMBRUSTER, CARLETON SHAY, FRANK DOBOS,
GEORGE WYSUP, JOE YOUNG, HUGH BLANCHARD, TOM
HILL

Mar 16-17 Tue-Wed Hundred Peaks, Orange County O: Starry Nights in Black Rock Canyon: Join us for car camping and hiking along beautiful trails in Joshua Tree National Park. We will be camping in the Black Rock Canyon area and hiking the Panorama Loop (5168'), 7 mi, 1100' gain on Tuesday morning/afternoon, and Eureka Peak (5518'), 10 mi, 1600' gain on Wednesday. Eureka Peak is part of HPS history, having once been on the famous HPS List. Send SASE, H & W phones, e-mail to Leader: PATRICIA BARNES. Assistant: LYNDA ARMBRUSTER

Mar 19 Fri Hundred Peaks
I: Cole Point (5604'): Moderate 4 miles round trip, 1500' gain, all cross-country. Enjoy panoramic high desert views from the summit. Slow pace, no tigers, newcomers welcome! Sturdy hikers can stay for bonus peaks. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare point. Bring water, 10 essentials. Co-Leaders: KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH, WOLF LEVERICH

Mar 20-21 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks
I: The Great Joshua Tree Carcamp/Stargazing Excursion:
Peakbaggers can add three to their lists. Sat we'll hike Mount
Inspiration (5,560') 2 mi, 700' gain, and Ryan (5,457') 3 mi,
1,100' gain. Sat night we'll carcamp at one of the JT
campgrounds. On Sun, we'll hike Queen (4 mi, 1200' gain).
Bring your own food. Fee covers campground costs, pay your
own way into the park. SC members send \$5 (with SC
number). Non-members send \$7 to Reserv.: LAURA QUINN.
Leaders: FRANK DOBOS, DIANE DUNBAR, MIKE and
DOTTY SANDFORD, LAURA QUINN

Mar 20 Sat LTC Leadership Training Seminar. Last day to register for the seminar on April 3.

Mar 20 Sat Hundred Peaks, Lower Peaks
O: Slide Mountain LO (4631'): This peak overlooks Pyramid Lake and has excellent views of the Cobblestone Peak area. 10 miles round trip, 2400' gain on washed out jeep road and overgrown trail. Historical lookout on top. Moderately paced. Meet 7 am North Orange County rideshare point or contact Luella. Bring water, lunch, lug soles, Adventure Pass. Rain cancels. Leaders: LUELLA FICKLE, CHERYL GILL, ERICH FICKLE, BARBARA GUERIN

Mar 20 Sat Hundred Peaks, Desert Peaks

!: Asbestos Mountain (5265'), Whale Peak (5349'): Pick up
Asbestos (optional) in the morning, easy 3 miles round trip,
1000' gain cross-country in desert terrain, then continue
(optional) to Blair Valley Campground in Anza Borrego for a
nice cross-country desert ridge climb of Whale, moderately
strenuous 9 mile loop, 2300' gain. We pause to view some
petroglyphs on the way to Whale. Some easy road driving.
There will be a carcamp Saturday night for those who will join
the very strenuous Sunday outing to Rosa Point. Send sase
or esase with conditioning, experience, and your choice of
peaks to Leader. TOM HILL. Co-Leaders: VIRGIL POPESCU,
LAURA JOSEPH

Mar 20 Sat Tahquitz Group, San Gorgonio Chapter Quail Mtn: This, we're planning to do as a shuttle loop. Quail Mtn 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

Mar 21 Sun Hundred Peaks, Desert Peaks
1: Rosa Point (5038'), explore Mile High Ridge (5280'): We start early morning for this very strenuous desert loop trip to Rosa Point from the adventuresome western flank, 16 miles round trip, 7000' gain, with a return following the standard route and Palo Verde Canyon. Send sase or esase showing your excellent conditioning and experience to Leader. TOM HILL. Co-Leaders: VIRGIL POPESCU, LAURA JOSEPH

Mar 24 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Strawberry Peak (6164'): From Red Box we will do 6 miles round trip, 1600' gain, partly on well used use trial. Shorter option available. Moderately paced. Meet 9 am at La Cañada rideshare with, lunch, and good footwear. Leaders: DORIS DUVAL, LYNDA ARMBRUSTER

Mar 28 Sun

Angeles Chapter Awards Banquet: Join HPSers in this celebration. . Call LAURA JOSEPH for info.

Mar 31 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks O: Josephine Peak (5558') via Colby Cyn: 8 miles 2500' round trip. Great views from top. Meet 9 am La Cañada with water, lunch, and good footwear. Leaders: ROSEMARY CAMPBELL, DON SIMINSKI

Apr 2 Fri Hundred Peaks
I: Liebre Mountain (5760'), Sawmill Mountain #2 (5514'), Burnt
Peak (5788'), Sawtooth Mountain (5200+'): Sawmill (once
upon a time on the HPS List, but no longer) and Liebre are
drive-ups, Burnt is 6 miles round trip, 800' gain on road, the
optional Sawtooth is 4 miles round trip, 1700' gain on gnarly
firebreak. Clean out the entire Liebre Range. Slow pace, no
tigers, newcomers welcome! Meet 9 am near Flying J gas
pumps, I-5 at Frazier Park exit. Bring water, 10 essentials.
Co-Leaders: KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH, WOLF
LEVERICH

Apr 3 Sat Hundred Peaks
1: Asbestos Mountain (5265'), Lookout Mountain #1 (5590'):
Rescheduled from last year. Riverside County peaks, 260
miles round trip driving. Asbestos 3 miles round trip 1000'
gain rock scramble, Lookout is 1 mile round trip, 800' 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, lugsoles. Rain cancels. Leaders:
FRANK DOBOS, DIANE DUNBAR

Apr 3 Sat LTC Leadership Training Seminar. The initial step to becoming an Angeles Chapter leader.

Apr 4 Sun Hundred Peaks, Lower Peaks
I: Monrovia Peak (5409'), Clamshell Peak (4360'), explore
Rankin Peak (5291'): We combine roads, trails, and
firebreaks near the city of Monrovia into a strenuous loop hike
of 14 miles round trip, 5300' gain. Clamshell is on the Great
Lower Peaks List, Rankin is unlisted, but both peaks are
strategically located along the route. Send sase or esase with
conditioning and experience to Leader: PAT ARREDONDO.
Co-Leaders: VIRGIL POPESCU, GEORGE WYSUP, TOM
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Apr 6 Tue Hundred Peaks
O: Sunday Peak (8295'), Bohna Peak (6788'): Two peaks
north of Lake Isabella with dirt road driving. The beautiful
summit of Sunday is 3 ½ miles round trip on trail, 1000' gain.
Bohna is 3 miles round trip, 1400' gain on trail and use trail.
Email leader a few days before for meeting time and place.
Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, INGEBORG PROCHAZKA

Apr 7 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Mount Lukens (5074') via Stone Canyon Trail: 7 miles
round trip, 3300' gain. A real climb at a moderate pace to the
highest point in the city of Los Angeles with views in all
directions. Meet 8:58 am in the supermarket parking lot on the
NE corner of Foothill Blvd and Mount Gleason Rd (Thomas
Guide p503 H3) with water, lunch, suitable clothing and
footwear. Leaders: RON ROSIEN, ROSEMARY CAMPBELL

Apr 11 Sun Hundred Peaks
I: The Pinnacles (5737'), Mount Marie Louise (5507'): Enjoy these two rocky summits north of Lake Arrowhead, moderately strenuous 12 miles round trip, 3000' gain cross-country in desert-like terrain. The Pinnacles will be climbed from the east following a new canyon route. Some brush and rock scrambling, some dirt road driving. Call or email leader week of hike. Leader: TOM HILL. Co-Leaders: GEORGE WYSUP, LAURA JOSEPH, VIRGIL POPESCU

Apr 16-18 Fri-Sun Hundred Peaks, PV-SB, Nat Science, WTC I: San Rafael Mtn (6593'), McKinley Mtn (6200'), Santa Cruz Peak (5570'): Often referred to as the "Big 3", moderately paced 32 miles round trip, 7400' gain backpack on road and cross-country in beautiful Los Padres National Forest. Overnight camp at McKinley Spring, Esase (preferred) or sase with recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Leader. Rain postpones. Leader: KENT SCHWITKIS. Co-Leader: BARRY HOLCHIN. Naturalist: SHERRY ROSS

