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Yesterday, July 11, I decided to take a crack at Cornell Peak. Although it would be a short hike from the tram, it was a warm day, and I wanted to see what the tram experience was like these days. Inside the tram facilities, masks were optional for the vaccinated, but in the cars themselves (like all “public transportation”) masks were mandatory. The tram ride itself is always amazing, and the temperature dropped 20 degrees to a nice 72.

As those who have done this hike know, most of the mileage is on trail, while most of the time is cross-country. This was especially true for me as I attempted the other two “Ivies” in the neighborhood, (non-HPS) Harvard and Yale. Harvard’s split and basically featureless summit block was too daunting for me while Yale was relatively easy and it was nice to actually stand on a summit area.

As to Cornell, well, let’s just say that the summit block is very nervy. Quite an experience. One of the fun things for me summitting Cornell is that it was number 279 on our list for me, and I could see my list finish peak, San Jacinto, for much of the day. Sometime soon . . .

In journalism the three previous paragraphs would be known as “burying the lede,” as of course the big news in HPS-land is that the National Club announced on June 8th that outings would be starting back up on July 5th. Prior to that the Club had allowed a number of provisional outings, including the first one led by our own Bill Simpson, and co-led by Larry Pond, Sharon Moore, Jeff Bucholz, and Reddy Yetur. Thanks to everyone who helped organize this hike. We are back on the way to more outings!

In fact, as you read this, your Management Committee will be meeting to decide on scheduling our signature events. We’ll discuss whether we can hold the Oktoberfest event (in yes, October), and I’m confident that the Holiday Hoopla and the Annual Banquet will be scheduled. Keep an eye out for announcements. I tend to post such items on our Facebook page, so please ask to join our page if you are on the site and not already a member of the page.

Thanks to everyone for their patience over the last year and a half. Also, keep a “Lookout” for scheduled outings that will start popping up on the Outings page of our website as they get organized and approved.

I hope to see you on a hike or at a future event.

Happy Trails!

Coby

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Summits

Photo by Eric Chu



July 3, 2021. Wasim Khan top of the hill
on Skyline Drive Trail, Corona, CA



June 5, 2021 Cucamonga Peak



June 26-21 Dragons Head



June 26-21. Bighorn Mountain. Private hike.

- Coby King Chair
- James Hagar, Vice Chair
- Mark S. Allen - Secretary, Lookout Editor
- George Christiansen - Access and Mountain Records
- Sunny Yi – Programs Chair
- Laura Newman - Treasurer, Appointed
- Mat Kelliher - Outings and Safety, Appointed
- Meeting Call to Order: 6:20pm
- Chair Report, Coby King
 - HPS Award to be given by Chapter canceled due to Chapter Banquet cancellation
- Outings and Safety Report: Mat Kelliher, COVID Pandemic placed all Scheduled HPS Outings on hold through July 4th.
- HPS Treasurers Report of January 31, 2021 by Laura Newman (Apvd and Filed).
- HPS 1-12-2021 MCOMM Minutes by HPS Secretary Mark S. Allen (Apvd and Filed) Forwarded to Karen Leverich for posting on www.hundredpeaks.org Website.
- Membership Report, No Report given
- Mountain Records Report, George Christiansen
- Heald Peak, Poodle Dog Plant. Decision to post warning on HPS Trip Guide. This, to inform hikers of risk to some of poodle dog plant growth after recent forest fires. Trail work planned to clear trail in effected areas. (Aprvd and filed)

• **RECENT FIRES — *same status as Jan, 2021 update***

The Bobcat Closure (05-01-20-11) has been reissued and is in effect thru April 1, 2022. The Lake Fire Closure (05-01-20-09), also reissued and in effect thru June 1, 2021. Both new closures reduced the size of the closure but did not affect our peak suspensions.

