# THE LOOKOUT



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Beartrap Bluff Buddies:

Heesook Kim, Mark Lyons, Susan Kang, Illwoo Suh, Laura Newman, Peter Doggett, Mary Varalyay, Greg Gerlach, Kelly Laxamann, Peter Kudlinski, Tracy Tomerson (L-R)

Photo by Jin Oak Chung

Mark Lyons and Jin Oak Chung atop Beartrap Bluff (L-R) Jin Oak is normally unseen in photographs; he is usually taking the picture.



Mark Lyons claims his 200<sup>th</sup> HPS Peak on climbing the gigantic summit block of Beartrap Bluff

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This is our final issue. We have enjoyed being your editors, and we hope you enjoy this issue!



Magnificent views of the traverse from Backus to Russell (photo by Jin Oak Chung)

#### HPS HOLIDAY HOOPLAH!!! DECEMBER 5 – 6, 2015 INDIAN COVE CAMPGROUND – JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK



This year the Hundred Peaks Section will be holding the 2015 Holiday Hooplah in Joshua Tree National Park on Saturday December 5 & Sunday December 6. We've reserved a group campsite for both Friday and Saturday night (Dec 4 and 5) at Indian Cove near the town of Twenty Nine Palms, CA. The campground is equipped with picnic tables and a fire ring and has flushing toilets. It is a dry camp, so be sure to bring along all the water you'll need for the weekend. For those who prefer not to camp out, there are numerous lodging choices in the nearby communities of Twenty Nine Palms, Joshua Tree, and Yucca Valley. From our campground, we'll be centrally located to many of our peaks in the Joshua Tree area as well as those found on the high desert area east of Big Bear Lake.

After spending the day bagging peaks on one of the several outings that will be available, Saturday night we'll all meet up at Indian Cove Campground to celebrate the Holiday Season HPS style with a big Potluck Happy Hour. There will be ample opportunity to socialize and hang out around a roaring campfire with old and new friends. Whether you're camping out or staying in town, everyone is welcome and all are encouraged to attend. If you're planning on camping out with us, be sure to make reservations in advance as spaces are limited. For questions, campground information, driving directions, potluck suggestions and campground reservations, contact the HPS Programs Reservationist, Mat Kelliher, at mkelliher746(@gmail.com

Although there are only a couple of hikes scheduled at the time of this printing, as we get closer to the event more outings are sure to be added. Make sure to check the HPS Website at <a href="http://www.hundredpeaks.org/outings.htm">http://www.hundredpeaks.org/outings.htm</a> for newly added outings, or the Angeles Chapter online Schedule of Activities at <a href="http://angeles.sierraclub.org/activities">http://angeles.sierraclub.org/activities</a> to find specific outings to be offered. Once you've found the hike(s) you're interested in attending, contact the respective outing leaders directly for status and specific details.

# **"TENDERNESS" AND "LADY MOONBEAM"**

# "MEET YOUR LEADERS," Mars and Kathy Cheever Bonfire

#### By: Lilly Y. Fukui and Chris Spisak

What do you do when you finish the HPS List? Twenty-five times!? After his unequalled accomplishments, Mars Bonfire is returning to his roots. Something the world has been waiting for. He has started songwriting again, and he has over a dozen completed in demo form!

In 2007 Lilly and Chris presented for The Lookout, the first "Meet Your Leaders," interview of Mars and Kathy. As our editorship of three years is coming to an end, we would like to close out with a unique update of our first interviewees – what you've always wanted to know but never asked (musically and/or hiking accomplishments.)

As many are aware, Mars wrote the musical group Steppenwolf's most famous song, *Born To Be Wild*. This was an accomplishment in itself, but he feels his personal biggest accomplishment, is as a hiker, and finishing the HPS list of peaks an incredible 25 times. Mars has now re-channeled that drive and energy that took him to all of our peaks so many times, and says that he has been "intensely re-involved in songwriting."

Mars' hiking life began when he had to walk a mile or so to go to school. It took him through a farmer's field, across a creek, and along a dirt road. He also visited his friends after school, walking through the woods at the back of his family's 12-acres ranch. This is where he says he developed a 'comfort-ability' for hiking. He was about 8 or 9 years old, and going to a country grade school. His family lived outside of the city limits, in Oshawa, Canada, about 30 miles east of Toronto.

