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Letter From The Chair

Hello hikers!

Well, it has certainly been a weird season. Fall is officially here; let's keep our fingers crossed that we can keep having some good weather for a while. There are some exciting things happening that you should be aware of.

First, the banquet is coming up on Sunday January 21, 2024 which will be here before we know it. We will be sending our a flier to you soon and an announcement in the Lookout. It will be at The Reef restaurant in Long Beach again, which received excellent reviews from our members. Our speaker will be Jack Thompson from the Wildlands Conservancy, who will tell us about this groups amazing work.

Second, we have begun work on a new web site. It will have all the information found on the existing site with a modern attractive appearance and some exciting new features you'll have to wait to see. Expect this in about six months. We will need 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 also going to be offering some really attractive merchandise with our new logo that you will be able to order online. More on this as it develops.

Elections of officers is coming at the end of the year, and candidate statements will be in the November edition of the Lookout.

Keep getting out there everyone!

Jim Hagar, Chair

On behalf of the Management Committee

HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION MEMBERSHIP REPORT

September-October Lookout Issue, Steve Russell, HPS Membership Chair

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

New Emblems

100 Peaks: George Sherman, Mount Emma, 9/3/2023, emblem #1234.

100 Peak Leads: Sharon Moore, Constance Peak, 8/24/2023, emblem #60.

New Members

George Sherman

Jennifer Gardelle

New Subscribers: None

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: 193

Life and Honorary Members: 20

Subscribers: 10

Total: 223

There are 9 expired memberships and subscriptions which are not included in the numbers above. There are also ten folks whose subscriptions expire with the coming issue.

2023 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE		
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Summits

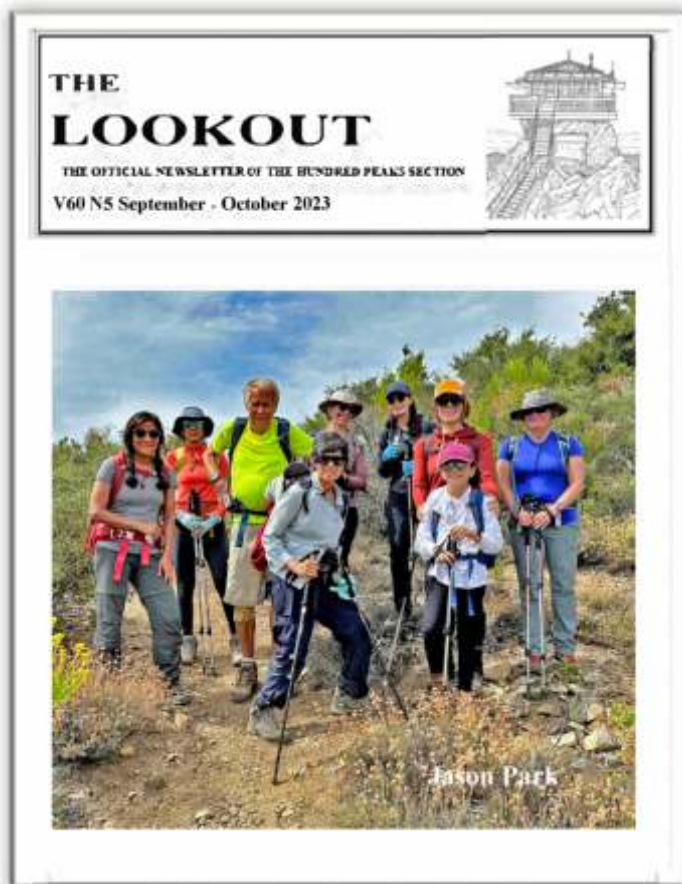
Photo by Eric Chu



Anjna Bhagvanjee with Larry Pond and Bill Simpson, Sept. 8th. Hiking The Little Four, Angeles National Forest



John Shee photo of clouds moving in as he was coming down off Onyx Peak, 8/19/23



Cover Photo: Group picture taken by Jason Park. The participants from left to right --> Nancy, Penny, Peter and Ignacia Doggett. , Mary, Nahid , Arisa(Nahid's Daughter), me and Samantha.



9/28/02 Sandy Sperling Lara finishes the Hundred Peaks List. Standing to her left Sandy Burnside. George Wysup stands to her right.

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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Wally Waldron Tree, Mount Baden Powel. Tree is estimated to be 1500 years old. HPS hikers with Sunny Yi Leading stopped at the tree September 19th.

