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Abby King and her dessert creation for the
2013 HPS Banquet, held in January

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**Welcome to the new
issue of The Lookout
From Executive Editor,
Lilly Fukui
and
Managing Editor,
Chris Spisak**



Photo taken in the Alabama Hills, near Lone Pine

We recently had the opportunity to hike the two newest additions to the HPS Peak List, Beartrap Bluff and Minerva Hoyt, both with many hiking friends. They are wonderful additions to the List with unique vistas, gorgeous scenery, and a bit of challenge to get your blood pumping. We had the pleasure of doing Beartrap with Peter and Ignacia Doggett, originators of the route to these peaks. Peter said he noticed the distinctive summit block while doing nearby peaks, Reyes and Haddock, at least 20 years ago. He over time figured a good route to the peak and with Ignacia's help they refined and documented their submitted route. This takes you through old growth cedar and across slabs of sandstone, containing fossils. The large sandstone summit block is a steep climb, but worth the effort for the enhanced views it provides.

Minerva Hoyt is a neighbor to Quail in Joshua Tree National Park. It was a cold, blustery day that we chose to tackle this new peak. Keeping warm was tough, but the crisp, chilled air provided clear, distant desert views. We celebrated our climb and a birthday with many of our fellow hikers at Las Casuelas Nuevas, in Rancho Mirage.

If you haven't climbed these two peaks yet, we encourage you to get out soon and experience their unique beauty.

You won't be disappointed!

In this Issue:

- Two new peaks to climb: Beartrap Bluff and Mount Minerva Hoyt
- A new route to Mount Harwood
- A recounting of a rescue in our local mountains
- SIX pages of scheduled hikes
- Love comes in many forms, and for some their love is maps. Count us among them.
- Leadership Training class
- Our HPS Spring Fling!

Lots to do and read about. We hope you enjoy this issue!

HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION MEMBERSHIP REPORT

January 2014

ACHIEVEMENTS:

200 Leads

- #26 – Bruce Craig – 11/23/13 – Five Fingers
- #27 – Jim Fleming – 9/28/13 – Eagle Rest Peak

List Completion #21

- #1 – Mars Bonfire – 1/4/14 – Beartrap Bluff

List Completion #2

- #58 – Sonia Arancibia – 1/4/14 – Mount Minerva Hoyt

List Completion #1

- #296 – Miriam Khamis – 11/11/13 – Santa Cruz Peak
- #297 – Tanya Roton Kelliher – 11/23/13 – Five Fingers
- #298 – Mat Kelliher – 11/23/13 – Five Fingers

200 Peaks

- #470 – May Tang – 1/5/14 – Black Mountain #4
- #471 – David Baldwin – 1/19/13 – Lizard Head

100 Peaks

- #1144 – Matt Kraai – 12/26/13 – Cahuilla Mountain
- #1145 – Laura Newman – 11/2/13 – Round Top
- #1146 – Marit Chrislock-Lauterbach – 11/16/2013 – Winston Peak
- #1147 – Francesca Marcus – 12/15/2013 – Oakzanita Peak



DONATIONS:

- Tom Connery – \$82
- Kathy Rich - \$1
- Catherine Rossbach - \$10

NEW MEMBERS:

- Justin Bruno
- Mark Lyon
- John Gustafson
- Catherine Rossbach
- Marit Chrislock-Lauterbach



MEMBERSHIP COUNTS:

- 288 Members (248 primary + 41 household)
- 30 Subscribers
- 311 Total**

Greg de Hoogh, HPS Membership Chair

ROUTE 2

(USFS Adventure Pass required)

Distance: 5 miles round trip on road, trail, and cross-country

Gain: 3400'

Time: 5-6 hours round trip

Rating: Class 1, strenuous

Original: David Comerzan October 2013

DRIVING ROUTE 1

- Take the 210 freeway east to Baseline Road exit in the City of Claremont. Turn left (west) at the bottom of the off-ramp onto Baseline Road.
- Almost immediately, take the first right (north) onto Padua Ave.
- Go 1.8 miles north on Padua to the intersection with Mount Baldy Rd. Turn right (northeast).
- Take this road northeast and then north about seven miles to Mt. Baldy Village.
- Continue about four miles to the intersection with San Antonio Falls Road on the left (gated). Park here.

HIKING ROUTE 1

- From the parking area (6160'), pass the gate and hike up the road about ½ mile to where a trail goes up the left bank.
- Hike up the trail about 1/10th mile about 100 yards past the register box.
- Start up a use trail that goes up the ridge to the point where it crosses the Devil's Backbone trail.
- From this point, head northwest about ¼ mile to the peak



Hundred Peaks Section Management Committee Meeting Teleconference November 10, 2013

- Call to order.6:34pm
 - Bill Simpson, Chair
 - Alice Goldman, Vice Chair
 - Mark S. Allen, Secretary
 - Wayne Bannister, Mountain Records
 - Mathew Kelliher, Programs
 - Christine Soskins, Programs
 - Ron Campbell, Outreach
 - George Christiansen, Peak Closures
 - Marlen Mertz, Lower Peaks
 - Coby King, Facebook Feature

