

THE LOOKOUT



OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION
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**Congratulations to Bill Simpson,
who earned his List Finish #6
emblem October 19, 2014 on
Grays Peak!**



**Get to know Dave Comerzan a
little better, in an installment of
“Meet Your Leaders”**

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Wolf and Karen Leverich maintain **The Hundred Peaks Section Website**.

It can be accessed at: <http://www.hundredpeaks.org/>



HPS WEBSITE NEWS

By Karen Leverich

The big news is ... we moved, but kept the look and feel of the site Charlie Knapke designed for HPS over a decade ago. You can find the new site here:

<http://www.hundredpeaks.org/>

Why the move? Are we mad at the Sierra Club? At Angeles Chapter? Are they mad at us? No, no, nothing like that! Perhaps to tighten up security, the Sierra Club will, sometime next year, stop support of old-style pages like we have. It's not as if they're simply pulling the plug and turning out the lights. There is already a new-style (Drupal) server and the Club is encouraging and assisting Chapters and Sections to reformat or reformulate their sites for the new system. Check out the Angeles Chapter page for the new look:

<http://angeles2.sierraclub.org/>

Drupal sites look great and support a lot of fancy features. But not our old-style stuff, and your faithful webmasters got spooked at the notion of rebuilding our 1000s of pages of peak guides, trip reports, summit signatures, etc. at some undetermined future time into a format supported by Drupal, perhaps with a tight deadline.

Also, the HPS MComm was hoping we could do something that would give HPS a higher Google ranking. Moving into our own domain should do just that.

Advantages:

- We can decide if/when we want to move onto the Club's Drupal server. Perhaps after we find a Drupal guru in HPS who has already built several complicated sites and is itching to tackle another.
- Thanks to Wolf's engineering of a system architecture designed specifically for HPS needs, the new site is faster than ever before.

- The entire site is more maintainable than before. Did you ever wonder why every single page was Copyright 2003? Hint: that's the last time I had the patience to manually update each and every file with the New Year. Now, I can edit a single file and the date is changed everywhere. It's the simple things in life.

Disadvantages: Um, ask me later?

Over the next several months, we're hoping to

- Add "homepages" for each peak. See Sunday Peak for an example:

<http://www.hundredpeaks.org/Peaks/01A.html>

- Scan and share several old registers from the historical collections.
- Add some interactive features such as message boards for each route or peak where recent visitors can report on current conditions, look for advice on best approaches, ask for climbing partners, etc.
- No promises, but maybe a shopping cart for merchandise, support for online voting and/or opinion polls.

Meanwhile, Jim Hagar is converting all our map files to the most current version of TOPO!, but also setting up CalTopo versions and .jpeg versions. This is a Herculean task, but once it is complete, the maps will be accessible to all of us! (Or at least, all of us that have access to the Internet.)

Watch this space: <http://www.hundredpeaks.org/>

HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION MEMBERSHIP REPORT – July 2014

ACHIEVEMENTS:

Lead the List #2

#9 – Dave Comerzan – 7/2/14 – Barley Flats

List Finish #22

#1 – Mars Bonfire – 6/12/14 – Wild View Peak

List Finish #4

#21 – Dave Comerzan – 7/2/14 – Barley Flats

100 Pathfinders

#55 – Diana Neff Estrada – 6/14/14 – Folly Peak

#56– Jorge Estrada – 6/14/14 – Folly Peak

200 Peaks

#473 – Jimmy Quan – 6/11/14 – Suicide Rock

DONATIONS:

Mike Stubblefield - \$25

Mark Allen - \$26

George Christiansen - \$50

NEW MEMBERS:

Mike Stubblefield

Shannon Porter

MEMBERSHIP COUNTS:

286 Members (246 primary + 40 household)

23 Subscribers

309 Total

Greg de Hoogh, HPS Membership Chair



Welcome to this new issue of The Lookout

This is the twelfth issue we have produced since Joe Young handed us the rudder. So far, smooth waters. The Lookout is a production of many individuals. Contributing writers and photographers who produce regularly, and the occasional freelance writer's contributions. We have yet to receive any hate mail. There's still time!

Send any contributions you would like to share. Photos, notes about hikes or hikers, anything appropriate, and we will try to use it in a future issue.

In this issue:

- Reporters Lilly Lane and George Olsen give you a look inside the world of multi-faceted and intriguing Dave Comerzan.
- Consistent contributing writer Bob Myers, LTC Navigation Chair, gives us a review course on the art of the compass.
- Of course, it's election time. Nationally and here at the Hundred Peaks Section. Familiarize yourself with the candidates and the issues and be sure to send in your vote. It's an essential part of membership in an organization.

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“DYNAMIC DAVE” COMERZAN

‘MEET YOUR LEADERS’

By Lilly Fukui and George White

Photos by Chris Spisak and Lilly Fukui

DAVE COMERZAN, George White, and Lilly Fukui hiked on a hot Saturday to Josephine Peak from Route 1. After the hike, Chris Spisak joined us and we conducted this interesting interview at a picnic table at the Ranger Station (with their permission).