Kathy grew up in Montana. She has a brother and three sisters. Her father was an outdoor person who liked to hike and hunt. As Kathy grew up she went along with her dad, hiking and going camping. The first peak she bagged was *Pike's Peak*, Colorado, carried at the age of six months! She says her hiking at an early age with her father is what gave her an appreciation for hiking.

Kathy is a four-time list finisher and has also held HPS elected office, first serving as Secretary, then Chair. She says that after taking WTC, she become involved with the HPS. What does she think about Mars' finishing the List 25 times – "I felt it was great, but it is just a number."

Kathy and Mars first met on a group hike (Granite and Whale in San Diego) but says they found that they love hiking "without chaperones," which they still do often, including biking. In 2006 Mars had completed the HPS List 12 times, saying that he "might do the List 25 times." His determination continued, and his List finish of 25 times came true on Twin Peaks on November 15, 2014

Twin Peaks on November 15, 2014.



#### The Music Business:

In the mid-1960's Mars and his brother, Jerry, were founding members of the rock group *Jack London and the Sparrow*. Their music business involvement began at an early age when they visited their father's music hall, 'The Jubilee Pavilion' in Oshawa. Originally a big-band venue, it changed as rock and roll became popular. Mars says he saw many of the early rock performers, like Jerry Lee Lewis and others as they passed through. Jack London was the group's lead singer. His interests and direction differed from Mars' and Jerry's, so they eventually parted ways. The group name was changed to *The Sparrow*. They took on John Kay as lead singer. He had been appearing at a near-by club with another band, liked their music, and started sitting-in with them when he could, eventually joining them. During this period, they changed their name to *Steppenwolf*. John was the lead singer and rhythm guitarist, Jerry was the drummer, and Mars was the lead guitarist. They also had a keyboardist and a bass player.

After Canada, the group resided in New York City, but eventually moved to Los Angeles. Mars was becoming more involved with songwriting and while driving his new car, a Ford Falcon, along Angeles Crest Highway; the lyrics of *Born to Be Wild* came to him. It became stormy, and with lightening crackling nearby, images became poetry and lyrics. He says it was somewhere near Mount Mooney on the highway that the creative spark happened. He was not thinking of Steppenwolf or any other group when he wrote the song. He was just trying to capture some of the feelings he was experiencing as a result of his new freedom to drive and discover.

Mars tells his inspiration for the song:

"The song was inspired by getting my own car. The Sparrow had a vehicle for getting our gear and us to clubs, but I had no transportation of my own, and saw nothing of California except motel rooms, nightclubs, and Hollywood. When I got the Falcon, I drove to the ocean, to the mountains, and to the high desert and I was amazed and thrilled with the beauty and diversity of Southern California. Hence the opening line of the song: *Get your motor running, head out on the highway, looking for adventure in whatever comes our way.*"

How Mars came up with the term heavy metal and the phrase:

Mars first heard the term heavy metal as a category of the periodic table of elements when he was studying science. During his drive, the darkening of the sky, the flash of lightning, and the crack of thunder prompted the phrase: *"I like smoke and lightning, heavy metal thunder."* 

Mars says that a large part of the continuing success of *Born To Be Wild* is due to the work of Universal Music, the publisher of the song. They have a diversity of creative and energetic people who consider every aspect of how a song could be used. John Kay continues to tour as *Steppenwolf*, and continues to receive 'performer credit' payments. He recently thanked Mars for it as "the gift that continues to give!"

How the song's magic changed Mars' life:

"My first job was working on the line for General Motors of Canada. Then I decided to go to college and become a psychiatrist. During a summer break in my third year at The University of Waterloo I got involved in a band. I instantly realized music was what I was meant to do and I never returned to college."

The song seems ubiquitous in our culture. Its appearance in the film *Easy Rider* connected it with motorcycle culture. Clips and quotes from it reappear in commercials and writings. Lilly read in a novel, *Unknown In Law*, 2004 by Perri O'Shaughnessy, about a Private Investigator and his assistant walking through a cemetery and reading some of the headstones. On one was the inscription:

"I never want to die.