- Approval of 11-10-2013 MCOMM Ranger House Minutes- Christine/Mat/Passed (See attached report)
- Approval of December Treasurer's Report- Christine/Mat/passed (See attached report)
- Approval of 11-11-2013 Membership Report Greg de Hoogh-Mat/ Christine/passed (See attached report)
- Programs – Matt: Outings and Leaders Report (See attached report)
 - **Holiday Hoopla Borrego Springs:** Mat reserved Group site December 13 -15 Borrego Palms Canyon Campground. Response low at this point; one reservation.
 - Chair asks Mat to send out reminder to Leaders for more hikes
 - **Banquet**, HPS Annual Banquet January 11th
 - Christine states everything lined up- jobs assigned
 - Chair will introduce banquet speaker
- Marlen Mertz- Presented idea to include Lower Peaks presentation at HPS Banquet. Would be for 25 Lower Peaks Badge. Motion/Mat/Approved
 - Discussion: HPS Banquet has crowded agenda; goes long as is
 - Hundred Peaks Section does not certificate 25 Peaks accomplished
 - Lower Peaks people at HPS Banquet would increase attendance
 - Sharing events, (Spring Fling) with Lower Peaks would foster support

- Coby King- Presented idea of Facebook, (Social Media) Feature Event to advertise and promote the HPS Banquet. (See Attachment). OK'd by MCOMM
 - Information about Banquet details
 - Release immediately and periodically over the next few weeks
 - Not necessary to list on OARS; not a hiking event

- Ron Campbell- Chapter Safety Chair, requested of MCOMM that Hundred Peaks Section be “Beta Testers” of new on-line accident reporting program. Form would be sent to all Leaders and attempt to use it if and when there is an accident on a hike.
Ron/Christine/Approved
 - Accidents on hikes are currently underreported
 - Reporting of incidents is much too difficult at this point
 - Need to have enough hiking groups to do an adequate test
 - Proposes a new, easier way to communicate safety incidents on hikes
 - Create form, fill out and scan form, send over Internet
- George Christiansen- Mountain Records talked to Idyllwild District Ranger who stated extreme danger from Mountain Fire. Ron/Christine/Approved
The following peaks are to be suspended:
 - 28C Red Tahquitz
 - 28D Southwell Peak
 - 28E Antsell Rock
 - 28F Apache Peak
 - 28G Spitler Peak
 - 28H Palm View Peak
 - 28I Cone Peak
 - 28P Sam Fink Peak
- New route to Harwood Peak- Wayne/ Christine/ Approved
- Ron Campbell, Outreach- Nothing to report
- Section membership for pets- remains informal. Not to amend the Club Bylaws.
- Increasing HPS participation- Chair discussed the benefit of the Lower Peaks Section at the HPS Banquet.

Meeting Adjourned



HPS Chair William Simpson with George White and Tanya Roton Kelliher

RESCUE

Tuesday morning, 7am February fourth 2014 found me at Lugonia Avenue Jack In The Box Restaurant parking lot, Redlands joining a group for a private hiking trip to the San Jacinto Mountains. The peaks, Pyramid, Pine and Lyon were the day's objective. On this trip we were ride sharing a vehicle. This is always a hassle for me as the gear transfer adds to the stress of planning. Saves money, but forget your Leki sticks and die. Besides, I lose my discipline, as the events of the day would clearly show.

We left the car, (a parking place I would later forget), and I remember turning on my Garmin MAP 62 GPS device dedicated to creating a bread crumb return track for a safe return. However, I had not been to this area in well over ten years. I did have map and Club trip report, but would be returning solo and in the dark in an unfamiliar setting. Worst of all, I did not set a GPS waypoint. Bad form; really bad. Sierra Club Outings unfold according to the policies of the club but on private hikes everyone is as an individual totally responsible for their own wellbeing. Prepare for any event.

The weather stimulated all of us to get this day over as quickly as possible. There was a typical February chill in the air with a gusting wind and visible storm clouds. Winter daylight would be at a premium, also. The cardinal rule is we all stay together; not so easy with missed-matched hiking speeds. After reaching the far saddle I noticed two hikers on the southeast ridge of Pyramid Peak. Apparently I had passed them on the Pacific Crest Trail as they summited Pyramid. At this point I knew I would be returning next week to get Pyramid. No break for me here. We proceeded on to Pine Mountain and then returned over the intermediate bump to Lyon Peak. Ah! I remember we did take a short break at this time, but that I had turned around before Pine, also. I met the guys as they descended Lyon. As I climbed I promised to sign in and hike out to the car as we passed.

I sensed the unmistakable signature of a skunk while returning on the PCT by Pyramid. The trail in this segment did not produce the downhill switchback segment fast enough for me. "Did someone move it," I asked myself? At this point, engulfed in high vegetation, I thought it wise to check the GPS for bread crumb track and certify I hadn't missed the trail downhill. On trail, but the GPS demanded fresh batteries repeatedly while scolding me to use the better "Alkaline" quality in the future.

Off the switchbacks, wearing several layers but still cold and tired, I checked the GPS screen for route verification. Finally reaching the gates I had an idea the trailhead was near. Now, where did we park? Of course, normal practice is to "Remember where we parked." For insurance reasons I even snap a photo of my car before hitting the trail. Nothing this morning.

At the trailhead, I spent the next hours venturing out in forays looking for the parking place. Dark by now, there were several roads to walk. All the time I was eating my words and ego at waving off the others to return with a cavalier gesture. Staying together was key. On a tree stump next to the trailhead head sign I had set up a common area with my spare light on strobe on flashing mode. As the time slipped away my thought was that the guys would be checking on the trailhead and that was where I would be "found." It was looking like my shouting for them was only pissing-off the squirrels! Finally, at 8:30pm I initiated my FIND ME SPOT Satellite signaling device. I could hear a helicopter in the valley below. My "SOS" gave a location to the report most likely filed by the guys. This radio frequency, (121.5MHz) is a mandatory read by airlines and military planes, and the organization issuing the device who called my wife to verify, then the San Bernardino Sheriff Search and Rescue.

From my military service I knew the sound was a Bell Jet Ranger helicopter flying down the valley. It is a newer cousin to the UH-1H choppers I flew in Viet Nam in the '60s. There is the characteristic blade slap or popping sound of the main rotor blades. My wife was dealing with calls from the authorities concerning my location.