Dave was born in Detroit, Michigan, the oldest of five siblings. He has two brothers and a sister in Michigan and one brother in Kentucky. Dave met Marjorie (his wife) when they both attended Adrian College in Adrian, Michigan. Dave attended Edinboro University, in Edinboro, Pennsylvania, where he received his Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 1996. Marjorie is originally from North Warren, Pennsylvania. Dave and Marjorie got married in 1969. They currently live in Claremont, CA and have two cats and a dog. They have been happily married for 45 years.

In 1966, Dave left Adrian College and lived in Placentia, CA with his aunt. He then joined the Navy in 1967 and received training as a Corpsman and achieved enough medical skills to become an Operating Room Technician, specializing in craniotomy (surgery on the cranium). Two years were spent stateside in schools. The last two years in the Navy were spent in Australia where his wife was able to join him.

After being discharged from the Navy in 1971, Dave returned to Adrian, Michigan, and finished his undergraduate work and received a B.A. in Liberal Arts. They then moved to California where he attended USC and received his Masters in Public Administration, specializing in Health Services.



After getting his Masters, Dave started working for a company that specialized in mental health programs. He worked for this company in the management side for 13 years. He left the company in 1988.

The next year (1989), Dave and Marjorie started their sailing adventures. While sailing, they went to the Florida Keys, Bahamas, Virgin Islands and all the way down to Grenada. They then returned to Jacksonville, Florida, in mid-1991.

In 1993 they moved to the Erie, PA area and ran an assisted living home for the elderly. It was at this time that Dave went to Edinboro University in PA.

In 1996 they moved back to California where Dave started to work as a psychiatric nurse (not a psychiatrist) at Behavioral Health Center (BHC Alhambra Hospital) in Rosemead. He worked at BHC for 16 years, retiring in 2013.

Dave had knee surgery in his early 50's and found his recovery slow going. So he joined a gym but found that routine rather boring. He wanted to climb mountains but since he worked on the weekends the schedule did not work out. By a stroke of luck he found out about the Sierra Club. After meeting Byron Printzmetal, he was encouraged to join the HPS. Byron also helped Dave to use GPS and he has used it now for six to seven years.

Dave received his “O” rating and became a hiking leader in 2002. He received his “I” rating in 2004. Dave's first list finish was in 2002, his second in 2006, and his third in 2010. He just finished his fourth

list finish. Dave's first lead the list was in 2010. His second lead the list was also his fourth list finish, on the same peak, Barley Flats, on the same day, July 2, 2014. What an amazing double finish! To this day he thoroughly enjoys leading hikes in the great outdoors and appreciates the camaraderie with other hikers.

Dave recalls that his first lead with Mars Bonfire was in 2005. They started hiking regularly every Tuesday and Thursday in 2008. They did that until Mars had his fifth lead the list finish in November of 2013.

Besides his favorite HPS peaks, Dave also enjoys hiking other peaks:

Lower Peaks

Among his likes are Cathedral, Santa Paula, and the two island hikes: Silver on Catalina Island, and El Montanan on Santa Cruz Island. There are 83 Lower Peaks hikes.

Desert Peaks

Dave would like to do more but some of the peaks are out of state, i.e. Utah, Arizona, Mexico, etc., so it's too long of a drive. There are 99 peaks.

Sierra Peaks

Dave loves Clouds Rest. He has scaled Half Dome and his next goal is to climb Cloudripper. There are 247 peaks.

Accomplishments:

Five years on Management Committee

One year as Chair

One year as Secretary

Three years as Programs Director

2003: Recipient of the Bill T. Russell New Leader Award

2010: R.S. Fink Service Award

2012: John Backus Leadership Award

2012: Angeles Chapter Outings Award

Pathfinder Emblem: 100 peaks 7/12/2006 on Lake Peak

Pathfinder Emblem: 200 peaks 8/06/2010 on Crafts Peak

Explorer Emblem: 100 peaks 9/4/2012 on South Peak

Thousand Peaks Emblem: 1,000 peaks 1/18/2011 on Black Mtn #3

Dave owned a 45-foot sailboat and has enjoyed many nautical adventures in the Eastern Caribbean, including the Bahamas. Dave was certified in scuba diving in the Cayman Islands, diving for those delicious lobsters!

Downhill skiing has also been one of his pursuits and he has enjoyed the slopes of Park City, Utah, Colorado and Mammoth Mountain.

Dave and Marjorie both play the bagpipes. The song "Amazing Grace" inspired them to take up learning how to play the bagpipes. They regularly attend the Highland Games in Ventura, CA, as well as in other cities. Dave says he loves everything "Scottish."

Dave likes to do overseas hiking when he travels with his wife Marjorie.

Some overseas hiking that Dave has done:

Annapurna in Nepal

Elev. 26,545' He did the Annapurna Circuit - a trek that goes around Annapurna. The high point on this Circuit was a mountain pass at 17,400'

Kala Patthar in Nepal Elev. 18,514

Kilimanjaro in Tanzania

Elev. 19,341' (He made it to 17,500' before turning back

Machu Picchu in Peru

Elev. 7,972'

Dave considers nature's backyard to be his church of choice. He gets great peace and satisfaction by just being in the outdoors, away from life's cares.

Dave and Marjorie own a nice 25-foot travel trailer and can hit the road at any time. He says they are going to sell their home and spend years visiting our National Parks and the beautiful U.S.A. What a great idea! Also, Dave is interested in journeying to Romania next year to visit the home of his grandfather. While there, he hopes to hike in the Carpathian Mountains.