Apr 16 Fri Hundred Peaks
I: Mount Lowe (5603'), Mount Markham (5742'): Moderate 6
miles round trip, 1100' gain on road, trail, and a little crosscountry. Enjoy panoramic views from atop these peaks. Slow
pace, no tigers, newcomers welcome! Sturdy hikers can stay
for bonus peaks. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare point. Bring
water, 10 essentials. Co-Leaders: KAREN ISAACSON
LEVERICH, WOLF LEVERICH

Apr 17 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Chaparrosa Peak (5541'): Enjoy a relaxed-paced hike to a beautiful peak in a nature preserve near Yucca Valley, 7 miles round trip, 1300' gain. Newcomers welcome!! Bring water, lunch, 10 essentials. Rain cancels. Send e-sase or SASE to Leaders: WINNETTE BUTLER (winetteb@earthlink.net), KATHY CHEEVER (Cheever@ucla.edu)

Apr 17 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: Cleghorn Mountain (5333'), Cajon Mountain (5360'),
Sugarpine Mountain (5478'), Monument Peak #2 (5290'):
Come survey forest regrowth on this series of small hikes
along a driving loop east of Cajon Pass, 6 miles round trip,
2500' gain total. Do one or all, including an ascent of
Cleghorn via the new firebreak route up the south ridge. Much
dirt road driving: high clearance vehicles recommended. Call
or email leader week of hike. Leader: TOM HILL. Co-Leaders:
VIRGIL POPESCU, GEORGE WYSUP

Apr 17 Sat Hundred Peaks, Verdugo
O: Vetter Mountain (LO) (5908'): A beautiful trail hike to one of the most spectacular viewpoint in the Angeles National Forest via the Mount Vetter Trail. Beginners are welcome on this very moderately paced 3 miles round trip, 700' gain hike to the renovated lookout tower at the peak. Meet 9:30 am La Cañada rideshare point. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles, appropriate clothing. Co-Leaders: DAVID F. EISENBERG, FRANK DOBOS

Apr 18 Sun Hundred Peaks
O: Mount Hillyer (6200'+), Winston Peak (7502'),
Adopt-a-Highway cleanup: Easy peaks in Angeles National
Forest and easy cleanup of our section of route 2. Hike totals
are 3 miles round trip, 800' gain. Refreshments provided by
HPS, then we give a little back to the mountains. Come help
celebrate the 50th anniversary of the HPS! Two dogs
attending. Meet 8 am at La Cañada rideshare point. or 7 am
for breakfast at Hill Street Café. Bring water, lugsoles. Rain
cancels. Leader. JIM FLEMING. Assistants: JULIE RUSH,
DAVID EISENBERG

Apr 24 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: Antimony Peak (6848'), Eagle Rest Peak (6005'): We hike cross-country down the ridge from Antimony Peak to the prominent uplifted summit of Eagle Rest if the dirt roads are open, otherwise we'll take the canyon route. Very strenuous 11 miles round trip, 5300' gain with some rock scrambling and bushwhacking. Some dirt road driving. Send sase or esase with conditioning and experience to Leader: VIRGIL POPESCU. Co-Leaders: LAURA JOSEPH, GEORGE WYSUP, TOM HILL

Apr 24 Sat Palos Verdes-South Bay, Hundred Peaks M: Strawberry Peak (6164'): Moderate 6 miles round trip, 2600' gain via Colby Canyon. Experience and comfort on class 3 rock required. Meet 9 am Colby Canyon parking area (11 miles from La Cañada, 1 mile beyond Angeles Crest/ Angeles Forest junction). Bring good boots, something with "strawberries" to share on top. Rain cancels. Leaders: RICHARD BOARDMAN, BOB BEACH

Apr 24 Sat HPS, Palos Verdes-South Bay, Nat Science New Outing, not in Schedule 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, considerable cross country. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, lugs (swim suit optional). Take time to learn from our naturalist about the fauna and flora - the flowers should be great after the fire! 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

Apr 25 Sun Hundred Peaks
O: McPherson Peak (5749'), Peak Mountain (5843'): Hike
these two peaks in the Santa Barbara backcountry.
Moderately paced 14.5 miles round trip, 3800' gain total. Send
esase or SASE with recent HIKING experience to leader;
requests without this information will not be considered.
Leader: DAVE BEYMER. Co-Leader: MAURA
RAFFENSPERGER

May 2 Sun Hundred Peaks
I: Historical Hike to Heald Peak (6901'), Nicolis Peak (6070'):
Join this re-enactment of the April 27, 1974 dedication of
Heald Peak in memory of HPS founder Weldon Heald.
Strenuous cross-country, 14 miles round trip, 5000' gain with
some rock scrambling and bushwhacking. Carcamp Saturday
night recommended due to early start. The outing may be split
into a two-group loop hike and rendezvous. Rocky dirt road
driving: high clearance vehicles recommended. Send sase or
esase with conditioning and experience to Leader: TOM HILL.
Co-Leaders: VIRGIL POPESCU, PAT ARREDONDO, LAURA
JOSEPH, GEORGE WYSUP

May 8-9 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks
The HPS Almost Annual Spring Fling Weekend at Foster
Lodge near Julian in San Diego County: Join the HPS revelers
for a grand time at a weekend of peak bagging in the San
Diego spring time. Watch the start of the recovery from the
Cedar Fire. Hikes for beginners through tigers planned to all
or most of the San Diego peaks (some appear below). World
famous happy hour and potluck dinner Sat night, followed by
the HPS Games. Camp in the trees around the lodge, sleep
in your mobile motel, in the lodge's unisex dorm rooms or in a
Julian B&B. Between hikes and happy hour, relax in the
beautiful grounds surrounding the lodge and watch the sun
set. Send \$10 per person for Saturday night only/\$20 for
Friday and Saturday to Reservationist: TBD

May 8 Sat Hundred Peaks
1: Little Cahuilla Mountain (5042'), Cahuilla Mountain (5635'):
Moderate 9 miles round trip, 1800' gain on trail and use trail.
Enjoy these fascinating peaks on your way to Spring Fling feasting. Slow pace, no tigers, newcomers welcome! Meet 9 am Aguanga infield (junction of SR 79 and SR 371). Bring water, 10 essentials. Co-Leaders: KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH, WOLF LEVERICH

May 8 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Oakzanita Peak (5054'): A HPS Spring Fling Mtn Bike/Hike
Outing: Bring your mountain bike to Spring Fling and enjoy a
beautiful, pleasant ride on road and single track, plus a little
bit of hiking. The adventure is 8 miles rft, 1000' gain. We
should be done with plenty of time to celebrate with the other
Spring Fling party-goers. Meet 10 am at the East Mesa Fire
Road Parking Area, on the left (east) about 17.3 miles south
of Julian on SR 79, or approximately 4 miles N of I-8. Bring
water, riding helmet, spare tube, a lock for your bike, ten
essentials, a snack, and your spirit of adventure. Send e-Sase
to Kathy (Cheever@ucla.edu). Rain and/or park closure
cancels. Leaders: KATHY CHEEVER, MARS BONFIRE

May 9 Sun Hundred Peaks
O: Boucher Hill (5438'), Hot Springs Mountain (6533'), Combs
Peak (6193'), Palomar High Pt (6140'), Lookout Mountain #1
(5590'): Driving tour on the return from Spring Fling picking up
easy peaks along the way, hiking 7 miles round trip, 1800'
gain. Participants with high clearance vehicles are
encouraged to tag along and share the burden of 50 miles of
generally good dirt road driving. We begin with Boucher Hill
on paved roads, then meet Spring Fling late arrivers at
Warner Springs for a series of drives into dirt-road
countrysides, finishing up on pavement at the PCT alternate
route to Lookout. Contact leader for trip details about a week
in advance with your vehicle type and peak preferences.
Leaders: TOM HILL, VIRGIL POPESCU

