

# THE LOOKOUT

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# Letter from the Chair By Kathy Cheever

Due to the nature and gravity of the following, the Chair Letter will focus entirely on one item: HPS Rescinds Policy Statement on Documenting, Ducking and Pruning Routes (DDPR).

In August of last year, HPS MCOM passed a policy resolution on ducking and pruning. The intent was to give some guidance to HPS hikers and leaders on those subjects. However, this policy was controversial within MCOM, and further was highly visible to Angeles Chapter, especially the Safety Committee. This led to Larry Tidball, Angeles Chapter Safety Chair, to contact us via letters as well as attend the March meeting. He is greatly alarmed with the implications of the resolution and, on behalf of Chapter, presented the following statements:

- \* The resolution is contradictory to Sierra Club policy requiring Club entities to follow land manager's policies in the areas of trail building, pruning, etc. Advanced prior approval from the appropriate land agency is required for any such activity. All HPS leaders or participants on HPS trips must follow this procedure. Any temptation toward adopting a "don't ask don't tell" approach will not be tolerated. Violations of the policy on Sierra Club outings will result in suspension of all leaders involved. Leaders who allow any pruning to take place will be considered as if they have done the pruning themselves. Anyone promoting or allowing illegal pruning will be suspended by the Safety Committee.
- \* All peak guides must be revised to stress the importance of "leave no trace" and to be in compliance with Sierra Club environmental ethics and the laws of the appropriate land agency. Suspend or remove from the List any peaks where illegal pruning activities result in environmental damage so that the pressure on these peaks is lessened and the areas can naturally restore themselves.
- \* The conservation entities are concerned that this policy compromises the Sierra Club's positions on building ORV trails, mountain bike trails and other routes on public lands.
- \* This appears to be converting "i" rated routes to "O" rated trips so they can be led by "O" rated leaders since we would have in effect "built a trail". This could encourage un-official hikes or individuals to follow these routes and it could be that conditions may not be as expected.
- \* The Safety Committee sees the attempt to mark trails as incurring high liability by encouraging persons who are not trained in cross country travel to follow these presumed routes. Should someone following the tape, ducks and pruned routes get lost or hurt the Club could be

held liable.

- \* The defined routes would be unallowable for "I" provisionals.
- \* The Back Roads Explorers experienced a situation that caused the Sierra Club to take action against them. Larry was concerned that if we follow through with the DDPR, HPS could be at risk to a similar action.

Based on these arguments presented to us by Larry Tidball, the HPS MCOM determined the DDPR to be out of compliance and inconsistent with the HPS commitment to stand firmly behind Chapter, Sierra Club, Forest Service, and other Land Management rules on such matters. As a result HPS MCOM voted to rescind the DDPR. Any official HPS activities planned based on or involving the DDPR shall be discontinued immediately.

It should be especially noted that per Federal Regulations, Title 36, Sections 261.6, 261.9, 261.10 building of unauthorized trails and pruning of natural features is specifically forbidden. Chapter policy and Sierra Club Rules of Conduct state, "Obey all fire, sanitary, administrative, and safety regulations of both the Sierra Club and governmental agencies". The Sierra Club Leadership Training Course emphasizes the "leave no trace" policy and that we must impact the lands as lightly as possibly by "taking only pictures and leaving only footsteps". In view of the prevailing land management laws and our commitment to compliance with Sierra Club and Chapter policy, the Hundred Peaks Section hikers and leaders are reminded that they must adhere to the rules of these governing organizations.

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See inside for a copy of the May - June 1964 issue of the HPS newsletter; it begins on page 3.

The Advance Schedule of HPS activities begins on page 7.

#### **Upcoming Hundred Peaks Section Historical Outings**

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The Heald Peak plaque is cemented into its permanent location on the summit

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Freda Walbrecht, seated with legs crossed, on an early HPS outing



Stag Brown

Jun 6 Sun HPS Historical Hike

I: Sugartoaf Mountain (9952'): Moderate hike involves 6 miles round trip, 1400' gain. This historical HPS outing marks the 23rd annual first Sunday 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, NAMI BROWN, KAREN LEVERICH, WOLF LEVERICH, AND MARK ALLEN.

un 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, STAG BROWN

Jack Bascom, left, congratulates Weldon Heald on Heald's 100th Peak

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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

Check out the Hundred Peaks Section website at http://angeles.sierraclub.org/hps/

On this site you'll find guides to our peaks, the up to date schedule of activities, lists of HPS Emblem holders and other achievements, and much, much more.



April Dustries Meeting At this meeting upon the vote of both the officers and members present it was decided not to solicit scouting reimbursement. It was the general, though not unanimous, opinion that reimbursement might be suitable if it could be possible to handle in some other way than "begging" before a hike.

Glenn Stevenson (who has resigned as officer due to his move to California City) was replaced by Eill Britton. Judy Woodbury was elected

to the committee vacancy.

Steve Molnar made a motion, approved by the group, to honor Chester Verstoeg by naming a peak for him. (13,470, lying west of Lake Halon of Troy and across the cirque from Trojen Paak on the Ht. Whitney Quadrangle.)

·Landership training was discussed and a committee was selected to compile a one-page instruction

sheet.

Naming This Bulletin Sorry, follow peak-baggers but your officers have been unable to agree on a name. There were 35 names submitted. The final 3 sclocted were: Centi-pake, Skyline, Crest and Skyline. One name, a very (25 pks), C. John Carroll (101 pks) good one, Fill-top Trails, was re- C. John Carrol is our 84th coived after the deadline, but due to the fact the postmark was early it was considered also.

Because of tie, the contest is being opened again in the hope that some new names to break the tie will what happened to the leader that appear. (Officers & bulletin staff not cligible.) Deadline - June 22 (postmarked prior to midnight,

June 18).

Highway Changes

In writing directions for future bikes, either check a map published after Apr. 24th or scout it prior to submitting the writeup. Many of the highways in Calif. have had their numbers changed. A prime example is Highway 399 - now 33. Others include 91, San Lornardine Freeway, U.S. 101, and many others.

Thanks Again For all those letters, trading stamps, suggestions, and bulletin names. There are now enough stamps with which to purchase the thermic jug.

Thanks to Andy Smatko for additional stamps received.

And to Trudy Hunt, H.E. Ochler, Mr. and Mrs. Kerl Bronda, Parker Severson, and Margo Gall for lettes,

Welcome

To now Section members: Sue Sheaffer (26 peaks), June Powell (35 pks), Alan Pewell (35 pks). Ed Ostronga (49 pks), Eugone Androosly (27 pks), Julius Zottorboum

member to attain 100 peaks.

Rattlesnako Poak

In case you're still wendering

day, here's the enswer:
"I loft California City at 3:30 a.m. so to allow planty of time to get there since the weather reports were snow in the mountains which I had to cross from the Antolopo Valley side.

On the way up Mill Crook Summit on Angeles Fighway my old faithful car broke down in the midst of darkness and a snowstorm. (Rattlesnake - cont'd)
I had a long time in the bitter
cold before I got help and got
back down to Palmdale. I was
hoping someone going on the hike
would come along, but no such luck!
Glenn Stevenson

Odds-'N-Ends
Joan Gordon - vacation in Yucatan.
Ingelf Dahl - "The 18th annual Ojai
Music Fostival will take place
Nay 29-31. The partial
schedulo to be conducted by
Ingelf Dahl, this year's artistic director will include---"
- L.A. Times, 4/19, Fg. 22,
"Calendar."

Emory Westlake - President of the North American Hiking & Mountaineering Club.

Trudy Hunt - in addition to having a steady stream on her land has had the good fortune to find an arrowhead, plus shards.

Fotor Roion - apologizes for his handwriting, but it is one of the neatest, most finely written, and logible we've seen in years;

Mary Meisel - a now Wageneer, color - "Sierra Blue."



Comments

Here are some of the comments on the bulletin, both good and bad. We hasten to assure you though that about 96% have been good. have "6 issues a year" issue "monthly" too long "use the name you now have" "the little mag. is just fine" "I am glad we are having a bulletin."

not worth \$1.00
"A dollar a year is not too much
to support the section."
"very interesting"
disapprove the idea of bulleting

disapprove the idea of bulletins "interesting, timely, entertaining"

should be 1 page monthly a section bulletin is "competition with Southern Sierran"

"a real treat and we all ewo

you much"
"thanks for a lot of hard work"
"I like the planned format."
"glad we are having a bulletin"

Found - small, round, suction-type thermometer, Fox #2, 1/25

Found - pair of loather gloves Fox #2, 1/25

Contact Mary Moisel re above

The Starflash Camera described in Issues 1 & 2 has been reunited with its owner, Maryboth Tare of Riverside.

#### Big Fine, West Fine, Somen, Madulco

Here's the info. on May 16-17:
Time: 6:15 a.m., Set., May 16
Flace: Highway 33 (formerly 399)
& Santa Barbara Canyon,
5 mi. past intersection
of 33-166, 13 mi. fm
Maricepa in Cuyama Valley.
Directions: Em L.A. or S.F.V.

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take U.S. 99 (Ridge Route)
past German & Grapevine
to Maricopa-Taft turnoff = 166. Follow 166 to
Maricopa, then left en
33 to jet. above, then
left again on 33 (33 &
166 run tegether for a
while)

Bocause of the early start it is suggested you leave Fri. night. Camp at either Ozena Campground, approx. 21 mi. boyond 33-166 jct. & just before Ozena G.S. (Ojai direction); or Capitola Co. Park, Kern Co., 3.4 mi. boyond Maricopa, Highways 33-166 (Cuyama Valley direction).

If arriving early enough, drive on up to Taft (7 mi. fm Maricopa) and eat at Jee's (acres fm Auto Club on 33). They have a buffet fish dinner on Fridays (all you can eat) for \$1.59 until 8:00 p.m., open 24 hrs.

Bring plenty of water (spring) 13 doubtful) and be prepared to hike, hike, big Time & West Pine can definitely be done.

Madulce can probably be done. Somen might be possible, depending on the group. Frush cutters noc. for the latter. If you are not in tor shape and do not hike regularlyweekly, or at least bi-monthly, do not comp. The very minimum will be 13 mi. (3 pks) per day. This will be the "forced march" type of bikes. 20 miles will be out off by a stroke of luck. The group will be driven 10 mi. to the Santa Barbara Potrere interspection from the Reges Ranch. This is not a scouting foe, but 🗟 2 will be charged per head for this rrivilege to the driver. He will take us through the 2nd locked gate. We are going over private land, through two locked gates, cutting off 20 mi. - so it is worth \$2.00.

Scruting or Non-Scheduled Hikes
Larry Cotter - is interested in
what are semetimes called "outlaw" hikes (no, newcomers - they
aren't against the section rules.
They just have that name.) Anyhow, Larry has thrown his name
in. His tel. is SY 9-8146
(1760 State St., Se. Pasadena,
Apt. 14).

