

THE LOOKOUT

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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, for a list of the 275 or so HPS peaks.)

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C/o HPS Treasurer

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Letter From The Chair

Hello hikers!

Fall is here and the weather is starting to get chilly. If you haven't heard the good news Angeles Crest Highway is now open from Big Tujunga Road to Islip saddle, so expect to see some scheduled outings to the area. Complete reopening will not be until spring at the earliest.

Just a reminder that the banquet is coming up on Sunday January 21, 2024. You will be receiving an email advertisement with sign-up information soon and there is information in this issue. We hope you can all make it. It will be at The Reef restaurant in Long Beach again, which received excellent reviews from our members last year. Our speaker will be Jack Thompson from the Wildlands Conservancy, who will tell us about this group's amazing work.

The Holiday Hoopa is Friday-Sunday December 1-3 at Joshua Tree Lake Resort. We have some nice outings scheduled. Contact Mike Dillenback at dillyhouse1@gmail.com to sign up.

We have chosen a designer for the web site upgrade. Work will start soon, and we hope to have it online within 3 to 4 months. We could use some help with this from members who are willing to put in a little time writing some content for the site; no technical knowledge is required. If you wish to help, please contact me at jhagar1@gmail.com.

We are pleased to announce that HPS merchandise with the new HPS logo is now available online. In addition to T-shirts there is a wide variety of other items available. Please check it out at HPSmerchandise.redbubble.com

The election of HPS Officers is coming at the end of the year. Candidate statements are in this edition of the Lookout Newsletter so please review them. You will be receiving electronic ballots next month. Keep getting out there everyone, and we will see you at the banquet.

Jim Hagar and the Management Committee
818 468-6451

Hundred Peaks Section Candidate Statements:

Statement of Jim Hagar

This is my sixth year on the HPS Management Committee and we have been making progress and overcoming challenges. In my time we have have improved our the maps, updated the membership system, and organized the functioning of MComm. Our next project is improving our merchandise and a redesign of the web site which is a big undertaking; I'd like to see this through. The new web site will have all the valuable information of the existing site with a new look and new features to promote the section further. I'm looking forward to helping keep the section relevant and current.

Statement of George E. Christiansen

I am again running for a position on the HPS Management Committee for a fifth two year term. I have been honored to serve for the past eight years and would like to serve once again. I have hiked with the Hundred Peaks Section for the past sixteen years and I am now familiar with multiple routes to many of our peaks. In this regard, I have served as Mountain Records Chair and Access Chair for the Section. If honored with your vote, my intent would be to continue in these positions, where I feel that I can best serve the Section.

Statement of Sharon Moore

I became a member of HPS in 2007 when I signed on to a Tom Hill hike to get my 25 th HPS Peak. It was also Bill Simpson's List Finish and a great introduction to what makes this section so much fun (Cedar Mountain, if you're wondering). I eventually made it to 100 peaks by the time August 2019 rolled around (Folly Peak). I retired in 2020, and since then I have been working steadily at the list with the help of many wonderful HPS friends and mentors. I would like to continue serving on the HPS Management Committee as we evolve. I hope to contribute to HPS's continuing efforts to help people explore, enjoy, and protect the peaks we love so much.

HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION MEMBERSHIP REPORT

November-December Lookout Issue, Steve Russell, HPS Membership Chair

This report covers emblems achieved since the last Lookout and cases where reporting was missed.

New Emblems

List Finish:

Gary Schenk, Eureka Pk, 5/22/2023, emblem #339

Mary Jo Dungefelder, Eureka Pk, 5/22/2023, emblem #340

Lidia Barbosa, Madulce Pk, 10/1/2023, emblem #342

Heesook Kim, Monrovia Pk, 10/2/2023, emblem #343

Jon Lieberg, Lizard Head, 10/29/2023, emblem #344

Star Emblem

Lidia Barbosa, Madulce Pk, 10/1/2023, emblem #1

New Members

George Sherman-Sustaining Level

Jennifer Gardelle

Jacqueline Zimbalist

Garret Stoops

New Subscribers

James Christel-Sustaining Level

Reminder to subscribers, if you are a Sierra Club member and have climbed 25 peaks on the official HPS list, then you can apply for membership into the section. Send your list of peaks climbed with dates, and your Sierra Club membership number to: lookout_membership@hundredpeaks.org.