Advance Schedule of Hundred Peaks Section Activities
Sep - Oct 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 Sep 11, 2023. These outings cover the period ranging from Sep 13 through Dec 3, 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!!

Wed Sep 13 Hundred Peaks

I: Tecuya Mountain (7155') and Thorn Point (6920') - Hike to the highest point on the Tecuya Ridge of the San Emigdio Mountains in the area of Frazier Mountain. Thorn Point is another fine peak. Starting at the Thorn Point Trailhead trail, the path winds its way through a picturesque forest of towering trees, filling the air with the soothing sounds of nature. The totals for the day will be around 9 miles roundtrip and about 3,714' of elevation gain. Bring water, lunch, lug soles, layers, sunscreen and hat. This back country outing requires the completed paper Local Outings Medical Form to be reviewed by the Leader at the trailhead prior to the hike. Contact the leader for meeting information. *Leader: LIDIA BARBOSA (lidia.barbosa3@gmail.com), Co-Leaders: LARRY POND, RON CAMPBELL*

Wed Sep 13 Hundred Peaks

I: Crafts Pk (8364'), Delamar Mtn (8398), Little Bear Pk (7621) - Revel in the wonders of Big Bear beautiful forested mountains; alpine terrain; breathtaking views of the sapphire-blue lake; and historic lookouts, mines, and Holcomb Valley (Site of the most gold mined in Southern California, named after a prospector who in 1860, while tracking a bear, made a discovery of gold that started the biggest gold rush in Southern California). Climb 1, 2 or all 3 peaks, as we drive between trailheads for each peak, all pathfinder hikes. We'll start west of Big Bear Lake, approaching Crafts from Green Valley Lake. Then on to our next two pathfinders, north of Big Bear Lake and west of Holcomb Valley. Hike totals will be: Crafts, 7 miles round trip and 1,600' gain; Delamar 1.5 mi 660'; Little Bear 1.0 mi 420'. 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, JINOAK CHUNG*

Sat – Sun Sep 16 – 17 Hundred Peaks, WTC

I: Sugarloaf Peak (6,924) via Cedar Glen CG - Definitely not the most efficient way to scale this peak, but it is an enjoyable way to do it if you're looking to spend a night within a gorgeous stand of Incense Cedar in the Cucamonga Wilderness near Mt Baldy, CA before heading back home. Saturday: pack in 2.5 miles with 1,350' gain, set up camp; then 2.9 miles with -1,050' loss, 1,700' gain to the peak, followed by 2.9 miles with -1,700' loss and 1,050' gain back to camp. Sunday: pack up and out. Although the pack in to our camp is relatively easy, the hike up to the peak is very strenuous and is only appropriate for experienced hikers who are at ease on loose and shifting, bouldery terrain. Climbing helmets are required while we're in Falling Rock Cyn. Priority given to current WTC students needing an Experience trip. This WTC Outing is co-sponsored by HPS. To sign up for this trip, email Mat Kelliher mkelliher746@gmail.com and jnetka@gmail.com with contact and carpool info, recent conditioning & experience, and WTC Area & Group.

Leaders: MAT KELLIHER, BILL SIMPSON, JEREMY NETKA

Sat Sep 16 Hundred Peaks

O: Josephine Peak (5558') - Come join us for a pleasant outing to a mile high peak in the front range of the San Gabriel Mountains. No peak in the Angeles National Forest west of Josephine is taller. There was a fire lookout located at the summit from 1937 until it burned down in 1976. Josephine Peak is a simple out and back trek using the remote and scenic Colby Canyon trail and finishing with a short bit of fire road. The views from the summit offer great sight-lines into the interior of the San Gabriel Mountains, the L.A. basin, south to Catalina Island, and to the east, nearby Strawberry, Lawlor, and beyond. Total trip distance is about 8 miles with an elevation gain of around 1900'. Bring 2-3 liters of water, sun hat, sun block, food, snacks, layers of clothing and hiking shoes. This moderate paced WTC hike is co-sponsored by HPS. Classified a Sierra Club backcountry outing, it requires a completed medical form hard copy be presented to leader at trailhead prior to hike. To sign up, email *Leader: MARICEL PEREZ-LOVISOLO* (weena1994@outlook.com).
Co-Leader: MIKE DILLENBACK

Sat Sep 23 LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS, Hundred Peaks

I: Navigation - Mt. Pinos Navigation Noodle -- Navigation noodle at Mt. Pinos to satisfy the basic (I/M) or advanced (E) 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*. (This is a backcountry outing; a medical form will be required.)