• **UPPER SANTA YNEZ RIVER ACCESS—**

Hildreth Peak (6M) access via Route 1 in Santa Barbara County has been impacted by a major road washout between Romero Saddle and the Santa Ynez River (and the Caliente Springs Trailhead). The major washout has been repaired, but additional damage on East Camino Cielo requires repair prior to reopening. This portion of the repair is projected for completion in “April or May, 2021”

• **ACCESS TO CROSS (ROUTE 1) AND CHUCKWALLA (ROUTE 2) VIA JAWBONE CANYON**

The Gate at the trailhead to these two peaks in Jawbone Canyon has recently been closed to hikers and enforced by security guards. It does not appear that they have the authority to close the immediate area to hikers since the gate is on BLM (Bureau of Land Management) property. The responsible BLM Office confirmed that BLM property is open to the public. As a private road, it can be closed to vehicles

An alternate hiking route from the gate to the peaks without crossing LADWP (Department of Water and Power) parcels is being evaluated. I propose that the following note be added to the two peak guides until this issue is resolved:

THIS ROUTE IS NOT RECOMMENDED UNTIL ACCESS ON BLM PROPERTY IS RESOLVED

• **NEW ROUTES TO SUGARLOAF MOUNTAIN (22D) FOR REVIEW**

David Harris proposed two new routes and they are attached for review. Routes 4 and 5. During the Jan 12, 2021 meeting, it was suggested that both routes be checked out for confirmation by way of an independent hike.

John Radalj submitted a trip report regarding Route 5, with the only discrepancy being the total reported gain. David Harris reported gain of 3400 feet, and John Radalj reported 3800 feet.

An exploratory hike should be scheduled to confirm the accuracy of Route 4. This will have to occur after the skiing season ends.

02M	<u>Heald Peak</u>	6901'
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Location: Kern County, about 5 miles east of Weldon, 175 miles from Los Angeles

Maps

Auto Club	<i>Kern County</i>
Forest Service	<i>Sequoia National Forest</i>
USGS Topo	<i>Woolstalf Creek 7½</i>
Official HPS Maps	TPO file - Save to your computer then open with National Geographic TOPO!
	Viewable JPG file - Approximately 1.4 megs
	GPX file or Google Earth KML file to download to GPS units and other map software (How to use GPX and KML files)
	Routes as shown on CalTopo using the above files (How to use CalTopo)

SAFETY NOTICE: BE AWARE THAT EXTREME POODLE DOG GROWTH WILL BE ENCOUNTERED. TAKE MAJOR PRECAUTIONS AND DO NOT PROCEED IF YOU REACT TO THIS PLANT. (Note added March 2021)

1) Programs, Sunny YI

- 2021 Waterman Rendezvous, Canceled
- 2021 Oktoberfest / Fall Festival
- 2021 Holiday Hoopla
- 2022 Banquet
- 2022 Spring Fling
- Other Business
- Adjourn meeting

Letter From The Outings and Safety Chair

On July 5, 2021 official Sierra Club sponsored outdoor outings will resume. This reopening of the outings program was authorized by Sierra Club National (National), but it was a long and difficult process. To get to this point, over the past several months a handful of our friends and fellow hikers, dedicated volunteers that keep things running at Angeles Chapter (Chapter), have worked tirelessly to negotiate this reopening with National. There are still a couple of very contentious requirements that remain in place that complicate our outings program. Our friends at Chapter continue the challenging work of restoring outings to what they were prior to the pandemic, and because of their ongoing efforts, it's quite possible that these new requirements will be different on the day you read this than they are today as I write.

The new requirements are the result of a classification for outings that National has come up with: 'Frontcountry' and 'Backcountry'. Front country outings are defined as those where access to a medical facility is less than 60 minutes away (including travel back to a vehicle), or as being within a 911 call area. Backcountry outings are those where access to a medical facility is more than 60 minutes away. This classification puts just about every outing HPS conducts into the Backcountry classification, and that classification involves additional requirements.

The first new requirement for a Backcountry outing is that every participant (and leader) on the outing must fill out a "Medical Questionnaire (MQ)" and submit it to the trip leader in order to participate. The MQ asks the participant for a list of the things to which he/she is allergic; the dosage, reason for taking, and name of every medication the participant is taking; the status of each participants COVID-19 vaccination, and a yes/no check list of COVID -19 symptoms each participant must fill out. An individual's MQ is only intended to be shared between the trip leader and that specific individual.

There's also a new requirement for leaders, which is to prepare a "Safety Management Plan (SMP)" for each new outing. The SMP asks, along with a couple other minor things, for the identity of the agency in charge of the land the outing will occur on, and the location of the nearest hospital. Today (7/5/2021), Bob Myers let us all know that he's developed and made available a new App that can help us quickly locate the nearest hospital for given area; this will make the task of completing the SMP much easier for us. Bob Myers includes an article in this edition of The Lookout about how to use his App. The SMP is only intended to be shared between the trip leader and the Outings Chair.