Ground assistance would have been my choice had there been communication. Simple extraction by vehicle. However, the helicopter was overhead. Again from my past I knew the drill. Helicopters create as much air turbulence as a tornado. Its power plant and rotor system only work at full speed. A good signal in a suitable clearing becomes essential. State of the art flight equipment becomes negligible landing in a forest setting where anything can foul the blades. I held up my spare hiking headlight flashing with the main headlight in my other hand pointed at me. I was not going to enjoy this ride, but wanted to do my part. Praise from the flight crew for my signaling. The return flight lasted an eternity as the flying machine had to clear the clouds carefully. There are times when a person becomes sick or injured. This was a time of troubling others because I was off my game. Bad Form.

Mark S. Allen

2/6/2014



Bill Simpson congratulates Zobeida Arauz on finishing the HPS List SEVEN times

Advance Schedule of Hundred Peaks Section Activities

March - July 2014

by Mat Kelliher, HPS Outings Chair

The following is a listing of all HPS Outings submitted and posted to the Angeles Chapter online Schedule of Activities (OARS) as of February 9, 2014. These outings cover the period ranging from March 1 through July 4, 2014. Note that **new HPS outings are added to the online schedule of activities (OARS) all the time**, often only a few days prior to when a trip is scheduled, so if you haven't found what you're looking for in this edition of The Lookout, be sure to check for newly added outings on the HPS online Schedule of Activities (OARS) at: <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/hps/outings.asp> frequently for last minute additions. And if you're still looking for something other than what's being offered on any given day, check out the Angeles Chapter online Schedule of Activities (OARS) for a staggering selection of outings options offered by all of the various Groups, Sections, and Committees of the Angeles Chapter here: <http://tioga.sierraclub.org/oars-activity/pages/activity.jsf?activity=32355>.

HPS outings are open to everyone; you don't need to be a member of either the HPS or Sierra Club to participate! However, to participate in an outing, you will be expected to sign a liability waiver, which you can preview here: <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc/transfers/SignInWaiver.pdf>.

Unless otherwise indicated, contact the leader of the outing(s) you'd like to join for trip status and details. Leader contact information is included in this edition of The Lookout, as are directions to the rideshare points (if any) referenced herein.

Mar 1 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Pyramid Peak (7035'), Pine Mountain #2 (7054'), Lion Peak (6868'), Ken Point (6423'): Double your pleasure by joining us for this two-days-in-one excursion of the eastern Desert Divide. After hiking the Cedar Springs trail up to the beautiful Pacific Crest Trail, we'll do a long stretch of the PCT -- leaving it only for the short treks to each peak. This 18 mile 3300' gain hike is only for the experienced and conditioned hiker. Please bring liquids, lug soles, layers, lunch and hat. For trip details, contact peterdoggett@aol.com. Leaders: PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT

Mar 2 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Heald Peak (6901'), Nicolls Peak (6070'): Join us for an all cross-country visit to two of the best peaks in Kern County. Heald has an interesting approach, and the views from Nicolls are outstanding. We plan to hike at a moderate pace. The terrain will be steep and brushy at times, and this hike would not be suitable for beginners. The total hike will be about 8 miles round trip with around 4100' gain. Bring lug soles, water, food, layers, hat and sunblock. Contact leader for status and details. Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-Leaders: JIMMY QUAN, BRUCE CRAIG

Mar 5 Wed Hundred Peaks

I: Cole Point (5604'), Mount Emma (5273'), Old Mount Emma (5063'): Total for the hike will be about 8 miles round trip with 3000' of gain. Bring lug soles, water, food, layers, hat and sunblock. Contact leader for status and details. Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-Leaders: JIMMY QUAN, BRUCE CRAIG

Mar 8 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: San Emigdio Mtn (7495') Brush Mtn (7040'): Venture up forgotten jeep roads, and forested ridges that invite you to stretch your legs and breathe in the beauty and history of the area. Once the home of native Americans, these mountains and canyons were then explored and inhabited by missionaries, pioneers, mountainmen and miners. The totals for this nonstandard route will be 11.5 miles rt and 2650' gain. Please bring liquids, lugsoles, layers, lunch, and hat. Contact peterdoggett@aol.com for trip details. Leaders: PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT

Mar 9 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Martinez Mountain (6560'+), Sheep Mountain (5141'): Join us for this strenuous hike to two peaks in the Santa Rosa Wilderness desert terrain. Totals for the day will be about 20 miles with around 5300' of gain. Enjoy views of the surrounding mountains, Palm Desert and the Coachella Valley. Not intended for new hikers. Bring lug soles, water, food, layers, hat, sunblock and headlamp (with extra batteries!). Contact leader for status and details. Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-Leaders: JIMMY QUAN, BRUCE CRAIG

Mar 9 Sun Hundred Peaks

O: 30th Anniversary Hike - Mt Lowe (5,603'), Mt Markham (5,741'), San Gabriel Peak (6,161'): This is the 30th anniversary of leader's first lead, of same hike on the same weekend. Kids (and older folks) welcome and expected, so tigers will have to be patient. Think of it as a Peripatetic Party. Each peak is optional. Mt Lowe will entail 220' gain from turnoff, Mt Markham 360' of gain, and San Gabriel Peak 900' of gain. Total for all 3 is 5-6 miles with 1500' gain. Come prepared to be comfortable whatever the weather. Meeting at La Canada Rideshare at 8:30 am. Leader: ASHER WAXMAN, Co-Leaders: BETH EPSTEIN, DAN RICHTER, PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT, GARY SCHENK, MARY JO DUNGFELDER, FRANCESCA MARCUS, MAT KELLIHER

