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Hundred Peaks Section Annual Banquet, Jan 13, 2018











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From The Chair

2017 in Review: It was a very good year!

As we welcome 2018, it is fitting that we look back on the previous year. For the Hundred Peaks Section, 2017 was a fine year. We continue to have a good number of regularly scheduled hikes. Our stalwart leaders, especially Bill Simpson and Peter and Ignacia Doggett, continue to schedule and lead hikes to our wonderful mountains. In addition, I'm pleased to see the development of new active leaders, including especially Jimmy Quan. And Mat Kelliher continues to lead many HPS hikes and adventures to other local mountains.

People continue to make progress toward the various emblems and leadership recognitions that the Section offers. A highlight of being chair is the privilege of handing out certificates at our Annual Banquet. Your Management Committee has been very busy as well. We monitor conditions in all our local mountains, suspending and un-suspending peaks from the list as appropriate. We schedule our annual events, including the just-concluded (and very successful) Holiday Hoopla, plus the Annual Banquet, the Spring Fling, the Waterman Rendezvous, and the Fall Festival. These events are wonderful opportunities to meet other members and to hike our beautiful mountains. And thanks to good stewardship of our finances, the Section voted to make the camping events free to Section members in good standing, while still collecting a nominal fee from non-members.

We also maintain membership and other records, manage the Section's finances, and make decisions on a variety of matters. Other volunteers manage and contribute to our wonderful and comprehensive website, and of course the publication you are reading now is made possible by the indefatigable Mark S. Allen and the contributions he endlessly solicits.

One of the things the Management Committee has stressed in recent years is reducing our impact on the environment by pretty much eliminating the paper mailing of The Lookout Newsletter. This year we are taking the additional step of moving to electronic voting, which will be implemented this year.

Another of the issues we are grappling with is making sure we attract younger people into our obsession, er, hobby. Our outreach efforts always include considerations of what will make our events and hikes more attractive to younger people while maintaining what us longer-term folks love about the Section. And we continue to work on our social media outreach.

For me, I continue to make slow but steady progress in completing the list. I passed 200 peaks this summer on Tahquitz Lookout, and I'm eagerly looking forward to finishing the list in the next couple of years.

The Hundred Peaks Section is strong, because of the dedication of leaders, administrators, hikers, and supporters, that is, every person reading this fine publication. And at a time when protection of the environment is threatened by federal officials, it is more important than ever to know and love our wild places, and to develop and spread knowledge of our local mountains.

This is indeed the mission of the Sierra Club, the Angeles Chapter, and the Hundred Peaks Section.

Thanks for your support, and best wishes for 2018!

Coby King

2017 Chair

Hundred Peaks Section Management Committee

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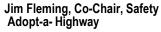
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2017 Annual Business Meeting, (L to R) George Christiansen, Mat Kelliher, Coby King, Michael McCarty, Aimee Shocket, Mark S. Allen, James Hagar, Michael Dillenback.

HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION MEMBERSHIP REPORT Nov-Dec 2017 Michael McCarty, HPS Membership Chair

New Members

Jeff Henson Amy Huang Jayson Woodruff DONATIONS: Wasim Khan - \$6 Tom Connery - \$51 224 Members28 Household<u>16 Subscribers</u>**268 Total Members**

New Subscribers

Victor Lopez

100 Peaks Emblem

#1185 - Jesse Glick - Stonewall Peak - 12/3/2017
#1186 - Larry Pond - Delamar Mountain - 11/29/2017
#1187 -Nancy Jones - Wysup Peak - 9/29/2012

200 Peaks Bar

#496 - Catherine Rossbach - Tip Top Mountain - 3/5/2017#497 -Nancy Jones - Luna Mountain - 2/22/2016

First List Completion

#321 - Gloria Miladin - Gold Mountain - 11/11/2017
#322 - David Baldwin - Mt Hillyer - 12/2/2017
#323 - Elaine Baldwin - Mt Hillyer - 12/2/2017
#324 -Nancy Jones - Sugarloaf Mountain - 7/2/2017

Fourth List Completion

#23 - Patricia Arredondo - Spitler Peak - 12/19/2017

Seventh List Completion

#8 - Ignacia Doggett - Spitler Peak - 12/23/2017

Pathfinder Emblem - 100 Peaks #59 - Jinoak Chung - Garnet Mountain - 12/3/2017

100 Peaks Leadership Emblem #55 - Jinoak Chung - Stonewall Peak - 12/3/2017

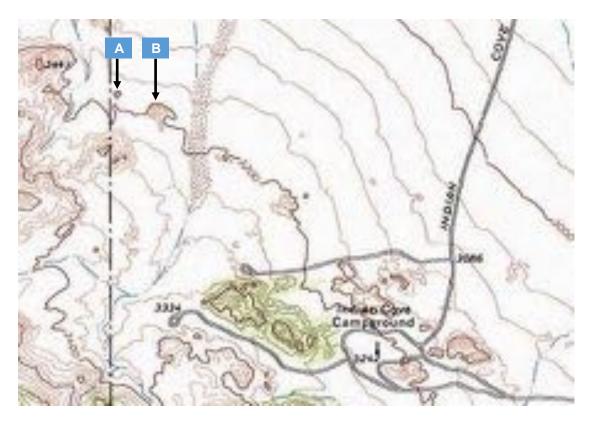
Fifth Leadership List Completion #3 - Ignacia Doggett - Iron Spring Mountain - 12/17/2017