Born to be wild."

The book went on to say "Some things a nubile body could not compensate for, such as never having gotten your MOTOR RUNNN' (emphasis added) to head out on the highway." The lyrics have become part of our language.

As Mars' songwriting continued, he provided songs for the band, but became less interested in performing:

"Being in *The Sparrow* gave me a chance to observe and participate in many aspects of the music business such as being a musician, producing music recordings, creating songs, arranging music, running a recording studio, and more. What ended up appealing to me the most was song writing, so much so that I decided to concentrate entirely on that and let go of being a musician." Mars produced a solo album of his songs in 1969, titled *Faster Than The Speed of Life*.

Earlier this year, Mars received an achievement award from the Canadian Music Society, SOCAN for the song, *Born To Be Wild*. He and Kathy went to Toronto to receive it, along with some other Canadian music artists. Mingling with people in the business re-ignited his music interests. He has been thinking of melodies and lyrics all along, but hadn't acted on any of them. He bought a pro-quality keyboard and has been busy producing new songs, which he will refine and provide for other artists to record. Kathy also has a keyboard and several other instruments. A perfect match!



Above: Mars and Randy Bachman of Bachman-Turner Overdrive receive their awards

Above Right: Mars at his keyboard

Right: Mars and Kathy

In 2016 Mars and Kathy will be moving to their new residence in Reno. However, not to worry, they will be returning for special events to reconnect with their HPS friends. We wait to see what new creative energy they involve themselves in.

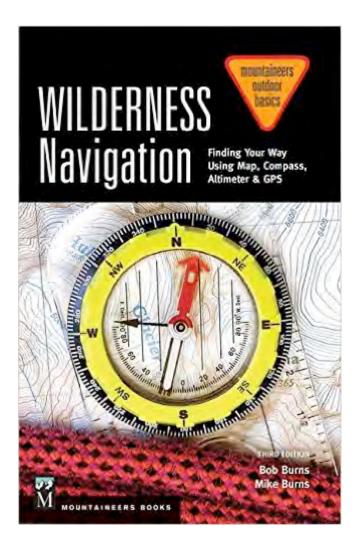




# THE NAVIGATION CORNER: WILDERNESS NAVIGATION

By Bob Myers, LTC Navigation Chair

Mountaineers Books recently released the third edition of *Wilderness Navigation: Finding Your Way Using Map, Compass & GPS* (2015) by Bob Burns and Mike Burns. This is the best navigation book on the market and should be on every navigator's bookshelf. I extensively used the book in acquiring a core body of knowledge about navigation. The list price for the book is \$16.95, but lower prices are available at various internet outlets. A Kindle version is also available.



Wilderness Navigation cover

This book is particularly helpful for beginning navigators. It has numerous illustrations to help novices understand basic topics. As an added bonus, it has 30 navigation problems at the end of the book along with a list of correct answers.

#### **Upcoming Navigation Event**

Our two-day Indian Cove Navigation Noodle on November 14 and 15, 2015, 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 2015 will be held in the Warren Point area of Joshua Tree National Park on Sunday, December 6, 2015.

We have a great line up of navigation outings scheduled for 2016, starting with the Indian Cove Navigation Noodle on January 9 and 10, 2016.

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 <u>rmmyers@ix.netcom.com</u>.



Revelry on Russell; Illwoo Suh, Angela Kwa, Coby King, Ignacia Doggett, May Tang, Lawrence Lee, Mary Varalyay, Susan Kang, Peter Doggett, Tina Chu, Haewon Shin (L-R photo by Jin Oak Chung)

# You are cordially invited to the HPS Annual Awards Banquet Saturday -- January 9, 2016

Join us for an evening of fun, good food and socializing with old and new friends at the: Monrovian Family Restaurant 534 South Myrtle Avenue Monrovia, CA 91006-2814 (626) 359-8364

## Bill Burke will be presenting: "First Ascent of Burke-Khang (6,942m)(22,775')"



Bill Burke has visited the Himalayas around Nepal many times, getting to know its people while exploring its spectacular countryside. He loves it so much that he's summited Mount Everest twice; once from the South side and once from the North side. And he's still looking for adventure out there! Come hear Bill fill us in via photos and video footage of his latest: the recon, planning, and First Ascent attempt this October (2015) of the Himalayan Mountain located about 9-miles from Mt Everest, "Burke-Khang" that the Govt. of Nepal named after him in 2014.

