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Mar 08, 2020 (Palm View & Cone Peak)

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Martinez, Sheep Mountain. March 6th and 7th 2020

From the Chair

Hi, HPS'ers!

I hope that you and your families are staying safe and healthy as we continue to navigate the COVID-19 public health crisis.

Our collective hiking lives have changed considerably since the last Lookout. I have only 9 peaks left to complete the list. I had them all scheduled and had to cancel all of them. Bummer.

The current status of outings according to the Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club is as follows. All outings are canceled through June 14th. Outings through the end of August are considered "Tentative" and are subject to cancellation. Note that many City and County trail closures may affect our outings even after the Chapter allows hiking. Also, we are directed to not conduct any outings privately due to the public health emergency. Updates will be provided as they become available. If you are hiking on your own, please stay at least 6 feet away from anyone else.

As a result, we have had to cancel our May 30th Annual Spring Fling. Also, the June 27th Waterman's Rendezvous is currently "Tentative" and subject to cancellation. In addition, our HPS Oktoberfest and Holiday Hoopla in December are up in the air. We have planned dates and locations, but will hold off any more planning.

Sadly, three HPS Members have passed away this year - Tina Bach, Rich Gillock and James Carden. Look for memorial articles elsewhere in the Lookout. They will be missed.

I particularly appreciate Mark S. Allen's effort to put out this Lookout addition. The Lookout is different this time since we did not have our typical multitude of HPS led hikes for current pictures.

Hopefully, California will start reducing or removing our Lockdown really soon so that the Angeles Chapter relieves our hiking restrictions. I know that we are all ready too get out hiking again!

In the meantime, please practice social distancing. Stay safe and healthy.

Mike Dillenback

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Hundred Peaks Section

MCOMM Teleconference

January 7, 2020

- Michael Dillenback -Chair
- Coby King – ViceChair
- Mark S. Allen -Secretary
- George Christiansen - Access and Mountain Records
- Mike Dilllenback – ProgramsChair
- Michael McCarty - Membership Chair, Appointed
- Meeting Call to order: 6:33 pm
- Chairs Report: Membership Role: Discussion
- Election of 2020 HPS Officers and appointed HPS Officers (M/V/A)
- Closed discussion on MCOMM positions to be appointed (M/V/A)
- Discussion and approval of Minutes: November 11, 2019. Teleconference (Apvd)
- HPS Budgeting: Closed discussion (M/V/A)
- Outings and Safety, No Report
- Treasurers Report, Laura Newman. December 2019 \$16,821.03 balance . (Approved and Filed)
- Membership Report, Michael McCarty:.

HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION MEMBERSHIP REPORT **November/December 2019 Michael McCarty, HPS Membership Chair**

New Members

Jazmin Ortega
Steve Cielinski
John Sheeche
Gordon Jenkins
Lisa Sanford

Donations

Gary Bowen - \$6
Mat Kelliher - \$26
David Comerzan - \$20

19 Life Members
211 Members
22 Household
16 Subscribers
268

100 Peaks Emblem

#1213 - Amy Huang - Sam Fink Peak - 11/2/2019
#1214 - Terri Straub - Chaparrosa Peak - 12/8/2019
#1215 - John Martin - Wright Mountain - 11/2/2019

200 Peaks Bar

#505 - YoungOk Lee - Lion Peak - 10/21/2019
#506 - Louie Rodriguez - Butterbredt Peak - 10/21/2019

First List Completion

#328 - Robert Luher - Eagle Crag - 11/24/2019
#329 - Eric Chu - Mount Inspiration - 12/7/2019

Second List Completion

#66 - Jinoak Chung - Southwell Peak - 12/21/2019

Third List Completion

#37 - George Christiansen - Owens Peak - 11/4/2019

Pathfinder Emblem - 200

#23 - George Christiansen - Owens Peak - 11/4/2019

One Thousand Peaks

#28 - George Christiansen - Owens Peak - 11/4/2019

- Mountain Records Report,,January 7, 2020, George Christiansen
Mountain Fire Area the only HPS Remaining Suspended
18A — Santiago Peak
18B — Modjeska Peak
- Programs Report, Michael Dillenback.
- This year's HPS Awards Banquet discussed
- 2021 Banquet TBD, Reservations pending current restaurant remodel
- Speaker TBD
- Silent Auction by Mark S. Allen
- 2020 Spring Fling May 30th (William Chen)
- 2020 Waterman Rendezvous, June 27th
- 2020 Oktoberfest TBD
- 2020 Holiday Hoopla date TBD
- Outreach Report- Tabled
- First Aid Course- Tabled
- Meeting Adjourned 7:34



Peter Doggett, in orange shirt & Max, sitting, begin Galena headwall descent as Coby King, standing, waits his turn 7-21-19 (photo by Nahid Shirazi)

THE NAVIGATION CORNER: NAVIGATION TRAINING DURING A GLOBAL PANDEMIC

By Bob Myers, LTC Navigation Chair

Our April, May, and June navigation outings were cancelled because of this country's woefully inadequate response to the COVID-19 global pandemic. Compare the statistical difference between South Korea which aggressively contained the virus and the United States which has a president who initially branded the virus as a "hoax":

| Country | Population | Covid-19 Cases | COVID-19 Rate Per 1000 | COVID-19 Deaths | Deaths Rate Per 1000 |
|---------------|-------------|----------------|------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| South Korea | 51,640,000 | 10,728 | 0.2077 | 242 | 0.0047 |
| United States | 327,200,000 | 960,893 | 2.9367 | 54,435 | 0.1664 |

Data as of April 26, 2020

As we all self-isolate to flatten the curve, we have tried to continue with navigation training for our prospective leaders. To replace our April Warren Point Navigation Noodle, we conducted our first online navigation training on April 25, 2020, via Zoom with 38 participants. Through PowerPoint, online quizzes, and web demonstrations, we covered a number of topics from compass basics to the future of mapping. (HPS Outings & Safety Chair Mat Kelliher achieved a 100% on all quizzes.)

