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Angeles Chapter

Results of Hundred Peaks Section Annual Election

The results of the HPS election are as follows:

- Ron Campbell
- Bill Simpson
- Dave Cannon

were the top vote getters. Subsequent to the election, however, Dave Cannon chose not to serve on the management committee.

Therefore, Pamela Rowe, who finished in fourth place, agreed to serve on the management committee. Ron, Bill, and Pamela therefore will serve for 2012-2013.

They will join Karen Leverich, Wolf Leverich, Wayne Vollaire and Mark Allen on the 2012 management team.

Mark Allen is serving the remainder of the office vacated by George Kenegos.

One hundred and twenty eight (128) ballots were received out of a total of three hundred and eleven (311) members eligible to vote at the start of the election on October 1, 2011. This represents 41% of members casting ballots.

The elected officers for 2012 are as follows:

- Chair, co-webmaster, Wolf Leverich
- Vice Chair, Pamela Rowe
- Outreach, Ron Campbell
- Co-website, co-mountain records, asst outings, Karen Leverich
- Secretary, Register Box, Mark Allen
- Co-chair mountain records, Bill Simpson
- Programs, The Lookout mailer, Wayne Vollaire

Please look at the table on page 3 to see more details about management committee members, elected and appointed, and their roles.

HPS Annual Awards Banquet Saturday, January 21, 2012



Join us for an evening of fun, good food and socializing with old and new friends. This year it will again be at the Monrovia Family Restaurant, 534 S. Myrtle Ave (at Colorado Blvd) in beautiful downtown Monrovia. Guest speaker will be Bill Burke, the only person to climb the highest mountain on every continent after reaching age 60. Visit his website, <http://eightsummits.com/>. He will present a video/photo slide show of his expeditions in which he will provide a dramatic video comparison of both the South and North sides of Mt. Everest. He will also discuss his training and preparation for the climbs, his climbing equipment, and the dangers, challenges and joy of climbing the world's highest mountains. During the social hour, he will display some of his favorite mountain photos from around the world. Social hour begins at 5 PM and dinner at 6: 30. Silent auction for donated items. Come early and enjoy the old town. Ticket are \$35 if paid by 1/15/2012, \$40 if after. Tickets will be held at door. Make check payable to HPS and send check, email and/or phone(s) to Reservationist: WAYNE VOLLAIRE
2035 Peaceful Hills Rd
Walnut, CA 91789-4009

**Hundred Peaks Section
Membership Report
December 2011**
By Greg de Hoogh

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Lead the List #3
#2 – Mars Bonfire – 10/29/11 – Kratka Ridge

- List Finish #3
#31 – Bill Simpson – 10/22/11 – Chaparrosa Peak

- Lead the List #1
#19 – Ted Lubeshkoff – 11/19/11 – Mount Wilson

- List Finish #2
#54 – Pat Arredondo – 11/27/11 – Deer Mountain

- List Finish #1
#290 – Kwee Thio – 11/5/11 – Scodie Mountain

- 100 Peaks
#1133 – Chris Gallardo – 11/26/11 – Arctic Point

- 100 Explorers
#9 – Wayne Bannister – 11/24/11 – Ryan Mountain

- 100 Pathfinders
#52 – Suzy Hermann – 11/10/11 – Waterman Mountain



| DONATIONS: | NEW MEMBERS: | NEW SUBSCRIBER: | MEMBERSHIP COUNTS |
|----------------------------|---------------|-----------------|--|
| Don Croley – \$6 | Maya | Kay Sides | 310 Members (261 primary + 49 Household) |
| Dave Cannon - \$20 | Miriam Khamis | | 37 Subscribers |
| Mat Keliher – \$1 | Mari Sakai | | 347 Total |
| Larry Campbell - \$300 | | | |
| Suzy Hermann - \$1 | | | |
| Ginny Herringer - \$3 | | | |
| Roy & Karen Stewart - \$10 | | | |

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 | ◆ Member achievements |
| ◆ Peak List | ◆ Summit summaries |
| ◆ Peak Guides | ◆ Advance Schedule |
| ◆ Trip Reports | ◆ Back issues of The Lookout |
| ◆ Maps to the peaks | ◆ Much, much more |

Look for the Facebook Page for the Hundred Peaks Section

<http://www.facebook.com/?ref=home#!/group.php?gid=49056040017>

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From the Chair
By Pamela Rowe, 2011 Chair

A full year as Hundred Peaks Chair for 2011 has passed by quickly. I hope that my contributions during the last year as chair and the last two years on the management committee have been valuable to the history of the Hundred Peaks Section and the members it serves.

So many people mentored me on my three and half year journey to finish the list and lead 100 peaks. I am grateful to have been able to give back to the Section where they are/were proud members. I'd especially like to thank George Wysup for his assistance in navigation training (with Patty Rambert, Don Croley, Gary Shenk, Kent Schwitkis, etc), sharing his sound judgement, willingness to mentor new leaders and for leading me to my first HPS peak with Don Croley. I'd also like to thank Don Croley for his help on my provisionals, my list finish and for sharing his mountaineering expertise. Thanks to Tom Hill for keeping track of the peaks I still needed towards the end of my list and setting up hikes to those peaks as well as sharing his valuable trip planning skills, keeping the group together and showing us the way to the top. Thanks to Karen Leverich for their helping to with scout two provisional and Wolf for helping me scout one. Thanks to Peter and Ignacia Doggett for some wonderful hike leads and your support and service. Thanks to all that led hikes with me (including my I rated evaluator Cheryl Gill), those who led me to peaks (I did hike twice during the week with Mars Bonfire and Dave Comerzan, but



don't tell my boss) and all that participated in the hikes I or others led. I enjoyed many laughs and beautiful moments with you all and learned I was capable of much more than I thought I was. You also helped me to see new areas I would have not explored on my own. I have deep gratitude to you all for your contributions.

As we look to the coming year and make personal resolutions, I hope that this bring new members to our section and gets current members active in our outings and events. We have many outings on our schedule and always welcome new outings and new leaders. If you'd like to get involved as a leader or management committee member, please feel free to contact myself or any of the other management committee members.

Next year's Management Committee will include the 2012 elected members: Bill Simpson, Ron Campbell and Pamela Rowe. They will join current voting Management Committee members: Karen Leverich, Wolf Leverich, Wayne Vollaire and Mark Allen. Also Gary Schenk has volunteered for the position of Outings Chair for HPS and Marlen Mertz has accepted a position on the Program Committee. Thank you to all of our volunteers who keep up with the business side of our Section.

Our next event is the HPS Banquet on January 21st at the Monrovia Restaurant with speaker Bill Burke. If you haven't already signed up, I encourage you to join us for the festivities. This is a good opportunity to catch up with old friends as well as meet new members. If you have an item for the HPS Silent Auction, please contact Mark Allen to donate.

Our Spring Fling 2012 will be at Foster Lodge and our Fall Festival 2012 is tentatively set for Bandido Campground near Hillier in the Angeles National Forest.

I'd like to take this time to thank all those that have helped with HPS this past year including our 2011 Management Committee: Karen Leverich, Wolf Leverich, Wayne Vollaire, Wayne Bannister, Ted Lubeshkoff, Mark Allen, Sandy Burnside, Greg de Hoogh, Joe Young, Bobcat Thompson, Dave Cannon, Jim Fleming, Erik Counsellor, Coby King, Markey Neighbors and George Christiansen. Also, thanks to our 2011 Nominations Committee – Ignacia Doggett, Peter Doggett, Mat Kelliher, Stella Cheung and Tanya Roton and our 2011 Elections Committee - Ignacia Doggett, Peter Doggett, Mat Kelliher, Joe Young and Tanya Roton.

I'd also like to congratulate our HPS members receiving 2012 Angeles Chapter Awards - Mars Bonfire, Pat Vaughn, Bill Simpson and Melody Anderson for Outings Awards and Sandy Burnside for a Service Award.

Wishing you and yours all the best in the coming year.



Advance Schedule of Hundred Peaks Section Activities January - September 2012 *By Karen Leverich*

Jan 1 Sun Hundred Peaks

O: Monrovia Peak (5409'): Hike to this demanding peak at a strong pace and observe all of the helicopters & blimps circling above the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena. The total hike will be about 14 miles round trip with 4500' of gain. Please bring: positive attitude, lug soles, jacket, hat, water and lunch. Contact Peter for meeting instructions. Leaders: PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT

Jan 4 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: Josephine Peak (5558'): Canceled. Leaders: CAROLE SCURLOCK, DORIS DUVAL

Jan 5 Thu Pasadena Group, Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks

O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike: 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 I-210 at Altadena Dr, N 2.5 miles to Crescent Dr, R to 2260 Pinecrest Drive, Altadena). 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, LAURA JOSEPH, BETH & KEITH MARTIN, JERRY JOHNSON, BILL GASKILL, GARY KINSLEY, MARCIA REITMEYER, JENNIFER WASHINGTON, TED LUBESHKOFF

Jan 7 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Rouse Hill (5186'): Celebrate Amin Faraday's 200th HPS peak with this beautiful hike along the South Fork of the San Jacinto River south of Idyllwild. Great views of Mt. San Jacinto, San Gorgonio Mtn., and Mt. Baldy. Moderately paced, 10 miles round trip, 2000' gain. Email leader for info. Leader: TED LUBESHKOFF Assistant: WAYNE VOLLAIRE

Jan 7 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Rosa Point (5038'): Join John Cederberg for his HPS List Finish hike at a festive pace to this great peak in

Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. The total hike should be about 12 miles round trip with 5500' of gain across the desert floor and on a steep trail-less ridge. Please bring pot-luck food item to share at the peak as well as lug soles, water, lunch, snacks, layers, hat & gloves. Contact the leader for meeting information. Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-Leaders: PETER DOGGETT, IGNACIA DOGGETT, WAYNE BANNISTER

