

THE LOOKOUT

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Letter from the Chair

By Kathy Cheever

URGENT: You'll be receiving your ballots to vote for the members of the Sierra Club National leaders. Included in this issue is a letter (approved by national for republication in newsletters) by Drusha Mayhue addressing a variety of Sierra Club national issues. Inclusion of this letter in **The Lookout** does not assume HPS MComm or HPS member positions on issues. Rather, it is included to present some of the issues that are of concern and to encourage you to research the candidates – find out what they are about and what they stand for – look them up on the web, ask friends, go to the library. Ask yourself if their platform conforms to your vision of Sierra Club involvement. How and who you vote for is your choice. Look at the candidates, be informed, and **BE SURE TO VOTE!!!**

[See page 26 for the full text of the Mayhue letter.]

This year represents the 50th Anniversary of the HPS! I don't know about you, but I'm pretty jazzed about that! For those of you who weren't there (and we missed those of you who weren't), Laura Joseph did an outstanding job again and pulled off another successful and enjoyable banquet! And Joe Young, well hat's off and standing "O" to Joe who gave a marvelous presentation reflecting the history of the HPS. He had an incredible array of photos, old recorded interviews, and commentary and I can't imagine anyone left without learning something new or remembering something or someone who had a great impact on the birth, growth, organization and operation of our program. No wonder that the HPS is as great as it is today!!! It was such a pleasure see several of our old-timers attend the banquet and to hear the words from our John Backus Leadership Award recipient, Tom Amneus, as he recounted changes in HPS over the years. Boy, have we come a long way, baby!

In continuing the celebration of our milestone, please keep an eye out to the Outings. Each month we have a commemorative hike or two scheduled to celebrate something special from the past – whether it be a peak, an annual event, or in honor of special HPSer's past and present. Got a great idea? Be sure to contact our Outings Chair, Karen Isaacson Leverich, and let her know!

A truism about organizations – they are only as great as the people who belong to it! As in past years, MComm would like to take the opportunity to focus our attentions and efforts as they apply to all of you! Always in focus concerns safety. As you are no doubt aware, 7 people have been lost to the So. Cal. hiking/biking
(continued on the next page.)



Stag Brown To Receive Chester Versteeg Outings Award at Chapter Banquet

The Angeles Chapter holds its Annual Chapter Awards Banquet on Sunday March 28th at the Brookside Country Club, at the Rose Bowl, Pasadena. Tickets are \$30 each. There is a No Host Bar from 5 to 6, and Dinner is at 6 pm.. To reserve, send check for \$30 payable to Sierra Club and SASE to Catherine Kissinger, 10541 Oro Vista Ave., Sunland, CA 91040 - 2853. For info she can be reached at (818) 352 - 3361, or by email at ckissinger@chla.usc.edu The HPS is reserving tables at this event. Please identify yourself as an HPS member when reserving to sit at one of our tables.

Stag Brown, long time HPS member and twice its chair, will be honored at this event. Stag will receive the Chapter's highest Outings Award, the Chester Versteeg Award. Please attend and show your support for Stag.

See inside for a copy of the March - April 1964 issue of the HPS newsletter; it begins on page 4.

The Advance Schedule of HPS activities begins on page 9.

Membership Report

By Lynda Armbruster

Achievements

100th Lead (pending final approval postponed to March MComm meeting)

- 30 - David Beymer – Burnt Peak – 12/21/03
- 31 - Maura Raffensberger – Queen Mtn – 1/17/04
- 32 - Wolf Leverich – Mt. Deception – 1/17/04

200th Lead

- 14 - Virgil Popescu – Rattlesnake Mtn 12/21/03

100th Pathfinder (belated recognition)

- 36 - Virgil Popescu - Martinez Mountain 3/24/01

200th Pathfinder

- Shared #1 – Charlie Knapke - Palm View Peak - 06/13/98
- AND Luella Fickle – South Peak – 10/17/98
- 3 - Ron Zappen – Backus Peak – 4/18/02
- 4 - George Wysup – Cajon Mtn – 12/3/02
- 5 - Tom Hill – Slide Peak – 12/06/02
- 6 - Virgil Popescu – Monument Peak #1 – 5/18/03

200 Peaks Emblem

- 405 - Lilly Fukui – Pacifico – 1/10/04

List Finish #1

- 247 - Kathy Cheever – Martinez – 12/26/03

Welcome New Members –

- Ana Cadez – 12/20/03
- Keenan Sallwasser – 12/20/03
- Joe Krenek – 12/14/03 on Mt Emma
- Wayne Bannister – 7/6/03 on Circle Mtn

And a personal note from Jim Adler:

As you may already have heard, Katherine Wood Price Adler, my long-time companion and recent wife died of cancer, at home, in her sleep on September 4, 2003 after an illness of three years, two surgeries and chemotherapy. With great satisfaction, Kathy and I finally had married on July 26, 2003. Happily, I continue to be a close part of the family with her children and grandchildren, whom I love as my own.

(Chair column continued from front page)

community just this January. Seems to me like a good time to review and provide tips for safe outdoor trekking and what to do when confronted with a mountain lion. Be sure to talk with your leaders and among yourselves. So many times we expand our knowledge as we learn from each other's knowledge and experiences.

A few tips for safe outdoor trekking:

- * In all cases, if you're not sure what to do or what to bring, contact your leader. They will be happy to talk with you about preparing for the hike and what would be essential to bring with you.
- * Plan ahead. Plan your trip carefully according to routes and the time you have available. Check weather reports before you set out.
- * Prepare yourself physically. Do not attempt a trip that is beyond your physical capabilities or beyond your skill level.
- * Do not hike alone.
- * Leave word of your destination and schedule.
- * Dress appropriately for the season. Layered clothing works best to meet changing weather conditions. Don't forget the rain gear.
- * Take the 10 essentials: extra warm clothing, extra high energy food, extra water, matches, map, compass with mirror, flashlight (with extra batteries, bulbs), first aid kit, pocket knife, and sunglasses. Also consider prescription medication, prescription glasses, a whistle, an insulated pad, and insect repellent.
- * If you get lost, stay put, and stay calm. In cool weather, keep as warm and dry as possible - build a shelter if necessary from leaves, twigs, whatever is available. Dig out that bivy bag you've been dragging around in your pack. If you

have a whistle, blow it every 15-20 minutes. This is why you brought extra food and water - be sure to eat and drink it!

From Outdoor California Magazine "Special Mountain Lion Issue" Mountain Lions In California: Expanding the Dialogue.
<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/kion/outdoor.lion.html>. When You Encounter a Mountain Lion: * Do not hike alone. Go in groups with adults supervising children. Keep children close to you. * Do not approach a lion. Most mountain lions will try to avoid a confrontation. Give them a way to escape. * Do not run from a lion. Running may stimulate a mountain lion's instinct to chase. Instead, stand and face the animal. Make eye contact. If you have small children with you, pick them up if possible so that they do not panic and run. Although it may be awkward, pick them up without bending over or turning away from the lion. * Do not crouch or bend over. A person squatting or bending over looks a lot like a four-legged prey animal. * Do all you can to appear larger. Raise your arms. Open your jacket if you are wearing one. Throw stones, branches or whatever you can reach without crouching or turning your back. Wave your arms slowly and speak firmly in a loud voice. * Fight back if attacked. Some hikers have fought back successfully with sticks, caps, jackets, garden tools and their bare hands. Since a mountain lion usually tries to bite the head or neck, try to remain standing and face the attacking animal. * For more information about mountain lions, contact the Department of Fish and Game, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Go out!! Have fun and always be safe!!

SPRING FLING RETURNS TO FOSTER LODGE

Outings to most San Diego area peaks planned

Spring Fling time is coming again! This year, the event takes place the weekend of May 8-9 (yes, we know that's Mothers' Day weekend) and we expect a spectacular wild flower show following the fall fires and winter rains. Many hikes are already scheduled and more will be added. Everyone who attended Spring Fling at Foster Lodge in 2003 had a fabulous time. This year, we promise, will be even better.

Accommodations: Foster Lodge is located on the Sunrise Highway (S1) south of Julian in San Diego county. The lodge is operated by the San Diego Chapter. We have reserved the lodge for Saturday and Sunday. Sleeping accommodations for up to 60 in the lodge are in dormitory style rooms. There are bathrooms with running water but no showers (one can sometimes use the showers in the campground across the highway). Tents can be set up anywhere on the grounds; car camping is also an option.

If you prefer, there are accommodations in B & B's in Julian, the motel-style Ramona Valley Inn, the Mount Laguna Lodge only a few miles from Foster Lodge, or you may camp at one of the many campgrounds in the area.

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

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

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

Activities: Hikes are scheduled Saturday and Sunday to the following peaks:

Cahuilla, Little Cahuilla, Oakzanita, Boucher Hill, Hot Springs Mountain, Combs Peak, Palomar High Point, Lookout #1, Whale Peak, Middle and Cuyamaca (by bike), Garnet Peak, Garnet Mountain and Monument Peak. (Note: if Cuyamaca Rancho State Park is still closed, peaks lying within the Park will not be led.)

See the schedule in *The Lookout* or check the HPS Website <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/hps/> for details. Come a day early and fill in the San Diego peaks by doing some on your own.

Saturday night is the famous **Pot Luck** dinner. Please tell registrar (Laura Joseph), what you are going to bring so she can coordinate a balanced menu (with lots of chocolate). Do as much preparation before coming to the lodge as possible to avoid gridlock in the kitchen. Sodas and beer will be needed. HPS will provide wine, juice, coffee and tea.

After dinner, we expect to have a guest from the State Department of Parks, San Diego District, who will talk and answer questions about fire and forest ecology.

Then we can enjoy the cozy fireplace and play the "What Peak is This?" game.

Breakfast: In keeping with tradition, the management committee will host a "continental" breakfast Sunday morning. If you want something more than breads, muffins, fruit, juice and coffee/tea, bring your own.

Registration: The cost of the weekend is \$10 per person per night — regardless of where you sleep. Advance registration is really important so that we can be sure not to exceed the maximum occupancy. If you do not register in advance, please be prepared to pay when you arrive and bring a pot luck item. To register, fill out the form below and return it with your check payable to HPS to

Laura Joseph
2386 E. Del Mar Blvd, #328
Pasadena, CA 91107

THERE WILL BE NO CASH!

What to bring (and what NOT to bring): If you're staying at the lodge, bring your own towels and bedding. Do not bring pets.

Help Needed! The management committee is doing a lot of the work for this event but we really need more help. Please email Laura if you can volunteer for anything.

Additional Info/questions: Contact Laura at ljoseph2@earthlink.net

SPRING FLING REGISTRATION FORM

NAMES OF PEOPLE ATTENDING: _____

ARRIVAL DATE AND TIME: _____

DO YOU PLAN TO STAY AT THE LODGE? _____

WHAT ARE YOU BRINGING FOR THE POT LUCK? _____

EMAIL OR, IF NONE, PHONE NUMBER: _____

Enclose a check to HPS for \$10 per person per night.

100 PEAKS

Volume 1

March 1, 1964

Flash!

Twenty-eight new peaks. That's the number the Sierra Peaks Section has released - and Hundred Peaks can have 'em!

These peaks lie between Tehachapi Pass on the south and Walker Pass on the north. They are in a beautiful area with spectacular scenery. They range in altitude from 5006' (Piute Pk) to 8432' (Cruckwalla Ptn.). For a complete list come to the next business meeting.

It has been suggested that Calif. Highway 178 be the dividing line between the territories of the Sierra Peaks and Hundred Peaks Sections.