Membership Stats

Members: 197

Life and Honorary Members: 20

Subscribers: 10

Total: 219

Expired: 8

2023 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Elected Members:

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Sharon Moore-Vice Chair (12/20/23)

Mark S. Allen- Secretary, (12/2024)

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Ren Campbell • Outreach (12/2024)

Larry Pond — Mountain Records Co-Chair (12/2024)

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Lidia Barbosa- Member At Large (12/2024)

Appointed Members:

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Mat Keltner- Outings & Safety Chair

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Steve Russell - Membership, Appointed

Coby King, Elections Chair, Facebook Administrator, Appointed

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Kathy Wing contributed photo taken on hike to San Rafael Peak, Oct 29th



You are cordially invited to the

Hundred Peaks Section Annual Awards Banquet

- Sunday January 21, 2024 -

The Reef Restaurant

880 South Harbor Scenic Dr
Long Beach, CA 90802

Come join us for an informative presentation from guest speaker:

Jack Thompson

Desert Regional Director of The Wildlands Conservancy.

The Wildlands Conservancy manages preserves in California, Oregon and Utah including the Whitewater Preserve near Palm Springs.

Social Hour begins at 5:00 pm - Dinner begins at 6:15 pm

There will be a silent auction of donated items

HPS merchandise will be available for purchase including exciting new items featuring our updated logo.

To reserve your seat(s) mail or email the following information to reservationist Mike Dillenback at the address below. Include the following:

Names of each attendee with meal choices (beef, fish or vegetarian) Primary contact's email address and phone number

Enclose a check for **\$85 per person for HPS Members and Lookout Subscribers and \$105 per person for nonmembers and nonsubscribers.**

Payments must be received by 1/2/2024.

**Banquet tickets increase to \$105 per person after 1/2/2024. Make check payable to:
Hundred Peaks Section.**

Reservationist: Mike Dillenback 22611 Evalyn Ave. Torrance, CA 90505

Payment can also be made by PayPal using the following link: paypal.me/HundredPeaksSection

Summits

Photo by Eric Chu



11-6-23 Grouse Mtn, Sawmill Peak, Mt Pinos and Cerro Noroeste.



Washim Khan, Mt. Baldy 11-12-23



Teresa Blackman Spohr on Cucamonga Peak, October 9th 2023



Isa Galan, Eclipse of the Sun on San Gabriel Peak





Larry Pond Finish List #1 and Lead the List Nov 12th on Monrovia Peak.



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Cover Photo: The Big Four Backpack September 29th - October 1st



Photo: Sunny Yi

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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**Falling Rock
Canyon to
Shugarloaf Peak**

**Mat Kelliher
Leading**








Photos:
Shurovi M RT

**Advance Schedule of Hundred Peaks Section Activities
November - December 2023
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 Nov 2, 2023. These outings cover the period ranging from Nov 3 through Dec 2, 2023. 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 selection of outings options offered by all 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 participation agreement. Additionally, you will be required to complete, print out, and submit to the leader of the outing a Medical Form listing allergies, medications, and general medical information at the trailhead prior to the start of the outing. Your medical form will be kept confidential and will be returned to you at the conclusion of the outing. And if you're feeling unwell, please do not participate on the outing.

You can preview the participation agreement here:

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

And the Medical Form here:

<https://www.sierraclub.org/sites/www.sierraclub.org/files/sce/leadership-training-committee-and-outings-management-/Local%20Outings%20Medical%20Form.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.

We hope you'll join us out on the trails soon!!

Fri Nov 3 Hundred Peaks

I: Antimony Peak (6848'), Eagle Rest Peak (6005') - Wonderful vistas await -- green and pretty Cuddy Valley; Mt. Pinos, the highest peak in the San Emigdio range; more beautiful pine-forested peaks; and the San Joaquin Valley to the north -- as we climb first to an area known for its antimony deposits, and then to the impressive summit known for its once abundant Golden and Bald Eagles. The total hike will be about 11 miles round trip with 5400' of gain. High clearance vehicles advised. Please bring liquids, lug soles, layers, lunch & hat. [Classified a Sierra Club backcountry outing, it requires a completed medical form hard copy be presented to leader at trailhead prior to hike.] Contact peterdoggett@aol.com for trip details. *LEADERS: PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT*

Sat – Sun Nov 4 – 5 Hundred Peaks

O2: San Jacinto Overnight Backpacking Trip – One of the “Three Saints”, San Jacinto is among Southern California’s most well-known mountains over 10,000 feet. Starting from the top of the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway, we’ll backpack just over 2 miles with 640’ of elevation gain to Round Valley Campground. After setting up camp in Round Valley, we’ll hike to Hidden Valley Lake for lunch via the High and Willow Creek trails. Total for the out and back is 2.6 miles. On Sunday we’ll summit San Jacinto with our summit packs, then return to camp and pack out back to the Tramway via the High Trail. Participants are responsible for their own food and water. Water is available at Round Valley Campground, but it should be filtered or treated. Pit toilets are available near the campsites. This is a Provisional Outing for the O2 leadership rating. Classified a Sierra Club backcountry outing, it requires a completed medical form hard copy be presented to leader at trailhead prior to hike. Contact Jessica Gamburg at jessicabrozyna@gmail.com to sign up for this trip. *LEADER: JESSICA GAMBURG, ASST LEADER: MAT KELLIHER*