Sixth Leadership List Completion #1 - Peter Doggett - Stonewall Peak - 12/3/2017

THE NAVIGATION CORNER: KNOW YOUR CONTOUR LINES

By Bob Myers, LTC Navigation Chair

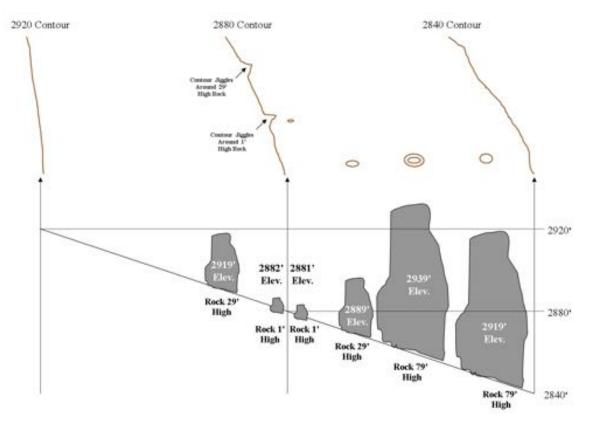
One of the common mistakes made by beginning navigators is to fail to understand how contour lines are placed on topographic maps. This misunderstanding results in not being able to read the map. During Indian Cove navigation checkoffs, I will often ask a participant to take me to a single closed contour line on the topo (Point A on the map below). On a number of occasions, the participant walked right by Point A and went to other locations such as Point B on the map. They invariably tell me that they did not believe Point A was the correct location because it was not at least 40 feet tall and the rock formation at Point B was.



Most of the topographic maps that we use in Southern California use a contour line interval of 40 feet. What this means is that contour lines are placed at lines of constant elevation every 40 feet. For example, starting at sea level, contour lines would be 0, 40, 80, 120, 160, 200, etc. Some of our local hiking areas use a different contour interval. The San Jacinto Peak 7.5 minute map has an interval of 80 feet, making the area look less steep than in actuality. A number of topographic maps in the Santa Monica Mountains use either a 20 feet or 25 feet interval, making the terrain look steeper than in actuality.

In theory a single closed contour line can represent a land form object (i.e., rock formation) anywhere from one foot in height to 79 feet in height. Whether a rock pile will be represented

by one or more contours depends on where the contour lines (e.g., 2880' contour line) intersect the rock formation. As illustrated in the diagram below, it is not the height of the rock pile that dictates the placement of contour lines but where the contour interval intersects the rock pile. Thus, the same size rock pile might be represented differently depending on what its base elevation happens to be. (Keep in mind that mapping agencies do not map every small rock pile that theoretically should show up on the map.)



Another useful thing to know about contour lines is that a downhill jiggle in a single contour line usually represents a contour line encountering a rock formation as it moves around the rock on the downhill side.

Contour lines provide us with important information about the terrain. Below are some simple examples. Learning how to read contour lines is an essential skill for navigators. The best way to get better at reading the map is to carry one on your trips and correlate the map to the terrain around you as you hike.



Assuming we have snow, our Mt. Pinos Navigation on Snowshoes will be held on February 3, 2018. Our April 21-22, 2018, navigation noodle will be at the Wildlands Conservancy's Mission Creek Preserve. The complete 2018 calendar is in the online schedule of activities.

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

If you have any questions, contact me at <u>rmmyers@ix.netcom.com</u>.

Take That First Step Toward Becoming a Leader!

Offered just twice a year, the next Sierra Club Angeles Chapter's Leadership Training Seminar is scheduled for Saturday, April 14, 2018. Come and learn all about the best leadership practices of our outings program conducted by the Leadership Training Committee. This all-day event covers group management, our ratings system, rules of conduct, safety and much more, from presentations, breakout groups and scenarios.

Theall-day classcosts\$30. The application is available online: https://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc_leadership_seminar

Mail the application to Steve Botan, Payment by check or use PayPal, to: LTC Registrar, 18816 Thornwood Circle, Huntington Beach 92646.

Spring Leadership Seminar April 14, 2018, Eaton Canyon Nature Center



- + Time: Arrive at 7:30 a.m., done by 4 pm
- Register by March 31, 2018
- Contact LTC Registrar Steve Botan: LTPSeminarRegistrar@gmail.com or call 714-321-1296
- + And now there is a Paypal option!
- Find out more including information on advanced ratings and navigation events at:

http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc_leadership_seminar

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

LEADER CONTACT INFO

Following is contact information for Leaders who are offering outings in this edition of The Lookout Newsletter. When signing up for an outing, follow the instructions given in the trip listing to find out about meeting time and location.

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Drawing from Lookout, Nov - Dec 1980

Advance Schedule of Hundred Peaks Section Activities

January - March, 2018 *Mat Kelliher, HPS Outings Chair*

The following is a listing of all Hundred Peaks Section (HPS) Outings submitted and posted to the Angeles Chapter online Schedule of Activities (OARS) as of December 31, 2017. These outings cover the period ranging from January 1, 2017 through March 10, 2018. Note that **new HPS outings are added to the online schedule of activities all the time**, often only a day or two 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 frequently for last minute additions. Follow this link to the HPS calendar of events:

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 the HPS calendar of events, check out the Angeles Chapter online Schedule of Activities for a staggering selection of outings options offered by all of the various Groups, Sections, and Committees of the Angeles Chapter. The Angeles Chapter calendar of events is located here: <u>http://angeles.sierraclub.org/activities</u>

HPS outings are open to everyone; you don't need to be a member of either the HPS or the Sierra Club to join us! However, to participate on an outing, you will be required 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 ride share points (if any) referenced herein.