Exactly how these peaks can be added to the list has not been determined yet. As you know, in the past additions have only been made at the annual picnic and it states so in the by-laws. However, it may be that there is another way this could be handled after due consideration and study of the peaks.

Your editor believes these peaks will add new zest to the 100 Peaks Section, a shot of adrenalin, so to speak. Let's have opinions.

New List Out

The new list of 100 Peaks has just been issued. If you want one, send Bill Rietkerk a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Coming Events

Schedule Meetings

March 20th, 7:30 - home of Bill Rietkerk. If you have any hike suggestions come to the meeting or send them to Bill. Glenn Stevenson our Schedule Chairman has moved (see p. 3). If you've never led a hike and would like to do your part, why not volunteer to assist? Assistants are always needed, ditto transportationists.

Business Meetings

April 17th, 7:30 - home of Hazel Elbinger.

Purpose: discussion of by-laws revision tentatively prepared by by-laws committee members Dick Worsfold, Bill Britton, Mary Meisel

the 28 new peaks
scouting reimbursement
leadership training
peak dinners
and misc.

If at all possible, please call Bill and Hazel if you intend to attend.

January Business Meeting

Among subjects discussed was leadership training. It was suggested by Bill Britton that the Section write its own guide.

Like conflicts was also discussed. It was decided to contact the sections involved, asking for their cooperation in eliminating the problem.

The chairman gave her report on her request for \$150 from the L. A. Chap. Executive Committee to be used for scouting reimbursement and/or trail work. It was denied. However,

Chairman Edwin Woodhouse recommended that permission be granted to request voluntary donations at hikes to be used for this purpose. The Executive Committee concurred. It was decided at the Section meeting to sound out members on hikes and to ask for opinions through this bulletin. Drop a post card, saying yes, no, or ? So far, the majority has approved.

Farker Severson moved that matters discussed at business meetings be published for the enlightenment of the general membership and be voted upon at the subsequent meeting. The motion was carried.

A by-laws committee was formed as described on Pg. 1.

Welcomes!

To new Section Members:

- Ben Romero - 26 peaks
- Patrick W. Donnovan - 27
- Alan Volkman - 50

(Ben actually has lots more, that's all he sent in.)

Many, Many Thanks

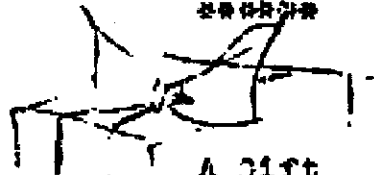
For all the correspondence and many comments received while hiking. The letters were interesting and helpful. As the writers will notice, your advice is being followed in many cases. Among those who wrote were: Weldon Heald, Robert Gregg, Andy Surtko, Walter Lenninger, W. Von Fartz, Court Olmstead, How Bailey, Mary & Cal Turner, Lill Utterback, Peter Roian, Vic Miller, Edward Ford, Glenn Stevenson, John Costello, Doug Luckenator.

Thanks also to those generous (anyone who parts with those precious items is generous) people who sent trading stamps: John Frost, Steve Kolner, Vic Miller, W. Von Fartz, Andy Surtko, Edward Ford.

The contest (naming the bulletin) isn't over yet. Deadline is Mar. 20. There were many excellent names suggested. The judges will have a tough time.

Staff

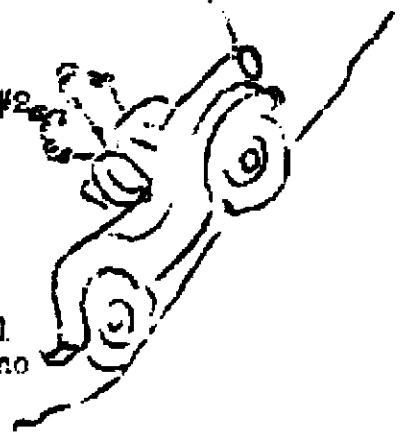
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A Gift

Here's a gift for you - well, not exactly, but almost. Due to several requests, below is a list of drive-ups or almost drive-ups, provided by Mountain Records Committee Chairman Steve Kolner. Some cannot be driven at all times of the year due to snow or fire closure, and some are not suitable for all types of cars, or may involve miles of dirt road driving.

- Mt. Abel (Corro Morasto)
- Mt. Pinos
- Liebro Mtn.
- Burnt Ik.
- Mt. Gleason
- Santiago Pk.
- Black #1
- Rouse Hill
- Table Mtn.
- Strawberry #2
- Hoops Pk.
- Keller Pk.
- Onyx Pk.
- Tiptop Mtn.
- Thomas Mtn.
- Norman Hill
- Leucher Hill
- Mt. Josephine
- Lutler Pk.
- Mt. Wilson



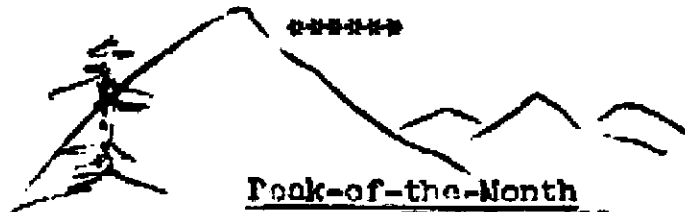
almost drive-ups or very, very short

- Mts. Vetter, Sally, Mooney
- Mojuska Pk.
- Alamo Mtn.
- Mt. Waterman (take chair lift)
- Royce Pk.

So you need more for that 100 or even for 95. Well, check the above.

Gripe-of-the-Month

Why is there no register on peaks that have a lookout, other than in the lookout itself? If the building is closed, there's no register to sign. How about another register - outside the lookout?
Anon.



Peak-of-the-Month
- The Cahuillas

"If Majella would not be afraid, I know a place, high up on the mountain, where no white man has ever been, or ever will be. I found it when I was following a bear. The beast led me up. It was his home, and I said then it was fit hiding place for a man."

Thus, according to Helen Hunt Jackson in "Ramona" Alessandro describes the valley that now bears his real name: Juan Diego Flat, which lies between Cahuilla Mtn. and Little Cahuilla Mtn. Later when the couple moved to the valley to escape persecution by the white settlers, Mrs. Jackson writes:

"It was a wondrous valley. The mountain seemed to have been cleft to make it. It lay near midway to the top and ran transversely in the mountain's side, its western or southwestern end being many feet lower than the eastern. Both the upper and the lower ends were closed by piles of rocks and fallen trees. The rocky summit of the mountain itself made the southern wall; the northern was a spur, or ridge, nearly vertical-----."

This was published 80 years ago. Think what changes have been made within a hundred miles. But how changeless are the mountains! George Harton James in "Through Ramona's Country" (1908) shows a picture of a trail used by Ramona around Cahuilla Mtn. that looks exactly the same today. His picture of Ramona at her husband's grave in a little cemetery guarded by huge boulders

makes the scene easily identified today. A headstone for Ramona has been added as well as stones and crosses for many of her relatives and neighbors.

As Little Cahuilla Mtn. is in the San Bernardino Nat'l. Forest, it will probably remain unchanged for some time. Cahuilla Mtn., Juan Diego Flat, and the Tripp Flat area east of the Cahuilla saddle were homesteaded by the sons of Judge Tripp of San Jacinto. He was the prototype of Judge Wells of the Ramona story. The property was kept in the family until a few years ago. Mr. Firestone of the Tire and Rubber Co. flew over Cahuilla Mtn. and Juan Diego Flat; he liked it and bought it. Tripp Flat is now being subdivided.

Dirt roads and trails now make access to the Cahuillas somewhat easier than when Alessandro followed the bear, but the unavoidable tangles of brush near the summits remind one of Alessandro, "where no white man has ever been, or ever will be." (He didn't know us!)

Little Cahuilla Mtn. 5024'
Cahuilla Mtn. 5624'

- Bob Hawthorne

Ed note: For the factual side of getting to the top, write Bob. He knows it well, having gone to considerable trouble to scout it for the hike he led.

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Our Dinners

What's your opinion on how the dinners should be organized? Should they be by reservations only? However, no one should be stuck with reservations that aren't filled. Any suggestions as to restaurants which don't require reservations but which can handle groups easily at a moment's notice?



(dinners - continued)

How about several members getting together to produce a home-cooked dinner, a real special one. Or how about a pot-luck?

We'd like to honor our members who have 200 or more peaks. How many of you would be interested in attending a dinner for them?

A Suggestion

Stock up on a supply of post cards. They're mighty handy for jotting down suggestions, opinions, etc. They're economical and fast. (No stamp licking, or hunting for an envelope.)

Odds-'N-Ends

Glenn Stevenson - has moved to Calif. City completely new. He's given up his Hollywood office. Glenn wrote a letter describing the scenic attractions of his desert and nearby mountains, a portion of which will be printed in another issue.

Walt Throck - retires from the Glendale Police in July.

Bill Rietkerk - if he ever gets tired of being an architect could be a baker. He bakes delicious bread.

W. Von Fertz - moved to Colton. 6691 Abasco Road, Apt. 16

Extra Energy?

If you'd like to do some extra bagging, why not send in your name and it will be published. In that way, peakers scouting a hike who want company or those wanting to get some extras in, can get in touch with you.

Lost & Found

Found - small, round suction-type thermometer on Fox #2, Jan. 25th.

Found - pair of leather gloves Fox #2, Jan. 25th.

Found - Starflash Camera, lost by Riverside Chap. member in Rialto, Nov. 23rd, Mineral Mtn. trip. Lost by young girl who had her sister with her & rode in Mary's jeep. Anybody know her?

Contact Mary Meisel with regard to any of the above.

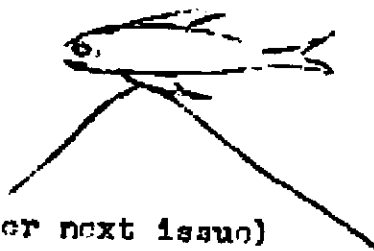
Puzzle

This is a new feature. To say he accused of being copycats, but this suggestion of Andy Sneath's is fun. Guess what peak the drawing represents. Here's a sample.



ans.: Daisy Peak. (Of course there's really no such peak.)

O.K. Now that you've got the idea, here's the puzzle:



(answer next issue)

Tanted!

- Trip write-ups
- Trail news
- Hiking food preferences
- Personal news
- Historical info.
- Gripes
- Facts on seldom done peaks
- Lost-and-found items
- Mountain-type jokes
- Cartoons (pertaining to hiking)
- N E T S

Donations

If you haven't sent in your donation (\$1.00) yet, and intend to, don't put it off - do it now! Donations are needed to keep the bulletin going. Paper costs money and so do stamps. It is hoped to keep this newsletter published until it is donation time again next year.

Hike - May 16-17

In the Santa Barbaras (see schedule)

It may prove impossible to do those 4 peaks, at least in 1 week-end. The leader was misled by incorrect information given her. Andy Smatko, who is a darned fast hiker, says it is absolutely impossible to get them all in 2 days, and 2 with fast hiking is all that can be done. For further details check with the leader about a week before the hike.

Anybody interested in a possible scouting trip (2 days) during Easter vacation, contact the leaders.

Publisher Needed

Dorothy Cutler volunteered to help out by running off the first 2 editions. She cannot be expected to do it forever. She is on the Executive Committee, L. S. Chapter and besides has been Southern Sierran editor. We don't want to push her generosity too far. Can anyone run the bulletin off? Dorothy has been doing it on an L. Dick at work, and puts out good clear copy. If by any chance you have a machine at home or handy to use after working hours, the bulletin staff will run it off so you won't have any work to do at all.