## Middle Mt. Fewkins - Bob Gregg

Myself and Stan Hinman drove up the Angeles Great Highway on Sun., Feb. 16th, putting on chains at the 5,000' level due to a 6" snow the provious night. We drove to the 7,250' level below Little Jimmy Springs and parked. We used crampons and ico axes which we found to be necessities. Started hiking at 1 p.m. We ascended the steep but short canyon to Windy Gap, 7588, then following what we could see of the trail east along the crest finding snew depths from wind-blown ground to thigh deep powder and drifts to 6 . Just west of Mt. Hawkins is ridge running so. 🕹 mi. to Middle Mt. Hawkins. Reached the summit at 4 r.m. in occasional snow flurries, 40 mph no. winds, and nt term. of 250. Was extremely tiring hike due to wind, cold, and door show. This was my 42nd peck

and Hinman's 22nd. To our amazement we found that a member of the Rocketdyne Mountaineering Club had been there the day before. We descended rapidly to the car after spending only 10 min. on top, in 15 hrs. Total hiking 3 6/10 mi. (report reed. after Mar. 1st so could not be pub. in that issue)



Poal:-of-the-Month

- Mt. Laden Powell Named for the founder of the Loy Scouts, Lord Baden-Powell, who also commanded British troops in the Locr War. Peak officially named May 30, 1931 and a momerial marker stands on its surmit and annual pilgrimages are conducted on the good and well kept trail by southland boy scouts groups to the summit. Along the summit ridge of Haden-Powell stand the ancient Limber Pine forests, a grove of weather-tortured trees discovered by Angelus Forest Superviser Jarvi in 1962, estimated to be 1,000 to 2,000 years old. One of the troos, the Waldren Tree, stands in honor of Michael "Wally" Waldron volunteer scouter who organized much of the scouts! homage to the mountain peak. Steve Molnar

One peck emitted in the list of drive-ups in the March issue is Frazier. (Sorry - con't recall who discovered the emission.)



Ok, what reak does this represent? Ans. next menth. (ans. te last menth's - Semen Pk) - contributed by Andy Smatko Gripe-of-the-Month
I am offering a suggestion
that drive-up peaks be eliminated,
that is not counted. The 100 Feakors are all good hikers and I can't
see any need for drive-ups.
Les Gamp

July 11 & 12 - San Gorgonio 25 & 26 - Tahquitz, Red Tahquitz, Lily Rock

Aug. 15 & 16 - Harwood Lodge & peaks in area 29 & 30 - Little San Gorgonio

Sopt.13 - Pallette 20 - Baldy, Wright, Pine, Dawson

Oct. 3 % 4 - Liebre, Eurnt, Sawmill, No Dill 10 - Chalk Foak

10 - Chalk Feak
11 - San Guillermo
18 - Annual Ficnic

Oct. 31 - Nov. 1 - Beauty, Combs

More on the Harwood Lodge weekend in the July 1st issue.

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Wanted:

Help with bulletin mailing. Centact Judy Woodbury or Fill Rictkork.

see Sierra Club schedule.)

Please send denations to Fill Rictkerk. The following will be up for consideration at the October meeting:

28 released by Sierra Peaks Section Kain Poak (62601) Cache Peak (6708!) Chuckwalla Mtn. (5006') Eagle Peak (54731) Stevenson Peak (5011') Tom's Hill (5028') Harper Peak (57841) Eutterbrend Ponk (60001) Sorrell Foak (7702) Gold Teak (6000' approx.) Finyon Ntn. (6184) Mayan Poak (6105) Preckenridge Mtn. (75441) Piute Pock (84321) Piute Lockout (8318) Erown Toak (68241) Liobel Penk (8014) Kelso Penk (5090) Lightner Poak (63231) Baid Eagle Peak (6180') Bodfish Peak (60201) Laura Poak (5250!) Skinner Fear (5830') Scodie Mtn. (7290') Cook Poak (54101) Nichols Feak (60751) Onyx Peak (62371) Pinyon Feak (6796†) also:

Chaparesa Fk. (Old Woman Springs
Tope & Gorgonic For. Map.)
Suicide Fk. (Idylwild area)
Villager Fk. (Rabbit Tope)
Caliente Fk. (Cuyann area)
Mt. Marie Louise (scheduled)
Filet Rock (scheduled)
Chalk Fk. (scheduled)
compiled by Hountain Records
Chairman - Holmar.

This will give you a chance to check on these and maybe climb some of them before the Oct. meeting - then came and give your opinion.



Advance Schedule
May 1, 2004 to July 3, 2004
By Karen Isaacson Leverich



Come get high with us.

May 1 Sat Lower Peaks, HPS New Outing, not in Schedule O: Thomas Mountain (6825'): 11 miles round trip, 2100' gain, slow to moderate pace. Meet 7 AM at North Orange County rideshare. We take the Ramona Trail, through high chaparral and cool Jeffrey Pine forest to Ramona Camp, followed by 2 miles on the road to the summit of Thomas Mtn. Bring water, lunch, lug soles, Rain cancels. Leaders: GABRIELE RAU, LUELLA FICKLE

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May 7 Fri HPS New Outing Not In Schedule I: Granite Mountain #2 (5633'): Get an early start on Spring Fling with an excursion up this steep desert peak, about 8 miles round trip cross-country, 3000' gain, with some interesting bouldering at the summit. We'll take it at an easy pace and admire the views. There's two miles of gnarly 4x4 driving each way, so bring your SUV if you can. Please SASE to hikes@mtpinos.com a few days before the outing, or to Karen Leverich, PO Box 6831, Frazier Park, CA, 93222 a few days before the hike. Leaders: WOLF and KAREN LEVERICH

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May 8 Sat
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-Sase to Kathy
(Cheever@ucla.edu). Rain and/or park closure cancels.
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May 9 Sun New Outing, not in Schedule I: Cuyapaipe 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. Cuyapaipe 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 any member of the Management
Committee.

May 13-16 Thu-Sun HPS New Outing Not In Schedule I: Big Four: Samon Peak (6227'), Big Pine Mountain (6800'), West Big Pine (6490'), Madulce Peak (6536'): The Big Four are being led Memorial Day weekend, but in case those dates don't work for you or you want a kinder, gentler hike, here's another option. This will be a relatively slow-paced four day, three night backpack mainly on dirt roads and trails in Santa Barbara County (Big Pine is the high point of Santa Barbara County), but with some steep annoying cross-country just to keep things interesting. Total statistics: about 50 miles and 9000' gain, though individual days will be under 20 miles and 3000' gain. Please SASE with conditioning and backpacking experience 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

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

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

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

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

May 23 Sun
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 rideshare 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, LYNDA ARMBRUSTER

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

May 29-31 Sat-Mon
1: 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

May 30 Sun Hundred Peaks
O: Thom Point (LO) (6920+'): Visit this remote lookout in Ventura County, with beautiful views and sandstone cliffs. If we're lucky, we may even see some condors, since they nest in the area. We should be able to see some unusual fossils along the way. Moderate pace, 8 miles round trip, 2000' gain. Some dirt road driving to reach trailhead, your high clearance vehicle is especially welcome! Meet 7AM Sylmar rideshare. Leader: DON CWIK. Assistants: WOLF and KAREN LEVERICH

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 poodledog bush. Much driving on good dirt roads. Send
sase or esase with conditioning and experience to Leader:
TOM HILL. Co-Leaders: VIRGIL POPESCU, LAURA
JOSEPH

Jun 5 Sat
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
I 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 PARTY. Please also bring your
stories about hiking with Stag. Inclement
weather afters, but does not cancel outing.
Leader: JOE YOUNG. Assistants: STAG
BROWN, NAMI BROWN, KAREN
ISAACSON LEVERICH, WOLF
LEVERICH, MARK ALLEN.

Jun 8 Tue
HPS Management Meeting: Please join us for our monthly
open management committee meeting. For time and
location, contact any member of the Management
Committee.

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 12 Sat Wilderness Adventures, 20s & 30s Singles, HpS New Outing, not in Schedule I: "Little House On The Prairie" hike to Scodie Mtn (7294"): Quote your favorite lines from these books/movies and bring your favorite bonnet/hat (along with your other ten essentials) while walking through wildflowers in the Southern Sierras. This is an approximately 7 mile round trip, 2300' gain hike with some trail, cross-country and rock scrambling. As well as finding the peak, we may also locate an old cabin. For meeting time/location, send H&W #s & recent conditioning/experience to Provisional Leader: PAMELA ROWE playing the part of Laura Co-Leader: DAVID COPLEN playing the part of Charles

Jun 13 Sun New Outing, not in Schedule
O: Reyes Peak (7514'), Haddock Mountain (7431'): 9 miles
round trip, 1400' gain, and two lovely forested peaks in
Ventura County north of Ojai with truly tremendous views.
Meet at 8 AM Sylmar rideshare. Bring lunch, water, sturdy
shoes, Adventure Pass, Leaders: MARK ALLEN, WOLF and
KAREN LEVERICH

Jun 13 Sun
M: Antsell Rock (7679'), Apache Peak (7567'), Spitler 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 14 Mon HPS New Outing Not In Schedule I: Old Man Mountain (5525'), Monte Arido (6010'): We tried (but failed) to visit these two remote peaks in Santa Barbara County for Valentine's Day. By now, that road should be open. Expect lots of dirt road driving, then a 6 mile round trip, 1600' gain hike, on a dirt road with a brief cross-country segment. Inability to obtain special permit will cancel or postpone trip. Number of 4WD vehicles limits number of participants. SASE to karen@mtpinos.com or PO Box 6831, Frazier Park, CA, 93222 a few days before the hike. Leaders: WOLF LEVERICH, KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH

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 24 Thu HPS New Outing Not In Schedule I: Sunday Peak (8295'), Bohna Peak (6760'), Black Mountain #5 (7438'): Three nice peaks near Greenhorn Summit in Kern County, each a separate hike. Sunday is 3 1/2 miles round trip, 1000' gain. Bohna is 3 miles, 1400' gain. And Black #5, 3 miles and 1200'. Total: just under 10 miles and 3600' gain. The Sequoia National Forest is lovely. Some dirt road driving, high clearance useful but 4WD not necessary. SASE to karen@mtpinos.com < mailto:karen@mtpinos.com> or PO Box 6831, Frazier Park, CA, 93222 a few days before the hike. Leaders: WOLF LEVERICH, KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH

Jun 25 Fri HPS New Outing Not In Schedule I: Split Mountain (6836'): A nice car camp at Black Mountain Saddle after visiting Sunday, Bohna, and Black on Thursday leaves us ready to visit sometimes-brushy Split Mountain. This hike is 8 miles round trip, 2400' gain, with 900' on the return. Some interesting bouldering on the summit, and awesome views over Lake Isabella. Maybe dinner after at a nice place in Kernville? Some dirt road driving, high clearance useful but 4WD not necessary. SASE to karen@mtpinos.com or PO Box 6831, Frazier Park, CA, 93222 a few days before the hike. Leaders: WOLF LEVERICH, KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH

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
1: 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

Jul 7 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Three Points around Waterman Mountain to Buckhorn:
Car shuttle! 9 miles 2200' gain. Option to peak would add
1.5 miles and 500' of gain. Enjoy Incense Cedar, Jeffrey &
Ponderosa pine. Meet 9 am La Cañada with water, lunch,
good footwear, & hat. Leaders: MARY PATTERSON, DAN
BUTLER

Jul 10 Sat Hundred Peaks, East San Gabriel
O: Mt. Baden-Powell (9399'): 8 miles round trip, 2800' gain.
Enjoy the beautiful high country, limber pines and clean air.
Easy to moderately paced hike on shady trail. Meet 7:30 am
at Pomona rideshare or 9:00 at Vincent Gap trailhead. Bring
water, lunch, lug soles. Leaders: GABRIELE RAU, HEIDI
UDINK

Jul 11 Sun Hundred Peaks
O: Little Cahuilla Mountain (5042'), Cahuilla Mountain (5635'), Lookout Mountain #1: Join us early as we hike three peaks in Riverside Co. Moderately paced, a total of 10.6 miles, 2400' gain on trail and use trail. Some dirt road driving high clearance vehicles recommended. Meet 7 am Pomona rideshare. Bring lug sole boots, 3 quarts of water, lunch. Leader: JOHN RADALJ Co-Leader: MARK ALLEN

Jul 17 Sat Hundred Peaks, Orange County
O: Mt. Islip (8250'): 6 miles round trip, 1300' gain. Enjoy this
pleasant hike on good trail through pine forest in clean cool
air to a summit with good view. Easy to moderately paced,
no tigers! Meet 7:15 AM at North Orange County or 8:00
AM at Pomona rideshare. Bring water, lunch, lug soles.
Leaders: GABRIELE RAU, BARBARA GUERIN

Jul 18 Sun Hundred Peaks
I: Sam Fink Peak (7339') via Tram: Desert vistas await you on this isolated peak named for Desert Divide explorer Sam Fink, strenuous 12 miles, 3700' gain round trip. Our starting point at the Palm Springs Tramhead is more than a thousand feet higher than the summit, so most of the gain is on the return. Wilderness permit limits group size. Send sase or esase to Leader: TOM HILL. Co-Leaders: GEORGE WYSUP, VIRGIL POPESCU

Jul 20-21 Tue-Wed Lower Peaks, Hundred Peaks
O: El Montanon (1808'): Join us on a great hike on Santa Cruz Island. We will take the ferry out of Ventura Harbor to the island. We will hike the peak on the first day. Totals are 9 miles rt, 1800' gain. We will spend the night at the campground. Next day we will spend doing whatever catches our fancy and then take the late afternoon ferry back. Water is available on the island. We will need to bring food, camping gear, hiking gear. Cost for ferry is \$49 (senior discount). Campsite is \$10. Rain cancels. Contact leaders either by phone, email, or SASE 2-3 days prior to hike for details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, INGEBORG PROCHAZKA

Jul 23-24 Fri-Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Waterman Mountain (8038') Backpack and Rendezvous:
Everyone else will arrive mid-day on Saturday, so here's the
best way to get a good seat at the Waterman Rendezvous
Potluck and Party: backpack in the night before and camp!
It'll be a dry camp, so you'll need to carry all your water, but
you won't need to carry it all that far — the total hike will be 8
miles, 1200' gain. We'll start hiking in late afternoon or early
evening. SASE or e-SASE for more details to Leaders:
WOLF AND KAREN LEVERICH

Jul 24 Sat Hundred Peaks
The 11th Annual Great Waterman Mountain (8038')
Rendezvous and Informal Pot Luck: HPS invites you to join
us for our annual party atop Waterman Mountain. Plan on
spending some time on top getting acquainted and having
fun (and eating) as most hikes won't be returning to the cars
until late afternoon or early evening. Be sure to bring lots of
food and drink to share with other hungry hikers. Rain
cancels.

Jul 24 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Waterman Rendezvous Hike (8038'), easiest route: Join this moderate, 8 miles round trip, 1200' gain hike to the top of Waterman. Meet 9:30 AM at La Cañada rideshare, or 8 AM at the Hill Street CafA© in La Cañada. This is the easiest of all the Waterman rendezvous hikes. Once on top, we'll enjoy a potluck lunch with almost 100 hikers. Bring a potluck item serving 6-8 people, lugsoles, 2 quarts water and a genial disposition. Return to the rideshare point depends on the pace of the group, generally about 4 PM. Rain cancels. Leader: FRANK DOBOS. Assistants: LAURA QUINN, WINNETTE BUTLER, MARK ALLEN

Jul 24 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Waterman Rendezvous Hike (8038') from Buckhorn
Campground: And back again loop. 5+ miles round trip,
2100' gain. We will hike mostly on the Waterman trail with a
little bit of time on a well used use-trail. Meet at 9 AM at La

Cañ rideshare point. Leader: SOUTHERN COURTNEY, ROSEMARY CAMPBELL

Jul 24 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: Rendezvous Hike via Twin Peaks (7761'), Waterman Mtn (8038'): Join this early, moderately strenuous Waterman Rendezvous hike to pick up both peaks before lunch, 11 miles, 2700' gain round trip. After group celebration participants may optionally join leaders as they take advantage of long summer days by leading additional easy peaks on the return drive to La Cañada, beginning with Kratka Ridge on the hike back to vehicles. Call or email Tom Hill the week before the outing for updated information.

Meet 6am La Cañada rideshare point. Leader: TOM HILL. Co-Leaders: VIRGIL POPESCU, GEORGE WYSUP

Jul 24 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Waterman Mountain (8038') from Three Points
Rendezvous Hike: Moderately-paced 12 miles, 2200' gain
round trip for a potluck lunch on the peak with around 100
happy hikers (and maybe one or two old grouches). Meet 8
AM at La Cañada rideshare point. Bring a potluck item
serving 6-8 people, lugsoles, 2 quarts water. Leaders: TOM
and LYNDA ARMBRUSTER

Jul 24 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Waterman Mountain (8308') by Mountain Bike: 7 miles
round trip, 1300' gain on fireroad. Meet 10 am La Cañada
rideshare point. Bring good quality mountain bike, riding
helmet, spare tube, and cable lock, and don't forget some
goodies to share with all those hiker dudes who will be
looking at you funny as you arrive on two wheels. Leaders:
KATHY CHEEVER, MARS BONFIRE

Jul 25 Sun Hundred Peaks
O: Tahquitz Peak (8846'), Red Tahquitz (8720'): Visit the
exquisite high country of the San Jacinto Wildemess. 10
miles, 3000' gain on trail and use trail. Expect a mellow pace
with time to enjoy your surroundings. Participation is limited
by permit, so SASE early to Leader: KAREN LEVERICH
Co-Leaders: MARK ALLEN, WOLF LEVERICH

Jul 28 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Timber Mountain (8303'): 10 miles round trip, 3300' gain at slow to moderate pace. Shorter options available. Meet 8:30 am at Mills Ave & Mt Baldy Rd public parking lot with water, lunch, and good footwear Leaders: DORIS DUVAL, GABRIELE RAU

Jul 31 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Mini Peakbaggers' Special: Leaders JOE YOUNG &
BOB THOMPSON re-create a portion of their Peakbagging
Olympics when 33 peaks were bagged in 24 hours. We also
celebrate the numerous peakbagger specials in HPS
history. All hiking on trails, up to 3000' gain, 10 miles rt. We'll
meet at the La Cañada rideshare point at 7 AM (or 6 AM at
Hill Street Café for breakfast), caravan to Mt Lewis, then
return west along the Angeles Crest Hwy bagging as many
peaks as we can.

Aug 1 Sun Hundred Peaks
I: Castle Rocks, (8600'), Black Mountain #1 (7772'): Another beautiful day in the San Jacinto Wilderness. Large trees, sweeping views to the north from the trail on Fuller Ridge, a fun Lookout to visit: what's not to like? A slow-to-moderate pace, 8 miles round trip, 1500' gain. If there's interest, we could optionally add Drury Peak (10,160'), which would make the total hike 14 miles round trip, 3500' gain. Let us know in your SASE if you'd be interested in doing Drury. Participation is limited by permit, so SASE early to Leader: WOLF LEVERICH Co-Leaders: MARK ALLEN, KAREN LEVERICH

Aug 4 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Mount Baden-Powell (9399'): 9 miles total, 2400' gain.
Car shuttle between Dawson saddle and Vincent Gap. Meet
9 am La Cañada rideshare point with water, lunch, good
footwear, hat. Leaders: MARY PATTERSON, DAN
BUTLER

Aug 7 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Mount Islip (8250') 14th Annual Peaknic Hike: Moderate pace, 6 miles round trip, 1300' gain. Peaknic at Little Jimmy's Campground. Meet 9 AM La Cañ rideshare point. Bring lug soles, water, your best potluck item & good cheer. Leaders: MIKE & DOTTY SANDFORD, FRANK DOBOS, LAURA QUINN

Aug 8 Sun Hundred Peaks
I: Cucamonga Peak (8859'), Etiwanda Peak (8662'): View the Cajon Pass burn areas as well as pristine wilderness on this classic trail hike via Icehouse Canyon, near Mt Baldy, into the heart of the Cucamonga Wilderness, strenuous 17 miles round trip, 4700' gain. Permit limits group size. Call or email George Wysup the week before the outing. Leader: GEORGE WYSUP. Co-Leaders: VIRGIL POPESCU, TOM HILL

Aug 10 Tue Hundred Peaks
O: Cerro Noroeste (8286'), Grouse Mountain (8650'),
Sawmill Mountain (8750'), Mount Pinos (8831'): With the
help of a car shuttle we can get these four peaks in Los
Padres National Forest. Total distance is about 8 miles with
1000' of gain. Contact leaders either by phone, email, or
SASE 2-3 days prior to hike for details. Leaders:
INGEBORG PROCHAZKA, DAVE COMERZAN

Aug 11 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Winston Peak (7502') & Winston Ridge (7003'): 6 miles
round trip, 1200' gain. We will do something of a loop from
Cloudburst Summit and back. Meet 9 am La Cañada
rideshare with water, lunch, good footwear. Leaders:
SOUTHERN COURTNEY, ROSEMARY CAMPBELL

Aug 15 Sun Hundred Peaks
O: Suicide Rock (7528'): Easy paced 7 miles round trip,
1700' gain hike to enjoy views of dense forests, rugged
granite cliffs, and Idyllwild. Participation is limited by permit,
so SASE early to Leader: MARK ALLEN Co-Leaders:
WOLF and KAREN LEVERICH