Jan 7-8 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks

I: San Ysidro Mountain (6147'), Indianhead (3960+'): Start out the New Year by spending a pleasant weekend in the beautiful Anza Borrego Desert State Park. Saturday we'll enjoy a moderate hike at a slow, relaxed pace on road and rough trail to San Ysidro Mtn near Warner Springs (5 miles round trip, 1600' gain). Some dirt road driving is required to reach the San Ysidro trailhead; high clearance 4-wheel drive recommended. Saturday night we'll car-camp at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campground and enjoy the nearly full moon while spending an evening of revelry around a campfire under the crisp, desert night sky. Sunday we'll set off early for a strenuous hike at a slow pace over rugged and rocky class 2 terrain up the lovely Borrego Palm Canyon and then up and along scenic ridgelines to the spectacular Indianhead summit (8.0 miles round trip, 3200' gain). Participants are welcome to join us for one or both days. If planning on car camping, bring a little firewood and come equipped for Happy Hour and Potluck dinner. Bring plenty of water, lunch for each day, a hat, warm clothing, and the rest of your 10 essentials. Email leader with recent experience and conditioning for trip status and details. Leaders: MAT KELLIHER, JIM FLEMING

Jan 7-8 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

Jan 10 Tue Hundred Peaks
O: Combs Peak (6193'): A moderate hike on PCT and rough trail for 5 miles round trip with 1200' of gain to a peak near Warner Springs. Moderate pace. High clearance 4WD advised. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Jan 12 Thu Pasadena Group, Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike: see January 5

Jan 14 Sat Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks, West LA
I: Snowshoe in our local mountains, mid-month, Jan-April: Enjoy the exhilarating experience of walking over hill and dale, through thickly-wooded areas, possibly grabbing a peak along the way. Experience the quiet and serenity of snow-covered landscapes in the San Gabriel/San Bernardino Mountains or Los Padres National Forest. We will travel five to eight miles, depending on location and conditions. Bring your own snowshoes or reserve early at a local sports store. Beginners welcome. If you can walk, you can snowshoe! Email leader for details several weeks before this outing. Leader: MARLEN MERTZ
Co-Leaders: WAYNE VOLLAIRE, BILL SIMPSON, DAVID HAAKE, MIKKI SIEGEL, PAT ARREDONDO, GINNY HERINGER

Jan 17 Tue Hundred Peaks
I: Sheep Mountain (5141'), Martinez Mountain (6560'): A strenuous hike on trail and rough trail for 18 miles round trip with 5100' of gain to peaks near Idyllwild. Moderate pace. High clearance 4WD advised. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Jan 19 Thu Pasadena Group, Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike: see January 5

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Jan 24 Tue Hundred Peaks
I: Bernard Peak (5430'), Little Berdoo Peak (5440'): A moderate hike for 6 miles round trip with 1500' of gain to peaks in Joshua Tree NP. Entry fee required. Moderate pace. High clearance 4WD advised. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Jan 26 Thu Pasadena Group, Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike: see January 5

Jan 31 Tue Hundred Peaks
I: Quail Mountain (5800'): A moderate hike on California Riding and Hiking Trail and rough trail for 14 miles round trip with 1500' of gain to a peak in Joshua Tree NP. Entry fee required. Moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Feb 2 Thu Pasadena Group, Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike: see January 5

Feb 7 Tue Hundred Peaks
I: Mount Pinos (8831'), Sawmill Mountain (8818'), Grouse Mountain (8650'): A strenuous snowshoe for 9 miles round trip with 1900' of gain to peaks near Frazier Park. Moderate pace. High clearance 4WD with snow cables advised. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Feb 9 Thu Pasadena Group, Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike: see January 5

Feb 11 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: Brown Mountain (4485'): Hike to peak named for abolitionist John Brown, involves 12 miles and 3500' of gain, but depending on accessibility and/or brush we may choose an alternate plan. Strenuous hike visits beautiful lower elevation country in the western San Gabriel mountains. Time permitting, we will visit the gravesite of Owen Brown, son of John Brown. Bring water, lunch, sturdy boots. Meet at the La Canada rideshare point at 8:00 AM. Leaders: JOE YOUNG, BOB THOMPSON, STAG BROWN

Feb 14 Tue Hundred Peaks
I: Mount Islip (8250'): A strenuous snowshoe for 6 miles round trip with 1600' of gain to a peak near Wrightwood.

Moderate pace. High clearance 4WD with snow cables advised. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Feb 16 Thu Pasadena Group, Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike: see January 5

Feb 18 Sat Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks, West LA I: Snowshoe in our local mountains, mid-month, Jan-April: Are you a "season- deprived" Southern Californian? Enjoy the quiet and serenity of snow-covered landscapes in the San Gabriel/San Bernardino Mountains or Los Padres National Forest. We will travel five to eight miles through thickly-wooded areas, perhaps grabbing a peak along the way. Bring your own snowshoes or reserve early at a local sports store. Beginners welcome. If you can walk, you can snowshoe! Email leader for details several weeks before this outing. Leader: MARLEN MERTZ
Co-Leaders: WAYNE VOLLAIRE, BILL SIMPSON, DAVID HAAKE, MIKKI SIEGEL, PAT ARREDONDO, GINNY HERINGER

Feb 21 Tue Hundred Peaks
I: Heart Bar Peak (8332'): A strenuous snowshoe for 5 miles round trip with 1100' of gain to a peak near Big Bear Lake. Moderate pace. High clearance 4WD with snow cables advised. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Feb 23 Thu Pasadena Group, Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike: see January 5

Feb 28 Tue Hundred Peaks
I: Tehachapi Mountain (7960'): A strenuous snowshoe for 4 miles round trip with 2000' of gain to a peak near Tehachapi. Moderate pace. High clearance 4WD with snow cables advised. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Feb 29 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Mount Lukens (5074') from Harter Lane: By trail and road to Los Angeles' highest point. 11 miles, 3500' gain. Meet 9 AM at La Canada rideshare point. Bring water, lunch, suitable shoes and clothing. Leaders: BROOKES TREIDLER, BOB THOMPSON, LAURA JOSEPH

Mar 1 Thu Pasadena Group, Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike: see January 5

Mar 3 Sat Hundred Peaks, Desert Peaks
I: Rosa Point (5083'): Join us in the Anza Borrego Desert State Park for a very strenuous day hike at a

slow-moderate, but steady pace to this remote HPS and DPS listed peak in the Santa Rosa Mountains near Borrego Springs, CA. This ridge hike is all cross country for 12 miles round trip and 4800' of gain across steep, rocky, sometimes loose, always thorny desert terrain. Bring lots of water (5 liters recommended), food, a hat, and the rest of your 10 essentials. Consider car camping at the trailhead (or a nearby motel) to ease the impact of our 'first light' start. Email leader with recent experience and conditioning for trip status and details. Leaders: MAT KELLIHER, JIM FLEMING, PAT VAUGHN

Mar 6 Tue Hundred Peaks
I: Red Mountain (5261'): A moderate walk on dirt road and rough trail for 3.5 miles round trip with 1500' of gain to a peak near Mojave. Slow pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. High clearance 4WD advised. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Mar 8 Thu Pasadena Group, Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike: see January 5

Mar 10 Sat Forest Committee, Hundred Peaks, Crescenta Valley O: Trails Restoration in Angeles National Forest: (Location dependent on hillside conditions). Join 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 (email preferred) week before for destination, meeting time and location. Leaders BOB THOMPSON, JIM FLEMING

Mar 13 Tue Hundred Peaks
I: Cole Point (5604'): A moderate walk on rough trail for 2 miles round trip with 1400' of gain to a peak near Palmdale. Slow pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Mar 15 Thu Pasadena Group, Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike: see January 5

Mar 18 Sun Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks, West LA
I: Snowshoe in our local mountains, mid-month, Jan-April: Another chance to snowshoe. This is a perfect way to explore our beautiful local winter mountains. You will visit and see areas on snowshoes that other people cannot access. If you enjoy hiking in summer, you will love snowshoeing in the San

Gabriel/San Bernardino Mountains or Los Padres National Forest. We will travel five to eight miles depending on location and conditions. Bring your own snowshoes or reserve early at a local sports store. Beginners welcome. If you can walk, you can snowshoe! Email leader for details several weeks before this outing. Leader: MARLEN MERTZ
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Mar 20 Tue Hundred Peaks
I: Quail Mountain (5800'): A moderate walk on dirt road and rough trail for 14 miles round trip with 1500' of gain to a peak in Joshua Tree National Park. Entry fee. Slow pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Mar 22 Thu Pasadena Group, Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike: see January 5

Mar 27 Tue Hundred Peaks
I: Rattlesnake Peak (5826'): A strenuous walk on dirt road and rough trail for 9 miles round trip with 4100' of gain to a peak near Azusa. Slow pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Mar 29 Thu Pasadena Group, Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike: see January 5

Mar 31 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: Russell Peak (6696'), Backus Peak (6651'): Join us for this strenuous hike to these prominent peaks in the Mojave Desert near Ridgecrest. We will hike an exploratory route from Powers Well on the north side. 8 miles round trip, 4500' gain. Email leader for info. Leader: TED LUBESHKOFF Co-Leader: WAYNE VOLLAIRE

Apr 3 Tue Hundred Peaks
O: Garnet Mountain (5680'), Garnet Peak (5880'), Monument Peak #1 (6271'): Three separate and easy hikes on dirt road, PCT, and rough trail totaling 6 miles round trip with 1200' of gain to peaks near Julian. Slow pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Apr 4 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Mount Lukens (5074'): Hike to the high point of the City of Los Angeles from Haines Cyn on the Sister Elsie Trail. 8 miles round trip, 2800' gain. Steep trail with loose footing. Meet 9 am at La Canada rideshow point. Bring water, appropriate clothing and footwear. Rain cancels. Leaders: JOHN RADALJ, BRUCE CRAIG

Apr 5 Thu Hundred Peaks
I: Caliente Mountain (5106'): Join us for a day in San Luis Obispo County, northwest of New Cuyama. Strenuous, cross-country hike of 13 ½ miles round trip, 3700' gain. Other routes possible. Slow pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Apr 5 Thu Pasadena Group, Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike: see January 5

Apr 7 Sat Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks, West LA I: Snowshoe in our local mountains, mid-month, Jan-April: If there is still good snow (there was in the last two years), join us on the last of the snowshoes in our local mountains. Whether you are looking for a scenic aerobic experience or just a peaceful walk in the woods, you will love snowshoeing! You will enjoy the quiet, gentle, enjoyable pace which burns twice the calories of hiking the same route! We will travel five to eight miles depending on location and conditions and hope to be going to either Mt. Pinos or Big Bear. Bring your own snowshoes or reserve early at a local sports store. Beginners welcome. If you can walk, you can snowshoe! Email leader for details several weeks before this outing. Leader: MARLEN MERTZ Co-Leaders: WAYNE VOLLAIRE, BILL SIMPSON, DAVID HAAKE, MIKKI SIEGEL, PAT ARREDONDO, GINNY HERINGER

Apr 11-14 Wed-Sat Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks Rescheduled from October 26-29.
O: Pacific Crest Trail Backpack: From Antelope Valley through the Tehachapi Mountains to Hwy 58, west of Mojave. Experience California poppies in bloom. Moderately paced. 4 days, 48 miles, one-way. Average day will be 12 miles with 2500' gain/loss. No layover days/no beginners. Participants will need to share in expense of a rental van. Send email with H & C phones, city, recent conditioning and backpack experience to Leader: TED LUBESHKOFF Co-Leader: PAT ARREDONDO

Apr 12 Thu Pasadena Group, Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike: see January 5

Apr 14 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: Hildreth Peak (5065'): Slow but steady paced, strenuous 16 mile round trip, 4000' gain, cross country route from the south up through Agua Caliente Canyon. We'll hike along a beautiful mid-spring creek complete with flowery meadows and then up a steep, loose, sometimes brushy ridge to an old jeep road leading to this peak named after Joel Hildreth, one of the first Forest Rangers in the 1890's to patrol this gorgeous area of California formerly inhabited by the Chumash.