Mar 11 Tue Hundred Peaks

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. All are welcome to join us and opportunities to become involved are available. The meeting begins at 6:30 pm via conference call. To receive access information to join in on the conference call, to have items added to the agenda, or to volunteer, please contact the HPS Chair: BILL SIMPSON

Mar 12 Wed Hundred Peaks

I: Round Mountain (5272'), Luna Mountain (5967'), Rattlesnake Mountain (6131'): Moderately strenuous loop tour, up to 10 miles round trip, 3000' gain in the Hesperia Backcountry east of Cajon Pass. We combine roads, trails, and desert fringe cross-country trekking for this adventure as we search for peaks to climb. Much dirt road driving; high clearance vehicles recommended. Bring lug soles, water, food, layers, hat and sunblock. Contact leader for status and details. Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-Leaders: JIMMY QUAN, BRUCE CRAIG

Mar 15 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Big Bunny Pentathlon Lap #5 - Villager Pk (5756'), Rabbit Pk #2 (6640'): Join us for the 5th lap of our Big Bunny Pentathlon. Sometimes referred to as Tyrannolepus Rex, we will again enjoy the tremendous views offered by this fantastic ridge. At 22 miles rt and 8000' gain, this strenuous hike is only for the experienced hiker. Alternate route possible. Please bring liquids (4 to 5 liters), lugsoles, layers, lunch, hat and headlamp (with extra batteries). Contact peterdoggett@aol.com for more information. Leaders PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT

Mar 19 Wed Hundred Peaks

I: Brush Mountain (7040'+), San Emigdio Mtn (7495'): Hike these two peaks near Frazier Park from Apache Saddle. The total hike will be about 10.5 miles Round Trip with 2900' of gain. Bring lug soles, water, food, layers, hat and sunblock. Contact leader for status and details. Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-Leaders: JIMMY QUAN, BRUCE CRAIG

Mar 22 Sat Lower Peaks, Hundred Peaks

O: LPC List Finish for TWO!! - McAuley Peak (2049'): Hike and help Wayne and Marlen celebrate their Lower Peaks list finish. Plan for a full day of fun. If we get some rain, the hills will be spring green and the flowers out. Choice of routes (5-10 miles). McAuley Peak memorializes the "Father of Santa Monica Mountains Hiking," Milt McAuley. This is an LPC Outing co-sponsored by HPS. Leaders: MARLEN MERTZ, WAYNE VOLLAIRE, LAURA FRANCIOSI. Rain date is the next day, Sunday March 23. RSVP to Marlen and more details will be sent closer to the date.

Mar 22 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Rabbit Peak #2 (6640') and Villager Peak (5756'): Join us Sunday for a very strenuous day hike to the BIG Bunny. The total hike will be about 22 miles round trip with around 8300' of gain. Not intended for new hikers. Bring lug soles, water, food, layers, hat, sunblock and headlamp (with extra batteries!). Contact leader for status and details. Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-Leaders: JIMMY QUAN, BRUCE CRAIG

Mar 23 Sun Hundred Peaks

O: Caliente Mountain (5106'): ****MOUNTAIN BIKE TRIP**** Join us for a mountain bike trip to this historically significant peak west of Maricopa for 15 miles round trip with 2900' of gain. Dirt road and excellent single-track trail the whole way. Bring helmet and spare tube. Suitable only for experienced and conditioned bikers. Moderate pace. High clearance vehicles advised. Bring water, food, layers, hat and sunblock. Contact leader for status and details. Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-Leaders: JIMMY QUAN, BRUCE CRAIG, VIRGINIA SIMPSON

Mar 29 Sat WTC, Hundred Peaks, 20's & 30's Section, DPS

I: Last Chance Mountain (8456'): Enjoy a beautiful cross-country, springtime day hike to Last Chance Mountain at the north end of Death Valley National Park. The hike will be 7 miles round-trip with approximately 2300 ft. of gain. Optional car camp Friday & Saturday nights under a new moon near the entrance to decommissioned Crater Mine. You may pair this trip with the day hike to Sandy Point on Sunday, March 30. Bring 10 essentials, 3 – 4 liters water, and a pleasant demeanor. Wilderness Travel Course, or similar experience & training, is encouraged. This is a WTC Outing co-sponsored by 20's & 30's Section, Desert Peaks Section, and Hundred Peaks Section. Send experience, current conditioning and contact information to Leader: BENJAMIN BOWES (bowes.benjamin@gmail.com). Assistant: WILL McWHINNEY

Mar 29 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Samon Peak (6227') Bike-n-Hike: Mountain bike a fireroad to Chokecherry Spring, then hike a ridge route that winds up, down and around to this spectacular HPS Peak. The entire trip will cover 23 miles round trip with about 4000' gain. Bring mountain bike, helmet, spare tube, lock, night riding light, water, lunch and jacket. To finish by darkness, we'll need to progress at a moderate pace. Not suitable for beginners. Send recent conditioning to peterdoggett@aol.com for trip details. Leaders PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT

Mar 30 Sun WTC, Hundred Peaks, 20's & 30's Section, DPS

I: Sandy Point (7062'): Cross-country, springtime day hike to Sandy Point near the north end of Death Valley National Park. This hike affords panoramic views of the Eureka Valley and snowcapped Eastern Sierra Nevada Mountains in the distance. 11-mile round-trip with approximately 2000 ft. of gain. Optional car camp Saturday & Sunday nights under a new moon near the entrance to decommissioned Crater Mine. You may pair this trip with the day hike to Last Chance Mountain on Saturday, March 29. Bring 10 essentials, 3 – 4 liters water, and a pleasant demeanor. Wilderness Travel Course, or similar experience & training, is encouraged. This is a WTC Outing co-sponsored by 20's & 30's Section, Desert Peaks Section, and Hundred Peaks Section. Send experience, current conditioning and contact information to Leader: BENJAMIN BOWES (bowes.benjamin@gmail.com). Assistant: WILL McWHINNEY