Jan 1 Mon Hundred Peaks

O: South Mt Hawkins (7783 ft) - Celebrate the New Year with a visit to our nearby treasure, Angeles National Forest, as we climb from the natural amphitheater at Crystal Lake to the summit where a historic lookout once stood, until destroyed by the 2002 Curve Fire. From the lookout ruins, we will view the encircling high country -- including Ross, Baldy, Iron, Rattlesnake, and the wild canyons in between. Totals for the day will be 7 miles round trip and 2000 feet of gain. Hike-experienced dogs with well-behaved owners welcome. Please bring liquids, lugsoles, layers, lunch and hat. Contact peterdoggett@aol.com for trip details. *Leaders PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT, JINOAK CHUNG*

Jan 3 Wed Hundred Peaks

O: Hot Springs Mountain (6533 ft) - Join us for an enjoyable day hiking to this peak, which is the San Diego County high point. From the campground on the Cauhuilla Indian Reservation we will ascend on trail/jeep road to the peak for its spectacular views. Entry fee of 10\$ per vehicle required. Stats: 10 miles, 2500 feet gain/loss. Moderate pace. Bring lugsoles layers lunch liquids lid and lotions. Contact Leader for meeting time and location. Leader: JIM HAGAR. Co-leaders: VIRGINIA SIMPSON, MIKE DILLENBACK, JERRY GRENARD, LARRY POND

Jan 3 Wed Hundred Peaks

O: Middle Peak (5883 ft), Cuyamaca Peak (6512 ft) - Drive through the former mining town of Julian to Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, site of Kumeyaay ancestral villages. Once called Ah-Ha Kwe-Ah Mac , the place where it rains, the area is characterized by oak and conifer forests, and pretty creek-crossed meadows. Join us as we do a loop hike, taking the Conejos Trail from Middle to Cuyamaca, and savor superlative summit views that can extend 100 miles on a crisp clear day. Totals will be 7 miles round trip with 2500 feet of gain. Please bring liquids, lugsoles, layers, lunch and hat. Contact peterdoggett@aol.com for trip details. *Leaders PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT*

Jan 6 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Scodie Mountain (7294 ft) - Kick off the New Year by joining us as we hike to the peak of this complex mountain on the eastern side of the Kiavah Wilderness. The total distance is about 7 miles round trip and there will be about 2300 feet of gain. Our trailhead is the Walker Pass Campground off California Highway 178 near Walker Pass. The route is moderate difficulty and mostly off trail where there will be hiking in washes, climbing over boulders, and one steep climb. Our payoff is strolling through pinon pine forests, awing over amazing rock piles, and the great views of the Mojave Desert. Bring lug soles, water, lunch, extra layers, hat and headlamp. Adverse weather postpones. Contact Leader for trip details. *Leader LARRY POND and Assistant Leader BILL SIMPSON*

Jan 9 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 10 Wed Hundred Peaks

O: Strawberry Pk (6164), Mt Lawlor (5957) - Come join us for our hike to these two peaks in the front range of the San Gabriel Mtns National Monument. Strawberry Pk is the tallest peak in the front range of the Mts and Mt Lawlor is an often overlooked sibling. We will start our hike from Red Box Gap and use the Strawberry Peak trail to reach the saddle between Strawberry Pk and Lawlor Mt. From the saddle, we will hike on well-worn use trails that follow the ridges up to each peak. The trip totals for the hike are 8 miles and 3800 ft gain. Bring hiking footwear, water, lunch, snacks, layers, sunblock, hat, & headlamp. Contact Larry Pond for meeting information. *Leader: LARRY POND, Co-Leaders: BILL SIMPSON, VIRGINIA SIMPSON, JIM HAGAR, MIKE DILLENBACK, JERRY GRENARD, JEFF HENSON*

Jan 13 Sat Hundred Peaks

2018 HPS Awards Banquet - The 2018 Awards Banquet will be held at the Monrovian Family Restaurant in Monrovia, CA. Our Speaker this year will be Shawnte Salabert. Contact *MIKE DILLENBACK* at <u>dillyhouse@earthlink.net</u> for additional information.

Jan 14 Sun WTC, Hundred Peaks

O: WTC Conditioning Hike - Mt. Lukens: Want to ensure you are in condition for the 2018 WTC class? Join us on a hike of the HPS Mt. Lukens, at 5,074 feet the highest point in the city limits of Los Angeles, and also the westernmost major summit of the San Gabriels. We will start from Deukmejian Wilderness Park in Glendale, ascending via the Rim of the Valley Trailand descending via the Crescenta View Trail. The views on both legs of the hike are great; if visibility is good, expect to see Old Saddleback, Catalina Island, Santa Barbara Island, the entire Santa Monica range and more. All are welcome to come and learn about WTC, and keep up your resolution for the New Year to hike more in 2018. Ten miles at a moderate pace. Bring 10 essentials, water, snacks, lunch, and hiking poles for descent if desired. Meet in the parking lot at Deukmejian at 8am.3429 Markridge Rd, Glendale, CA 91214 *Leaders: KAREN BUEHLER, KATE MILLER, JAN MARIE PERRY*. RSVP / Questions: Jan Marie janmarie3@yahoo.com