Social Hour begins at 5:00 pm - Dinner begins at 6:15 pm Silent Auction of Donated Items – HPS Merchandise Available for Purchase

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Make Check Payable to Hundred Peaks Section and mail to Reservationist: Mat Kelliher 5846 Willis Ave Van Nuys, CA 91411

Tickets will be held at the door. Upon receipt of reservation, email confirmation will be sent.

# **2015 Hundred Peaks Section Election**

Thanksgiving, Christmas and other holidays are coming. In your preparations and travel, don't forget to take part in the 2015 HPS Election.

This year, there are four candidates for 3 spots in the HPS Management Committee. The candidates are: George Christiansen, Jim Hagar, Coby King, and Brookes Treidler. Candidate statements are included in this issue of the LOOKOUT.

There are no proposals for new emblems, peaks, bylaws, or anything else.

Ballots 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 <a href="mailto:peterdoggett@aol.com">peterdoggett@aol.com</a> 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 <u>received</u> no later than December 1. Only ballots received by the December 1 due date will be opened and counted by the Election Committee.

Thank you to members of this year's Election Committee. While Peter and I will produce and mail the ballot, Tanya Roton, Winnette Butler and Stella Cheung will be assisting us in opening ballots and counting votes. - Ignacia M. Doggett

#### Statement of George Christiansen:

I have been a member of HPS for seven years and an "O" rated leader for five years, and I have enjoyed every minute of it. I hiked my first HPS Peak over fifty years ago - not knowing about HPS or the list of peaks. While on a backpacking trip, my brother and I hiked to West Big Pine and San Rafael Mountains, and almost fifty years later I finished my quest for a list completion. Since then I have hiked Lower Peaks, San Diego Peaks, a very few Desert Peaks, and any other "list" that I can find in this area. This has given me the opportunity to visit peaks and areas all over the Southland.

For the past two years I have served as a non-voting member of the Management Committee as Access Chair, and attempted to keep HPS leaders and members updated on the ever-changing status relative to accessing our peaks. If elected, I look forward to serving in a Committee position.

#### Jim Hagar's statement:

Starting with WTC in 2009, the Sierra Club introduced me to the outdoors for the first time and changed my whole outlook on life. As I've progressively involved myself with HPS I've come to deeply respect its rich history and historic accomplishments over the decades. I'm proud to be affiliated with HPS as an active I leader, and this past year making and updating the maps and GPS tracks for the web site to keep them updated and accessible. I've also become involved at the chapter level as a Safety Committee reviewer. I am interested in helping the section stay relevant and attract new and active members. Developing new leaders and is equally important, preserving and encouraging a culture of mentorship and streamlining the process for potential new leaders. Let's keep bringing the joy of the outdoors as enthusiastically to future generations as we have in the past.

#### Coby King's Statement:

Even after serving on MComm for two years, the Hundred Peaks Section is still one of the glories of my life! I discovered peak-bagging in my late 30s, and while I have had to balance my hiking and traveling with family, work, and my political activities, it remains one of my life's joys. I am asking for your vote for reelection to Management Committee because I want to continue to strengthen HPS, maintain what is attractive to current members, and figure out new ways to increase membership. For some years I have been the administrator of the Section's Facebook page, and I would like to increase our efforts to use social media to expand participation in our outings and to recruit new leaders. I've been happy to serve first as vice chair and currently chair and I hope I've done a good job in performing the duties of those offices.

While I have not completed the list (I can finally claim I'm halfway there!), I actually think that can be an advantage on the Management Committee, where a relative newbie perspective is probably a good thing to add to the Committee. In addition, I have served on numerous boards and commissions over my career, and I believe I'm an effective manager and focused on results for the organizations I serve. Finally, I believe deeply in the mission of the Sierra Club, and I look forward to continuing to use my position to maintain access to our peaks and their routes, and to introduce more people to the glories of our local high places. Thanks for your consideration.