I have modified the quizzes deployed during the online training and am making them available to readers of the *The Lookout* as a way for you to improve or refresh your navigation skills. There are four quizzes and they are intended to be taken in order:

Compass Basics: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HPS-Quiz1>

UTM and Compass Bearings: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HPS-Quiz2>

Terrain Recognition: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HPS-Quiz3>

Final Quiz: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HPS-Quiz4>

Before taking the quizzes, you should download and print the map available at:

<https://robertmmyers.box.com/v/HPS-Quiz-Map>

When printing the map, make you sure you select "Actual Size" rather than "Fit."

Good luck on the quizzes. Let me know if you have any questions. Contact me at rmmyers@ix.netcom.com.



COMMENT ON "THE NAVIGATION CORNER"

By Bill Simpson

The article above, "The Navigation Corner: Navigation Training During a Global Pandemic," contains false and misleading information. The author states, "navigation outings were canceled because of this country's woefully inadequate response to the COVID-19 global pandemic." This statement is false and misleading. It is misleading because it is based upon a comparison of the United States to South Korea, the only country that is a true world superstar in the battle against COVID-19. It is false because a fair comparison of this country to the five largest countries in Western Europe shows this country's response has been more than adequate.

South Korea was uniquely prepared to deal with COVID-19 because it had to deal with Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS) in 2015. In dealing with MERS, South Korea honed skills for testing, tracing and quarantining, which are all vital to the control of an emerging infectious disease. MERS led to the enacting of legislation that gives the South Korean government authority to collect mobile phone, credit card and other data from those who test positive to reconstruct their recent whereabouts. That information is shared on social media apps that allow others to determine whether they may have crossed paths with an infected person. There is no large country in the world that does not pale by comparison to South Korea in the battle against COVID-19. Thus, comparing the United States to South Korea is misleading as used to support the author's assertion regarding the adequacy of the response of the United States to the COVID-19 global pandemic.

To say this country's response to the COVID-19 global pandemic is "woefully inadequate" is false. The cancellation of navigation outings is due to COVID-19 stay-at-home orders and the need for social distancing, not because this country's response to the COVID-19 global pandemic was woefully inadequate. In fact, this country's response has been more effective than those of the five largest countries in Western Europe. Those countries--the United Kingdom, Germany, France, Italy and Spain--have a combined population of roughly 320 million. The United States has a population of about 330 million and had just over 80,000 coronavirus deaths as of May 11. On the other hand, the five largest countries in Western Europe had more than 120,000 coronavirus deaths as of May 11, which was 50% higher than that of the United States. This country's response has been more than adequate.

From the Outings Chair

Howdy Hikers,

Well, we are indeed living in strange times. I think for the first time in the history of HPS our newsletter, the Lookout, doesn't include a Schedule of Future Activities. I know you're all aware that this is in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the need for us all to keep ourselves, our families, our friends, and our neighbors safe from infection and spread by maintaining social distancing.

In about mid-March, about the same time that California began its Safer at Home orders, National Sierra Club started to phase out official Sierra Club outings. Initially, official outings that had already been approved and posted that were scheduled to occur before about May 15, 2020 were cancelled. Soon after that the cancellations were extended to June 14, 2020 and it was advised that official trips that had been cancelled should not be conducted instead as private ones. Any outings previously posted and scheduled to occur after June 14 are currently in a "Tentative" status, and for the time being, no new outings, regardless of date, will be approved. This is the status of things as of May 3, 2020, and we'll keep you all informed as updates become available.

In the meantime, keep in mind that we can speed the return to normal by helping to prevent the spread of the virus. Do this by avoiding groups of people, and by practicing social distancing. Protect yourself and others by wearing a face mask when you can't be as distant as you should, and by washing your hands often. Follow public health guidelines.

Someday, soon I hope, this will all be behind us, and we'll be able to get out there again and be on the lands we love so much. It's a certainty that our peaks aren't going anywhere, another is that we'll be back. Until then stay safe, stay healthy, stay happy, stay in shape, keep your spirits up, and be kind; we'll get through this.

Mat Kelliher

HPS Outings Chair



Summits

Photo by Eric Chu



Nahid Shirazi

San Bernardino East Peak, 10th peak out of 11 peaks on 11.10.2018.



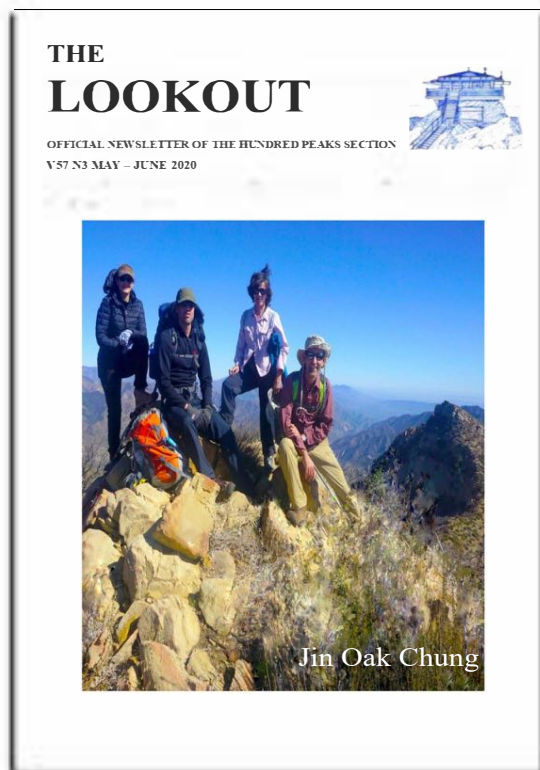
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Ken Point, 3-15-2020. Peter & Ignacia Doggett, Jin Oak Chung, Mari Sakai, Tao Zhang, Fariba & Ali Akhiary, George White, Jae Kin.