I:Sat Nov 4 Hundred Peaks

I: C2C (Cactus to Clouds) - Hike to San Jacinto Peak (10,834) -- Join us Saturday, November 4, for one of SoCal's biggest, toughest, and most beautiful day hikes. We'll start before dawn on the desert floor at Palm Springs. As we climb, the sun will rise to reveal an incredible desert panorama, taking us into the cool alpine wilderness of Long Valley and up to the breathtaking summit of San Jacinto, itself. Afterwards, we'll ride the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway from Long Valley back down to Palm Springs. This is an extremely strenuous day hike (total distance about 20 miles with over 2 miles of vertical gain). This hike is for fit and experienced participants only. This is a Sierra Club Backcountry Outing, which requires everyone to submit a completed Medical Form to the Leader at the trailhead. **LEADER: SUNNY YI, CO-LEADERS: BILL SIMPSON, JASON PARK, LIDIA BARBOSA, KAT JANKAEW, CATHERINE ROSSBACH.**

Sat Nov 4 Hundred Peaks

O: Cerro Noroeste, Grouse Mtn., Sawmill Mtn., Mt. Pinos - We'll be in the Los Padres National Forest west of Frazier Park and south of Pine Mountain Club. After driving up to claim Cerro Noroeste, we'll park at the nearby trailhead and hike on- and off-trail east to Puerta Del Suelo ("Door to the Floor"), Grouse Mtn., Sawmill Mtn., and Mt. Pinos. From Mt. Pinos we'll return via trail back to our cars at the trailhead. Expect a moderate 11 mile round trip with 3,000 feet of gain (1,000 in, 1,000 feet out done at amoderate pace. Thiis is a Sierra Club Backcountry outing, which requis everyone to submita a medical form to the Leader at the trailhead. **LEADERS, JIM HOYT, ROBERT KLINIC, YOKO ISHIGURO.**

Wed Nov 8 Hundred Peaks

I: Little San Gorgonio Pk (9133'), Wilshire Mtn (8832') - Join us for a challenging hike to Little San Georganio Peak and Wilshire Mountain in the Yucaipa Ridge area. The total distance will be approximately 7 miles, and the elevation gain will be around 3,700 feet (3,300 feet on the way out, and 400 feet on way back). Bring lunch, snacks, beverage, hiking footwear, layers, hat and sunblock. This back country outing requires the completed paper Local Outing Medical Form to be reviewed by the Primary Leader at the trailhead prior to the hike. Contact Primary Leader for status and details. Primary *LEADER: LIDIA BARBOSA CO-LEADERS: JIM HAGAR, SHARON MOORE, JIM HOYT*

Fri - Sat Nov 10 – 11 Hundred Peaks

I: McKinley (6200'), San Rafael (6593'), Santa Cruz (5570') Big 3 Backpack - Join us for an overnight backpack, as we journey into the remote and wild beauty of Santa Barbara County near Lake Cachuma. Hiking mostly fire road and good trail, we'll be treated to views of the beautiful canyons and mountains surrounding our 2-day, 1 night adventure. Excursion totals: 33 miles, 8600' gain. Please bring overnight backpack equipment, along with liquids, lugsoles, layers, food and hat. [Classified a Sierra Club backcountry outing, it requires a completed medical form hard copy be presented to leader at trailhead prior to hike.] Contact peterdoggett@aol.com for trip details. *LEADERS: PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT*

Sat Nov 11 Hundred Peaks

I: Hike to Monrovia Pk (5,409 ft) - Join as we hike to this peak. We will be hiking--not driving--route 4 from the Peak Guide. Our hike starts at the gate where the forest road 2N24.2--Rincon Red Box Road--meets Hwy 39. We stay on 2N24.2 until we reach a short and very steep run up the ridge to Monrovia Pk. We will start in the dark and end in the dark. Phenomenal views will be had along the entire hike. At the summit we will celebrate Larry's list finishes. A rare simultaneous finish of both List and Lead List. This strenuous out and back hike is 23 miles round trip and 4285 ft in elevation gain. Bring food, 4-5+ liters of water, hiking footwear, layers, headlamp, hat and sunblock, optional hiking poles and umbrella. This back country outing requires the completed paper Local Outing Medical Form to be reviewed by the Primary Leader at the trailhead prior to the hike. Contact Primary Leader for status and details. Primary *LEADER: LARRY POND* (larryhikes17@yahoo.com) *CO-LEADERS: BILL SIMPSON, LIDIA BARBOSA, SHARON MOORE, TAO ZHANG.*