Aug 21-22 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks, 20s & 30s Singles, Wilderness Adv I: Pamela's birthday backpack to Cornell Peak (9750'), Jean Peak (10,670'), Marion Mtn (10,320'), Drury Peak (10,160'), Folly Peak (10,480') & San Jacinto Peak (10,804'): Two of these peaks were named after the true loves of Edmund Taylor Perkins, Jr... while we may not find our true love this weekend, we will have fun enjoying nature & celebrating my 35th birthday. After we take the Palm Springs tram (\$21 round trip), we'll hike to Round Valley Camp and then to Cornell Peak for a total of 4 miles, 1400' gain (trail & xc). We'll continue our journey on Sunday with the remaining peaks (depending on conditions) for 10 miles, 3200' gain (trail & xc). Party hats and favors optional. Permit limits group size so reserve early. Send esase (preferred) or sase with H&W #s & recent backpacking/conditioning experience to Leader: PAMELA ROWE Co-Leader: SANDY

Aug 22 Sun Hundred Peaks
1: Bighorn Peak (8441'), Ontario Peak (8693'), Sugarloaf
Peak (6924'): Strenuous 12 mile, 4200' gain loop hike with
steep and loose cross-country on the descent via Falling
Rock Canyon in the Mt Baldy area. No beginners.
Wilderness permit limits group size. Send sase or esase to
Leader: GEORGE WYSUP. Co-Leaders: TOM HILL,
VIRGIL POPESCU
Aug 25 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Mount Islip (8250') from Islip Saddle: 7 miles round trip,
1500' gain past Little Jimmy Spring and Windy Gap. Meet 9
am at La Cañada rideshare with water, lunch, good
footwear. Leaders: DORIS DUVAL, DAN BUTLER

Sep 1 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Pacifico Mountain (7124'): 12 miles rt, 2200' gain, from
Mill Creek Summit. Moderately paced hike up Pacific Crest
Trail to this beautiful peak. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare
pt with water, lunch, good footwear, hat. Leaders: MARY
PATTERSON, BETH MIKA

Sep 8 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Mount Williamson (8244'): 5 miles round trip, 1500' gain
to this pine shaded peak in the Angeles National Forest.
View from top is breath taking, see the San Andreas Fault.
Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare point. Bring water, lunch,
good footwear. Rain cancels. Leaders: FRANK DOBOS,
LYNDA ARMBRUSTER

Sep 11 Sat Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks O: Mount Baden Powell (9399'), Mount Burnham (8997'): Very scenic 10 miles round trip, 2400' gain on a favorite route in the San Gabriel's beginning and ending at Dawson Saddle. Moderate pace for experienced hikers. Meet 8 am at La Cañada rideshare point with 3 quarts water, lunch, good footwear, suitable clothing layers. Leaders: ROSEMARY CAMPBELL, SOUTHERN COURTNEY

Sep 12 Sun Hundred Peaks
I: Galena Peak (9324'): Gnarly scree climb and creekbed bouldering over the "Headwall" to the highest point on the Yucaipa Ridge near Redlands. Strenuous but moderately paced, 11 miles round trip, 3300' gain, tougher than it sounds. No beginners. Trip limited to 4 participants per leader, so reserve early. Send sase or esase with recent experience to Leader: TOM HILL. Co-Leaders: VIRGIL POPESCU, GEORGE WYSUP

Sep 14 Tue Hundred Peaks
O: Suicide Rock (7528'): Enjoy a beautiful walk in the San Jacinto Wilderness area. We will take the Deer Spring trail to the Suicide trail to top. 6.6 miles round trip, 1700' gain. Contact leaders either by phone, email, or SASE 2-3 days prior to hike for details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, INGEBORG PROCHAZKA

Sep 14 Tue Hundred Peaks
Annual Business/Management Meeting: All are welcome to attend our annual business meeting, where nominations are finalized for next year's Mgmt Com. In addition, proposals for Bylaw changes, peak additions and deletions, and other matters on which members will vote are discussed and votes are taken on whether to put them on the ballot. The business meeting follows the monthly Management Committee meeting. Refreshments provided by the committee. To attend the business meeting only, arrive by 7 pm. The management meeting will begin at 6:30 pm at the Eaton Canyon Nature Center, located at 1750 N Altadena Dr in Pasadena. Go north from I-210 on Altadena Dr approximately 1 1/2 miles. Enter the Nature Center parking area on your right shortly after crossing New York Dr.

Sep 15 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Mount Williamson (8244'): 5 miles round trip, 1500' gain
to this pine shaded peak in the Angeles National Forest.
View from the top is breathtaking, see the San Andreas
Fault. Meet 9 AM at La Cañada rideshare point. Bring water,
lunch, wear lugsole booths. Rain cancels. Leaders: FRANK
DOBOS, LYNDA ARMBRUSTER

Sep 18 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: Pleasant View Ridge (7983'), Will Thrall Peak (7845'): 11
miles round trip, 2500' gain. Forty years ago the HPS was
instrumental in naming a peak for Will Thrall, a noted
conservationist in his day. Visit the monument placed in his
honor. Moderate hike in Angeles National Forest is mostly
on trails. Meet at the La Canada rideshare pt at 7 AM, or 6
AM at Hill Street Café for breakfast. Bring water, sturdy
boots, goodies to share at lunch. Leaders: WOLF
LEVERICH, KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH, JOE
YOUNG, KATHY CHEEVER, WINNETTE BUTLER, RAY
WOLFE, LYNDA ARMBRUSTER

Sep 19 Sun Lower Peaks, Hundred Peaks
O: Los Pinos Peak (4510'): Enjoy a fine peak in the southern
Santa Ana Mountains, moderate 6 miles round trip, 1300'
gain on trail and open firebreak. Meet 8 am
Orangethorpe/Fullerton park & ride lot (on south side of
Orangethorpe just north of the I-5 x 91 interchange), or 8:45
am at the Orange County (S) rideshare point in San Juan
Capistrano. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles. Adventure pass
required. Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leader: JAMES CARDEN

- Sep 22 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
  O: Mount Waterman (8038') from Buckhorn: 6 miles round
  trip, 1300' gain. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare with water,
  lunch, and good footwear. Leaders: DORIS DUVAL, DON
  SIMINSKI
- Sep 22-23 Wed-Thu Hundred Peaks I: Martinez Mountain (6660'), Sheep Mountain (5141'); Join us for two days of backpacking just south of Palm Deset. Often these two desert peaks are done in one fairly strenuous day. We will spend two days and a night. Total gain of 4400' plus 800' on the return. Total distance of 19 miles. Send sase with hiking experience, H&W phones, email address to Leader: DAVE COMERZAN Assistants: KAREN and WOLF LEVERICH
- Sep 26 Sun Hundred Peaks
  O: Mount Williamson (8244'): Leisurely paced hike from
  Angeles Crest Highway to commemorate a Dick
  Worsfold-led climb in 1957 that was the first HPS scheduled
  trip to the peak from the highway after it was fully paved in
  1956. 3 miles round trip on PCT and summit trail; 1500'
  gain. Meet 8:30 AM at La Cañada rideshare point. Leaders:
  JERRY & NANCY KEATING
- Sep 29 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
  O: Mount Hawkins (8850'): Mod. paced 10 miles round trip,
  2400' gain hike from Islip Saddle along a mostly shaded trail
  with great views in all directions. Meet 8:45 am at La
  Cañada rideshare to carpool 40 miles to trailhead. Brings 3
  quarts water, lunch, good footwear and suitable clothing.
  Leaders: ROSEMARY CAMPBELL, DON SIMINSKI
- Oct 1 Fri Hundred Peaks, Palos Verdes-South Bay, Natural Science I: Palm Springs Tram (8450') Moonlight Hike: Strenuous hike for tigers only, 10 miles, 8300' gain to tram with possibility of including Mount San Jacinto (additional 10 miles, 2300' gain) if time and energy permit. We'll start hiking before midnight. Bring money for tram ride and taxi back to cars. Send email (preferable bholchin@cox.net) or sase, conditioning/experience to Leader: BARRY HOLCHIN Co-Leader: TONY TRULL.
- Oct 2-3 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks
  Annual Fall Round Up: Join our annual weekend of hiking
  and partying in the Mount Baldy area. Hike nearby peaks or
  relax in Harwood Lodge. See upcoming issues of The
  Lookout for more information.
- Oct 2 Sat Hundred Peaks
  O: Sunset Peak (5796') A HPS Fall Round Up Bike/Hike
  Outing: Bring your mountain bike to the Roundup and enjoy
  a beautiful, pleasant ride on road, plus a little bit of hiking.
  We'll start about 3.2 miles past Cow Canyon Saddle. 7
  miles round trip, 1300' gain, on fire road. We should be
  done with plenty of time to celebrate with the other Roundup
  party-goers. Bring good quality mountain bike, riding helmet,
  spare tube, a lock for your bike, ten essentials, water,
  snack. Send e-Sase to Leader: KATHY CHEEVER
  Co-Leader: MARS BONFIRE
- Oct 2 Sat Hundred Peaks
  O: Timber Mountain (8303'), Telegraph Peak (8985'),
  Thunder Mountain (8587'): Join the Sandies for a Fall Round
  Up hike to the 3Ts that maximizes uphill travel. We will leave
  Harwood Lodge at 8 am and carpool to Icehouse Canyon
  After hiking up the canyon and bagging Timber, Telegraph,
  and Thunder, we will descend to the top of the ski lift, ride it
  down (\$5), and walk back to Harwood in time to get cleaned
  up for the party. Total 8 miles, 5200' gain. Not for beginners.
  Leaders: SANDY SPERLING, SANDY BURNSIDE
- Oct 3 Sun Hundred Peaks
  I: Lookout Mountain #2 (6812'): After enjoying Fall Round
  Up breakfast at Harwood, we will hike Route 3 to Lookout
  Mountain, 4 miles, 2600', on trail and very steep
  cross-county. Lugsoles and trekking poles recommended.
  We will leave Harwood Lodge at 9:30 am. The hike is
  expected to take about 5 hours at a moderate pace with
  plenty of time for lunch on top. Bring treats to share!
  Leaders: SANDY SPERLING, PAT ARREDONDO

