Lookout Lookout



National Board of Directors

by Tom Armbruster

Here are the results of our recent election for our national Board of Directors. There are fifteen directors, serving staggered three-year terms.

The two candidates form the Angeles Chapter were not elected: incumbent Vice President Freeman Allen and pst Chapter ExComm Chair Elden Hughes.

The only other incumbent running was Michelle Perrault. She is a past President who ran again by petition in 1988. She is married to our current President. Phil Barry.

The only director from southern California is Treasurer Ann Pogue from Solano Beach. Here are the votes for the five positions:

Kathy Fletcher	
Washington	47,003
Michelle Perrault	
Walnut Creek	46,622

Mark Gordon Wyoming 45,110 **Duncan Stewart** Manitoba 43.321 Jean Packard Kentucky 37,476 Freeman Allen Claremont 35,990 Robert Howard Connecticut 31,633 Elden Hughes Whittier 29,535 Charles McGrady Georgia 27,987

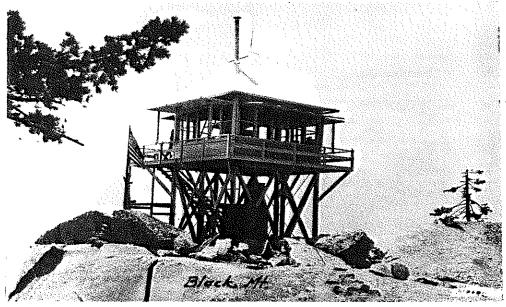
72,944 valid ballots came back out of 609,108 mailed out. 1,434 were invalid.

The five directors whose terms expire in 1993 are Walnut Creek's Phil Berry, President; San Francisco's Edgar Wayburn, Vice President; Colorado's Tony Ruckel, Secretary; Solano Beach's Ann Pogue, Treasurer; and Alabama's Rebecca Falkenberry, 5th officer.

Expiring in 1992 are: Arizona's Joni Bosh, the District of Columbia's Jim Dougherty, Montana's Roy Hengerson, Massachusetts's Vivien Li, and Oregon's Sandy Tepfer.

Black Mountain Lookout

by John Robinson



This is the orginal Black Mountain Lookout in the San Jacinto Mountains, a wooden structure erected in 1926. It was replaced with a steel lookout tower built by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in 1937. CCC was a federal work relief program that lasted from 1933 to 1942.

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List Completions

-None-

200 Peaks Bar

---None---

100 Peaks Emblem

#846 **Peter Kinman Oakzanita** Peak 6/16/90

Path Finder Emblem

—None—

HPS Leadership: 100 Peaks

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- 2 **+ Lew Amack** + Shay Mtn + 6/15/85
- 3 + Bob Thompson + Folly + 9/7/85
- 4 + Luella Fickle + Cone Pk + 10/5/85
- 5 + Jack Trager + Butler Pk + 9/5/86
- 6 + Ron Jones + Hildreth + 2/15/88
- 7 + Patty Kline + San Ysidro Mtn + 12/2/90
- 8 & Gordon Lindberg & Cross Mountain & 1/12/91
- 9 + Frank Dobos + Little Cahuilla + 1/22/91
- 10 + David Eisenberg + Ryan Mountain + 4/6/91

HPS Leadership: 200 Peaks

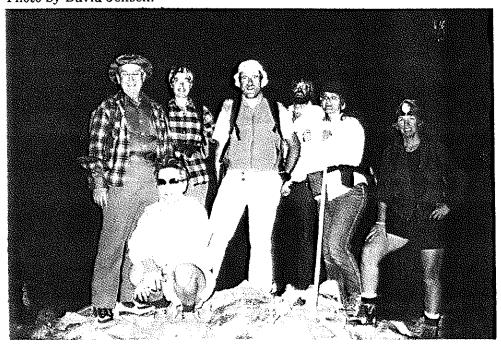
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HPS Leadership: Lead the List

1 + John Backus

David Eisenberg celebrates his 100th lead:

Ryan Pk: Minor White, Paula Peterson, David Eisenberg, Erich and Luella Fickle, Rosina Meuller, and Georgina Burns. Photo by David Jensen.