So that's where our outings program stands today. Outings have reopened with some new requirements, but I expect things will loosen up and become simpler in the days to come. If you're a leader, please go ahead and start scheduling outings! Keep in mind that in order to lead trips for the Club, your Sierra Club membership needs to be current, as does your Policy Update Review (OLT-101). Also, your First Aid certification, at least to the Basic First Aid level, needs to be up-to-date. If you need to know your status with these, I'll be happy to look that up for you. And I'll also help steer you to the most current version of the MQ, which will hopefully just go away real soon, as well as help you find the most current version of the SMP. If you're a not a leader but just want to go on a hike with us, sign up for one of the trip that's posted on our website. Or if you don't see anything you're interested in, ask one of your leader friends to post a trip or two! Remember that vaccinations are not required to go on an outing, but if you are vaccinated, you've got a lot less to worry about!! Get vaccinated! Masks are not required either, but you're welcome to wear one if you like. The fog is lifting, and it's time to get back to doing what we love. As our esteemed Safety Chair, Ron Campbell, first said about a month ago, **"It's been a long pandemic, let's hit the trail!!"**

Mat Kelliher
Hundred Peaks Section Outings and Safety Chair

Advance Schedule of Hundred Peaks Section Activities

July – August, 2021

Mat Kelliher, HPS Outings Chair

The following is a listing of all HPS Outings submitted and posted to the Angeles Chapter online Schedule of Activities as of July 8, 2021. These outings cover the period ranging from July 11 through November 26, 2021. Note that **new HPS outings are added to the online schedule of activities (aka "Campfire Events") all the time**, often only a few days prior to when a trip is scheduled, so if you haven't found what you're looking for in this edition of The Lookout, be sure to check for newly added outings on the HPS online Schedule of Activities frequently for last minute additions. Follow this link to the HPS Schedule of Activities site:

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

And if you're still looking for something other than what's being offered on any given day with HPS, check out the Angeles Chapter online Schedule of Activities (Campfire Events) for a staggering selection of outings options offered by all of the various Groups, Sections, and Committees of the Angeles Chapter. The Angeles Chapter Schedule of Activities is located here:

<http://angeles.sierraclub.org/activities>

HPS outings are open to everyone; you don't need to be a member of either the Sierra Club or the HPS to join us! However, to participate in an outing, you will be required to sign a liability waiver, which you can preview here:

<https://www.sierraclub.org/sites/www.sierraclub.org/files/sce/leadership-training-committee-and-outings-management-/Angeles-Outings-Sign-In-Waiver-Oct2019.pdf>

Unless otherwise indicated, contact the leader of the outing(s) you'd like to join for trip status and details. Leader contact information is included in this edition of The Lookout, as are directions to the rideshare points (if any) referenced herein.

Sun Jul 11

Hundred Peaks

I: San Gorgonio Mtn (11499'), Bighorn Mtn (10997') & Dragons Head (10866') -- Join us as we climb Southern California's highest peaks in a

**Sun Jul 11 San Gorgonio Mtn:
continued**

wonderfully scenic alpine loop. After the challenging ascent to Gorgonio, descend and climb a still tough Bighorn and the awe-inspiring Dragons Head, and then contour to rejoin the beautifully verdant Vivian Creek trail. We will do this strenuous 18.5 miles, 6,400' gain hike at a moderate pace and this hike is only suitable for fit and experienced hikers. Wilderness permit limits group size. Please bring ten essentials. Contact sunnyyi1125@gmail.com for trip details. *Leaders SUNNY YI, JASON PARK, JIN OAK CHUNG.*

**Tue Jul 13 Hundred Peaks
Virtual HPS Management Committee Meeting**

Virtual meeting of the Hundred Peaks Section Management Committee. Contact HPS Chair *COBY KING* cobyk@cobyking.com for details.

**Sat Jul 17 Hundred Peaks
O: Wright Mountain (8585'), Pinyon Ridge (6535'), DOUBLE LIST FINISH!**

Join your HPS friends for two short hikes to celebrate Jim Hagar and George White on their first Hundred Peaks list finishes with libations and snacks. Pinyon Ridge is Jim's finish; it's a drive-up, and Wright is George's finish--0.5 miles round trip. High clearance vehicles required. Contact leader Jim Hagar at jhagar1@gmail.com for meeting time and driving directions to both. *Leader: JIM HAGAR, Co-Leaders: BILL SIMPSON, JEFF BUCH, LARRY POND, SHARON MOORE, VIRGINIA SIMPSON, MAT KELLIHER*

**Tue Sep 14 Hundred Peaks
Virtual HPS Management Committee Meeting**

Virtual meeting of the Hundred Peaks Section Management Committee. Contact HPS Chair *COBY KING* cobyk@cobyking.com for details.