May 9 Sun Hundred Peaks
I: Whale Peak (5349'), Point 4879: Lots of desert cross-country on the HPS "Route 2" to Whale Peak. We'll endeavor to get nearby Point 4879 on the way back just for fun. 6 miles round trip, 1800' gain. Moderately paced, a good way for newcomers to enjoy the isolation of desert travel and meet experienced HPS peakbaggers. Meet 8 am at Scissors Crossing, SR 78 and road S2. Bring lunch, 2 qts water, and lug-sole boots. Leader: TOM ARMBRUSTER. Assistants: KAREN & WOLF LEVERICH

May 9 Sun Hundred Peaks
O: Middle Peak (5883'), Cuyamaca Peak (6512'): A HPS
Spring Fling Mountain Bike/Hike Adventure: Bring your
mountain bike to Spring Fling and join us to combine Middle
Peak and Cuyamaca Peak, the highest peak in Rancho
Cuyamaca State Park. 12 miles round trip, ~2000' gain, on
dirf and paved roads. The road is gated, so we won't be
dodging automobiles. Meet at Foster Lodge at 8:30 am. Bring
water, riding helmet, spare tube, a lock for your bike, ten
essentials, snack. Send e-Sase to Kathy (Cheever@ucla.edu).
Rain and/or park closure cancels. Leaders: KATHY
CHEEVER, MARS BONFIRE

May 15 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: Historical Rendezvous Hike to Hildreth Peak (5065'): We shall enjoy the pools along the beautiful, flowery, green, southern Agua Catiente Canyon route, strenuous 16 miles round trip, 4700' gain, to meet and console the group trudging up and down the ridgeline road from the east. A hot spring at the trailhead awaits those who join this side of the rendezvous. This is a 50th anniversary hike in memory of Freda Walbrecht, who finished the List May 14, 1952, the first woman to do so. Women are especially welcome on this hike. Much dirt road driving: high clearance vehicles recommended. Send sase or esase with conditioning and experience to Leader: LAURA JOSEPH. Co-Leader: MARKEY NEIGHBORS

May 15-16 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks
I: Historical Rendezvous Hike to Hildreth Peak (5065'), plus Sunday hike to Monte Arido (6010'), Old Man Mountain (5538'): Saturday we hike an old ridgetop jeep road, strenuous 16 miles round trip, 4500' gain, to honor Freda Walbrecht on the summit of Hildreth with the group coming up from the south canyon. Evening carcamp near Potrero Seco. Sunday we hike the other two peaks, moderate 6 miles round trip, 1700' gain, some brush on Old Man Mountain. Much dirt road driving, with several miles restricted to 4wd vehicles: participants with such vehicles are especially welcome. Send sase or esase with conditioning, experience, vehicle type to Leader: TOM HILL. Co-Leaders: GEORGE WYSUP, VIRGIL POPESCU

May 16 Sun Hundred Peaks
O: Mount Baldy (10064'), Mount Harwood (9552'): Hike the high point of the San Gabriel Mountains. Strenuous but moderately paced 9 mile loop, 4100' gain total with short car shuttle. Meet 8 am in Claremont at the Vons shopping center, Baseline Avenue at Mills, about 1/4 mile west of the Baseline Exit of the new 210 Freeway. Park in the back (north) of the parking lot. Bring min 2 qts water, lunch, money for the tram ride down to cars, Adventure Pass. Rain cancels. Leader: DAVE BEYMER. Co-Leader: MAURA RAFFENSPERGER

May 20-21 Thu-Fri Hundred Peaks, Lower Peaks
O: Silver Peak (2010'): Join us on a great hike on Catalina Island. We will take the ferry from San Pedro to either Avalon or Two Harbors. Those going to Avalon will take the shuttle to the airport, then hike down to Little Fisherman Cove Campground, about 8 miles downhill. Those going to Two Harbors will meet us at the campground. On Friday, all of us will get an early start for Silver. We will do Silver and return via the west end and down the north coast of the island back to Two Harbor. The hike is 17 miles round trip, gain 3900' /3000' loss. Shorter options possible. For details, contact leaders either by phone or email 2-3 days prior to hike. Bring water, lunch and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Leaders: INGEBORG PROCHAZKA, DAVE COMERZAN

May 21 Fri Hundred Peaks
I: Josephine Peak (5558'): 8 miles r/t, 1900' gain on fire road.
Enjoy panoramic views of the San Gabriels from atop this peak. Slow pace, no tigers, newcomers welcome! Sturdy hikers can stay for bonus peaks. Meet 9 am La Cafiada rideshare point. Bring water, 10 essentials. Co-Leaders: KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH, WOLF LEVERICH

May 22 Sat Hundred Peaks, Natural Science
I: Pinyon Peak (6805'): Could we have consecutive good wildflower years? Moderately paced 6 miles round trip, 2800' gain hike on trail and mostly open, interesting cross-country near Walker Pass. No significant scrambling. Paved hwy driving. For time and meeting info, email or phone Leader: GEORGE WYSUP. Assistants: SANDY SPERLING, LAURA JOSEPH. Naturalists: GINNY HERINGER, SHERRY ROSS

May 22-23 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks, WTC I: Big Three: McKinley Mountain (6200'), San Rafael Mountain (6593'), Santa Cruz Peak (5570'): Strenuous backpack 33 miles round trip, 8600' gain to the "Big Three" in Santa Barbara County. Saturday pack to McKinley Spring 8 mi, 2500' gain then dayhike first two peaks, 6 miles round trip, 1500' gain, Sunday climb Santa Cruz, 11 miles round trip, 3700' gain, some very brushy portions, then pack out. This trip qualifies as a WTC experience trip and is recommended for strong WTC candidates. Send sase or esase with experience and conditioning to leader: VIRGIL POPESCU. Co-Leaders: PATTY RAMBERT, TOM HILL

May 22-23 Sat-Sun Palos Verdes-South Bay, Hundred Peaks I: Rock Point (5280"), Ken Point (6423"), Cahuilla (5635"), Little Cahuilla (5042"): Sat strenuous 12 miles 3600" gain cross-country, road and trail to first two peaks. Happy hour and car camp in area Sat night. Sun easy 9 mi 2400' gain use-trail/cross-country to Cahuillas. Send email/sase with H&W phones, recent conditioning/experience, rideshare info to Bob. Co-Leaders: BOB BEACH, KEITH MARTIN

May 23 Sun Hundred Peaks
I: Cannel Point (8314') Exploratory: Long hike with early start to climb Cannel via a Nat Rec Trail with head at 2800' elev near Kernville (possible new route 2 for this HPS peak, saving 100 extra miles of driving to route 1). Relaxed moderate pace for this approx 20 mi round trip, 5600' gain trek, mostly trail, some scrambling on the summit block. Paved hwy driving. Consider attending May 22 Pinyon hike as a warmup. Email or SASE with recent conditioning summary and rideshare info to Leader: GEORGE WYSUP. Assts: SANDY SPERLING, MARKEY & ROBERT NEIGHBORS, LAURA JOSEPH

May 25 Tue Hundred Peaks
O: Silver Peak (6756'), Gold Mountain (8235'), Bertha Peak
(8201'): Join us for a day in the San Bernardino mountains north
of Big Bear. This is an opportunity to hike some seldom led
peaks. Totals for the day will be about 12 mi, 3200'gain, and
about 6-7 hours of hiking plus drive time between peaks. Pace
will be easy. Alternate routes possible. Bring lunch, water,
lugsoles. Rain cancels. Contact leaders 2-3 days prior to hike.
Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, LYNDA ARMBRUSTER

May 26 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Winston Peak (7502'), Winston Ridge (7003'): 6 miles round trip, 1200' gain from Cloudburst Summit. Moderately paced.
Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare with water, lunch, good
footwear. Leaders: DORIS DUVAL, DON SIMINSKI