Message from Dave to all hikers: **"I ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO HIKE AND TO GROW."**



THE NAVIGATION CORNER: A NEW COMPASS DISAPPOINTS – BEARING ERRORS FROM WRONG DECLINATION

By Bob Myers, LTC Navigation Chair



Brunton TruArc 15

Brunton recently released a new global compass series called TruArc. A global compass will work worldwide whereas most compasses will function only in one of five compass zones. The press release for the new compass series sounded very enticing:

Drawing upon the pioneering spirit of founder D.W. Brunton, who created the world-famous Pocket Transit in 1894, equipment brand Brunton expands its compass category with a new series, TruArc™. The TruArc™ Collection debuts six new compass models fit for all experience levels, from entry-level scouting to backcountry adventures. All models in the collection are equipped with Brunton's specially magnetized TruArc™ Global Needle system and tool-less declination adjustment settings to ensure compatible use worldwide. Select models in the collection, the TruArc™ 10, TruArc™ 15 and TruArc™ 20, also feature a professional-grade, rare earth magnet in place of an electrically magnetized steel needle, allowing these compasses to resist interferences and maintain polarity over time. (Press Release, Global Compass Series and Mobile Application to Launch in August 2014, January 22, 2014.)

When the new compasses became available in August, I purchased the TruArc 15 from REI for \$49.95 to give it a test drive. Unfortunately, a number of flaws in the design render this a less than desirable addition to available compass options. Here are the features that make the TruArc 15 problematic:

- Setting the declination is very difficult. This became apparent by reading the instructions which appeared intended for a hand contortionist: “Your Brunton TruArc Compass features tool-free declination adjustment. To adjust, place your thumb in the center of the liquid filled vial, then

pinch the vial with your fore-finger on the bottom through the opening in the center of the vial base. Hold the rotating dial still with you [sic] other hand, and then twist the liquid filled vial within the outer vial.” With your hands in the way, it was difficult to precisely set the desired declination. Screw-adjusted declination is much easier to set.

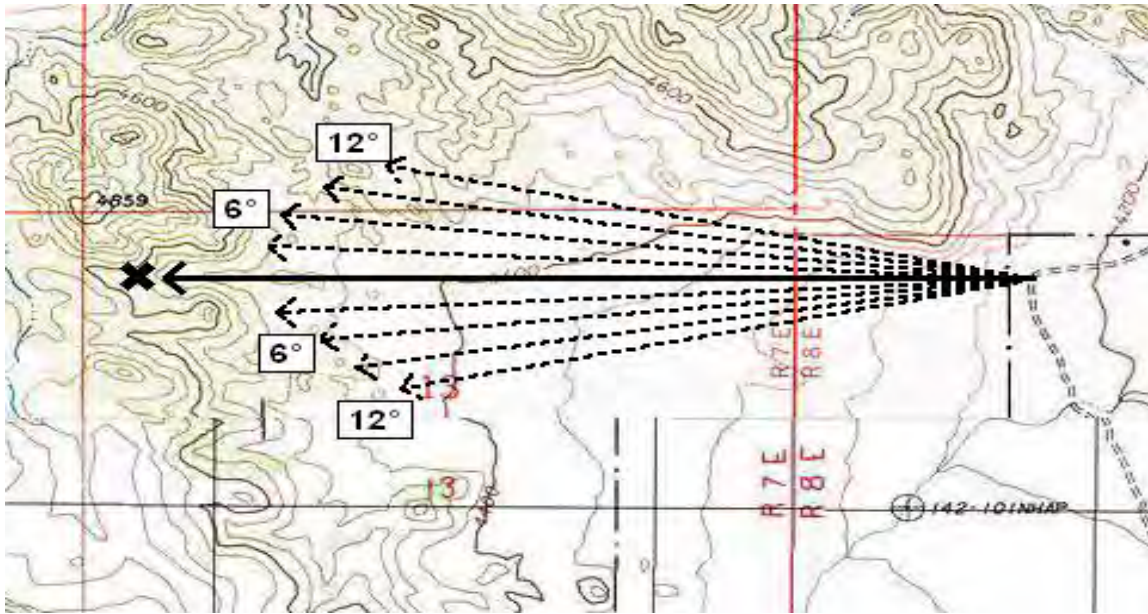
- The magnified index line is very difficult to read. With most full-featured compasses, you can read the index line in the mirror while taking a bearing. This is not possible with the TruArc 15. Because of the plastic magnification window over the index line, the bearing can only be read at a certain angle. Thus, you cannot see the degree numbers in the sighting mirror while taking a bearing. In addition, when taking a bearing on the map and standing directly over the compass you cannot easily read the index line.
- The lash point for the lanyard is on the hinged end of the compass. On most compasses, it is on the opposite end. The lash location on the TruArc 15 means that the lanyard can get in your way as you attempt to take a bearing in the field if the other end of the lanyard is around your neck.
- The meridian lines are too thin and difficult to see when placed on a map.
- Although the leveling bubble is a nice idea, it is very small and bounces around with very slight movement. It does not seem very practical for field navigation.