Suitable only for seasoned and well conditioned hikers. Bring at least 4 liters of water, lunch, a hat, and the rest of your 10 essentials. Consider car or tent camping near the trailhead Friday night to facilitate an early Saturday morning start. Email leader with recent experience and conditioning for trip status and details. Leaders: MAT KELLIHER, JIM FLEMING, WINNETTE BUTLER, PAT VAUGHN

Apr 14 Sat Hundred Peaks, Wilderness Adventures
I: Caliente Mountain (5106'): Moderately paced 17 miles round trip, 2800' gain to San Luis Obispo's only HPS listed peak. Will include driving through the scenic Carrizo Plain National Monument. Bring extra water, lunch. Meet 7:00 AM at Sylmar rideshare point. Leaders: HARVEY GANZ, BRENT COSTELLO

Apr 14 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: Backus Peak (6651'), Russell Peak (6696'): Two peaks in the southern Sierra are named for HPS legendary leaders John Backus and Bill T. Russell. Mostly cross-country hike involves 4200' of gain and 9 miles round trip. Strenuous. Call or email leaders for meeting time and place. Leaders: JOE YOUNG, LAURA JOSEPH

Apr 17 Tue Hundred Peaks
I: Bernard Peak (5430'), Little Berdoo Peak (5440'): A moderate walk on rough trail for 6 miles round trip with 1500' of gain to peaks in Joshua Tree National Park. Entry fee. Slow pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. High clearance 4WD advised. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Apr 19 Thu Hundred Peaks
I: Mount Lukens (5074'): Join us for a day in the Angeles National Forest, north of La Crescenta. Moderate hike of 7 miles round trip, 3300' gain on trail and fire road. Slow pace. Bring food, water 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Apr 19 Thu Pasadena Group, Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike: see January 5

Apr 21-22 Sat-Sun LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS
I: Warren Point 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

Apr 21-22 Sat-Sun DPS, HPS, WTC
I: Sheep Mtn (5141'), Martinez Mtn (6560'): Climb this classic pair of desert peaks in the Santa Rosa Wilderness south of Palm Springs. Saturday: backpack to camp near Cactus Springs and climb Sheep (8 miles, 2100' gain). Sunday: Climb Martinez and out (12 miles, 3000' gain). Contact leader with recent conditioning. Leader: TINA BOWMAN Co-Leader: RUDY FLECK

Apr 21-22 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks
Spring Fling 2012: Welcome in the spring with a fun and festive weekend in San Diego. Join us for outstanding peak bagging, at all levels, followed by a potluck dinner Saturday night. The Hundred Peaks Section will host a very fun evening of socializing, music, story telling, reminiscing and meeting old and new friends. Bring your instruments - guitar, fiddle, accordion. Bring your funny and fascinating hiking tales from the present and the past. Check the HPS Website, the Lookout, and the Schedule of activities for weekend Spring Fling hikes. We have reserved the Sierra Club Foster Lodge near San Diego for Saturday night. The Lodge has a fully equipped kitchen and dormitory sleeping facilities. Camping is another option. Reservations are on a first come, first served basis. Send sase/esase to Reservationist: WAYNE VOLLAIRE

Apr 21 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Oakzanita Peak (5504'), Sheephead Mountain (5896') Start out the HPS Spring Fling with two easy hikes done separately with a drive up in between to a couple of lovely peaks in Northern San Diego County near Julian, CA at a relaxed and casual pace. Feel free to join us for one or both peaks. Oakzanita is 8 miles round trip with 1000' gain and Sheephead is 3 ½ miles round trip with 1000' gain. If the road to Sheephead is closed, we may opt to substitute it with Stonewall Peak (5730'). The hike to Stonewall would be 4 miles round trip and 900' gain. Either way, we'll still be finished in plenty of time to join the potluck festivities at Foster Lodge. Bring plenty of water, food for the day, a hat, sunscreen, and the rest of your 10 essentials. Email leader for trip status and details. Leaders: MAT KELLIHER, JIM FLEMING, WINNETTE BUTLER

Apr 21 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: Granite Mountain #2 (5633'): A strenuous hike on dirt road and rough trail for 8 miles round trip with 3000' of gain to a rocky peak near Borrego Springs. High clearance 4WD will be helpful. Not for beginners or those who like to hike slowly. We'll finish up as early as possible so as not to miss the Spring Fling pot luck and partying. Contact Laura for status and details. Leaders: LAURA JOSEPH, PAT ARREDONDO, MARKEY NEIGHBORS

Apr 22 Sun Hundred Peaks
I: Iron Spring Mountain (5755'), Beauty Peak (5548'): Moderately strenuous trek on this 8.5 miles round trip,

cross-country route with 2700' of gain at a slow pace over occasionally steep, loose, and brushy terrain with minor rock scrambling to these remote peaks with tremendous views near Aguanga, CA. Bring food, 4 liters water, 10 essentials. Contact leader for status and details. Leader: MAT KELLIHER Co-Leader: JIM FLEMING

Apr 22 Sun Hundred Peaks, Natural Science
O: Oakzanita Peak (5054'), Stonewall Peak (5730') Join us for a day hike of these two peaks near Julian. Oakzanita is 8 miles round trip, 1000' gain on road and trail. Stonewall is 4 miles round trip, 900' gain on trail. These are the prettiest hikes in the area. We'll have a naturalist along to add to our enjoyment of the wild flowers. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: LAURA JOSEPH, PAT ARREDONDO, GINNY HERINGER, MARKEY NEIGHBORS

Apr 22 Sun Hundred Peaks
O: Woodson Mtn (2894'), Iron Mtn (2696'): Woodson Mtn is 5.8 miles, 2000' gain, Iron Mtn is 6 miles, 1000' gain. Springtime is a perfect time to enjoy Lower Peaks. Climb these two beautiful mtns in San Diego County in conjunction with the HPS Spring Fling weekend. Choose one of the HPS scheduled Saturday hikes in the same area and enjoy the full weekend of festivities at Sierra Club's Foster Lodge. During the spring we can anticipate a fantastic wildflower display on Iron and on a clear day one can see Coronado and Catalina from the summit. On Woodson, with its fabulous rock formations, we will also enjoy scenic vistas of the Pacific and San Clemente Island. In the other direction view majestic Gorgonio and Jacinto peaks. You can stay at the lodge, camp or luxuriate in a hotel down the road. Contact Marlen for details. Co-Leaders: MARLEN MERTZ, LAURA FRANCIOSI, WAYNE VOLLAIRE

Apr 24 Tue Hundred Peaks
O: Queen Mountain (5680'): A moderate walk on rough trail for 4 miles round trip with 1200' of gain to a peak in Joshua Tree National Park. Entry fee. Slow pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. High clearance 4WD advised. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Apr 26 Thu Hundred Peaks
I: Bare Mountain (6388'): Join us for a day in the Angeles National Forest, south of Little Rock. Moderate hike of 6 miles round trip on trail, cross-country and firebreak. Slow pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Apr 26 Thu Pasadena Group, Wilderness
Adventures, Hundred Peaks
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike: see January 5

Apr 28 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: Heald Peak (6901'): Peak near Lake Isabella in Kern County involves 10 mi rt and 3500' over cross-country, difficult terrain. Very strenuous outing. Peak is named for the creator of the hundred peaks "game" who also gives his name to the highest conservation award bestowed by the Angeles Chapter. For meeting time and place call or email leaders. Leaders: JOE YOUNG, IGNACIA DOGGETT, PETER DOGGETT

May 1 Tue Hundred Peaks
O: Mount Sally (5408'), Vetter Mountain (5908'), Mount Mooney (5840'): Three separate and easy walks on paved road, dirt road, and rough trail totaling 6 miles round trip with 1450' of gain to peaks above Pasadena. Slow pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. High clearance 4WD advised. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

May 3 Thu Hundred Peaks
I: Lightner Peak (6430'), Bald Eagle Peak (6181'): Join us for a day in the Sequoia National Forest just south of Lake Isabella. Lightner will be Route 2, 10 miles round trip, 4500' gain on motorcycle trail and cross-country. Bald Eagle is 1 1/2 miles, 600' gain on use trail and cross-country. High clearance vehicles recommended. Slow pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

May 3 Thu Pasadena Group, Wilderness
Adventures, Hundred Peaks
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike: see January 5

May 5 Sat Hundred Peaks, Lower Peaks
O: Iron Mountain #1 (8007'), Bonita Peak (3983'): Does the idea of spending yet another Cinco de Mayo in some dingy cantina eating bad nachos and swilling margaritas have you feeling a little unsatisfied? Ay Carumba!! Why not come celebrate with us instead as we tackle the legendary 'Big Iron', one of the more challenging peaks on the HPS list? This will be a very strenuous day hike involving 14 miles round trip and 7200' of gain over sometimes loose and in places brutally steep terrain in the San Gabriel Mountains just west of Mt. Baldy that is only suitable for seasoned and well conditioned hikers. We'll travel at a slow-moderate, but steady pace, and during our ascent we'll make an optional detour for a very short distance and little gain to bag the LPC "Bonita Peak". Bring at least 4 liters of water, lunch, a hat, and the rest of your 10 essentials. Email leader with recent experience and conditioning for trip status and details. Ole!! Leaders: MAT KELLIHER, JIM FLEMING, PAT VAUGHN