May 29-31 Sat-Mon Hundred Peaks I: Big 4: Samon Peak (6227'), Big Pine Mtn (6800'), West Big Pine (6490'), Madulce Peak (6536'): Take either two days or the entire Memorial Day Wknd for these tough peaks in the Santa Barbara backcountry. Very strenuous backpack, 50 miles round trip, 9200' gain. Participants opting for the three day outing will also need to apply for the Big 4 Minus 1 trip written up for May 30-31. Saturday pack in to Chokecherry Spring for a steep, brushy, rocky side trip with daypacks to Samon Peak. Participants on the two day outing will then pack all water to a campsite near Big Pine Mtn, bringing the day's total to 25 mi, 5700' gain. Sunday pick up remaining peaks and pack out, 25 mi, 3500' gain. Send sase or esase with conditioning, experience, and your choice between the two or the three day backpack to Leader: TOM HILL. Co-Leader: VIRGIL POPESCU

May 30-31 Sun-Mon Hundred Peaks
O: Big 4 Minus 1: Big Pine Mtn (6800'), West Big Pine (6490'),
Madulce Peak (6536'): Strenuous overnight backpack covers
the three road and trail peaks of the Big Four, 35 miles round
trip, 5000' gain. We meet Sun at Chokecherry Spring.
Participants who wish to ascend Samon Peak on Saturday
should apply also for the Big 4 trip written up for May 29-31.
Send sase or esase with conditioning and experience to Leader:
JOHN CONNELLY. Co-Leader: RAY WOLFE

Jun 4 Fri Hundred Peaks
I: Mount Gleason (6502'), Iron Mtn #2 (5635': Gleason is 1.5 miles, 250' gain on road, Iron is 4.5 miles, 1300' gain mostly on road with some cross-country. Gleason is nicely free-covered, while Iron has pancramic views of undisturbed San Gabriel backcountry. Slow pace, no tigers, newcomers welcome! Sturdy hikers can stay for bonus peaks. Meet 9am La Cafiada rideshare point. Bring water, 10 essentials. Co-Leaders: KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH, WOLF LEVERICH

Jun 5 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: Shay Mountain (6714'), Deer Mountain (5536'), Ingham Peak (6355'), Little Shay Mountain (6635'), Hawes Peak (6751'): We shall revive the former scheme by including Deer Mountain in this very strenuous outing northwest of Big Bear Lake, 16 miles round trip, 5200' gain on trail and cross-country. Not recommended for those who are allergic to poodledog bush. Much driving on good dirt roads. Send sase or esase with conditioning and experience to Leader: TOM HILL. Co-Leaders: VIRGIL POPESCU, LAURA JOSEPH

Jun 5 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Mount Lukens Mountain Bike Adventure (5074'): Moderately paced ride 10.5 miles round trip, 2100' gain to highest point in the city of Los Angeles. Meet 10 am La Cañada rideshare. Bring bike, riding helmet, spare tube, 10 essentials, water, snack. Rain cancels. Leaders: KATHY CHEEVER, MARS BONFIRE

Jun 5 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: Mount Williamson (8214') to Goodykoontz Peak (7558')
Adventure: Approximately 8 miles 3000' elev gain. Steep
cross-country exploratory along ridgelines for experienced
hikers. Meet 8 am La Cañada rideshare pt with Adventure Pass,
2-3 qts water, food, lugsoles, etc. Co-Leaders: DIANE
DUNBAR, JIM KILBERG

Jun 6 Sun Hundred Peaks
I: Sugarloaf Mountain (9952'): Moderate hike involves 6 miles round trip, 1400' gain. This historical HPS outing marks the 23rd annual first Sun in June hike with two-time HPS Chair Stag Brown. Meet at Pomona rideshare point at 8 am. Birth water, sturdy boots, something to share on summit for lunch. Please also bring your stories about hiking with Stag. Inclement weather alters, but does not cancel outing. Leader: JOE YOUNG. Assistants: STAG BROWN and NAMI BROWN

Jun 9 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Mount Gleason (6502') & Messenger Flats Campground: All on the PCT. We will start from the saddle below the detention center. 7 miles round trip, 1200' gain'. Meet at 9 am at La Cañada rideshare pt with water, lunch, good footwear. Leaders: SOUTHERN COURTNEY, ROSEMARY CAMPBELL

Jun 13 Sun Hundred Peaks

M: Antsell Rock (7679'), Apache Peak (7567'), Spitter Peak

(7440'): Climb a classic HPS peak via the Sam Fink "Trail" up
the north side of Antsell. Strenuous outing but moderately
paced, 12 miles round trip, 3400' gain. Participants should be
comfortable with moderate exposure on solid rock. Permit limits
group size, so reserve early. Send sase or esase with
conditioning and experience to Leader: TOM HILL. Co-Leader:
VIRGIL POPESCU. Assistants: LAURA JOSEPH, PAT
ARREDONDO

Jun 18 Fri Hundred Peaks
I: Circle Mountain (6875'), Gobblers Knob (6955'): Circle is 2
miles round trip, 800' gain on firebreak, while Gobbler's Knob is
1 mile round trip, 500' gain cross-country. Slow pace, no tigers,
newcomers welcome! Sturdy hikers can stay for bonus peaks.
Meet 9am McDonald's at Cajon Pass (I-15 and S.R. 138). Bring
water, 10 essentials. Co-Leaders: KAREN ISAACSON
LEVERICH, WOLF LEVERICH

Jun 19-20 Sat-Sun Palos Verdes-South Bay, Hundred Peaks I: Heald Peak (6901'), Nicolls Peak (6070'), Onyx Peak #2 (5244'): Sat strenuous 7 miles cross-country 4200' gain hike to Heald and Nicolls. Car camp and happy hour in area Sat night. Sun moderate 5 miles cross-country 2400' gain to Onyx. Send email/sase w/ recent conditioning/experience, H&W phones, rideshare info to Leader: BOB BEACH. Co-Leader: MIKE DILLENBACK

Jun 20 Sun Hundred Peaks
O: Haddock Mtn (7431'), Reyes Pk (7514'): Join this
picturesque hike-up/drive-down adventure, strenuous 14 miles
one way, 5200' gain. We ascend a national recreation trail
through the twisted, scenic gorge country in southern Lockwood
Valley to these ridgeline peaks, then skip the return and let our
cars handle the downhill back to the trailhead with an 18 mile car
shuttle. Send sase or esase with conditioning and experience to
Leader: TOM HILL. Co-Leader: JAMES CARDEN

Jun 23 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Mount Baden Powell (9399') from Vincent Gap: 8 round trip, 2800' gain. Slow to moderately paced through beautiful pine forest to this famous summit with great views. Meet 8 am at La Cañada rideshare with water, lunch, good footwear. Leaders: DORIS DUVAL, BOBCAT THOMPSON

Jun 26 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: Onyx Peak #1 (9113'), explore Peak 8990, Three Sisters (8100'): Visit two HPS summits and one primitive unnamed peak on this moderately strenuous 12 miles shuttle trip, 3700' gain. We combine a magnificent grove of old growth juniper trees, portions of the PCT, an animal compound for movies, mixed growth forests, and some easy rock scrambling in our tour of the far eastern fringe of the San Bernardino Forest south of Big Bear. Some dirt road driving probably suitable for most passenger cars. Send sase or esase with conditioning and experience to Leader: TOM HILL. Co-Leaders: GEORGE WYSUP, VIRGIL POPESCU

Jun 27 Sun Hundred Peaks
O: Mount Pinos (8831'), Sawmill Mountain (8750'+), Grouse
Mountain (8650'+): Moderate and slow paced outing retraces
route to HPS founder Weldon Heald's 100th peak in 1946. Hike
involves 4 miles round trip and 1000' gain. Commentary about
Heald's 100 peaks game idea on Grouse. Meet at Sylmar
rideshare pt at 8 am. Bring water, sturdy boots, something to
share for lunch on Grouse. Leaders: JOE YOUNG, Chapter
Historian BOB CATES, STAG BROWN

Jun 27 Sun Hundred Peaks
I: Sawmill Mountain (8750'+), Grouse Mountain (8650'+): Bored of hiking that trail along the top of the Pinos ridge? Wolf & Karen have done it one too many times, anyhow, so offer an alternate approach to Grouse. Rendezvous with the main group to celebrate Weldon Heald's 100th peak. Up to 13 miles round trip, 3600' gain, slow paced, no tigers. Meet 7 am near Flying J gas pumps, I-5 at Frazier Park exit. Bring water, 10 essentials, something to share for lunch on Grouse. Leaders: WOLF LEVERICH, KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH

Jun 30 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks O: Mount Williamson (6214'): 5 miles round trip 1500' gain, short car shuttle through the tunnels. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare pt with water, lunch, good footwear. Leaders: BETH MIKA, DAN BUTLER

Jul 2 Fri Hundred Peaks
I: Constance Peak (6645"), Heart Bar Peak (8332"): Constance is 1.5 miles round trip 500" gain cross-country, Heart Bar is 5 miles round trip, 1100" gain on road and cross-country. Bring your Jeeps and we may try the challenging drive up Heart Bar. Slow pace, no tigers, newcomers welcome! Sturdy hikers can stay for bonus peaks. Meet 9 am Pomona rideshare point. Bring water, 10 essentials. Co-Leaders: KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH, WOLF LEVERICH

Jul 3 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: Rendezvous Hike via Tram to Marion Mountain (10320'), Jean Peak (10670'): Let the Palm Springs Tram take you up to the trailhead for this "easiest" route to Marion Mountain, moderate 10 miles round trip, 2500' gain, for a possible rendezvous with the tigerette group somewhere along the picturesque Marion-Jean ridgeline near San Jacinto Peak. Permit limits group size, so call or email leader in advance to reserve a spot. Leader: VIRGIL POPESCU. Co-Leader: TOM HILL

Jul 3 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: Rendezvous Hike via Idyliwild to Marion Mountain (10320'), plus Jean Peak (10670'), Drury Peak (10160'), Folly Peak (10480'): This pre-holiday strenuous getaway of 18 miles round trip, 5000' gain takes you up the Marion Mountain Trail into a favorite forest near San Jacinto. We shall attempt to meet the (wimpy) group entering from the Tram. Permit limits group size. Send sase or esase with conditioning and experience to Leader. LAURA JOSEPH. Co-Leader: PAT ARREDONDO

Rideshare Points

La Cañada:

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

Dean Wallraff

Ray Wolfe

Joe Young

George Wysup

North Orange County:

Palmdale:

Park-N-Ride, E side of Tustin Av just S of Lincoln Av, Orange

Avenue S exit, Park-N-Ride lot E of Antelope Valley Fwy (CA 14) as near as possible to Avenue

S traffic light entrance.

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

Encinitas Av. S of Roxford St; Roxford exit from Golden St Fwy (I-5)

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Current Trip Reports

The Round Top 4 Clockwise Loop November 22, 2003 Leaders: "The Sandies" Sperling and Burnside By Sandy Sperling

Several months ago when the deadline for the November-February Chapter Schedule was looming closer, I called Sandy Burnside about maybe leading a couple of hikes. We came up with some dates (the hardest thing to do), and then she let me choose where to go. Since I finished the list a year ago and overcame my long bout with Giardia, I've been taking it a bit easier in the hiking arena, catching up on some things that fell by the wayside in my quest for The List and also enjoying some cycling and family trips.

Upon perusal of the list I noted that Rabbit #1, Granite #1, Round Top, and Iron #3 didn't require a lot of driving and also weren't led very often. Since three of these peaks have duplicate names with others on the list, they have been affectionately referred to as the Round Top 4, as Round Top is the only unique name. The hike is done in a loop and can be done in either direction. When I did them previously, it was shortly after my hand was broken and I didn't have full use of it, so we (George Wysup, Sandy Burnside, and I) had taken the counterclockwise approach to minimize the need to use my hand. Since I like variety (and pathfinders), I decided we should lead them in the clockwise direction.

Little did we know that the fires would occur and sideline so many avid hikers for a few weeks prior to our hike. For a while we weren't even sure we would be able to go if the forests were still closed. Then there was the problem of a pain in my foot that had been getting worse over the previous 4 months. I finally went to the doc, received a diagnosis of synovitis, and got the first of three steroid shots on the Monday before the hike. This made it possible for me to go. (Really, DON'T put off going to the doc. I got immediate relief—and it doesn't require surgery!)

The emails from potential participants started coming in. It seemed that everyone had taken a few weeks off from hiking since the forests were closed, and now everyone wanted to go on this hike! The weather looked to be cold and windy, but no precipitation was in the forecast. Knowing that there weren't many parking places at the trailhead, I asked everyone to come to La Cañada early to form carpools.

Well, everyone was so excited to go hiking again that we had 4 vehicles filled with 18 hikers leaving La Cañada at 7:29am. Way to go, group!!! Our group included Sandy Sperling and Sandy Burnside as leaders, Pat Arredondo, Keith Burnside, Dan Butler, Keith and Kurt (brothers) Christensen on their first SC hike, Dave Coons, Greg DeHoogh, Jorge and Diana Estrada, Laura Franciosi, Zobeida Molina, Rich Nowak, Eileen Ricks, Ron Rosien, Randy Vincent, and Ron Zappen. We were hiking at 8:35am, ascending the road that leads up part of Rabbit #1.

Burnside (i.e., the other Sandy) had told me to warn everyone that the ascent of Rabbit is quite steep in places. We proved this to be true—and also discovered that more brush is present than 2 years ago when we descended this route. We eventually all reached the ridge and then easily made our way to the summit. The views were very nice. It was mostly clear in all directions.

The temperatures varied from about 38 to 45 degrees, but the challenge was the wind. The wind chill was frequently below freezing. This, together with a lot of alternating ascending and descending around the loop route, and areas with full-force winds alternating with areas protected from wind, created a need for extra "clothing breaks" to try to maintain a comfortable body temperature.

After Rabbit Peak was Granite Mountain, the highest (and prettiest) point on our route. We found a protected area to eat lunch, but the temperature was hovering around 38 degrees. The sun felt warm, but it was easy to get chilled if not moving.

We moved on to Round Top, where Burnside treated us to chocolate cookies (she's one of the best coleaders!!!). The wind gave us a brief reprieve and we enjoyed talking with each other on this otherwise not-too-exciting summit. Then we were off to Iron where we repeated the Round Top experience, except with Greg DeHoogh's Double Chocolate Milano cookies. Some people really know what hiking is all about!

We then made our way back down Iron's ridge, dropped down to the road, and ambled back to the cars, arriving at 3:00pm. Everyone seemed to enjoy the time outside again, the physical exertion, and even the cold weather. But it was also nice to get back in time to hit the REI sale in Arcadia before they closed!

Thorn Point Pure Loop Hike, West Ridge Private Trip Sunday, October 5, 2003 By Tom Hill

James Carden and Virgil Popescu joined me on October 5 in stringing together the Cedar Creek Trail, the west ridge of Thorn Point, and a Thorn Point Trail return to the truck on a wild and woolly loop-hike adventure.

We parked at the Cedar Creek Trail sign (elev 4850') a half mile before the normal start of a Thorn Point ascent shortly before 10am. About three miles up this easy trail we spotted the side trail on our left signed "Pine Mountain Lodge" which we took past some false saddles to the west ridge of Thorn Point at 6560'. We headed off-trail east toward the summit at this main saddle.

This ridge started tamely enough, but soon turned into a characteristic rocky backbone sandwiched between southside slabs and northside cliffs. To add some insult, the southern slopes were often covered in ashes from a recent burn.

Yet we found proof that we were not unique

pioneers: 1.5 miles along the ridgeline from the turnoff we reached summit 6794', unnamed on the topo map, where we found a register can (Cedar Peak 6794') recently placed by compadre Pinetar John Wilson. His hiking group had come from Thom Point! Quite an encouraging sign, especially so as we eyeballed the rocky battlements beyond.

We forged eastward with much route experimentation, finally settling on the southern uptitled slabs, which were usually broken enough to provide some excellent bypass ramps, at most high class 2. This hit-and-miss method is time-consuming but we had lots of time, arriving at the summit lookout of Thorn Point at 5pm.

We found two register cans: one at the bottom of the lookout, one at the bottom of the two easy summit boulders, but nothing on the summit! After rectifying this strangeness we headed easily down the normal trail to the truck, finishing our journey at last light.