Jin Oak Chung

Readying for steep descent from Vivian Creek Trail to the way to Galena to rendezvous on Galena with Peter Doggett, Coby King & Max L-R Sunny, Ali, Ignacia, Zack, Robert, Jason, Nahid, Mary, Yasu, Illwoo 7-21-19



Cover: Old Man Mountain, 2-16-20 Nahid Shirazi, Larry Wozniak, Ignacia Doggett and Laurent Bentolila Not shown are Peter Doggett, Mari Sakai, Jay Dolan, and Ann Kim.



Negro Point (01.26.2020)

HIKE TO RABBIT & VILLAGER SUFFERS COVID-19 COMPLICATIONS

By Bill Simpson

“Missed it by a day.” This was my lament to my co-leader, Ryan Lynch, after we were informed on March 12 that all Sierra Club outings subsequent to March 20 would have to be canceled. Our hike to Rabbit Peak #2 and Villager Peak was scheduled for March 21. Ryan and I were about to finish for the second time in two years the final hike of the Rabbit Ramp-Up Series of five hikes. We were very much looking forward to leading another group of hardy hikers on the toughest day hike of the Hundred Peaks Section’s list of 281 peaks. The Ramp-Up is designed to provide those interested in conquering the BIG Bunny with the conditioning necessary to accomplish the feat.



The Ramp-Up series originated over a year ago in the brain of Bill Simpson and was a modest success in 2019. This year’s edition had started in January. The increasingly more difficult hikes were spaced two weeks apart. The leaders who committed to leading one or more of the five Ramp-Up outings included the following: Jeff Buchholz, Ross Doering, Jerry Grenard, Jim Hagar, Mat Kelliher, Ryan Lynch, Bill Simpson and Reddy Yetur.

By the middle of March, uncertainty regarding COVID-19 ruled the airwaves. News of the deadly virus had been surging for weeks. Only days prior to receiving the notice of cancellation of future hikes, a group of nearly 30 hikers completed the very challenging fourth hike of the five-hike Rabbit Ramp-Up series: Martinez Mountain and Sheep Mountain. The first three Ramp-Up hikes each had over 30 hikers. Interest in bagging the BIG Bunny this year was extremely high, yet it was clear to all that COVID-19 was no small danger.

After checking with Safety to insure we would not be in violation of any HPS or Sierra Club rules, Ryan and I decided to move forward with the hike to Rabbit and Villager on March 21 as a private hike. This involved informing in writing all 25 hikers that the Sierra Club outing was canceled and letting everyone know that we would be doing a private hike instead. Several hikers—leaders as well as participants—had already canceled by this time because their perceptions of exposure as news of the dangers of the virus was mounting. Ryan and I determined that we could employ “social distancing” and other procedures to minimize risks to those who would choose to do a private hike with us.





On Sunday, March 15, Ryan sent an email to those who had signed up for the Sierra Club hike to Rabbit and Villager that the hike had been canceled. He also mentioned that he and I were inviting all interested hikers to join us in a private hike on the same day to the same peaks. On Tuesday, March 17, Ryan sent an email to those who were interested in doing the private hike that stated the following: "NOTE: Please keep in mind that this hike is NOT affiliated with, organized by, or sponsored through the Sierra Club, the Angeles Chapter, or the Hundred Peaks Section. This will be a private event, organized purely by myself, Bill, and all of you."

On Thursday, March 19, Governor Gavin Newsom issued a state-wide COVID-19 order that added new information to the mix of our considerations. Later that day I sent an email to the dwindling number of interested-but-concerned hikers that stated the following: "Each of us must make her or his own decision regarding personal safety and the safety of others. No one will be faulted for going beyond the restrictions imposed by authorities. Governor Newsom's order today is a so-called 'safer at home' order, which simply means we're all safer if we never leave our homes. 'Nobody is locked down.' In fact, the order permits us to go to the doctor, go to the pharmacy, go to the supermarket, go to the gas station, go to the veterinarian as well as engage in other 'necessary activities.' More importantly to all of us who enjoy and benefit physically from hiking, the most current restrictions (which go into effect at 11:59 pm tonight) PERMIT people to exercise, 'such as go on a hike.' Of course, hikers must keep six feet of distance between themselves and others. Unless additional COVID-19 restrictions are implemented prior to our hike Saturday, I intend to be there."



It was certainly a pleasure to drive to Borrego Springs on Friday, March 20, in the late afternoon. The freeways and roads were nearly deserted. When I pulled into the parking lot of my motel as it was getting dark, there were only three vehicles in the large parking lot. The impact of the ever-increasing COVID-19 Pandemic was impressed upon me when I went into the office to check in and was greeted with, "You must be Mr. Simpson." Almost two months prior I had made my reservation telephonically and received "the last room." I had called many weeks prior because I knew demand for rooms would be high due to "desert flower season." After checking in I knew that this motel had been devastated. It would only have four of its rooms in use during one of its prime weekends.

On the morning of Saturday, March 21, when the now-private hike began, the total number of hikers who were present was only 13. This was a considerable drop from the average of 30+ for the first four Ramp-Up hikes and the 25 who as recently as two days prior had confirmed that they hoped to be joining us. Ryan was the primary organizer of this private hike, and he had asked that we all meet at the trailhead at 3:45 am (we were anticipating a very long day of hiking). Most of the hikers had either spent the night at the trailhead or had driven in from home. The hike began at 4:10 am.





Six foot spacing was observed throughout the day and even at the peak.



Bill Simpson

Epilogue: The weather was great, eleven hikers made it all the way to Rabbit Peak and two hikers turned back after reaching Villager Peak. The hikers who made it to the BIG Bunny were Ryan Lynch, Ali Akhiary, Fariba Akhiary, Susanna Damgaard, Joey Dhaenens, James Flattum, Susan Kang, JC Kim, Garrette Marcotte, Jeff Taylor and George White. The two who turned back at Villager Peak were Bill Simpson and Maria Preda. Everyone was pleased with their accomplishment.