May 5 Sat Hundred Peaks, Wilderness Adventures
I: Thorn Point (6920'), San Guillermo Mountain (6606'), Lockwood Peak (6261'), Frazier Mountain (8000'):
Moderately paced 15.5 miles round trip, 4000' gain with the last peak being a drive-up, time permitting. Bring extra water. Meet 7 AM Sylmar rideshare point.
Leaders: HARVEY GANZ, BRENT COSTELLO

May 10 Thu Pasadena Group, Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike: see January 5

May 12 Sat HPS, Pasadena, NSS, PV-SB
I: Liebre Twins and Mt McRuer: Join us on this rare opportunity to climb two peaks on Tejon Ranch, usually inaccessible to hikers, and hear about plans to increase public access on the ranch property. Strenuous hike, 10 miles round trip, 2700' gain, with some cross-country travel. Group size is limited by Tejon Ranch and the date may be subject to change. Contact reservationist Ginny Heringer by May 1 for reservations and updates.
Leaders: KENT SCHWITKIS, DAN RICHTER Naturalist: GINNY HERINGER

May 15 Tue Hundred Peaks
I: Hildreth Peak (5065'): A strenuous walk on rough trail and dirt road for 16 miles round trip with 4700' of gain to a peak near Santa Barbara. High clearance 4WD advised. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details.
Leaders: PAT ARREDONDO, MARS BONFIRE

May 16 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Mount Hillyer (6200+'): From the Chilao area, hike through Jeffrey pines and incense cedar to a peak with fine northern views. 6 mi rt, 1000' gain. Meet 9 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring water, appropriate clothing, footwear. Leaders: AL MOGGIA, JOHN RADALJ

May 17 Thu Pasadena Group, Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike: see January 5

May 22 Tue Hundred Peaks
O: San Gabriel Peak (6161'), Mount Markham (5742'), Mount Lowe (5603'), Occidental Peak (5732'): A moderate walk on paved road, dirt road, trail, and rough trail totaling 11 miles round trip with 2200' of gain to peaks above Pasadena. Slow pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details.
Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

May 24 Thu Hundred Peaks
I: Nicolls Peak (6070'), Heald Peak (6901'): Join us for a day in the Sequoia National Forest in the Lake Isabella area. Strenuous hike of 8 miles round trip, 4200' gain on use trail and cross-country. Other routes possible. 4WD recommended. Slow pace. Bring food, water, 10

essentials. Contact leaders for status and details.
Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

May 24 Thu Pasadena Group, Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike: see January 5

May 26 Sat LTC, WTC, Hundred Peaks
I: Beginning Navigation Clinic: Spend the day one-on-one 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 mi, 500' gain. Send sase, phones, \$25 deposit, refunded at trailhead (Sierra Club) to Leader: DIANE DUNBAR Co- Leader: RICHARD BOARDMAN

May 29 Tue Hundred Peaks
O: Iron Mountain #1: A very strenuous walk on dirt road, trail, and rough trail for 14 miles round trip with 7200' of gain to a peak above Azusa. Slow pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

May 30 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Liebre Mountain (5760+'): Hike along the PCT to Liebre Ridge. 7 mi rt, 2000' gain. Panoramic views of the Tehachapis, southern Sierras, Sespe wilderness, Los Padres peaks. Meet 9 am Santa Clarita rideshare pt. Bring water, appropriate clothing, footwear. Leaders: AL MOGGIA, BROOKES TREIDLER

May 31 Thu Hundred Peaks
I: Lizard Head (5350'): Join us for a day in the Los Padres National Forest, north-northwest of Ojai. Strenuous hike of 11 miles on trail and cross-country. Other route possible. 4WD recommended. Slow pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

May 31 Thu Pasadena Group, Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike: see January 5

Jun 2 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: Thorn Point (6920'): Eight miles round trip, 2000' gain to a peak near Frazier Park with abandoned lookout. High clearance 4WD advised. For details, send vehicle type and rideshare information to Leader: PAT ARREDONDO Co- Leaders: VIRGIL POPESCU, PATRICK VAUGHN

Jun 2 Sat Wilderness Adventures, 100 Peaks
O: Mugu Peak (1266'): Moderately paced, approximately 6 miles, 1300' gain hike in the Santa Monica Mountains with great views of the Oxnard plain and the Pacific Ocean. Bring lunch. Meet 8 AM at the Pacific Palisades trailhead (Los Liones Drive). Leaders: HARVEY GANZ, BRENT COSTELLO

Jun 2 Sat LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS
I: Heart Bar Peak (8332'): Practice navigation for Sunday's checkoff on this 7 mile round trip, 1400' gain hike. We will take a cross-country route to Heart Bar Peak and practice micro-navigation skills along the way. Send email or sase, recent conditioning, contact info, to Leaders: ROBERT MYERS Co-Leaders: JANE SIMPSON, ADRIENNE BENEDICT, ANN PEDRESCHI SHIELDS

Jun 2-3 Sat-Sun WTC, Hundred Peaks
Rescheduled from October 29-30, 2011
I: Reeds Meadow (7700'), Marion Mountain (10,362'): Saturday hike Devil Slide trail 4 miles; 1800' gain to set-up camp near Willow Creek. After lunch hike cross-country 2.5 miles, 600' gain to explore Reeds Meadow area. Saturday Happy Hour. Sunday hike cross-country 2.5 miles; 2500' gain to Marion Mountain, returning cross-country 3.5 miles, 300' gain via Deer Springs to camp and then pack-out. Moderate paced, but strenuous hike. Adventure Pass required. Bring small daypack + 3 liters of water/electrolytes for Sunday hike. Send email with Sierra Club #, hiking/conditioning resume, and contact info to Leader: PHILIP BATES Assistant: ROD KIEFFER

Jun 3 Sun Hundred Peaks
O: Liebre Mountain (5760+'): Moderately easy hike near Gorman involves 7 mi rt and 1830' of gain on trail. Suitable for beginners in good shape with proper footwear. Bring water, lunch. This is the 31st annual first Sunday in June hike with Stag Brown. Meet 8:00 AM at the Sylmar rideshare point. Leaders: JOE YOUNG, STAG BROWN

Jun 3 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

Jun 5 Tue Hundred Peaks
I: Mount Hawkins (8850'), Copter Ridge (7499'): A strenuous walk on rough trail and PCT for 9 miles round trip with 3450' of gain to peaks near Wrightwood. Slow pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Jun 6 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Kratka Ridge (7515') via Mount Waterman Trail: Hike the Mt Waterman Trail (mile marker 58.00) to the "Overlook". Hike E to the old ski hut and the peak. 6 mi rt, 1600' gain. Return to cars through Buckhorn Campground. Meet 9 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring water, appropriate footwear for steep hiking. Leaders: DAN BUTLER, MARY PATTERSON

Jun 7 Thu Hundred Peaks
I: Monte Arido (6010'), Old Man Mountain (5525'): Join us for a day in the Los Padres Nation Forest, northwest of Ojai. Moderate hike of 6 miles round trip, 1800' gain on road and cross-country. 4WD recommended. Slow pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Jun 7 Thu Pasadena Group, Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike: see January 5

Jun 9 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: Deer Mountain (5536'): A moderate hike on rough trail and involving a stream crossing for 4 miles round trip with 1800' of gain (1300' out plus 500' on return) to a peak near Lake Arrowhead. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. High clearance 4WD advised. For details, send vehicle type and rideshare information to Leader: PAT ARREDONDO Co-Leaders: VIRGIL POPESCU, PATRICK VAUGHN

Jun 12 Tue Hundred Peaks
O: Mount Akawie (7283'), Kratka Ridge (7415'): Two easy walks on dirt road and rough trail totaling 3 miles round trip with 1100' of gain to peaks near Wrightwood. Slow pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Jun 13 Wed Local Hikes, Cresenta Valley, Hundred Peaks
O: Winston Peak (7502'), Winston Ridge (7008'): Come climb these two beautiful high-country sister peaks on the last day of Spring and bid a big hello to Summer. 1600' gain, 8 miles with some steep trails. Bring the "3 L's" Lugsoles, Liquids and Lunch. Meet 9 AM, La Canada rideshare. Leaders: BOB THOMPSON, JOE YOUNG

Jun 14 Thu Hundred Peaks
I: Mount Pinos (8832'), Sawmill Mountain (8818'), Grouse Mountain (8582'), Cerro Noroeste (8280'): Join us for a day in the Los Padres National Forest, west of Frazier Park. This is a shuttle hike of 7 miles from Pinos to Cerro Noroeste, 2200' gain on trail. Slow pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Jun 14 Thu Pasadena Group, Wilderness
Adventures, Hundred Peaks
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike: see January 5

Jun 16 Sun Hundred Peaks
I: San Guillermo Mountain (6602'), Lockwood Point (6273'), Brush Mountain (7040'), San Emigdio Mountain (7495'): Come enjoy easy peaks in Ventura backcountry. First Guillermo, 2 miles round trip, 800' gain, cross country. Short drive to Lockwood. Lockwood is 5 miles round trip and 700' gain on trail and cross country. Brush and San Emigdio are 3 miles round trip, 500' gain. Lots of dirt road driving. For details, send vehicle tie and rideshare information to Leader: PAT ARREDONDO
Co-Leader: VIRGIL POPESCU

Jun 19 Tue Hundred Peaks
I: San Rafael Peak (6666'): A strenuous walk on trail and rough trail for 10 miles round trip with 2400' of gain to a peak near Frazier Park. Slow pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. High clearance 4WD advised. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Jun 21 Thu Hundred Peaks
I: Frazier Mountain (LO) (8013'): Join us for a day in the Los Padres National Forest, southwest of Frazier Park. Hike, don't drive to this peak. Strenuous cross-country hike of 12 miles round trip, 3500' gain. Slow pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Jun 21 Thu Pasadena Group, Wilderness
Adventures, Hundred Peaks
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike: see January 5

Jun 26 Tue Hundred Peaks
O: Reyes Peak (7514'), Haddock Mountain (7431'): A moderate walk on dirt road, trail, and rough trail for 9 miles round trip with 2580' of gain to peaks near Frazier Park. Slow pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. High clearance 4WD advised. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Jun 27 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Kratka Ridge (7515') from Eagle's Roost: A longer 6 mile round trip, 1700' gain route on old roads with spectacular views. Meet La Canada rideshare at 9 AM with water, lunch, good footwear & suitable clothing layers. Rain cancels. Leaders: ROSEMARY CAMPBELL, AL MOGGIA

