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Angeles Chapter

SIERRA CLUB – ANGELES CHAPTER CENTENNIAL PICNIC FOR POSTERITY SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2011 9 am to 4 pm AT THE MALIBU NATURE PRESERVE



Includes Barbeque Lunch

Nature Walks

Visit With Famed Mountaineers – Glen Dawson, Royal Robbins

Mountain Historians/Authors – Dan Arnold, Andy Selters, John Robinson

Book Sales & Book Signings

Pose for Personalized Centennial Poster

Continuous Chapter History Presentations in Our Mini-Theater

Historical Photographic Exhibit

Displays of Vintage Outdoors Hiking/Climbing/Camping Gear

Roll Call of Chapter Groups and Entities

Group Photos of Leaders & Activists

A Day of Visiting With Friends and Fellow Sierrans!

\$20 Adults/ \$10 Children Under 12 Includes Barbeque Lunch and Beverage. Reservation Required. Send a self-addressed stamped envelope with check made out to "Sierra Club" to Elizabeth Pomeroy, 2111 E. Mountain St., Pasadena, CA 91104 - 4130. A map to the Malibu Nature Preserve will be included with the tickets. Please indicate if vegetarian meal preferred.

The 405 Freeway will be closed during the weekend of July 16 - 17 between West Los Angeles and the San Fernando Valley. If you are coming from the L. A. basin area or points south, please allow extra time to travel the Pacific Coast Highway and/or Sunset Blvd.



The Angeles Crest Highway is open again! (Left) Stag Brown looks at the sign at the La Cañada rideshare point that indicates the Highway is open all the way to Wrightwood. (Right) A newly resurfaced stretch on the highway.

Photos by Bobcat Thompson

HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION MEMBERSHIP REPORT – MAY 2011

By Greg de Hoogh, Membership Chair

ACHIEVEMENTS:

Lead List #2

#7 – Peter Doggett – 4/17/11 – San Rafael Mountain

NEW MEMBERS:

Mike Manning
George White

NEW SUBSCRIBERS

Fred Hanson

DONATIONS:

Donation

Gordon MacLeod \$100

MEMBERSHIP COUNTS:

317 Members (267 primary + 50 household)

37 Subscribers

354 Total



Ignacia and Peter Doggett at this year's HPS Annual Awards Banquet

The Hundred Peaks Section Website

is maintained by Wolf Leverich and Karen Leverich.

It is accessed at <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/hps/>

On this website can be found...

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| ◆ HPS Archives | ◆ Summit summaries |
| ◆ Peak List | ◆ Advance Schedule |
| ◆ Peak Guides | ◆ Back issues of The Lookout |
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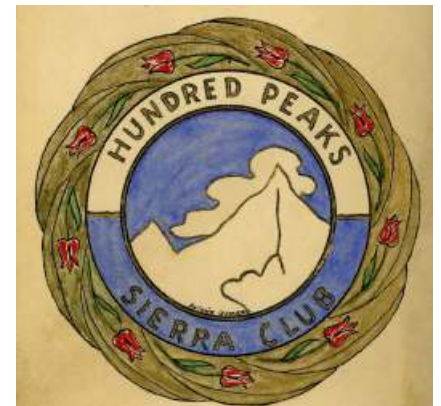
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Please note:

We are looking for a volunteer to be in charge of Outreach for the HPS.

If you are interested please contact Pamela Rowe.



Article from the Chair

By Pamela Rowe

We had a wonderful weekend at Harwood Lodge for the Spring Fling. A variety of hikes took place on Saturday. I drove up Saturday night to find a group of HPS members sitting around the fireplace singing songs and playing guitar while others sat around and enjoyed the music. It was such a delight. In rare form, I brought my fiddle up to the lodge to play a few tunes as must have been done in the early years of Harwood Lodge. Earlier in the evening there was a potluck with many main dishes and a lovely crafted cake from Marlen using outdoors themed decorations. Programs Chair Wayne Vollaire was on hand to assist.

Marlen Mertz and did a wonderful job of coordinating road access with the Amgen Tour of California officials and handling RSVPs from interested participants. One of the Zen Center devotees had closed the access driveway as his "guru" told him to not let anyone pass. Marlen then worked with the Zen Center "guru" to gain access so Markey and Robert Neighbors could arrive at Harwood.

Sunday morning, we were awoken to Markey Neighbors breakfast of pancakes, eggs, freshly baked muffins, turkey bacon and fresh coffee. Then it was off to Icehouse Canyon to assist Peter Doggett with a hike to Sugarloaf via Falling Rock Canyon. After the summit, our group we continued on to Ontario Peak where we were surprised to find the other two HPS group hikes from the day. It was a rendezvous that was unplanned yet perfectly timed. We enjoyed a nice lunch on the summit and chats with new and old friends.

If you missed out on our Spring Fling, no worries. Our next HPS gathering is at the Waterman Rendezvous:

Saturday, July 30th Waterman Rendezvous:
The Annual Great Waterman Mountain Rendezvous is back. You are invited to this the 17th in 18 years annual event. The informal pot luck will be held on the top of Waterman Mountain, following some great hiking in the area. 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 (or fires) cancels. See this Activity Schedule or the HPS Website for hikes scheduled on this day. Contact the leaders of the hike you plan on joining.

Some of the outings include:

I: Waterman Mountain (8038') Leaders: DIANE DUNBAR, BOBCAT THOMPSON, JIM FLEMING
O: Waterman Mountain (8038') Leaders: PATRICK VAUGHN Co-leaders: BRUCE CRAIG, KWEE-THIO NGAN
I: Mount Akawie (7283'), Kratka Ridge (7515'), Mount Waterman (8038') Leaders: WAYNE BANNISTER, JENNIFER WASHINGTON
I: Mount Waterman (8038') via Winston Peak (7502'),

Winston Ridge (7003') & Mount Akawie (7283') Leaders: KENT SCHWITKIS, SHERRY ROSS
I: Kratka Ridge (7515'), Waterman Mountain (8038') Leader: WAYNE VOLLAIRE Co-leaders: HARVEY GANZ, GREG de HOOGH
I: Twin Peaks (7761'), Waterman Mountain (8038') Leader: TED LUBESHKOFF Co-leaders: MARKEY NEIGHBORS, JOE YOUNG

In other upcoming news, we are planning to offer the HPS newsletter in electronic format. Details to follow.

Letters for Wilderness – How You Can Influence Congress.

Erik Counsellor, HPS Conservation Chair

(GreatHornedOwl@gmail.com)

As members of the Sierra Club, we enjoy exploring our natural places. We also want their protection so they keep their wild character and can continue hiking and camping. The most effective way to ensure the preservation of these beautiful areas now and into the future is to protect them under U.S. law. Many bills that have provided long-term protection for some of our most important natural landscapes have arisen from citizens like us contacting members of Congress.

Currently, there are several local areas deserving of wilderness protection and the San Gabriel River also deserves Wild and Scenic River status. Congressman David Dreier has introduced a wilderness bill that will protect some of this land. We need to encourage Congressman Drier to strengthen the bill and continue pushing it through the legislative process until it becomes law.

This is where you can help! Whether or not you agree with David Dreier on every issue or not does not matter. Remember what they say... If you want to agree with a politician on every issue, run for office. The important thing to know is that you CAN influence the congressman. Here are some tips on how to present your point of view to David Drier in an influential letter. Here are some letter writing tips:

- 1) The letter should be polite. An angry letter can turn a politician against our cause.
- 2) The letter should stick to a single subject with a clear request. Letters are often summarized by staff and we want the official to know what we're asking of them.

I would like to encourage each of you to write a letter to Congressman Dreier and possibly one to your own congressman. Emails are great, but a mailed letter has more influence because they take time and effort to write and elected officials realize that you wouldn't spend the time if it wasn't important.

Below is a sample letter. You can copy it and sign it or customize it. Remember, please be polite because we're asking Dreier to make our interests his priority.

If you have any questions, please email me.

Sample Letter

[*TODAY'S DATE],* 2011
The Honorable David Dreier
Congressman, 26th District
510 East Foothill Boulevard, Suite 201?San Dimas, CA
91773
*Re: H.R.113 the "Angeles and San Bernardino
National Forests Protection Act"*

Dear Congressman Dreier,

I hike in the San Gabriel Mountains, including the Cucamonga Wilderness in the San Gabriel Mountains to the north of the City of Claremont. Thank you for your recent introduction of H.R. 113 which will give wilderness protection to many of the areas I hike through.

Several million of us visit these mountains each year to escape the pace of city life and to hike, ride horses or picnic with friends and family. Wilderness areas provide an outstanding opportunity for these popular pursuits. Protecting wilderness in the San Gabriels means that we are better protecting an important foothill community amenity.

Please consider adding the area to the south of Cucamonga Wilderness to your proposal. Also please protect San Antonio Creek, which runs through this area, by granting it Wild & Scenic River designation. This way all of our vistas and entire watershed will receive protection.

Please let me know how I can help make these designations a reality. Thank you again!
Sincerely,

[*SIGN*]

[*Printed Name, Address with city and zip]*

[Email Address:optional]

IS L.A. POISED TO SELL ADVERTISING IN PARKS?

By Carol Henning

You are hiking with Sierra Club friends in Griffith Park on a late summer evening. The sun is setting as you reach Mt. Hollywood. Looking west, you can see the Hollywood Sign and the towers on Mt. Lee. But wait! What was that arch-like structure you passed under just before you came to the picnic tables? Those arches were painted gold. Now look at the tops of the picnic tables. They are emblazoned with depictions of Happy Meal components and grinning faces proclaiming, "I'm lovin' it!" You blink, look up and notice a sign on the fence, glowing in the twilight. The sign welcomes you to the summit of McMount Hollywood. Do you shrug in resignation? Do you long for an ax? Do you suddenly feel an overwhelming urge to bite into a Big Mac?

The foregoing scenario is a product of this writer's morbid imagination, and McDonalds was not chosen for the hypothetical due to any supposition that it

would be more likely than others to seek or to condone this kind of advertising. But is the scenario far-fetched? Maybe not.

In October, 2010, the City of Los Angeles was poised to allow supergraphics promoting Warner Bros. 3-D movie, "Yogi Bear," on fences, shelters, picnic tables, trash receptacles, light standards and other structures in Holmby Park, Pan Pacific Park and Lake Balboa Park. The deal, approved by the Recreation and Parks Commission, was made by the L.A. Parks Foundation. The latter is not a city agency although its Chair, Barry Sanders, is also President of the Rec and Parks Commission. According to the terms of the deal, Warner Bros. would have donated a total of \$57,000 to the Foundation. The Foundation would have deducted marketing costs and an administrative fee, leaving Rec and Parks with \$42,636. This amount of money, as Sanders himself observed, is "not a windfall." It hardly begins to address municipal parks' multi-million dollar budget shortfall; nor will it resolve the maintenance, staffing and security losses faced by the system.

The main beneficiaries of commercial signage in the parks would be the advertisers, who would be permitted to festoon parks for extremely low rates. The deal would give advertisers unprecedented access to L.A.'s children. Contrary to the fantasy that begins this article, advertisers would probably target picnic areas near play structures, the merry-go-round, etc.—places where children, the most vulnerable consumers, are likely to gather.

Park users and neighbors, blindsided by the ad deal, complained to City Councilmember Paul Koretz, who introduced a council motion to rescind Commission approval. At a subsequent Rec and Parks Commission meeting, the City Attorney's Office stated that the ad deal was a violation of the city's billboard ordinance. Commission President Barry Sanders told the City Attorney's Office to "make it legal." Koretz supported the City Attorney and rejected Sanders' comparison of supergrap[hic ads to Little League sponsor banners. Sanders declared that Rec and Parks should be allowed to make its own regulations and should be exempt from the city's Building and Safety permit process(!). Such an exemption could sidestep Cultural Heritage Commission review of proposed changes to landmarks, which is triggered during the permitting process. This review is one reason environmental and neighborhood groups supported the designation of Griffith Park as a Historic Cultural Landmark. Indeed, Griffith Park offers a huge canvas onto which advertisers could paint their enticing graphics.