Hundred Peaks Section (HPS) Lookout Subscription Form

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| Sierra Club Membership No. (required for new members) | | | | | |

IF YOU WISH TO BECOME A MEMBER, PLEASE SEND A LIST OF 25 PEAKS YOU HAVE HIKED THAT ARE ON THE HPS LIST, with the month and year of the peak completion. (See the HPS Website, <http://hundredpeaks.org> for a list of the 275 or so HPS peaks.)

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Lifetime Subscription: \$500

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HPS Subscription email address: lookout_membership@hundredpeaks.org

Rich Memories

By Sharon Moore

Rich Gillock passed away on March 16 after a long battle with cancer. I first met Rich through the Northrop Grumman Hiking Club, and one of the earliest photos I have of him was from a joint hike of that club and my employer-sponsored Honda Hiking Club. Our destination that day was Mt. San Jacinto. Since that day we have shared many adventures: day hikes to HPS peaks, multi-day backpacking trips in the Sierra, and a rafting trip in the up-per part of the Grand Canyon.



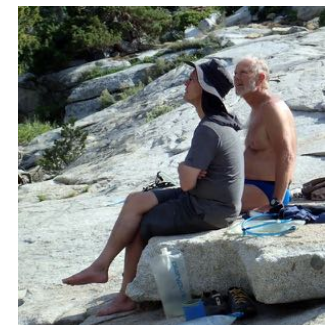
Northrop/Honda Hiking Club Hike to San Jacinto
June 22, 2013.

Rich knew what was coming, and had this to say about it: *“Everyone dies of something, there is no need to lose sleep over it. And dying itself is just one day out of the rest of your life. It’s the days that you have left that matter. Some are good days and some could be really bad. It’s important to enjoy those good days as much as possible. You can’t measure life as a heart-beat, you can only measure it with love.”* Although these words are comforting, his last days were really bad due to pain where the cancer had invaded his bones.

He was able to earn his 100 Peaks Emblem before he could no longer hike: #1207 on Shields Peak 8/14/2019. We had hoped to hit that milestone together, but our schedules didn’t mesh. Here we are on San Gorgonio on July 6, 2017. I dearly miss him, and I hope we can have a hike in his honor as soon as we can get out again, and toast his memory on a summit in grand HPS style. Rich is survived by his wife Steph Campbell and three rescue house cats, and flowers sent to their residence will get eaten (by the cats, not Steph!). In lieu of flowers, please send do-nations to MeoowzResQ: <http://meoowzresq.org/donate/cash-donations/> Rich and Steph often volunteered with this organization, which shelters and arranges adoptions for stray kittens and cats in Orange County.

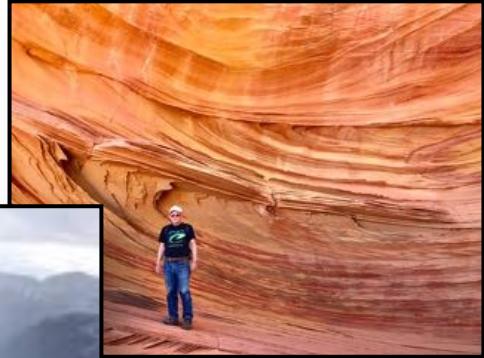


Rich and I on San Gorgonio, July 6, 2017. Due to a snafu with the permit, we started this hike much later than we intended, and got back to the car ridiculously late.



Compiled by Mark S Allen

James Carden Memorial



- Top left James in red shirt is walking the Galápagos Islands with blue footed boobies in the background. Feb 2020
- Bottom left: James hiking alongside Sacramento River near red bluff CA 2019

- Top right: James hiking in Vermilion Cliffs, AZ, 2017
- Bottom right: James hiking in Torngat National Park in Labrador, Canada < 2017.

Long time HPS Member and Leader James Carden passed away April 20th, 2020. He died at home of a heart attack. He is survived by his wife Farkhondeh and two stepdaughters, Mari and Ida.



Farkhondeh shared with me that James had just completed his daily five-mile hike when he passed away. That hike was to his favorite, nearby Mount Diablo, Northern California.

James and Farkhondeh moved to Northern California and lived in Concord to retire near family. He had been retired for the last 9 years from the VA Hospital. His wife speaks to his character by saying, "he never missed his daily 5-mile hike."

James Carden was another of my early HPS Leaders teaching the magic of the mountains and the dedication to the List of Peaks. He was leading with Ray Wolfe to Skinner Mountain in 2002, the day I first hiked with him. I remember the spirit he brought to the sport of hiking. He finished the HPS List on Toro Mountain, August 31st, 2003.

His old HPS friend Virgil Propescu says there was never a day without a phone call from James Carden. Both great Leaders setting the pace. (V57 N3 Page 15) Written by Mark S. Allen





Tina's O-provisional August 11, 2019

Tina Bach Memorial

By Ignacia Doggett

The first thing I see when I think of Tina is her joyous smile. Strong and vibrant, she had a well earned confidence and an eagerness to try new things. Full of energy, she made plans and

actively pursued them. Her first HPS hike was to Rock Point (January 30, 2019) and, when she wasn't doing WTC, she would hike with us midweek and weekends. Her last hike with us was on July 17; a week later, she bought a Subaru Outback; on August 11, she led a well attended O-provisional; she was set to do Wilderness First Aid two weeks later; she graduated WTC in October and was awarded the WTC Challenge Patch; and, she was hoping to do her navigation check-off in November (all while recovering from a hip surgery scheduled for September). On November 24, Tina was diagnosed with a brain tumor; it took her life on February 1.