Jun 28 Thu Hundred Peaks
I: Pacifico Mtn (7124'): Join us for a day in the Angeles National Forest for this old favorite. Moderate hike of 12 miles round trip, 2200' gain on trail and cross-country. Other routes possible. Slow pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Jun 28 Thu Pasadena Group, Wilderness
Adventures, Hundred Peaks
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike: see January 5

Jul 3 Tue Hundred Peaks
I: Mount Harwood (9552'), Mount San Antonio (10,064'): A strenuous walk on paved road, dirt road, trail, and rough trail for 14 miles round trip with 4080' of gain to peaks above Baldy Village. Slow pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Jul 13-15 Fri-Sun Hundred Peaks, WTC
I: Eight over Ten: Lake Peak (10,161'), Ten Thousand Foot Ridge (10,094'), Bighorn Mountain (10,997'), Dragons Head (10,866'), Jepson Peak (11,205'), Dobbs Peak (10,459'), San Gorgonio Mountain (11,499'), Grinnell Mountain (10,284'): Relatively easy 3 day/2 night backpack with strenuous day hiking to reach the peaks at a slow, but steady pace. Travel will be predominantly on trail; however significant cross-country segments across rocky and forested terrain will be necessary to reach several of the peaks. Friday we'll pack up the Fish Creek Trail to Fish Creek Saddle Camp (3.9 miles, 2000' gain) where we'll set up camp, and then hike down to Lodgepole Spring (1.5 miles round trip, 625' loss/gain) to stock up on water for the weekend. Once back at camp we'll either set off for Lake Peak and 10,000K Ridge (2.75 miles, 950' gain) or head up to the nearby summit of Grinnell Mountain (1.2 miles round trip, 480' gain), and then return to camp for Happy Hour and an early night. Saturday will be a strenuous day consisting of 15.3 miles and 5400' of gain; we'll set off in the morning near first light to get Bighorn, Dragons Head, Jepson, Dobbs, and San Gorgonio and then return to camp where we'll revel in our adventures over a hearty Happy Hour under the nearly moonless night sky. Sunday we'll get a leisurely start to go get the peak(s) we didn't get Friday, then we'll return to camp to pack up and then out. Email leader with recent experience and conditioning for trip status and details. Group size limited by permit. Leaders: MAT KELLIHER, JIM FLEMING, PAT VAUGHN

Jul 29-Aug 3 Sun-Fri Mule Pack, Hundred Peaks
O/I: Virginia Cyn/Return Creek Mule Pack: Hired packers carry gear of 55 lbs per person while we hike separately with only our daypacks. Sun am hike from Big Virginia Lake (9800') 7 mi, 1500' gain, over 11,300' pass to camp at Return Creek in Virginia Cyn (9600'). Mon-Thu hike, photo, fish, or relax in our beautiful camp. Hiking destinations include minor but pretty peaks and lovely lakes and creeks. Enjoy planned potluck happy hours every night with byob wine, possible campfire. Fri hike out. \$360. Note reserve/ cancel policy on p xxx. To apply, email or call with recent high altitude and distance conditioning, health to Co-Leader: LAURA JOSEPH
Co-Leader: SANDY BURNSIDE

Aug 4-5 Sat-Sun WTC, Hundred Peaks
Rescheduled from November 2011
I: Lake Peak (10,161'), Grinnell Mountain (10,284'), Ten
Thousand Foot Ridge (10,094'): Join us for a strenuous
backpack with a gourmet twist - (21 miles total, 6000'
gain) that will include cross-country exploration and a
gourmet happy hour. Saturday hike 8 miles and 2800'
gain, via Lost Creek Trail to Dry Lake (9065'). Set up
camp and enjoy happy hour. Sunday morning hike
cross- country 5.5 miles total (2000' gain) to Grinnell
Mountain, Lake Peak and Ten Thousand Foot Ridge.
Break camp and hike 8 miles back to trailhead. Send
hiking resume to Leader: TONYCE BATES Co-Leader:
VICTORIA OVERBEY

Aug 5 Sun LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS
I: Mount 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 or sase, contact info,
navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating,
rideshare, to Leader: ROBERT MYERS Assistant: KIM
HOMAN

Sep 23 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

Experience a Unique Overnight Stay in a San Bernardino National Forest Lookout Tower Bid on this HPS Banquet Silent Auction Item

By Marlen Mertz

Want to give a gift to someone who has everything? Or do you yearn for a romantic getaway with someone special? This year's HPS banquet will have a unusual silent auction item. It is a free night stay at the Morton Peak Lookout Tower. Morton Peak (on the Lower Peaks List) has the most unique fire lookout as it offers an overnight experience for the public. It can accommodate up to four people.

At 4,624' above sea level, Morton Peak offers extraordinary 360 degree views of the San Bernardino Mountains, Santa Ana River Valley, and Inland Empire communities and deserts. It has spectacular views of Mill Creek leading up to Forest Falls as well as surrounding views of Mt. Palomar, Keller Meadows, Keller Cliffs, and the San Bernardino Valley. Star-watchers enjoy the view on no moon nights while full moon nights offer spectacular views of the mountains.

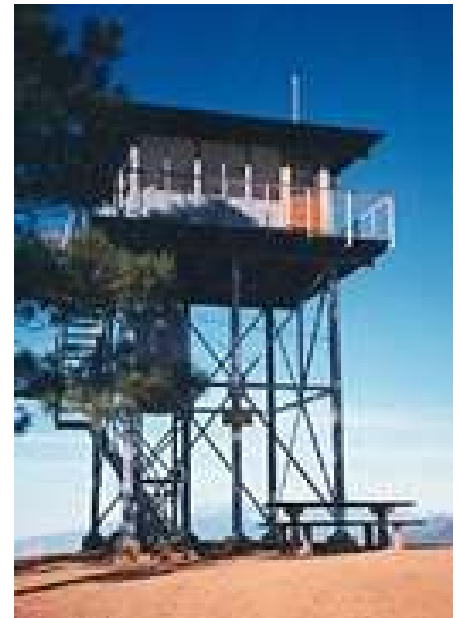
Morton Peak Lookout is located on the way to Big Bear off Hwy 38, overlooking the cities of Yucaipa and Mentone. Guests can arrive in the afternoon, learn about the lookout from volunteers who staff the tower from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM and then settle in for the night. They can enjoy the breathtaking sunset and see the lights in the valley as darkness sets in and millions of stars become visible.

Guests can get up early to enjoy the sun coming up over the mountains and then go off to hike when the lookout opens for work around 9:45 am. The trail to Cram Peak, also on the Lower Peaks list, begins from there.

Perched atop a 30-foot tower, the lookout is a 14' x 14' room with windows on all four sides and an observation deck surrounding the cabin. There is a twin bed and trundle bed, a few chairs, fire watching equipment, and a telescope.

Outside on the grounds, there is a composting outhouse and picnic table. Guests bring water, sleeping bags, food, flashlight or lantern, and whatever else they desire for their comfort. Gas stoves are allowed for cooking.

If you miss out on out on the HPS silent auction item, this private, one-of-a-kind experience is available for \$75 per night midweek or \$85 weekends and holidays. The way to reserve a stay at the lookout is to call 800-424-4232. Proceeds from the Overnight Lookout Program are reinvested in maintaining seven working lookouts and the volunteer corps that operates them.



Current Trip Reports

Enchanting GALENA Peak ~ A SNOWY Winter Wonderland! November 22, 2011

Leaders: Dave Comerzan, Mars Bonfire

by Janice Boyd

This was Mars Bonfire's 25th and LAST visit (including 5 leads) to Galena Peak. Commemorating it with a UNIQUE hike in a SNOWY Winter Wonderland!

The hike began at 6:48 AM from the Vivian Creek parking lot (6,080'). The snow was several inches deep; soft and easy to walk. Lucid sky, calm, good visibility in the dim morning light as our cheerful group dropped into the creek bed. The trek over rocks immersed in snow was comfortable and made for a straighter line, meandering up the frosty creek.

Icy water flowed along our route in the surreal, wintry landscape. We stopped to take photos of extravagant icicles of varying size, shape and pattern, which froze while cascading off large boulders.



Gaining elevation in deeper snow, we approached the base of the headwall. As Mars predicted, our timing was perfect and the snow suitable for the ascent. At 11:00 AM, the sun was not overhead, but shining warm on the headwall snow, softening it, from between the jagged ridge high above.

Looking up the 400' ascent, it appeared angelic, inviting and benign; blanketed in snow, like a lumpy soft pillow. Hidden underneath lurked boulders and rocks which gravity could unleash without a moments notice... but not on this day!

Up we climbed the notorious headwall to the Mill Creek Jump Off. 2/3rd's up, as the slant grew steeper, we traversed to the left, then straight up the 90 degree concave wall. The dirt under the snow was damp, providing stable footing for me who was not wearing a traction device - just my hiking boots, and not using trekking poles. The rest of the group was properly equipped.

In dry conditions we would traverse the rim of the headwall (8,456') on a narrow Bighorn Sheep trail. Today, the luscious snow drifts were deceiving, so we pushed through the top of the brush instead.

From the saddle, going up the ridge to Galena Peak, Mars continued the exhausting task of plunging steps in the deep snow for us to follow. As we closed in on the summit, knee-deep snow slowed our progress. Just below the summit was extremely slow going but the effort kept us warm since we were in shade after we left the headwall.



Summiting Galena Peak (9,324') was sweetened with unbelievable scenic clarity and spellbinding views. Blazing sunlight just when we needed it, keeping us warm, offset by a cool breeze.

Leaving Galena Peak, I checked out for the return alone. It was fun and effortless diving down into the deep post-holes we made on the way up. In no time I was back at the saddle atop the headwall.

It was late afternoon when I descended the headwall. Silky snow slipped away under my feet and I was sliding on wet dirt. Traction returned 1/2 way down and I quickly maneuvered to the headwall base. For the next 3-1/2 miles and 1,800' loss, I rushed to beat darkness following our morning tracks in the snow, splashing down the stream, not caring if I got wet. Moving fast kept me warm. There was no trace that

anyone else had been in the creek bed all day, or on our route, we had it all to ourselves.