Mar 30 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Lizard Head (5250') & Cuyama Lookout (5878'): Enjoy views of wild mountains and canyons as we hike up a steep, then undulating route whose ridge and summit resemble one of the prevalent life forms in this area: the Small-scaled Tree Lizard (*Vrosaurus microscutatus*). After this 11 mile rt and 3900' gain hike, drive up to Cuyama Lookout and take in its wonderful 360-degree views. Please bring liquids, lugsoles, layers, lunch and hat. Contact peterdoggett@aol.com for trip details. Leaders PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT

Apr 5 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: The Big Three Bike-n-Hike: McKinley Mountain (6200'), Santa Cruz Peak (5570'), San Rafael Mountain (6593'): Ride your bike into the wild and enjoy the ride, hike and amazing views as we visit these peaks above Lake Cachuma. Totals for the day will be 31 miles round trip 8100' gain with a mix of fire road biking (17 miles), firebreak, steep and loose cross country, and trail. Not suitable for beginners. Bring helmet (required), spare tube, locking cable, night riding light, and the usual hiking gear. Send recent conditioning to peterdoggett@aol.com to get trip details. Leaders PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT

Apr 12 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: McKinley (6200+'), San Rafael (6593'), Santa Cruz (5570'): Join us for a two day, one night backpack to these peaks in the Los Padres National Forest, north of Goleta in Santa Barbara County. Total for the three peaks: 33 miles, 8600' gain. We will spend the night at McKinley Spring. Slow to moderate pace. High clearance vehicle advised. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, PAT ARREDONDO

Apr 12 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Big Pine & West Big Pine Bike-n-Hike: Big Pine Mtn (6800') West Big Pine Mtn (6490'): Visit these two most remote and pristine peaks via mountain bike on fire road, and short hikes on reclaimed forest roads. The lookout tower of the second peak is gone, but tremendous views remain making West Big Pine the favorite of many. The entire trip will cover 36 miles round trip with 5200' gain. Bring mountain bike, helmet, spare tube, lock, night riding light, water, lunch and layers. To finish by darkness, we'll need to progress at a moderate pace. Not suitable for beginners. Send recent conditioning to peterdoggett@aol.com for trip details. Leaders PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT

Apr 12 Sat LTC, Hundred Peaks, WTC, DPS, SPS

I: Places We've Saved Noodle in Mojave National Preserve: Join us for our 10th navigation outing at this jewel of the Mojave which was preserved under the California Desert Protection Act as a result of the efforts of Sierra Club activists and others. A basic to advanced cross-country navigation workshop will be conducted out of the Mid Hills area in the pinyon and juniper forests at 5500' elevation. Potluck and social on Sat, and for those arriving early on Fri. Limited to 14 participants. Send email/sase to Leader: ROBERT MYERS. Co-Leaders: VIRGIL SHIELDS, ANN SHIELDS, ADRIENNE BENEDICT

Apr 13 Sun Hundred Peaks

O: Peak Mountain (5843'), McPherson Peak (5749'): Drive a tree lined mountain road up to a ridge road above northern Santa Barbara County. Enjoy the expansive views and do an easy 1 mile 400' gain hike up a firebreak to the first summit; and then a short walk to the second. Please bring liquids, lugsoles, layers, lunch, and hat. Contact peterdoggett@aol.com for trip details. Leaders PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT

Apr 19 – 20 Sat – Sun Hundred Peaks

HPS Spring Fling 2014: Saturday April 19th is the date for this year's fun and festive group overnight in the Angeles National Forest. We have reserved Bandido Group Campground, site 003, located twenty eight miles north of La Canada on Highway 2, near Three Points. Check the HPS website, the Lookout, or the Angeles Chapter Outings website for scheduled Spring Fling hikes, and contact hike leaders directly for information on specific hikes. Join us for traditional fun and merriment including Happy Hour and Pot Luck Dinner, with Tamale Pie contributed by Mark Allen. No charges for the campground, but reservations are limited to 30 people, therefore on a first come, first served basis. Campground Directions: Travel 28 miles north from La Canada on Highway 2 and turn left onto Forest Service Road 3N17 (Santa Clara Divide Road). Continue west 2 miles to the entrance gate on the left. Be sure to email HPS Programs Committee Reservationist, MARK S. ALLEN: backhikn@gmail.com.

Apr 19 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Big Iron: Iron Mountain #1 (8007'): Steep and strenuous hike in the Angeles National Forest is rewarded with tremendous panoramic views of the wild canyons and surrounding mountains -- Angeles Crest, Blue Ridge and San Antonio Ridge among them . The total hike is 14 miles round trip with 7200' gain. Please bring liquids, lugsoles, layers, lunch and hat. Send recent conditioning to peterdoggett@aol.com for trip details. Leaders PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT

Apr 26 Sat LTC, Hundred Peaks, WTC, DPS, SPS

M/E: Sierra Snow Checkoff/Practice: For M & E candidates wanting to check off leadership ratings and/or others who wish to practice new techniques. Restricted to SC mbrs with some prior basic training with the ice axe. Send SC#, climbing resume, email, H&W phones to Ldr: NILE SORENSON Co-ldr: DOUG MANTLE.