Sat Nov 11 Hundred Peaks

I: The Big Three Santa Cruz Peak (5570'), San Rafael Mountain (6593'), McKinley Mountain (6200') - Join us on The Big Three Hiking with the wild beauty of the Los Padres National Forest. The hike starts from the Cachuma Saddle. The total for the day will be around 31 miles and 8100' gain. This is a Sierra Club

to the Leader at the trailhead. *LEADER: JASON PARK (jasonpark7100@gmail.com),
CO-LEADER: SUNNY YI*

Sat Nov 11 Hundred Peaks

I: Sugarloaf Peak (6,924) - Join us for an early morning, predominantly off trail, strenuous effort to get atop this peak once described as resembling a prolate hemispheroid located high above the southern banks of Icehouse Canyon near the village of Mt Baldy, CA. While it will be a relatively short 1.5-mile trip up to the summit, well get 2,000 of elevation gain on our way up the steep and narrow-walled Falling Rock Canyon. This hike is not for beginners and is only appropriate for seasoned hikers who are at ease on steep, sometimes a bit unstable, bouldery terrain. Climbing helmets are required while were in Falling Rock Canyon. This Back Country Outing requires the completed Medical Questionnaire be submitted to the leaders at the trailhead prior to the hike. To sign up for this trip, email Mat Kelliher mkelliher746@gmail.com and Jeremy Netka jnetka@gmail.com with contact and carpool info, recent conditioning & experience, and if youre a WTC student, your WTC Area & Group. *LEADERS: MAT KELLIHER, JEREMY NETKA*

Sat – Sun Nov 11 – 12 Hundred Peaks

C: Wilderness First Aid Course - The course runs from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm on Saturday and Sunday in Fullerton plus four hours of video lectures (on-demand) during the following week. Review of course notes and completion of pretest (est. 4 to 8 hours) is required prior to course. This course meets the 24-hour WFA requirement for I/M/E leader ratings. Fee includes instruction, skills materials, pdf of course notes and two laminated cards with response protocols. COVID precautions include distancing when possible and required masks for skills activities. Proof of CPR training within previous 5 years, signed release of liability and proof of COVID vaccination status are required to enroll. Fee \$180 (full refund until 10/13/23). For sign-up, see instructions and application at <http://wildernessfirstaidcourse.org>.

Sat Nov 18 Hundred Peaks

I: Iron Mountain #1 -- aka 'Big Iron' (8,007') - is known for its extreme hiking challenge: the last 2.25 miles to the peak have about 3600' of elevation gain. The overall hike is 14 miles round trip and has 7200' of elevation gain (6600' on the way up; 600' on the way down). Four of the top five toughest day hikes in the San Gabriel Mountains listed on the SummitPost.org site involve hikes to BIG IRON (and yes, this is one of the four). "Friendly" pace. Bring lunch, snacks, beverage, hiking footwear, layers, hat and sunblock. This back country outing requires the completed paper Local Outing Medical Form to be reviewed by the Primary Leader at the trailhead prior to the hike. Contact Primary Leader for status and details. Primary *LEADER: LIDIA BARBOSA CO-LEADERS: BILL SIMPSON, JIM HAGAR, SHARON MOORE, LARRY POND*

Fri – Sat Dec 1 – 2 Hundred Peaks

2023 HPS Holiday Hoopla - This year the Hundred Peaks Section will be holding its 2023 Holiday Hoopla over the weekend of December 1-3. We've reserved a

Holiday Hoopla Continued:

group campsite for both Friday and Saturday nights (Dec 1 and 2) at Joshua Tree Lake, RV and Campground located nearby Joshua Tree National Park. The campground has plenty of parking and has toilets and pay showers. It also has picnic tables and fire rings. For those who prefer not to camp out, there are numerous lodging choices in the nearby communities of Joshua Tree and Yucca Valley. After spending the day bagging peaks on one of the several outings that will be available, Saturday night we'll all meet up at the Campground to celebrate the Holiday Season HPS style with a big Potluck Happy Hour about 6 pm. There will be ample opportunity to socialize and hang out around a roaring campfire with old and new friends. Whether you're camping out or staying in town, everyone is welcome and all are encouraged to attend. Advance reservations are required since we will have to make arrangements with the Campground for the number of people attending. There is no fee for HPS Members. Non-members are requested to pay a fee of \$12 per person for each night you'll be camping out. For questions, campground information, driving directions, potluck suggestions and campground reservations, contact the *HPS PROGRAMS RESERVATIONIST, MIKE DILLENBACK* at dillyhouse1@gmail.com