Jan 17 Wed Hundred Peaks

M/I: Five fingers (5174 ft), Skinner Peak (7120 ft) - Join us for a challenging hike to these two peaks in Kern County. First we will climb Five Fingers, originally known as guila, The Eagle, because of the shape of its formation. The hike is 2 miles round trip with a total of 1600 feet of gain, ascending steeply up a loose slope then scrambling up Class 3 rock to attain the summit formation. Next we will drive to hike Skinner, following the PCT most of the way, for 8 miles rt and 1900 feet of gain. Strenuous, moderate pace. Comfort on class 3 rock recommended for Five Fingers. A participant could do one or both hikes as desired. Bring lugsoles layers lunch liquids lid and lotions. Tasty treats provided. Rain cancels. Contact leader for meeting time and location. *Leader: JIM HAGAR. Coleaders: BILL SIMPSON, VIRGINIA SIMPSON, MIKE DILLENBACK, JERRY GRENARD, LARRY POND*

Jan 20 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Mount Mooney (5,840'), Vetter Mountain (5,908') - Join us for these short hikes to Mt Mooney and Vetter Mtn. Total distance on the day is about 7 miles with about 1,500 feet of gain. We will first stroll about 2 miles, gaining 450 ft up Mount Mooney, named for Joseph Mooney, a young Forest Service telephone lineman and ranger in the Angeles National Forest; he lost his life in World War I. We'll finish with a trek of about 5 miles with 1,000 ft of gain to Vetter Mountain. Wear sturdy shoes or lug-sole boots, layers for warmth and bring the usual's for a day hike, including a headlamp, lunch and at least three liters of water. Snow, rain or other inclement weather will cancel. Contact leaders for meeting time and location. *Leader: JEFF HENSON, Co-Leaders: BILL SIMPSON, VIRGINIA SIMPSON, MIKE DILLENBACK, JIMMY QUAN*

Jan 24 Wed Hundred Peaks

I: Ryan, Inspiration, and Lost Horse - Join us for a day in Joshua Tree National Park. First, we will hike 3 miles round trip on trail with a gain of 1,100 feet to Ryan Mountain (5,457'). Next, we will hike cross-country for 2 miles round trip with gain of 700 feet to Mount Inspiration (5,560'+). Finally, we will hike cross-country 5 miles round trip with a gain of 900 feet to Lost Horse Mountain (5,313'). Total for the day is 10 miles with 2,700 feet of gain. All three peaks are Class 1, easy hikes, and we will travel at a slow to moderate pace. We will move our vehicles between trailheads for each peak. Come hike one, two, or all three peaks. Contact leader for meeting time and location. *Leader: JERRY GRENARD, co-leaders: BILL SIMPSON, VIRGINIA SIMPSON, JIM HAGAR, JEFF HENSON*.

Jan 31 Wed Hundred Peaks

I: Butterfly (6240'+) and Rock Point (5280'+) - Join us for a hike to summit these two peaks in the Desert Divide south of Idyllwild. The totals for the day will be 8 miles round trip with 2200' of gain. Rock Point is rated as a Class 1, easy on Route 1 while the approach to Butterfly Peak is rated as a Class 2, moderate on Route 1. We will hike at a slow to moderate pace. Contact leader for meeting time and location. *Leader: JERRY GRENARD, co-leaders: BILL SIMPSON, VIRGINIA SIMPSON, JIM HAGAR, MIKE DILLENBACK, JEFF HENSON*.

Feb 7 Wed Hundred Peaks

O: Sawtooth Mountain (5,200'), Liebre Mountain (5,760') and Burnt Peak (5,788') -Spend a day with us as we bag three separate peaks in the Angeles National Forest, Sierra Pelona Mountains, with short drives in between. Burnt Peak is less than a six mile hike with 800' of gain down a fire road. While it is not as tall as many of the highest peaks in the nearby mountains, it is ranked 94th on the prominence list for California. Next,Sawtooth Mountain is a mere four miles, but with 1,700' of gain (800' on the way out and 900' on the return) on a fire road, poles may be helpful to aid in the steepness. Lastly, Liebre Mountain, is a drive-up. Heavy snowfall in the area may cancel. Contact leader for time and ride share meeting location. *LEADER: JEFF HENSON, coleaders: BILL SIMPSON, VIRGINIA SIMPSON, JIM HAGAR, MIKE DILLENBACK, JERRY GRENARD*.

Feb 10 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Eureka Peak (5,518') - Join us in Joshua Tree National Park for 10.5 miles of desert fun with about 1,700 feet of gain. Name informally given for a USGS benchmark named "Eureka", derived from the nearby "Eureka Mine". Wear sturdy shoes or lug-sole boots, layers for warmth and bring the usuals for a day hike, including a headlamp, lunch and at least three liters of water. Snow, rain or other inclement weather will cancel. Contact leaders for meeting time and location. *LEADER: JEFF HENSON, co-leaders: BILL SIMPSON, VIRGINIA SIMPSON, MIKE DILLENBACK, JIM HAGAR, JERRY GRENARD*.

Feb 21 Wed Hundred Peaks

O: San Emigdio Mountain (7495 ft), Brush Mountain (7040+ ft) - Join us for two easy hikes in Los Padres National Forest near Frazier Park. From Marion campground we will hike up jeep road to San Emigdio and back, 6 miles, 1000 feet of gain and then up hearby Brush with an

additional 2 miles and 500 feet of gain. Moderate pace. Bring lugsoles layers lunch liquids lid and lotions. Rain cancels. Contact leader for meeting time and location. *Leader: JIM HAGAR. Coleaders: BILL SIMPSON, VIRGINIA SIMPSON*

Mar 10 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Bike and Hike to Gleason and Iron #2 - Join us for a strenuous bike and hike to these two peaks west of Mill Creek in the Angeles National Forest. We will ride to the top of Mt Gleason (6502 ft) on a paved road from Mill Creek Summit. Along this road, we will stop briefly at a memorial to two firefighters who lost their lives in the Station fire of 2012. After summiting Gleason, we will continue our ride on dirt road to the base of Iron Mountain #2 (5635 ft) and hike cross-country a short distance to the summit. The totals for the day are 27 miles round trip on bikes with 3900 feet of gain and 1.6 miles round trip hiking with 400 feet of gain. Contact the leader about your interest in the trip and provide information on your recent mountain bike riding experience. Leader: JERRY GRENARD, co-leaders: BILL SIMPSON, VIRGINIA SIMPSON, JIMMY QUAN

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2017 HPS Elections Results

The HPS Election Committee met on December 4 to open ballots and count votes. December 1 was deadline for ballots to be received by the Election Committee Chair, Ignacia Doggett. At the meeting were: Ignacia & Peter Doggett, Tanya Roton & Mat Kelliher, Winnette Butler, and William Chen.