Paper

Can anyone get the Section mimeograph paper and/or stencils at wholesale prices? It would be a big help in making limited funds stretch out the year. Contact the editor if you can.

Membership List

In a future issue an up-to-date (it is hoped) membership list of peakers will be published. It will be saved for an issue which isn't quite as fat as this one. Thereafter, it will be published once a year. Please notify the mailing committee of any address changes.

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"I can't wait until the first time my son and I go on a hike together."

(lifted from the L.S. Times)

Not a Peak - But Important

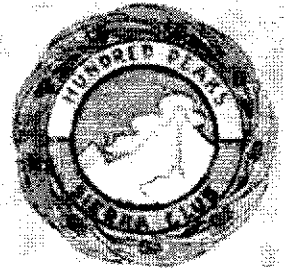
May 15th - Onion Valley Tree Planting

While there's no peak involved, this is still worth attention. If you're not peak bagging on this date, save it for this worthy cause. It will be a well spent weekend.



Come get high with us.

**Advance Schedule
February 28, 2004 to July 3, 2004
By Karen Isaacson Leverich**



Feb 28 Sat
I: Snowshoe in the San Gabriels: Enjoy a moderately paced snowshoe hike to one or more peaks in the San Gabriels. Anticipate 4-8 miles, 1000-2000' gain, depending on conditions. At least two days before trip, send esase/sase to Leader: SANDY SPERLING Co-Leader: SANDY BURNSIDE

Feb 28 Sat New Outing, not in Schedule
I: Rosa Point (5038'): Rosa Point at a gorgeous time of the year in the desert. Moderately paced, very strenuous 12 miles round trip, 5500' gain total. Send esase to moonbeym@adelphia.net with recent relevant, hiking experience; requests without this information will not be considered. Leader: DAVE BEYMER Co-Leader: MAURA RAFFENSPERGER

Feb 29 Sun New Outing, not in Schedule
I: Rosa Point (5038'): Can't make Dave and Maura's outing on Saturday? You have a second chance to bag this dramatic desert peak in Anza-Borrego. This one will be a slow paced, but very strenuous 12 miles round trip, 5500' gain hike. SASE to hikes@mtpinos.com a few days before the hike, or to PO Box 6831, Frazier Park, CA, 93222 a week before the hike. Leaders: WOLF LEVERICH, KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH

Feb 29 Sun
I: Chaparral Peak (5541'): Enjoy this loop trip to an easy peak in a new nature preserve near Yucca Valley, 7 miles round trip, 1300' gain. The trail was designed for equestrians but is mostly used by hikers and has some unusual features. Meet 8 am Pomona rideshare point. Newcomers welcome. Bring water, lunch, warm clothing. Leader: VIRGIL POPESCU Co-Leader: TOM HILL

Feb 29 Sun
I: Queen Mountain (5680') from Indian Cove: Rough tough scramble up a ridge near Rattlesnake Canyon to follow a watercourse through no-man's land. Very strenuous unique cross-country route with a look at 3 Pictograph sites en route. Approximately 10 miles, 3000' hard won gain. Well conditioned non-tigers send SASE early with experience, H/W phones to Leader: DIANE DUNBAR Assistants: ROBERT & MARKEY NEIGHBORS

Mar 2 Tue
O: Mayan Peak (6108'), Butterbred 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
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 Canada rideshare point. Leaders: BETH MIKA, SOUTHERN COURTNEY, BRENT WASHBURNE

Mar 5 Fri
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 Canada rideshare point. Bring water, 10 essentials. Co-Leaders: KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH, WOLF LEVERICH

Mar 6 Sat Orange County Sierra Singles
I: 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 6-7 Sat-Sun New Outing, not in Schedule
I: Jean Peak (10,670'), Drury Peak (10,162'), Marion Mountain (10,362'): Cross-country snowshoe to Round Valley or Tamarack Valley Saturday from tram station to set up basecamp. Embark on multi-peak cross-country snowshoe romp Sunday, then return to base camp and pack out (optional bags of Cornell and/or San Jacinto as group consensus, time & conditions permit). Communal hot winter drink sampling Saturday evening - bring your favorite tummy warmer!! Moderately paced weekend of about 10-12 mostly cross-country miles, about 3000' gain, identifying critter tracks and major flora along the way. Esase (preferable) or phone provisional leader with h & w phones, carpool info, recent conditioning, snow camping & snowshoe experience. Provisional Leader: SHERRY ROSS (chross@yahoo.com, 562-429-6953). Assistant: SANDY BURNSIDE

Mar 7 Sun
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 7 Sun New Outing, not in Schedule
O: Mount Lukens (5074'): Slowly paced, 7 miles round trip, 3000' gain to historic hogback, the highest point in the City of Los Angeles via Stone Canyon Trail. Meet 8:30 am La Canada rideshare point with water, food, rain/wind gear, Adventure Pass. Rain/snow cancels. Leaders: MARK ALLEN, WOLF and KAREN LEVERICH

Mar 8 Mon New Outing, not in Schedule
I: Sheep Mountain (5141'): Sheep and Martinez as a Death March? Sheep and Martinez as a backpack? How about this: Sheep and Martinez as separate day hikes. We'll do Sheep on March 8th, then return on the 22nd (see below) for Martinez. Sheep all by itself makes a lovely outing -- 13 miles round trip on trail and cross-country, and around 3000' of gain. The scenery is spectacular, and we'll be moving sufficiently slowly that you should be able to appreciate it. Please SASE to hikes@mtpinos.com a few days before the outing, or to Karen Leverich, PO Box 6831, Frazier Park, CA, 93222 a week before the hike. Leaders: WOLF and KAREN LEVERICH

Mar 9 Tue
HPS Management Meeting: Please join us for our monthly open management committee meeting. For time and location, contact Programs Chair: LAURA JOSEPH

Mar 12-14 Fri-Sun New Outing, not in Schedule
I: Villager Peak (5756'), Rabbit Peak #2 (6640'+): We're experimenting with developing a more enjoyable Rabbit/Villager backpack. Consider this: a late-morning start on Friday, carrying those heavy packs (all that water!) up 3500' and 5 miles or so, and camping short of Villager. On Saturday, load up only enough water for a long day hike, head up Villager (1300', 2 miles), on to Rabbit and back (7+ miles, 3100' gain), and then back down to camp, for a total that day of 4400' and 11 miles. Enjoy an evening savoring being (almost) done with the most dreaded peaks on the List, then saunter out the next morning, and celebrate with a nice lunch in Borrego Springs, getting home Sunday PM at a decent hour. Please SASE a week before the outing to hikes@mtpinos.com or to Karen Leverich, PO Box 6831, Frazier Park, CA, 93222. Leaders: WOLF and KAREN LEVERICH

Mar 13 Sat
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 HPS Historical Hike
O: Iron 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 Canada 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
HPS Historical Hike
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
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 Canada rideshare point. Bring water, 10 essentials. Co-Leaders: KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH, WOLF LEVERICH

Mar 20-21 Sat-Sun
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 that will be held 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: LUELLE FICKLE, CHERYL GILL, ERICH FICKLE, BARBARA GUERIN

Mar 20 Sat Hundred Peaks, Desert Peaks
I: 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 esase 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 Geronio Chapter
Quail Mountain: This, we're planning to do as a shuttle loop. Quail Mountain is the highest peak in the park. The altitude gain is a couple thousand feet. There is a great 360 degree view. You can see the Salton Sea and, on a clear day, right on past it into Mexico. There are a few historical sites along the way. This is about a ten mile hike. BRING: It's sometimes windy at the top so bring well thought-out layers. Also: bring lunch, snacks, two liters or more of water and wear good boots. Leaders: AL/ANN MURDY (760) 366-2932, aemurdy@eee.org

Mar 21 Sun Hundred Peaks, Desert Peaks
I: 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 esase or esase showing your excellent conditioning and experience to Leader: TOM HILL. Co-Leaders: VIRGIL POPESCU, LAURA JOSEPH

Mar 21 Sun New Outing, not in Schedule
O: Sunset Peak (5796'): Join us for an easy (slow) paced 7 mile round trip, 1300' gain walk on a fire road near Mount Baldy. Meet 9 am in the parking lot at the northeast corner of Mills Avenue and Mt Baldy Road: exit Baseline from the 210 Freeway, go west 1 mile to Mills, then north on Mills. Bring water, snack, rain/wind gear, Adventure Pass. Rain/snow cancels. Leaders: WOLF and KAREN LEVERICH, MARK ALLEN

Mar 22 Mon New Outing, not in Schedule
I: Martinez Mountain (6560'+): Karen's birthday hike. If you joined us on the 8th for Sheep, you'll be wanting to tidy up your "orphan". Join us as we revisit Horse Thief Creek and then carry on to Martinez. Even omitting Sheep, this is still a big hike: 16 miles round trip on trail and cross-country, with a gain of 4300'. The summit block is Class 2, and fun if you like that kind of thing. Please SASE to hikes@mtpinos.com a few days before the outing, or to Karen Leverich, PO Box 6831, Frazier Park, CA, 93222 a week before the hike. Leaders: WOLF and KAREN LEVERICH

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

Mar 28 Sun
Angeles Chapter Awards Banquet: The Chapter Awards banquet will be held on this day. Please note that the HPS will be reserving tables at this event. 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 Canada with water, lunch, and good footwear. Leaders: ROSEMARY CAMPBELL, DON SIMINSKI

Apr 2 Fri HPS Historical Hike
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

I: 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. (You had to register by March 20th in order to attend.)

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 HILL

Apr 4 Sun

New Outing, not in Schedule

O: Allen Peak (5795'): Lonely Allen Peak is sometimes omitted when doing the other five peaks of Yucaipa Ridge, because somehow few have the energy for one more peak by the time Allen's turn comes up. Let's give Allen the respect it's due, approaching it at an easy pace by a dirt road, with a brief bit of use trail to reach the peak. 7.5 miles round trip, 1300' gain. We will have to get permission to cross private land, so the number of participants is limited. Please SASE to hikes@mtpinos.com or to Karen Leverich, PO Box 6831, Frazier Park, CA, 93222 a week before the hike. Leaders: WOLF and KAREN LEVERICH, MARK ALLEN

Apr 6 Tue

O: Sunday Peak (8295'), Bohna Peak (6788'): Two peaks north of Lake Isabella with dirt road driving. The beautiful summit of Sunday is 3 1/2 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 8 Thu

New Outing, not in Schedule

I: Sheephead Mountain (5896'), Cuyapaipa Mountain (6378'), Garnet Peak (5880'+): A handful of short hikes along the Sunrise Highway near Julian. Do one or all three. Some dirt road driving for Cuyapaipa. Depending on the status of the fire closure, Garnet Peak may be a modest 2.5 miles round trip, 500' gain, or a more interesting 5 miles round trip, 1000' gain. Cuyapaipa checks in at 2.5 miles, 600' gain. The challenge here is finding the use trail. Sheephead is 3.5 miles on road and cross-country, 1000' gain. Please SASE to hikes@mtpinos.com a few days before the outing, or to Karen Leverich, PO Box 6831, Frazier Park, CA, 93222 a week before the hike. Leaders: WOLF and KAREN LEVERICH