Sat Dec 2 Hundred Peaks

I: Queen Mtn (5680+)—2023 HPS HOLIDAY HOOPLAH HIKE!! - Summon your pioneer spirit and join us for a pathfinder hike, a non-standard approach, to beautiful Queen Mountain. Good trails lead from our starting point to the nearby Desert Queen Mine and Pine City; however, like miners and pioneers that explored the area in earlier times, we will be journeying cross-country. Winding past pinyon pines, barrel cacti and other desert flora, we will travel the desert floor towards a steep gully; then, paralleling the gully, and avoiding spiny desert plants, we'll ascend to an impressive summit block and its breathtaking views. Totals for this pathfinder are about 7 miles round trip and 1300' gain. Please bring liquids, lugsoles, layers, lunch and hat. [Classified a Sierra Club backcountry outing, it requires a completed medical form hard copy be presented to leader at trailhead prior to hike.] Contact peterdoggett@aol.com for trip details. *LEADERS: PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT*

Sat Dec 2 Hundred Peaks

I: Quail Mountain (5814') and Mt. Minerva Hoyt (5405') from Covington Flat -- 2023 HPS HOLIDAY HOOPLAH HIKE!! - take the HPS Route less traveled as we visit a Star Peak which is the high point of Joshua Tree National Park. The dirt road through Covington Flat offers access to some of the park's largest Joshua trees, junipers, pinyon pines, and high peaks. Mt. Minerva Hoyt was named in 2012 to honor the woman who worked to preserve the park. Stats: 12 miles rt and 2700' of elevation gain on trail and XC. This hike is part of the HPS Holiday Hoopla! Contact Mike Dillenback dillyhouse1@gmail.com if you would like to join us for camping and a potluck celebration at Joshua Tree Lakes Resort. This is a Sierra Club Backcountry outing that requires everyone to submit a hard copy print out of their completed Local Outings Medical Form for review by the Leader. The medical form will be treated confidentially. Contact LEADER: SHARON MOORE justslm@earthlink.net for hike details. CO-LEADERS: LIDIA BARBOSA, BILL SIMPSON

Sun Dec 3 Hundred Peaks

I: Black Mtn #4 (6149'), Chaparrosa Peak (5541') -- 2023 HPS HOLIDAY HOOPLAH HIKE!! - Join us for the 2nd day of the HPS Holiday Hooplah; hike to one or both of these peaks in the desert environs west of Yucca Valley. First, we'll follow a gentle cross-country traverse of ridgeline and canyon to gain Black's summit and enjoy lunch as we savor the surrounding views -- marvelous mesas, broad valleys, and distant mountains of the high desert among them. Then, after driving to Pipes Canyon Preserve, we'll hike via good trail to Chaparrosa and its own outstanding views: southeast, the Sawtooth Mountains and their superbly jagged ridgeline; southwest, the San Bernardino Mountains and tall alpine forests standing in contrast to the shorter yuccas and plants which populate the preserve and echo the peak name. Doing both hikes will add up to a total of 10 miles round trip with 2700' of gain. High clearance vehicles advised. Hike-experienced dogs with well-behaved owners welcome. Please bring liquids, lugsoles, layers, lunch and hat. [Classified a Sierra Club backcountry outing, it requires a completed medical form hard copy be presented to leader at trailhead prior to hike.] Contact peterdoggett@aol.com for trip details. *LEADERS PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT*

Sun Dec 3 Hundred Peaks

O: Eureka Peak (5518') -- 2023 HPS HOLIDAY HOOPLAH HIKE!! - this peak's name is also California's state motto, which translates to "I have found it!" A peak that was delisted in 1971 and then re-listed in 2016, it offers great views and trail all the way from the Blackrock Visitor Center. Stats: 10 miles with 1700' of elevation gain. This hike is part of the HPS Holiday Hoopla! Contact Mike Dillenback dillyhouse1@gmail.com if you would like to join us for camping and a potluck celebration at Joshua Tree Lakes Resort. This is a Sierra Club Backcountry outing that requires everyone to submit a hard copy print out of their completed Local Outings Medical Form for review by the Leader. The medical form will be treated confidentially. Contact *LEADER SHARON MOORE* justslm@earthlink.net for hike details. *CO-LEADER LIDIA BARBOSA*