The resplendent orange sunset marked the end of daylight, changing into an eerie lavender glow over the snowy creek bed at dusk. At the end of the day, it just kept getting better!

It was dark and *COLD* when I reached the parking lot at 5:15 PM. Ecstatic from the day's adventure with a whiz-bang group of hikers, I floated home...

Thank you leaders for a flawless execution of this UNFORGETTABLE hike.

Congratulations to Suzy, who overcame her fear of the headwall - you did it the adventurous way!

p.s. Suzy's petition to D-List Galena Peak went into the trash.

Leaders: Dave Comerzan, Mars Bonfire; Fellow hikers: George Christiansen, Suzy Hermann, Bob Stuard, Janice Boyd; Distance: 10 miles Gain: 3,000'

Cactus to Clouds October 22, 2011

By Joe Young

Synopsis: Eleven hikers participated in this event, and of the eleven, six summited San Jacinto, one turned back, and four hiked to the upper tram station without going to San Jacinto. The hike started at 4:15 AM, and the fastest arrived near the upper tram station at 11:30 AM, an elapsed time of seven hours and fifteen minutes. This group went on to San Jacinto and then returned to the upper tram station, arriving there at 5:45 PM, an elapsed time for the entire hike of thirteen hours and thirty minutes. According to Don Croley's GPS unit, total mileage was 20 miles and elevation gain was just shy of 11,000'.

Conditions: The weather couldn't have been much better. Temps at the trail head (the parking lot of the Art Museum) were in the upper 60's, and temps at the top were never more than 70F or so. The moon was a sliver, offering not much light. There was little to no breeze at any point.

Logistics: In past years this outing started at midnight, requiring participants to hike in darkness for about six hours. This year the outing started at 4:15 AM, requiring hiking in darkness for only a couple of hours. We were not alone. Several groups also began their hike between 3:00 AM and 4:00 AM. After summiting and returning to the upper tram station, six of us called for a minivan taxi to meet us at the lower tram station, and the ride back to our cars at the museum cost around \$24 total.

The trail: The first part of this trail, immediately ascended beyond the Art Museum parking lot, is over rock and boulders. Numerous short cuts have been made over the years, making route finding occasionally challenging in the dark, as this part of the hike is traversed in the first couple of hours. In an hour or so, the direct trail intersects the trail from Ramon Road at a large cairn, then heads on up past a sign that says "8



miles, 10 hours." The reality is the reverse; it's ten miles from the parking lot to the upper tram station and probably eight hours at a leisurely pace. Above this point the trail is quite distinct, and route-finding is easy. The trail starts in the desert, and climbs all the way to alpine conditions. The trail does cross a broad gully near the top, and it's easy to follow. However, it is understandable that in icy conditions there this could become quite hazardous. But we had no such problems today.



First glimpse of tram from the C 2 C trail. Photo by George Kamikubo

Issues: Would-be participants on this outing should understand that this is an extremely strenuous hike, and one should undergo LOTS of appropriate training, including long hikes at high elevation within a couple of weeks of the hike. The trail is relentless and unforgiving. No one should attempt this hike without training for MONTHS prior to the scheduled event.

Next time: I have checked out the Ramon Road trail head and found it to be far superior to the Museum parking lot trail head. There is limited parking immediately at the trail head, and unlimited parking a short distance away. The trail itself is easier and not as rocky. It's also well marked. In two miles this trail

intersects the cactus to clouds trail at a large cairn; from there the cactus to clouds trail is quite distinct. The only drawback is that you miss the five picnic tables since the junction is above them. Also, you'll avoid the misleading aforementioned signage. But the trail from Ramon allows for easier footing and probably takes about the same or maybe even less time.

Participants: Joe Young, Ted Lubeshkoff, Wayne Vollaire, Don Croley (leaders); Janice Boyd, George Kamikubo, Mike Chapman, Sharon Hechler, Diane Michels, Bruce Cristol, and Jim Dunn.

A Perfect Peak for George

By Ginny Heringer

When I did Three Sisters and Onyx Peaks back in 2007 with George Wysup, he pointed out a nearby peak that he liked very much. He suggested that if anyone ever wanted to name a peak for him, this would be his choice, but we didn't have time that day to climb it. Unfortunately George died, quickly and unexpectedly, in 2010, and fortunately, the Hundred Peaks Section did want to name a peak for him. The peak has now been added to the list and many people have climbed it. I finally had my chance during the 2011 Fall Festival weekend, on a hike led by Kent Schwitkis, Sherry Ross, and Sharon Moore.

The peak is at the east end of a long ridge. We took Route 3, starting at the west end and hiked a couple of miles alternating between rough jeep roads and cross-country travel through manzanita and downed trees. Kent led us ably with a map in hand and occasional checks on his GPS, walking past several piles of rocks that were not the peak (the first one has a geocache on it, if anyone's interested). Sherry and Sharon and I checked out the trees, mostly pinon pines and junipers at the west end, changing to white firs, Jeffrey pines, and sugar pines - or were they limbers? - as we neared the peak.

Our final destination was a bigger pile of rocks, a summit block that wasn't particularly difficult to climb but might make some people wish that the sign-in can was at the base rather than at the top. I don't remember where George stood on the "climbing the summit block" issue, but he was never shy about getting involved in a discussion, and I'm sure he'd be pleased if his peak generated some controversy. We stayed only a few minutes because of the threat of rain but enjoyed fantastic views of the dramatic clouds on the Gorgonio Ridge and the other HPS peaks surrounding us.

Wysup Peak is worthy of carrying George's name, as it has all of his favorite elements of HPS hiking - it's at a high elevation, demands some navigation skills, and has interesting botany, some rocks to climb, beautiful surroundings, and great views. I hope that, wherever George is, he knows that we're all enjoying visiting his peak.

**Hildreth Peak
December 3, 2011**

Leaders: Peter and Ignacia Doggett

On Saturday, December 3rd, 2011 the Doggetts led a group of 7 sturdy HPS hikers to Hildreth Peak from the Agua Caliente Hot Springs.

Even though this route is listed as Route #1 in the HPS Peak Guides, very few hikers use this route. The drive from the 101 hwy in Santa Barbara to our trailhead took almost 2 hours.

We started walking @ 9:40am and reached the summit @ 2:22pm. After a very short break on the top, we started back @ 2:30pm and reached the trailhead @ 6:40pm.

The hike was about 8.5 miles (each way). The total gain was around 5,200' and except for a mile of steep ridge, most of the route had modest inclines.

The entire hike took 9 hours and for the last hour we used our headlamps. On this night we had about a 60% full moon, but our headlamps proved to be very helpful in finding the trail.

On the first four miles of the hike we had to cross the Agua Caliente Creek about 10 times. These crossings presented us with little difficulty in the morning. We hiked @ a slower pace during our last hour (which was dark). We found that crossing the stream in the dark took more time; and in a couple of spots, it was more difficult to find the trail exiting the stream bed.

Some of the hiking trail and the jeep trail was overgrown with waist-high dried grasses and sharp thistle bushes. This part of the hike was rather unpleasant.

But the views of the surrounding hillsides were amazing. Although this hike is strenuous, requires good route finding skills & not for beginners; it is a wonderful hike.

We would like to thank: John Cederberg, Larry Campbell, Christine Soskins, Mary Varalyay & Mark Butski for joining our outing..

LPS and HPS History Buffs Learn about 1928 Catastrophic Dam Failure in Southern California

**Outing Leaders: Marlen Mertz, Wayne
Vollaire, Laura Franciosi**

On December 4, 2011, after driving the scenic Bouquet Canyon Road with its lovely fall colors, HPS and LPS participants hiked Jupiter Peak (Lower Peaks List) and lingered on top to enjoy a fine view of Bouquet Canyon Reservoir and all the way to Mojave and Tehachapi. This was a crystal clear day following the historic early December winds. Leaders took this moment to talk about the St. Francis Dam, located in the same area, and designed to create a reservoir as a

Giggles, Guts and Grades

By Ignacia Doggett



*LPS and HPS hikers on Jupiter Mtn. with view of Bouquet Canyon Reservoir in the background
From Left: Laura Franciosi, Wayne Vollaire, Chuck Shockency, Bill Faulkner, Michael Albanese.*

storage point of the Los Angeles Aqueduct. It was built between 1924 and 1926, under the supervision of William Mulholland, chief engineer and general manager of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

After visiting a nearby bump unofficially named Juno (Jupiter's consort), the hikers visited the St. Francis dam site (now a short walk down a closed road). While viewing the weathered broken chunks of concrete, the outing leaders offered a detailed history of the dam and the accident.

The St. Francis Dam was located 40 miles northwest of Los Angeles, California, near the present city of Santa Clarita. Three minutes before midnight on March 12, 1928, the dam failed catastrophically, and the resulting 125' dam break wave and flood killed more than 450 people.

Historians now estimate over 600 lives were lost including unaccounted itinerant farm workers camped in San Francisquito Canyon. The collapse of the St. Francis Dam is one of the worst American civil engineering failures of the 20th century and caused the second-greatest loss of life in California's history, after the 1906 San Francisco earthquake and fire. The disaster marked the end of Mulholland's career.

Many victims were swept out to sea when the flood reached the Pacific Ocean and were not discovered until they washed ashore, some as far south as the Mexican border. As recently as 1992, another victim was discovered deep underground near Newhall. The St. Francis Dam was not rebuilt, although Bouquet Reservoir (pictured here) and Castaic Dam were subsequently built as replacements for the St. Francis Dam (in 1934 and 1973, respectively).

"Ninety-nine percent of the failures come from people who have the habit of making excuses." (George Washington Carver) "My father taught me to do my best, to push myself to the point of failure, rather than look for pity from people." (young man, Oprah Show, May 2010)

I've taught math for three decades and, as a consequence, it has led me to study people and levels of initiative and effort. I've seen some people fish for strokes, not through generous acts or genuine achievement, but with a habitual victimhood. Even as adults ("Change is inevitable, growth is optional."), their excuses for why they can't do this or that simply keep them on a path of relative mediocrity or regression; sometimes, their example ultimately builds a similar culture of victimhood for their family.