The L.A. Parks Foundation is still courting potential advertisers, and Latham & Watkins (Sanders' former law firm) is developing language that would exempt parks from the billboard ordinance by calling advertising "government speech." Does advertising morph into "government speech" by including language such as: "The Rec and Parks Commission thanks Warner Bros.?" This question was asked of Barry Sanders on KCET TV's "SoCal Connected," first broadcast February 10,

2011 and rebroadcast in May.

Why is the Parks Foundation playing this legal shell game? The likely answer is that commercial speech is afforded less protection in First Amendment jurisprudence than is government speech. In commercial speech cases, courts forgo the ordinary strict scrutiny standard of review applied to content regulation in favor of a less stringent balancing analysis. The court asks whether the governmental interest served by the regulation at issue (in this case, the city's billboard ordinance) is substantial, whether the regulation directly advances that interest, and whether the regulation is not more extensive than necessary to serve the government interest. An interesting example is the 1984 U.S. Supreme Court case, *Members of City Council of Los Angeles v. Taxpayers for Vincent*, in which the Court upheld an ordinance prohibiting the posting of signs on public property, including lampposts. The law was said to serve aesthetic interests, barring a visual assault on citizens. Hmm.

Meanwhile, the effort to deprive the public of the escape from commercial intrusions afforded by parks continues. We who use and love parks as refuges from commercialism, must oppose this effort by speaking up at public meetings and by writing letters. We can write or email members of the Los Angeles City Council, the City Attorney's Office, Jon Kirk Mukri, General Manager of the Department of Recreation and Parks and Barry Sanders, President of the Recreation and Parks Commission. Find their addresses on the "Contact" page at friendsofgriffithpark.org. We can also write to KCET's "SoCal Connected" to thank them for their excellent coverage of this issue.

Charlie Knapke

The Sierra Club lost a giant - I lost my best friend. I met Charlie in 1989 hiking the Hundred Peaks Section in the Sierra Club. I immediately felt safe and protected under his leadership. We climbed 400+ peaks together. He absolutely loved the mountains and felt that his family was the Sierra Club. Charlie could either build a home or a computer from scratch. He truly was brilliant. His achievements and honors are too numerous to list but he had an iconic status within the club. We traveled to Hawaii to climb the high point, the Channel Islands, Mexico, Catalina, Italy and the list goes on. Our adventures together were truly incredible. We once came within 25 feet of a mountain lion and I knew at that moment there was no one in the world I would rather have been with - Charlie took immediate control of the situation! His sense of humor was fantastic right to the end of his life. He attacked his cancer as he did a peak - thoroughly and with determination.

Charlie was a very private man yet loved from a distance by so many! Toward the end of his life, our talks took a rather deep emotional tone. I asked him if he knew how much he contributed to the Sierra Club and how beloved he was and he responded yes.



Charlie Knapke

Charlie was not a man of demonstrative emotion and that "yes" meant so much to me. He was an absolute cherished friend and I will miss him deeply! Charlie Knapke died way too young; however, I know his spirit will always be with so many of us. – Devra Wasserman
Per his request, there will be a "CELEBRATION" of his life in the Mojave Desert (his most favorite place in the world) at the end of October or first weekend of November. Time and place to be determined.

LOU BRECHEEN 1927-2011

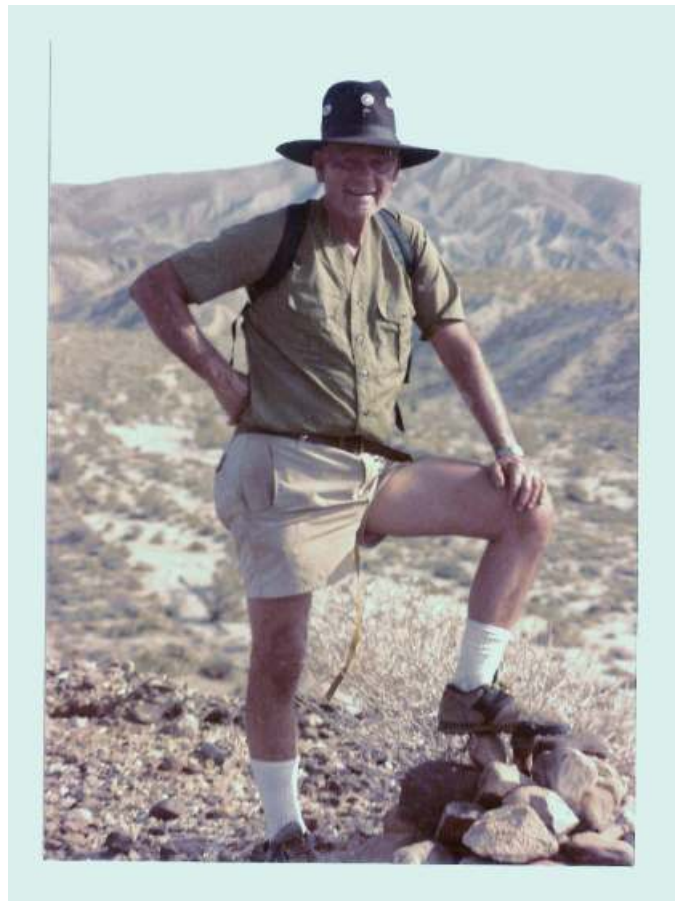
The Sierra Club lost one of its elder statesmen with the passing of Lou Brecheen, the man with the slow Arkansas drawl, the funny one-liners, silver hair beneath his signature black Apache hat, and the greatest of smiles. Lou left us on April 7, 2011, in Lakewood, Washington, and by his bedside were daughter Terri and other family members. He had been diagnosed with liver cancer six weeks prior, and he fought bravely but lost this battle. Lou was positive and smiling until the very end and asked Terri to bring him his DPS climbing photos, his black hat, and would she play Pink Floyd's, "The Dark Side of the Moon," during his final three days. A few friends got to call him and say goodbye. Igor Mamedalin who co-led a lot of trips with Lou, remembered the famous VW beetle that seemed to easily negotiate any road in the desert, and this was one bug that came complete with automatic pilot and navigational system long before anyone thought to put them in a car. But even of more importance, Lou is remembered as one of the finest friends to ever cross our paths. Life's journeys are so much better when you run into genuine fellows like Lou.

Further memories came from Ron and Leora Jones, probably Lou's best friends in L.A. Ron recalled when Lou complained of chest pains and all symptoms pointed to a heart attack. They were climbing on a Dean and Pat Acheson desert peaks trip. Ron wanted to call a helicopter, but being stubborn, Lou insisted on descending, getting into his VW, and driving himself to the hospital. I guess all those car camp bacon and egg breakfasts had caught up with Lou. The doctor gave him the dickens, put him on a low cal diet, Lipitor, and sent Lou out for more sedentary life. Lou continued peak bagging, of course! Everyone felt fortunate to have had Lou a few more years. This fellow who smiles and joked through most adverse conditions went on to become a double List Finisher both in HPS and DPS. He and Ron staged one of the more spectacular HPS List finishes on Hillyer peak, Nov. 19, 1988. The two, attired in stunning tuxedos, landed in a helicopter, jumped out where 5x List Finisher, Dick Akawie presented them with list finisher pins. Has anyone ever topped such an outlandish List Finish? I don't think so. His DPS List Finisher was a duo with Adrienne Knute on Tipton, and they all celebrated at the Ragged-Ass Miners Saloon in Oatman where Lou entertained everyone with tall tales, poetry, and singing songs while accompanied by Sue Wyman Henney on the guitar. That was another one of Lou's happiest days.

Louisiana born and Arkansas bred, Lou made an easy transition from Boy Scouts to Sierra Club, and soon gained an M-rating for leadership and was eager to lead peaks and share the joys with all his new wilderness friends. His daughter Terri related that there was no place he'd rather be than out in the woods or walking through the desert. He was also a card carrying member of the San Diego Botany hiking group, and there wasn't a flora or a fauna that went unnoticed by him.

One of Lou's last wishes was to reminisce with his hiking cronies, and he wouldn't mind hearing Terri Turner sing one last time, "Summertime, and the living is easy." He will be missed by all of us, and we won't forget this kind man who was a great route finder, a congenial leader, and most of all the best example of a fine Southern gentleman. He leaves behind his wife Bobbi, three children, nine grandchildren, and one great grandchild. The climbing sections were blessed when Lou appeared, and we all learned that good guys wear black hats, too, especially black Apache hats with a beaded band. Thanks for the memories, Lou. You were the best, and you will be missed by all of us.

Eulogized by Ron Jones, Igor Mamedalin, his daughter Terri White, and Mary McMannes. June 2011



Lou Brecheen

SINGING ABOUT OUR UNSUNG HEROES

By Mary McMannes

Tucked away in those verdant Pasadena hills is the Brookside Country Club, and the place to be on the first weekend in May. Sierra Club members of all entities join in the family gathering to honor the best and most worthy of leaders at the annual Angeles Chapter Awards banquet. It is not only great to arrive knowing there's an award with your name on it, but if not, one enjoys the camaraderie of seeing all the old and new friends gathered and imbibing on the patio. There lots of whooping it up prior to the formal ceremonies. Bob and Maureen Cates plus Peter Ireland walked around in their 1920s hiking garb, and many of us popped into the vintage High Sierra Camp tent which Peter had set up.

Happy Hour and complimentary wine time was over, and folks scurried inside hoping to sit next to their favorite hiking friends. The Memorial Slide Show (shown at the end of the banquet) was introduced by Doug Mantle and yours truly as we sang a few bars from, "I'll Be Seeing You." You do know that Doug sang with the Young Americans prior to his mountaineering career? The Sierra Club bid a fond farewell to fifteen fallen and most noble leaders. Past members of the HPS, DPS, and SPS were: George Toby, Lou Brecheen, Paul

Kenworthy, Harry Freimanis, Lloyd Balsam, Chuck Kopenc, and Bill Gray.

Following our keynote speakers, the main program moved into great fun and even hilarity as the awardees stepped into the spotlight. Ron Silverman, forever our charming emcee, was sporting new hair and Silvia Darie added glamour in a gorgeous red formal. The pace was moved to fast and faster so banquet goers could leave at a reasonable hour. Thanks, Ron and Mary Morales!

HPS, DPS, and SPS peak-baggers were well represented in getting their just desserts and well deserved accolades. Navigation Man and Outstanding in the Field (literally and figuratively) was Robert (Bob) Myers joined by multi-faceted trip leader Edd Ruskowitz, both happy with their outings awards. Our favorite friend and Echo editor Sara Danta looked lovely and had a big smile as she accepted her Special Service Award. Darrick Danta, an accomplished mountaineer and leader in his own right, looked on with pride and approval. Nile Sorenson rose to the podium to receive the coveted Chester Versteeg Award for his mountaineering expertise and prowess. Nile was in good company with other Chester awardees: Ron Hudson, Tina Bowman, Doug Mantle, and Dan Richter. Dressed to the nines, Nile gave an impressive and moving acceptance speech about the joys of training new young leaders. Other friends worthy of mention and receiving recognition were HPSer Southern Courtney and Craig Deutsch (editor of the Desert Report.)

The banquet was rolling along with great gusto when emcee Ron paused briefly to announce the successful killing of Osama bin Laden. The word Celebration took on a new meaning, and it became a banquet of historical significance.