Milestones

Compiled by Charlie Knapke

Elisabeth Cohen	07/01
Edward F. Sutor	07/03
Diane Rosentreter	07/04
Kenneth Croker	
Virginia H. Terry	07/07
Betty Sterrett	
Carolyn B. Jones	
John N. Fulton	07/13
Ann Fulton	07/13
Rick Fleming	07/21
Albert S. Blatz	07/24
Robert S. Hicks	07/25
Patty Kline	07/29
Charlie Knapke	07/30
Bill Lien	07/31
Devra Wasserman	07/31
Fred Johnson	08/02
Gary Campbell	08/05
Phillip (Greg) Jones	08/08
Lars Lae Evensen	08/10
Joy Brooks	08/10
Charles Brac	08/16
Richard J. Farrar	08/16
Richard Clement	08/21
M. Gene Pinel	08/21
Rodger Maxwell	
Francis Smith	08/23
Walter C. Whisman	08/24
Terri Sutor	08/26
Sidney Spies	08/28
Larry K. Shumway	08/29

New Members

Bevery Rawles Dan Rollins

Reactivations

Frank Atkins Edgar Howell Joe McCosker Homer Meek Mary Miller Steve Nardi Dan Rosenthall Pat Russell **Edward Sutor Terry Sutor** Steve Terrel Don Tidwell Brian Tomikawa Victory Tomikawa Eric Weinstein Ray Wolfe Orville Zerby

Late Update on Trespass

by Ron Jones and David Eisenberg

owners have been giving permission to cross their

land to HPS members. Please respect their privacy

by asking permission in advance as described in

the peak guides. We do not wish to have to delist

these peaks because we have alienated these

Yucaipa Ridge using the primary route as

described in the Peak Guide for Allen Pk must be

part of a Scheduled Sierra Club Hike. We are in

danger of losing this route because of abuses by

our members. Mr Hubbard will no longer accept

inquiries by Sierra Club leaders or private

individuals. Requests must be made through the

Outings Chair, currently Patty Kline, who will ask

for permission for Club outings. These requests

must be received by the Outings Chair at least 6

weeks in advance of the scheduled climb together

with a sase and 2 blank stamped legal size

for Allen Pk provided on p 22.)

In particular, climbers wishing to climb on the

On Several of our peaks, private property

Chairman's Corner

Trespass on Private Land by Ron Jones

The following are extracts from a recent letter of legal advice by Attorney Diane B Sherman of the Angeles Chapter Legal Advisory Committee written to the Hundred Peaks Section. I take full responsibility for the selection of material from the advisory opinion. This opinion was written to specifically cover scheduled Sierra Club trips only and neither I, nor the HPS, would encourage leaders to violate private property. I am offering these opinions so that our members know what is going on in the HPS and I specifically would caution private parties to also respect the rights of private property owners.

landowners.

Entering onto the land of another without permission is a civil wrong. One is subject liability for trespass irrespective of whether they cause any harm to the land. All that is necessary is that the person intended to be on the land. Additionally, one may be liable for trespass or for intentionally causing a 3rd person to enter land. A mere trespass, without injury or occupancy, will justify only nominal charges. Nominal charges ar only a trivial sum, such as 1 cent or 1 dollar, where no substantial damage is shown. If a landowner incurs a small loss, such as having to pay 100 to repair a fence, the landowner recovers these as compensatory rather than nominal damages. If nominal thev recover damages, thou would also be

entitled to costs such as filing, serving, and court (but not legal) fees. Punitive damages are awarded when the landowner proves by Clear and convincing evidence that the trespasser acted with the intent to cause injury to the landowner or with willful and conscious disregard of the landowner's rights. Punitive damages are generally not available where only nominal charges have been awarded.

In Addition to being a civil wrong, trespass may also be a criminal infraction or misdemeanor. The Penal Code R.I.P., Any person without the written permission of the landowner or agent, willfully enters any land under cultivation or enclosed by fence or who willfully enters upon uncultivated or enclosed lands where signs forbidding trespass are displayed not less than 3 to a mile along all exterior boundaries and at all roads and trails entering the land is guilty of an infraction or misdemeanor.

A first violation is punishable by a fine of \$10. a 2nd violation on land of the same landowner is punishable by a fine of \$100 to \$250. A 3rd offence, (on the same land by the same person) by jail not to exceed 6 months and/or a fine not to exceed \$1000.

A third Party, such as the Sierra Club, can be liable as an aider and abetter if they instigate or advise the commission of the offense.

Situations where the Sierra Club might be exposed to liability include: Where a leader leads a hike across private land even if he does not know that the land is private or mistakenly believes that they have permission;

Another is where the club encourages members to trespass such as by publishing guides encouraging members to trespass.

Opinion, however, "...unless hikers crossing it, an unlikely event, the most that an aggrieved landowner could collect for Civil liability would be \$1, plus court costs." The Club, if sued, would also incur the costs of attorneys to

Another scenario is where the owner allows hikers on the land. If the owner truly is not opposed to hikers it is believed that the Sierra Club could not incur any Civil liability.

undeveloped private land is

Kon Jones

surrounded by public land. Realistically, it appears unlikely that an owner would prosecute an action for trespass.