Little Bear Peak to Delamar Mtn Private Trip to Connect the Dots, Sunday, Oct 12, 2003 By Tom Hill

On October 12, Lilly Fukui, Val Saubhayana, Sonia Arancibia, and Mari Sakai met with me in Downtown Fawnskin near Big Bear Lake at the public restroom on the corner of 3N14 and Hwy 38. We drove north to 3N12, then right on 3N12 for 0.8 miles, parking just short of Delamar Spring on the topo map. This spot (elev 7240') is on the ridgeline that joins Little Bear Peak to Delamar Mtn.

We proceeded west, crossing various dirt roads, to Little Bear — no register — then returned to cars to refresh. After a suitable break we continued hiking cross country along the ridge that heads directly east to the summit of Delamar. The ridge is brush-free and wide open for hiking, easy to follow, unducked and primitive. Highly recommended. Combined specs for this peak-to-peak leg: 4.5 miles, 1500' gain round trip.

We encountered many hunters, campers, hikers, cyclists, and bikers this day, particularly in the afternoon at Bertha Peak, which we climbed from the bottom. Of some comfort to those who worry about others sharing "their" public space, each group was friendly and minding its own proper recreational business.

Fox Mtn #1, Peak Mtn, McPherson Peak November 2, 2003 Leaders: Tom Hill and Virgil Popescu By Tom Hill

After the fire distractions during the last week of October, it was pleasant to conduct this nice trip to Los Padres. We met a large group of eager hikers at Sylmar on Sunday, Nov 2. As it turned out, many of these wannabes were assembling at the same spot for a trip to Cross and Chuckwalla, another excellent option! On the outbound drive we noted that the firefighters did a

remarkable job in Santa Clarita near the Stevenson Ranch. We saw some fire damage west of I-5, but nothing beyond our normal yearly experience. We had prearranged with four diehards (Markey and Robert Neighbors, Melissa Kane, and Edd Ruskowitz) to meet them at 9:30am at the Fox Mtn trailhead pullout. They were diligently breaking camp when we arrived. Per plan they had indeed climbed Lizard Head on Saturday in the teeth of a small storm that blew through and dusted the area with a light coating of snow.

On the drive to Fox we had seen no more than a trickle in any of the creekbeds. Nor was there any evidence of snow on that summit, which we climbed smoothly under sunny skies with sparkling views of the Big Four (snow on northern slopes) and the entire backcountry. All eleven hikers also joined us afterward on a pleasant side trip to hike Peak Mtn and McPherson, where we did find a few small pockets of snow.

A fine day! Participants joining Virgil and Tom: Scott Tanner, Paul Garry, Melissa Kane, Edd Ruskowitz, Ginny Heringer, Robert Neighbors, Markey Neighbors, Mari Sakai, and Bob McEwen.

Mt Russell LPC and Rouse Hill, Thomas Mtn, Indian Mtn November 16, 2003 Leaders: Virgil Popescu and Tom Hill By Tom Hill

There was encouraging news (posted Saturday Nov 15 at 2pm) from Cleveland National Forest on their forest closure. According to their "Newsroom" releases at the Cleveland Natl Forest website, only two areas — but very large areas!! — were closed to public entry due to the recent fires: a Cedar Fire Closure Area in the southern portion of San Diego Co and a Paradise Fire Closure Area near Mt Palomar. Unfortunately this news arrived too late for the planned outing to five Orange County peaks. Instead, after consultation with Lower Peaks officers to find a substitute, we visited Mt Russell (2704') on the Great Lower Peaks List, with three easy HPS scheduled for afterwards.

Mt Russell is found in Moreno Valley at Lake Perris State Recreational Park. We followed the route as described in the LPC peak guides, which has an interesting feature: about half of the 5 miles round trip involves skirting the northern shores of Lake Perris and its marshlands. At this time the mountain has only sparse brush due to wildfires in the past few years. The register is found near the long pipe at the foot of the summit rock table. Our only company was a self-described rabbit hunter, complete with impressive rifle, who shared the flatlands with us.

Then we drove over to bag three nearby HPS peaks. First, Rouse Hill with its 14 miles of ever-so-slow-and-will-this-never-end 4wd road. Second, Thomas Mtn, which we ascended on a pleasant short climb from the abandoned Thomas Mtn Campground on the north side through 1-2 inches of newly fallen powder snow, shared with various and sundry snow bunnies

from the burbs. And finally Indian Mtn via the dreaded tunnels of paint-devouring buckthorn on a road suitable now for motorcycle passage.

The leaders Tom Hill and Virgil Popescu were joined under friendly skies by a pleasant group of companions: James Carden, Janet Howell, Larry Hoak, and Ingeborg Prochazka.

Caliente Mtn: Wasioja Route Private Trip, November 30, 2003 By Tom Hill

Paved Wasioja Road meets Hwy 166 at a signed junction a few miles west of New Cuyama, slightly less than two miles east of the JP Oil Refinery. Due north of this junction, on the far banks of the Cuyama River in the Caliente foothills, the topo map shows a jeep road heading north up-canyon for 2+ miles into a broad amphitheatre surrounded by the Caliente uplift. We toured the public portions of this jeep road and amphitheatre on Sunday, November 30 in the good company of Lilly Fukui, Val Saubhayana, Zobeida Molina, and Larry Campbell. Weather was perfect, non-windy, unlimited visibility, 50-60 degrees under patchy high clouds.

The topo shows two windmills guarding the north bend of the Cuyama River in this area. Neither one was evident. Fortunately, the jeep road itself is well-constructed and its footprint is easily visible from the highway a short distance west past the Wasioia junction. From the public lands boundary on the north bank of the Cuvama, demarcated by a sturdy barbed wire cattle-drift fence, our hiking route proceeded north into the foothills following the long-abandoned leep road. The road follows the east side of a small canyon, ending only one eagle-mile yet 2400' feet below Caliente Summit. Here there was a choice of sour ridgelines to exit the box canyon. One headed steeply due east to a citadel of rocks at 4040+; the other choice ascended with apparent reasonableness NW to meet the complex of ridgelines forming the "standard" route from JP Oil.

We chose the NW spur and found it quite pleasant to ascend. This choice also gained us excellent views of the eastern ridge spur. It appears that the upper reaches of that ridge are not as blocked as low-angle viewing had indicated, which would provide access to the unknown wonders of Caliente's main South Ridge. We were also quite happy with our own route, which went well to the "standard" junction and completely avoided the ups and downs of that alternate route, including the 250' drop to cross a canyon at the landmark "Frog Rock."

So it was whoop to the summit and lunchtime about 12:30. Sadly the inner HPS register can was too large for its container and could not be extracted. One resourceful individual knife-bladed our names into the can's paint in tasteful graffiti style. Meanwhile two colorful roadrunners provided company, more-or-less oblivious to our presence, and an eagle (or very large hawk) exhibited 3D stationary positions high off the Grand-Canyonesque south rim of the summit. And did I

mention fossils? We had a person enormously adept at finding those not seen by the leader (despite constant vigilance). Shells and snails predominated. And, symmetrically coiled into just the right place for a much-needed footrest was a juvenile rattlesnake snoozing in one of the numerous rocky stata crossings on the return.

Crafts Peak 21 November 2003 Private Hike led by Mars Bonfire By Karen Isaacson Leverich

It's common to ask someone completing the List, "What next?" You know, SPS, DPS, LPC, bowling, macrame, Xtreme bread kneading, whatever. Is there life after a List finish?

You bet. In fact, if it was fun to do the List once, why not do it again? (And again?)

It wasn't where I had planned to finish the List for the second time, nor when. Weather, forest closures, and other boring matters from Real Life had interfered. But doing my second List finish on Crafts last week was probably nicer than the original plan. And nicer than the first List finish (Split ... in July?).

Gathered at the lower end of Highway 330 to share the occasion with me were Lynda Armbruster, Mars Bonfire, Dave Comerzan, Greg DeHoogh, Doris Duval Janet Howell, and Wolf Leverich. This should have been a fairly simple climb except 1) there was snow on the north facing slopes and 2) muscles I didn't even know I possessed had been pulled on the ascent of Pilot Knob the day before. (It had taken three tries to luck into weather nice enough to tackle the Knob. And THEN I found ticks!)