Apr 26 Sat LTC, Hundred Peaks, WTC, DPS, SPS

I: Warren Point Navigation Noodle: 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/sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to Leader: ROBERT MYERS. Assistant: PHIL WHEELER

Apr 26 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Madulce Peak (6536') Bike-n-Hike: Bike and hike to this beautifully forested peak, one of the Big Four, west of Maricopa. Steep, then enjoyable ride on fire road followed by a hike on sometimes rough trail. Totals for the day are 28 miles rt with 4200' gain. Bring helmet (required), spare tube, locking cable, night riding light and the usual hiking gear. Send recent conditioning to peterdoggett@aol.com for trip details. Leaders PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT

Apr 27 Sun LTC, Hundred Peaks, WTC, DPS, SPS

I: Warren Point Navigation Noodle: 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/sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to Leader: ROBERT MYERS. Assistant: PHIL WHEELER

Apr 27 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Fox Mountain #1 (5167'): Relaxed pace on a ridge route hike to this nice peak in the Los Padres National Forest. The entire hike will be 5 miles round trip with a total of 2300' gain (2100' going & 200' on the return). Please bring liquids, lugsoles, layers, lunch and hat. Contact peterdoggett@aol.com for trip details. Leaders PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT

May 3 Sat WTC, Hundred Peaks, 20's & 30's Section, DPS

I: Eagle Mountain #1 (5350'): Join us for an enjoyable cross-country backpack trip into the Eagle Mountains of Joshua Tree National Park. 12-mile round-trip with 2400 ft. of gain. The Eagle Mountains are an appealing destination that mark the transition between Colorado Desert and higher-elevation Mojave Desert ecological zones. Desert saltbush, creosote bush and cholla cactus of the low-elevation Colorado Desert give way to uniquely beautiful Joshua Trees as we hike to the peak of Eagle Mountain #1. Saturday we will hike 3.5 miles off-trail to dry camp area, set up camp and then hike 4.2 miles round-trip to summit. Return to camp for happy hour and good conversation. Sunday morning will begin at a leisurely hour to break camp. On the return hike we will visit historic Mastodon Mine and Cottonwood Spring. Bring 10 essentials, all water, and a pleasant demeanor. Wilderness Travel Course, or similar experience & training, is encouraged. This is a WTC Outing co-sponsored by 20's & 30's Section, Desert Peaks Section, and the Hundred Peaks Section. Send experience, current conditioning and contact information to Leader: BENJAMIN BOWES (bowes.benjamin@gmail.com). Assistant: DWAIN ROQUE

May 3 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Owens Peak (8453'), Mount Jenkins (7921'), Morris Peak (7215'): Six great HPS peaks crown Indian Wells Canyon in Kern County. Hike half the crown in one day, rather than the usual 2. Our circuit includes the fun and forested trail to Owens (also an SPS peak) and the Pacific Crest Trail with its fabulous views -- the long and wonderful canyon, the rugged slopes of Backus-Russell, and the white-cliffed jagged ridgeline to Five Fingers. At 17 miles round trip with 6000' of gain, this hike is for the well-conditioned experienced hiker. Please bring liquids, lugsoles, layers, lunch & hat. Contact peterdoggett@aol.com for trip details. Leaders PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT

May 10 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Little San Gorgonio Pk(9133'), Wilshire Mtn (8832'), Wilshire Pk (8680'), Cedar Mtn (8324'), Birch Mtn (7826'), Allen Pk (5795'): Traversing the rarely visited Yucaipa Ridge, you are immersed in a beautiful grand forest -- magnificent yet welcoming. Wander with us through these woods, and share wonderful views of Galena to the east and the San Bernardino Crest to the north. Strenuous, not for beginners; approx. 15 miles rt and 5000' gain. Please bring lugsoles, liquids, layers, lunch and hat. Contact peterdoggett@aol.com for trip details. Leaders PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT

May 13 Tue Hundred Peaks

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. All are welcome to join us and opportunities to become involved are available. The meeting begins at 6:30 pm via conference call. To receive access information to join in on the conference call, to have items added to the agenda, or to volunteer, please contact the HPS Chair: BILL SIMPSON

May 31 Sat LTC, Hundred Peaks, WTC, 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 Pk and practice micro-navigation skills along the way. Send email (preferred) or sase, with contact info & recent conditioning to Leader: ROBERT MYERS. Co-Leaders: JANE SIMPSON, ADRIENNE BENEDICT, ANN PEDRESCHI SHIELDS

Jun 1 Sun LTC, Hundred Peaks, WTC, DPS, SPS

I: Grinnell Ridge Navigation Noodle: 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/sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare, to Leader: ROBERT MYERS. Assistant: PHIL WHEELER

Jun 7 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Baldy Grand Tour Part 4 - Cucamonga Peak (8859'), Etiwanda Peak (8662'), Bighorn Peak (8441'), Ontario Peak (8693') and Sugarloaf Peak (6924'). Join us as we tour the magnificent Baldy area east-south by going up to the cool heights of the Cucamonga Wilderness and down into the raw beauty of Falling Rock Canyon. At 18 miles rt with 6200' of gain, this hike is for the well-conditioned experienced hiker. Please bring liquids, lug soles, layers, lunch & hat. Contact peterdoggett@aol.com for trip details. Leaders PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT

Jun 14 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: San Jacinto Six: Cornell Peak (9750'), San Jacinto Peak (10,804'), Folly Peak (10,480'), Drury Peak (10,160'), Marion Mountain (10,320'), Jean Peak (10,670'): We've toured the San Antonio area, the first of the Sans. Now join us for a tour of the second San. San Jacinto SIX is a marvelous mix of tram ride, use trail, cross-country and light boulder hopping. Within minutes one is transported from a hot desert biome to the cool climate of an alpine forest and its green fern meadows, tall trees, and breathtaking vistas. This 14 mile, 5000' gain, consistent pace hike is only for the well-conditioned experienced hiker. Please bring \$ for the tram, lugsoles, liquids, layers, lunch and hat. For trip information contact peterdoggett@AOL.com. Leaders PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT

Jun 14 Sat LTC, Hundred Peaks, WTC, DPS, SPS

I: Navigation: 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, rideshare info, \$25 deposit, refunded at trailhead (Sierra Club) to Leader: DIANE DUNBAR. Co-Ldr: RICHARD BOARDMAN

Jun 21 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Crest Quintet: Mt Islip (8250'), Mt Hawkins (8850'), Throop Pk (9138'), Mt Burnham (8997'), Mt Baden-Powell (9399'): Stretch your legs on this quintessential ridge hike, spanning from Mt. Islip on the west to Mt. Baden-Powell to the east. Visit peaks named for George Islip (prospector/ homesteader), Nellie Hawkins (popular waitress), Throop (Cal Tech's original name), Major Burnham (explorer and promoter of the Boy Scouts), and Lord Baden-Powell (founder of the Boy Scouts). Spectacular views, lookout & cabin ruins, the superb Pacific Crest Trail and a 1,500 year old limber pine are only part of what awaits you. At 14.5 miles and 3600', this hike is not suitable for beginners. Please bring liquids, lugsoles, layers, lunch and hat. Contact peterdoggett@aol.com for trip details. Leaders PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT

Jun 28 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: San Gorgonio Greats: Dobbs Peak (10,459'), Jepson Peak (11,205'), San Gorgonio Mtn (11,499'), Bighorn Mtn (10,997') and Dragons Head (10,866'): Join us for this great hike to the third San of our three Sans series. We'll leave the Vivian Creek trail to ascend the formidable ridge to Dobbs Peak; continue the challenging climb over Jepson to the highest point in Southern California, San Gorgonio; descend and climb a still tough Bighorn and the awe-inspiring Dragonshead; contour to rejoin the beautifully verdant Vivian Creek trail. This strenuous 17.5 miles, 6500' gain hike is only for the well-conditioned experienced hiker. Please bring lugsoles, layers, liquids, lunch and hat. For trip details contact peterdoggett@aol.com. Leaders PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT

Jul 4 Fri Hundred Peaks

I: Mt Lewis (8396'), Kratka Ridge (7515'), Mt Akawie (7283'), Winston Pk (7502'), Mt Hillyer (6200+), Vetter Mtn (5908'), Mt Mooney (5840+), Mt Sally (5408'), Occidental Pk (5732'), Mt Wilson (5710'): July 4th Jamboree. Join us as we celebrate our national holiday, Independence Day, in a national forest -- Angeles National Forest. While the signers of the Declaration of Independence risked loss of property and life, we only have to risk a bit of sweat. Do one, some, or all 10 (perhaps more) peaks as we will drive between trailheads and climbs. The total hike will be about 12 miles round trip with roughly 3000' of gain. Additional or alternate peaks possible. Please bring liquids, lugsoles, layers, lunch & hat. Contact peterdoggett@aol.com for meeting details. Leaders PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT

THE NAVIGATION CORNER: WHERE TO GET MAPS

By Bob Myers, LTC Navigation Chair

Cartophilia: the love of maps.

One of Christmas gifts I received was a book by Ken Jennings called *Maphead: Charting the Wide, Weird World of Geography*. Jennings is best known for holding the record for the longest winning streak on the U.S. syndicated game show Jeopardy. Like many of us, Jennings loves maps, and his book is a fascinating look at many aspects of mapping.

With the digital revolution, an entire generation is growing up without using paper maps. Smartphones and vehicle GPS devices have replaced the Thomas Brothers Street Guides that many of us used to get around Southern California. Using the street finder grid on the Thomas Brothers map is much like finding UTM coordinates on our topographic maps. The Automobile Club maps were the source of many hours of enjoyment. Prior to my first adventure in the four corners area, I spent countless hours looking at the AAA map "Guide to Indian Country."

Paper maps are becoming harder to find. As noted in previous editions of *The Navigation Corner*, there have been several recent changes that impact our access to the topographic maps that we use in our outdoor activities. First, the United States Geological Service discontinued the 7.5 minute map series that we use and replaced it with the US Topo Map series. Unfortunately, the new maps are poor substitutes and all but useless for recreational users. Second, the very popular National Geographic TOPO! State software series was discontinued in 2012.

In this column, I will explore some of the options available to meet our mapping needs. Topics covered will include paper maps, software programs, and web-based maps. In a future column I will explore applications for your smartphones.

Paper Maps

USGS Map Store (store.usgs.gov). Using the map locator and downloader at the USGS store, you have access to all topographic maps. All maps are available for free download in .pdf format. Many maps in the 7.5 minute map series are still available for purchase. It is unclear how much longer these maps will be available for sale.

Map Stores. The USGS has a list of business partners which sell topographic maps. (Google "USGS Business Partners" to find the link.) Because USGS maps are not copyrighted, some vendors sell them using their own printing resources. One such vendor is Omni Maps (www.omnimap.com). The only major map store in Southern California – Pacific West Maps in Orange – is planning on closing in the next six months. You can find more information about this store at www.pacificwestmaps.com. You might want to stock up on maps before it closes its doors.

Print Your Own Maps. All USGS maps are available for download and can be self-printed. If you do not have access to a large plot printer, you can use the poster printing option in Adobe and print nine 8.5 x 11 pages and tape them together to form a single topographic map.

Recommendation: Continue to get paper maps directly from the USGS store as long as they are available.

Software

National Geographic TOPO! Although no longer available at retail outlets, this software can sometimes be found from other sources such as EBay. For those who have this software, the good news is that it works on Windows 8 and will continue to be a good mapping program to use. The only feature of this software that will degrade over time is the declination information. (For those not using the last available version of the software, the declination information might already be outdated.)