- Oct 3 Sun Hundred Peaks
  O: Thunder (8597') and maybe Telegraph (8985') A HPS
  Fall Round Up Bike/Hike Outing: Bring your mountain bike to
  the Roundup and enjoy a pleasant ride up San Antonio Falls
  Road, plus a little bit of hiking. The adventure is 11 miles
  round trip, 2400' gain. (Adding a hike to Telegraph adds 2
  more miles and 900' additional gain.) Bring good quality
  mountain bike, riding helmet, spare tube, a lock for your
  bike, ten essentials, water, a snack, and your spirit of
  adventure. Send e-Sase to Leader: KATHY CHEEVER
  Co-Leader: MARS BONFIRE
- Oct 3 Sun Hundred Peaks
  O: Sunset Peak (5796'): Join us for an moderately paced 7
  mile, 1300' gain round trip walk on a fire road near Mount
  Baldy to work off some of the calories from Saturday night's
  celebration. Meet 8:30 AM at Harwood Lodge with ten
  essentials, water, lunch, Forest Service Pass. Rain cancels.
  Leaders: TOM and LYNDA ARMBRUSTER
- Oct 6 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
  O: Alder Creek to Barley Flats (5600'): 9 miles round trip,
  2000' gain. Ridgeline views of Upper Big Tujunga drainage.
  Meet 9 AM at La Cañada rideshare point with water, lunch,
  good footwear, hat. Leaders: MARY PATTERSON, DAN
  BUTLER
- Oct 9 Sat Verdugo Hills, Hundred Peaks
  O: Mount Hawkins (8850'): 5 miles round trip 1900' gain to
  this high peak in the Angeles National Forest where the air is
  still clear. Meet 8:30 at La Cañada. Bring water, lunch, wear
  boots. Rain cancels. Leaders: FRANK DOBOS, MARY
  McMANNES
- Oct 10 Sun Hundred Peaks I: Little San Gorgonio Pk (9133'), Wilshire Mtn (8832'), Wilshire Pk (8680'), Cedar Mtn (8324'), Birch Mtn (7826'), Allen Pk (5795'): Very strenuous traverse of Yucaipa Ridge near Redlands, magnificent views, 15 miles one-way with short car shuttle, 5000' gain. Send sase or esase with recent experience to Leader: TOM HILL. Co-Leaders: GEORGE WYSUP, VIRGIL POPESCU
- Oct 12 Tue Hundred Peaks
  O: Chaparossa Peak (5541'): This easy peak inside a nature preserve near Yucca Valley can be hiked in a loop with 7 miles rt and 1300' of gain. Contact leaders either by phone, email, or SASE 2-3 days prior to hike for details. Leaders: INGEBORG PROCHAZKA, DAVE COMERZAN
- Oct 13 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
  O: San Gabriel Peak (6161'), Mount Disappointment
  (5960'), Mount Deception (5796'): Moderate 7 miles round
  trip, 2100' gain in the front range of the Angeles National
  Forest. Join us to get three peaks with view of the City and
  the nearby mountains. Meet 9 AM at La Cañada rideshare
  point with water, lunch lugsole footwear. Rain cancels.
  Leaders: FRANK DOBOS, LYNDA ARMBRUSTER
- Oct 16 Sat Hundred Peaks, 20s & 30s Singles, Wilderness Adventures I: San Rafael Peak (6640'): Although this peak was named for a saint, you need not be one to join us on this hike near Frazier Park. Expect a strenuous 10 mile, 2700' gain with some trail and some cross-country bushwhacking/bush-hugging. Not recommended for beginners. For meeting time/location, send H&W numbers & recent conditioning/experience to Leader: Saint PAMELA ROWE agourant@yanoo.com Co-Leader: Saint GEORGE WYSUP
- Oct 16 Sat Hundred Peaks
  O: Ruth Lee Dobos Memorial Hike to Josephine Peak
  (5558'): Join us to remember Ruth Lee Dobos on what
  would have been her birthday on this moderate, 8 miles
  round trip, 1900' gain hike. Meet 9 am at La Cañada
  rideshare. Return to the rideshare point depends on the
  pace of the group, generally about 4 pm. Bring water, lunch,
  something to share, wear hiking boots. Rain cancels.
  Leader: FRANK DOBOS. Assistants: DIANE DUNBAR,
  LAURA QUINN, DOTTY and MIKE SANDFORD

Oct 23 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Sunset Peak (5796'): Join us for an easy paced 7 mile round trip walk on a fire road near Mt. Baldy. 1300' gain. Wear sturdy tennis shoes suitable for dirt trails. Well behaved K9's on leash are welcome. Bring water & snack. Meet at the Mt. Baldy carpool point in Pomona at 8 AM. Adventure Pass will be required at trailhead - obtain in advance. Rain cancels. Leaders: RON & LEORA JONES

Oct 24 Sun Hundred Peaks
I: Granite Peaks (7512'), TipTop Mtn (7623'), Mineral Mtn (7238'): Explore the desert fringe east of Big Bear Lake on two separate cross-country loop hikes through rocky pinyon-juniper woodlands, total experience strenuous 13 miles round trip, 2900' gain. Some easy rock scrambling. We hike to TipTop rather than endure the rough driveup, but high clearance vehicles are still needed to reach the trailheads. Send sase or esase to Leader: VIRGIL POPESCU. Co-Leaders: PAT ARREDONDO, TOM HILL

Oct 27 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks Throop Pk (9138') & Burnham (8997') from Dawson Saddle: 6 miles round trip, 1400' gain. Meet 9 am La Cafiada rideshare with water, lunch, good footwear. Leaders: DORIS DUVAL, DON SIMINSKI

Nov 6 Sat Hundred Peaks, Palos Verdes-South Bay, Natural Science I: White Mountain #1 (7727') and Deep Creek Hot Springs: 13th semi-annual Deep Creek Hot Springs hike/soak/swim with another peak. Moderately paced 10 miles, 1800' gain. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, lugs (swim suit optional). Take time to learn from our naturalist about the fauna and flora. High clearance vehicles desirable for dirt road driving. Plan on spending full day - it's near Big Bear, then Hesperia. Rain cancels. Send email (preferable - bholchin@cox.net) or sase to Leader: BARRY HOLCHIN. Co-Leader: KENT SCHWITKIS. Naturalist: SHERRY ROSS

## Angeles Chapter Fundraiser Excursions 84 Rozana Lewis

**MAY 15** Saturday 0:Train to Calif Strawberry Festival: Lv L.A. Union Stn at 7am for Oxnard. The \_\_\_\_\_ 20th annual Strawberry 7am for Oxnard. The Festival is a celebration of the fruit that famous. Enjoy
pizza, shakes, chocolate
parfaited. The
5mi. walk thru made Calif strawberry dipped. day includes off the Oxnard to work Return to L.A. (\$70 non pies/cakes. by 5:00pm. \$55 -member) rail fare,festival donation. Send Leader: Roxana admission. check/sase/sc# to Lewis, Co-leader Maggie Belknap.

JUL 13-22 Tue-Thu
C: ZEN ADVENTURE IN JAPAN & Mt. FUJI CLIMB: Fly
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Leader: Roxana
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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 7-9 mi 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.

Roxana can be reached at 11222 S. La Cienega Blvd #460, Inglewood, CA 90304 - 1104, phone (310) 532 - 2933 or (310) 670 - 3884, email roxtlewis@aol.com

#### Nature Knowledge Workshop June 4-6, 2004

Are you an avid hiker but are curious about the natural wonders around you? Would you like to know about the many inhabitants, both visible and unseen in the trees you walk under, how granite is formed, or what kind of mammal made the tracks across the trail? Or you may be an glean more information educator, hoping to about our pass on classroo mountain ecosystems to to others in the m or on a field trip. The Science Section of the Angeles Chapter invites for a weekend of Natural Sierra Club's you to join us exploring, learning and The Workshop site is camp near Barton enjoyment. a resident Flats in the San Bernardino Mountains.

Mountains, in a Jeffrey pine forest bisected by an alder-lined creek.

Leadership Training (LTC) credit is available for Angeles Chapter members. Join over a dozen naturalists sharing their expertise in bird and mammal identification, geology, snakes, reptiles, insects and plant study. The Friday evening through Sunday afternoon slow hikes with special slide enthusiastic bugand afternoon hands-on learning cabins (8-10 own sleeping sessions. Dormitory persons; bring your bag), hot showers,

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#### Rideshare Points and Leader Information

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

Orange County (N): Park-N-Ride, E side of Tustin Av just S of Lincoln Av, Orange

Orange County (S): Ortega Plaza parking lot SE corner, Ortega Hwy/Rancho Viejo, San Juan Capistrano

Pomona: Towne Av exit fro SB Fwy (I-10), S 1/2 block, park along curb. Sylmar: Encinitas Av, S of Roxford St; Roxford exit from Golden St Fwy (I-5)

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#### **Current Trip Reports**

# Double Snowshoe Emblem Sandy Burnside Snowshoes to her 50<sup>th</sup> February 23, 2004 By Sandy Sperling

This winter had a slow start in getting adequate snow for good snowshoeing, but by mid-February, Sandy Burnside, queen of HPS snowshoeing and holder of the



Sandy Burnside

first HPS snowshoe emblem (25 HPS peaks on snowshoes), had climbed 49 different HPS peaks on snowshoes. When the weather was finally right and there was snow at low enough elevations, we decided it was time to try to bag

Constance Peak on snowshoes. Ron Zappen joined us in this endeavor.

Never mind that it was snowing hard most of the time (sometimes almost white-out conditions), or that the use trail was almost impossible to find with the branches of trees and brush on each side heavily laden with snow, leaning into and obscuring the path. Or that the fresh snow was a knee-deep powder, or that we had to park by the store in Angeles Oaks and hike all the way up the road. This would be Sandy's 50th different HPS peak on snowshoes! It was not something to be missed!

While HPS does not have an official emblem for 50 peaks on snowshoes, I thought it important to let everyone know of her status...and her definite retention of the informal "snowshoe queen" title!

# Snowshoe Emblem #6 Crafts and Butler from the Highway February 28, 2004 By Sandy Sperling

While snowshoeing to Sandy Burnside's 50th HPS snowshoe peak (see related story), we conspired about where we should lead the generic "Snowshoe in the San Gabriels" hike we had listed in the Chapter Schedule for the following Saturday. We discussed several possibilities, but hit upon the perfect solution when we talked about doing Crafts and Butler from Highway 18 (Lakeview Summit). No, these peaks are not in the San Gabriels, but the conditions were perfect and this was a classic snowshoe hike. Normally, Butler Peak, with its Lookout tower, is only accessible via dirt roads from the north, but in the winter when the snow conditions are right, the heavy brush that normally blocks the way between Crafts and Butler can be crossed on

snowshoes. It didn't hurt our decision that I had 23 HPS snowshoe peaks, making Butler my emblem peak!

I had begun receiving requests to be included on this trip in November. Unfortunately, we had to start turning down those who waited until the last week, both to keep the group a safe size and because we were limited by the number of volunteer drivers with tire chains (required that day by the CHP). We ended up with a group of 13: Pat Arredondo, Keith Burnside, Todd Clark, Tom Connery, Scott Gabbert, Anne Howell, Yim Lincoln, Gloria Miladin, Eric Scheidemantle, Don Waterbury, Ron Zappen, and leaders Sandy Sperling and Sandy Burnside.

After forming carpools in Redlands, we rejoined at the trailhead and donned our gear. The snow coverage was wonderful all the way to Crafts and we shared some treats on the summit. The views were spectacular! While there was a chilly wind out in the open, it was quite warm in protected areas. From Crafts we descended the north ridge to the saddle, then headed east to Butler over a roller coaster of a ridge. There were times when each of us fell through the snow and into the brush, but this actually happened very few times considering the weight of 13 people crossing some of these areas.