But the crux of our Crafts adventure turned out to be the trip to the trailhead. Remember the Old Fire? It burned OVER Highway 330, incinerating not only the vegetation, but also the guardrails. Both were of concern on this day to CalTrans, which was busy attempting erosion control (green foam — does it contain grass seed or form a tough top layer or???), and replacing guardrails. The extent of this fire is awe inspiring. And we were permitted adequate (more than adequate) time to observe, as we first waited for our pilot car, and then slowly followed it up the hill.

As we neared the trailhead, we observed varying amounts of snow on north slopes. Although I had made brave noises about doing the peak on snowshoes (certainly the preferred option to waiting for spring), I hadn't actually brought them along, figuring that postholing would be an OK option. I mean, we've not had that much snow yet, right? Note: when planning to posthole, remember to bring the waterproof shoes.

The first time I did Crafts, it was from the north—
a long drive on a dirt road from near Butler then straight
up. Since this was to be my second List finish, that was
the only time I had done Crafts. Doing it the "normal" way
from the highway would be a pathfinder! Feeling more
like partying than navigating, I was privileged to draft

Mars to find the way to the summit.

What a BEAUTIFUL approach to Crafts! Through evergreen and autumn-tinted deciduous trees, the sun dappled the patches of pine needles and snow. Although a windy front was predicted to drop temperatures by 20 degrees or more, it was a clear warm day with perfect views in all directions of snow covered peaks. It seldom gets better than this.

The occasional not-too-deep snow (maybe a foot, max?) on the north slopes added just enough challenge that we felt we were accomplishing something. Arriving eventually on the dirt road to the north of the peak, looking up at the snow covered boulders, I decided it was time to dump my pack and improve my balance. We could celebrate back down here after summiting. Besides, that gave me a chance to stash that heavy bottle of champagne I'd lugged up the hill in a nice cold snowbank. (Note to those planning a List finish: it's nice to have a snowbank handy for chilling your drink. The warm beer I handed out on top of Split in July of 2002 wasn't nearly as welcome as the champagne we had on

Crafts last week.)

Mars picked the route up the potentially treacherous slope. The summit itself was free of snow, and soon we were all on top enjoying the views and the snow.

Then carefully back down over the boulders to enjoy the champagne, cookies, brownies, wasabi-peanuts (???) and similar treats. Not that we'd walked enough to really earn all those calories, but what the heck.

And back to the cars before that cold front whistled in. (And a cold front it was: the temperature here at the house was in the teens the next morning. Shiver!)

So, what next? Well, I've got 145 peaks done towards my 3rd List finish. Peter, Mars, and I are plotting another "emblem orgy" (like last August on Toro) for next summer. If you've not yet done Lookout #1, you might want to hold back and save it. There may be several people earning various emblems there, next August or September. Watch this space for more details?



Karen Isaacson Leverich finishes the List for the second time on Crafts Peak, November 21, 2003 L to R: Doris Duval, Lynda Armbruster, Greg DeHoogh, Janet Howell, Karen Isaacson Leverich, Mars Bonfire, Dave Comerzan.

Scodie Mountain - A Private Outing November 22, 2003 By Gary Schenk

On Saturday November 22 Mary Jo Dungfelder and I, along with her dog Lacey, arrived at Walker Pass Campground. Our goal was Scodie Mountain by the standard route. Some of you Pathfinder ridge runners may be interested in our adventure that weekend.

We spent Saturday afternoon getting Mary Jo some intro map and compass instruction. Saturday evening proved quite cold, with temperatures into the 20s overnight. Lacey proved to be a welcome addition to our party as big dogs in small tents give off lots of heat.

Sunday morning Mary Jo navigated us to Scodie Mountain. It was a quite pleasant day, with temperatures in the mid 40s, perfect hiking weather. The crystal clear sky gave magnificent views of Owens, Olancha, Langley and the High Sierra, and also the Domelands. Bart Dome in particular caught my eye. Scodie is really a nice climb, and while not the most challenging physically, provides a nice nav challenge and quite the sublime hiking experience. The register makes interesting reading. Apparently the majority of summits are done by Mars Bonfire, The Leveriches (three in one month!), George

Wysup and Byron Prinzmetal. Oh, Doug Mantle and Greg Vernon seem to stop by from time to time.

We wanted to make it a loop hike and hoped to find our way to the PCT, thinking to catch it at the head of the east fork of Jacks Creek as noted in the peak guide alternate route. However, once reaching Peak 7042 we saw the possibility of descending its NW Ridge to the PCT. Which we did. This went pretty well. There were a couple of areas of rock and brush barring the ridge, but these were easily bypassed. Fortunately, the PCT was where the map said it was, and we were soon back at camp. This added around two miles and negligible elevation to the Route 1 numbers.

All in all, Mary Jo and Lacey agreed that this was a day that makes you want to hike for ever and ever. On Oct 11, 16 intrepid hikers braved the first day of deer hunting season to add Hawes, Ingham, Little and Big Shay to their Lists. Though the sound of rifle shots was constant throughout the day, and many red hats were seen, no hikers were killed or seriously wounded. The usually deserted trailhead was crowded with vehicles and tents. The hunters had some success, as evidenced by bucks hanging and some being skinned and butchered.

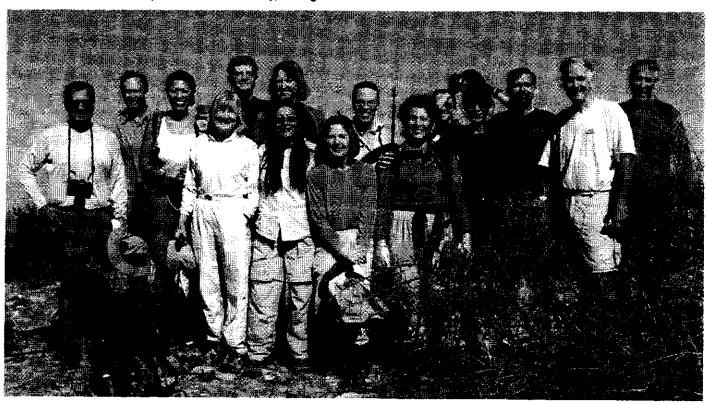


Photo (by leader George Wysup) Front row (L-R): Dorothy Danziger, Val Saubhayana, Pat Brea, Zobeida Molina Back row (L-R): Jorge Estrada, Brent Crookham, Yim Lincoln, John Meehan, Sandy Sperling (co-leader), Tom Connery, Diana Estrada (partly obscured), Lilly Fukui, Wayne Vollaire, Bill Burke, Joe Whyte

Hikers opting to do a safer hike elsewhere were: Suzy Hermann, Marlen Mertz, and Dave Jensen.

REGISTER BOX By Jim Adler

In this issue the list of the deficient and missing saw five additions and one subtraction.

Leo Rosario, Joe Young, Tom Hill, George Wysup and David Jensen contributed reports to this article.

Missing and deficient registers:

3E	Tehachapi Mtn.	deficient	9-03
5A	Caliente Mtn.	deficient	11-03
9C	Condor Peak	deficient	2-03
101	Mt Hillyer	missing	5-02
12B	Disappointment	missing	12-02
12D	Mt. Markham	missing	9-03
131	Winston Ridge	deficient	10-03
14A	Mt. Waterman	missing	5-03
14B	Twin Peaks	deficient	10-14
14C	Mt. Islip	missing	8-03
14F	Mt. Hawkins	missing	11-03
14H	Mt. Burnham	missing	6-02
16F	Thunder Mtn.	missing	8-02
16J	Mt. Harwood	missing	6-03
26B	Quail Mtn.	missing	1-02
32E	Cuyamaca Peal	missing	5-03

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



Outdoor Activities Governance Committee Meeting January 17, 2004 By Will McWhinney, OMC Chair

On January 17, 2004 at 9 AM, the national Outdoor Activities Governance Committee will be meeting in Mission Viejo. The principle item on their agenda will be finalizing the controversial Leader Standards policy. I urge you to attend this meeting and invite any other concerned outings leaders to attend as well. The outcome of this meeting will have an enormous effect on each one of us and on our outings program as a whole.

This is a joint meeting of the OAGC and its subcommittees, the Group and Chapter Outings Committee and the Outdoor Activities Training Committee. The GCOC will be meeting Sunday which everyone is welcome to attend as well, but is of less importance.