Tina Bach, center; Peter & Ignacia Doggett to her left; Maureen Conn & Serop Karoglanian to her right



San Emigdio summit; (7-17-19)

L-R; Al Shipley, Amy Huang, Tina Bach, Pat Arredondo, Peter Doggett, Sonia Arancibia, Mary Varalayay; Ignacia Doggett kneeling (photo by Wei Han 7-17-19)

Tina had been planning on doing her I-Provisionals in the spring of 2020 and asked if we would help evaluate her. She then hoped to co-lead with us. Tina would have been a fantastic leader. Her cheer and enthusiasm were contagious, her energy and work ethic inspiring us to be better. (Ignacia Doggett)

Following are the words of Simon Hartigan, in memoriam of his mother Tina:

She was born in 8 April 1958, and died on 1 February 2020 (age 61). She was with her loved ones and friends from the moment she got sick to the moment she died. I spent many late nights with her in the hospital to ensure she felt loved. Here is my speech from the memorial:

When I was thinking of what to say, I had a humbling reminder that if it wasn't for this woman, I would-n't even exist. My entire life wouldn't have happened if it wasn't for her. They say the odds of being born are about 1 in 400 trillion. So much had to go right. This includes the odds of her being born, thanks to her parents. This includes her family deciding to move to West Germany. Her eventually meeting my Dad, who himself had to make a lot of particular decisions to end up in the right place at the right time, just for me to be born. It's hard to criticize any decision she made prior to me being born, as I otherwise probably wouldn't have happened.

Not only was I born, but I've always felt extremely fortunate, to be honest. In some ways, I was only able to fully appreciate the uniqueness of my childhood as I got older. As my Mom told me the story, they would send my brother Jan and I to Germany every year for the entire summer school break, because it was cheaper than the alternative.

After you calculate the cost of day care, it was cheaper to fly us via Lufthansa where my Grandma was able to take care of us for free. Is it any surprise she became an accountant? This experience in Germany every year definitely shaped who I am today. And even though she was only with me and Jan in Germany for a couple weeks each year, I felt totally welcome and considered it my second home. This was possible because of how much she and our family valued each other. Family was very important to my Mom, as it is for me.



Another thing that made Germany very special and integral to my upbringing, is the relative freedom that I had. I think it was more than it just being a different time and place. My Mom believed in letting kids be kids. Letting them explore on their own, even get hurt. It was all part of growing up. She used to make fun of other parents who cared more about their kids pants getting dirty than if they had fun or not. Speaking of that, and again her being an accountant, she used to wonder how she made it financially work when we were kids, and how she had to turn every penny over multiple times. Maybe this is why instead of buying new pants when we inevitably ripped them playing outside, she would put patches on our pants. Between the patches and wearing socks with flip-flops, I was often made fun of as a kid when back in America. I was definitely the German kid. But I remember never being ashamed of it, rather I was proud of who I was and my family. My Mom was one of the best Mom's a kid could have asked for. She even used to say that she had boys for a reason, because she wouldn't know what to do with girls. But I believe if she had a girl, that girl would have become a tough cookie, just like my Mom.

A theme I came to realize, is that she always took an interest in what we cared about. Perhaps I could describe her as a come-with. Whether it be music, biking, living in California, baseball, or hockey. I kind of randomly had a favorite hockey team growing up, the Toronto Maple Leafs. Yes, that's Toronto, Canada, a place I've never lived in, but I thought their goalie was cool. Because of my interest in this, we ended up traveling to their stadium, going to hockey camps up there, and even taking a week vacation along Lake Ontario. She even had a favorite player on the Toronto Maple Leafs.



The same thing happened when we decided to start playing hockey. She'd take us to public skating to practice as much as we wanted and she'd sit there reading a book and sometimes even joined us. When we started getting more into it, especially when we got to the high school level, she'd not only come to every single practice and game, she'd take lots of photos of not just us, but the other players as well. She created this website where the other players and their families could look at photos of the game usually by that same evening. Mind you, this was in the late 90s... long before digital cameras were common place, let alone websites. She just really dedicated herself to her family. And it's something I knew was special about her then, but I definitely appreciate it more now. What I think made it all worth it for her in the end, was her knowing how much we loved her.

Several years go, I started dating my girlfriend, Ling. Ling was born and grew up in Taiwan. My Mom embraced her as part of the family, and started becoming rather Chinese herself. We'd introduce her to authentic Chinese hot pot, only to find out that she'd invite her friends there on her own. She has always been a very open and curious person. She was a true citizen of the world.

There are countless more stories I could tell that made her a great mother, but it'd take a lifetime to tell them all.

But you know, I'm grateful for the time I did have with my Mom. It could always have been worse, and cut more short. I'm grateful of all the family I still have, including the ever-growing German family who's here via Satellite, or underground sea cables, maybe my Dad or brother could elaborate on which it is. If my Mom knew the degree to which I tried making this a professional production with microphones on boom stands, cameras on tripods, streaming live across the world and recording HD at the same time for better replay, she'd likely have rolled her eyes at how much effort I made into the production of this. But then again, she probably wouldn't have been surprised and would have said, "that's my boy".

My Dad is healthy, and the guy just doesn't seem age if you ask me. He's been a huge influence on my life and I'm so lucky to have received his genes and benefited from his values and intellect. Then there's Jan, who my Mom strategically planned for, as she wanted me to have a best friend growing up. Which he has been and he and I have grown together, always taking an interest in whatever each of us get into, just like my Mom did with us. So I think when my Mom was in her last days, she realized that things seemed to work out pretty well. She seemed to be so proud of how my brother and I are best friends and love each other. And I'm so proud of being her son and I'll never forget her. She will live on forever in my mind, which is what she believed in. That what happens after we die, is that we live on through our memories. Her wish was to have her ashes scattered. And the location wasn't important to her. Which is fitting to her beliefs. If you want to visit her or pay respect to her, all you have to do is remember her and there she'll be. Her smile, her intellect, her values, it's all still there in the memories of all those who's lives she's impacted. She was one of the strongest, most independent and capable people I've ever known.

When I was a kid, she used to say goodnight to us each night and tuck us into bed. Even if we were mad at her, she would never let us go to bed mad at each other. One of her tricks when I was too mad to say goodnight, is she'd ask me to punch the pillow. I refused. She then insisted that I punch the pillow, which I proceeded to do. She asked if it feels better, to which I would say "no", while struggling not to laugh because she was right. Then eventually I'd be over it, and we'd be back to being on good terms again, and proceeded to say goodnight to each other, which went like this: (this I said in German off script from memory)

Simon Hartigan



Tina Bach, center joined Santa Ana Mountains Task Force to help clear and repair the Verdugo Trail. Leader: John Kaiser.