Congratulations to George Christiansen, Jim Hagar, and Coby King. They were re-elected for another 2-year term on the Hundred Peaks Management Committee.

HPS voters approved the proposal to amend Section 2 of the bylaws, permitting MComm to provide the option of voting by electronic means in future elections.

Thank you to the people who take part in organizing each year's elections, with special recognition to Tanya Roton, Nominating Committee Chair. -- I. Doggett You are cordially invited to the

Hundred Peaks Section Annual Awards Banquet - Saturday January 13, 2018 -

The Monrovian Restaurant 534 South Myrtle Avenue - Monrovia, CA. 91016 - 626.359.8364

Shawnte Salabert will be presenting: **"Four Seasons on the Pacific Crest Trail**"

Outdoor writer Shawnté Salabert spent two years researching, hiking, and photographing the first 942.5 miles of the famed Pacific Crest Trail for her book "Hiking the Pacific Crest Trail: Southern California", released November 2017 via Mountaineers Books. During her explorations, hawnté experienced (and documented) the trail's changing temperament from season to season, sweating through the waterless San Felipe Hills, blowing a ound ubiquitous Mojave wind farms, and postholing during early season jaunts in the Sierra.

Her slide show presentation will serve as a virtual tour of the Southern and Central California PCT, offering a sneak peek at the history, culture, and aesthetics that make this one of themost famous footpaths in the world. Copies of Her book "Hiking the Pacific Crest Trail: Southern California" will be available for purchase during the event, and Shawnté will offer a book signing. For more information on Shawnté and her writing, visit shawntesalabert.com.

Social Hour and Author Book Signing Begins at 5:00 pm - Dinner Begins at 6:15 pm Silent Auction of Donated Items - HPS Merchandise Available for purchase

Please reserve_____ place(s) at the HPS Annual Awards Banquet on January 13, 2018

Guest Name (1)

Guest Name (2)_

Email Address

___Phone Number___

Enclosed is a check for _____ (\$49 per person, if received by 1/2/18, \$54 thereafter)

Make check payable to **Hundred Peaks Section** and mail to reservationist: Mike Dillenback

22611 Evalyn Ave.

Torrance, CA 90505

(V55 N1 Page 15) Tickets will be held at the door. Upon receipt of reservation, email confirmation will be sent.

THE BIG 3 TRAIL MAINTENANCE & HIKE



Safety First, Wear Hard Hat

San Rafael Mountain

The 'Big Three' Trail Maintenance on Veteran's Day November 10th-12th, 2017

By Swee Chin

It was a beautiful Southern California Fall on Veteran's Day weekend, the perfect conditions and occasion for a wonderful three-day trip to do trail maintenance, led by Bill and Virginia Simpson. In cooperation with the Los Padres Forest Association (LPFA), Bill and Virginia arranged for all of us to clear and cut fire damage from one of single largest wildfire of the 2007 California wildfire - the Zaca fire. Our project was focused on the Mission Pine Spring Trail going over San Rafael Mountain.

Past HPS Chair, Wayne Bannister, tells of how Zoebeda Aruz began the partnership with the LPFA ten years ago while speaking trailside with the LPFA on 'the Big Four,' just a ways away.

Fourteen volunteers, including Bill's twelve followers happily signed up for this rare opportunity in the beautiful Los Padres forest. The LPFA graciously opens the gates to our vehicles as well as providing the tools and training to help us learn the fine art of "Tread Repair", to quote our lead LPFA ranger, Gordon Jenkins. Bill Simpson divided us into teams of three, allowing us all to make as much progress as possible in our limited time there. Our goal was not only to clear the thread for hikers but also for stocks that carry cargo that needed broader and higher access.

Not to brag, but I am very proud of the results - the thread looked clean, beautiful, and easy access for all. I can't say enough about working side-by-side with all the people who participated. What fun! It was a very pleasant and fulfilling experience that couldn't be missed the next time around.

Last but not least, we couldn't resist bagging , Cachuma Mountain, San Rafael Mountain, McKinley Mountain, and Santa Cruz Peak before heading home. On behalf of my fellow 'Tread Repairers', and all of the hikers that use these trails, thank you Bill and Virginia for a great Veteran's Day!

Photo: Swee Chin (V55 N1 Page 16)

" When Do We Start?'

The Legacy of Weldon F. Heald

By William Chen

As we welcome the new year, it's important to look back at the legacy that the Hundred Peaks Section carries with it. Most of us are relatively new - I didn't join an HPS outing until December 2015, and only a handful of members have been involved for more than 10 years. Yet we are all part of a tradition that goes back over three-quarters of a century. This tradition calls on all of us to take the initiative and become better outdoorsmen and outdoorswomen. This tradition goes back to the very foundation of our organization, created by the great naturalist Weldon Heald.