In light of these problems, I would recommend that navigators stick with other compasses. Too bad Brunton did not simply swap out the needle on the Brunton 15TDCL Mirrored-Sighting Compass. This would have made a good compass even better. Unfortunately, based on information on Brunton’s website, it looks like the 15TDCL compass has been discontinued.

Failing to Account for Declination Will Result in Bearing Errors

The purpose of any good compass is to take accurate bearings. The bearings you follow in the field will be significantly off if magnetic declination is not taken into account. For example, a beginner might assume that the compass points to True North and make no adjustment for declination, resulting in a significant bearing error (11° to 15° in California). Someone using an older map and not adjusting for current declination may be off by a degree or more. Whether such a small error will be significant depends on the navigation objective and how accurate the user is at taking bearings. For example, a beginning navigator might only be able to take bearings within three to five degrees of accuracy. Adding an additional error for not using current declination might result in additional inaccuracy.

Accurate bearings are the key to good field navigation. If you do not use the correct declination, you start with a disadvantage. Bearing errors will be magnified the farther you travel. A one degree bearing error translates into 92 feet of linear error over the course of a mile. This same one degree error over five miles will result in being off target by 462 feet. The following map illustrates how far off target you will be with bearing errors of 3, 6, 9, and 12 degrees over the course of about one mile.



The declination for your area of travel can be easily determined at the following website by clicking on your location on a Google map: <http://magnetic-declination.com/>

Upcoming Navigation Events

Our two-day Indian Cove Navigation Noodle on November 15 and 16, 2014, 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. For those interested in more challenging navigation, part of Saturday will be devoted to a Navigation Workshop on 3rd Class Terrain.

Our last navigation outing of 2014 will be held in the Warren Point area of Joshua Tree National Park on Sunday, December 7, 2014.

We have a great line up of navigation outings scheduled for 2015, starting with the Indian Cove Navigation Noodle on January 10 and 11, 2015.

At all of our navigation events, we can work with beginners. No prior navigation experience is required. All are welcome!!!

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

2014 Hundred Peaks Section Election

Election season is upon us. When you are done voting in the local/state/national elections, don't forget to take part in the 2014 HPS Election.

This year, there are five candidates for 4 spots in the HPS Management Committee. The candidates are: Mark Allen, Wayne Bannister, Diane Dunbar, Mat Kelliher, and Michael McCarty.

There is also a proposal to add a mountain bike emblem.

The proposal and the five candidates statements are included in this issue of the LOOKOUT. They will also appear in the ballot that will be mailed to HPS members no later than November 10. If there are any problems with receipt of the ballot, please notify the Election Chair, Ignacia Doggett, at peterdoggett@aol.com or at (818)840-8748.

The ballot is pre-addressed for return to the Election Chair. After you vote, please be sure to place a stamp on your ballot and return it so that it is received no later than December 1. Only ballots received by the December 1 due date will be opened and counted by the Election Committee.

Candidates for this election were recruited by the Nominating Committee, Ignacia Doggett and Tanya Roton. I cannot thank Tanya enough. Her efforts to recruit candidates for this year's elections were invaluable.

Thank you, also, to members of this year's Election Committee. While Peter and I will produce and mail the ballot, Tanya Roton, Winnette Butler and Coby King will be assisting us in opening ballots and counting votes.

Finally, a thank you to our candidates. Their humility in allowing for their names to be placed on a ballot is admirable. Their willingness to serve and help HPS continue in its service to members and nonmembers is greatly appreciated and essential to the vitality of the Hundred Peaks Section.

Ignacia Doggett, Election Chair

Mark Allen's Statement:

As a member of HPS, a list finisher, and MCOMM member for several years I seek re-election. I have been Secretary / Programs. I am Register Box Chair and work the silent auction at the annual banquet. Throughout my HPS experience I have worked with many people. I continue to hike the list, have returned to leading hikes and am in the process of seeking approval to put peak signs on the Santa Ana Mountains peaks near me. A vote for me will increase the transparency traditional of our hiking organization, The Hundred Peaks Section of the Sierra Club.

Wayne Bannister's Statement:

I have been involved in the Hundred Peaks Section (HPS) for several years including serving for three terms on the Management Committee as Co-Chair of the Mountain Records Committee. You can find me most days enjoying hiking or leading a hike but most I love checking off peaks on my list - I've completed the list 5 times. In the years to come we will face problems of declining membership, a reduced reserve fund, and new competition for ways to attract people to hiking. If elected, I will promote the HPS, seek out new leaders to carry on the traditions of the organization, and find ways to improve our connection with an emerging technology to attract more people to this wonderful group, so that we all can continue as an organization to enjoy the mountains we love so much.

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Diane Dunbar's Statement:

Hi, I'm Diane Dunbar. I joined the Sierra Club in 1987 after going on a Hundred Peaks Hike. I had many encouraging friends in the HPS, ended up as an "I" rated leader in 1994, and have enjoyed it immensely ever since as a hiker and leader. The Waterman Rendezvous was my idea in 1995 and it has been accepted and been done year after year since then. I am a navigation examiner, and have held beginner classes in map and compass twice and three times a year since 1995. Once I had a one day Wilderness First Aid class in my home taught by Steve Schuster. I am accepting a request to run for HPS management committee, to work on events for HPS members next year. The Sierra Club has been very important to me, and this fits into that picture.