Newlyweds Wynne Benti (Spotted Dog Press) and husband Scot sat at a far table with Bobcat Thompson, Marlen Mertz, Wayne Vollaie, awardee Edd, and other HPSers. Thanks, Wynne for generously donating the book, Ruth Mendenhall's "Woman on the Rocks," to each banquet attendee. Notables and those receiving their own past awards were here and there: Kathy Rich, Melody Anderson, Joe Young, Frank Dobos, Tom Bowman, Alex Smirnoff, Virgil and Ann Shields, Al Sattler, Paul Cooley, and David Eisenberg.

Finally, the star-studded evening came to an end, and everyone admitted to having attended another great banquet thanks to all those behind the production. And most of all, thanks to Ron Silverman who gave us many laughs with his sped up program and still posed for dozens of photo ops while displaying the same genuine smile for each awardee.

Do yourself a favor and show up at next year's banquet, because the hikers and climbers are the soul of the Sierra Club, (as first said by founder John Muir.) And I hope many of you will come and win awards, too. It's a good feeling to finally sing about our unsung heroes. And better yet, when the song is about you!

Roving reporter and frequent banquet attendee, Mary McMannes, June 2011



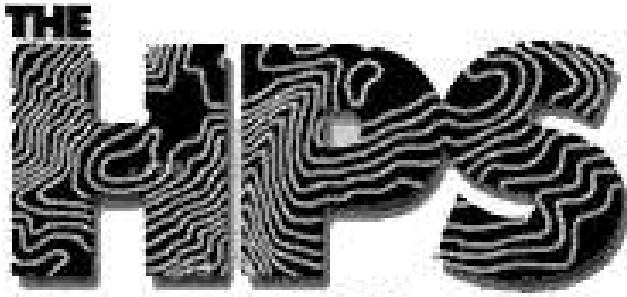
Left to right: Sarah Hodgdon, Stag Brown, and Melody Anderson

On June 6, 2011 Sarah Hodgdon, the Sierra Club's Director of Conservation joined a Hundred Peaks Section outing to Mt. Akawie and Winston Peak in the San Gabriel Mountains. Sarah, who also oversees Outings, and Melody Anderson, who heads the Outings Management Committee of the Angeles Chapter, were participants on the thirtieth annual First Sunday in June hike with Stag Brown.

This was a Chapter Centennial outing. The Hundred Peaks Section named Mt Akawie for Richard Akawie, long time leader for the Chapter and the editor of the Schedule of Activities from 1969 to 1989.



Edith Liu, Martin Parsons, Joe Young, Bobcat Thompson, Frank Dobos, Stag Brown, Sarah Hodgdon, and Melody Anderson on the summit of Mt Akawie. Bobcat holds a pre-1976 pocket-sized Schedule edited by Dick Akawie.



Come get high with us.

Advance Schedule of Hundred Peaks Section Activities July 2011 - January 2012

By Karen Isaacson Leverich

Jul 1 Fri Hundred Peaks
I: Pyramid Peak (7035'), Pine Mountain #2 (7054'), Lion Peak (6868'): Rescheduled to July 22. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Jul 3 Sun Hundred Peaks
I: Pine Mountain Ridge (7440'+), Wild View Peak (7258'): Hike on a great trail to two new peaks with exquisite views. The total hike should be about 8 miles round trip with 1800' of gain. Please bring: water, lunch, lug-soles & hat. We may also visit the Upper Fish Fork trail camp that will add another 3 miles round trip and 1200' of gain. Contact Peter for meeting details. Leaders: PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT, JOE YOUNG & PAT ARREDONDO

Jul 6 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Winston Peak (7502'), Winston Ridge (7003'): From Cloudburst Summit, mile marker 57.26, hike over Winston and down to Winston Ridge. Return by way of the Pacific Crest Trail. 7 miles, 1200' gain. Meet 9 AM at La Cañada rideshare point. Bring water, lunch, good footwear. Leaders: JOHN RADALJ, BETH MIKA

Jul 9 Sat Hundred Peaks
Rescheduled from April 16
I: Sawtooth Mountain (5200+), Burnt Peak (5788'), Liebre Mountain (5760'+): Enjoy the Liebre Range in far northwest Los Angeles County. Moderately strenuous, 10 miles round trip, 2600' gain on firebreaks and roads. Much dirt road driving; high clearance vehicles recommended. For details contact Leader: PAT ARREDONDO Co-Leaders: VIRGIL POPESCU, PATRICK VAUGHN, TED LUBESHKOFF

Jul 9 Sat Hundred Peaks, 20s & 30s
Chapter Centennial Outing
I: Marion Mountain (10,320'+), Drury Peak (10,160'+): Strenuous outing in San Jacinto wilderness involves 12 miles round trip and 4000' of gain mostly on the Marion Mountain trail but with some cross country. Bring water, lunch, sturdy boots, sunscreen and 10 essentials. Wilderness permit limits number of participants. Send current conditioning and recent hikes to leaders for meeting details. Leaders: PAMELA ROWE, JOE YOUNG

Jul 9 Sat Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Galena Peak (9324'): Climb this awesome peak at a moderate pace. The total hike will be 8 miles round trip on trail and cross-country. Part of the route crosses the Headwall (which is steep, loose and has poor footings). The total gain is only 3300'. Please, no beginners and/or heffalumps! Bring: water, lunch, good lug-soled boots, hat, jacket & gloves. Contact Peter for meeting details. Leader: PETER DOGGETT Assistant Leaders: IGNACIA DOGGETT, CHRIS SPISAK, LILLY FUKUI, MAT KELLIHER

Jul 9 Sat Forest Committee, HPS, Crescenta Valley
O: Centennial Trails Restoration in Angeles National Forest: Location dependent on hillside conditions. Commemorate Angeles Chapter Centennial by joining the Forest Committee's San Gabriels Trail Crew to help restore and maintain parts of the 500+ mile trail system in the Angeles National Forest. Tools and instructions provided. Boots, gloves, long-sleeved shirts, and pants mandatory. Hiking distances vary. Events typically run 9 AM to 3 PM. Bring lots of water, lunch, safety glasses if you have them, and enthusiasm to work as little or as much as you want. Contact Leader: JIM FLEMING Assistant: BOB THOMPSON

Jul 10 Sun Hundred Peaks
I: Anderson Peak (10,840'), Shield's Peak (10,680'), San Bernardino East Peak (10,691'), San Bernardino Peak (10,649'): Very strenuous outing the in San Bernardino Mtns involves 20 miles, 5000' gain, mostly on trails. Not suitable for beginners. Participants must be able to handle high elevation hiking. Wilderness permit limits number of participants. Bring water, lunch, sturdy boots, sunscreen. Call leaders for info. Leaders: JOE YOUNG, MELODY ANDERSON

Jul 12 Tue Hundred Peaks
Management Committee Meeting: All are welcome to attend our bi-monthly management committee meeting to discuss the business side of the section and upcoming activities. Opportunities to become involved are available. The meeting begins at 6:30 PM via conference call. To receive conference call information, to have items added to the agenda or to volunteer, please contact Chair: PAMELA ROWE

Jul 15-16 Fri-Sat PV-SB, Hundred Peaks, WTC
I: Mt San Antonio (10,064'): Annual Moonlight Hike (Barry's Baldy Bivy-well not quite). It's time to start another SC tradition! This'll be about the 5th year for this event, but the first as a SC-sponsored activity. Early PM departure from Manker Flat, hike at slow to moderate pace to the top under a full moon (4 miles one way and 4000' gain). Return on Saturday via an adventurous xc route after breakfast and viewing the sunrise and Baldy's shadow travel down West Baldy (possibly climbing Mt Harwood (9552') on the way). Bring trekking poles, scree gators, lugs, 10 essentials with minimalist pack to spend a cool/cold windy night and accommodate steep xc entry descent. Send email (preferable) or sase with conditioning and carpool info to Leader: BARRY HOLCHIN Co-Leader: WAYNE VOLLAIRE

Jul 16 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: Yucaipa Ridge Traverse - Little San Gorgonio Peak (9133'), Wilshire Mountain (8832'), Wilshire Peak (8680'+), Cedar Mountain (8324'), Birch Mountain (7826'), Allen Peak (5795'): Very tough hike through steep, loose, rocky, brushy, and beautiful forested terrain where we'll be treated to spectacular views as we traverse the famed Yucaipa Ridge. We'll set up a car shuttle and starting at the Vivian Creek trailhead we'll travel a very strenuous 15 mile route with 5500' of gain at a

slow but steady pace up and along the ridgeline with our exit into the Bear Paw Preserve to the west - the final summit of Allen will be optional. Suitable only for experienced, agile, well conditioned, seasoned and determined hikers - no beginners please. Bring 10 essentials, 4 liters of water, and a sense of adventure. Contact leader with experience and recent conditioning for status and details. Leaders: MAT KELLIHER, JIM FLEMING, WINNETTE BUTLER, CHRIS SPISAK, LILLY FUKUI

Jul 16 Sat Hundred Peaks

New Outing, first time published

I: Dawson Peak (9575'), Pine Mountain #1 (9648'), Wild View Peak (7258'), Pine Mountain Ridge, (7440'), Pinyon Ridge (6535'): Join us on this adventurous hike in the Wrightwood area that will include the latest two additions to the HPS. First four peaks will be done as a one-way continuous hike, with a car shuttle. 10 miles, 4500' gain and 6000' loss. Pinyon Ridge will be done separately, 2 miles, 900' gain. Email leader for info. Leader: TED LUBESHKOFF Co-Leader: PAT ARREDONDO

Jul 17 Sun Hundred Peaks

Chapter Centennial Outing

I: San Geronio Peak (10,499'), Dragon's Head (10,866'), Bighorn Mtn (10,997'): Very strenuous outing in San Geronio Wilderness involves 20 miles and 5500' gain. Hike mostly on trails. Not suitable for beginners. Bring water, lunch, sturdy boots, rain gear in case of sudden bad weather. Wilderness permit limits number of participants. Call leaders for info. Leaders: JOE YOUNG, PETER DOGGETT, IGNACIA DOGGETT

Jul 19 Tue Hundred Peaks

O: Owens Peak (8453'): A moderately strenuous hike on dirt road, trail, and rock slabs for 7 miles round trip with 3200' gain to a peak near Ridgecrest. Slow pace. High clearance 4WD advised. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Jul 20 Wed Hundred Peaks

O: Hildreth Peak (5065'): A strenuous walk on dirt road and rough trail for 14 miles round trip with 5000' of gain to a peak near Ojai. Moderate pace. High clearance 4WD advised. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: PAT ARREDONDO, MARS BONFIRE

Jul 20 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: Mount Burnham (8997'): Hike to one of the high peaks W of Mt Baden- Powell. We'll start at Dawson Saddle and pick up the Pacific Crest Trail. Moderate 8 miles, 2200' gain. Bring water, lunch, suitable footwear. Leaders: BOB THOMPSON, GINNY HERINGER, BROOKES TREIDLER

Jul 22 Fri Hundred Peaks

Rescheduled from July 1

I: Pyramid Peak (7035'), Pine Mountain #2 (7054'), Lion Peak (6868'): Join us for a day of hiking on the Desert Divide southeast of Idyllwild. A loop hike of 11 miles round trip, 3200' gain on trail and use trail. Pace slow to moderate. Bring food, water and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Jul 26 Tue Hundred Peaks

I: Mount Jenkins (7921'): A moderately strenuous hike on rough trail for 6 miles round trip with 2500' of gain to a peak near Ridgecrest. Slow pace. High clearance 4WD advised. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Jul 27 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

I: Goodykoontz Peak (7558'), Pallett Mountain (7760'+) via Islip Saddle and Mount Williamson (8244'): An exhilarating hike with steep ridge trails in both directions. Not for beginners. 11 miles round trip, 4200' gain. Meet 9 AM at La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, suitable footwear. Leaders: JOHN RADALJ, BILL SIMPSON, BROOKES TREIDLER, RON ROSIEN