Everything began in 1941 when Weldon Fairbanks Heald, at the age of 40, compiled a list of 112 peaks he wanted to climb. As other became interested, "The Hundred Peakers" group was organized in 1946. Its manifesto was contained in a publication sent to many members of the Sierra Club, titled "Mountains of Southern California over 5,000 Feet Elevation". Beginning the tradition of a flexible, ever-expanding list, Heald added another 80 peaks to his list, for a total of 192 peaks. According to Heald, the goal of a "hundred peaker" is "to climb 100 mountain summits between the Tehachapi and the Mexican line". As he described it, "there is no better way… to give us a better appreciation of our mountains or a greater knowledge of Southern California".

Heald continued to participate in outings with his group. The early years were relatively calm with only a handful of emblems being earned. Many of the first members, like Freda Walbrecht and Peggy McLean, were quite intrepid mountaineers, and also helped build the Desert Peaks Section, which at the time was substantially more active. In 1954, the Hundred Peaks Section was officially chartered, becoming a section of the Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club. The section grew greatly in the 1960s, when scheduled outings became a regular feature of the section. The first issue of *The Lookout* was published in 1964, and according to *Los Angeles Magazine*, had 527 members by December 1995.

A resident of Pasadena, Heald eventually moved to Arizona, leaving stewardship of his section to other leaders like Jack Bascomb and Fred Johnson. According to the *Tuscon Daily Citizen*, Heald disliked the excessive development that had begun to occur in Pasadena. At his Flying H Ranch outside of Tucson, Heald wrote numerous books, including scenic guides to California, Arizona, and Nevada. One publication, Sierra Snows, predicted snowfalls in the Sierra

Nevada based on the movement of glaciers. His most famous book, Sky Island, was published after his death. His description of a long, arduous walk from the burning desert to cool, idyllic pine forests continues to resonate among conservationists.

Heald was also famous as an intrepid explorer. The Wheeler Peak Glacier of Nevada was discovered in 1883, but its location was not precisely described. For years, many adventurers attempted to find this hidden glacier, but none were successful. In 1955, he led the expedition to rediscover this glacier. The glacier, it turned out, was not merely a moving mass of ice, but also a slow moving landslide. The rocks and dirt on top of the ice had greatly obscured Nevada's only glacier.

Not merely an observer of nature, Heald fought for the protection of public lands. He wrote a proposal for the creation of a Great Basin National Park, which eventually came to fruition in 1986. Most notably, he advocated for the preservation of the Gila Wilderness, helping to lay the political groundwork for America's wilderness areas. He was always keen to take the initiative, becoming a Vice-President of the American Alpine Club, a director of the Sierra Club, and a Trustee of the National Parks Association. He led innumerable hikes throughout the West, introducing thousands to the great expanse of the American wilderness. Heald made a name for himself, and he was consulted by the Secretary of the Interior and Howard Zahniser, author of the Wilderness Act.

The Legacy of Weldon F. Heald

continued:

In March 1973, after Heald's death, leader Paul A. Lipsohn petitioned the United States Board on Geographic Names to name a peak near the town of Weldon, California. Eight months later, Heald Peak was officially named and was added to the Hundred Peaks Section list the following year. Heald Peak remains a marked feature on USGS topographic maps.

Nature is a great treasure, enjoyed by all and celebrated several times every week by the Hundred Peaks Section. We will continue to push ourselves to cherish more and more of nature's fruitful bounty, and we will continue to bring others into our fold so they too can share in this great privilege. For 2018, let us all resolve to be like Weldon Heald, a great admirer, explorer, and defender of nature. I urge all to take the initiative; become a leader, explore our great mountains, and dedicate yourselves in service to our public lands.

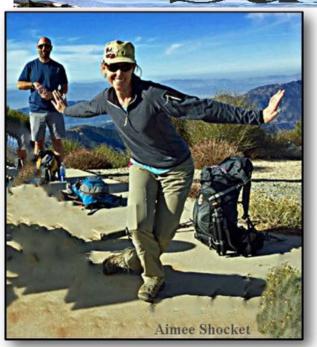
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Cover: Rich Gillig, Larry Pond, Stef Mahan, Amy Huang, Jeff Sloan, and Ron Campbell on Shirley Peak, San Jacinto Mountains. Photo: Ross Doering





12-3-17, Susan Osborne completed her O-Provisional hike on Mount Disappointment and San Gabriel Peak!





11-15-17 Rabbit #1, Granite #1, Round Top, Iron #3. Leaders Jim Hagar, Bill Simpson, Mike Dillenback, Larry Pond, Jeff Buchhoz, Jerry Grenard, Al Shipley, Stephen McDonnell, Charles Perry, Louise Rodriquez, Carmen Romeno, Victor Lap, Mark Innoye.













Nov 10 - 12th, The Big 3 + Cachuma. Trail Maintenance and Hike. Trip Leaders were Bill and Virginia Simpson, Michael Dillenback, Larry Pond. Participants included Mary Varalyay, Swee Chin, Shelly and Mikey, George White, Charles Perry, Megan Birdsall, Mark S. Allen, Chris Feller and Gordon Jenkins with the Los Padres Forest Association.







Ryan M. Lynch Provisional to Villager and Big Rabbit. Participants: Fiona M. Lynch, Jonathan Slakey, Meng Zhao, Amy Huang, and Rory Abbott. Michael Dillenback Evaluator.