Although the main objective for this trip was to visit Zosel, Crab and Alice BM which are high points on the San Diego Peaks Club (SDPC) list, I created this article for the Lookout because it involved going over Villager Peak, an HPS peak. Prior to this trip I had tried for Alice BM from the Coachella Valley but found no trespassing signs at all the access points including the DPS Rabbit Peak route. So that meant that I would have to take the long way up over Villager Peak and down the ridge towards Coachella Valley. Around 22 miles round trip with 8000 ft. of elevation gain. I contacted Jim



Me reviewing Villager register

Wick who is also in the process of completing the SDPC list to see if he was interested and of course he was. We decided to do it as a three day backpack trip. Day one was very windy with strong wind gusts as we headed up what we call the ramp towards Villager Peak. Trekking poles were needed just to keep from being knocked over by the gusts. We really paid attention as we went by those poky agave and cholla. Villager was hidden in ominous looking clouds as a weather system was passing thru dumping some snow on Rabbit and raining in Borrego Springs and places west. We set up camp at about the 4500 ft. level on the ridge to Villager.

It was cold and windy so we both retired early, Jim to his tent and me to my bivy sack to get warm and be rested for a before dawn rise in the morning. Day two, up at 5:00 AM and headed up the ridge in the dark with headlamps arriving on Villager Peak a bit after sunrise, my 4th time on Villager or 6th if you count going over twice in one day. From here we headed down the ridge towards Rabbit Peak passing occasional snow patches while enjoying outstanding



Jim taking a break and enjoying the view from Villager-Rabbit ridge

Zosel, Crab and Alice arriving on Alice around 11:00 AM. The view of the Salton Sea and Coachella Valley is awesome as you drop down the ridge. We had considered going on to Dawn BM but figured we did not have sufficient time to do that and get back to camp before dark. Dawn will wait for another day so back up the ridge we went. The easy part of the day was finished, now for the climb back. We arrived back at camp just after sunset but early enough that we did not need our headlamps. The day's mileage was 12 miles with 4400 ft. of elevation gain. This was another cold night climbing into the sleeping bags early.

Day three we broke camp and headed down to our vehicles. Jim had been considering going over Mile High, Rosa, Marble, and Pyramid on the way out but since I had been to all those peaks before I was not keen on doing it with a heavy overnight pack. Since once again we were encountering high gusty winds Jim decided to take the direct way back down with me, Mile High, Rosa, Marble and Pyramid will still be there next time we are in the area. Another good trip with a good friend completed. I have since completed the SDPC list so now I can focus more on HPS peaks once we get through the pandemic. Hope everyone is staying safe.

Butterfly Peak, Rock Point, and Gold Hill

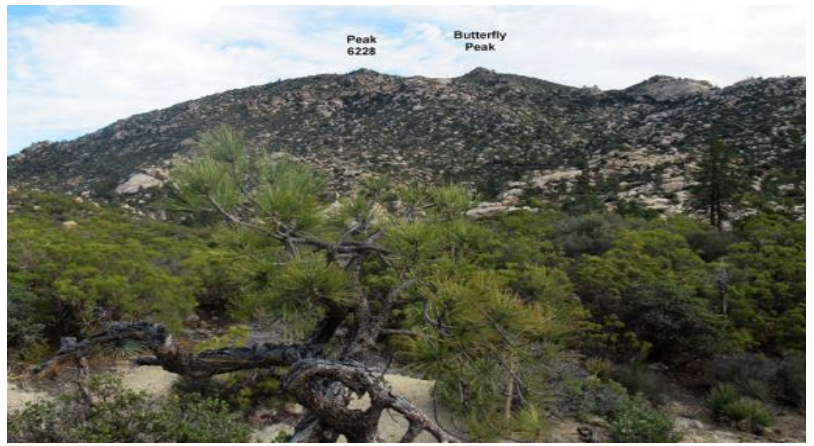
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By Keith Winston

These peaks are southwest of the desert divide and slightly lower. They are exciting, though, and

tested me thoroughly. I drove to the trailhead on Table Mountain Road. The trail first goes up a paved road before cutting between two houses and meeting a dirt road that heads north. I started at 8:00 AM, a little late for me. Soon enough, the road becomes a sandy wide single track. The trails to each of these peaks intersect sort of in the middle. The order I choose to tackle these was Butterfly (HPS #170), Rock Point, (HPS #254), then go back for Gold Hill if my energy level allowed.

To get to Butterfly, I continued north past intersections with the other trails. I stopped at the intersection with the Rock Point trail to cache my rope and climbing gear. I passed some mining ruins and several sealed adits. A sign said the mine was sealed to protect local bats. The trail to Butterfly goes left. At the end of the trail, I had to scramble and plow through some brush before eventually getting back to the trail.



There were a few cairns set up along the way so other people also came that way. I lost the trail a few more times in the last half mile and also brushed off two ticks. I highly recommend taking a GPS track for Butterfly. When I reached the summit, it took me a while to find the register in a white tube underneath one of the boulders. Didn't locate any benchmarks. I signed in then headed to the slightly lower Peak 6228 just to the west. Peak 6228 had a class 3 summit but no register. Magnificent views from both peaks. I had an easier time following the trail down but the trip took more time than expected. I went past the turn off for Gold Hill and took the trail to Rock Point. I picked up my rope and gear before heading south. The trail to Rock Point is relatively flat until you get to the base of it. Switchbacks take you up about 250' to the summit area. I did not find a register or any benchmarks. The high point is a daunting 25' boulder. Roughly 5% of people attempt the summit boulder. The standard route is up a crack on the north side. Strong rock climbers free solo it.