Sun Sep 26 Hundred Peaks

I: Navigation - Mt. Pinos Navigation Noodle -- Navigation noodle at Mt. Pinos to satisfy the basic (I/M) level navigation requirements. Practice skills or checkoff. Send email with contact info (mailing address, telephone numbers), navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to *Leader: ROBERT MYERS. Assistant: ANN SHIELDS*

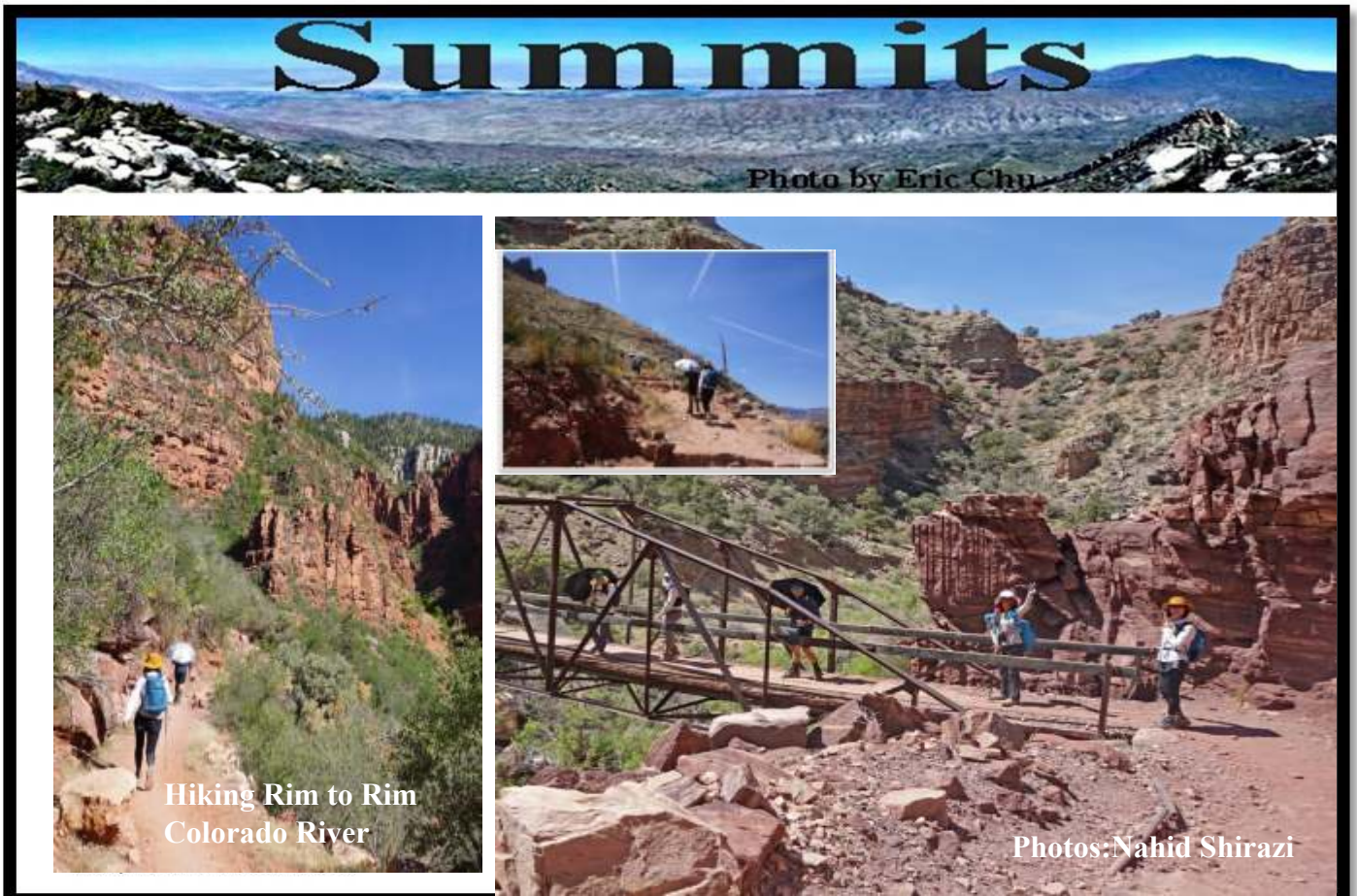
**Tue Nov 26 Hundred Peaks
Virtual HPS Management Committee Meeting**