Thus, I have both appreciation and wonder when I see someone striving for genuine feats of significance, rather than opting for a flimsy, contrived path to first (A recent Simpsons episode had the character of First Lady Michelle Obama declaring, "I got A's back when A's meant something!") At my school, I've been at the forefront in the battle against grade and award inflation -- the lazy politically correct way to feel compassionate. Consequently, in an era in which some choose fame over significance; superficiality over substance; and entitlement over merit, I feel honored to work and hike with people who continually earn my admiration through their example of genuine high standards and hard work.

In early December, we led a group of 7 to Hildredth from the Agua Caliente Springs. We were awed by Larry Campbell's gutsy ascent, despite muscle cramps that attacked his legs. Larry reminded the group of Peter's own bold visits to Hildredth. On October 31 of 1992, when the road from Hwy 33 was already closed, Peter did the 28 miles and 7000' gain in 8.95 hours. Six years later on November 7, the same road closed, he returned to hike it in 8.47 hours. Larry recounted what Peter had told him about that second trip (Some stories are funnier simply because they are true.). Larry contended that Peter should have gone into sales or espionage, based on Peter's performance at the end of that day. At 9:35 in the morning of that day, it was very cold. Peter reached into his SUV for an orange jumpsuit that his father had sent as a gag gift for Halloween. Wearing it helped him stay a little warmer. However, on his return, Peter could not open his car. The keys were on the floor of his locked car. A storm was threatening, snow was beginning to fall and Peter shivered with the cold. Peter tried unsuccessfully to hail a couple of vehicles to help him break into the car. Eventually, a man and a woman did stop. And dressed in a jumpsuit that read UTAH CORRECTIONAL

INSTITUTE, he somehow persuaded them to help him break into the car!

We had a generous amount of laughter and giggles on our way to and from Hildredth. The scenic route goes alongside a creek that has carved a beautiful broad canyon, and then atop the ridges of marvelous wild mountains.

The subject of giggles, guts and wild mountains reminds me of Sharon Heckler (Giggles to some; the giggletator in Cederbergspeak). Early in 2011, Peter and I had the privilege of leading Sharon to Big Rabbit. She had been anxious about Rabbit for a while; so, we started training with her in advance. Her anxiety might have been heightened by the comments of a workphobic female prone to exaggeration; so, they were put in perspective (No, the best she did was a little under 14; not 12). Sharon is a hard worker, but other obligations kept her from continuing her training. I now expected that I would need to guide her back in the dark for more than just a couple of hours; so, I suggested to Peter that he maintain the 14 hour pace with the rest of the group and his sweep on the day of the hike.

Sharon struggled a little on the long approach to Rabbit. Peter and his group were already descending the ridge east of Rabbit as I lead the way up the ridge for Sharon. At this point, Jose Muralles, joined us. After a short lunch and rest, I started our group of 3 down from Rabbit, about 40 minutes behind Peter's group. Giggles showed her grit. Tired, she nevertheless heeded my advice for hydrating and maintaining a steady pace back up to Villager. On the way down from Villager, I gave several reminders that safety was paramount, even as we descended briskly into the invading darkness. We could never see Peter's group, not even the light of their headlamps. My group was in the dark for almost 2 hours. We saw the first group again when we arrived back at the trailhead, a minute or two under 14 hours. It was a genuine, gutsy performance by Sharon.

On July 3, 2011, Sharon Heckler finished climbing all the mountains on the HPS list. She was the first to celebrate a list finish on Wildview Peak. It also happened to be her birthday. She carried up enough cupcakes for each of the other 40 people that joined in the celebration. It was a hardy group of hikers. Except for one relatively new hiker who needed a little extra guidance, the rest of the group negotiated the route to and from without problems. This included Sharon, carrying bags of leftover cupcakes by herself despite offers to help. It was a glorious day, with people enjoying the surrounding beauty and each other's company. It befitted the list finish of a gutsy, ever cheerful lady whose good spirits always add to the joy of our outings.

Chasing the Hike to Monte Arido & Old Man Mountain!

October 8, 2011

by Janice Boyd

The mission: to catch Ted and Pat's long distance HPS hike to Monte Arido and Old Man Mountain which began at the Matilija Trailhead at 6:00 AM.

I didn't want to leave my house at 3:30 AM. Instead, (unknown to them) I decided to start later and try to catch up. I parked at the Matilija Trailhead and at 7:29 AM the chase was on!

I had never been to this area and was relying on the HPS Route 2 hiking directions. Due to the road closure after last winter's heavy rainfall, this was the next best route chosen by the leaders to reach these two peaks.

From the parking area (1,540'), I walked 1/3 mile beyond the locked gate on a dirt road with two small stream crossings. At this point there is the option to take the Murietta Canyon Trail (2 miles) or stay on the dirt road (2.4 miles).

I chose the scenic Murietta Canyon Trail (24W07). This is a single track, wooded, lush green route with two major stream crossings. The first stream crossing was a vast, rocky, boulder-strewn, washed out section with three trail markers guiding the way to the other side where the trail continued. The trail was overgrown at times, shaded with the stream flowing nearby. The second stream crossing was a lovely area with enticing pools and rushing water creating mini waterfalls over boulders. There were no markers, but easier to find the trail on the other side.

The Murietta Canyon Trail ended at the dirt road. I walked 3 miles to the Murietta Divide, a sharp right turn, then onward another 7 miles to Monte Arido.

In the morning, the road was shady and cool weaving through brushy green hillsides. As the road became steeper, I could see Ted and Pat's group high above on the road in the distance. As I gained elevation, resplendent Jameson Lake came into view below, deep blue among an emerald oasis. Continuing up the dirt road, the scenery changed to a striking, rocky terrain.

At 11:15 AM and 12 miles later, I caught up with the group just as the last 2 people were ascending Monte Arido. From this peak at 6,010' elevation we were rewarded with a spectacular ocean view: the islands of Santa Catalina, Anacapa, Santa Barbara, San Clemente, San Miguel, Santa Rosa, San Nicolas and Santa Cruz were visible in the shimmering water.

From Monte Arido, we walked down the dirt road to the turnoff for Old Man Mountain, which was on the return route. The upper section of the ridge to the peak was extremely overgrown with hidden yucca stabbing us from underneath.

From the top of Old Man Mountain (5,538'), looking east we could see Camille's "Vulture Peak." The vivid, bouldered ridge accentuated the ascent to this

peak where lies a register. It is impressive - would love to climb that stony incline some day!

Returning to the road from Old Man Mountain, I left the group during the 600' uphill, after which the road returned to its downhill course. I relished the return on the Murietta Canyon Trail even though it was slower due to its rigorous nature. It was enchanting with jungle-like flora in the deep shade, the trail fading in sections due to overgrowth; the melody of water refreshing at the end of the hike on a warm afternoon.

I arrived at the parking area at 4:47 PM. Ted and Pat's group arrived at 5:45 PM, they had taken the dirt road round trip.

I keep thinking about how much I enjoyed this endurance hike. There was plenty of water from the stream and a spring during the first 4 miles. The cool, shady, green route in the morning; gorgeous Jameson Lake; the rugged landscape; overlooking the hazy ocean... a beautiful area. The changing trail conditions and views kept me from being bored.

I'm happy I didn't stay home because it was too early a start time, or I would have missed a FANTASTIC hike on an IDYLLIC day!

Leaders: Ted Lubeshkoff, Pat Arredondo;
Participants: Camille La Fredo, Kwee Thio, Robert F. Zueck, Miriam Khamis, Leo Logacho, Gary, Bill Gaskill;
Distance: 24.7 miles (25.5 miles via the dirt road);
Gain: 6,250'



Bill Simpson pointing out a baby Sycamore which is showing off its lovely fall colors.

Location: Fish Canyon on the way to the Lower Peak Redrock Mountain.

December 3, 2011. Leaders: Marlen Mertz, Wayne Vollaire, Laura Franciosi.

Front from left
Bernard Mines, Terry Atterbury, Marlen Mertz, Virginia Simpson, Winnette Butler, Stella Cheung, Dominic Alletto

Rear
Wayne Vollaire, Bill Kells, Bill Simpson

Hundred Peaks Section Holiday Party Weekend December 10-11, 2011

By Marlen Mertz

HPS holiday weekend celebrants survived frosty evenings (in the 20's) in Joshua Tree Sheep Pass Campground but were rewarded with perfect daytime hiking temps. The payoff was multiple peaks to check off, reunions with friends, lip-smacking food at the plentiful potluck, as well as song and chit chat around a blazing campfire. Wimps retired to local motels while the rest battened down in tents and trucks.

The weekend was first conceptualized by leader Ted Lubeshkoff and has now provided great memories of two December parties.

Several outings were canceled due to impassable access roads damaged by flash floods in the Southern end of Joshua Tree National Park. Nonetheless, the following eight peaks were hiked: Bernard, Little Berdoo, Malapai Hill (Lower Peak), Pinto (Desert Peak), Quail, Queen, Ryan and Warren Point. One participant spent Sunday bike riding the rolling roads of Joshua Tree.

Out of town guests included travelers from Colorado, Northern CA and two of our most enthusiastic hikers were young visitors from Australia.

Thank you Wayne Vollaire, HPS Programs Chair, for taking care of all the logistics of this enjoyable weekend. We are grateful for the contribution of outing leaders Laura Joseph, Pat Arredondo, Wayne Vollaire, Marlen Mertz, Harvey Ganz, Brent Costello, Wayne Bannister, Jennifer Washington, and Ted Lubeshkoff.

**THE NAVIGATION CORNER:
2012 NAVIGATION QUIZ**

By Bob Myers, LTC Navigation Chair

Last year's *The Navigation Corner* was devoted to exploring the National Geographic TOPO! software program. A navigation contest will kick off 2012 with the opportunity to win the latest version of California edition of TOPO!

The contest rules are simple: Answer the 10 questions set forth below. Email your answers to rmmyers@ix.netcom.com. Entries must be received by February 15, 2012, and only one entry per person. Anyone who gets five out of 10 questions right will be entered in a drawing for the following prizes:

1. National Geographic TOPO!, California Edition
2. Suunto MC-2 Professional Compass
3. 7.5 Minute Map Ruler

As an added prize, the first person to submit correct responses to all ten questions will also receive the California Edition of TOPO!

The contest winner will be announced in a future edition of the Lookout, along with the correct answers to the questions.