Sat Sep 27 Hundred Peaks

I: Hike White Mtn #1 (7727') - Short, moderately strenuous hike in the northern extreme of the Big Pine Flats backcountry southeast of Hesperia. We will follow HPS Peak Guide route 2. The Peak Guide shows a total distance of about 5 miles round trip, and total gain of around 1700 feet from the parking spot. Potentially more hiking distance depending on road conditions. We combine roads, trails, and desert fringe cross-country trekking for this adventure; high-clearance vehicles recommended. Bring lug soles, water, food, layers, hiking poles, hat and sunblock. This is a Sierra Club Backcountry outing that requires everyone to submit a hard copy print out of their completed Medical Form: Local Outings to the leader at the trailhead prior to the start of the hike. The Medical Form will be returned to each hiker to be carried in their pack. Email Sharon Moore at justslm@earthlink.net for details. *Leader: SHARON MOORE. Co-Leaders: JIM HAGAR, LIDIA BARBOSA*

Sat – Sun Nov 11 – 12 LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS, 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>. *Leader: STEVE SCHUSTER*

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 1-2. We've reserved a group campsite for both Friday and Saturday nights (Dec 1 and 2) at Joshua Tree Lake, RV and Campground located near 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* (dillyhouse1@gmail.com). *Assistant: MAT KELLIHER*

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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Hiker's Honeymoon

By George White

After over seventeen years together on the trails, Lilly Fukui and Chris Spisak were recently married in a church ceremony. They spent a brief (Part 1) honeymoon in Lone Pine, hoping to escape the heat. Well, it was hot there too! No relief. The Dow Villa motel was home for the trip.

A run up to Whitney Portal 8374' proved to provide cooling as there was a lot of water vapor in the air. The waterfall(s) are roaring with multiple streams and overflow providing Vernal falls. The hiker's parking was full and there was a lot of activity around the store. The drive up was complicated by Whitney Portal Road being totally blocked near town for repair. A U-shaped detour goes to the west, then back east to rejoin Whitney Portal Road. A tour of the Alabama Hills is included in the detour with dips and curves.



The next day included a 25 mile drive up to check out Kennedy Meadows Campground (approx. 6200'). The road varies in condition but is easily drivable. The KM Road starts at US Route 395 near Pearsonville in Inyo County and winds up into an alpine community in a mountain valley. Sherman Pass Road continues to the northwest. The Pacific Crest Trail traverses the road several times and continues through the campground. The South Fork of the Kern River cuts through the campground heading eventually to Lake Isabella. The campground had very few occupants and is currently available first come. It would be a great place to get away and hike the area. The conifers in the area are full and healthy. A bit of Eden.



Nearby Horseshoe Meadows is also an alpine valley and is the trail heads for Mount Langley and Cottonwood Pass. A very scenic paved road climbs 6000' and provides access to this incredible location. Not accessed this trip, but one for a future time.

Yucaipa Ridge, Step by Step By

Sharon Moore

Meet with other hike leaders at o'dark hundred to set up a car shuttle at Bearpaw Reserve.

Meet the group at o'dark thirty at the Big Falls Trailhead parking lot.

Start hiking in the predawn twilight.



Pick our way up a rock choked gully. Recognize we're in the wrong gully and backtrack to the correct one.

Transition to a steep minor ridge and redefine your definition of "steep."

Give thanks for use trails while trying not to kick rocks onto your fellow hikers.

Attain the first major ridge and after some gnarly side hilling, experience the Zen realization that relief is an illusion.

Keep climbing and appreciate when the terrain becomes a typical ridge-line use trail.

Finally reach Little San Gorgonio and remember why we do this.



Enjoy the beautiful first day of autumn as we amble along the main ridge.

Admire the views to our left despite the damage from the 2020 Apple Fire.

Don't allow the unwelcoming radio station employee on the bump east of Wilshire Mountain to harsh our mellow.

Continue to the flattish summit of Wilshire Mountain through the last stretch of mostly unburned forest along the main ridge.

Enjoy the gneiss rocks then continue on to the other Wilshire.

Notice that mellow ridge hike remains mellow but we encounter burn scars from the 2020 El Dorado Fire.

Take a longer break on the summit of Wilshire Peak, possibly in anticipation of the knee-busting descent to come.

Descend into the El Dorado Fire burn zone.

Prepare for the last two peaks of the day to be more difficult and in less attractive terrain.

Learn to see the stark beauty in burned trunks surrounded by late summer wildflowers and recovering shrubs.

