# THE LOOKOUT



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#### The Waterman Rendezvous is July 25, 2015!



Catherine Rossbach gains her 100<sup>th</sup>
peak on Big Rabbit
Photo by Nancy Jones

May Tang celebrates her list finish on Alamo Mountain Photo by Jin Oak Chung



#### The Hundred Peaks Section is an Activity Section of the Sierra Club - Angeles Chapter.

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Waterman Rendezvous time again! This year it is on Saturday July 25<sup>th</sup>. Lots of good food and a chance to see many of your hiking friends. There are several hikes to choose from. And don't forget the Fall Festival and the Holiday Hooplah. See the schedule, beginning on page 12.

We hope to see you there!

Lilly and I have tendered our resignations as editors to the Management Committee. We from the start wanted to update the newsletter appearance and contents, with color and photos, and we feel that we have accomplished this to a degree, but there are always improvements you can make. Work schedule and our other activities limit our involvement, so we felt it was time to hand over the reigns to someone else, and that person could be YOU. If you think you would like the position, contact Coby or another management member. A lot of you contributors are excellent writers and would serve the position well.

We cherish and have enjoyed our time here, and want to continue to contribute to future issues when we can. The November – December issue will be our final one.

Back to the present ~ We hope you enjoy this issue!

# HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION MEMBERSHIP REPORT May 2015

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS:**

List Finish #2

#60- Laura Franciosi - 4/11/15 - Caliente Mountain

100 Peaks

#1160- Steve Zimmerman - 1/18/15 - Barley Flats #1161- Catherine Rossbach - 3/14/15 - Rabbit Peak #2

#### **NEW MEMBERS:**

Christopher Tyndall

#### **MEMBERSHIP COUNTS:**

274 Members (239 primary + 35 household)

18 Subscribers

292 Total

Greg de Hoogh, HPS Membership Chair



George Christensen captures the views after the south gully.

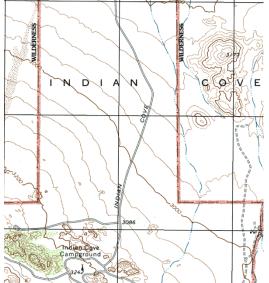
Bucket list ascent of Indianhead

### THE NAVIGATION CORNER: REALISTIC MAPPING – PART II

By Bob Myers, LTC Navigation Chair

In my last article, we started an exploration of alternatives to traditional topographic maps to address the difficulty map readers have in forming a mental image of the terrain from the contours lines. Great advances are being made in three dimensional (3D) mapping. This article will provide an overview of existing 3D mapping programs as well as provide instructions on how anyone can generate 3D topographic maps using Google Earth. A future article will explore some of the products that are under development.

Many desktop mapping programs have 3D viewing functions, including Terrain Navigator Pro, Delorme Topo North America 10, and National Geographic Topo (no longer available). For example, Terrain Navigator Pro allows you to view individual topographic maps in either 2D or 3D views (as well as seamless topographic maps combined).



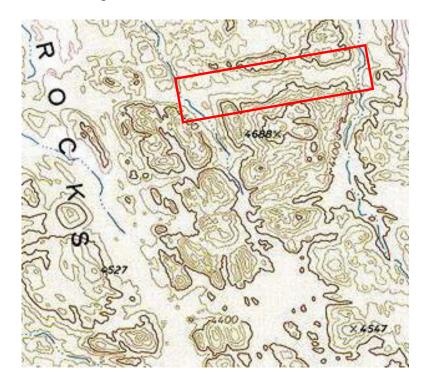


A portion of the Indian Cove Topographic Map on the left. The same area is shown above in 3D above using Terrain Navigator Pro.

As mentioned in previous articles, Google Earth is a great navigation tool and everyone should have it on their computers. Both Google Earth and Google Earth Pro are free and available for download at: <a href="http://www.google.com/earth/explore/products/desktop.html">http://www.google.com/earth/explore/products/desktop.html</a>. There is now a web version of Google Earth, but the desktop versions give the user more functionality.

The advantage of Google Earth is that it provides a good snapshot of the actual terrain you will encounter when exploring new areas. In April, I led a Wonderland of Rocks Exploration trip through some canyons that I had not previously visited. As part of the trip preparation, I needed to estimate the amount of time to travel the planned route. With Google Earth, I was able to get a good idea of the terrain to supplement what I already knew.

One of the canyons we climbed through on the trip is boxed on the map below. The topographic maps gives no real clue to what type of terrain might be encountered in this canyon, although it gives the impression of some openness.



The next image is a 3D view of the topographic map looking from west to east. Like the 2D map, this view gives the appearance that there might be an easy passageway through the canyon.