#### **Brookes Treidler's Statement:**

"No statement"



Enjoying a sunset from Frazier Lookout after 10 finish 9 HPS peaks in 12 hours; 13 completed the first 9 peaks (photo by Jin Oak Chung)

# The San Gorgonio Greats — San Gorgonio Plus 3

#### By Stephen Bryne, Sierra Club Outings Chairman and Hike Leader

In August, I was pleased to be invited to join my friends in the Sierra Club's Hundred Peak Section (HPS) on a day hike to the so-called San Gorgonio Greats. This trip was led by Peter and Ignacia Doggett of HPS. San Gorgonio Mountain lies in the San Gorgonio Wilderness Area, an area important as the range of the remaining Desert bighorn sheep. Twelve people, the maximum allowed on the Wilderness Permit for this trip, gathered at the Mill Creek Ranger Station to begin this epic day. Skies were clear and the temperatures were cooler than normal.

Our route took us up the Vivian Creek Trail and then cross-country, first to Dobbs Peak and then to Jepson Peak, on the way to San Gorgonio Peak. The pinpoint weather forecast for Dobbs Peak was "Sunny with a high near 63 degrees" on this day.

Dobbs Peak (elev. 10,459 ft) is named for an early explorer in the area. In 1904 the George Grant party was led by a guide named Dobbs to the summit, reaching it as a thunderstorm broke. A bolt of lightning struck Dobbs and knocked him senseless, while another bolt killed another member of the party. Dobbs had to be restrained until help arrived the next morning, when he regained his senses but not his memory.

Jepson Peak (elev. 11,205 ft) is named for Willis Lynn Jepson, University of California botanist, who made a study of plant life in the San Bernardino Mountains about 1914. He was a charter member of the Sierra Club and a lifelong hiker and was known for his books "Trees of California" (1923) and "Manual of the Flowering Plants of California" (1921).

After summiting Dobbs and Jepson Peaks, we made our way to San Gorgonio Peak. At 11,499 ft, San Gorgonio Peak is the highest peak in the San Bernardino Mountains, as well as the highest in the Transverse Range and in all of Southern California. Since the peak is above the tree line, only rocks are visible on the upper portion of the mountain, giving rise to one of the peak's names—Old Greyback. This peak is surrounded by nine peaks over 10,000 ft in elevation. Moraine deposits near San Gorgonio Peak represent relics of the southernmost glaciation in the United States.

In the creation story of the Serrano Indians, brother gods *Pakrokitat* and *Kukitat* quarreled and separated, *Pakrokitat* moved south with a pure white eagle and made his home on this peak—then known as *Akyana*.

One of the hikers, Susan Kang, revealed to me that earlier this year, while climbing San Gorgonio Peak she had slipped on ice or snow and had fallen down a steep slope, narrowly escaping death while being badly injured. Returning to this spot was traumatic and also cathartic for Susan, but her body and spirit are strong and she is clearly indomitable. Bravo Susan!

The route to Dragons Head traversed an unusual geological feature called The Tarn. A *tarn* is a mountain lake or pool, formed in a cirque excavated by a glacier. It is formed when either rain or river water fills the cirque. A moraine may form a natural dam below a *tarn*.

Approaching The Tarn from San Gorgonio Peak, we spied what appeared to be a herd of Desert bighorn sheep on the dry lake bed, although it was hard to be certain from about one mile away. Desert bighorn sheep (*Ovis canadensis nelsoni*) is a subspecies of bighorn sheep (*Ovis canadensis*), that is native to the deserts of the Southwestern United States and Northwestern Mexico. The range of Desert bighorn sheep includes habitats in the Mojave Desert, Colorado Desert, and Sonoran Desert. As we got closer, the small

herd came into focus: a ram, several ewes, and a lamb. As we approached, the herd ascended the opposite slope, climbing the appropriately named Bighorn Mountain. The ram brought up the rear, keeping a close watch on the human interlopers. This sighting was the highlight of the trip for me, since Desert bighorn sheep are shy and are rarely seen. Unfortunately, we were unable to summit Bighorn Mountain on this trip since it is in the post-Lake Fire closure area.