Coby King (818) 313-8533 cobyk@cobyking.com
Virtual meeting of the Hundred Peaks Section Management Committee. Contact HPS Chair *COBY KING* cobyk@cobyking.com for details.

LEADER CONTACT INFO

Following is contact information for Leaders who are offering outings in this edition of The Lookout. 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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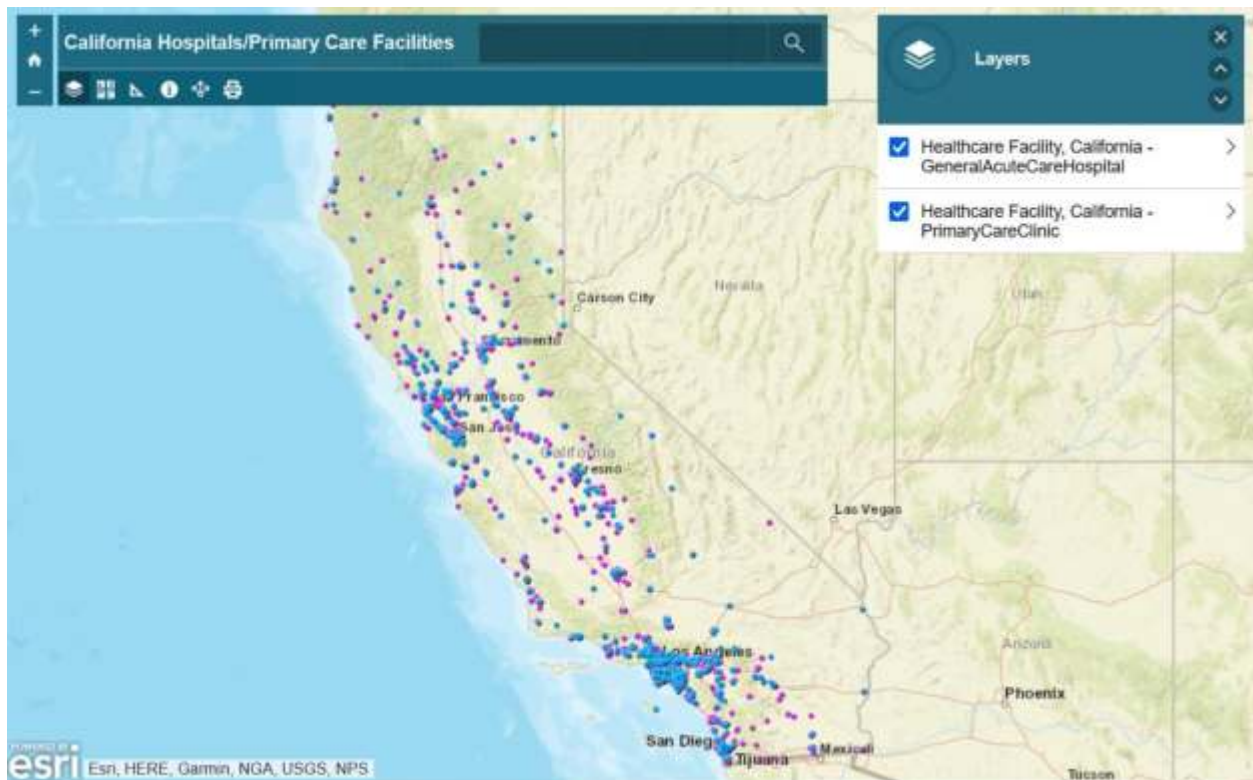
THE NAVIGATION CORNER: KNOW THE NEAREST HOSPITAL WHEN HIKING

By Bob Myers, LTC Navigation Chair

July 2021 marks the return of Sierra Club outings after the 15-month suspension caused by the COVID-19 global pandemic. Although the global pandemic has not ended, wide-spread vaccinations in the United States makes it safe to resume outings subject to new safety protocols. One of the new requirements is that trip leaders develop safety management plans for backcountry outings. Required information includes identifying the nearest hospital or clinic.