Dec 30, 2017. Mt Salley, Vetter Mtn, Mt Mooney, and Mt Akawie. Leaders Mat Kelliher and Patrick Vaughn with, from left to right: Melody Wu, Brittany Liu, Tanya Roton, Mat Kelliher, Ella Pennington, Doris Duval, Piquita, Bruce Craig, Ron Campbell, Pat Vaughn, Ron Rosien



Vetter Mtn, 12/30/2017, (from left): Brittany Liu, Mat Kelliher, Melody Wu, Tanya Roton.

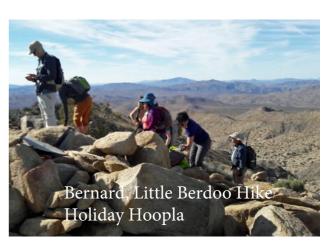


Bernard, Little Berdoo hike, Holiday Hoopla. Mat Kelliher and Tanya Roton









Milestones



On South Mt Hawkins, their first HPS summit of 2018, L-R, are: Kim La, Wasim Khan, May Tang, Ali Castro, Susan Kang, Sonia Arancibia, Peter & Ignacia Doggett, Brookes Treidler, Ilya Mogalinski, Mari Sakai



After his 100th lead on Stonewall, Jin Oak Chung (wearing the bright yellow shirt) completed his 100th pathfinder on Garnet Mtn. The hike from Pioneer Mail Picnic Area, via the pretty PCT, overlooks dramatic drops and views of the old Butterfield Stage Route. (12-3-17 photo by Naresh Satyan)



11-2-17 Akawie, Pinyon Ridge, Circle. Leaders: Peter and Ignacia Doggett & Patrick Vaughn, Bruce. Participants Nancy Jones, Kim La, Youngok Lee, George White. Jin Oak Chung, photo.



Summiting Stonewall Peak for his 100th HPS peak, Jesse Glick stands and embraces Jin Oak Chung and Peter Doggett, surrounded by eighteen other hikers. The peak was Jin Oak's 100th lead & it was the completion of a Lead List 6 by Peter. (12-3-17; photo by Naresh Satyan)



On December 17, at Iron Spring Mtn, William Chen wears the 100 HPS Peaks star medal, designed by Nancy Jones (yellow top and white hat). Having the honor of leading William's 100th HPS peak is Ignacia Doggett, who also marked a milestone, her 5th Lead List. She wears a fuschia crown, a gift from Nancy. In the back, Susan Kang holds another crown, just in case the cold strong winds knock the first one off. (photo by Naresh Satyan)



Lower Peak, **Agua Tibia 12-10-17.** Mihai Giurgiulescu, completed the LPC list. With Coby King.

Milestones



11-29-17: Larry Pond reached his 100th HPS peak when he summited Delamar Mountain. His first HPS peak was bagged on May 24 of this year. The group celebrated with champagne and sparkling cider. L-R, seated: Mike Dillenback, Jerry Grenard, Bill Simpson & Mary Varalyay; standing: Swee Chin, Larry Pond, Ella Pennington, Reddy Yetur & Al Shipley; photo credit: Jim Hagar)



12-13-17 Stonewall Pk. Jin Oak Chung celebrates with group including Jesse Glick, George and Diana Estrada, Naresh Satyan, Eric Chu, Catherine Rossbach, Paul Su, Nancy Jones, Kendra Heinecke, Susan Kang, Mary Varalyay, and William Chen. Leaders: Peter and Ignacia Doggett.



12-2-17, Mt. Hillyer: David and Elaine Baldwin finish the List.

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Mt. Mel and Keys Peak

Dec. 9, 2017

By Ginny Heringer

On Saturday of the HPS Holiday Hoopla Weekend, ten hikers gathered at Indian Cove Campground in Joshua Tree National Park to do two Lower Peaks, Mt. Mel and Keys Peak, in the Wonderland of Rocks. We were led by Dave Comerzan and swept by Pat Arredondo. At 7:30 in the morning, it was still pretty cool, in the 40's, but as the sun rose over the rocks, it warmed up to pleasant sunny 70's.

From the parking lot, we could see Mt Mel, a peak of huge boulders piled to the top. We started west down the Nature Trail and continued in a wash leading to a saddle on the south side of the peak. Then the real scrambling began – the boulders are big enough that they have few handholds and are hard to climb over, so you have to find a route between the rocks, sometimes dropping a few feet, sometimes contouring. Dave led us carefully to the top where we found one more big boulder with the sign-in book and room for one person at a time at the top. It wasn't hard to climb up but a bit of a stretch to get back down. We all reached to top and enjoyed the view for a few minutes before lowering ourselves down to give others their chance. The views were wonderful in all directions.

Then we headed farther west and down into a wash that became the Boy Scout Trail. The trail curved around, heading south and east and climbing up to the base of Keys Peak. Then more scrambling, over boulders just as big as the first peak. Fortunately the top was broad with plenty of room for us to spread out and eat lunch. The views were even better, with the Wonderland of Rocks all around us. Then, although we seemed to have come around three-quarters of a circle, we went back the same way. I suppose there is no way to get through all those rocks.