Apr 9 Fri

New Outing, not in Schedule

I: Eagle Crag (5077'+): George Wysup led this peak on April Fool's Day, 2001, and found 100+ ticks. Hopefully he got them all, and there are none left. (Maybe wear long light-colored pants, just in case!) This hike is a full day outing: 18 miles round trip mainly on trail, but with a cross-country component, and 3500' of gain, 1000' of that annoyingly enough on the return. Expect some pretty scenery, including some streams that look as if they had been teleported down here from the Cascade Mountains. Please SASE to hikes@mtpinos.com a few days before the outing, or to Karen Leverich, PO Box 6831, Frazier Park, CA, 93222 a week before the hike. Leaders: WOLF and KAREN LEVERICH

Apr 10 Sat Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks

O: Mount Lukens (5074') via Stone Canyon Trail: Strenuous 7 mile round trip, 3300' gain hike to the highest point in the Los Angeles city limits, with great views and beautiful wildflowers. Meet 8:30 am supermarket parking lot (NE corner Foothill Blvd and Mount Gleason Rd in Sunland, Thomas Guide page 503, H3) with water, lunch, suitable clothing, footwear. Leaders: ROSEMARY CAMPBELL, SOUTHERN COURTNEY

Apr 11 Sun

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 13 Tue

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Apr 16-18 Fri-Sun Hundred Peaks, PV-SB, Natural Science,

WTC I: San Rafael Mountain (6593'), McKinley Mountain (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

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

Apr 17 Sat

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 (winnetteb@earthlink.net), KATHY CHEEVER (Cheever@ucla.edu)

Apr 17 Sat

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 viewpoints 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 Canada rideshare point. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles, appropriate clothing. Co-Leaders: DAVID F. EISENBERG, FRANK DOBOS

Apr 17 Sat

New Outing, not in Schedule

I: Granite Peaks (7527'), Mineral Mountain (7238'), Tip Top Mountain (7623'): Expect a slow pace, spectacular scenery, and (if we're way too slow) a dirt road walk in the dark to bag the last of the listed peaks. Total statistics for the three peaks are 14 miles round trip, 3000' gain, with some gnarly dirt road driving. (Bring your high clearance vehicle, if you can! Participation will be limited based on the number of high clearance vehicles that are coming.) Please SASE (with information about your vehicle) to hikes@mtpinos.com a few days before the outing, or to Karen Leverich, PO Box 6831, Frazier Park, CA, 93222 a week before the hike. Leaders: WOLF and KAREN LEVERICH

Apr 18 Sun HPS Historical Hike
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 Canada rideshare point or 7 am for breakfast at Hill Street Cafe. Bring water, lugs/soles. Rain cancels. Leader: JIM FLEMING. Assistants: JULIE RUSH, DAVID EISENBERG

Apr 24 Sat New Outing, not in Schedule
O: Ryan Mountain (5457'), Lost Horse Mountain (5313'): 8 miles round trip, 2000' gain. Join Greg on his "O" provisional and see if he's got what it takes, while enjoying a couple nice hikes in Joshua Tree at the same time. Meet 9:30 am in the parking lot next to the Denny's in Yucca Valley. Leader: GREG DE HOOGH Co-Leader: WOLF LEVERICH

Apr 24 Sat
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 Canada, 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 Hundred Peaks, Palos Verdes-South Bay, Natural Science
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
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

Apr 25 Sun New Outing, not in Schedule
O: Queen Mountain (5680+), Warren Point (5103'): Stay over after Greg's provisional and visit two more great peaks in beautiful Joshua Tree National Park. Anticipate a pace slow enough to look around and enjoy the park. Each peak is about 6 miles round trip, 1200' gain -- do one or both, depending on your time and energy. Meet 8:30 am in the parking lot next to the Denny's in Yucca Valley. Leaders: MARK ALLEN, WOLF and KAREN LEVERICH

Apr 29 Thu New Outing, not in Schedule
I: Bighorn Mountains (5894'), Meeks Mountain (6277'): The crux of these peaks is probably the long annoying drive back to the trailheads. Meeks is 4 miles round trip, 1000' gain; Bighorn 6 miles and 1100' gain. Bring your high clearance vehicle, if you can! Participation will be limited based on the number of high clearance vehicles that are coming. Please SASE (with information about your vehicle) to hikes@mtpinos.com a few days before the outing, or to Karen Leverich, PO Box 6831, Frazier Park, CA, 93222 a week before the hike. Leaders: WOLF and KAREN LEVERICH

Apr 30 Fri New Outing, not in Schedule
I: Iron Mountain #1 (8007'): Wolf's birthday hike. It's the Big One: 14 miles round trip and cross-country, a mere 7200' of gain. Bring your headlamp (we'll be hiking at a slow pace and will probably be coming out in the dark) and your rain/wind gear (the weather this time of year can be very unreliable -- we hiked out last year in a snowstorm!) Please SASE a week before the outing, with information about your conditioning, to hikes@mtpinos.com or to Karen Leverich, PO Box 6831, Frazier Park, CA, 93222. Leaders: WOLF and KAREN LEVERICH

May 2 Sun HPS Historical Hike
I: Historical Hike to Heald Peak (6901'), Nicolls 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 HPS Historical Event
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 Saturday night, followed by the HPS Game, "What peak is This?" 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: LAURA JOSEPH

May 8 Sat New Outing, not in Schedule
I: Garnet Mountain (5680+), Garnet Peak (5880+), Monument Peak #1 (6271'): Join us at HPS Spring Fling for these easier peaks totaling 6 miles, 1200'. We'll take a pathfinder route to both Garnets and have plenty of time to get to the party Saturday night! Enjoy the wildflower show that comes after a fire as we hike. Leave Foster Lodge at 9:30am. Short car trips between trailheads on paved roads. Contact Laura Joseph, ljoseph2@earthlink.net for info. Leaders: LAURA JOSEPH, PAT ARREDONDO, SANDY SPERLING

May 8 Sat
I: 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
O: Oakzanita Peak (5054'): A HPS Spring Fling Mountain 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 round trip, 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 north 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

O: Boucher Hill (5438'), Hot Springs Mountain (6533'), Combs Peak (6193'), Palomar High Point (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

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

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 dirt 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-Base to Kathy (Cheever@ucla.edu). Rain and/or park closure cancels. Leaders: KATHY CHEEVER, MARS BONFIRE

May 9 Sun

New Outing, not in Schedule
I: Cuyapaipa Mountain (6378'), Sheephead Mountain (5896'): After a leisurely breakfast at Foster Lodge following Spring Fling partying the night before, head out to climb two interesting peaks along Sunrise Highway before heading home. Cuyapaipa is 2.5 miles round trip with 600' gain, Sheephead is 3.5 miles round trip with 800' gain, both are on dirt road and use trail. High clearance recommended but not essential. We will leave Foster Lodge at 9:30am and should be on our way home by 4:00 pm. Possible to do only one peak if you're in a hurry to get home. Contact Laura Joseph, ljoseph2@earthlink.net for info. Leaders: LAURA JOSEPH, SANDY SPERLING

May 11 Tue

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

May 15 Sat

HPS Historical Hike
I: Historical Rendezvous Hike to Hildreth Peak (5065'): We shall enjoy the pools along the beautiful, flowery, green, southern Agua Caliente 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

HPS Historical Hike
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

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

I: Josephine Peak (5558'): 8 miles round trip, 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 Canada rishare 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

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, rishare info to Bob. Co-Leaders: BOB BEACH, KEITH MARTIN

May 23 Sun

I: Cannel Point (8314') Exploratory: Long hike with early start to climb Cannel via a National Recreation 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 rishare info to Leader: GEORGE WYSUP. Assistants: SANDY SPERLING, MARKEY & ROBERT NEIGHBORS, LAURA JOSEPH

May 25 Tue

O: Silver Peak (6756'), Gold Mountain (8235'), Bertha Peak (8201'): Join us for a day in the San Bernadino 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, LYNDIA 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 Canada rideshare point with water, lunch, good footwear. Leaders: DORIS DUVAL, DON SIMINSKI

May 29-31 Sat-Mon

I: Big 4: Samon Peak (6227'), Big Pine Mountain (6800'), West Big Pine (6490'), Madulce Peak (6536'): Take either two days or the entire Memorial Day Weekend 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 Mountain, 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

O: Big 4 Minus 1: Big Pine Mountain (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 Sunday 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

I: Mount Gleason (6502'), Iron Mountain #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 tree-covered, while Iron has panoramic views of undisturbed San Gabriel backcountry. Slow pace, no tigers, newcomers welcome! Sturdy hikers can stay for bonus peaks. Meet 9am La Canada rideshare point. Bring water, 10 essentials. Co-Leaders: KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH, WOLF LEVERICH

Jun 5 Sat

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 poodiedog 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

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 Canada rideshare point. Bring bike, riding helmet, spare tube, 10 essentials, water, snack. Rain cancels. Leaders: KATHY CHEEVER, MARS BONFIRE

Jun 5 Sat

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 Canada rideshare point with Adventure Pass, 2-3 qts water, food, lugsoles, etc. Co-Leaders: DIANE DUNBAR, JIM KILBERG

Jun 6 Sun

HPS Historical Hike
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 8am Pomona rideshare point. Bring 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 8 Tue

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

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 La Canada rideshare point with water, lunch, good footwear. Leaders: SOUTHERN COURTNEY, ROSEMARY CAMPBELL

Jun 13 Sun

M: Antsell Rock (7679'), Apache Peak (7567'), Spittler 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 Icon: Mountaineering

Jun 18 Fri

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

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

O: Haddock Mountain (7431'), Reyes Peak (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 La Canada rideshare point with water, lunch, good footwear. Leaders: DORIS DUVAL, BOBCAT THOMPSON

Jun 26 Sat

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

HPS Historical Hike
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 8 am Sylmar rideshare point. Bring water, sturdy boots, something to share for lunch on Grouse. Leaders: JOE YOUNG, Chapter Historian BOB CATES, STAG BROWN

Jun 27 Sun

HPS Historical Hike
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 Canada rideshare point with water, lunch, good footwear. Leaders: BETH MIKA, DAN BUTLER

Jul 2 Fri
 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
 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
 I: Rendezvous Hike via Idyllwild 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

Angeles Chapter Fundraiser Excursions *By Roxana Lewis*

APR 24 Saturday
 O:Ranunculus & Rail/Train Hike to Carlsbad : 7am depart historic Union Station for Oceanside, breakfast opportunity onboard. Hike 9 mi to Carlsbad, moderate pace. View/walk the Ranunculus fields. Picnic lunch amongst the blooms. Take bus back to Oceanside to catch Amtrak to L.A. Return Union Stn. 6pm. \$52 (\$67 non-member) includes rail fare, flower admission, donation. Bring 2 qts water, snacks, lunch, camera. Send check/sase/sc# to Leader: Roxana Lewis, Co-leader Margaret Belknap

MAY 15 Saturday
 O:Train to Calif Strawberry Festival: Lv L.A. Union Stn at 7am for Oxnard. The 20th annual Strawberry Festival is a celebration of the fruit that made Calif famous. Enjoy strawberry pizza, shakes, chocolate dipped, parfaited. The day includes 5mi. walk thru Oxnard to work off the pies/cakes. Return to L.A. by 5:00pm. \$55 (\$70 non-member) rail fare, festival admission, donation. Send check/sase/sc# to Leader: Roxana Lewis, Co-leader Maggie Belknap.

JUL 13-22 Tue-Thu
 C: ZEN ADVENTURE IN JAPAN & Mt.FUJI CLIMB: Fly LAX to Osaka and spend 7-days in the cultural capitol of Japan, Kyoto, succumbing to everything Zen. Day trips via rail to Hiroshima, Nara, Miyajima, Ise, Nagahama. Proceed to Mt.Fuji for summit climb; then a final day in Tokyo before flying home. Ability to walk approx. 5-7mi daily. \$2886 (\$2911 non-member) includes airfare, hotel (2share), brkfst, 7dy rail pass, donation. To reserve send \$700 deposit/2sase/sc# to Leader: Roxana Lewis, Co-leader, Maggie Belknap.