The Committee opinion also states that it believes, "the chances of any criminal liability of the Sierra Club ... for aiding or abetting criminal trespass ... is extremely remote." The Opinion closes by stating that it finds: "it hard to imagine the Sierra Club being prosecuted for criminal conspiracy or for aiding and abetting, where prosecutors have their hands full with violent crimes and drug related offenses..."

HAPPY TRAILS

The Angeles Chapter Legal Advisory Committee's states: there was real damage to the land caused by

defend it.

envelopes. (Private parties may use the directions A 3rd scenario is where

Up to the Minutes

by Jon Sheldon

Synopsis of the April 11 and May 9, 1991 Management Committee Meetings. (For a complete copy of the Minutes send a business-size SASE to Jon Sheldon.)

- Joe reported that the 1991 Oktoberfest Committee is being formed. Nami Brown will be the reservationist.
- 2. Joe asked Patty to ensure that no weekend hikes be scheduled to conflict with the 1992 Banquet which will be held on 1/18/92.
- 3. The sign-in process was again discussed at the Chapter Council meeting. Participants should sign-in at the trailhead not the carpool point. Tom questioned the practice in relation to HPS trips where there is driving between peaks. Should participants sign-in and out for each hike segment? No one on the Council offered an opinion on the matter.
- Bill T. has prepared an errata to the recent HPS Peak List. Minor errors have been corrected and can be found in the Lookout.
- Ron will try to set up a meeting with Diane B. Sherman, Angeles Chapter Legal Committee, at the Chapter Office to discuss potential liability and trespassing issues.
- 6. Ron nominated Patty for the new position established at the last meeting to offload the responsibility from the Treasurer of selling merchandise. The new position will be called Merchandiser and Patty will handle all orders except mugs (still at two-forone!). The Treasurer still has overall responsibility for Merchandise.
- Ron asked members of the Management Committee to forward comments to Joe Young on his proposed list of criteria. Joe will compile the results.

- A vacancy on ExComm was created due to Jane Cavanagh's resignation. This position was filled by Tom Armbruster! (This announcement was greeted by applause.)
- Charlie Knapke is compiling a list of private landowners names and addresses so that we can send them holiday cards.
- 10. Bobcat has contacted Clair Johnson, the new supervisor of the USFS Tujunga district. She reports that a Recreation Officer has not been hired yet so we do not have permission to continue work on the Haines Cyn. trail.
- 11. Tom has completed his research.
 The only leader he could find that led 100 or more peaks was the late John Backus. John was therefore posthumously awarded #1 for leading 100 peaks, #1 for leading 200 peaks and #1 for leading the list.
- 12. The HPS By-laws, revised March 12, 1991, are approved.
- 13. Based on the recommendation of the Mountain Records Committee, the name of the 5575' summit in the Little San Bernardino Mountains shall revert to Inspiration Point.
- 14. Effective July 1, 1991, the price of all HPS T-Shirt shall be \$9.00 (tax included).

Angeles Chapter Executive Committee

by Tom Armbruster

For the first four months of 1991, I served as your representative to the Chapter Council.

Now, I'm on the Chapter's Executive Committee. At the end of April, Jane Cavenaugh left the ExComm, and I was elected to fill the remaining eight months of her term.

There are nine elected ExComm members, elected by Chapter members at large to staggered two-year terms. There are three non-voting ex-officio members: The

Conservation Chair, Council Chair, and Membership Chair.

The HPS is well-represented with five members present. Besides me, HPS'ers on ExComm are: Wynne Benti, Secretary and national Council delegate; Vieve Weldon, Treasurer; Chuck Stein; and Betty Quirarte, ex-officio as Membership Chair.

Wynne is serving on the national Council committee looking into out-of-state outings policies. For several years, when we've run an outing in another chapter's territory, we've had to notify that chapter. The twelve and a half California chapters waive this requirement among each other.

That is a proposal that instead of just notifying the out-of-state chapter, we would need to get their permission, as well. My opinion is that whatever problems there might have been with out-of-state outings in the pst, this rigid proposed requirement would be a mistake. I'm glad we have Wynne in there batting for us.

Wynne also reported that our Chapter's sexual harassment policy has attracted enthusiastic interest by some other chapters at the national Council meeting. Though only a few outing participants perpetrate harassment, they can be a major nuisance for the women and men they browbeat. Our new policy provides a mechanism for reporting and controlling the problem.

Vieve Weldon reported that the endowment branch of the Friends of the Angeles Chapter Foundation is now launched. It received a \$61,000 bequest. Endowment principal is invested in perpetuity. The Foundation used earned interest to fund the Chapter's conservation tasks.

The next Lookout deadline is August 1, 1991.
Send articles, letters, photos, trail updates, and columns to the Editor.