The top of the boulder was long and wide, with the high point on the opposite side. There were more excellent views from Rock Point. It felt great getting the summit boulder. After exploring the top, I climbed back down with prusik protection. It had warmed up to a very pleasant 60F and I lounged around the summit eating lunch and soaking up sun.

The sun also brought butterflies, which were everywhere the rest of the day. I spent about 90 minutes on the summit before packing up. Energized by success on Rock Point, I decided to pick up Gold Hill.



BEHIND THE SCENES –

THE GREAT WORK OF THE MAN WITH A BIG HEART

By Lilly Fukui and Chris Spisak

Sometimes, someone in an organization goes above and beyond. Giving all he can. Working behind the scenes. Doing the things necessary to make that organization function smoothly, day to day. The Hundred Peaks Section is lucky to have someone like this, namely **Mark S. Allen**. Mark has continuously worked for the Club for years, as a Board Member, hike leader, Banquet Auction Chair, and prominently, *The Lookout* Editor. His woodworking hobby has produced numerous, beautiful carved wood signs for the Section, which find their ways into our local mountains.

Mark started his hiking career as a boy. He hiked with his grandfather, Bob Gresham, in the Eastern Sierras along Highway 14/395. He became interested in hunting around Temecula, CA. He was eventually able to hunt with Earl Stanley Gardner's ranch manager, Mr. Sam Hicks. (Earl Stanley Gardner was the author of the Perry Mason legal drama series.)

Mark hiked Mount Whitney, in 1973. He hiked most of the San Gabriel Mountains, along with John W. Robinson's book, and with his sons during their scouting years. As shown in photo at right, one of his first hikes with HPS was on 5-4-2002 with Mars Bonfire and Karen and Wolf Leverich to Black Mountain #4. He completed his List in 2008.



Mark's wife's name is Linda J. Allen. They met on a trip to Shaver Lake, in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. They have a family with a great marriage of 50 years and now, they have ten grandchildren. They have two sons, Mark and Michael. They also have an adopted Korean daughter, Kairi. Her first peak was San Gabriel Peak, in 1985. Mark and Michael both made Eagle Scout with Troop 126, Long Beach. Each had projects at their church, Los Altos United Church of Christ, in Long Beach. The children are all working in sales. Mark lives in Sacramento, CA. Kairi and family live east of Sacramento, in Folsom, CA. Michael and family live here in Los Alamitos, CA.

As Mark says, he and his wife are "with motorhome." "Another divisive thing that keeps one off the trails," says Mark. They travel primarily to Northern California in the 26-foot coach, to Sacramento, to visit their grandkids. He is able to produce *The Lookout* newsletter while on the road, as well as the HPS Annual Banquet support letters.



Years ago, I (Chris) was on a hike with Mark to San Gabriel Mountain. It was billed as *the Easy Hikes Series*. The Leverichs were leading the hike when we met John W. Robinson on the trail! Doris Duvall, who was also on the hike, recognized him and said, "Hi, John!" He was hiking with a companion, and took a break to sit down with us. He graciously gave us some of his time, discussing and answering our questions. Both Mark and I have fond memories of this particular hike.

Mark inherited the job of *The Lookout* editor from Lilly and Chris. We did it for 19 issues, and then Mark graciously took it over, expanding it and making it solely online. His first edition was V53 N2 March – April 2016. Mark was new to this process but was able to quickly make it his creation. He says that Lilly's kind words of encouragement helped him to get started. As editor, one experiences the feelings of representing a wonderful group of hikers, while still looking for the time to get out

Mark has had a varied career path that had him working in the former downtown railroad yards as Shop Foreman. This came about after the Los Angeles Times offered its employees a very lucrative buy-out. His career also took him into the military. He was in the U.S. Army and served in a Helicopter Maintenance unit during 1967-68. Mark was in "I Corps" area of Vietnam near the DMZ. It was very intense and dangerous time, but he lived through it. He felt that his lucky move in the 1960's was to get on at Douglas Aircraft out of high school. It put him in a better category of draftees and he went on to Military Transportation School, and helicopter maintenance. At the time, about 1,500 people a week were being drafted straight into the infantry. He went to Vietnam for helicopter maintenance but still ended up flying quite a bit.

Mark is an "O" rated Sierra Club leader. He has been the HPS Secretary since 2012. He has volunteered to put on the HPS Awards Banquet Silent Auction every year, for over the last five years. He feels that it is "a wonderful challenge to gather sponsorship and it is a delight to help the members." He also has an auction assistant/volunteer, George White. They work together very efficiently as a team every year. Even with all of his volunteering and activities, Mark still has goals. He would like to complete the HPS and Lower Peaks Lists again, for the second time. Thankfully, he wants to keep working as *The Lookout* Newsletter Editor.

Mark says that he would just like to mention a few of his favorite leaders: "Bill Simpson and his wife Virginia, and Peter and Ignacia Doggett. I admire the way HPS leaders work with new hikers (or new leaders), to improve their skills while having a great time together on the trail. Mat Kelliher and Tanya are in the top ranking, as well as Bob Myers. I cannot name one without feeling that I have left another great leader out. Really, every leader we have in the Sierra Club – a great big thank you! I do not have any regrets in my HPS career other than the limitations of (my) health problems in later years. Thank you all for allowing my continuing work on *The Lookout* newsletter." - Mark

And our sincere thanks you to Mark for all that you continue to do for the HPS. Life is short. Everyone please stay healthy as the brighter days (of hiking) will be upon us shortly. Keep well and enjoy the life that we have, one day at a time.

Milestones



Stephen Bryne's 100th on Eagle Crag. Front L-R, Robert Luher, Sonia Arancibia, I Doggett; Standing L-



Nahid Shirazi, sitting in front with her daughter Aryssa, completed her 100th HPS peak on Rock Point 01.05.2020..