Sat – Sun Dec 2 – 3 LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS, Hundred Peaks

I: Navigation -- Mission Creek Preserve Navigation Noodle - Navigation noodle at Mission Creek Preserve to satisfy the basic (I/M) level navigation requirements. Saturday for practice, skills refresher, altimeter, homework. Sunday checkoff or additional practice. Medical form required from all participants. Send email with contact info (mailing address, telephone numbers), navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to *LEADER ROBERT MYERS. ASSISTANT: ANN SHIELDS*

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Angeles Chapter Outings Assembly

October 15, 2023

Chapter Outings Assembly was held at Stoneview Nature Center in Culver City, with the American flag flown at half-staff in honor of U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein.

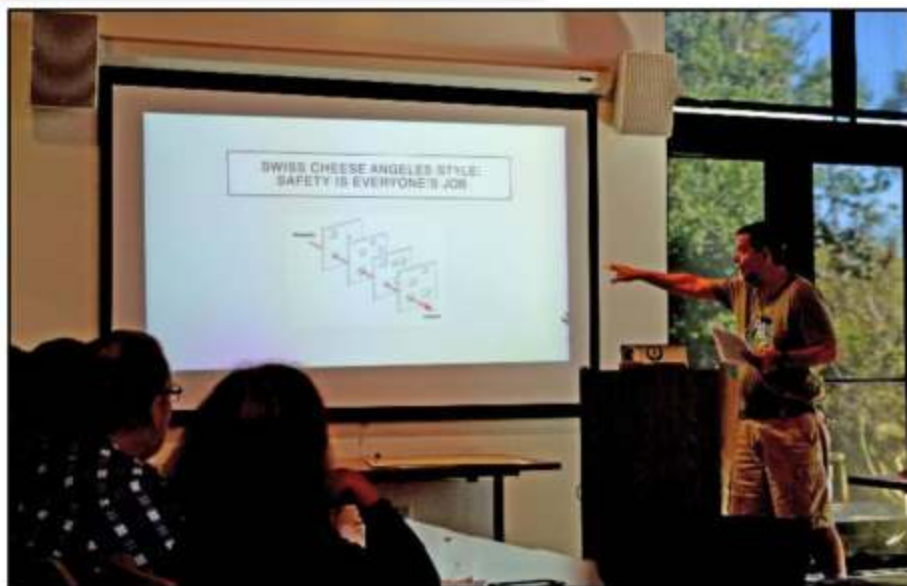


Above, Senior Angeles Chapter Agent Morgan Goodwin opens the Chapter Outings Assembly.

To the Left, Jane Simpson, LTC Chair, introduced the newest outings software.



Ron Campbell lectures on the Sierra Club Safety program.



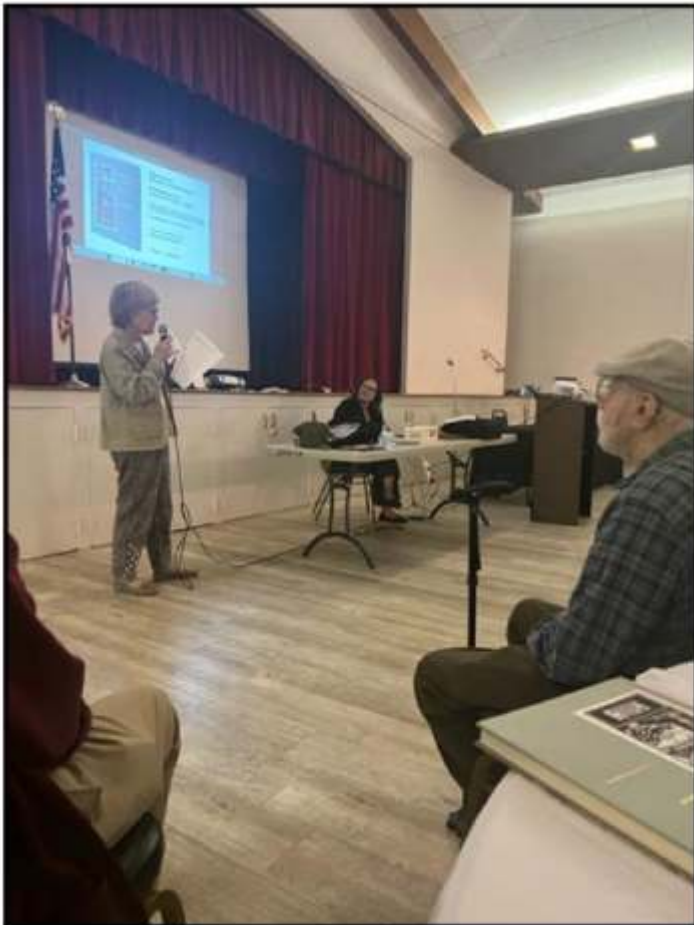
Milestones



Happy Birthday Bill Simpson . With Jimmy Quan on Caliente, 2019.