Mat Kelliher's Statement:

For me, the surest way to clear my mind and refresh my body is to get out in Nature and absorb the quietness and beauty that lives there. In the 6+ years I've been hiking with the HPS, both as a participant and then later as a leader, I've grown to appreciate how much effort our section has devoted over the years towards making the wild lands in our backyards accessible to those of us who seek their serenity. I've had the honor for the past two years of helping out in those efforts as a member of MComm, and would be happy to do so for another term. If re-elected, I'll continue to lend my hand in helping others discover and explore the wonders of Nature, and will serve with the spirit of showing new and old members alike the beauty of those wonderful mountains on our list that we all so love to explore.

Michael McCarty's Statement:

I'm an "I" Rated HPS Leader, frequent Griffith Park Section conditioning leader and WTC graduate. As an Angelino, I rarely wandered the local mountains until joining Southern Courtney & Rosemary Campbell's Mt Hillyer trip in March of 2007. Now I escape to our mountains every chance I get and share the trails, and what might have been a trail, with my three sons, fellow HPSers and just about anyone willing to wander with me to the summit so we can return home with the experiences, stories and photos to entice others come next time. It's my passion for technology, maps and route planning that drove me to develop a Google Earth map overlay to see our peak list and routes with an easy way to simply click on a peak and view the HPS guide, popular peak bagging site entry and see weather forecast. It was through my sharing of this effort that I was nominated to bring this enthusiasm to assist in expanding our HPS peak list, routes and TOPO maps so everyone can find an easy way to plan their next trip into the mountains. It would be a thrill to join the MComm.

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Here is my Statement in Favor of the Mountain Bike Emblem:

The Mountain Bike Emblem is offered because it offers a unique way to add a "cross-training" element to HPS. A number of HPS members currently utilize mountain bikes in connection with their peak bagging. Recognition for their accomplishments should be given. Further, many mountain bikers also hike, and generally, mountain bikers are a younger group of people than HPS members. Thus, the addition of the Mountain Bike Emblem provides an avenue to attract new, younger members to HPS. We can bring new members in through mountain biking and convert them to hiking. New members will add to the vitality and future of HPS, which continually faces competition from other hiking groups. I urge all HPS members to vote in favor of the Mountain Bike Emblem.

Thanks.

Bill
William E. Simpson

Rideshare Points

There are no Rideshare Points mentioned in the Outings in this issue of The Lookout.

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 the trip is scheduled to occur. Rideshare Points that may be mentioned in those Outings posted on OARS, as well as most of the Angeles Chapter rideshare points (complete with directions and maps), can be found here:

http://angeles2.sierraclub.org/get_outdoors/know_you_go/rideshare_meeting_places

Several roads that we frequently use to travel to the trailheads have warnings that headlights must be turned on for daylight use. These include, but are not limited to, sections of the Angeles Crest Highway, Highway 138 near Wrightwood, and highways between Lake Arrowhead and Big Bear. Penalties for failure to observe this requirement are very expensive. Be Safe!! Don't get a ticket! Turn on your headlights where required!

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Advance Schedule of Hundred Peaks Section Activities

November 2014 – January 2015

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 October 8, 2014. These outings cover the period ranging from November 1, 2014 through January 31, 2015. 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) frequently for last minute additions.

The HPS OARS site is located here: <http://www.hundredpeaks.org/outings.htm>

And if you're still looking for something other than what's being offered on any given day on HPS OARS, 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.

The Angeles Chapter OARS site is located 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.

Nov 1 Sat LTC,

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

Nov 2 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Rabbit Peak #1 (5307'), Granite Mountain #1 (6600'), Round Top Mountain (6316') and Iron Mountain #3 (5040') - RARE TRIPLE LIST FINISH!! - Join us for this rare triple HPS list finish. Zobeida Arauz will finish her 8th HPS List, Co-Leader George Christiansen will finish his second HPS List and the Leader will finish his Third Lead of the HPS List on Iron Mountain #3. Hike all four peaks, or just hike to Iron #3. Totals for all four peaks: about 11 miles distance with around 4000' gain. (Stats for Iron #3 only: about 3.5 miles round trip with around 1800' gain.) This is a strenuous loop hike of the "Little Four" that will utilize mainly use trails on steep ridges going up and coming down. Please bring lugsoles, layers, beverages, lunch, snacks, sunblock and hat. For trip details contact Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-Leaders: JIMMY QUAN, BRUCE CRAIG, PAT VAUGHN, and GEORGE CHRISTIANSEN

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Nov 5 Wed Hundred Peaks

I: Iron Mountain #1 (8,007') - "BIG IRON" is known for its extreme hiking challenge: the last 2.25 miles to the peak have about 3600' of elevation gain. The overall hike is 14 miles round trip has 7200' of elevation gain (6600 on the way up; 600 on the way down). Four of the top five toughest day hikes in the San Gabriel Mountains listed on the SummitPost.org site involve hikes to BIG IRON (and yes, this is one of the four). "Friendly" moderate pace; not brisk. Please bring lugsoles, layers, beverages, lunch, snacks, sunblock and hat. For trip details contact Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-Leaders: JIMMY QUAN, BRUCE CRAIG