When I arrived at the base of the stairway to the Lookout on Butler, it was filled with snow. Keeping my snowshoes on and using the railing, I pulled myself up and the rest of the group followed. We were able, a few people at a time, to make it up to the Lookout deck, although it contained a lot of snow and there was more snow hanging from the ceiling, making it difficult for taller people! Again, the views were spectacular! With the ascent of this peak, I became the sixth person to earn the HPS Snowshoe Emblem.

We carefully descended the stairs and made our

way to a protected place nearby on the ridge for our lunch break. Sandy Burnside treated us with "Scrumptious Chocolate Laver Bars," a true winner of a recipe! Then we headed back the way we came, arriving back at the cars about 4pm. Stats: 8 miles. 2600', a decent day on snowshoes. Returning to the cars so early allowed for further camaraderie and a great-and well-



Sandy Sperling

deserved—dinner at Chipotle's (great Mexican food) in Redlands before heading home.

#### Barley Flats: A Throwback Trip February 14 - 16, 2004 By Gary Schenk

A double whammy of a weekend was coming up. Saturday was St. Valentine's Day, and Monday was President's Day which made for a three day weekend. It is always nice to take advantage of three day weekends. Sixteen years ago (16!) a friend and I had backpacked from Chantry Flat over Newcomb Pass to DeVore Trail Camp. We had taken the old Rattlesnake Trail up to Mt. Wilson and had a great time. Maybe it was time for a repeat? It was going to be Valentine's Day, and what says "Be my Valentine" like the offer to carry a 30 pound pack for three days?

Mary Jo Dungfelder was not impressed with the idea. "Chantry to DeVore?", she sneered. "That's only 5 miles. How about a real trip. We can go from my house up the Bailey Canyon Trail and over Mt. Wilson. That's only 10.5 miles and 5700' of gain, and that way we don't have to leave a car anywhere."

Me and my big mouth.

So, Saturday we pack in, Monday we pack out. What to do Sunday? The new route knocked out the idea of climbing Wilson on the layover day. Looking at the map we spy Barley Flats. Hmmm...I "need" BF, one of the most derided peaks on the list. Not much to be said for it, really. A deserted detention camp and water tank mark the summit plateau. Not exactly the backcountry hunter's hideaway of one hundred years ago.

One hundred years ago? No Angles Crest Highway in those days, Barley Flats was a major undertaking then. Nowadays, it is only an afterthought, a peak to be bagged on the way to, or from, someplace else. Certainly not a destination for a day's hike. But a throwback climb? A return to yesteryear? Had there ever been an HPS party up Shortcut Canyon? We became intrigued.

Saturday, February 14, 2004, on Mary Jo's porch in Sierra Madre, we heft our packs on our backs, and accompanied by her dog and faithful trail companion Lacey, head off for Barley Flats. Self-propelled!

Striding up Lima Street, we look like a couple of fish out of water. Construction workers give us funny looks. In a few blocks we are at the Bailey Canyon trail head.

It will be a long dry slog up to Mt. Wilson. It takes us three hours of steady climbing to reach Jones Peak. Here we drop our packs briefly and make the short climb to the peak. Jones has a terrific view of the city, and this day is clearer than most, giving us views of the ocean. We head back to the packs and exchange pleasantries with a local trail denizen who wishes us well on our "trek."

It has been a tough climb up to Jones, but a major portion of the day's gain is now out of the way. We

are shortly crossing over Hastings Peak. We sign in and head off again. This portion of trail from Hastings to the toll road on Manzanita Ridge has been worrying me. The last part is steep and slippery, but poses no real problem. The grade lessens and we soon reach the junction with the Winter Creek trail. While snacking on lunch, a WTC conditioning outing comes along. Tom McDonnell and Nile Sorenson are leading. They are in a hurry and rush off.

We soon reach Mt. Wilson, relieved to find that the water is still on. Mary Jo wants to look at the map in order to locate the Rattlesnake Trail. "Don't be silly, it's right over there." Off we go. After descending a couple of hundred feet, something looks wrong. Oops. The map shows the Rattlesnake Trail being outside the old park gate. Back we go. We reach the parking lot again, and head for the gate, which is locked. Fortunately, there is a door that opens from the inside. A little ways down the road, we find the Rattlesnake Trail.

The HPS can be a cantankerous lot, but surely one thing we can all agree on is that the Rattlesnake Trail is one of the gems of the Sierra Madre. Winding down through groves of incense cedar and sugar pine it is like traveling through an emerald forest. Lacey's nose begins working overtime as we are now in a wilder part of the range. After traversing the narrow ridge between two drainages that is one of the highlights of this trail, we reach flatter ground marked by manzanitas as big as scrub oaks. Mary Jo, who has been flying along the trail all day, waits for me at the junction with the Gabrielino National Recreation Trail. We arrive at West Fork campground to find it filled with Boy Scouts. They have parked on Wilson and hiked down. So much for our dreams of solitude!

We pitch our tent next to the concrete slab which marks the site of the first ranger station in California. It is a shame that they have relocated it to the Chilao visitor center. It lent a certain charm and sense of history to West Fork. On the old slab we brew our tea and cook our rice watched over by the ghost of Louie Newcomb, wondering to ourselves just how much coffee and tea had been brewed in that very spot by Louie and his fellow rangers.

The next morning found us sleeping in late, until 7am! Again, more tea, bread and cheese, then off for Barley Flats. Right across the river is Shortcut Canyon and another of Louie's works, Shortcut Canyon Trail. State Route 2 has supplanted it as a quick way into the high country, but its delights remain the same. Few but Boy Scouts on their annual Silver Moccasin trek travel this trail. A shame, too, as it is as lovely and as green a place you'll find in Southern California. Maybe a little too green, if you count the poison oak.

As we climb high along the side of the canyon, Lacey gets very excited. We stop and watch the ridge across the way, hoping to see deer or big horn. Instead we hear what could only be a black bear growling. Time to move on!

We pop out on Angeles Crest. Now it is a long road walk, first to the junction with the Barley Flats road,

then up the road to the detention camp. We come across the most snow of the weekend here. We soon are skirting the camp, following the old route 2 description. As the modern description indicates, we could have walked through the camp to the open gate on the other side.

We locate the register, and sign in. Not too many folks get up here. We are the third party this year. Mars was the first (imagine that!), and the Leveriches and Mark Allen had led a trip up from Alder Creek. After a short lunch, we wearily start our way back. We head for Red Box, as we would like to be on the Red Box-Rincon Road in case we get caught out in the dark. "This is the way, Mary Jo." "Should we look at the map?", she asks. "Silly girl, we don't need a map for this!" You all can figure out what happened here.

As we make old road, I ruminate on would be to have on this stretch. Ticks We brush off several me, as Mary Jo so fast all of a sudden.



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We soon return to West Fork, just at dusk. 16 miles and a little less than 10 hours on the trail. We were all tired and hungry. We had our rice and trout (canned) and tea and turned in for the night.

We finished most of what was in our food sack the next morning. For the long trek out we had a small box of raisins, four fun size Paydays, and six mints.

Traveling a little too light this trip.

As there were no ticks around, Mary Jo took off like a bottle rocket, as usual. Near the summit of Wilson I lost the trail somehow, and ended up coming out by the solar telescopes. I quickly located Mary Jo and Lacey napping at the Rattlesnake trail head, and we took the Old Mt. Wilson trail back to Sierra Madre. To make up for our lack of food, we loaded a nalgene bottle with teabags and sugar and hung it from a pack, and enjoyed sweet sun tea at Orchard Camp.

We were soon, but not soon enough, at Mary Jo's door. Lacey was very happy to see her couch. Mary Jo and I were very happy to see a cold bottle of fancy French champagne in her refrigerator. Nothing has ever tasted so good.

Could this be the start of something? How about a Throwback Emblem? Door to door self-propelled?

Owens Peak is going to be REALLY tough!

Final stats: 3 days, 4 peaks, 35 miles, 13,000 feet of gain (and loss), 8 sore feet, 1 weary dog and 2 very happy campers.

#### 200 PEAKS-PLUS ONE March 27-28, 2004 by John Meehan

My big chance to get to #200 finally arrived when I signed up for a desert weekend adventure with Tom Hill and Virgil Popescu. The Saturday hike to Asbestos and Whale would pave the way for a Sunday hike to Rosa Point, my 200th. At some point in peak bagging, one realizes that plans do not always work out as planned. Now you have to realize that Tom says that this trip had been planned six months in advance. It only took one day for the plan to unravel. One cannot plan the weather, and in this case, summer weather had arrived early.

Asbestos Mountain was easy enough early in the morning. A rattlesnake was guarding the gully to the top. He courteously coiled and rattled from a distance as we trooped around him and proceeded to the summit. So much for #198. On to Whale...

Was the heat tricking us? Had Tom and Virgil discovered a new pathfinder route to Whale? Why did we park several miles away from the trailhead? Would I ever get to #199? We were slogging through the desert sand, and it was 90 degrees in the shade. But there is no shade. Why are cars passing us? You mean we could have driven to the trailhead? The very nice thing about the Whale trailhead is that there are rock caves that provided a chance to cool off and regroup. Tom suggested that there were cooler places to hike. Fortunately everybody in the group needed the peaks near Julian, and the leaders needed to lead them. We all needed to cool off. Unfortunately, our cars are still parked several miles away. It is time for heroics. The woman of the hour was Susan Leahy from New Hampshire. She somehow convinced her husband that it was ok to shuttle a couple of strangers, Virgil and Jorge Estrada, back to their cars. If you could have seen Virgil and Jorge, you can understand why her husband must have wondered if he would ever see her again. But she returned, and Virgil returned, and Jorge returned. Happy day! We were shuttled back to the other vehicles.

Some plans are six months in the making and do not work. Here was a plan that was minutes in the making and saved the day. We happily escaped the desert heat and headed for cooler mountains in the Monument Peak area. Monument #1 was a pleasant way to get to 199. And Garnet Peak is just down the road. When we park, night has fallen on this barren and fire scarred area. A procession of head lamps is the only thing that is visible as we trudge through an ashy landscape. Somewhere out there is #200. I have no idea where we are, but trusty Tom and Virgil lead the way to the top.

Serendipity. Who could have possibly planned a better day? Or a better night? In addition to loving the mountains, I have always been fascinated by the night sky. The five visible planets just happen to be making a evening appearance together for about two weeks. This will not happen again until the year 2036. (Early risers

can, however, see the same group of five planets in the pre-dawn sky next December.)

It was late, and we needed to get back to camp to celebrate. We left the other Garnet for another day. Or another night. Back at camp, Tom pops the cork to toast me. I pop a cork to toast Tom and Virgil. We all toast each other. The DPS group never showed up, but HPS people can party too.