Louie Rdrquez on Matterhorn at 10k ft. 2023



Glen Dawson, Mountaineer and Bookman
Author Elizabeth Pomeroy
Speaks October 24th at Covina History Club.



Louie Rodriquez with Jim Hagar
at Machu Pichu



Louie Tour du Blanc Aug 2023

Grouse Mtn, Sawmill Peak, Mt Pinos and Cerro Noroeste

By Steve .Russell

11/6/2023



Ten hikers, led by Jim Hoyt, Robert Kunc and Yoko Ishiguro met at the West Tumamait trailhead to begin this hike along the ridgeline to the summit of Mt Pinos, followed by a return trip ending at the campground on the broad summit plateau of Cerro Noroeste.

There are a few things that are noteworthy about these peaks. The ridge that the four peaks reside on is a dominant feature visible from much of the Los Padres National Forest and surrounding ranges. The peaks on this ridge, along with neighboring Alamo Mountain are the only 8,000+ foot summits in the Los Padres National Forest. Mt Pinos is the highest mountain in the range and the high point of Ventura County. Sawmill Mtn, just a short distance to the west of Mt Pinos is the highest point in Kern County. Both were designated as Star Emblem Peak to reflect their significance.

Grouse has historical interest in the Hundred Peaks Section as the peak where Weldon Heald became the first person to earn a 100 Peaks Emblem back in June of 1946. Since that time 1,233 others have followed in Weldon Heald's pioneering footsteps to earn a Hundred Peaks Section Emblem. After a brief historical introduction Jim led us about 400 feet down the trail to the saddle near Puerto Del Suelo. From there we ascended the forested trail to a use trail leading 200 feet to the 8,582-foot summit of Grouse Mtn.



We then headed to Sawmill Peak where the 8,818-foot summit is adorned with a rock pile monument at least 8 feet high and several hand painted peak signs. Moving on the crowds on the trail got bigger and more frequent as we got closer to the 8,831-foot Mt Pinos. From the trailhead picnic table, it was a short distance by either dirt road, or use trail to the Airforce Communication installation on the summit. Jim Hoyt has spent many years working on mountain top cell tower complexes and gave us a brief explanation on how to tell where the antennas are pointing.

After a short time on top, we retreated to the picnic table at the East Tumamait trailhead for lunch, where most everyone opted for shade among the rocks instead of the comfort of the table and benches.

The return trip was a repeat of the way out, but without the side trips to the peaks. It was comforting to know that while it was 1,900 feet out, it would only be 1,100 back even though we would have to do the final 400-foot climb to our cars. Jim, being very democratic, let it up to the group to decide whether we would reascend any of the peaks on the way back for pathfinder credit. The consensus was to skip the return climbs. Our last vote was whether to drive the ¼ mile from the trailhead to the top of Cerro Noroeste or to hike it. As I was out-voted, we loaded back into cars, drove to the campground on top of the peak and searched around every possible high point looking for the allusive register that may or may not still be there.

This is one of the classic hike and well worth the repeat visit for me.

Backpack to The BIG Four

Sep 29 - October 1, 2023

By Bill Simpson



The BIG Four, Samon Peak, Madulce Peak, Big Pine Mountain and West Big Pine Mountain. I had hiked to them eleven times previously and was looking forward to my twelfth. Backpacking the BIG Four has always been a BIG deal, but it has become a much bigger deal since last winter's rains. The wilderness surrounding Samon Peak has taken back much of the open space available in years past, and the rains have wreaked havoc. The stats for this 3-day backpacking trip are 50 total miles and 9,500 feet of elevation gain. Of the 50 total miles, 38 are on dirt roads.

On this trip, I spent three fun days with a great group of hikers to bag these four peaks. The seven of us worked as a team to get through this "changed" BIG Four. The Leaders were Larry Pond, Sharon Moore, Lidia Barbosa and Bill Simpson, and the participants were Jon Lieberg, Desiree Gunaji and Stephany Nguyen. Our serious challenges began the first day after backpacking to Chokecherry Spring. Once we arrived there, we dropped our backpacks and readied our daypacks for our hike to Samon Peak. The hike to Samon Peak was more of an expedition, unfortunately. This 4.4-mile round-trip hike took us 8.5 hours! The second day of our adventure included hikes to Big Pine Mountain and West Big Pine Mountain. This was the "easy" day of our trip. Our Day 2 stats were 17 total miles with 3,025 feet of elevation gain.