Note that there are no cedar trees on Cedar Mountain.

Temper our happiness at only having one peak to go with another knee-busting descent and steep ridge climb.

Take a longer break on this summit to fuel up for the exit push.

Yucaipa Ridge, Step by Step

By Sharon Moore
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Note that there are no birch trees on Birch Mountain.

Begin our descent during the golden hours for photography.

Aim to reach the road sections before it gets fully dark, since “golden hours” means the daylight is waning. Proceed with the sun in our eyes and without a lot of time for photography. Take the shots anyway and give thanks when we do reach the road before dark.

With headlamps and the light from a half moon, expect an increasingly obstacle-free if long road hike to the cars. After climbing through several down trees and missing a switchback in the road, remember that the hike isn’t over until it’s over.

When it truly is over, stuff our weary selves into the cars at Bearpaw Reserve and return to the starting point at the Big Falls parking lot.



Stats:

15 miles

15.5 hours

3720 feet elevation gain

Author achievements: Five peaks in one day Three pathfinders

A lead credit for all of them

Footnote:

13 hikers total. We had two newcomers to HPS on this hike who both did great. Here’s hoping we didn’t traumatize them too much.

Milestones



Fri Sep 1 was the first day of this 10-day Safari that Tanya and I took to Kenya, East Africa. The trip's being put on by Sierra Club International, is led by my buddy Sridhar Hello and Jessica Gamburg, and there's a total of 18 of us on the trip including Winnette Butler.



Bill and Virginia Simpson visiting the French Alps



Today I hiked on Santa Rosa Island using the gift certificate I got at the HPS banquet last year. Tom Neely

Sheephead, Garnet and Monument

By Monica Meier

Sheepshead Mountain is off of HWY 51 (Sunrise Hwy) is rated class one with the summit boulder formation going at class two, total distance 3.5 miles. We had to climb over a padlocked gate, hiked cross country distance skirting around the fence of the private property. We went along the matured Pine forest on the left side. The erode dirt road took us down the wash and follow the ducked use trail, soon we saw the clipped use trail, at the beginning, but then once we head up towards the summit the trail was GNARLY bushwhacking. It was like I was being punished, beaten, smack in the face with branches and thorns poking my legs.



We made to the summit with blood, sweat and tears. The views from the summit were Spectacular of the near-by mountains. Hannah and Nahid were brave, they went to the very top for the sign. We all took turns taking pictures with smiles on our faces, I was leaning against the two boulders making sure I was not going to fall between the boulders, Peter and Steve R. Guided everyone down from the boulders safely.

We got back to the car and had a very quick snack and then head off to our next hike.

We had lunch before going to Monument Mountain. We enjoyed having lunch under the shade, Nahid shared her blanket with all of us, it was super nice. John decided to stay and wait for us at the car, Monument Mountain over looking Ana Borrego desert just BEAUTIFUL. We were pointed out by others of Villager Peak, Rabbit, Whale and more of. Garnet Peak and Mountain

One of the most scenic and popular spots in the Lagunas Mountain stands high above the Ana Borrego Desert floor on the edge of the cliff literally.

We all said good bye and thank Peter, Ignacia, and Jinoak for putting together a great hike.

It was my very first time at Cleveland National Forest. Nahid dropped us off at carpooling area, two of us went to get tacos and head home, I got home at 9:35pm, Stephen had to drive two more Counties. It was an epic day.



HPS HOLIDAY HOOPLA!!! DECEMBER 1-2, 2023
Joshua Tree Lake Campground nearby JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK



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As we get closer to the event, HPS outings will be posted. Make sure to check the HPS Website at <http://www.hundredpeaks.org/outings.htm> for newly added outings. Once you've found the hike(s) you're interested in attending, contact the respective outing leaders directly for status and specific details.

Crafts Peak, Delamar Mountain, Little Bear Peak, 9/13/2023.

By Steve Russell



I needed conditioning after a summer of limited hiking. This hike looked like something I could handle. I have always enjoyed trips led by Peter and Ignacia Dogget. As a bonus Jinoak Chung was also leading.

After a couple of late cancellations, I turned out to be the only non-leader on the trip. That's not unusual for a Wednesday hike. We all packed into Peter and Ignacia's Land Cruiser, leaving my car and Jinoak's truck at the Walmart in Highland.