Knowing the nearest hospital is always a good idea when venturing away from home. To assist with finding medical facilities while on trips, I created a simple web application based on data from the California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development as illustrated below. The application can be found at the following URL:

<https://tinyurl.com/Hike-Hospitals>



The map application gives users a number of options such as zooming in and out, selecting different basemaps (it opens with a Street basemap), and a measuring tool. The layer button allows selection of either hospital or primary care clinics (it opens with both selected). In addition, the map can be printed to .pdf.

By clicking on any facility, detailed information is available in a pop-up window. As an example, information is shown below for Mammoth Hospital:

General Acute Care Hospital: Mono	
Facility Name	MAMMOTH HOSPITAL
Street Address	85 Sierra Park Road
City	Mammoth Lakes
ZIP Code	93546
County Name	Mono
Emergency Services Level	Emergency - Standby
Total Beds Licensed	17
Status	Open
Status Date	2/10/1978, 4:00 AM
Type	Hospital
Category	General Acute Care Hospital
Longitude X	-118.96
Latitude Y	37.65

If readers have suggestions for improvements to the map, please send them to me.

Upcoming Navigation Events

A navigation noodle has been scheduled to September 26, 2021, at Mt. Pinos. In addition, a navigation noodle will soon be published for the Mission Creek Preserve in November.

Navigation Questions

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



Mount Lukens (elev. 5074')

5-29-21

By Bill Simpson

Saturday May 29th was the Angeles Chapter's first "official" Hundred Peaks Section hike in over 14 months. Yes, this hike to Hundred Peaks Section hike to Mount Lukens was NOT a private hike!



Larry Pond

The Sierra Club has begun sanctioning pilot outings to get feedback from leaders and participants regarding appropriate protocols for reopening outings at some point in the (hopefully-not-too-distant) future.



For this hike from George Deukmejian Wilderness Park in Glendale we wore masks all day, (except when eating or drinking), and continuously maintained six feet of social distancing.



Additional photos submitted by Sharon Moore

The top summit photo, taken by Larry Pond, has all thirteen trailblazers: Larry Pond, Sharon Moore, Al Shipley, Bettie Pearson, Jeff Buchholz, Tony Santana, Conny Burleson, Bill Simpson, Mari Sakai, Hemanth Kothanda, Reddy Yetur, Lidia Barbosa and Susan Kang (from left to right).

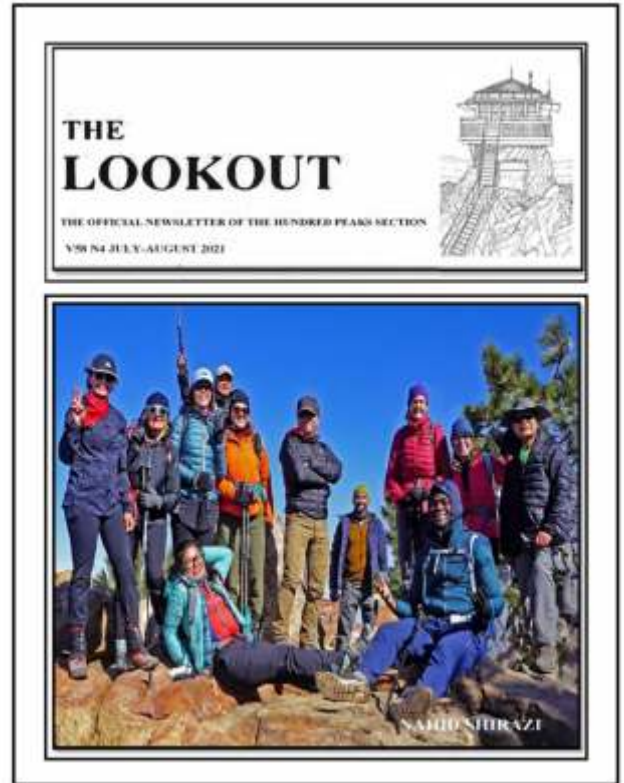
It was the very first Sierra Club hike for Tony, Hemanth and Lidia. The hike was led by Bill Simpson and co-leaders Larry, Sharon, Jeff and Reddy. Saturday, May 29, 2021. V58 N4 Page 13



Saturday May 29th was the Angeles Chapter's first "official" Hundred Peaks Section hike in over 14 months on Mount Lukens. Bill Simpson Leader. Co-leaders Larry Pond, Sharon Moore, Jeff Buchholz and Reddy Yetar.