With Google Earth, you can get a much better view of the canyon, revealing that it contains a jumble of rocks that might make travel difficult. Although this segment is under a half mile in distance, it took us almost two hours to get through it. In the Wonderland of Rocks, I usually add an 800% squiggle factor to segments like this.

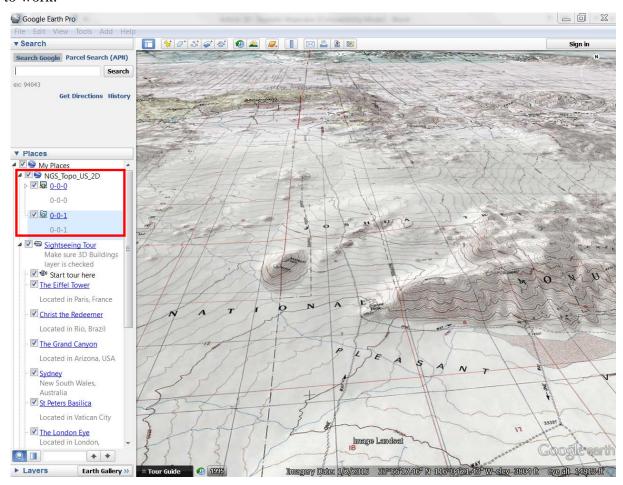


A topographic map layer can be added to Google Earth so that you can switch between viewing a satellite image and the USGS topographic map. Both of the images above showing the canyon from the west were created in Google Earth. Here are the instructions on how to add a USGS topographic map layer to Google Earth:

- 1. Download Google Earth if don't already have it on your computer.
- 2. Go to the following website: <a href="http://services.arcgisonline.com/arcgis/rest/services/NGS">http://services.arcgisonline.com/arcgis/rest/services/NGS</a> Topo US 2D/MapServer
- 3. At the top of the page, find the line "View In" and select the Google Earth link
- 4. Depending on your computer's settings, the file "NGS\_Topo\_US\_2D.kmz" will either be downloaded automatically or you will be prompted to download the file.
- 5. Open Google Earth.
- 6. Under the File tab, select open and find the "NGS\_Topo\_US\_2D.kmz" file on your computer to open it.
- 7. After doing so, the overlay (labeled NGS\_Topo\_US\_2D) will be listed beneath Temporary Places. Drag it to "My Place" to permanently add it to Google Earth.

8. Depending on your computer's speed, it may take a while for the topographic map to render. Do not zoom in too quickly. You might need to double click the layer name.

If you have followed these steps correctly, your Google Earth screen should have the NGS\_Topo\_US\_2D layer as indicated in the boxed area of the image below. If you uncheck the layer, you will have the satellite image. You can look at both in either overhead view or 3D view using the standard controls in Google Earth. Contact me if you have problems getting this to work.



**Upcoming Navigation Event** 

Our annual Mt. Pinos Navigation Noodle is on August 2, 2015. We have selected this location for a summer navigation event because we are usually rewarded with weather much cooler than in the Los Angeles basin. We return to the San Bernardino Mountains on September 20, 2015, for our Grinnell Ridge Navigation Noodle.

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.

# Hundred Peaks Section Management Committee Meeting March 10, 2015

- Coby King, Chair
- Bill Simpson, Vice Chair
- Mark S. Allen, Secretary
- Mat Kelliher, Outings and Safety
- Michael McCarty, Programs and Mountain Records
- Wayne Bannister, Mountain Records
- John Monsen, Wilderness Consultant
- Meeting Call to order: 6:35pm
- Approval of 1-16-2015 MCOMM Minutes Mat/Mark/Approved
- Approval of January 1-2015 Treasurer's Report Mark/Coby/Passed
- Approval of 3-10-2015 Membership Report
- · Programs Report, Mat Kelliher:
  - Spring Fling April 18<sup>th</sup>, Hurkey Creek Campground
  - Posted on OARS
  - Four Campsites with two adjacent sites
  - Michael McCarty and Mark Allen at Campground
  - o Four reservations so far; typical late Spring Fling sign up
  - Two Leads each day Saturday and Sunday
  - Waterman Rendezvous and Fall Festival

#### **Annual Banquet:**

- Joe Young asks to be replaced from Annual Banquet duties
- Mark S. Allen to assume Joe's job in addition to Secretary:
  - 1. Retrieving Chapter Perpetual Trophies at Chapter Office:
    - A. R.S. Fink Service Award
    - B. John Backus Leadership Award
    - C. Bill T. Russell New Leader Award
  - Returning trophies after Banquet
  - 3. Composing and printing Banquet Program
  - 4. Annual entries to achievement book
- o 2016 HPS Banquet January 9, 2016
- Monrovian Restaurant reserved with deposit
- Mat requested of MCOMM for ideas of Banquet speakers:
  - 1. John Robinson co-author, David Money Harris
  - 2. John Monsen, Wilderness Consultant