Jul 29 Fri Hundred Peaks

I: Wright Mountain (8508'), Pine Mountain #1 (9648'), Dawson Peak (9575'): Join us for a day in our local mountains. Wright is a short ½ mile round trip, 200' gain on use trail and cross country. Pine and Dawson are 5 ½ miles round trip, 2600' gain on use trail. High clearance vehicles advised. Pace slow to moderate. Bring food, water and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Jul 29-31 Fri-Sun 20s & 30s Singles

O: Panamint Mtns Carcamp & Telescope Peak: Death Valley camping in August! Are we Crazy? NO! Join us on camping adventure as we camp at an elevation of 4000' in the mountains above Death Valley National Park on Friday evening (the days are warm and nights cool!). Trailhead in the 60's. Saturday, we'll hike (optional for attendees) to the top of Telescope Peak - the highest peak in the Park, at 11,000', with spectacular views in all directions. You will see Badwater in Death Valley on one side, and the Panamint Valley on the other... We also visit the Charcoal Kilns. The hike itself is a 3000' elevation gain in about 14 miles round trip. The hike is considered strenuous due to the gain and distance. The weather while always unpredictable should be in the 60's and 70's. Dress in layers, bring 10 essentials for the hike and camping gear. Sunday optional peaks are available. Trip includes happy hour snacks and a Saturday night hot pasta dinner. Make check to Sierra Club for \$30 to leader with H & W #'s, e-mail, ride share info plus SASE. Leader: DAVID HYMAN 16300 Calahan St Sepulveda, Ca. 91343-3804 Asst: CHARLES GELLER

Jul 30 Sat Hundred Peaks

Waterman Rendezvous: The Annual Great Waterman Mountain Rendezvous is back. You are invited to this the 17th in 18 years annual event. The informal pot luck will be held on the top of Waterman Mountain, following some great hiking in the area. 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 (or fires) cancels. See this Activity Schedule or the HPS Website for hikes scheduled on this day. Contact the leaders of the hike you plan on joining.

Jul 30 Sat HPS, Crescenta Valley Group

I: Waterman Mountain (8038'): Cloudburst Summit to Three Points with a shuttle. Approximately 6 miles, 1000' gain, 2000' loss. Join us for this adventurous slow to moderately paced leg of the Waterman Rendezvous. We ascend steeply up Mt Waterman from Cloudburst Summit and descend the incomparably beautiful trail-less West Ridge. Wear lugsoles and a smile. Your heart will fill with all that beauty, and your stomach with the goodies. Bring 10 essentials with at least 2 qts water and suitable clothing plus potluck hors d'oeuvres for the party on top. Suitable for DETERMINED beginners. (No turning back) (discomfort, so what?) Meet 9:00 AM La Cañada rideshare point. Leaders: DIANE DUNBAR, BOBCAT THOMPSON, JIM FLEMING

Jul 30 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Waterman Mountain (8038'): Easy to moderate paced hike to the Waterman Rendezvous. 6 miles round trip, 1200' gain. Meet 9:15 AM La Cañada rideshare point. Bring something to share at the potluck, plate, utensils, 10 essentials, hat, sturdy shoes, and two quarts of water (more, especially if it's hot!). Leaders: PATRICK VAUGHN Co-leaders: BRUCE CRAIG, KWEE-THIO NGAN

Jul 30 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Mount Akawie (7283'), Kratka Ridge (7515'), Mount Waterman (8038'): Warm up on easy Akawie (400' gain, optional), then move vehicles to enjoy an interesting cross-country Kratka-to-Waterman loop scramble in forested terrain; total for all three peaks comes to a moderately strenuous 8 miles round trip, 2900' gain, including the easy trail return after the Rendezvous celebration. Experienced hikers meet 7 AM La Cañada rideshare point. Bring some water, good footwear, and celebratory items for the Rendezvous. Leaders: WAYNE BANNISTER, JENNIFER WASHINGTON

Jul 30 Sat HPS, WTC, Long Beach, PV-SB

I: Mount Waterman (8038') via Winston Peak (7502'), Winston Ridge (7003') & Mount Akawie (7283'): Join our group on this cross-country route to rendezvous with other hikes on Mount Waterman at noon. WTC students welcome and encouraged! No beginners or tigers, please. Moderate pace, 8 miles, 3600' gain. Meet 6:30 AM La Cañada rideshare point with lunch, boots, water, 10 essentials. Leaders: KENT SCHWITKIS, SHERRY ROSS

Jul 30 Sat Hundred Peaks, WTC

I: Kratka Ridge (7515'), Waterman Mountain (8038'): 5.2 miles, 2700' gain round trip. Join us for the annual Waterman Rendezvous where we will first pick up Kratka Ridge, then head over to Mt. Waterman to meet up with other groups to share in lunch and fun. We will meet at 8 AM at La Cañada rideshare point where we will head off to an area near Vista Picnic area to begin our hike. Bring adventure pass, water, snacks to share, and good footwear. Leader: WAYNE VOLLAIRE Co-leaders: HARVEY GANZ, GREG de HOOGH

Jul 30 Sat Hundred Peaks

New Outing, first time published
I: Twin Peaks (7761'), Waterman Mountain (8038'): 11 miles, 4000' gain round trip. Strenuous hike from Cloudburst Summit. Bring at least 4 liters of water and an item to share for the Rendezvous potluck lunch. Meet at 6 AM at La Cañada rideshare point. Leader: TED LUBESHKOFF Co-leaders: MARKEY NEIGHBORS, JOE YOUNG

Jul 31-Aug 6 Sun-Sat Mule Pack, Hundred Peaks

O/I: Clark Lakes Mule Pack: Hired packers carry gear of 55 lbs per person while we hike separately with only our daypacks. Sunday morning hike from Silver lake (7220'), 6 miles, 3000' gain, to camp at Clark Lakes (9800') in the Ansel Adams Wilderness. Monday-Friday hike, photo, fish, or relax in camp. Clark Lake is within day hike distance to Thousand Island and Garnet Lakes as well as those of the Rush Creek drainage. Enjoy planned Happy Hour and potluck dinners every night with wine provided. Saturday hike out. \$330. Note reservation/cancellation policy on Mule_Pack_Section_website. To apply, email or phone recent high altitude and distance conditioning to Co-Leaders: LAURA JOSEPH, SANDY BURNSIDE

Aug 2 Tue Hundred Peaks

I: San Bernardino Peak (10,649'), San Bernardino East Peak (10,691'), Anderson Peak (10,840'+), Shields Peak (10,680'+): Strenuous hike on the San Bernardino Ridge northeast of

Yucaipa. Estimate 18 miles round trip, 4000' gain on trail. Pace slow to moderate. Bring food, water and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Aug 3 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: Mount Pinos (8831') to Sheep Camp: Moderate 8 mile, 1000' gain hike in Los Padres National Forest. Beautiful views of the Chumash Wilderness. 1¼ hour drive to trailhead. Meet 9 AM at the Santa Clarita rideshare point. Bring water, lunch, appropriate footwear. Leaders: MARY PATTERSON, DAN BUTLER, ROSEMARY CAMPBELL

Aug 5 Fri Hundred Peaks

O: Alamo Mountain (7360'), McDonald Peak (6870'): An easy hike on rough trail for 3 miles round trip with 850' of gain to peaks near Gorman. Slow pace. High clearance 4WD advised. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Aug 7 Sun LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS

I: Mt. Pinos Navigation: Navigation noodle in Los Padres National Forest for either checkout or practice to satisfy Basic (I/M) or Advanced (E) level navigation requirements. Send email/sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare, to Leader: ROBERT MYERS Assistant: KIM HOMAN

Aug 9 Tue Hundred Peaks

I: Ten Thousand Foot Ridge (10,094'), Lake Peak (10,161'), Grinnell Mountain (10,284'): A strenuous hike on trail and rough trail for 14 miles round trip with 3400' of gain to peaks near Big Bear Lake. Slow pace. High clearance 4WD advised. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Aug 10 Wed Local Hikes, HPS, Crescenta Valley

O: Mount Hawkins (8850'), Middle Hawkins (8505'): Hike up our "secret canyon" to two of our nicest high-country peaks just off the Pacific Crest Trail. 8 miles, 2200' gain all on trail. Bring 3 L's: Lugsoles, Liquids and Lunch. Meet 9 AM, La Cañada rideshare point. Leaders: BOB THOMPSON, JIM FLEMING

Aug 12 Fri Hundred Peaks

I: San Geronio Mountain (11,499'), Dobbs Peak (10,459'): Join us for a day of hiking on the San Bernardino Ridge north of Banning. A strenuous hike to the highest peak in Southern California. Estimate 20 miles round trip, 4100' gain on trail and cross country. High clearance vehicles advised. Pace slow to moderate. Bring food, water and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Aug 13 Sat Hundred Peaks

New Outing, first time published
I: Winston Peak (7502'), Winston Ridge (7003'), Goodykoontz Peak (7558'): Join us on this challenging hike on the north side of the San Gabriel Mountains. Cool peaks, great views. 10 miles, 5500' gain/loss. Leader: TED LUBESHKOFF Co-leader: GREG de HOOGH

Aug 17 Wed Hundred Peaks

O: Reyes Peak (7514'), Haddock Mountain (7431'): A moderate walk on trail and rough trail for 9 miles round trip with 2500' of gain to peaks near Ojai. Moderate pace. High clearance 4WD advised. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: PAT ARREDONDO, MARS BONFIRE

Aug 17 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Pacific Mtn (7124') from Alder Saddle: Hike the Pacific Crest Trail to one of the nicest peaks in the San Gabriels. 8 miles round trip, 1700' gain. Minimal fire damage, but continued forest closure may require a different hike. Meet 9 AM La Cañada rideshare pt. Leaders: RON ROSIEN, ROSEMARY CAMPBELL

Aug 23 Tue Hundred Peaks
I: Birch Mountain (7826'), Cedar Mountain (8324'), Wilshire Peak (8680'), Wilshire Mountain (8832'), Little San Gorgonio Peak (9133'): Strenuous hike of these 5 peaks on the Yucaipa Ridge northeast of Yucaipa. Estimate 14 miles round trip, 4500' gain cross country. If time and energy permits, will also do Allen. Pace slow to moderate. Bring food, water and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Aug 24 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Timber Mtn (8303') Up Icehouse Cyn: A fun warm-weather peak with running stream and beautiful forest. Moderate 9 miles round trip, 3300' gain. Meet 9 AM Mt Baldy rideshare point, corner of Mills & Mt Baldy. Bring water, lunch, suitable footwear. Leaders: LAURA JOSEPH, GINNY HERINGER, DORIS DUVAL

Aug 26 Fri Hundred Peaks
I: Mount Islip (8250'): A moderately strenuous hike on Pacific Crest Trail and rough trail for 6 miles round trip with 1600' of gain to a peak near Wrightwood. Slow pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Aug 27 Sat Hundred Peaks
Chapter Centennial Outing
I: Sam Fink Peak (7333'): Strenuous hike in San Jacinto wilderness involves 16 miles round trip and 4500' gain, much of it on return. HPS names this peak for Sam Fink, long time hiker who inspired generations of peak baggers. Bring water, lunch, sturdy boots. Wilderness permit limits number of participants. Meet 7:00 AM at Fairplex rideshare point. Leaders: JOE YOUNG, STAG BROWN

Aug 30 Tue Hundred Peaks
I: Charlton Peak (10,806'), Jepson Peak (11,205'): A very strenuous hike on trail and rough trail for 18 miles round trip with 4990' of gain to peaks near Big Bear Lake. Slow pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Aug 31 Wed Hundred Peaks
O: Frazier Mountain (8000'), Tecuya Mountain (7160'): Drive-ups to two peaks near Frazier Park. Moderate pace. High clearance 4WD advised. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: PAT ARREDONDO, MARS BONFIRE