Nov 8 – 9 Sat – Sun Desert Peaks, Hundred Peaks

I: New York Butte (10,668'), Pleasant Point (9,690'), Cerro Gordo Peak (9,188') - Join us for a pleasant autumn weekend in the southern Inyo Mountains as we scale a couple of classic DPS peaks as well as a bonus trip up to the summit of one of the Great Basin Peaks Section peaks. Saturday we'll start out from Long John Canyon near Lone Pine, CA to ascend the long and steep southwestern ridge of New York Butte to its summit and return for a very strenuous day's total of 8.3 RT miles with 6,200' of gain. Saturday night we'll camp at our cars in Long John Canyon and enjoy a traditional and festive DPS Potluck Happy Hour. Sunday we'll drive over to the eastern side of Owens Lake and head up into the Inyo Mtns. From our trailhead in the Cerro Gordo Ghost Town, we'll first head north up the southern ridge crest to Pleasant Point and return for a total of 6.0 RT miles and 1,850' of gain. Then we'll head south to hike up an old mining road to the summit of Cerro Gordo Peak and return for a total of 2.8 RT miles with 1,150' of gain. This is a DPS Outing co-sponsored by HPS. Email Mat Kelliher with contact info, recent conditioning, and experience for trip status and details. Leaders: MAT KELLIHER, BILL SIMPSON

Nov 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

Nov 11 Tue Hundred Peaks

I: The Pinnacles (5737') and Mount Marie Louise (5507') - Hike to these fine peaks near Lake Arrowhead at a moderate pace. The total hike will be about 6 miles with 1600' of gain. Please bring lug soles, liquids, layers, lunch, and hat. Contact peterdoggett@aol.com for trip details. Leaders PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT, STELLA CHEUNG

Nov 12 Wed Hundred Peaks

I: Ross Mountain (7,402'), Throop Peak (9,138'), Mount Burnham (8,997'), Mount Baden-Powell (9,399') - Join us on this very strenuous, moderate-paced hike through the heart of the San Gabriel Mountains for a total of 15 roundtrip miles and 4,900' of gain, 2,700' of which we'll get on our way out. We'll start from Dawson Saddle and get our first three peaks as we travel northeast along the Pacific Crest Trail to the summit of Mt. Baden-Powell. From there we'll travel cross-country along Baden-Powell's southern ridgeline and descend 2,300' over steep, loose, and brushy terrain to the summit of Ross Mountain far below us. From Ross we'll have to re-gain the 2,300' we lost coming in by climbing back up to the summit of Baden-Powell. From there we'll return along the PCT back to our cars at Dawson Saddle. Expect a long, full day of hiking. Not

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suitable for beginners or the faint of heart. Please bring lugsoles, layers, beverages, lunch, snacks, sunblock and hat. For trip details contact Leader: BILL SIMPSON, Co-Leaders: JIMMY QUAN, BRUCE CRAIG

Nov 15 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Beartrap Bluff (6160'+) - Join us for a day in the Los Padres National Forest 20 miles north of Ojai. This is a strenuous, but well worth it hike. One of our newest additions to the HPS list, it is 12 miles round trip, 3800' of gain (3000' out and 800' return) on trail and some cross country. Most of it is on the Gene Marshall/ Piedra Blanca trail which is in excellent shape. The last 1 ½ miles is up a gully to a plateau then on to the summit. Estimate 8- 9 hours of hiking. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details: DAVE COMERZAN, PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT, and PAT VAUGHN

Nov 15 Sat LTC,

I: Indian Cove 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

Nov 16 Sun LTC,

I: Indian Cove 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

Nov 16 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Snowy Peak (6532'), Black Mountain #2 (6202') and Sewart Mountain (6841') - Join us for a hike to three interesting peaks in the Los Padres National Forest near Gorman. The entire hike will be about 10 miles round trip with nearly 4000' of gain. Should be very brushy at times. Very strenuous -- even more so if the day is warm. Slow pace. Time permitting, we may also visit McDonald Peak (6870') and Alamo Mountain (7360'+), which would add 2 miles and 850' of gain. Bring water, lug soles, lunch, layers, sunblock and hat. For details contact Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-Leaders: JIMMY QUAN, BRUCE CRAIG, CHRIS SPISAK, PAT VAUGHN

Nov 19 Wed Hundred Peaks

O: Middle Hawkins (8505') - Join us for an interesting, but short, hike to a fine peak in the Angeles National Forest. Total gain about 1400', and total distance around 4 miles round trip. Route will take a short gully up to a fine trail. Please bring lugsoles, layers, beverages, lunch, snacks, sunblock and hat. For trip details contact Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-Leaders: JIMMY QUAN, BRUCE CRAIG

Nov 21 – 23 Fri – Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Rabbit (6640'), Villager (5756') - These peaks are normally done in a 2 day backpack or even as a very strenuous day hike. You usually start in the dark and often come out in the dark. We will be doing this as a 3 day backpack. All hiking should be done in daylight. Friday we will hike

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Villager, 7 miles, 4900' gain, and spend the first night there. Saturday, hike Rabbit using a summit pack, 7.5 miles, 3100', round trip from Villager. We will spend Saturday night on Villager then hike out on Sunday. If time and energy permit, we may add Mile High peak, a peak on the San Diego list. This would add about 2 miles round trip, 1600' gain. Space is limited. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. You will have to bring water for three days. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, PAT ARREDONDO