#### **Outings and Safety, Mat Kelliher:**

- Discussion of Jim Hagar I-rated Leader to lead M-Rated Peaks
- Mat Kelliher explained Jim Hagar's qualifications
- Explanation of M-Rated Leader peaks throughout the HPS List
- Coby entered Ron Campbell, Chapter Safety, Approval
- Approval of Jim Hagar to lead M-Rated Peaks: Coby/Mat/Approved

Proposed Peak Guide revisions- Tabled to May Mtg. for better study

Anderson and Ryan Peak Guide Route 3- Tabled for better study

Mountain Records, Michael McCarty: Nothing to report

Ratify decisions of January 22, 2015 email conference items Coby/Mark/ Approved:

- Spring Fling April 18-19<sup>th</sup>, Hurkey Creek Park, San Jacinto
- o HPS Banquet January 9-2016, Monrovian Restaurant

HPS Financial Discussion- Tabled for full MCOMM review in May

Greg De Hoogh asked to be replaced as Membership Chair-

Coby to look for replacement from members

Conservation Chair- Discussion of new officer needed- Tabled for further discussion

Merchandise: Reorder of HPS Pins necessary- Coby King

- To contact Trophy Shop used by Joe Young
- o Contact Dave Cannon, former Merchandise Chair, also

Discussion of HPS Bylaws- Tabled for full MCOMM discussion; May Mtg.

## **Condor Peak Proposed Wilderness Area**, Ron Monsen, San Gabriel Mountains Forever

- Proposal to create a 17,00 acre wilderness area including Condor Peak
- Protects last remaining wild place in the area
- Asking Sierra Club and Hundred Peaks Section to endorse proposal
- Questions as to use of roads; Wilderness would be within roads.
- o Approval of support for Condor Peak Wilderness Area: Michael/Bill/Approved

Meeting Adjourned: 7:22pm

# 2015 WATERMAN RENDEZVOUS!! JULY 25, 2015

Hard to believe it's already upon us, but sure enough, summer is here!! And along with summer come long days, warm nights, high altitude peaks to climb, and maybe best of all, the Annual HPS Waterman Rendezvous!! This year we're holding the Rendezvous on the last Saturday of July, specifically July 25, 2015. The idea is to have several hikes scheduled from different starting points converge on the summit of Waterman Mtn (8,038') at about the same time. Once on the summit we'll all spend some quality time enjoying the company of our friends, old and new alike, over a nice festive pot-luck that we all contribute to and carry up to the summit with us.

So far we've got four hikes scheduled; one will set out from the traditional trailhead near Buckhorn Campground (HPS Route 1), one will set off from Three Points and ascend via the beautifully forested West Ridge Trail, one will come in via Krakta Ridge, and one will head up from Cloudburst summit and ascend up through and around the Mt Waterman ski area. Other hikes may be added between now and the date of the Rendezvous; be sure to check the online HPS Outings schedule at <a href="http://www.hundredpeaks.org/outings.htm">http://www.hundredpeaks.org/outings.htm</a> for additional offerings.

Whatever route you decide to take, please join us and help make this year's Waterman Rendezvous a rousing success!! To sign up for a particular hike, contact the leader of that hike directly as described in the trip write up. For general questions or to add a hike to the Rendezvous, contact <a href="makethisearch">mkelliher746@gmail.com</a>



Illwoo Suh gains his 100<sup>th</sup> peak on Palomar High Point

#### **Rideshare Points**

Rideshare Points mentioned in the Outings in this issue of The Lookout include:

La Canada Angeles Crest Hwy (Hwy 2), Just N of Foothill Fwy (I-210). Park on Angeles Crest Hwy only.

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. Ridshare 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/ltc\_ridesharing

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**

July - Dec 2015

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 June 21, 2015. These outings cover the period ranging from July 11, 2015 through January 9, 2016.

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: <a href="http://www.hundredpeaks.org/">http://www.hundredpeaks.org/</a> 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: <a href="http://angeles2.sierraclub.org/activities">http://angeles2.sierraclub.org/activities</a>.

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://angeles2.sierraclub.org/sites/angeles.sierraclub.org/files/docs/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.