Aug 31 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Mount Williamson (8214') from Eagle's Roost: Spectacular views on this 7 mile round trip, 1700' gain hike in the San Gabriels. Meet 9 AM at La Cañada rideshare point - if SR 2 (Angeles Crest Highway) is closed, contact leader for alternate meeting point. Bring lunch, water, good footwear, suitable clothing layers. Rain cancels. Leaders: ROSEMARY CAMPBELL, RON ROSIEN

Sep 1 Thu Hundred Peaks
I: Mill Peak (6670'), Keller Peak (7882'), Slide Peak (7841'): Join us for a day in the San Bernardino Forest for these 3 peaks. Mill is 2 miles round trip, 600' gain on road and cross

country. Keller Lookout is a drive up. Slide is 1 ½ miles round trip, 460' gain on road and cross country. Pace slow to moderate. Bring food, water and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Sep 6 Tue Hundred Peaks
I: Wusup Peak (8990'): An easy hike on Pacific Crest Trail and rough trail for 4 miles round trip with 1200' of gain to a peak near Big Bear Lake. Slow pace. High clearance 4WD advised. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Sep 9 Fri Hundred Peaks
Rescheduled from June 14
I: Mount Lewis (8396'): An easy hike on rough trail for 1 mile round trip with 500' of gain to a peak near Wrightwood. Might be able to add other easy peaks if Forest Closure is lifted. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Slow pace. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Sep 11 Sun Hundred Peaks
I: Mount Pinos (8832'), Sawmill Mountain (8818'), Grouse Mountain (8582'), Cerro Noroeste (8280'): Enjoy a mostly ridge-and-trail hike to four peaks near Frazier Park through a nice forest with grand views in the Los Padres National Forest. Moderately paced 10 miles round trip, 3000' gain. For details, contact Leader: PAT ARREDONDO Co-Leaders: LAURA JOSEPH, PATRICK VAUGHN

Sep 13 Tue Hundred Peaks
O: Constance Peak (6645'): An easy hike on rough trail for 2 miles round trip with 500' of gain to a peak near Big Bear Lake. Slow pace. High clearance 4WD advised. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Sep 13 Tue Hundred Peaks
HPS Annual Business Meeting and Monthly Management Committee Meeting: All are welcome to attend our bi-monthly management committee meeting to discuss the business side of the section and upcoming activities. Opportunities to become involved are available. The meeting begins at 6:30 PM at Ranger House, at Griffith Park. To have items added to the agenda or to volunteer, please contact Chair: PAMELA ROWE **Directions:** The Ranger House is located south of Los Feliz Blvd on the east side of Riverside Drive. It shares a large parking lot with Friendship Auditorium. From Los Feliz Blvd head south on Riverside Drive, past the soccer fields on your left to Friendship Auditorium. (Friendship Auditorium is white and the side facing Riverside Drive is a series of arches.) The entrance immediately in front of Friendship Auditorium may be the only entrance open to the parking lot. Enter here and proceed to the north end of the parking lot. The Ranger House is a smaller facility located in the extreme north end of the parking lot. The parking lot may be quite busy. Friendship Auditorium is heavily used by large groups. Do not despair: Sufficient parking spaces have been set aside for our use. But to be safe please arrive by 6:30 PM. Do not confuse the Ranger House with the Ranger Station Visitor Center commonly used by the Sierra Club for various functions.

Sep 14 Wed Hundred Peaks
I: Lightner Peak (6430'), Bald Eagle Peak (6181'): Two easy hikes on rough trail totaling 6 miles round trip with 2200' of gain to peaks near Lake Isabella. Moderate pace. High clearance 4WD advised. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: PAT ARREDONDO, MARS BONFIRE

Sep 16 Fri Hundred Peaks

Rescheduled from June 17

I: Garnet Mountain (5680'), Garnet Peak (5880'+), Monument Peak #1 (6271'), Sheephead Mountain (5896'): Join us for a day of hiking in San Diego County just southeast of Julian. 4 separate hikes on use trail and cross country. Sheephead is 3½ miles round trip, 800' gain. Garnet Mountain is 0.6 miles round trip, 200' gain. Garnet Peak is 2.5 miles round trip, 500' gain. Monument is 3 miles round trip, 500' gain. Other routes possible. Pace slow to moderate. Bring food, water and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Sep 17-18 Sat WTC, Hundred Peaks

New Outing, first time published

I: Grinnell Mountain (10,284'), Lake Peak (10,161'): 15 miles, 4700' gain, strenuous. Saturday backpack, 6 miles 3100' gain to Dry Lake, set up camp. Day hike cross-country to Grinnell and Lake, 5 miles round trip, 1600' gain, back to camp. Saturday evening happy hour. Sunday AM break camp and backpack out. Leader: VICTORIA OVERBEY Co-Leader: ROD KIEFFER

Sep 20 Tue Hundred Peaks

I: Galena Peak (9324'): Strenuous hike of this peak on the Yucaipa Ridge just north of Banning. 8 miles round trip, 3300' gain on trail and cross country. Group size will be limited. Pace slow to moderate. Bring food, water and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Sep 21 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: Mt Islip (8250') from Islip Saddle: We'll hike the Pacific Crest Trail to Little Jimmy CG and Spring (great water). Mt Islip is always fun. Moderate 6 miles round trip, 1300' gain. Meet 9 AM La Cañada rideshare point. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles. Leaders: GINNY HERINGER, LAURA JOSEPH

Sep 22 Thu Pasadena Group, Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks

O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike: Every Thursday night - 6 miles round trip, 1400' gain aerobic conditioning hike. Great views of LA Basin and the night sky. Museum is often open when we arrive at the Flats so you can learn about history of area during the brief rest before starting back down. Meet 6:55 PM (we leave promptly at 7 PM) every Thursday at gate at Pinecrest (exit 210 Fwy at Altadena Dr, N 2½ miles to Crescent Dr, R to Pinecrest). Remember the neighbors; keep your voices down as we gather. Bring water, flashlight, sturdy shoes. Rain/landslides cancel. For additional information contact Leader/Coordinator: JOHNNA BEESON Leaders: TERRY GINSBERG, PAM ALLEN, BETH & KEITH MARTIN, MEI KWAN, JERRY JOHNSON, BILL GASKILL, GARY KINSLEY, JENNIFER WASHINGTON, TED LUBESHKOFF

Sep 23 Fri Hundred Peaks

I: Arctic Point (8336'), Gold Mountain (8235'): An easy hike on dirt road and rough trail for 7 miles round trip with 1700' of gain to peaks near Big Bear Lake. Slow pace. High clearance 4WD advised. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Sep 24 Sat Wilderness Adventures, HPS

O: Mount Pinos (8831'), Sawmill Mountain (8750'), Sheep Camp: Wonderful views on this 9 mile round trip, 2000' gain route. We'll have lunch on Sawmill on the return. Meet 8:15 AM at the Santa Clarita rideshare point - outside the gate, with lunch, water, good footwear, suitable clothing layers. Leaders: ROSEMARY CAMPBELL, RON ROSIEN

Sep 24 Sat Hundred Peaks, Wilderness Adventures

Rescheduled from April 9

I: San Rafael Peak (6666'), Lockwood Peak (6261'): Moderately paced but strenuous hike in the Los Padres Forest west of Frazier Park. San Rafael Peak is 10 miles round trip with 2400' gain. Great views of the Sespe drainage. Time and conditions permitting we will try for Lockwood Peak as well - an easy 5.5 miles round trip with 1200' gain. Bring lunch and 10 essentials. Meet 8 AM at the Sylmar rideshare point. Leaders: HARVEY GANZ, BRENT COSTELLO

Sep 25 Sun LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS

I: Grinnell Ridge Navigation: Navigation Noodle in San Bernardino National Forest for either checkout or practice to satisfy Basic (I/M) or Advanced (E) level navigation requirements. Send email or sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare, to Leader: ROBERT MYERS Assistant: PHIL WHEELER

Sep 27 Tue Hundred Peaks

O: Silver Peak (6756'): A drive-up to a peak near Big Bear Lake. Slow pace. High clearance 4WD advised. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Sep 28 Wed Hundred Peaks

I: Tehachapi Mountain (7960'), Black Mountain #3 (5686'): Two moderate hikes on dirt road, trail, and rough trail totaling 7 miles round trip with 3500' of gain to peaks near Tehachapi. Moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: PAT ARREDONDO, MARS BONFIRE

Sep 29 Thu Pasadena Group, Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks

O: Henninger Flats Condition Hike: See September 22

Sep 30 Fri Hundred Peaks

I: Heart Bar Peak (8332'), Onyx Peak #1 (9113'): Start the Fall Festival with these two easy hikes in the San Bernardino National Forest just east of Big Bear. Two separate hikes, Heart Bar is 4 miles round trip, 1100' gain on road and cross country. Onyx is an estimated 1½ miles round trip, 700' gain cross country. High clearance vehicles advised. Pace slow to moderate. Bring food, water and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Sep 30-Oct 2 Fri-Sun Hundred Peaks

Fall Festival in the Big Bear Area: Lots of hiking and climbing followed by an evening potluck party. Bag scenic peaks in the Big Bear area. We will be staying at the Sierra Club Keller Ski Hut. Built in 1938, this cozy rustic hut is located at an elevation of 6800' on Hwy 18 between Running Springs and Big Bear in the San Bernardino Mtns., across from Snow Valley Ski Area. See HPS website for scheduled hikes <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/hps/outings.htm>. Contact hike leaders for information on a specific hike. If you wish to spend the night at the hut, contact Program Chair: WAYNE VOLLAIRE

Oct 1 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Granite Peaks (7527'), Mineral Mountain (7238'), Tip Top Mountain (7623'): Strenuous hike to these peaks northeast of Big Bear Lake as part of the HPS Fall Festival. 13 miles round trip, 3200' gain. Potluck afterwards at Keller Ski Hut. Steep terrain and boulder scrambling. Lots of dirt road driving. Email leader for info. Leader: TED LUBESHKOFF Co-leaders: GREG de HOOGH, BILL SIMPSON

Oct 1 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Wysup Peak (8990'), Three Sisters (8100'): Join us for a hike in the San Bernardino National Forest. From Coon Creek Jumpoff we'll take road and cross-country to the triple summits at 8100' then back track to the PCT to visit Mr. Wysup's peak. 11 miles, 3000' of gain. Dirt road driving. Experienced hikers contact leaders the week before. Bring 10 essentials, lunch, and water. Leaders: WAYNE BANNISTER, JENNIFER WASHINGTON

Oct 1 Sat Hundred Peaks, WTC, Long Beach, Pasadena, PV-SB, Natural Science

I: Wysup Peak (8990'): Join us on this PCT hike with some cross-country to celebrate a well-loved and respected HPS leader. Join HPS Fall Festival party afterward at Keller Hut. WTC students welcome and encouraged! Moderate pace, 8.5 miles, 1600' gain, with naturalizing along the way. Meet 7 AM Mill Creek Ranger Station with lunch, boots, water, 10 essentials. Leaders: KENT SCHWITKIS, SHARON MOORE, SHERRY ROSS

Oct 1 Sat LTC, WTC, Hundred Peaks

I: Beginning Navigation Clinic: Spend the day with an instructor, learning/ practicing map and compass in our local mountains. Beginners to rusty old-timers welcome and practice is available at all skill levels. Not a checkout, but it will help you prepare. Many expert leaders will attend; many I-rated leaders started here in the past. 4 miles, 500' gain. Send sase, phones, \$25 deposit, refunded at trailhead (Sierra Club) to Leader: DIANE DUNBAR Co- Leader: RICHARD BOARDMAN