This trip was put together to specifically address some pathfinder routes that Jinoak wanted to climb. The main hike of the day was up Crafts Peak. It turns out that the route most folks take up Crafts is not the standard route for the HPS. There is a shorter route that goes straight up from the highway. That made this a repeat of a hike I did a couple of summers ago. This was okay since it would provide me with a much needed workout.

The route up Crafts starts from the Green Valley Campground. The legal parking area is at the entrance sign and only has enough room for three cars, four if everyone cooperates, and parks close together. This hike is a popular morning stroll for the locals, so you must either get there early, or get there late to find parking. The lot was full when we arrived.

Peter drove into the campground and parked on the side of the road just before the locked gate, making sure there was enough room for emergency vehicles to pass.



The hike is straight forward, following a dirt road above Crab Creek until finally crossing the gully and traversing around a spur ridge to the top of an intermediary peak. We then dropped into a saddle where we followed a short gully to the ridge top. The final summit push leaves the main trail and follows the ridge up to the 8,364-foot summit. From the top you can see the ridge leading to the Butler Lookout. Though only a short distance away, it is choked with impenetrable brush. You also get nice views of the Snow Valley Ski Resort on Slide peak, and the Keller Peak Lookout.

I came up with 7 miles and 1,538 feet of gain for the hike. Much of the route is shaded by trees so this is a good one to do if you are looking for something cooler. Next it was a dirt road drive north of Big Bear Lake to the starting point of the hike to Delamar. We began where the dirt road and the PCT meet north of the mountain. We took a more direct route down, hiking down a spur that almost dropped us off at our vehicle. The totals for the hike were 1.25 miles and 604 feet of gain.

Our final peak for the day was Little Bear which we hiked up from Hanna Rocks Campground. This is where Peter really shined as he managed to find a beautiful route through the brush. Everytime it looked like we were going to run into a wall of brush, Peter would find an easy way through. Little Bear had a nice view of Big Bear Lake and the San Gorgonio Mountains. The stats for Little Bear were 0.8 miles and 456 feet of gain.

Etiwanda Peak

By Isa Galan

What a day! September 3rd. We started at 00 dark 30 at Icehouse Canyon and started climbing in the dark with just headlamps. It was cold, windy and wet! Is it summer? Or did we go straight back to winter?



Once we reached the Icehouse Saddle the sun started to play through the clouds. And before we knew it, we were above the clouds. Beautiful inversion all the way to Etiwanda Peak. What a day! Long hike, almost 15 miles with close to 5000ft of elevation gain



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Larry Pond, Mountain Records

Steve Russell, Membership

Mike Dillenback, Programs

- Banquet: 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.

Adjourn 7:24 PM.

MOUNTAIN RECORDS REPORT

September 19, 2023

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● **FAIRVIEW FIRE — Rouse Hill Suspension**

The FAIRVIEW FIRE in the South Fork of the San Jacinto Wilderness Area (near Hemet), affected the Cahuilla's and Thomas Mountain areas. A Forest Closure Order is in effect (Order 05-12-55-23-02), with Rouse Hill (5168', Peak 29A) inside the closure area. This closure is in effect through December 31, 2023, and therefore Rouse Hill has been suspended.

BOBCAT FIRE / ANGELES NF

The Bobcat Fire Closure, that affects LPC (Zion, Newcomb and Clamshell Peaks), but not HPS Peaks, has been extended through May 31, 2024. The Closure Map is available on the Angeles NF website and affects trails out of Chantry Flat and Mt Wilson.

● **LOS PADRES NOW OPEN TO BIG PINE AND WEST BIG PINE MOUNTAINS**

The Los Padres National Forest Closure Order (now Order No. 05-07-00-23-11), outlines closed areas, roads and trails. The good news is that the previously closed areas that prevented access to all of the "Big Four" are now open.

Hwy 33 remains closed from So. Matilija Springs Road to Lockwood Valley Road, so three HPS Peaks in the area remain suspended (Hildreth Pk, Monte Arido, and Old Man Mtn). The latest from Caltrans is that "SR 33 is expected to be closed at least through Thanksgiving Day Weekend, possibly longer".

● **GEOLOGY FIRE — JOSHUA TREE**

The Geology Fire in mid June is not affecting our hiking area.

● **BONNY FIRE — CLEVELAND NF**

The Bonny Fire (7-31-23) in the area of Iron Spring (31F), and Beauty Peak (31E), does not appear to affect access to those peaks. The Cleveland NF indicates that the fire was on BLM property which is not normally subject to closure orders.

**Thanks to Sharon Moore and Rob Langsdorf for bringing the
Geology and Bonny Fires to my attention.**