And yes, Rosa Point was 201 on Sunday. But that is another story.

I have a plan...maybe Tom and Virgil can "plan" my List finish. It should be interesting.

I have another plan...in the year 2036 I want to be on top of a mountain in the early evening with a great group of people. Thanks to all.

# Mt. Gleason (6502') A Private Outing March 30, 2004 By Joe Young and Bob Thompson

There are five planets which can be seen from with the naked eye – Venus, Jupiter, Mars, Saturn, and Mercury. Only rarely do they appear in the sky together. This happened most recently from late March through early April, 2004 in the hour after sunset. But you needed to have an unobstructed view to the west to see all of them because Mercury, being so close to the sun, disappears within an hour or so after sunset. And you needed to be away from fog, smog, and haze for a good chance to see all the planets.

On Tuesday, March 30, 2004 Bobcat Thompson and Joe Young decided to drive up to the summit of Mt Gleason just before sunset (6:13 PM) because we believed that the view from the summit would allow us to see all the planets. We were not disappointed.

As we drove up the Crest Highway there were some high clouds visible, some of them a bit thick, but we persevered. We arrived at the locked gate near the summit of Mt. Gleason before 6:00 PM. Being good HPS peakbaggers, we hiked to the summit (0.5 mi rt, 105' of gain). We investigated the seedlings or other flora which apparently had been planted by the Forest Service, but discovered that few of the seedlings were surviving. We also investigated the two water reservoirs and Joe declared them to be empty.

Bob and Joe also reminisced over the history of this peak. How it had been on the List in the early years, then removed from the List when a Nike missile installation for years made it off limits. Bob had led the exploratory in 1978 to reinstate the peak to the List.

We both recalled the fabulous List finish party on the summit when Edna Erspamer finished on January 30, 1983. Great party, in spite of the snow-covered summit! (For the record: Edna chaired the HPS in 1982.)

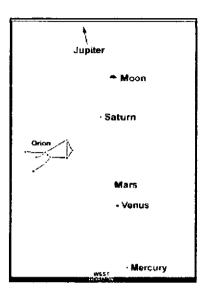
But it was time to get serious (Sirius?) about planet watching. So we scurried back to Bob's Explorer, each of us drank a Guinness, and got out the chairs and began the watch. The moon was nearly half full. Venus

was the first planet to appear, followed shortly by Jupiter. However, the wind kicked up and we retreated to the vehicle to stay warm. We ventured out at about 6:45 to discover that Mars and Saturn had made an appearance, as well as Orion, the Big Dipper, and Sirius the dog star. But no Mercury.

There was a band of low clouds about where Mercury should have appeared. There were also

contrails of commercial jets and military jets, the latter at high altitude and did not disappear. We ducked back into the vehicle to get warm.

At about 7
PM we renewed our quest to see the fifth planet, Mercury. We saw a bright object darting in and out of the dark band of low clouds. Initially it was easier to find without the binoculars, but we kept looking. Soon it became apparent that we were seeing a planet, bright, low,



near the horizon. We concluded that this was Mercury. We were now able to see all five planets! Mission accomplished!

Since it was cold and windy and we had achieved our objective, we left Mt Gleason and returned to the relative warmth of La Cañada and enjoyed some post-hike revelry at Hill Street Café.

# Rabbit and Villager March 26-28 Leaders: Wolf and Karen Leverich

The weeks leading up to our scheduled backpack of Rabbit and Villager were white knuckle, to say the least: day after day of record breaking heat. Bakersfield (not that we do a lot of peak bagging there) set multiple records, for individual days, for average high, for average temperature, on and on and on. And here we wanted to do a 3-day, 2-night backpack in Anza-Borrego park. The amount of water we'd need to do this in the heat was daunting, to say the least. Would we have to cancel? Surely the heat would break. Right?

Every day, I checked the forecast. And at last, good news! A cold front was coming, arriving in the nick of time. Friday (the day we'd be carrying those heavy packs at mid-day up Villager ridge) was to be cool, Saturday (the day we'd be roller-coastering up and down the ridges getting our peaks) would be warmer but nice at our elevations, and Sunday (the day we'd carry much lighter backpacks back down) would be warmer, but by then, we'd not care that much...

Of course, there was the niggling issue of the storm that was associated with the cold front — what if it came further inland than expected and drenched Rabbit and Villager? At least that was a new and novel worry, better than the earlier one involving heat stroke...

The weather pretty much cooperated. The hikers traveling to Thimble Trailhead from the west were subjected to quite the rainstorm, but it gave way to clear skies as they neared their destination. Those of us coming from the east instead got a fierce dust storm, that had us fretting briefly we'd have to cancel after all, and at the trailhead, ugh! Meanwhile, at the trailhead itself, there was a "storm" of caterpillars, being pushed hither and thither by the stiff winds, even with their low centers of gravity.

In spite of being thoroughly buffeted by the wind, we decided to go for it. We were miles and miles from cliffs, we'd worry about being blown off them when the time came. Dave Cannon, who is a bit of a desert rat, theorized that the wind would be blowing from Clark Dry Lake up over the cliffs, so we'd be pushed away from them, rather than towards them. Sounded good to me.

The team for this assault on Rabbit and Villager consisted of Wolf Leverich and myself, Dave Cannon, Don Cwik (pronounced "swick"), Bob McEwan, Lloyd Johnson, and Bill Ossa. While we muddled about at the cars making last minute adjustments to equipment, two backpackers crossed the highway, headed for their car. We quickly cornered them — where had they been? what had it been like? The wind? They'd camped on Villager the night before, the wind had been demonic, they'd gotten fifteen minutes of sleep. Ulp!

Luckily, we had budgeted lots of time for this backpack. I'd had visions of relaxed evenings in camp admiring the night sky. In the event, that's not quite how we used the extra time: we needed it. One of our hikers had been sold a backpack in a dramatically incorrect size, and then given a real rush job of pack fitting. The pack hadn't been fit at all, and was pure torture. Close to a disaster, multiple attempts were made throughout the trip to render the pack at least bearable. I'm not sure we succeeded, but he was going to get that peak, no matter what, and ... he did. (As did we all.) Though there was one point where three of us were holding the pack up, two tweaking the adjustments, and we had the vision of us all inching our way up the slope in formation - I think the only time that pack was at all comfortable was when it was being held up.

The wind notwithstanding, the desert was a marvelous treat. Besides the caterpillar storm, there were numerous flowers: the ocotillo were green and tall with their dramatic red tips. There were lupine and poppies (yes, even in Anza-Borrego.) Many of the barrel cacti had a ring of flowers on top, the beavertails were flowering in dense bouquets of reddish-pink. Even the annoying cholla (I managed to sit on one at our first break) were blooming. I still don't like them.

It was a busy Friday on the mountain. Besides the two backpackers we'd encountered near the cars, we ran into a dayhiker in mid-afternoon. He'd done not only Villager that day, but also Rabbit, and was on his way out. We were quite impressed, little realizing we'd be even MORE impressed by a day hiker we'd run into the next day.

But first... We arrived at our intended campsite not long before dark. It was windy, and we'd hoped for some shelter from a nearby ridge, but that didn't work out. Setting up in the wind was a challenge, at least for those of us with tents, but as soon as we were set up the wind of course died, and we had a pleasant dinner before the cold chased us into our bags for an early night. We had visions of being up at 5AM and hiking at 6AM.

Well, we were up at 5AM. It was light, and nice. But we'd been so tired the night before that most of us hadn't organized our packs for the dayhike. There were various approaches to solving this problem: Bob and Dave and Lloyd had brought along separate daypacks that they shifted to. Don and Wolf made do with their backpacks. Bill had a small waist pack. And me? I'd put on my backpack the day before the trip, decided even empty it was too awful to consider (6 pounds or so), so I'd somehow made the trip up in my davpack, looking a bit like an old Yankee trader with most of my equipment lashed here and there on the outside. The miracle was made possible by a 45-degree down bag that stuffed down to the size of a loaf of bread. The bad news is ... it was colder than 45 degrees, and I'd had a slight chilly night. But how grand to set out for Rabbit from camp wearing the daypack I've become accustomed to! (it's the little things in life...)

Late start or not, around 9AM we were happily signing in on Villager. Well, many of us were. Some of the guys were off in the bushes here and there answering calls of nature. When a hiker walked up, I assumed it was one of them, until I glanced up and ... it was a woman! Other than me, all of our group was of the male persuasion. I quickly realized she wasn't one of "us".

Tina Bowman was our mystery hiker. We were taking three days to do two peaks. She was pondering doing three in one day. She'd set out at 4AM by headlamp. After chatting with us for a few minutes, and signing in, she disappeared "slowly" (her word) towards Rabbit. We packed back up (all the guys having returned from the bushes) and headed (more slowly) in her wake.

The ridge to Rabbit was unlike I've ever seen it before: it was green! There was grass, there were flowers, there was a nice breeze. It was a lovely day for a hike. I was the sweep, and at one point I found an obsidian arrowhead. The peak-obsessed ahead of me declined to lose precious altitude to take a look. A shame, it was a pretty thing. (And yes, I set it back down so future hikers can enjoy it in situ.)

The ridge is quite the roller coaster, but seldom overly steep. We made fairly good time, and soon were looking at our final ascent, admiring Tina "slowly" descending towards us. Another nice conversation, and she was off on her return to Villager, while we completed our ascent of Rabbit.

We checked out the register (I didn't spot a Brent Crookham sign in, which was disappointing, as he only has four peaks left — I hope I just overlooked him and that he won't have to wait until fall to finish!), posed for pictures, ate a quick snack, and started back. We were hoping to find Tom Hill and Lilly Fukui and Val Saubhayan on Villager, and wanted time for a nice visit. No sign of them, though, when we cruised through a bit before five. We decided to forego a break and keep going, figuring we'd break when we ran into them. We didn't have that much time to spare, if we wanted to make it back to camp before dark. (We were camped about an hour and a half to two hours past Villager.)

The further we went, the more speculation there was that they weren't coming. "It was probably too hot down there!" "No, no, they'll come, they still have daylight to make it to Villager and set up camp." Etc. We crossed the "false summit" just south of Villager and finally had a break in a slight saddle beyond. Of course, Tom and company appeared immediately after we started moving again! It HAD been hot "down there", but they'd persevered. (They made both peaks the next day and Tom led them back to the cars shortly after dark, yet another successful backpack that weekend.) I asked after Tina, figuring if they'd run into her, she'd opted not to do Rosa, but if they hadn't seen her, she'd probably gone for it.

As indeed she had. She did all three as a dayhike 21 years ago, and again last weekend. Slowly. (If only I could be slow like that!)

We got back to camp right at dusk, had a nice celebration (complete with 18 year Glenlivet and some cookies I'd lugged out to Rabbit and back and forgotten to share). We settled in for what we anticipated would be a pleasant night: the forecast I'd seen before we started hiking had promised wind through Saturday afternoon, and then nice still air.