OCT 21-31 Thu-Sun
 C: HIKING THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA: The only manmade structure visible from outer space. We will hike newly opened segments of the Great Wall. Along with this focus there will be time to sightsee the capitol of Beijing and Xian, where the terracotta army was excavated. Ability to hike steep 7-9mi daily. \$3148 (non-member add \$40). Includes airfare from LAX, all meals, guides, sightseeing, donation. To reserve send \$600 deposit/2SASE/sc# to Leader: Roxana Lewis, co-leader: George Wysup.

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REGISTER BOX By Jim Adler

Numerous reports were received but the result was only two new peaks added, one removed, and one updated. Ed Ruskowitz, Joseph Vliestra, Mark Allen, John Marquis and Karen Isaacson Leverich 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
10I	Mt. Hillyer	missing	5-02
12A	Mt. Deception	missing	1-04
12B	Disappointment	missing	12-02
12D	Mt. Markham	missing	1-04
13F	Mt. Williamson	missing	1-04
13I	Winston Ridge	deficient	10-03
14A	Mt. Waterman	missing	5-03
14B	Twin Peaks	deficient	10-03
14C	Mt. Isiip	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
32E	Cuyamaca Peak	missing	5-03

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

Leaders: Please note the presence, absence, or condition of our register cans and registers on our summits. When you get home, please drop Jim Adler a note or give him a call and let him know what you observed.

If possible, carry a pair of nesting cans with you and a register book, especially if you are leading a peak that is listed above in Jim's report.

Rideshare Points

La Cañada:

North Orange County:

Palmdale:

Pomona:

Sylmar:

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

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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The Annual Awards Banquet

The fortieth Annual Awards Banquet of the Hundred Peaks Section was held on January 24, 2004 at Les Freres Taix restaurant. (The very first Annual Awards Banquet was held in 1965, also at Taix!)

People starting arriving before 5 PM, and Laura Joseph, Sandy Burnside, Lynda Armbruster, and Joe Young were already working on their respective tasks. The R. S. Fink Service Award, the John Backus Leadership Award, and the Bill T. Russell New Leader Award perpetual trophies were displayed for all to see, as were the numerous raffle prizes and HPS merchandise. The no-host bar, as usual, was a popular place during the social hour. Several ladies graciously volunteered to help out with the registration, and they did a terrific job. Old-timers and no-so-old-timers enjoyed fraternizing with one another. Many see each other only at the annual banquet.

Taix banquet staff began serving dinner shortly after 6:30, and everyone settled down for a pleasant dinner, punctuated with announcements of raffle prize winners. "Everyone" turned out to be 138 people. Ray Wolfe began with his welcome and remembrance of hikers no longer with us, including two who had passed away in 2003: Les Reid and Hanna Shay.

This year three entrees were available: Salmon, chicken and vegetarian pasta. Participants who offered assessments praised the quality of these dinners.

Banquet Chair Laura Joseph arranged spectacular and valuable raffle prizes. Prizes were donated this year by the following: Set of framed photos of lotus flowers worth \$130 (Lilly Fukui); Pasadena Map Co gift certificate (via Laura Joseph); snow shoes (Mars Bonfire); 3 backpacks (Mars Bonfire); Stove (Mars Bonfire); \$50 Gift certificate from Sport Chalet (via Virgil Popescu); Little Tokyo walking tour free pass (Roxana Lewis); \$100 discount on the Angeles Chapter's Fundraiser Excursion to China including a visit to the Great Wall (Oct 21-31) (Roxana Lewis); Highpower head lamp (Sherry Ross); Silk Screen Print (Edna Erspamer, donor and artist); Lower Peaks 2004 hiking guides - 2 CDs (Gabriele Rau); A-16 "Adventure Bucks" \$60- 3 prizes of \$20 each (via Laura Joseph); REI Two sleeping bags (via Ana Cadez); \$50 certificate for international airfare by Ana Cadez; REI day pack (via Ana Cadez); REI gift certificate for \$50 (Via Tom and Lynda Armbruster).

After dinner, Ray Wolfe, Chair for the latter part of 2003, made some brief remarks about the happenings of the HPS in 2003, and introduced the 2003 HPS Management Committee and other volunteers who helped run the HPS. Ray also made reference to the many, many individuals who led outings for the HPS in 2003. Kathy Cheever, Chair in 2004, introduced the Management Committee and other volunteers who will steer the HPS in 2004.

Ray then led the assembled throng through the "Ritual of Recognition of Achievements." Special applause was afforded Frank Goodykoontz, who has led the entire HPS List FOUR times, and for Carleton Shay, who has bagged every peak on the HPS List TEN times!

Ray then presented the Bill T. Russell New Leader Award to Dave Comerzan. Dave had obtained his "O" rating and began to lead hikes shortly thereafter. He quickly earned his "I" rating and has accelerated his pace of leadership. He frequently leads hikes mid-week.

The John Backus Leadership Award was presented to Tom Amneus. Tom led for the HPS four decades ago. He began leading chapter outings in 1956, and over the following ten years led dozens of trips --for HPS, the Local Hikes Committee, Mule Pack Committee, SPS, DPS, Natural Science Section, and the San Fernando Valley Group. In 1960 he taught the first Mountaineering Training Course. The following year, he taught the first series of courses in mountain rescue. These were the precursors of what we now call the Leadership Training Course. In the days when Tom joined the Sierra Club, you had to be sponsored by two members. But in addition, at least in the Angeles Chapter, you had to pass inspection by a Membership Committee that over the years had taken on the responsibility to see that prospective members were morally and ethnically acceptable—which became a ruse for excluding blacks and Jews. As Chair of the Angeles Chapter in 1959, Tom worked with other local and national club leaders, such as John Robinson and Nathan Clark, to lead a successful battle to end this form of racial discrimination in our chapter.

The R. S. Fink Service Award was presented to Joe Young. Joe had won this award before, and Ray explained why the HPS had broken precedent and presented this award to Joe for a second time.

After a break, Joe Young presented the banquet program, "A Celebration of Fifth Years Of the Hundred Peaks Section." Joe's show included pictures of each and every Chair of the HPS, pictures of early key players in the 100 Peaks "Game," including our founder, Weldon Heald. We heard recordings of many of the early HPS leaders such as Jack Bascom, Freda Walbrecht, and Toni Gamero, who designed the original HPS Emblem. Also heard were Forrest Keck, who chaired the HPS in 1956; Dick Worsfold, Chair in 1959 and 1963; Bill Utterbeck, Chair in 1961; Steve Molnar, Chair in 1962 and head of Mountain Records from 1963 - 1965; Mary Meisel, Chair in 1964 and first editor of the HPS newsletter, **The Lookout**; Bob Van Allen, Chair in 1966; Les Stockton (The Red Baron), who Chaired in 1969; and Vicky Duerr, Chair in 1970. Also heard were the voices of Dick Akawie and Shirley Akawie. (We were honored that Shirley and her daughter Carol Schneider were able to be with us tonight.) Pictures chronicling events in each era embellished the documentary aspects of the program. Towards the end of the program we heard the voice of our "patron saint," Sam Fink, for whom our highest award is named.

Financially, the banquet was a success as total receipts almost exactly matched total expenditures.

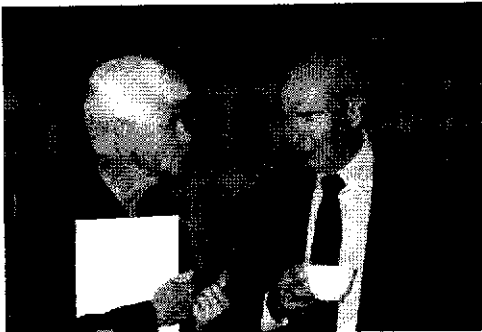
Scenes from The Banquet



Tom Amneus receives applause from the crowd after accepting the John Backus Leadership Award



Kathy Cheever and Mars Bonfire



Gabriele Rau and Rich Gnagy



Winnette Butler



Carleton Shay, Frank Goodykoontz, Shirley Akawie, seated, and Carleton's son and daughter join.



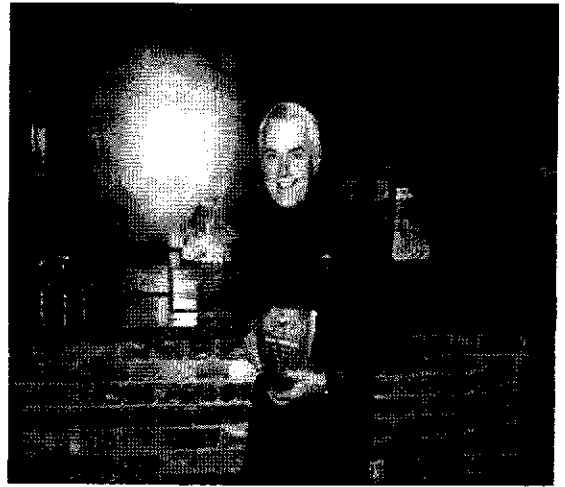
Ron Jones and Karen Leverich



Laura Joseph, Banquet Chair



Pat Russell and Carl Spring



Dave Comerzan received the Bill T. Russell
New Leader Award



Jetje Worsfold stands near our three perpetual
trophies: (left to right) the Bill T. Russell New
Leader, the R. S. Fink Service, and the John
Backus leadership Trophies



Ray Wolfe Presents R. S. Fink Service
Award to Joe Young



Frank Goodykoontz, Shirley Akawie, Carol
(Akawie) Schneider



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Historical Hundred Peaks Section Photographs Shown at the Banquet



Jack Bascom, left, congratulates Weldon Heald on Heald's 100th Peak, Grouse Mountain. June 1946

Toro Peak (6,716') July 3, 1942
 Front row: 1. ??; 2. Fred Johnson; 3. Parker Severson; 4. Oscar Steve Raywald
 Back row: 1. ??; Harry Daley; 3. Marco Potinak; 4. Freda Walbrecht;
 5. Doris Obble



Freda Walbrecht and hiking companions on Toro Peak 1942



Jack Bascom, standing behind Freda Walbrecht. Luella Todd to Freda's left, listens.



Luella Todd kept the 100 Peaks "Game" going from 1947 to 1954



Weldon Heald



Toni Gamero designed the HPS Emblem in 1950



Dick Akawie



Steve Molnar, HPS Chair in 1962



Les Reid served on the Management Committee in the 1960's.



Jack Bascom, on possibly his last HPS hike, with Reina Lee Brown, on her first, in 1996.



Sam Fink, Fred Bode, Maureen Cates, and Paul Lipsohn on the summit of Heald Peak on April 27, 1974



John Backus on Folly Peak (his second List completion)



Sam Fink with R. S. Service Award winners at a Recent Banquet

Current Trip Reports

Michael and Matt's Excellent Adventure Rosa Point and Villager Peak Private Trip: January 15-16, 2004 by Michael Sallwasser

I recently conceived a goal of matching the count of my backpacking trips to my age. (As of this writing, I am 49, with 44 trips to my credit.) I am also aiming to finish the HPS list (some year) and earn a 100-peak pathfinder. Since Matthew, my oldest, has been attending CSULB, we have hiked every January during the semester break. To accommodate my three goals above, I decided this year's adventure would be a backpack to Rosa Point (which I need for my list #1) and nabbing a pathfinder to Villager Peak on the return.