Terrain Navigator Pro (\$399) (www.mytopo.com). This product is sold on a state by state basis and has all of the functionality of National Geographic TOPO! It has a number of printing templates, including one that replicates the USGS map margins.

TOPO North America, Version 10.0 (\$99.95) (www.delorme.com): This is a full featured mapping program. It come with topographic map coverage of the entire United States. However, the topographic maps are not as detailed as USGS quads. For an annual subscription fee of \$29.95, you can download USGS 7.5 maps into the program.

All Topo Maps (\$275 for California) (www.igage.com). This software program arrived with over 36 DVD disks. With a 311 page instruction manual, this is a very difficult program to use.

Recommendation: If you have TOPO!, keep it. If you want to purchase a program, Terrain Navigator Pro is the best available.

On the Web

Alltrails.com (\$49.99 annual subscription fee). This is the online successor to National Geographic TOPO! Products. Although it has some nice features, such as access to all of the Trails Illustrated maps, Alltrails is not a good replacement for TOPO! It has a very limited range of preference settings, offers a variety of scales but not 1:24000, only uses the NAD83 datum, and does not have good printing options.

Caltopo.com (free). This program has many of the features available in standalone software programs. It gives you a wide variety of map layers and has a very nice print function that allows printing at the 1:24000 map scale. You can select either the NAD 27 or NAD 83 datum and use either longitude/latitude or UTM coordinates.

Hillmap.com (free). Hillmap markets itself as “a web based mapping app that lets backcountry travelers create and print free, customizable maps from high quality map layers. You can also use tools to calculate slope, check the weather at your destination, analyze snowpack, and more.”

Trails.com (\$49.95 annual subscription fee). This website offers over 50,000 Trail Guides and USGS Topo Maps and claims that “Whether you are looking for hi-resolution topo map downloads or detailed route descriptions (or both), we have you covered.” Although providing access to topographic maps, it has limited options compared to the software programs discussed above. In my opinion, the only reason to use this site is to obtain access to the trail guides. It does offer a 14 day free trial if you want to check it out.

Recommendation: Caltopo and Hillmap have very nice features. The print function on Caltopo is superior.

Upcoming Navigation Events

On April 12-13, 2014, we return to historic Mojave National Preserve for our "Places We've Saved Navigation Noodle." Principally designed as a practice, check offs can be specially arranged.

Our two-day Warren Point Navigation Noodle on April 26 and 27, 2014, is a great place to learn new navigation skills. Saturday is spent with instruction and field practice. Sunday is for check off for those who are ready and an additional practice day for others. We will be car camping starting on Friday afternoon.

I'm leading a navigation practice to Heart Bar Peak on May 31, 2014, and we have our Grinnell Ridge Navigation Noodle on June 1, 2014.

Our next Beginning Navigation Clinic is on June 14, 2014.

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

DARE TO LEAD!! Leadership Training Seminar Set for April 12, 2014

Becoming a Sierra Club outings leader starts with curiosity and a love of the outdoors. What better way to step up and lead than by taking advantage of the training opportunities that the Angeles Chapter's Leadership Training Committee provides each year.

As home to one of the largest outings programs on the planet, the Sierra Club Angeles Chapter's many groups, sections and committees sponsor 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 on **Saturday, April 12 at Eaton Canyon Nature Center in Pasadena.**

The seminar 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. At this same site, you can pore over more of LTC's upcoming offerings which are also on the Schedule of Activities page.

Mail the application and check, payable to Sierra Club, to Steve Botan, LTC Registrar, 18816 Thornwood Circle, Huntington Beach 92646. You also can reach Steve by email (ltcregistrar@hundredpeaks.org) or by phone ([714-321-1296](tel:714-321-1296)).

Applications and checks are due March 29, 2014

Scholarships are available for those with financial need. Apply to LTC Chair Anne Marie Richardson <AMLeadership@gmail.com>

HPS SPRING FLING 2014!!
APRIL 19 – 20, 2014
ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST
BANDIDO GROUP CAMPGROUND

The Annual HPS Spring Fling will be held this year in the historic Angeles National Forest in the vicinity of 3-Points over the weekend of April 19th – 20th! Come join us for one or both days on hikes (to be posted on OARS soon!) to some of our most scenic peaks north and south of the Angeles Crest Highway. Stay awhile Saturday evening for a campout and Pot Luck Dinner and enjoy the delicious and the world renowned *Tamale Pie* prepared and contributed by Mark Allen. Good times and great hikes are virtually guaranteed! Bandido Group Campground, Group Site 003 has been reserved for Saturday night to accommodate busy schedules. We're limited to 30 people at the campsite, and reservations are on a first come, first served basis, so be sure to send an email to the HPS Programs Reservationist, Mark S. Allen at bakhikn@gmail.com soon to secure your spot!! Campground Directions: Travel 28 miles north from La Canada on Highway 2 and turn left onto Forest Service Road 3N17 (Santa Clara Divide Road). Continue west 2 miles to the entrance gate on the left. Contact individual hike leaders directly for information on specific hikes. Please email HPS Programs Reservationist Mark S. Allen for campground reservations and additional information: bakhikn@gmail.com



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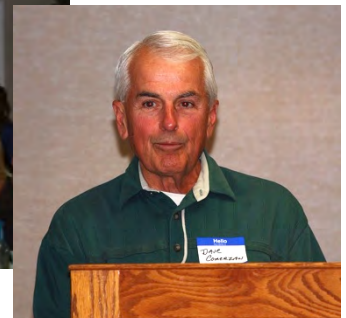
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