Dragons Head is named for the summit block that appears to some to be like a reptilian head, as viewed from The Tarn on its east side. Although the peak is not named on either USGS topos or on USFS maps, the HPS has called this peak Dragons Head for several decades. A tricky razorback ridge, with steep slopes on either side, led us to the summit of Dragons Head.

In all, this hike was some 18 miles and took 13 hours, more or less. All who went were subtly changed by this experience in nature. Mike Stubblefield later commented, "This was one of the toughest, and most interesting hikes I've ever done in my life." Well said Mike.



A family of Big Horn Sheep on Bighorn Mountain, post Lake Fire. Bighorn Mountain did not burn, but it is in the closure area southeast of the Gorgonio to Dragonhead approach. (Photo by Kim La)

Kim La, leftmost of the sitting trio on Dragons Head, is often unseen as she is frequently behind the camera



# **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/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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Sixteen hikers traverse the headwall as wild adventure matches raw beauty on Mill Creek Canyon and Galena

# Advance Schedule of Hundred Peaks Section Activities

November 2015 – January 2016

#### 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 7, 2015. These outings cover the period ranging from November 10, 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) 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://angeles.sierraclub.org/activities

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/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.

## 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* 

#### Nov 11 - 13 Wed - Fri Hundred Peaks

I: McDonald (6870'), Alamo (7367'), Stewart (6941'), Cobblestone (6730'), White #2 (6250'), Snowy (6532'), Black #2 (6202') - Join us for 3 days of hiking in the Los Padres National Forest. We will drive in on Wednesday, hiking Alamo and McDonald along the way in. On Thursday, we will hike Cobblestone and White. Friday, we will hike Snowy and Black then drive home. We will be camping at rustic campground about 1 mile from the trailhead for Thursday and Friday's hikes. Thursday and Friday are strenuous hikes. Cobblestone and White is 15 miles round trip, 6440' of gain on use trail and cross country. We will be coming out at night. Snowy and Black is 10 miles round trip, 3900' gain on use trail. Rain or poor road conditions cancels. You can join us for one or all three days. High clearance vehicle required. Slow to moderate pace. Contact leaders for details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, PAT ARREDONDO

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# Nov 23 Mon Hundred Peaks

**I: Sugarloaf (9952')** - Join us for the day in the San Bernardino National Forest about 7 miles southeast of Big Bear Lake. If Route 3 is open, we will be doing that route. Due to a fire in the area, it may be closed or the Bear Mtn. Ski operation may not give us permission to cross their land. If that is so, we will do Route 1 from Wildhorse meadow. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, PAT ARREDONDO

### Dec 1 Tue Hundred Peaks

**I: Martinez (6660')** - Join us for the day in the San Bernardino National Forest,11 miles south of Palm Desert. This peak is often done with Sheep making for a very strenuous day. We have decided to do them as two separate hikes. Martinez by itself is a strenuous hike, 16 miles round trip on trail and cross county with 4300' of gain. Some boulder hopping required. We will be coming out in the dark. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for details. Leaders: *DAVE COMERZAN, PAT ARREDONDO* 

#### Dec 5 Sat Hundred Peaks

**I:** Black Mountain #4 (6,149'), Chaparrosa Peak (5,541') – Start out the 2015 HPS Holiday Hooplah by joining us on two separate hikes to a couple of classic HPS peaks at the easternmost edge of the San Bernardino Mountains near Pioneertown, CA. We'll start off by heading cross country over Class 1 terrain to summit the intriguingly named Black #4 for an easy 4.0 RT miles with 1,200' gain (800' out, 400' on return). Next we'll drive over to the Pioneertown Mountains Preserve, and set off across gorgeous high desert country on road and use trail for an easy 6.6 RT miles and 1,300' of gain to Chaparrosa Peak. Both peaks include fantastic views to the east out into the vast Mojave Desert. We'll plan to finish up in plenty of time to get over to Indian Cove at Joshua Tree NP for the HPS Holiday Hooplah. Email contact info, recent experience & conditioning to mkelliher746@gmail.com for trip status and details. *Leader: MAT KELLIHER, Co-Leader: SRIDHAR GULLAPALLI* 