July 3, 2021. Mat Kelliher and Tanya Roton on Dragons Head Peak



Cover: Reyes Peak, May 22, 2021, with Nahid, Maria, Sunny, J.C., Fariba, Jason, Ali, Kendra, Mary, Jin Oak, Ann Kim, Wisdom



June 29, 2021. Shurovi Masud on Wysup Peak.



June 20, 2021, Cerro Noroeste Peak. Iilwoo Suh, May Tang, Peter Doggett, Sonia Arancibia, Jay C, Arisa Paryas and Nahid Shirazi. Photo: Jin Oak Chung

Los Padres Trail Maintenance

By Mike Maki

We've all been there. You look up a peak on your list to see the latest trip report. After reading the report of a bushwack you decide you may want to wait until the trail conditions get better. Well, you may be waiting a long time. Or nowadays, sadly, wait until the area bums! These overgrown trails are what inspired me to participate in volunteer trail maintenance projects. It all really started when I section hiked the Condor Trail in the spring of 2017 and 2018.

The Condor Trail is a 400 plus mile route from Lake Piru to Botchers Gap near Big Sur. It covers most of the Los Padres National Forest south to north with the state beaches in between. Some of the trail follows well travelled and maintained trails like the Sespe River Trail. Other sections are mere routes of cross country and then there are the dreaded sections of poorly maintained trails. At times I was crawling on all fours and taking up to six hours to go just one mile (Puerto Suello Trail, Ventana Wilderness)! After busting through a heavily vegetated section, a well maintained trail is very appreciated. When I finished the trail I wanted to give something back, and that was work on the trails. The hardest sections were areas shortly after fires with regrowth and fallen timbers. Plenty of that out there!

This is where the organized volunteer trail groups shine. The group I have recently joined up with is the Los Padres Forest Association (lpforest.org). They have several organized trips primarily in the cooler fall and spring each year. Outings range anywhere from day trips to 10 day "working vacations". With the working vacations you can participate anywhere from a couple of days to the full 10 days. The nice part about these working vacations is they are generally stock supported and some amazing meals provided. Some trips are car camping and some are backpacking. Some trips are even lightly supported with pack goats! Unfortunately COVID put restrictions on the shared food aspect of the meals this year but I anticipate it to return to full swing soon.

All aspects of trail maintenance are performed. Most work consists of clearing overgrowth with loppers and those trained with crosscut saws - clear fallen timbers. There is also tread work done where needed. All tools and hard hats are provided. You just need gloves and eye protection. We generally work about 8:00am to 2:00pm and have the afternoons off to explore and enjoy the forest.



This past spring my wife Mary and I participated in four different trips. The first was a three night backpack to Madulce Camp to work on the Madulce Trail up towards Madulce Peak. The second was a car camp at Alamar Saddle to work on the Madule Trail back towards Maducle Camp. It was during this trip we took advantage of the close proximity to Madulce and bagged it one afternoon and West Big Pine the next afternoon. Big Pine would have been an easy ¼ mile hike but we had done it years ago as a 20+ mile

bike ride! The third trip was a three night backpack to Heath Camp to work on the Upper Sisquoc Trail, one of my favorite areas in the Los Padres. The last trip was unrelated to the LPFA . We spent 8 days on San Miguel Island working on the trails, enjoying the island life and it's amazing array of marine mammals.



Brian Sarvis, LPFA Volunteer

Take advantage of the volunteer opportunities that are available. Not only do you get some easier access to places that are sometimes difficult to get to, you'll make new friends and improve the access to some of those areas we've all had to bushwhack! If you have not been to Madulce Peak the route up from Santa Barbara Canyon or from Alamar Saddle is clear! The last mile or so of the route is primitive but easy enough to navigate. Enjoy!



Goats used as Pack animals for trail work!

Beartrap Bluff is No Joke

By Louie Rodriguez



A nice cool morning greeted hikers meeting at the Gene Marshal/ Piedra Blanca TH for an ambitious private climb to ominous Beartrap Bluff, 6160', on May 25, 2021. The route is 12 mi rt. on trail and xc, with 3800' total gain. Fearless leader Larry Pond led 9 brave souls starting at 8:30 am with the sun starting to warm things up.