Nov 23 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: "Cactus to Clouds" San Jacinto Peak (10,804') - Join us for the classic "Cactus to Clouds," an "extreme" hike that can convey bragging rights (assuming you are able to survive)! According to Wikipedia, the Cactus to Clouds Trail from Palm Springs, California, to San Jacinto Peak is a hiking trail with the greatest elevation gain of any trail in the United States. We will begin early Sunday morning from downtown Palm Springs, and we'll climb past cacti, cholla, ferns and pines. The views are phenomenal. We'll return to the desert floor via a ride on the rotating Palm Springs Aerial Tramway. At about 11,000' gain and around 22 miles of total distance, this strenuous day hike is only for the fit and experienced hiker. Please bring \$\$ for tram as well as lugsoles, layers, beverages, lunch, snacks, sunblock and hat. For trip details contact Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-Leaders: JIMMY QUAN

Nov 26 Wed Hundred Peaks

O: BIKE-N-HIKE, Caliente Mountain (5106') - Beginners welcome. Join us for this bike ride in San Luis Obispo County, 7 miles west of New Cuyama. Caliente Mountain is the high point of SLO County. It is also the highest point within a vast grasslands area that was designated Carrizo Plain National Monument. This is a bike-n-hike of 17 miles on dirt road and easy single-track trail with about 3000' gain (2000' up, and 1000' back). Good dirt road driving to the trailhead. Bring helmet, spare tube, locking cable as well as layers, lug soles, lunch, snacks, water, hat & sunblock. Email leader for details. Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-Leaders: JIMMY QUAN, BRUCE CRAIG

Nov 29 – 30 Sat – Sun Hundred Peaks

I: THE BIG THREE: McKinley Mountain (6200'), San Rafael Mountain (6593'), Santa Cruz Peak (5570') - Very strenuous, moderately paced backpack in central Santa Barbara County. Two-day totals: 34 miles, 8600' gain. This "exciting" and "fun" outing follows roads and potentially overgrown trails and use trails. This event is sponsored by HPS and co-sponsored by WTC; it satisfies WTC experience trip requirements. Email leader with recent conditioning, experience, city, and phone. Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-leaders: JIMMY QUAN, BRUCE CRAIG

Dec 3 Wed Hundred Peaks

I: Deer Mountain (5536') and White Mountain #1 (7727') - Enjoy a visit to these two peaks. Deer is an obscure, brushy peak near Lake Arrowhead that involves a steep climb after crossing Deep Creek, and White is between Hesperia and Big Bear Lake and will be hiked mainly on a jeep trail. Total distance will be around 8 miles round trip, and the total gain will be about 3500 feet. Please bring lug soles, water, lunch, layers, sunblock, hat & gloves. Contact leader for details. Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-Leaders: JIMMY QUAN, BRUCE CRAIG

Dec 7 Sun Hundred Peaks

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I: Bighorn Mountains (5894') and Meeks Mountain (6277') - Join us for a hike to two special out-of-the-way peaks east of Big Bear Lake with a drive between each trailhead. Totals for the day will be about 10 miles with around 2100' of gain. Please bring water, lugsoles, layers, lunch, sunblock and hat. Contact Leader for details. Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-Leaders: JIMMY QUAN, BRUCE CRAIG

Dec 7 Sun LTC,

I: Warren Point Navigation Noodle - Navigation noodle at Joshua Tree National Park for either checkoff or practice to satisfy the basic (I/M) level or Advanced (E) level navigation requirements. To participate, send email/sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to Leader: ROBERT MYERS. Assistant: PHIL WHEELER

Dec 10 Wed Hundred Peaks

I: Asbestos Mountain (5265') and Lookout Mountain #1 (5590') - Join us for a nice hike of around 5.5 total miles and about 1700' total gain. This will be a fun and interesting day in the Santa Rosa Mountains. Bring food, water, lugsoles, layers, hat and sunblock. Contact Leader for status and details. Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-Leaders: JIMMY QUAN, BRUCE CRAIG

Dec 12 – 14 Fri – Sun Hundred Peaks

2014 Holiday Hooplah - Come on out and join us for a fun weekend filled with Peaks and Partying!! This year's festive Holiday Party and Potluck will be held on Saturday night (Dec 13) in Joshua Tree National Park at the Cottonwood Campground. Campground amenities include water and restrooms with flushing toilets. While we're out there for the weekend, there will be several outstanding outings offered to wonderful peaks in the area including DPS, LPC, HPS, and peakbagger.com listed Peaks. Check the outings schedule often for new updates, and contact the trip leaders directly for specific details if a particular trip suits your fancy. There's no charge for the group campground we've reserved for Friday and Saturday nights, but space is limited, so be sure to save your spot by signing up early with MAT KELLIHER at mkelliher746@gmail.com.