Mt. Zion, 4-22-16
By Dave Comerzan



This was a scheduled hike to this Lower Peak. The coleader was Doris Duval. Joining us was Winnette Butler and Mike Johnston. We did the primary route starting from Chantry Flats. From 210, exit at Santa Anita Ave. and drive 5 miles to the end of the road. The gate to Chantry Flats opens at 6:00 am and closes at 8:00 pm. There is limited parking, so you need to arrive early, especially on the weekends.

In my opinion, this is probably one of the most beautiful hikes in the San Gabriel's. There are several different approaches to this peak. We chose the route that goes up the Santa Anita Canyon to the Sturtevant camp. From the lower parking lot (elev. 2200'), we hiked down the paved fire road to the Roberts Camp (elev. 1800') where the Lower Winter Creek trail comes out. We continued straight on what is now a trail called the Gabrielleno Trail. We passed a number of cabins and came to a junction. The left trail was for horses. We took the right trail that leads to the falls. This trail was very scenic. After about a mile, the two trails join. We kept to the right. As we headed to the Sturtevant camp, we passed the Cascade Picnic area and the Spruce Grove campground, both excellent places to take a rest. Shortly after Spruce, we came to a junction. We continued toward Sturtevant following the signs to a junction to Mt. Zion. There is excellent signage throughout the hike and it was easy to follow the route.

Mt. Zion was a short spur hike off the trail. The summit was a bit of a disappointment. It was just a flat spot without much of a view. There was no register or benchmark. We continued south on the trail to a junction for the Lower Winter Creek trail and the Upper Winter Creek trail. We went up the Upper Winter Creek trail. Although it is about a mile longer, it avoids walking up 400' from Roberts Camp on a hot, paved fire road. The Upper trail comes out at the parking lot. About 90% of the hike was in shade. On this hike we saw a virtual explosion of wild flowers, including Canterbury Bells, Blue Dicks, Monkey Flowers and a host of others. There was a number of interesting old buildings at Sturtevant with information signs explaining the history. I highly recommend this area for hiking. The only negative was that there is a great deal of poison oak on this trail. Be careful what you touch.



**Chaparrosa Peak,
2003**

I learned today through a hikerpeakbagger friend that another hikerpeakbagger friend, Rich Gillock, passed away recently, this after a long struggle with cancer and its complications. Rich and I became connected on facebook through mutual friends and although we lived in the same city, we only met once in person and that by pure chance. he was hiking to the top of telescope peak with a couple of friends as I was too (11-11-17) as I signed the trail register, he was the entry just above us so I kept my eye out for him. sure enough, about two thirds or so of the way up, I saw him coming down! we exchanged greetings and continued out separate ways. it took my friends and I longer than expected to return to camp and it turned dark. about three quarters of the way back we saw a light coming toward us. it was Rich and another friend or two of his who had come looking for us out of concern for our safety! we welcomed their company and they escorted us back to camp. he continued hiking while battling cancer and I immensely admired his spirit as well as his hikes. to Steph and the rest of his family, I send my sincere condolences, thank you for sharing him. and Rich, happy trails to you... By Terry Shaw

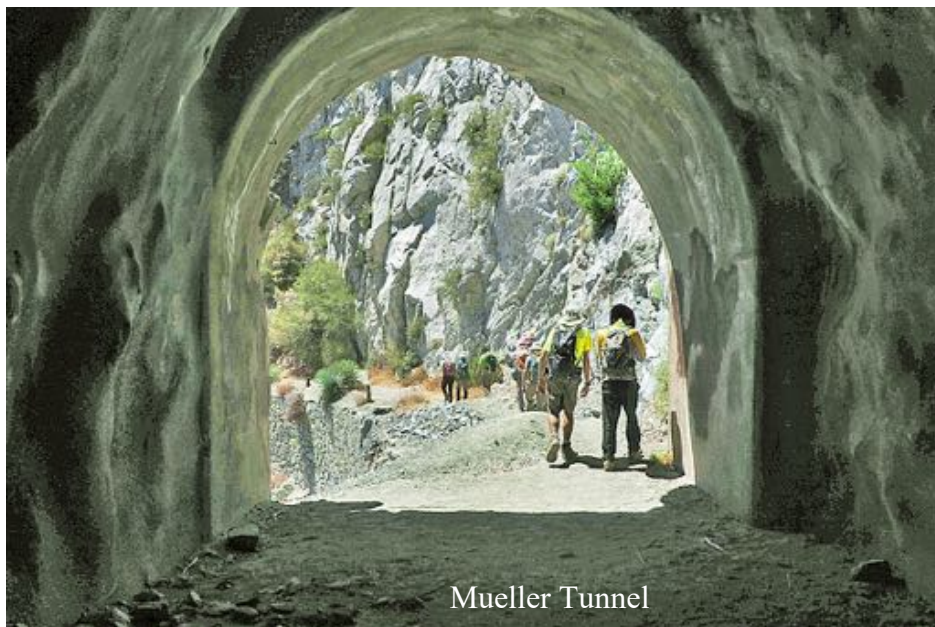


Hiking Photography

By Jin Oak Chung



Sedum Ground Cover, Golden Garden



Mueller Tunnel



Mari Sakai



Summits

Photo by Eric Chu



Caption: Cone summit; standing L-R, Illwoo Suh, Larry Edmonds, Steve Russell, Jackson Hsu, Peter & Ignacia, Jin Oak; sitting L-R, Young Ok, Mari Sakai, Ann & Krishna; Brian Richardsson not shown (photo by Wei Han, 3-8-20)



< Ignacia descends Cone summit; Steve Russell provided valuable help pointing out footholds to her and others on their descent. (3-8-20)



Peter guides Anne Kim as she continues her descent from Cone summit (3-8-20)

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San Gabriel Peak, 12-1-2018. Contributed by Nahid Shirazi



Rabbit Peak 2-8-2020 Contributed by Nahid Shirazi

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2020 WATERMAN RENDEZVOUS!!

JUNE 27, 2020



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 Saturday June 27, 2020. 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.

Be sure to check the online HPS Outings schedule

<http://www.hundredpeaks.org/outings.htm> for hikes as we get closer to the date.

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