We arrived back to the parking lot at about 3:30 pm. and drove over to Sheep Pass to join the potluck. Some might say, well, those were just Lower Peaks – the elevations are 3,814 feet for Mel and 4,483 feet for Keys – but they are among the hardest peaks I've done with all that rock scrambling. I twisted my ankle on the way down from Keys, but it didn't seem too painful and I hiked out without telling anyone. When we got to Sheeps Pass, it was clear that something was wrong – my ankle was swollen and blue. I drove home early the next day and checked in at urgent care – nothing broken, but the doctor said that it was that five miles of hiking that made my ankle look so bad. Would a helicopter ride have been a better idea? I don't know, but my ankle should be ok again in 2-3 weeks, so I think I made the right decision. May Peak and Fernando 2 Benchmark William Chen 12-30-17

May Peak, located south of Santa Clarita and north of Sylmar, is one of 85 peaks on the Lower Peaks Committee list. On a cool November day, I drove up to Bear Divide from Santa Clarita, and then followed the Santa Clara Divide Road west for 7 miles (here the road is officially known as Santa Clara Road or popularly called "Santa Clara Truck Trail"). The paved road is good until it reaches a fire station 6 miles in, though it is covered with rocks and little landslides. From the fire station, the last mile is in poor condition with numerous potholes. I was able to bring my sedan up just fine, but that may not be possible in a couple of years.

The trailhead to May Peak is located at the top of Loop Canyon, which drains down into a debris basin in Sylmar and then into Tujunga Creek. The city is remarkably close here, less than a mile away horizontally to the south. And yet here is a place that few people have heard of.

I headed straight up a firebreak to the west. The slope appears to be impressively steep, but it is actually quite moderate and very short, taking me only 3 minutes to overcome. The firebreak quickly mellows out and is actually very wide and well-graded. The nearby fire station is a training center, so I have no doubt that teams are sent up here to practice their fire line-building skills. I continued to follow the firebreak, staying high the whole time and avoiding some some remarkably wide side routes that lead nowhere. The main route undulates a bit, going up and down some easy hills. Eventually, I hit a tiny side trail to the summit, which I followed to the top.

At the summit, there is a rock with the words "keep hammering" spray painted on it. When I saw the benchmark, it became evident what those words meant: someone had been trying to chip the inscription off the marker. Someone with a sad life had been letting off steam here.

From the top, both the San Fernando and Santa Clarita Valleys are visible, a very, very rare view. After enjoying the summit for a short while, I headed back down to my car.

Back in my car, I waited for a storm cloud to pass; thankfully there was no rain. I then decided to grab Fernando 2 Benchmark, a peak with over 1,000 feet of topographical prominence. The trailhead is in the same spot as that of May Peak, so I only had to walk 10 feet from my car to get to a steep eastward firebreak that is way up to Fernando 2. This firebreak climbs 80 feet in about 250 horizontal feet. This is near the angle of repose, and whole route would probably disappear in a season if it wasn't so well-maintained. The firebreak has a road-like surface and bits of it were slipping under me as I went up. With some knee grease, I forced my way up this initial slope. From here, the firebreak becomes more shallow, and the hike becomes little more than a walk to the top. The first landmark I got to was a little wind gauge behind a barbed-wire fence. This is actually where the benchmark is. I then walked a short distance to a small pile of dirt that looked higher. Not too far away were some radio towers and what appears to be some buildings one could live in. The summit area was dead flat and there wasn't much of a view. I suddenly realized I had bagged a "pointless" peak simply because of its prominence number; yet I was strangely satisfied. Peakbagging is an interesting game.

Spitler Peak 7440+ 12-4-2017 By Larry Edmonds

My initial plan for climbing Spitler Peak was to do it along with my Hike Of The Month to Apache Peak and Apache Spring back in August of 2007. That was a very hot day so after ascending Apache and visiting Apache Spring I could not get anyone in my group interested in Spitler. Very Hot. I was disappointed but also slightly relieved as now I had an excuse to leave it for another day. Then in 2013 the area burned in the Mountain Fire and was closed to access up until this December. So as soon as I heard that the PCT is now open up to the saddle between Apache and Spitler I immediately made plans to head up Spitler, the only HPS peak I have not been up on along the Desert Divide other than Antsel Rock. Since Leslie Williams needed to drive out to Palm Desert to help move her mother she jumped at the chance to stop and get in a hike on the way. We met at the Spitler Peak trailhead on a cool morning in the mid 40s. Followed the Spitler Peak trail up to the PCT and headed south along the PCT to the start of the HPS route 2 use trail. Even after being closed over the past four years the use trail is easily followed, although we did lose it in a few spots. But even without the trail the going is easy thru grass most of the way. A new register had been placed the day before by Srikant Jayaraman and Sue Ellsworth possibly making us the second group to visit the peak since the fire. A beautiful day on top with clear views of distant Toro Peak to the south, Thomas Mountain to the west, the San Jacinto high country to the north, and the Coachella Valley and Little San Bernardino Mountains to the east. Next up is Antsel Rock. Wonder when that area is going to be opened up?

SPITLER PEAK 7440' 3 DEC 2017 SRIKANT JAYARAMAN 1 eslip (L



Peak Register

Looking at San Jacinto High Country from Spitler

Holiday Hoopla 2018



Hiking Photography

By Jin Oak Chung





Santa Cruz Peak (5570') Nov 19, 2017. Leaders Peter and Ignacia Doggett, Jin Oak Chung. Round trip 27.4 miles in 14hrs. Participants Kendra Heindrak Susan Kang, Young Lee, Jason Park, Sunny Yi.



Garnet Mountain, 12-3-17. Leaders: Peter and Ignacia Doggett, Jin Oak Chung. Listed as participants: Catherine Rossbach, Robert Luher, Jorge and Diana Estrada, Jesse Glick, Eric Chu, Naresh Satyan, Paul Suh, Susan Kang, Mary Varalyay, Kim La, Nancy Jones, Willliam Chen, Kendrah Heindrak.







Silver Peak 12-20-17. Leaders Peter and Ignacia Doggett hold on in apparent wind with Sonia Arancibia, Alene Castro and Wasim Khan. Photo: Jin Oak Chung.

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