After passing a comfortable night in the back of the Dodge Grand Caravan, we hoisted our packs at 8:30 Thursday morning, the shadow of an SR-22 Call Box draped over our sleeping quarters. The sun was unencumbered by clouds as we crossed the undulating desert floor to the mouth of Palo Verde Canyon (I am still amused by the double irony of calling a dun-colored canyon, 'green hill.'). Once inside the canyon we took our first rest break in the only shade we would find for the next two days.

The scenery inside the canyon was delightful. With the constantly shifting view around each bend, canyon hiking offers a welcome contrast to the nearly constant view from the ridge above. I will admit that whether in the canyon or on the ridge, the array of xeric plants in the Colorado Desert is amazing. We spotted blooming sand verbena and ocotillo trees in full leaf. There were yucca and agaves, some in full bloom, others with withering stalks. And of course, the sand and rocks were heavily sprinkled with flowering creosote bushes and countless jumping cholla, purple-tinged prickly pear, rotund barrel, beavertail and hedgehog cacti. Being the more careless hiker, I have the scratches and punctures in my arms and legs to remind me that beauty has its cost.

As we made our way to Rosa Point, we expressed gratitude to those who strode before us, leaving boot tracks and occasional ducks to mark the way. The ducks were particularly helpful as we crossed Palo Verde Canyon at 3200'. When you are carrying 16 pounds of water over rugged terrain, every advantage helps. (I could have done without the help of the red plastic ribbon that I did not notice until after I had clicked the shutter.)

As we climbed out of Palo Verde Canyon, we received our unexpected reward - a fabulous view of the Salton Sea. We had to wait until Rosa Point to see the entire (almost) shoreline of that slowly vanishing mistake.

At three, we reached the register of Rosa and made our marks (#170 for me, #79 for Matthew). An earlier entry expressed satisfaction at having reached the peak in six hours. We felt satisfied

that we had only taken 30 minutes longer... with full backpacks.

I had originally planned to make camp near the last bump before the saddle at the head of fearsome Rattlesnake Canyon. With daylight fading and our energy waning, we decided to make camp on the saddle west of peak 5260'.

We pitched our tent and scurried up a rise to watch the sunset. The extra half-minute it took me to don hat and gloves plus grab my camera meant I missed the sunset and Matthew saw it. Ah, well. I snapped a picture of the dazzling ruby clouds on the horizon.

In the gathering dusk, we arranged our sleeping bags and stowed our dinner and breakfast inside the tent. With the sun gone, the temperatures were quickly dropping. While reading books is an enjoyable way to pass the evening, it is difficult to stay awake. By eight, I gave up the ghost, doused my headlamp and bid Matthew good night.

The new day dawned pleasantly. Six-thirty was as late as I could stay in my bag. Matthew took some coaxing to get him moving. We dressed and ate breakfast before venturing into the cool morning air. At ten minutes to eight our gear was on our back and we were striking out for Villager. With a full night's rest in our legs, we covered ground at our quickest pace since leaving Rosa Point. We briefly headed 50 yards out the wrong ridge, but soon recovered.

The saddle at the head of Rattlesnake Canyon was deeper than we expected. It was difficult descending the steep unstable hillside. "Rock!" Matthew called. I had plenty of time to step aside as the toaster-size rock bounded past my hip. Once at the bottom our trials were not over, just different. Coming up the other side was equally daunting.

Weaving past rock-outcroppings and dodging cacti that blocked the choicest pathway, we stepped and scrambled to gain the ridge 1000 feet above us. By ten we were on the narrow spine getting our first view of dry Clark Lake. Added to the natural wonders, we saw three fighter jets (and heard a few more) practicing close-in maneuvers. Climbing and plummeting, they rose and fell 5000 feet in a matter of seconds. Why couldn't we climb that fast?

With the air show over, we propped our packs on the rocks and hiked the 1.3 miles (aren't GPS receivers great!) to Villager. At 11:10 we were standing on top (Pathfinder #14 for me, #80 for Matthew) taking in the spectacular view. Matthew was uninterested in where I had camped four years earlier. (It was on that trip that I conquered my 100th peak, Rabbit.) We had lunch upon our return to the backpacks.

Finishing our loop took us past the precipitous crumbling cliff edges that I remembered all too well. While I admit they give me the willies, Matthew was even more unnerved. My joking increased rather than relieved his anxiety. Especially distressing are the cracks in the ground where sections of the earth are peeling away. As

best I can recall (and ascertain from a safe distance), the cracks have not widened in four years.

Matthew's knees complained whenever the trail descended too steeply. Despite his discomfort, our pace often hovered around three miles per hour (again, the GPS).

As we strode to the brim of the last plateau, I noticed the "Peking Duck" looked much less formidable than when I last saw it. The rust-red sandstone slabs fell victim to someone's disdain for conspicuous and excessive alterations to the natural landscape.

We descended the twenty-plus switchback to the desert floor (though we had to stop midway. Matthew's knees, again.) At the bottom we followed the ducks that led us up one rill and down into the next wash. As we neared the midpoint of the sandy expanse, our car, still more than a half-mile distant, beckoned to us. Whenever we looked up, it was a silvery beacon that was barely and almost imperceptibly closer with each (painstaking for Matthew) step.

Earlier, while still marching down the ridge, I had predicted we would reach the car between three and three-thirty. Matthew thought I was being overly optimistic about maintaining our pace. By my watch, I touched the hood at 3:03:16. Matthew was less than a minute behind.

After more than 18 miles and almost 7000 feet of gain and loss, our packs were soon inside the vehicle and our boots were off our feet. Good weather, good company, good trip.

Barley Flats (5600'+)

HPS & Local Hikes Committee

December 10, 2003

**Leaders: Joe Young & Bobcat Thompson
By the Leaders**

Twenty hikers, including the leaders, participated on this event. After meeting at 9:00 AM at the La Cañada rideshare point and reconvening at Red Box, the group began hiking at about 9:45 AM. The weather was uncertain, as the camera atop the Solar telescope on Mt Wilson had sent discouraging images and information to the internet that morning. (See <http://www.astro.ucla.edu/~obs/towercam.htm> for conditions atop Mt Wilson.) But the group was determined, so we hiked with the intention to bag the peak. The weather held up nicely for us this day. It was cool but mostly clear with no rain during the hike. The clouds seemed to be stymied by the front range of peaks (Mt Wilson over to Deception.)

About 3/4 miles from Red Box the trail to the Strawberry/Lawlor Saddle makes a sharp turn to the left, and we left the trail at this point to hike the overgrown and abandoned road to Barley. Portions of this road have been washed out, and brush still abounds, but we persevered. Some recent "pruning" had taken place, making our efforts a bit easier.

We arrived at the "summit" at about 11:25 AM, and signed the register which is located adjacent to a

non functional utility pole south of the water tank. After resting a bit, the group explored the now abandoned prison compound, and some hikers regaled us with some history. The windows of the buildings have been boarded up, and the doors locked, so we could not enter any of them. But we walked through the compound, checking everything out, with some venturing to the heliport. Bobcat reported seeing a Search & Rescue truck with its lights on, but nobody around, on the heliport. We hope that some vehicle (helicopter, truck) returns to give the S & R truck a jump start.

Soon we retraced our steps through the compound, and returned to the water tank. The thinner members of the group slithered through the gate at the west end of the compound; the rest of us found a large opening in the fence about a hundred feet east of the water tank.

Regrouping, we left the "summit" and headed back down the road/trail to Red Box, taking about 1 1/4 hour. Shortly after arriving at Red Box, the weather turned cold and blustery. But our hike was accomplished during good weather, and our day was done.

One item of note: The Forest Service is doing extensive repairs to trails in the area, including the trail from Red Box to Strawberry Potrero, and the trail up Colby Canyon, and a few others.

Mt Emma (5273'), Old Mount Emma (5063')

December 14, 2003

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

Ten hikers, including the leaders, participated in this event. This was Joe's 58th birthday. It should be noted the Joe has led hikes for the HPS on his 30th birthday, his 40th, his 41st, his 57th, and his 58th. He also gave a slide program for the HPS meeting on his 50th birthday.

After forming rideshares at the Sylmar rideshare point, the group reconvened at the Angeles Forest Highway offramp from Hwy 14, then caravanned to the Kentucky Springs Canyon Road in an attempt to approach Mount Emma from the south via Route 2. However, a security guard was stationed at the intersection and told us that there was shooting going on (probably near the shooting range) and told us not to drive onto Kentucky Springs Canyon Road. However, he said that we could park our vehicles at the intersection and hike in to the area if we chose. We opted to drive back to the Mt Emma road and approach the peaks via Route 1.

The weather was looking ugly. Rain was all around us, but we were OK for the moment. Joe led the group up slowly from the Route 1 trail head to the summit, taking about an hour to reach the summit. We stayed there briefly.

Bobcat led the group down hill, then up, then down again, the up again to the summit of Old Mount Emma. We spotted rainbows to the north and northeast, but so far we were not getting wet. Registers in

reasonably good condition were found on both summits, though the nested cans on Emma had to be pried apart to access the register.

As we rested on Old Mount Emma, the wind picked up and it began to rain. Bobcat led the group back to the shallow saddle just southwest of the summit of Old Mount Emma, then down slopes, gullies, and ridges north until we met the road about two miles east of the cars. We arrived at the cars at about 2:00 PM. Light rain and chilly wind dogged us all the way back.

Most of the group reconvened for post hike revelry at Viva's Mexican Restaurant near Griffith Park later.

LA By Night Christmas Hike

December 21, 2003

Leaders: Stag Brown, Bobcat Thompson & Joe Young

By the Leaders

Thirty five hikers, including the leaders, met at Union Train Station at midnight, Saturday night, December 20, for the 20th annual hike to give food and clothing to the homeless living on the sidewalks of downtown Los Angeles. Most of the homeless are congregated near 3rd, 4th, and 5th Streets near Los Angeles Street. This is just south and east of City Hall.

Stag and Joe arrived early at the parking lot at Union Station, and learned that parking would cost \$10. We drove around a bit and found parking available at a Chevron Station a short distance from the Union Station for about \$5, and a Days Inn parking structure across from the Chevron Station. When participants arrived at Union Station, they were informed of the alternative parking places, and several checked them out. One participant returned and said that parking at the Days Inn was free, but others said that Days Inn would charge \$5 for overnight parking. Eventually everybody parked according to their wishes.

At nearly 12:30 AM Stag led the group from Union Station, through Olvera Street area, across the freeway, through Civic Center, past the Police Station, and down to the area the homeless call "home." For over an hour the group handed out sandwiches, clothing, fruit, chocolate, and other items to the homeless. When we had distributed everything, some participants checked out and headed for Union Station to return home. Others hiked with Stag through downtown, with comfortable chairs, restrooms, and water. Several participants treated themselves to elevator rides to top floors. The elevators are glass so riders can have views of tall buildings from the elevators.

The group then hiked down to the Pantry restaurant, and some wanted to eat immediately. Stag led the rest down to Staples Center, then back to the Pantry. We arrived there at about 3:45 AM, and the Pantry was still serving to midnight to 4 AM breakfast. Had we arrived after 4 AM the prices would have been

cheaper! We'll remember this next year!

After breakfast we hiked back north, including hiking the 102 steps at Library Tower. Then it was back to Olvera Street and Union Station where we arrived at 5:15 AM. Light rain started to fall as we leaving Union Station. Our timing had been fortuitous!