#### Dec 5 Sat Hundred Peaks

**2015 HPS Holiday Hooplah** - Welcome in the Holidays with a fun and festive weekend filled with outstanding peak bagging and an evening of partying in the vicinity of Joshua Tree National Park. Camp at the group campsite (Dry camp, pit toilets) we've reserved at Indian Cove for Friday and Saturday nights, or stay in one of many motels in nearby towns of Joshua Tree and Yucca Valley, CA. Wherever you stay, everyone is welcome to join us for a hearty Happy Hour and Potluck, along with lots of socializing and serious relaxing around a roaring campfire beneath the moon-lit night sky. Check the HPS website, the Lookout, or the Angeles Chapter Outings website for scheduled Holiday Hooplah hikes, and contact hike leaders directly for information on specific hikes. No charges for the campground, but reservations are on a first come, first served basis, so be sure to email the HPS Programs Committee reservationist at *mkelliher746@gmail.com* early to assure your spot!

#### Dec 6 Sun Hundred Peaks

**I:** Lost Horse Mountain (5,313'), Mount Inspiration (5,560'+) – Join us on this second day of the 2015 HPS Holiday Hooplah as we head into Joshua Tree NP to climb a couple of classic HPS desert peaks. We'll start out by heading up an old road and trail at an easy pace for about 5.0 RT miles (900' gain) to the summit of Lost Horse Mtn. We'll return to our cars the way we came in and then drive over to Keyes View and the trailhead to Mt Inspiration. From the parking lot we'll head up a ridge on use trail at a relaxed pace, going up and down a couple of false summits before reaching the summit of Mt Inspiration where we'll marvel at the views of the

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Salton Sea, San Jacinto, and San Gorgonio from its airy top. Returning the way we came, we'll cover 2.0 RT miles while gaining about 700'. Email contact info, recent experience & conditioning to <u>mkelliher746@gmail.com</u> for trip status and details. *Leader: MAT KELLIHER, Co-Leader: SRIDHAR GULLAPALLI* 

### Dec 8 Tue Hundred Peaks

**I: Old Man (5538'), Monte Arido (6010')** - Join us for the day in the Los Padres National Forest, 13 miles northwest of Ojai. This is a long and strenuous hike of 26 miles and 6700' of gain with 90% of it on road. We will probably come out in the dark. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for details. Leaders: *DAVE COMERZAN, PAT ARREDONDO* 

#### Jan 5 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* 

#### Jan 9 Sat Hundred Peaks

**2016 HPS Awards Banquet** - Join HPS for its annual awards banquet at the Monrovian Restaurant in Monrovia, CA, as we celebrate our accomplishments and visit with friends new and old. This year's speaker will be Bill Burke; his presentation is titled "First Ascent of Burke-Khang (6,942m)(22,775')", and will include photos & video footage of the recon, planning, and First Ascent attempt this October (2015) of the Himalayan Mountain located about 9-miles from Mt Everest, "Burke-Khang", that the Government of Nepal named after him in 2014. Social Hour begins at 5:00 pm, Dinner begins at 6:15 pm. Cost is \$46 per person, \$51 per person if reservations are made after Jan 2, 2016. Contact the HPS Program Reservationist at <u>mkelliher746@gmail.com</u> for questions and additional information.

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Merrymaking as most summit Sheephead for the first time; Matt Kraii, Serop Karoglanian, Tina Chu, Illwoo Suh, the Doggetts, John Cederberg, Wasim Khan, Sonia Arancibia, Jim Kidder, Mark Lyons, Nancy Jones, Bob Stuardt, Mike Stubblefield, Catherine Rossbach, May Tang, Norie Varga (front to back, L-R; photo by Jin Oak Chung)



Jeason Park hails as he ascends Haddock, his 100th HPS peak

Peter Doggett, in bright yellow, guides the descent after capturing Cornell for his 5000th HPS peak





PT Overlook is a pretty ridge traverse, and fun climb, west of Castle Rocks. George Christiansen, in recurrent role of photographer, captures the descent.

Climbing Indianhead via the adventurous south gully. Ignacia Doggett watches as Pat Arredondo skillfully climbs a vertical slab (photo by George Christiansen)



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Seuk Doo Kim has climbed Big Iron at least 100 times (twice from Baldy, in 2012, in his mid 70's). Here, he and his wife, are on their 450+ climb of Baldy 7-30-15

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