On Day 3 we did Madulce Peak, which was the final peak of our trip. Like Samon, it was a very serious challenge. The many obstacles -- overgrown shrubs, downed trees, washed-out sections of trail and boulders, etc. -- caused this 9.5-mile round-trip hike from our Chokecherry Spring camp to take us a full 10 hours to complete! For comparison, when I backpacked the BIG Four in May of 2010, the hike to Madulce Peak took only 4.5 hours. But wait, there's more! After returning to camp, we switched from daypacks to backpacks and broke camp. Once our backpacks were fully loaded, we hiked about 3 hours back to the trailhead. It was a long day, and we arrived around 11:30 pm. Our Day 2 stats were 19 total miles with 2,125 feet of elevation gain.

The highlight of our weekend-long adventure was that Leader Lidia Barbosa qualified to receive her first List Completion Emblem by completing the entire HPS List of Peaks on Madulce Peak. Lidia also qualified to receive her first Star Peaks Emblem for completing the 50 Star Peaks on the HPS List of Peaks from 2021 and later. We celebrated her achievements on the summit with goodies supplied by some of the hikers. A FUN time was had by all! I'm attaching a photo of our group on Madulce Peak. [Photo credit: Desiree Gunaji.]

Jim Hagar, Chair
Sharon Moore, Vice Chair
Mark Allen, Secretary
George Christensen, Mountain Records
Lidia Barbosa,
Larry Pond, Mountain Records
Steve Russell, Membership
Mike Dillenback, Programs

Chair's Report: Discussed choice of venues for the banquet. There are many barriers to holding events at the Eaton Canyon Nature Center. Decided to hold banquet at The Reef in Long Beach in the Bayview Room which holds up to 60. Cost is \$75 per person which includes 2 hour beverage service. Discussed whether attendance would be lower because fewer certificates will be handed out. Projected attendance is around 50. Speaker will be Jack Thompson from the Wildlands Conservancy. Jim will email him to confirm.

- Waterman Rendezvous will be held in the fall if ACH reopens; date to be determined. Will follow up next meeting.

- Decided to hold Holiday Hoopla Dec 1-2 at Joshua Tree Lakes campground. Mike will make reservations.

- Decided to hold 2024 Spring Fling at Keller Ski Hut; Mike will check on availability.

Logo (Jim Hagar): A final round logo and a rectangular logo were chosen. The rectangular logo has a wider version for the web site masthead and versions with and without a black frame. Jim will finish the purchase.

Mountain Records (Larry Pond, George Christensen):

Highway 33 remains closed for the foreseeable future. Road to Big Pine is closed; the duration of the closure is uncertain.

Membership (Steve Russell):

Steve reported on membership and new awards. Ron volunteered to learn the membership system as a backup to Steve.

Web site:

Jim started a list of web site requirements and members will add their ideas about "needs" and "wants".

Rather than use the existing text based pages, design for peak guides will be based on a data layer from a master database which contains peak data route and hiking directions, including adding distance, gain, road conditions etc. which will allow searching on those parameters. Subcommittee will select vendor, further develop requirements, and mock up home and peak guide pages.

Some of the requirements that were discussed:

- searchable data
- mobile friendly
- users can add comments to peak pages
- page or section with road and access conditions
- place for news updates
- peak guides formatted for printing
- Caltopo link opens in new window
- make a new set of Caltopo-based pdf maps in addition to existing Nat Geo maps
- explore better membership renewal and payment methods
- merchandise can be ordered via link; no ecommerce capability required

Members will continue to propose features. Jim Steve and Ron will start collecting data into spreadsheets.

- Meeting Adjourn 7:24 PM.



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**Solar Eclipse
Oct 14th
San Gabriel Peak
Isa Galan
Marsh Jackson**



What a sight! Really had a fantastic time geeking out and playing astronomer. It was well worth waking up in the wee hours to be at the trailhead at day break to witness the annular eclipse. San Gabriel Peak offers unobstructed views to the East and it is higher than the surrounding peaks. We also needed to be away from the coast to avoid the marine layer and our gamble paid off.



Summits

Photo by Eric Chu



Sunny Yi

The Big-3 Backpack Nov 11-12



Mackinley Mountain



Santa Cruz Mountain



San Rafael Peak

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Cactus to Clouds November 6th



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