#### Jul 11 Sat Hundred Peaks

**I: Eagle Crag (5078')** - A strenuous hike on occasionally steep and loose trail for 18 miles round trip with 3500 ft of gain to a peak near Aguanga. Other peaks in the area possible. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. High clearance 4WD advised. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, PAT ARREDONDO, BRUCE CRAIG

#### Jul 14 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: COBY KING

#### Jul 25 Sat Hundred Peaks

2015 Waterman Rendezvous - Join with your old and new hiking friends as HPS conducts its Annual summit party among the pines on one of the prettiest peaks in the San Gabriel Mountains High Country. Several different HPS hikes will make their way to the summit, converging there in the early afternoon to create the biggest potluck in the Angeles National Forest (if we do say so ourselves!). Check OARS often to find out about specific hikes and sign up directly for the hike you're interested in as indicated. Be sure to bring along a treat to share for the potluck, your sense of fun, and appropriate hiking gear.

#### Jul 25 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Waterman Mt (8038') - Enjoy the company of friends as we hike the scenic, shaded trail, 7 miles round trip, 1300' gain to mingle & enjoy food on the summit. Meet in La Canada at 9:30 am with water, suitable clothing layers, eating utensils and a pot luck item to share. Leaders: ROSEMARY CAMPBELL, BRUCE CRAIG

#### Jul 25 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Waterman Mountain (8038'): Stretch your legs and breathe the fresh air, as we start at Three Points and ascend the beautiful West Ridge Trail to this wonderful mountain. Trade the heat of the city for the warmth of fellow hikers and tasty eats awaiting us at the summit. Mt Waterman's name is a tribute to Liz Waterman's 1889 complete range traverse, going from the LA Basin to the desert and back. This hike will only be about 6 miles round trip with 2200' of gain. Please bring liquids, lugsoles, layers, hat and treat for the picnic potluck. Contact peterdoggett@aol.com for trip details. Leaders PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT

#### Jul 25 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Waterman Mountain (8,038'), Waterman BM (7,910') - Join us as we make our way cross country from Cloudburst Summit up the steep and beautifully forested north ridge of Waterman Mtn to its summit where we'll meet and party it up with our HPS friends as part of the 2015 Waterman Rendezvous! On our descent, we'll head east to check out the Waterman benchmark before joining the traditional HPS route 1 to come out at the trailhead near Buckhorn Flat for a scenic loop hike. Expect to put in 3.0 miles with about 1,350' of gain (and 1,675' loss) for the loop. The first 1.25 miles up the ridge will be strenuous with a gain of about 1,000', but we'll do it at a slow pace. Be sure to bring along something tasty to share at the Rendezvous. Car shuttle will be required for the loop hike. Email mkelliher746@gmail.com for trip status and details. Leaders MAT KELLIHER, PAT ARREDONDO, WINNETTE BUTLER

#### Aug 25 – 30 Tue – Sun Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks

O: High Sierra Pacific Crest Trail Backpack from Horseshoe Meadow to Onion Valley - We will begin this trip at Horseshoe Meadow, go over Cottonwood Pass (11, 145'), enter Sequoia National Park, have a layover day at Guitar Lake to dayhike Mt. Whitney (14, 505'), go over Forester Pass (13,200') and Kearsarge Pass (11,771'), and end at Onion Valley. Strenuous, but moderately paced, 6 days, 65 miles, one-way. Group size limited. Participants will need to share in expense of a rental van. This is a Wilderness Adventures Section (WAS) Outing co-sponsored by HPS. Send email with H & C phones, city, recent conditioning and backpack experience to jeannstar@sbcglobal.net Leader: TED LUBESHKOFF, Co-leader:

#### PAT ARREDONDO

#### Sep 8 Tue Hundred Peaks

HPS Annual Business Meeting and Bi-Monthly Management Committee Meeting: All are welcome to attend our annual business meeting and 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 at Ranger House in Griffith Park. To have items added to the agenda, or to volunteer, please contact the HPS Chair: COBY KING

#### Sep 26 Sat Hundred Peaks

**2015 HPS Fall Festival** - Come out to the beautiful Lockwood Valley area for 2015's Fall Festival to bag peaks, mingle with friends, and have a great time. Saturday night, we've reserved a group site at the McGill Campground (near Mt Pinos). We'll have a potluck smorgasbord and lots of laughs. Contact leaders of specific hikes for details on their outings. Reservations at the campground are first come, first served--please contact Mat Kelliher (mkelliher746@gmail.com) to secure your spot.

#### Nov 10 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: COBY KING

#### Dec 5 Sat Hundred Peaks

**2015 Holiday Hooplah** - This year the HPS will hold it's annual Holiday Hooplah at the Indian Cove Group campground in Joshua Tree National Park. Stay tuned for more details.

#### Jan 5 Tue Hundred Peaks

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#### Jan 9 Sat Hundred Peaks

**2016 HPS Awards Banquet** - At The Monrovian Family Restaurant. Stay Tuned - more details to follow...

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