1. Using the Naismith Rule, the time to hike a level 1.3 inches on a 7.5 minute topographic map is?
 - A. 10 minutes
 - B. 15 minutes
 - C. 26 minutes
 - D. 39 minutes

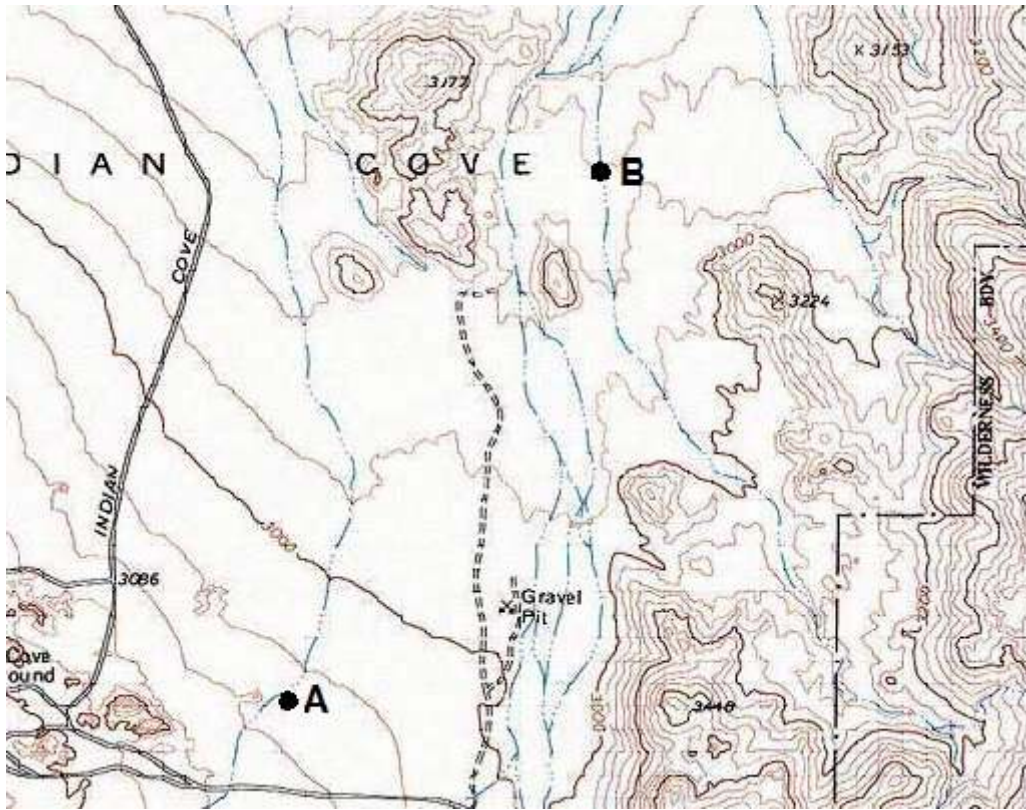
2. The area covered by a 7.5 minute topographic map is:
 - A. 49 square miles
 - B. 64 square miles
 - C. 71 square miles
 - D. Varies depending on latitude

3. The 7.5 minute map series:
 - A. Has a scale of either 1:24000 or 1:25000
 - B. Has a map to ground ratio of 1 inch represents 2400 feet
 - C. Covers an area of 7.5 minutes of longitude by 10 minutes of latitude
 - D. A and B

4. There are always four intermediate contour lines for every index contour line on a 7.5 minute topographic map:
 - A. True
 - B. False

5. On a topographic map with a contour interval of 40 feet, a rock pile represented by a single closed contour line has the following elevation:
 - A. 1 to 40 feet
 - B. 40 feet
 - C. 40 to 79 feet
 - D. 1 to 79 feet

Use the map below to answer Questions 6 - 10



6. What is the bearing from Point A (•) to Peak 3224? _____
7. What is the bearing from Point B (•) to Peak 3177? _____
8. What is the bearing from Peak 3448 to Point B (•)? _____
9. Your bearing to Point A (•) is 221° and to Point B (•) is 244° . You are at:
 - A. Peak 3152
 - B. Peak 3177
 - C. Peak 3224
 - D. Peak 3448
10. Your bearing to the Gravel Pit is 299° and to Point B (•) is 352° . You are at:
 - A. Peak 3177
 - B. Peak 3224
 - C. Peak 3448
 - D. Road Intersection (3086')

The Cabin Site

In the last The Navigation Corner, a route was planned to a “cabin” site on the Indian Cove 7.5 minute map. This site was noted by the topographic map symbol for a building. Calling this a “cabin” site was a bit of literary license on my part. The following is photograph of what you will see at the site:



This small structure covers a well with a hand pump. Amazingly, this pump still works and delivers water without much effort. Given the various chemicals used in mining throughout the area, it is unknown whether the water is drinkable.

Dave Cannon Writes

Dave Cannon offers the following tip for drawing routes with the TOPO! software: “When drawing using the Topo! Route tool I enlarge the level 5 view by 200% then go to the M/S mouse control panel (lower left corner of screen) and reduce the mouse speed significantly. That makes it much easier to draw accurately.”

Upcoming Navigation Events

With 17 days of navigation outings scheduled in 2012, we offer plenty of opportunities to learn navigation or improve your skills. If you would like the complete schedule, please email me.

On January 29, 2011, we offer our “Mt. Pinos Navigation Practice on Snowshoes.” This is a new navigation outing we launched last year where we will explore issues of navigating in snow conditions.

On March 31-April 1, 2012, we return to historic Mojave National Preserve for our 10th annual “Places We've Saved Navigation Noodle.” Principally designed as a practice, checkoffs can be specially arranged.

Our two-day Warren Point Navigation Noodle on April 21 and 22, 2011, is a great place to learn new navigation skills. Saturday is spent with instruction and field practice. Sunday is for checkoff for those who are ready and an additional practice day for others. We will be car camping starting on Friday afternoon.

I welcome your navigation questions. Contact me at rmmyers@ix.netcom.com.

Club Will Offer Outdoor Leadership Training April 14

Interested in becoming an outings leader for the Club?

Angeles Chapter is home to one of the largest outings programs on the planet – thousands of trips ranging from beach barbecues to mountaineering expeditions.

You can take the first step toward becoming a leader by attending a class offered by the chapter Leadership Training Committee on Saturday, April 14, at Costa Mesa Community Center in Orange County.

The class covers all the basics of leadership. Experienced leaders will tell you how to plan a trip, prevent problems on the trail and make sure that everyone – including you – has a great time. They'll also explain good conservation and safety practices. And they'll give you tips for getting your "O" rating quickly and then, if you choose, pursuing more advanced ratings.

The all-day class costs \$25. The application is online at angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc.

Mail the application and check, payable to Sierra Club, to Steve Botan, LTC Registrar, 18816 Thornwood Circle, Huntington Beach 92646. You also can reach Botan by phone (714-321-1296) or e-mail (lctr registrar@hundredpeaks.org).

Applications and checks are due March 31.

Scholarships are available for those with financial need. Apply to LTC Chair Tina Bowman (tina@bowmandesigngroup.com).

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Hundred Peaks Section Angeles Chapter Management Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: November 11, 2011

Location: Conference call.

Attendance: Mark Allen, Wayne Bannister, Dave Cannon, Karen Isaacson Leverich, Wolf Leverich, Ted Lubeshkoff, Pamela Rowe, Wayne Voltaire.

Chair Pamela Rowe called the meeting to order at 0640p. Consensus was to use March agenda as the March minutes.

MSP Karen/Wolf the September minutes as amended: May minutes prepared by Wayne Voltaire.

MSP Karen/Wayne V the September and October 2011 Treasurer's Report.

MSP Karen/Wayne V the November 2011 Membership Report.

Programs Report

Fall Festival:

- We had about 20 people at the potluck, 7 Friday, 6 Saturday night camping.
- Our bill was \$104 for the people who stayed.

Joshua Tree:

- Dates: 12/09-11/11.
- We have group sites 3 and 4 reserved this year.
- 4 outings for Saturday, 3 Sunday, campsite checkout is at noon but we generally don't have anyone wanting the campsites for Sunday night.

The Banquet:

- Date: 01/21/12.
- Mexican and American options are equal in cost, the Greek option is a few dollars more. We would probably run a small per-person deficit if we do the Greek option, but it was noted that the difference wouldn't materially affect HPS finances.
- Wayne V. will check to verify which buffets are vegetarian-friendly.
- We have 3 reservations for the Banquet already.

- Spring Fling:

Dates: 04/21/12 and 04/22/12.

Reservations are made with Foster Lodge.

\$200/night for up to 20 people, made for 2 nights.

Wayne V. will talk with Winnette Butler about the last time we had an event, and will check on how Foster Lodge will handle people just coming for the buffet.

Waterman: Date: 07/28/12.

Fall Festival: Dates: 10/06-07/12.

Ted suggests the Bandido Campground near Hillier.

\$100/night for half the campground (60 people), whole campground \$200/night (130 people).

Wayne V. is checking on how to reserve it for Friday and Saturday night.

Mountain Records

- Discussed unsuspending Hildreth, but it looks like access just got closed by the Forest Service.

- Dave Cannon's routes are up on the Website.

Merchandise

- Nothing sold in the last month.

- Dave Cannon suggested that we put an announcement in the weekly e-mail

message, he'll send a note to Karen who is doing the post this week for Ingeborg.

- We'll be publicizing merchandise in other ways, too.

Outreach - Position is still open.

Electronic newsletter - No complaints heard, so things look good.

The HPS Facebook Page - Seems to be going well.

First Aid Refresher

- 17 people attended, and Diane Dunbar was happy to have hosted it.

- We had one complaint that the "price was too high", but otherwise went well.

Strawberry Trail Adoption tabled until December.

Pamela submitted 15 people for Chapter awards.

Next meeting Tuesday, Dec 13th at Ranger House.

Meeting adjourned at 0736p.

Notes on the executive session considering awards will be sent in a separate message.

REGISTER BOX

by Mark S. Allen

Thanks to Noah Hall, Karen Leverich, Mars Bonfire and Dan Simpson for updates to the Register Box.

Missing and deficient registers:

8A Liebre Mt. deficient 11-09

9C Condor Peak missing 4-09

9D Fox Mtn. #2 missing 4-09

12B Mt. Disappointment missing

12C Mt. San Gabriel missing

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

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

HPS Merchandise

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Please make your check out to "Hundred Peaks Section"

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HPS logo patches embroidered with "100 Peaks" "200 Peaks"

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"List Completion" **\$7.00** "October Fest" **\$5.00**

Postage: standard size SASE one stamp per pin

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