It wasn't to be. No sooner had we crawled into bed, it seemed, than the wind started. Harder and harder it blew. I had fantasies of my shoes (which I'd left on the ground near the front of the tent) blowing down into Clark Dry Lake, and having to hike out in sock feet. Without a pack (also down in the lake, natch). But I knew if I opened the tent to retrieve this stuff (assuming it was still there), the tent would fly away like a kite and end up, well, you get my drift. I think we all slept poorly that night, off and on. But our big hike had left us tired enough that we did indeed sleep.

We were all up at 5AM. Nothing had blown away. The wind, while stiff, wasn't nearly as bad outside the tent as it had sounded from within. But it was sufficiently unpleasant that we all started packing up, and were ready to hike earlier than the day before. Something about skipping breakfast (who could cook in that wind?) had expedited things.

Carefully picking our way down some narrow trails and cliffsides, we were pleased when the wind dropped down to being a pleasant breeze. Breaking now and then (the Incorrect Backpack continued to be a pain), chatting up the occasional hiker, down down we went. The lower we went, the warmer it got. We

rebalanced the water, with the folk who used less than planned sharing with those who had used more. (Most of the fellows had started out with 12 quarts.) We exited with very little water left, but no one hurting.

Normally, we'd probably have muddled about for quite a spell at the cars, but we noticed it was 11:30AM. We had fantasies of lunch and beer in Borrego Springs. Why not go NOW and beat the rush? We were off... And soon enough seated around a table for six, ordering Mexican food, inhaling chips, inhaling two pitchers of water, monopolizing the bathroom.

A fabulous weekend! Even if the wind did blow that last night.

## SPECIAL THANKS TO LAURA JOSEPH FROM MCOM

As many of you already know, Laura Joseph decided to resign from MCOM and her roles as Vice Chair and Programs Chair. I know that she spent a good deal of time thinking about this. It wasn't an easy one, but she resolved this decision was best for her. Laura had been our Programs Chair, Membership Chair and Peak Booteak Sales Manager in 2002 and 2003 and this year served as Vice Chair and Programs Chair. What an undertaking of MCOM "jobs" she took on!!! Demonstrates extraordinary enthusiasm and commitment, not to mention a willingness to do an immense amount of work! Clearly shows how much Laura's heart belongs to HPS and the Sierra Club! Always she presented her eagerness to make each of our events enjoyable for everyone, kept track of who's where on lists and emblems (very important for those in the game"), and discussed issues with thoughts based toward people, the environment, and conservation of our wildernesses. Laura, thank you for all your work and your dedication! We'll miss you in MCOM!!! But the question remains: Will you miss us? © See you on the trails!!

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# Submitted by Lynda Armbruster, HPS Membership Chair HPS Membership Report - 2004

tireless Leaders who have lead 100 peaks, 200 peaks or the entire List. These achievements are indicated by the words 100 Leads, 200 Leads or Lead List peaks on the HPS List. 200 Peaks means that the person has climbed 200 of our peaks. List means a person has climbed all of the peaks on the HPS List hiker@socal.rr.com - PO Box 12177, Orange, CA 92859 if there are any errors or discrepancies. 100 Peaks means a person has climbed 100 of the KEY: Everyone who is currently listed in our HPS Database is listed below, as either a Member (M), Subscriber (S) or Household (H) for persons who are and the number of times (1 through 10) is indicated as well. Path100 or Path200 means a person has climbed 100 or 200 peaks on the HPS List using at least two different routes and Snow25 shows those persons who have climbed at least 25 listed peaks using snowshoes. We also like to recognize our achievements within HPS and this list shows what is currently indicated in the HPS Membership Database. Please contact Lynda Armbruster at otherwise undesignated. An individual's leadership rating is indicated by the symbol O, I, M or E after their name. We give recognition for various followed by the number of times that person has lead (1 through 4).

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#### **Hundred Peaks Section Members Receive Awards** at the Angeles Chapter Annual Awards Banquet March 28, 2004

Hundred Peaks Section members garnered awards at this year's Awards Banquet. Stag Brown received the Chapter's highest outings award, the Chester Versteeg Outings Award. Stag has chaired the HPS twice and has been a leader on HPS outings for over twenty five years. Stag has also led over 1,000 hikes on Wednesday evenings in Griffith Park. Chapter Chair Virgil Shields also praised Stag for his LA by Night Christmas hikes on which food and clothing are delivered to the homeless

Southern Courtney accepted the Citation of Merit on behalf of the Local Hikes Committee. Many Local Hikes outings are conducted jointly with the HPS.

Markey Neighbors received a Special Service Award for her work with the Orange County Wilderness Training Committee and her service with the Wilderness First Aid Course.

HPS members and friends attending the banquet included Stag Brown, Nami Brown, Reina Lee Brown, Lynda Armbruster, Tom Armbruster, Bob Thompson, Jeanne Lefever, Robert Tyler, Julie Rush, Sylvia Ellis, Markey Neighbors, Robert Neighbors, Joe Young, Jeri Marston, Lee Zeibolt, David Baldwin, Elaine Baldwin, Jim Kilberg, Southern Courtney, Rosemary Campbell, Edna Erspamer, Mike Baldwin, and Sandy Houston.



Virgil Shields and Stag Brown



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Markey Neighbors



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#### REGISTER BOX By Jim Adler

Three new disappeared registers were reported and one new deficient register was identified since the last issue.

My intrepid sources for this article were: Gene Mauk, Joe Young, Frank Dobos, and George Wysup.

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16J Mt. Harwood	missing	6-03
26C Queen Mtn.	deficient	3-04
32E Cuyamaca Peak	missing	5-03

If you are climbing any of the above peaks, please consider bringing a new register can and book. If you discover a peak which needs a new register can, please let me know by mail addressed to Jim Adler, 836 S. Alandele Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90036-4625, or telephone and addressed to Jim Adler, 836 S.

at (323) 931-6844 or e-mail at jimadler @ mindspring.com. or from the HPS web site. Also, please advise if you have replaced any of the missing or deficient registers or discover that any of the above reports are erroneous or out of date. (Since register books and pencils are so easy to carry all the time, peaks where only books or pencils are needed are not listed.)

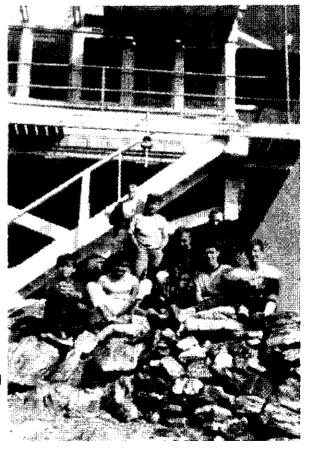


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lookouts have long vanished from the summits of our peaks. But can you guess the summits? The summit in the above picture is usually achieved on a long backpack, but it has been led as a day hike. Traces of Its lookout has long vanished.

The summit on the right more recently was adorned with a lookout, until fire destroyed it. This summit is achieved by a moderately easy day hike, but is frequently combined with another peak. The stone in the Bill T. Russell New Leader Award perpetual trophy was taken from the road leading to this peak.

Answers will be provided at the Spring Fling on May 8-9.



### HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION ANGELES CHAPTER

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting Thursday, February 5, 2004 Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium

Management Committee call to Order at 5:30 p.m. Attending:

In attendance were Management Committee members Lynda Armbruster, Winnette Butler, Kathy Cheever, Laura Joseph, Karen Isaacson Leverich, and Wolf Leverich. Also in attendance was Janet Howell, Conservation Chair. Absent – Ray Wolfe.

Minutes from the January Meeting:

Due to a short timeframe for the meeting, approval of Minutes from the January Meeting is postponed until the March meeting.

**By-Laws Amendment:** 

Kathy Cheever reported that Angeles Chapter has approved changes to the Bylaws passed at the recent HPS annual election. A copy of their approval is attached to Minutes

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report was postponed until the March meeting.

Membership Report:

Lynda Armbruster reported that a problem had occurred with the order of information received and assignment of numbers for the new 200th Pathfinder Emblem. After discussion, it was m/s/p that there will be two persons awarded the Number 1 Emblem and the next number assigned will be Number 3. She re-emphasized that the Emblem numbers will now be assigned in the order she receives them regardless of the list completion date. The remainder of the membership report was postponed until the March meeting.

Outings Report - Historical Hikes:

Karen requested clarification regarding outings being posted as Historical Hikes. After discussion, it was m/s/p that scheduled hike dates conflicting with exclusive dates for Historical Hikes will be resolved at the discretion of the Outings Chair.

Mountain Records:

Report postponed until the March meeting.

**Programs Report:** 

Postponed until March meeting.

#### Old Business:

Angeles Chapter Sierra Club, Schedule of Activities: A discussion was held regarding color printing for the cover of the July 5 to October 31 issue of the Angeles Chapter Sierra Club Schedule of Activities that will feature a photo and article from the Hundred Peaks Section. Color printing will cost approximately \$500. Discussion will be continued at the March meeting.

**New Business:** 

Drusha Mavhue Letter:

A general discussion was held regarding the recent Los Angeles Times article about a possible takeover of the Sierra Club by outside interests and a letter by Drusha Mayhue that has been approved by the Sierra Club National Office for distribution by local Sierra Club Sections. After debate about posting excerpts from the letter vs. the entire letter, it was m/s/p to print the letter in its entirely in the next issue of The Lookout. No official position will be taken by the HPS on this issue. Members will be strongly encouraged to fully investigate and inform themselves on the issues and candidates involved and to vote in the upcoming National Election. Copies of the LA Times' article and the Mayhue letter are included in the Minutes.

Angeles Chapter Safety Chair Letter:

Kathy Cheever distributed copies of a letter received from Larry Tidball, Safety Chair for Angeles Chapter of Sierra Club, expressing concerns over a recently passed HPS resolution regarding pruning of hiking routes and related articles recently printed in the Lookout. Receipt of the letter had been delayed due to its being mailed to an old address. Wolf reported that he had been talking with Larry

Tidball and Wil McWhinney about this issue and is drafting a response. This matter will be reviewed and discussed in detail at the March meeting.

Angeles Chapter Awards Banquet:

After discussion it was m/s/p that HPS will pay for two tickets for Stag Brown's family to attend the Angeles Chapter Awards Banquet on March 28th when Stag receives the Chester Versteeg Outings Award.

**HPS Pins:** 

Lynda mentioned that she believes the Section needs more HPS pins. She suggested creating a retro pin with the old logo. Further discussion will continue at the March meeting.

Management Committee meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m. The Annual Joint Climbing Sections Meeting, a swap meet, and presentations by Bill Corcoran and John Monsen regarding threats to our national forests followed the meeting. Virgil Shields also spoke regarding the importance of voting in the next Sierra Club National Election.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 9th, at 6:30 p.m. at Laura's Place.