The first section of the trip was on a comfortable up and down trail to Upper Reyes Creek campground at 3 miles. After crossing the creek, a monster of an oak tree greeted us with immense shade. It was quite picturesque and many stopped for a photo opportunity. After another mile and half, we crossed Beartrap Creek. Here we took a snack break. Then we started looking for the described "major gully." After a little searching among down branches and rock fall, we found it. The group scrambled up the gully via a few different lines and then we popped out onto a huge rock slab around 11:30am. At this point, we got a good look at the bluff and its sharp face. The slab was a bit steep, but good enough to use friction to walk up carefully. We stayed mostly to the right side hugging a berm till we topped out of the slab into the trees and shrubs. Next, we had a bit of rock scrambling to reach a plateau that was fairly dry, with several rock outcrops. After a short jaunt walking through boulders, we spied the summit block. At the base, the group stopped for a break and some had lunch. However, a few intrepid hikers went straight to the summit block and crawled up using some large cracks for holds. It was 12:38pm.



One by one, the group made its way up the rock; even those who said they wouldn't! At one point, all 10 of us were at the top, namely, Larry, Angina, Melanie, Mari, Susan, Matt Liao, Teresa, Lynh, Tao, and Louie. It was a little snug up there, but we had a marvelous 360-degree view! After nearly an hour at the summit, we started down. Somehow, we got a little off route at the top of the gully. But then we heard some voices below and followed the sounds. Surprisingly, we met some other well-known hikers on their way up, led by Sunny and Jason! Lots of high fives and smiles occurred as both groups passed each other.

As we made our way down the slab, Matt Liao noticed that he had lost his cell phone. He took off back up for about 10 min. looking for it. The rest of the group stopped and waited, as he was last at that point. There's no way to know where he dropped it. What are the chances? Well, luck was on our side, as I went back to help him and looked up, I spotted the cellphone. Close call....



We regrouped at the creek crossing for another break before hitting the trail and working our way back with several ups and downs again. After 9 hours on the trail, we made it back to the cars at 5:30pm. Larry kindly treated everyone to a cold drink. Now that's a great leader!



Waterman Rendezvous 2004



As Lookout Editor, this old picture of mine has troubled me over the years. It would come up in my photo archives repeatedly. I finally put the question on social media. Bobcat Thompson answered my question: "I was at the (Waterman Rendezvous) reunion in 2004. The man in the photo with the plaid shirt with his back to us is my old friend and Wed hiker Ed Johnson. We called him "Hiker Ed" and he had a nice telescope set up in his yard high above Tujunga and often emailed us photos of the heavens taken through his scope. He passed away a few years ago. You can also see Julie Rush smiling just behind the scope." Thanks to Joe Young and Bob Cates also.



Above,
Ed Johnson at Mount Wilson astronomy museum. Local Hikes Committee outing to Mount Wilson led by John DePoy, May 16, 2007. Photographer: Bob Cates
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Ed Johnson next to the Angeles Crest Highway at the Mount Waterman trailhead.
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Mount Pinos/Sawmill Mountain, August 22, 2012. Wednesday Regulars at start of the Vincent Tumamait Trail on the summit plateau of Mt. Pinos. L to R: Ed Johnson, Pat Arredondo, Brooks Treidler, Ron and Mia.



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The History Corner, by Bob Cates, Sierra Club Historian

The year was 1946, when a group of Sierrans made an ascent of Rabbit Peak. The party included some of the earliest HPS Emblem holders, and included Toni Gamero, who designed the HPS Emblem pin, as well as Bill Henderson, one of the early chairs of the section. The photo caption identifies the emblem holders.



Group on summit of Rabbit Peak. Album page labeled “Rabbit Peak 1946.”

Three topmost figures, L to R: Tony Gamero (Emblem #7), unidentified man in white hat, Willard Dean (no hat). Standing next row down, L to R: Elsie Kent (Emblem #12), Alden Hilton (Emblem #15), Louise Werner (Emblem #8), Betty Crookston (pith helmet)(Emblem #16), Bill Crookston (cowboy-style hat)(Emblem #17). Sitting figures, L to R: Eric Kent (Emblem #11), Margie Henderson (Emblem #13), Bill Henderson (Emblem #14), unidentified reclining man). Unidentified woman at lower right.

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