The current draft of the proposed Leader Standards can be found at http://clubhouse.sierraclub.org/outings/leader_standards/ Some of the most controversial elements are the requirements to renew leadership and first aid certifications every four years, and the definition of trips that require Wilderness First Aid (Level 3) along with the loophole that allows leaders to waive WFA if it is unavailable.

This is our last chance to sway the committee to ensure that the requirements are rational and reasonable. Please mark the dates on your calendars and spread the word to other leaders.

Location

Norman P. Murray Community and Senior Center 24932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo CA 92691

List of topics on the agenda:

Leader standards.

Discussing how the OAGC and the GCOC should interact.

Selecting nominees for the vacant OAGC position. Considering a new set of goals for the OAGC.

Conservation on outings.

Distribution of WFA training money

Electronics in the wilderness.

Available training tools from OATC.

HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION, ANGELES CHAPTER

Minutes: Annual Business and Management Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 11, 2003 at Eaton Canyon Nature Center

Management Committee 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 100th peak on Toro
- * Karen Isaacson Leverich Pathfinder Emblem on Toro
- * Doris Duvall 200th peak on Toro
- * Martin Parsons 100th peak on Toro
- * Ignacia Manriquez 100th peak on Toro
- * Sharon Hechler 100th peak 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)

Management Committee 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

Minutes: Management Committee Meeting Thursday, October 9, 2003 at Laura's place

MComm Meeting call to Order (6:40 p.m.) Attending:

In attendance were MComm members Ray Wolfe, Lynda Armbruster, Mars Bonfire, Kathy Cheever, Laura Joseph, Karen Isaacson Leverich, and Wolf Leverich. Visiting were Joe Young, Winnette Butler, Tom Armbruster and Robert True.

Minutes from the September 11 Meeting: M/s/p as corrected (change has been made).

Treasurer's Report: Wolf Leverich: Submitted - filed with minutes. Reconfirmed email vote that Tom Hill's contribution qualifies him for lifetime membership.

Old Business

Discussed next step with Safety Committee Resolution. Kathy will submit it to Chapter Safety Committee - Larry Tidball and Will McWhinney.

Committee Reports

- 1. Membership: Laura Joseph
- * M/s/p the following emblems:
- * Jean White Finished List #1 on Iron Mtn #1
- * Roy Randall Finished List #1 on Sam Fink Peak
- * Roxana Lewis 200th peak on Butterbredt Peak
- * Patrick Stevens 200th peak on Lion Peak
- * John Meehan 100th peak on Strawberry Peak
- * Mark Allen 100th peak on Will Thrall Peak
- * Mike Dillenback 100th peak on San Emigdio Mtn
- * Rosemary Campbell Pathfinder Emblem on Constance Peak

2. Programs: Laura Joseph

- * Annual Banquet. The invitations will go with the ballot to members and separately to subscribers. Joe gave a brief outlook on the program.
- * Joint Meeting: The date and venue has been finalized. This event will be on Thursday, Feb 5 at the Griffith Park Visitor's Center Auditorium (aka the Griffith Park Ranger Station).
- * Spring Fling: Will be held April 24-25 at Foster's Lodge (near San Diego)

3. Outings: Karen Isaacson Leverich

- * Is looking for hikes for the Schedule 295 for March-July 4. Deadline to submit hikes to Karen is Nov
- 3. Discussed various ideas for historical hikes in celebration of the 50th anniversary of HPS. Send ideas to Karen. M/s/p that except for Spring Fling, once a month where appropriate on days where a historical hike has been scheduled, no other hikes will be scheduled on that day unless they coincide with meeting at the summit of the same peak.

4. MRC: Wolf Leverich

- * No peak guide changes this month
- * The Idyllwild Ranger Station has temporarily relocated, although the exact location of the new location is unclear. Wolf will investigate. In the meantime, similar self-issue permits can be obtained at the State Ranger Station across the street.

New Business

- * Joe announced that David Simon, author of the proposed Sierra Club outing and procedures dialog, will be the keynote speaker at a meeting on Saturday, Nov 1, 9:00 a.m.-Noon at the Old Lawry's Restaurant.
- *The next MComm meeting will be held at Newcomb Ranch, Nov 11 at 7:00pm. A hike is being planned prior to the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm. M/s/p

Minutes: Management Committee Meeting Tuesday, November 11, 2003 at Newcomb Ranch restaurant

MComm Meeting call to Order (7:11 p.m.) Attending:

In attendance were MComm members Kathy Cheever, Karen Isaacson Leverich, Wolf Leverich, and Lynda Armbruster. Visiting were Bob Thompson, Laura Webb, Tom Armbruster, Winnette Butler, Janet Howell and Joe Young.

Minutes from the October Meeting: M/s/p

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

- * M/s/p \$1,500 put in a different account for the lifetime members to cover future costs
- * Discussed and set aside \$1,000 for fire recovery efforts (such as replanting trees)
- * Discussed earmarking funds to support special HPS programs, such as the banquet, commemorative 50th anniversary year, etc.

Old Business

- * Outings and Safety Procedure. Karen received email from Larry Tidball that it has been approved. Signed copy should be sent in the mail soon.
- * Wolf discussed the accumulation of policies and what to do with them. They should be visible to MComm and he would also like comments about publishing them to the membership.

Committee Reports

- 1. Membership: Laura Joseph via Karen Leverich
- * M/s/p the following emblems:
- * Bruce Morgan 100th on Lily
- * Lonnie DeClout 100th on Silver
- * Larry Campbell 200th on Cross
- 2. Programs: Laura Joseph via Karen Leverich
- * Briefly discussed Spring Fling and maybe needing to move it, but decided to keep things are they are. Even if the Fling is cancelled because of the fires, the hikes could be still be done. It's very likely it will work out.
- 3. Outings: Karen Isaacson Leverich
- * M/s/p OK for Karen to post outings on Schiker or any other mailing list. This is only for outings no change to other HPS business. Posting the outings is a good outreach method for letting people know about our activities.
- * Karen gave a report about fire closure areas. We won't suspend anything until we get better information about how long, etc.
- 4. MRC: Wolf Leverich
- * We had some discussion about the maps and how to distribute them. Talked about the possibility of giving

them out - ideas like, if you renew your subscription for 3 years you get a free set of maps, etc. No conclusions at this time - just exploring options.

New Business

- * Lynda and Joe had good reports about the Nov 1 meeting about the philosophy of the national outings standards. The presenters gave a good presentation and indicated that they are still in draft, are receptive to suggestions and there will be more open meetings, maybe in January.
- * We will discuss the HPS awards at the December meeting. M/s/p Joe Young to chair the HPS Awards committee.
- * Lynda talked about Outreach ideas brochures, ad in So. Sierran, post hikes at REI, etc. M/s/p to print up the Newby hikes schedule to be used for outreach at places like REI, etc.
- * Joe said he is receiving the ballots. We're receiving a good return response.
- * Joe has been receiving lots of old photos and slides for the banquet. He is seeking help in encouraging the "old timer's" to come and present "the way things were".
- * Chapter Awards: Joe discussed the nomination of Stag Brown for the Chapter Outings Award. A letter on behalf of the MPH MComm will be sent to Duane McRuer endorsing this nomination on behalf of HPS.

MComm meeting adjourned at 8:38pm

These minutes were prepared by the Hundred Peaks Section Secretary for 2003, *Kathy Cheever*.

Special Historical Hikes in 2004

A number of events in 2004 have been designated as special, historical HPS events celebrating our fifty years as a Section. For the period January through June, 2004 these events include:

- January 24 Saturday Our Annual Awards Banquet
- ●March 14 Sunday Re-enactment of first Hundred Peaks game outing
- April 18 Sunday Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up
- ●May 2 Sunday Heald Peak Re-enactment of the dedication climb in 1974
- ●May 8 9 Spring Fling
- •May 15 16 Hildreth Peak
- •June 6 Sunday First Sunday in June hike with Stag Brown (Sugarloaf Mountain)
- June 27 Sunday Re-enactment of the hike to Grouse
 Mountain where Weldon Heald climbed his 100th peak

Please look at the Advance Schedule for more information.