Four Gables

A Sierra Peaks Section Outing

September 20 - 21, 2003

By Gary Schenk

A three year journey was about to take its final course. At last, the day of the final "I" provisional was here. Erik Siering had graciously agreed to evaluate and assist on the trip. Four Gables had passed muster with all concerned and here we were at the Horton Lake Trailhead bright and early Saturday Sept. 20.

Billed as a SPS intro tip we had attracted two newcomers to SPS, but old HPS hands, Val Saubhayana and Lilly Fukui, as well as Kathy Brown and Bill Siegal. It was a cruel joke we played on Val and Lilly, however. While originally meant to be a trip for novice SPSers, the trip destination had changed due to the navigation requirements for provisional trips, and some bonehead, otherwise known as your humble correspondent, forgot to delete the "SPS Intro Trip" part from the rewritten schedule write-up.

Our plan for the weekend was to attempt Four



Bill Siegal, Erik Siering, Gary Schenk, Kathy Brown and Lilly Fukui. Missing is the photographer Val Saubhayana.

Gables by a less traveled route from Upper Horton Lake. I had "scouted" the route a month earlier on John Cheslick and Patty Rambert's trip from Desolation Lake. From the summit the intended route looked easy enough. However such long range "scouting" cannot be recommended! Indeed, an east trending ridge running perpendicular to the Sierra Crest masked a crucial part of the route. Another surprise also awaited us.

We left the trailhead at the appointed time and a moderate pace had us at the cabins at Horton Lake in three hours. We then skirted the west end of Horton Lake and followed the drainage SSW on good use trail.

We soon came upon a wall 200 feet high, beyond which lay Upper Horton Lake. The outlet had carved a notch in the top of the wall and a steep talus slope spilled from the notch. We stayed to the right as much as possible and our Sierra newcomers performed quite well on difficult terrain. Immediately upon exiting the notch we were at Upper Horton.

Good campsites were found on a terrace just to the west of the outlet. Five and a half hours after leaving the trailhead we were established at our camp. Upper Horton is a beautiful lake, just below timberline, and one of the most pleasant spots in the Sierra. After dinner and Happy Hour, we agreed upon a 6:30 AM start time and called it a night.

Sunday morning our first problem was to find a route to the small lake to the southeast. We skirted the north side of Upper Horton and took the first chute we came upon. Five hundred feet of loose scree later we were at the unnamed lake, where we saw our next surprise. We were horrified to find another chute with another six hundred feet of scree before us. This had been masked from view from the summit on the earlier trip, and what had been expected to be an easy walk in the park was now revealed to be otherwise.

It was here that Kathy made the rather intelligent decision to become sick from the altitude and head back to camp. Indeed, looking at that chute made me nauseous, also.

Val and Lilly were confronted for the second time with terrain with which they were unfamiliar. There is no whine in these two troopers, however, and we made slow progress up the chute. Erik's experience as a leader really showed on this stretch, and his efforts were well appreciated by all. After much straining, slipping and gnashing of teeth, we made the easier terrain leading to the Sierra Crest.

We dropped down from the crest and easily walked to the summit. This day was an excellent demonstration of the difference between climbing at 6000 feet and climbing at 12,000 feet. It had taken us five hours, two hours longer than planned, and we spent only fifteen minutes at the peak.

Our trip was less than halfway done, however, as we had to return to the trailhead that day. The result was a Death March in the finest SPS tradition. Thirteen and a half hours after heading off for the summit, we made it back to the trailhead. We were dusty and weary, but well rewarded for our exertions.

Barley Flats Via Adler Creek

February 1, 2004

By Mark S. Allen

With a flair for the unknown, seven hikers set out on a pathfinder to Barley Flats. It was Super Bowl Sunday, but our goal was achieving this unique plateau in the San Gabriel interior. Leaving Adler Creek we progressed on good trail through an elfin forest of manzanita and buckthorn. Immediate gratification was gaining the ridge to warm sunlight. Ultimately we wanted



Dorothy Danziger, Mark Allen, Bob McEwan, Brian Bottorff, Mari (?), Karen Leverich. Wolf Leverich is the photographer

to experience Barley Flats via this lesser known approach. Espousing historical facts on the old NIKE base as well as the current search and rescue contingent; our group enjoyed the day. Once on the Flats we noticed some upgrading to the facility. The gate was locked. New carpentry projects to the buildings were apparent. At the register all hikers signed in. We lunched and then returned the same way to the cars. Afterward it was, of course, home to the Super Bowl having experienced a wonderful day in the San Gabriels.

It could never happen to me!

By Edith Liu

We've all been drilled about the 10 essentials; many of us can recite them in our sleep. And I pride myself on my organizational skills – some would say to the point of obsessiveness. You can't imagine how foolish I felt when we arrived at the trailhead; I put my shoes on and quickly discovered that something was amiss. Hey, I've worn these same hikers for months; actually I have two identical pairs. Why do they feel so awkward?

I have them feet, so I And looked No, I have! But a hurry grabbed shoes. Now be denied a



Well, maybe on the wrong switched. a little closer! couldn't yes, I did, in apparently two LEFT what? Not to peak,

especially a simple little 5 miler over easy terrain, I looked at my options. Another twist of fate that morning was leaving the house with those ever so flimsy Chinese slippers (with sparkling pearls and sequence!) Why not? Yep, did the whole thing with one left hiking shoe and one right slipper – the latter is now ready for the recycle bin.

OUTSIDE INTERESTS PUSH TO HIJACK SIERRA CLUB

By Drusha Mayhue

The internal Sierra Club election this spring could prove pivotal and could dramatically alter the direction and mission of our organization. In fact, the Sierra Club we all joined may have a very different look to it next year, depending on the outcome of the 2004 Board of Directors election. That's because current members of the Sierra Club Board of Directors have openly recruited candidates with agendas widely different from the Club's historic conservation mission.

The Sierra Club's direct elections make us unique – and vulnerable. One of the most important opportunities Sierra Club members have is the chance to select our own Board of Directors. Every year members select five directors for three-year terms on our fifteen-member Board. But as the Club has grown, the proportion of our members who vote has declined.

And now the Sierra Club is in trouble – our own democratic process is being used against us to take over our organization and hijack our agenda and assets. Because fewer and fewer members are voting, it has left us vulnerable to take-over efforts by people and parties with narrow, personal, one issue agendas — like animal rights and anti-immigration. These outside groups can recruit and run petition candidates from outside the Club who share their ideology.

And that's exactly what's happening – with help from some current members of the Club's Board of Directors. Director Paul Watson outlined this effort at an animal rights conference earlier this year, just weeks after he was first elected to the Club's Board. "One of the reasons I'm on the Sierra Club Board of Directors right now is to try to change it," Watson proclaimed.

"And once we get three more directors elected, the Sierra Club will no longer be pro-hunting and pro-trapping and we can use the resources of the \$95-million-a-year budget to address some of these issues," said Watson, who calls fishermen "sadistic bastards" – even though about a sixth of the Club's membership fishes.

Watson noted his task will be made easier by low voter turnout in Club elections: "The heartening thing about it is that, in the last election, of the 750,000 members of the Sierra Club, only 8 percent of them voted. So, you know, a few hundred, or a few thousand people from the animal rights movement joining the Sierra Club -- and making it a point to vote -- will change the entire agenda of that

organization."

Noted outdoors writer Jim Shepherd characterized this statement as an "attempt to hijack the Sierra Club," an effort Watson confirmed at the Club's annual September meeting, when he admitted that he's trying to "take over" the Sierra Club and its agenda.

In addition to Watson's efforts to commandeer the Sierra Club, the anti-immigration forces which have been targeting the Sierra Club for more than a decade have now joined forces with the animal rights activists. Club Director Ben Zuckerman, another Club Director with close to zero Club experience when he was elected to the Board, has recruited candidates to run for the Sierra Club board from an obscure organization called the Diversity Alliance for a Sustainable America. This organization shares his desire for the Club to become involved in closing down immigration into the United

States. The DASA has been funded in part by grants totaling \$125,000 from foundations controlled by the notorious Clinton hater and right wing patron Richard Mellon Scaife and his family. According to the Washington Post, "Scaife and his family's charitable entities played a central role in the rise of the right, giving at least \$340 million to conservative causes and institutions."

Director Zuckerman's principal focus on the Board has been a relentless effort to persuade his fellow Directors to overturn the membership vote several years ago to unite the Club by remaining neutral on the question of immigration policy. Zuckerman has

compared immigration to cancer, defended Colorado Congressman Tom Tancredo – an anti-immigration zealot who earns an average LCV score of 15% – as "the person in Congress doing the most for the environment," and called for the Club to work on halting immigration as a means of fighting the war against terrorism.

A number of anti-immigration web sites have recently been urging people to join the Sierra Club in order to elect the candidates recruited by Zuckerman. These unrelenting efforts to undermine the Sierra Club, its conservation agenda, assets, and democratic process prompted the Southern Poverty Law Center, perhaps the nation's leading organization in exposing hate group activities, this to advise the Club's volunteer leadership this fall: "We think that members of the Sierra Club should be fully alert to the methods and motives of some of those who are trying to shift it from its historic

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mission."

So consider yourself alerted to these take-over efforts, this deliberate attempt to undermine our democracy and hijack the agenda chosen by a majority of Sierra Club members. Consider all that is at stake in this Sierra Club election – our democracy, our direction, our ability to stop the Bush administration's assault on our environment and overcome some of the most serious environmental challenges we have ever faced.

Don't sit on the sidelines this election. Vote! Ballots will be mailed to all Club members at the end of February, and must be filled out and received back by the Inspectors of Elections by April 21. Every Sierra Club member will receive a ballot and an accompanying statement, in which each candidate describes his or her background, qualifications, and goals for the organization. These last are often written in rather general language, but the Club and the candidates provide internet mechanisms through which they can be questioned more specifically about their views. Take the

opportunity and question them.

"Sierra Club Board elections are a fine opportunity for our members to look at our Club and determine the directions they want the organization to go," says Club President Larry Fahn. "I urge all our members to study the candidates carefully. And I urge all members to vote. It is member participation that has made the Sierra Club the most effective environmental organization in the world. It is member participation that will empower us to stop George Bush, and will allow us to carry on our wonderful tradition of effectiveness into the future."

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**HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION,
ANGELES CHAPTER**

**Minutes: Management Committee Meeting
Tuesday, December 9, 2003 at Laura's place**

MComm Meeting call to Order (7:10 p.m.)

Attending: In attendance were MComm members Lynda Armbruster, Mars Bonfire, Kathy Cheever, Karen Isaacson Leverich, Wolf Leverich, and Ray Wolfe.

Visiting were Tom Armbruster, Winnette Butler, and Joe Young.

Minutes from the November Meeting: M/s/p

Ballots: Joe Young gave the election results. New 2004 MComm will be Laura Joseph, Lynda Armbruster, Winnette Butler, Karen Isaacson-Leverich, Wolf Leverich and Kathy Cheever. (Continuing as past-chair will be Ray Wolfe.) All proposals passed "big time". 192 ballots returned which represents 44% of the membership.

M/s/p election results.

Treasurer's Report: Wolf Leverich: Submitted - filed with minutes. The following represents the breakdown of the funds allocation:

- * \$3,000 to support special HPS programs such as the banquet, commemorative 50th anniversary year, etc.
- * \$1,500 for lifetime member expenses
- * \$1,000 for fire recovery and conservation
- * \$1,500 operating balance

Old Business

* Outings and Safety Procedure has been approved by Chapter and the original signed copy has been received by the secretary. This original will be filed with the minutes. The text will appear in the next Lookout and on the web.