Oct 2 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Shay Mountain (6714'), Little Shay Mountain (6635'), Ingham Peak (6355'), Hawes Peak (6751'): Join us for these four peaks north of Big Bear Lake, moderately paced, strenuous over varying terrain, 10 miles, 3000' of gain. Dirt road driving. Experienced hikers contact leaders the week before. Bring 10 essentials, lunch, and water. Leaders: GARY SCHENK, JENNIFER WASHINGTON

Oct 2 Sun Hundred Peaks, WTC

O: Sugarloaf Mountain (9952'): 8 miles, 3100' gain round trip. Please join us for this hike after the potluck and fun evening at the Keller Hut HPS Fall Festival. We will meet at the Keller Hut at 7:30 AM and drive over to the Hatchery Road turn off Highway 38. Bring adventure pass, water, lunch, and good footwear. Leaders: WAYNE VOLLAIRE, COBY KING, MARLEN MERTZ

Oct 4 Tue Hundred Peaks

I: Bighorn Mountain (10,997'), Dragons Head (10,866'): A very strenuous hike on trail and rough trail for 20 miles round trip with 4600' of gain to peaks near Big Bear Lake. Slow pace. High clearance 4WD advised. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Oct 6 Thu Pasadena Group, Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks

O: Henninger Flats Condition Hike: See September 22

Oct 7 Fri Hundred Peaks

I: Shay Mountain (6714'), Little Shay Mountain (6635'), Ingham Peak (6355'), Hawes Peak (6751'): Join us for a day of hiking in the San Bernardino National Forest northwest of Fawnskin. Strenuous loop hike of these 4 peaks. Estimate 10 miles round trip, 3400' gain on trail and cross country. High clearance vehicles advised. Pace slow to moderate. Bring food, water and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Oct 11 Tue Hundred Peaks

I: Mount Williamson (8244'), Goodykoontz Peak (7558'): A very strenuous hike on Pacific Crest Trail and rough trail for 12 miles round trip with 2844' of gain to a peak near Wrightwood. Slow pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Oct 12 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: Kratka Ridge (7515') from Mt Waterman Trail: Hike the Mount Waterman Trail (mile marker 58.00) to the overlook and proceed East via the old ski hut. 6 miles round trip, 1500' gain. Return through Buckhorn Campground. Meet at 9 AM at La Cañada rideshare point. Bring lunch, water, suitable footwear. Leaders: DAN BUTLER, BETH MIKA, BROOKES TREIDLER

Oct 13 Thu Pasadena Group, Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks

O: Henninger Flats Condition Hike: See September 22

Oct 14 Fri Hundred Peaks

I: Sugarloaf Peak (6924'), Ontario Peak (8693'), Bighorn Peak (8441'): Join us for a day in the Angeles National Forest just north of Upland. Strenuous hike of an estimated 8 miles round trip, 4400' gain on trail and cross country. Pace slow to moderate. Bring food, water and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Oct 16 Sun LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS

I: Indian Cove Navigation: Navigation noodle at Joshua Tree National Park to satisfy the Basic (I/M) level navigation requirements. Send email or sase, navigation experience/training, contact info, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to Leader: ROBERT MYERS Assistant: PHIL WHEELER

Oct 18 Tue Hundred Peaks

I: Cornell Peak (9750'), San Jacinto Peak (10,804'), Folly Peak (10,480'): Join us for a day of hiking in the San Bernardino National Forest just west of Palm Springs. Strenuous hike of 12 miles round trip, 2400' gain on trail and cross country. There will be a cost for the Tram. Pace slow to moderate. Bring food, water and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Oct 19 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: Thorn Point (LO) (6920+'): Moderate 8 mile, 1800' gain hike in remote section of Los Padres National Forest. Abandoned lookout. There are rumors of condors. Meet 9 AM at Santa Clarita rideshare point. Bring lunch, water, suitable footwear. Leaders: MARY PATTERSON, DAN BUTLER

Oct 20 Thu Pasadena Group, Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks

O: Henninger Flats Condition Hike: See September 22

Oct 21 Fri Hundred Peaks

O: Kratka Ridge (7515'), Mount Akawie (7283'): An easy hike on dirt road and rough trail for 3 miles round trip with 1100' of gain to peaks near Wrightwood. Slow pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Oct 22 Sat Hundred Peaks

Chapter Centennial Outing
O: Palm Springs Tram (8450'), San Jacinto Peak (10,804'): Very strenuous hike starts at 4 AM from downtown Palm Springs. 10 miles, 8300' gain to tram with additional 10 miles round trip, 2400' gain to the peak. Bring head lamps, snacks,

plenty of water, money for tram ride and taxi back to cars. Send e-mail (preferable) or sase with conditioning/experience and carpool info to Leaders: JOE YOUNG, WAYNE VOLLAIRE, PAMELA ROWE, GREG de HOOGH

Oct 27 Thu Pasadena Group, Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
O: Henninger Flats Condition Hike: See September 22

Oct 29 Sat Hundred Peaks, PV-SB, WTC
I: Deer Mountain (5586') and Deep Creek Hot Springs (5' deep): 21st semi-annual Deep Creek HS hike/soak/swim with another shot at Deer Mtn. Moderately paced 17 mi, 5400' gain, mostly utilizing the PCT. Bring 10 essentials, lugs, (swim suit optional), and water tolerant shoes for creek crossing (could be high water - trekking poles recommended). High clearance vehicles desirable for dirt road driving. No beginners. Plan on spending full day - it's near Hesperia. Rain cancels. Send email (preferable) or sase with carpool and recent conditioning info to Leader: BARRY HOLCHIN Co-Leader: WAYNE VOLLAIRE

Nov 5 Sat Hundred Peaks
Rescheduled from May 15
O: Bailey Peak (5699'), Mount McDill (5187'): Approximately 7 miles round trip, 1700' gain. Lots of dirt road driving. Contact leaders for meeting time and place. Leaders: PAT ARREDONDO, VIRGIL POPESCU, PATRICK VAUGHN

Nov 8 Tue Hundred Peaks
Management Committee Meeting: All are welcome to attend our bi-monthly management committee meeting to discuss the

business side of the section and upcoming activities. Opportunities to become involved are available. The meeting begins at 6:30 PM via conference call. To receive conference call information, to have items added to the agenda or to volunteer, please contact Chair: PAMELA ROWE

Nov 19-20 Sat-Sun LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS
I: Indian Cove Navigation: Navigation noodle at Joshua Tree National Park to satisfy the Basic (I/M) level navigation requirements. Saturday for practice, skills refresher, altimeter, homework, campfire. Sunday checkout. Send email or sase, navigation experience/training, contact info, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to Leader: ROBERT MYERS Assistant: PHIL WHEELER

Dec 13 Tue Hundred Peaks
Monthly HPS Management Committee Meeting: All are welcome to attend our bi-monthly management committee meeting to discuss the business side of the section and upcoming activities. Opportunities to become involved are available. The meeting begins at 6:30 PM at Ranger House, at Griffith Park. To have items added to the agenda or to volunteer, please contact Chair: PAMELA ROWE
Directions: See September 13.

Jan 21 Sat Hundred Peaks
HPS Annual Awards Banquet: Save the date! Details pending, but we'll probably return to the Monrovia Restaurant and our speaker will be Bill Burke.

REGISTER BOX

by Mark S. Allen

Thanks to Craig Baker, Mathew Kelliher, Carol Hunter-Inman, Peter Doggett and, Joe Young for Register Box updates.

Missing and deficient registers:

- 8A Liebre Mt. deficient 11-09
- 9C Condor Peak missing 4-09
- 9E Mt. Lukens missing 3-08
- 9D Fox Mtn. #2 missing 4-09
- 12A Mt. Deception deficient
- 12B Mt. Disappointment missing
- 12C Mt. San Gabriel
- 13B Mt. Akawie deficient 5-10
- 14B Twin Peaks missing 5-08
- 14D So. Mt. Hawkins missing 12-10
- 21G Bertha Pk. missing 11-10
- 24L Grinnell Mtn. missing 10-07



- 25A Allen Peak deficient 4-08
- 27B Indian Mountain missing 8-10
- 28N Rock Point missing
- 29A Rouse Hill missing
- 29D Thomas Mountain missing 8-10

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 Mark S. Allen, 11381 Foster Rd., Los Alamitos, CA 90720. (562) 598-0329 or e-mail: markallen4341@socal.rr.com. Also, please advise if you have replaced any of the missing or deficient registers.



Ted Lubeshkoff on mt Williamson 5-30-2011



Current Trip Reports

Baldy-Iron-Baldy Boomerang

by Ignacia M. Doggett

It was almost a whisper. "We did it," Amin said in his quiet, modest way as we stopped back atop Baldy. We (Amin Faraday, John Slagle, Jennifer Blackie, Mathew Hengst, and I) had just completed the Baldy-to-Iron-to-Baldy boomerang traverse. Peter Doggett and Janice Boyd had completed the Baldy to Iron traverse with us and then hiked down to Heaton Flat. They would be waiting for us back at Manker Flats.

Everyone finished safely. Peter and Janice's original intention had been to do the traverse and then go down to Heaton Flat. Fortunately, Mat's enthusiasm and persuasive powers had convinced Leader Kim Bruel and Laurent, one of Mat's WTC students, to come up from Heaton Flat. So, Peter and Janice benefited from the willingness of those two to also do a tough hike. Laurent and Kim provided the ride back to Manker Flat.

Mat was not only our M leader, but his expertise and leadership skills were critical to the success of our modest HPS group. We never needed to use a rope, but Mat carried one. I had told him Ron Hudson had suggested it might be a good idea for safety's sake. Thank you, Mat, for carrying that additional weight through the entire hike. Thank you, Ron, for always being willing to share your expertise and experience with others.

The descent west from Baldy to bump 7758' is relatively safe, following mostly the ridgeline of San Antonio Ridge. Between saddle 7772' and bump 7758' there were a few stretches where a sometimes discernible path veers right to avoid thick buckthorn. In a few short stretches, the buckthorn could not be avoided and we advised caution. As one looks west from bump 7758', Big Iron announces itself with its almost foreboding dark vertical cliffs. It is a calling card to be respected.

We climbed with our hands and feet, no manmade equipment. But they were not enough. Climbing intelligence and nerve went hand in hand, or hand and foot as it were. Some of us mid-fiftiers had to summon a little extra heart. In addition to the chute alluded to in Bill T. Russell's 1990 report, there are several exposed vertical cliffs to be climbed (and downclimbed on the return). The chute, too, has a degree of exposure, though some elite hikers might simply climb around it; and use of the chute scrapes it and brushes it smooth. It was easier to use 21 years ago.

Russell referred to a 60' pitch as being 3rd class and easier than it looks. I believe this is true for the truly strong hikers who keep their skills and tolerance for such climbing fresh by seeking it out, not avoiding it. What might be just 3rd class to some,

might be 3rd class with exposure (or class 4) to others. From my experience with HPS, the average HPSer (not the advanced) usually avoids even lesser degrees of exposure, and therefore should not attempt this traverse west beyond bump 7758'.

On this day, June 4 2011, something was in the air for M leaders and elite hikers! There was actual congestion on our last push to Iron. Two groups of elite hikers caught us as they also approached Iron via the San Antonio Ridge. Three groups traversing to Iron at the same time!

One group included Joe Munaretto, Snow Creek Steve, and two other men whose names I didn't get. Joe's group did a loop that I think went like this: Heaton Flat/Allison Saddle/Ridge between Eagle Mine & Gold Dollar Mine/East Notch/San Antonio Ridge/Big Iron/Heaton Flat.

The other group consisted of Rick Kent, Rick Graham and Mike (GigaMike?). Rick's group was also doing a boomerang back to Baldy like we were.