Dec 13 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Mt. Minerva Hoyt (5405') - Join us for the day in Joshua Tree National Park to hike the newest addition to Hundred Peaks list. We will be doing Rt. 2, estimate 10 miles round trail, 2200' total gain, 1800' out plus 400' on return. This hike will be done on cross country and use trail. Other peaks possible. Other routes possible. Slow to moderate pace. After the hike, join us for the Holiday Hooplah potluck being held at Cottonwood Campground. Bring food, water and 10 essentials. Contact Leaders for details: DAVE COMERZAN, PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT, PAT VAUGHN

Dec 13 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Queen Mountain (5,680') - LIST FINISH!!! Come help Stella celebrate as she finishes the HPS List on this lovely peak in Joshua Tree National Park. 4 miles round trip with 1,200' of gain on dirt road and trail with minor class 2 scrambling to reach the summit. Relaxed and casual pace. List Finish celebration on the peak and then later back in camp at the 2014 Holiday Hooplah. National Park entry fee required. Some dirt road driving required to reach trailhead. Contact mkelliher746@gmail.com for trip status and details. Leaders: MAT KELLIHER, STELLA CHEUNG, BILL SIMPSON

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Dec 14 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Bernard Peak (5430'), Little Berdoo Peak (5440') - To finish off the HOLIDAY HOOPLA weekend, join us for a favorite hike to Bernard and Little Berdoo in Joshua Tree National Park. Totals for the day will be about 6.5 miles round trip with around 1800' of gain. The hike to these two peaks will be entirely off trail. High clearance vehicles required. Park entry fee. Bring food, water, lugsoles, layers, hat and sunblock. Contact Leader for status and details. Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-Leaders: JIMMY QUAN, BRUCE CRAIG

Dec 14 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Ryan Mountain (5757') - Hoop it up for a second day of Holiday Hoopla and enjoy the adventure of an inordinary hike, an uncommon approach, as we hike to this most popular of peaks. Starting at Ryan Campground, we will climb a completely cross-country route and descend via the Ryan Mountain trail. Moderatly paced, the totals will be about 3 miles round trip and 1140' gain. Additional peaks possible. Please bring liquids, lugsoles, layers, lunch and hat. Contact peterdoggett@aol.com for trip details. Leaders: PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT, DAVE COMERZAN

Dec17 Wed Hundred Peaks

I: Combs Peak (6193') and San Ysidro Mountain (6147') - A moderate hike on road, trail, and rough off-trail for a total of about 9 miles round trip with around 2700' of gain to two peaks near Warner Springs. Drive between trailheads. Moderate pace. High clearance vehicle advised. Bring food, water, lugsoles, layers, hat and sunblock. Contact leader for status and details. Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-Leaders: JIMMY QUAN, BRUCE CRAIG

Dec 20 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Frankish Peak (4,200') - Northwestern approach to an orphan peak with long up and down road walk due to eastern approach trail closure. Unique views from above Rancho Cucamonga. Moderate pace, strenuous due to length, 13.5 miles, 2830' total gain, 1,230' on return. Most of hike is on road. Half of road is clear and half is not maintained and is overgrown. Excessive heat or rain will postpone. Early start time is to avoid heat. Space is limited to 10 experienced hikers. Minimum # of hikers is 6. Adventure pass is required. This is an LPC Outing co-sponsored by HPS. Contact Jane for meeting time and location. Leaders: JANE GIBBONS, DAVE COMERZAN

Jan 10 Sat Hundred Peaks

Join HPS for its annual Awards Banquet at the **Monrovia Family Restaurant** in Monrovia, CA, as we celebrate our accomplishments and visit with friends new and old. This year's speakers will be **Craig Carey** and **Bryan Conant**; their presentation will be on the "**Highlights and High Peaks of the Southern Los Padres**". We'll be having a dessert potluck again--with a Social Hour beginning at 4:30 pm (dinner at 6:15 pm). To reserve your spot, complete the reservation form and send \$40 per guest (\$45 if after January 3, 2015) to CHRISTINE SOSKINS.

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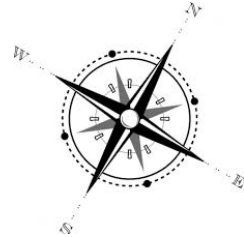


Good food, friends, and memories of exciting times past. -- You are enthusiastically invited to the

HPS Annual Awards Banquet
January 10, 2015

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**Craig Carey and Bryan Conant will be presenting:
“Highlights and High Peaks of the Southern Los Padres”**



Craig Carey grew up hiking and backpacking in the southern Los Padres National Forest. He is the author of the comprehensive Hiking and Backpacking Santa Barbara & Ventura. His work has appeared in *New Zealand Wilderness, Islands, Hooked on the Outdoors, Rugby, The Green, and New Zealand Adventure*. Bryan Conant is the cartographer behind the superb San Rafael Wilderness and Dick Smith and Matilija Wilderness maps, detailing the Santa Barbara backcountry. Both men are involved in Forest Watch and are working on the Condor Trail (to connect Pyramid Lake to Big Sur).

Social hour begins at 4:30 pm – Dinner begins at 6:15 pm
Silent Auction of Donated Items | HPS Merchandise Available for Purchase



Last year’s dessert potluck was a success; let’s do it again!!
Bring your favorite treats (homemade or bought) to share.
(You can still partake even if you don’t bring a dessert.)
If you’ll bring dessert, indicate this on the reservation form.



Cut off and return the form below

Please reserve ____ place(s) at the HPS Annual Awards Banquet on January 10, 2015.

Guest Name (1) _____ Guest Name (2) _____

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Enclosed is a check for ____ (\$40 per person, if received by 1/3/15; \$45 per person, thereafter)

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The champagne was flowing at Bill Simpson's 6th List Finish on Gray's Peak



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