* More discussion about the accumulation of policies and what to do with them. They should be visible to MComm and the membership. Perhaps have them available in hard copy and on the web.

Committee Reports

1. Membership: Laura Joseph

* M/s/p the following emblems:

* Karen Leverich - List Finish #2 on Craft

* Robert McCuin - 100th on Mt Hillyer

* James Cardin - List Finish #1 on Toro

* James Cardin - 100th pathfinder on Thomas Mt

2. Programs: Laura Joseph

* Encouraged us to encourage people to sign up!! And donate good items for the raffle.

* Joe discussed plans for the banquet. M/s/p to allow Joe to comp 5 people with financial problems. If need more, contact MComm.

3. Outings: Karen Isaacson Leverich

* M/s/p to suspend Middle, Oakzanita, Stonewall, Cuyamaca due to fire damage with review in April.

* M/s/p to suspend San Sevine, Buck Point, Cleghorn, Sugarpine, Monument, and Cajon due to fire damage with review in at least 6 months.

* Suspensions will be posted on website, email to leader listserv and in the Lookout.

4. MRC: Wolf Leverich

* No peak guide revisions this month.

* Wolf is looking into a new map package that will have no license issues. He will give us more information as he is able to look at the program.

At this point the Committee went into Executive Session

* The first executive session was to discuss the HPS awards recipients. The results will be announced at the annual banquet.

* The second executive session was to discuss the 2004 officer and committee assignments. Assignments were made based on the newly adopted by-laws amendment providing for more flexibility in the assignment of offices.

* We assumed Chapter will approve the bylaws change. The following are the assignments:

* Bob Thompson, Peak Guide Mailer; * Jim Fleming, Adopt-a-Highway Chair; * Joe Young, Lookout Editor and HPS Historian

* Karen Isaacson-Leverich, Outings Chair and Webmaster Co-Chair; * Kathy Cheever, Chair; * Laura Joseph, Vice Chair and Programs Chair; * Lynda Armbruster, Membership Chair and Merchandise Chair; * Ray Wolfe, Past Chair; * Sandy Burnside, Treasurer; * Winnette Butler, Secretary; * Wolf Leverich, Mountain Records Chair and Webmaster Co-Chair; * ???, Conservation Chair; * Kathy will contact the others to confirm their continued assignments.

MComm meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

**Minutes: Management Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 13, 2004 at Laura Joseph's Place**

Management Committee call to Order at 6:40 p.m.

Attending: In attendance were Management Committee members Lynda Armbruster, Winnette Butler, Kathy Cheever, Laura Joseph, Karen Isaacson Leverich, and Wolf Leverich. Guests: Tom Armbruster and Joe Young. Absent - Ray Wolfe.

Minutes from the December Meeting: M/s/p

By-Laws Amendment:

Kathy Cheever reported that the By-Laws Amendment for changes that were passed at the recent HPS annual election had been sent to the Angeles Chapter for approval. It is anticipated that it will be approved.

Management Committee Positions:

Kathy Cheever reported that she had contacted everyone in an HPS Management Committee appointed position, and they had all either accepted or agreed to continue in their position for 2004. The title of "HPS Peak Booteak Sales" has been changed to "HPS Merchandiser." The current Management Committee elected and appointed positions are as follows:

Lynda Armbruster -
 Membership/Chair/Merchandiser
 Winnette Butler - Secretary
 Sandy Burnside - Treasurer
 Kathy Cheever - Chair
 Jim S. Fleming - Adopt-A-Highway Chair
 Tom Hill - Peak Names Chair
 Janet Howell - Conservation Chair
 Laura Joseph - Vice Chair/Program Chair
 Brian "Wolf" Leverich - Mountain Records
 Chair/Co-Webmaster
 Karen Isaacson Leverich - Outings Chair
 /Co-Webmaster
 Carleton Shay - Lookout Mailer
 Bob Thompson - Peak Guide Mailer
 Ray Wolfe - Past Chair/Safely Chair
 Joe Young - Historian/Lookout Editor
 Lynda Armbruster/Ray Wolfe - Website Review
 Committee

Treasurer's Report:

The Balance Sheet and Income Statement for 2003 were submitted and reviewed. HPS has a current checking/savings account balance of \$8,257.07. Copies are filed with the Minutes.

Membership Report:

Lynda Armbruster presented the Membership Report. She reported that current records are only reflecting the peak name and date of an achievement and that in the future she will be keeping records of the full list of peaks climbed to obtain an emblem/achievement. She's revising the format for the entire record keeping process.

A discussion was held regarding the proper process for approving emblems and achievements. All emblems/achievements have been documented in the Minutes except for Bill Hauser. His 100th Peak achievement on 10/18/03 on Mt. Hillyer was voted on and approved. In addition, the following achievements/emblems and new members were voted on and approved:

200th Lead

Virgil Popescu – Rattlesnake Mountain - 12/21/03

200th Pathfinder Emblem

- #1 Luella Fickle – South Peak - 10/17/98
- #2 Ron Zappen – Backus Peak - 4/18/02
- #3 Tom Hill – Slide Peak - 12/06/02
- #4 Virgil Popescu – Monument Peak #1 -

5/18/03

#5 George Wysup – Cajon Mountain - 12/3/03

200 Peaks Emblem

Lilly Fukui – Pacifico – 1/10/04

List Finish #1

Kathy Cheever – Martinez – 12/26/03

New Members: Ana Cadez, Keenan Sallwasser, Joe Krenek, Wayne Bannister

Lynda will only consider changes to the order of the new 200th Pathfinder Emblem for a short time. The emblem number will then be reported and assigned in order of the date received regardless on the completion date.

Programs Report:

Laura Joseph reported on plans for the Annual Banquet. There will be approximately fifteen raffle items, and the drawings will be spread out and not take additional time. This year raffle tickets will be placed in cans designated for specific prizes. Laura has arranged for several people to cover the registration table, and Lynda Armbruster will cover the merchandise table.

Joe Young reviewed the program agenda items for the banquet that will basically follow the standard pattern from past banquets. He reported that he has had a tremendous response from past hikers, and has accumulated a mountain of information relating to HPS history. He has a recording of Sam Fink and Freda Walbrecht from 1969 that will be part of his presentation. He requested assistance in picking up the perpetual awards from the Angeles Chapter Office. Laura Joseph will handle the perpetual awards. Joe reported that at the last meeting he was authorized to comp up to five "old timers" for the banquet. He will only be comping three. He presented a copy of the proposed program cover in color. It was m/s/p that the cover be printed in color.

Ray Wolfe will handle the verbal recognitions. It was reported that George Wysup does not wish to have recognition at the banquet as Past Chair.

Joint Climbing Sections Meeting on February 5th:

It was m/s/p:

Publicity – Lynda suggested a flyer be given out at WTC classes; Laura will provide. Karen will put information on the website.

Logistics – There will be a brief business meeting at 5:30 p.m. for absolutely essential items only. Wolf will have Peak Guide changes that need to be approved. The swap meet will start at 6:30 p.m. followed by the program.

Program – Presentations by Bill Corcoran, Sierra Club Regional Representative on the threats to our forests and the critters that live in them, by the "what to do about it" expert John Monsen, and by Monica Bond, a biologist.

Refreshments – Winnette is authorized to spend \$50 for refreshments. Karen will provide cider, and Lynda will bring an ice chest.

Outings Report:

Oktoberfest-

Karen requested that a decision for the Oktoberfest date and place be made so she may begin to solicit outings. Laura Joseph reported that HPS lost \$400 on Oktoberfest 2003 and suggested that a less expensive place be considered for future events. A discussion was held regarding the name "Oktoberfest." Because the name implies a party with Oktoberfest food and trimmings, it was m/s/p to revert to an HPS previously

used name: HPS Fall Roundup. It was also m/s/p that it be held at Harwood Lodge on the September 18/19th weekend, with October 4/5th as a backup. Laura will check availability and advise Karen so she may begin to schedule hikes.

Other Dates –

It was m/s/p as follows:

Waterman Rendezvous – July 24th 2004.

Annual Business Meeting – Second Tuesday in September at Eaton Canyon. Winnette will check availability.

Historical Hikes/Events – Jerry and Nancy Keating are interested in doing a historical hike. Karen needs all decisions by next month to lock in the dates for the next schedule. Monthly Meetings – The monthly HPS Management Committee will continue to meet the second Tuesday of the month at Laura Joseph's home, except for the September Annual Business Meeting and the February Joint Climbing Section meeting.

National Outings Policy –

A discussion was held regarding the proposed changes to leadership standards. It was m/s/p that Wolf Leverich draft a position statement on behalf of the HPS Management Committee supporting the Angeles Chapter's "Standards for Sierra Club Outings Leaders – Alternate Proposal" that can be presented at the next OAGC Meeting by Will McWhinney. Since Ray Wolfe was not present at the meeting, it will be sent to him for his approval also. A copy is filed with the Minutes.

M-Rated Hikes –

It was m/s/p that a list of I-rated leaders who may lead M-rated HPS hikes will be developed and sent to Larry Tidball. Tom Hill and Virgil Popescu have been previously approved, and their names have already been supplied. The prospective leaders must make a statement and apply to the Management Committee for approval.

Peak Suspensions –

After discussion it was m/s/p as follows:

Smith – to remain on suspension for an additional six months

Pinnacles, Marie Louise, Deer, Luna, Shay, Little Shay, Ingham, Hawes, – to be suspended for six months or until advice that the area has been reopened

Cucamonga – not to be suspended at this time because permits are still being issued even though it's within the closed area of the San Bernardino National Forest.

Mountain Records:

Wolf Leverich reported on a new software program (All Topo) that will enable him to produce high quality, license-free maps for the website and to provide Bobcat Thompson for selling. Wolf's intent is to map all HPS routes, and he plans to solicit help from other HPS members. He anticipates this project will take several years to complete.

It was also m/s/p to accept the driving/route changes to five peak guides as submitted by Wolf:

Black Mountain #3 – Routes #1 and #2

Tehachapi Mountain – Route #1

Occidental Peak – Route #1

Silver Mountain – Route #2

Hot Springs Mountain

Copies of changes are filed with the Minutes.

Website Review Committee:

It was reported that the Website Review Committee of Lynda Armbruster and Ray Wolfe are reviewing the website.

Old Business:

A discussion was held regarding the difference between posting "business and outings" on non-HPS listservs such as SCHIKER that was determined at a previous Management Committee Meeting. Minutes of the August 2003 meeting were reread and reviewed. It was m/s/p that the following resolution be adopted:

The 2004 Management Committee reconfirmed that in conformity with National Sierra Club Policy, no HPS business (meaning discussions that might affect HPS policy and decision making) be posted to anywhere other than a Sierra Club listserv.

A phone call will be made to Tom Hill and Virgil Popescu relaying the content of this resolution. Further discussion was held regarding a possible listserv for posting outings. Lynda Armbruster volunteered to run one. The idea was tabled until the March meeting.

Angeles Chapter Sierra Club, Schedule of Activities:

After discussion, it was m/s/p that Kathy Cheever will respond to David Eisenberg and accept his offer for two pages of free space in the July 5 to October 31 issue of the Angeles Chapter Sierra Club, Schedule of Activities. Joe Young, Lookout Editor, is authorized to work with Bill Siegal after the Annual Banquet to provide an appropriate cover and article. It was suggested that the cover be a photo from one of the upcoming Historical Hikes commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Hundred Peaks Section. The article and photos need to be ready by April.

Management Committee meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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