By the way, our group also had its elite hikers: Mat, Jen, John and Amin. Peter's elite hiking history is a little less current. He did his first Iron traverse, the Galena-Birch traverse, and the 18-hour Big 4 more than 20 years ago. He has slowed down a little.

We arrived at Big Iron at 12:45. We ate lunch, enjoyed the panoramic views and shared with others stories of other hikes through the surrounding canyons to Iron and Ross.

Kim Bruel and Laurent arrived from Heaton Flat just as we were finishing lunch. Kim said that Ron Hudson passed them on his way up and down from Iron. We had arrived too late to see him.

On the other end of the ridge, Don Croley was running into Bill Simpson as Don climbed Baldy in the morning. Bill's foot condition had flared up and when we left the ski hut around 6 AM, after our first break, he was still resting.

We had to leave without our friend, and we were then down to one person with more current experience of the full traverse. John had done the traverse with Bill two years before. Peter had done it with Bill T. Russell on May 12, 1990 for his 100th HPS peak. I, Peter, Janice and Amin had scouted one week ago, but we had not done the full traverse.

At 1:40, we said our goodbyes and while most headed back to Heaton Flat, our group of 5 and Rick's group of 3 headed back to Baldy. It took about 8 hours to get to Iron, and 7.5 hours to return from Iron to Manker Flats, but the last push up to Baldy was tough. After returning to bump 7903', we had 7300' gain and the energy depleting rockclimbing behind us. We had done several prehikes to acclimatize to the altitude at Mt. San Antonio, and to prepare for the steep 2000' awaiting us. But on this day, the heights of Baldy still struck 3 of us like kryptonite. That last stretch was slow

going. At 9000', there was snow on the north side of the ridge. I don't remember a scoopful ever tasting so good!

The weather had been almost perfect. Of the 3 liters I had stashed on the scouting hike, and 3 liters I had carried up on hike day, I only needed to drink 2. Now back at Baldy at 6:45 PM, the cold wind and high altitude urged us to hurry down. We had started at 4:40 AM and returned to Manker Flats at 9:05 PM, doing about 20 miles and 9350' of gain. We ended up needing to use our headlamps just before we arrived at the register by Register Ridge.

Peter was waiting for us at Manker Flats. We then joined Janice for dinner at the Mt. Baldy Lodge restaurant. The food was good, but the music -- well, it was loud. We were sitting right under one of the speakers. Because of that conversation was not easy.

In conversation after a hike, Peter likes to ask "Which peak, or which part of the hike, did you like best?" We agreed that the hike to 7903' is BEAUTIFUL! In addition to the San Gorgonio Ridge itself, and having Baldy to the east and Iron to the west, one has amazing views of the deep and wild canyons on either side and a multitude of recognizable points -- Dawson, Pine, Blue Ridge, Wildview Pk, Pine Mtn Ridge, Ross, Baden Powell, Glendora Ridge Rd, Sunset Peak and Sunset Point among them.

Thank you to the many Sierra Club leaders who have invested the time and money it takes to train and gain the expertise and experience that was passed on to us to make this trip a wonderful success. And thank you to all the participants who prepared themselves so that they had the skill (discipline and focus included), strength, stamina, spirit, and heart to join us on this trip.

Mt. Baldy to Big Iron Traverse June 4, 2011

by Janice Boyd

The June 4, 2011 HPS Boomerang outing was an adventure initiated by Ignacia Doggett, to hike from Manker Flats to Baldy-Iron-Baldy ending at Manker Flats. It was a there-and-back traverse duplicating the outbound route, rather than a typical triangular boomerang loop.

My journey with them was the Baldy-Iron traverse.

At 4:40 a.m. we started from Manker Flats, FOUR leaders + FIVE participants.

The June 1st new moon resulted in dark sky with no clouds or ambient light. A headlamp wasn't needed when we started the hike on the smooth paved road. When we reached the Ski Hut Trail, the beginning of sunrise was enough to see the ground.

At 5:48 a.m. we reached the green Ski Hut. Here, we took a 20 minute break. People filled water bottles from the natural spring and from inside the ski hut. Bill Simpson's painful foot condition had flared up and from here we continued without him.

At 7:10 a.m. we reached the summit of Mt. Baldy (4,000' gain), which was a FAST moving pace of 2 hours, 10 minutes! The clear morning sky gave us distant views. It was windy and cold. Walking over to West Baldy, we crossed a snowfield which was frozen and crunchy.

From West Baldy we descended on the San Antonio Ridge following a nice but faded use trail. The previous Saturday (May 28) Ignacia, Peter, Amin and Janice scouted half this route (15 miles/6,500' gain) making it half way to Big Iron and stashing water. Having recently hiked this route made it a quick and familiar descent.

As we approached the dreaded "gun sight" notch, one participant got spooked and declined to go any further. This section was intriguing and suspenseful. We had the option of climbing an exposed Class 3 section or a less exposed loose chute, which we chose to do. The chute was slippery with no reliable handholds, brittle shale and branches that would break off, a sheer drop off on one side.

The climbing sections continued with potentially fatal vertical drops. I'd never climbed anything like it. Having had no training with rock climbing, I appreciated the M-Rated leadership of Matthew and rock climbing skills of Matthew and Jen.

At 12:45 p.m. we reached the summit of Big Iron (Iron Mountain #1). How uncanny that from behind us came two different groups of hikers who traveled through the "gun sight" notch and followed us up to Big Iron!

Since my preference had been to hike the "Baldy-Iron" traverse via car shuttle, many thanks to Matthew for persuading his friends Kim Bruel and Laurent to climb Big Iron that day from Heaton Flats (they started at 6:30 a.m.) and be available to give us a ride back to Manker Flats. Their arrival on Big Iron at 1:30 p.m. was perfect timing!

At 1:40 p.m. Ignacia's group headed back to Mt. Baldy and Peter/Janice headed down to Heaton Flats. It was fun jogging down the steep, rocky trail to Allison Saddle, then down to Heat Flats on a trail that was ablaze with flowering color. Thanks so much to Kim and Laurent for giving us a ride back to our vehicles at Manker Flats.

From Big Iron, it took Peter/Janice 4 hours to descend to Heaton Flats. From Big Iron, it took Ignacia's group 7-1/2 hours to return to Manker Flats, finishing at 9:10 p.m.

The weather was perfect keeping us cool all day. None of us needed our water stash (I drank 20 oz on the trail and another 20 oz when we reached Heaton Flats).

The clear views all around were breathtaking! I loved hiking the San Antonio Ridge, an alluring and pristine area!!

Dinner afterwards was lively and a wonderful end to this memorable day!

Baldy-Iron-Baldy: 20 miles, 9,300' gain / 9,300' loss
Baldy-Iron: 18 miles, 6,400' gain / 10,600' loss
(Peter & Janice)

LEADERS Ignacia Doggett / Peter Doggett / Matthew Hengst / Bill Simpson
PARTICIPANTS John Slages / Amin Faraday / Jen Blackie / Dagmar / Janice Boyd



everything down a little bit. But as the sun rose higher in the sky, we found ourselves under beautiful partly cloudy skies with cool but pleasant temperatures as we headed towards Santa Cruz Peak. As we toiled up the numerous steep sections, occasional strong gusts of icy-cold wind would remind us now and then that it really wasn't all that hot out there after all. We achieved our summit shortly after noon and enjoyed our lunch out of the wind down just a bit below the top. We returned to camp in high spirits – 2 of the Big 3 behind us, and only one more night sleeping on the ground for Suzy.

The cold winds blew all night – clear, moonless, starry skies visible to any of us who dared outside of their tents. In the morning we awoke to dry ground in our camp. Still in high spirits we dashed off to San Rafael Mtn to complete our triad. We got there under crystal clear blue skies and enjoyed views that seemed to go for hundreds of miles in all directions. After a hearty round of high-fives and with well deserved feelings of accomplishment, we hurried back down to camp, packed up, enjoyed a last lunch together, and slogged it back down to the cars under warming temperatures.



'The Big Three' – McKinley Mtn, Santa Cruz Peak, San Rafael Mtn March 28 – 30, 2011 by Mat Kelliher

Suzy Hermann has had it with backpacking. Enough. No more nights on the cold, hard ground. But she still needed the peaks of The Big 3 to progress with her dreams of a 2X List Finish. So when she heard that a few of us were planning on a private trip out to Santa Barbara County to knock out McKinley, Santa Cruz, and San Rafael over the Memorial Day Weekend, she eagerly joined in. Not only would she get those coveted 2X peaks, but she could do so while being fully, blissfully, consciously, 'in-the-moment' aware that this weekend would be the last one that she'd have to spend sleeping on the cold, hard ground.

On Saturday May 28, 2011 Jim Fleming, Dave Baldwin, Elaine Baldwin, Winnette Butler, Suzy Hermann, Stella Cheung, Tanya Roton and I all drove across open and debris-free roads to meet at the trailhead at Cachuma Saddle, where we shared hearty greetings and promptly started up the dirt 28W01 road toward McKinley Saddle. Temperatures were cool under sunny skies as we hiked with steady, gentle winds gusting in occasionally. After some debate we opted to get the LPS Cachuma Mountain as we headed up to camp rather than try to find the energy to do so on our way out. After getting that summit we slogged on up the dirt 28W01 and arrived at McKinley Campground in mid-afternoon where we set up our tents, refilled our water (after filtering!) from McKinley Spring, and set off for McKinley Mountain. After getting that summit we headed back to camp and enjoyed a low-key Happy Hour, ate dinner, and all ducked into our tents to get out of the rapidly descending cold.

As if to reinforce Suzy's resolve, it rained lightly but steadily all through the night. When we awoke in the morning, ice had found its way into most of the moving parts around camp; not enough to freeze things solid, but enough to slow

Back at the cars we all gave one-another our mutual congratulations and looked forward to our next shared adventure, wherever and whenever that might be. When we left, Suzy drove off ahead of us all. A few miles down the road, probably about where cell phone reception first comes in, we passed Suzy's car stopped alongside the road. We slowed to look in and be sure she was okay. She was – she waved us along to indicate that. But as we passed we could see her cell phone pressed against her head, she seemed to be excitedly telling a loved one that her nights of sleeping on the ground were at long last, over.

2011 Spring Fling Takes Place at Historic Harwood Lodge

By Marlen Mertz and Robert Neighbors

This year's annual HPS Spring Fling appropriately took place at the great Aurelia S. Harwood Memorial Lodge on the Mt Baldy Road. As this is the Angeles Chapter's Centennial year, the Spring Fling organizers were excited to infuse the event with reminders of the continuing legacy of the Lodge, our HPS Section and the entire Angeles Chapter.

Spring Fling participants began arriving Friday night, in their effort to avoid the hassle of dealing with the Amgen Bike Tour of California, a professional international long-distance bicycling race modeled after the Tour de France. The race segment on the Saturday of the Spring Fling looped through the mountains, going up the Mt Baldy Rd, and ending at the Baldy chairlift.

The tour's organizer supplied HPS with special entrance and parking passes to drive up the road Friday night and Saturday morning, even after it was closed to other spectators. Entrance to the area went smoothly, with minimal delays.

As an unexpected reward, some of our HPS hikers were treated to a view of the bike tour winners as they reached the race's finish line at the Baldy Chairlift. What Planning!!!

Six hikes were led throughout the weekend and some on Sunday rendezvoused on a single peak, forming crowds of participants socializing and enjoying lunch together.

On Saturday evening, David Haake, a Spring Fling hike leader, an Ex-Comm member and Chair of the West Los Angeles Group presented a history of the Angeles Chapter and of Harwood Lodge. Jim Fleming, HPS leader and past HPS Management Committee Chair, spoke about the founding and history of the HPS Section.

The highlight of the two days was the Saturday evening program. After a sumptuous potluck dinner, participants gathered around a roaring fire in the oak-beamed living room to enjoy a songfest of familiar old-time folk tunes. Several

talented hikers brought their favorite musical instruments and provided great entertainment as the rest of the group sang along. David Haake, and Robert Neighbors played guitar and Pamela Rowe, HPS Chair, performed and entertained us with Irish tunes on her fiddle.

Robert Neighbors, along with his wife Markey, served as outing leaders and also volunteered to organize the Saturday evening potluck as well as an amazing Sunday morning breakfast. How does hot pancakes, coffee, turkey bacon, scrambled eggs, etc. sound for the start of the day before sending participants off into the hills for a good long hike?

Robert commented on the weekend, writing, "Sunday was enhanced with a particularly surprising and unplanned reward of serendipity as the three hiking groups, as if orchestrated by a mountain wizard, suddenly met on top of Ontario Peak with circling crows singing their own songs above in the gorgeous clear sky and perfect weather. I remember those crows shouting at us as we climbed the last few hundred feet screaming "Wahk!!! Wahk!!! Wahk!!!" For gosh sake, I was "Whaking" as fast as I could and gasping for air!! I thought . . . Give me a break, birds!!!

Robert emphasized, "This was an outstanding weekend with tenacious hikers who were challenged with negotiating the Saturday international bike competition event on Baldy Road. Having Harwood Lodge was a special pleasure with cheerful laughter, chats and singing around the fireside on Saturday night. Commendations to all who put their efforts into this successful event! We should definitely use Harwood Lodge again!"

Thank you to all the Saturday and Sunday hike leaders and everyone who helped with the weekend festivities.

Saturday's Hikes

Baldy via ski hut, Harwood, Backbone trail to the ski lift. Leaders: Ted Lubeshkoff, Wayne Vollaire
The Three T's via Icehouse Canyon to the chairlift. Leaders: Marlen Mertz, David Haake, Bill Simpson, Mikki Siegel

The Two T's up and down the Chairlift. Leaders: Winnette Butler, Jim Fleming:

Sunday's Hikes

Sugarloaf and Ontario. Leaders: Peter Doggett, Pamela Rowe

Ontario. Leaders: Wayne Vollaire, Markey Neighbors, Robert Neighbors, Jim Fleming, Winnette Butler
Bighorn and Ontario. Leaders: Pat Arredondo, Laura Joseph, Pat Vaughn

About Harwood Lodge

Harwood Lodge is named in memory of Aurelia Harwood, the first woman president of the Sierra Club, who left in her will the seed money for the building of the Lodge. She envisioned a welcoming mountain retreat where hiking and enjoyment of the great outdoors were within easy reach. This great stone lodge is her continuing legacy to all Sierra Club members, their family and friends.

The lodge was christened on November 16, 1930. Today, Harwood Lodge stands among tall pines that were mere seedlings on that long-ago dedication morning. It continues to be enjoyed by adventurers, hikers and all those who love the out-of-doors. A steadfast group of overseers ensure that is available every weekend of the year.



could hold down this couple and many others. So off they went to conquer Pinos and Sawmill and thus this Wilderness Adventure boat outing turned into a HPS-like peak bagging weekend.

Look at the Mt Pinos peak picture of some of the outing's participants on Sunday morning of this Memorial Day weekend that traditionally celebrates the beginning of the summer season.

It was a frosty (17 deg) and windy Sat night. T'was a white and snowy Sunday morning. Still, fun was had by all!!



Miya Taepun, Sue and Vic Henney, Shuyun Yeh, Marlen Mertz

From Sunny Island Hopping to Snowy Peak Bagging A Memorial Day Weekend We Will Remember

By Marlen Mertz

On a Wilderness Adventure outing, what did a group of 39 peak baggers (and assorted others) do when they are told their boat to the Santa Rosa Island will have to return to shore due to gale force winds on the outer Channel Island and surrounding waters?

They first thank the Lord that Island Packers Boat Company and the island rangers collaboratively had the wisdom to heed the winds and surf warnings and then make an about face.

Then the enthusiastic hikers came up with alternative weekend plans. So as not to allow the holiday weekend to be lost by this trip cancellation, participants quickly decided to head up to the first come, first served McGill campground on the Mt Pinos Road.

Outing members included HPS, DPS and SPS list finishers Sue and Vic Henney. Nothing



THE NAVIGATION CORNER: GETTING THE MOST OUT OF TOPO! – PART 4

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Part 4 of our series on exploring the features of the National Geographic TOPO! software examines the Waypoint Tool.

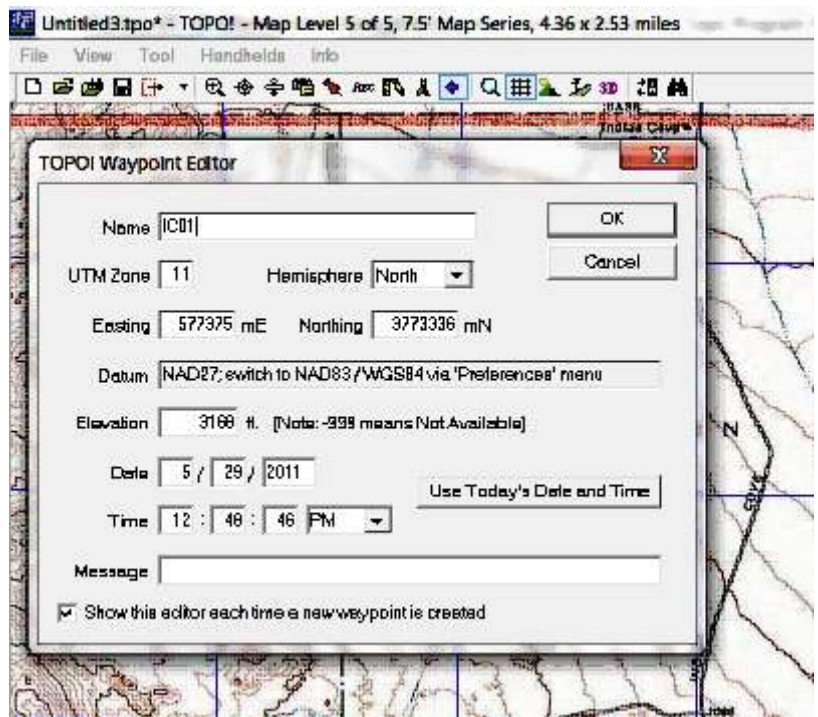
Before we start, let's review how TOPO! handles coordinates. By default, TOPO! uses the latitude/longitude coordinate system. The default datum is the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD83) – which is equivalent to WGS84. The map datum and coordinate system can be changed easily by right clicking the mouse on the bottom status bar. Right clicking activates a pop-up menu that allows selection of the desired map datum and coordinate system. The lower right corner of the status bar displays coordinate information.

The Waypoint Tool allows you to mark coordinate information on your map and is particularly helpful for those using a GPS. The waypoints marked on your TOPO! maps can be transferred to your GPS (more on this in a later article).

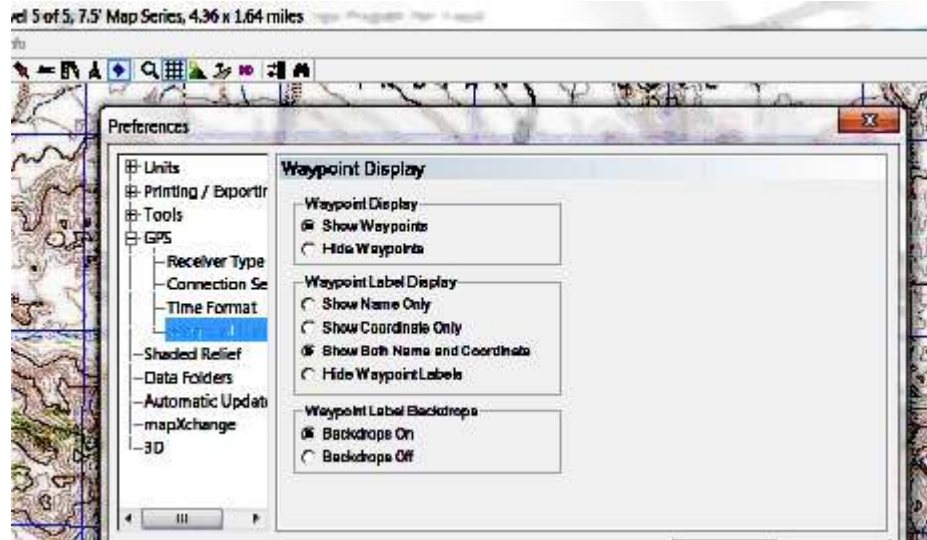
The Waypoint Tool can be accessed by selecting **Waypoint** from the Tool Menu or by clicking the Waypoint Button:



Once you have accessed the Waypoint Tool, move your cursor to the location at which you want to create a waypoint and left click your mouse, activating the Waypoint Editor.



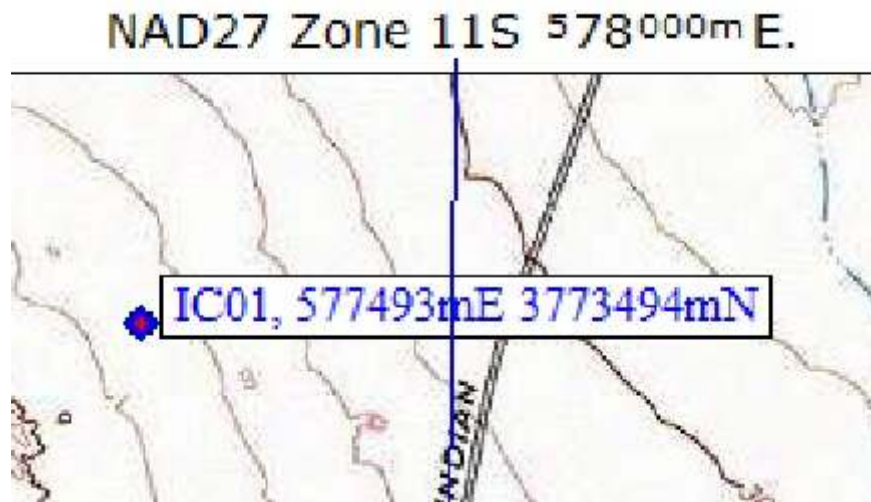
The principal purpose of the Waypoint Editor is to allow customized waypoint names. By default, TOPO! will assign sequential numbers. In the example above, the waypoint is labeled as "IC01" since it is on the Indian Cove topo. The use a unique identifier will help you organize your waypoints. Once satisfied with information in the Waypoint Editor, select "OK" and the waypoint will appear on your map.



The waypoint can be moved by dragging it with your mouse. (To drag the waypoint after you have left the Waypoint mode, you will need to select the Waypoint Tool again.) Likewise, while in Waypoint mode, you can edit the information for any waypoint by right clicking on it and selecting properties. This will bring up the Waypoint Editor.

The waypoint information that will be displayed on your map depends on how your preferences are set. From the View menu, click **Preferences and Settings**, click **GPS**, then click **Waypoint Display**. When you do so, the Waypoint Display menu will appear.

At the menu indicates, several options are available for how waypoints are displayed. All waypoints can be hidden by selecting "Hide Waypoints." Likewise, waypoints can be displayed with one of three types of labels or with no label. Labels can be with or without backdrops. The following is an example with both name and coordinate displayed with backdrops on:



In Part 5, we will explore how to transfer waypoints to your GPS device.

Upcoming Navigation Events

Our Mt. Pinos Navigation Noodle will be on August 7, 2011. This will be our third summer at Mt. Pinos and in prior years we were rewarded with weather much cooler than in the Los Angeles basin. We return to the San Bernardino Mountains on September 25, 2011 for our Grinnell Ridge Navigation Noodle.

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