Treasurer's Report

by Alan Coles

By now many of you are aware of the changes going on in the HPS management committee regarding the treasurer's responsibilities. A number of major changes have occurred which have shifted duties once done by him to other elected and appointed management positions. Some of these task such as mailing the peak list, reserving the general meeting place and recording the emblem status to the peak guide mailer, programs and membership positions were done because that is logically where they belonged. Now when someone gets their 100th, 200th or list completion, they send the list to Charlie Knapke who records the accomplishment in the computer record that holds the membership information which is contained in a single data base. Charlie also holds the old "blue" book and brings it with him to the meeting where you can sign your name in it.

The biggest change is the creation of a newly appointed position responsible for selling HPS Patty Kline has merchandise. volunteered to be this person along with her other management responsibilities. This job entails selling merchandise by person or mail and ordering new supplies when necessary. The treasurer is still responsible for recording the sales, issuing checks and paying sales tax 4 times a year to the chapter. Patty can concentrate on sales without worrying about keeping financial records while the treasurer tracks inventory and income.

These changes have reduced the treasurer's workload to a more reasonable level. It is still a very busy job. The treasurer must record all income and expenses by category on a monthly basis and report the yearly total to the chapter. He also must deposit and write checks, balance the savings account along with the monthly expense report. He

must compute and file reports for sales tax. He must compute reasonable prices for merchandise to ensure the section does not lose money on it. He must prepare a balanced budget for next year that must be approved at the October management meeting.

With these changes, the treasurer will no longer be "visible" to the general membership. There is no direct contact as had been the case for many years. Each member of the management committee,

however, must send him expense reports in order to receive reimbursements, or as in the case of printing the Lookout, have a check sent directly to the printer.

In order to do these task, I am using Microsoft Works on a Gateway 2000 386 based PC. I have been using spreadsheets to do most of the accounting work. While not the best or easiest method, it has worked sufficiently well considering that I have not charged the section for any expenses involved in using it.

HPS Income Statement February 5 — March 31, 1991					
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Income:	April	May	Y.T.D		
Membership	423.00	261.00	3,095.00		
Merchandise	98.50	106.25	938.55		
Peak Guides	530.70	301.75	2,628.10		
Donations	44.93	61.06	234.03		
Banquet	0.00	0.00	3,070.00		
Oktoberfest	0.00	0.00	1,126.00		
Interest	0.00	0.00	22.42		
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	250.70		
Tota	ls 1,097.13	730.06	11,364.80		
Expenses:					
Lookout	398.96	0.00	2,245.15		
General Meetings	24.42	23.58	324.17		
Merchandise	0.00	0.00	894.64		
Mountain Records	0.00	85.07	418.34		
Peak Guides	636.81	27.05	2,182.19		
Management Committee	62.42	23.66	663.47		
Banquet	0.00	0.00	3,244.84		
Oktoberfest	0.00	0.00	1,711.58		
Bank Fees	7.60	0.00	113.30		
Special Projects	0.00	0.00	169.00		
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	140.36		
Tota	ls 1,130.21	159.36	12,043.44		
Adjusted Incom	= $=$ $=$ $=$ $=$ $=$ $=$ $=$ $=$ $=$	570.70	(678.64)		
Cash Balances					
Savings	1,789.93				
Checking	1,579.97				
Cash	67.72				
Tot	al 3,437.62				

This years finances are tight. I have projected a \$1400 loss on a \$12,000 budget. Some of this is mitigated by other factors such as many members prepaying several vears dues. The management committee has taken steps in order to reduce this years deficit and with the \$2500 surplus from last year we should not have any major financial problems. One of the changes is cutting down on the number of pages printed in the Lookout which has been our major expense. Several generous members have donated money to the section and this money will generally be used to improve the Lookout.

If you have good computer/accounting skills and can work well with people, I would urge you to consider running for the management committee. When you are voting for next years management committee, please carefully consider all qualifications of the candidates in order to ensure that these positions are filled by the best qualified people.

Proposed Criteria for HPS Awards

by Joe Young

John Backus Leadership Award:

HPS Membership: 5 years minimum

Peakbagging Status: List Finisher

Leadership:

- a: If individual has performed other service for HPS such as serving on Management Committee, Lookout Editor, served as reservationist for several events then leading hikes for four years minimum.
- b: If individual has <u>not</u> served the HPS in some other way, then <u>five</u> years or more of continuous and extraordinary leading is required. Examples of this would be a very large

number of outings led, having led many remote peaks, having led some unusual outings, etc.

c: The individual should not have been reprimanded by the Angeles Chapter Safety Committee.

Management Committee Status: Individual should not be on the Management Committee which selects the award.

R. S. Fink Service Award:

HPS Membership: 10 years minimum

Peakbagging Status: List Finisher

Leadership: Individual should have been leading hikes for the HPS for a minimum of five years. The individual should not have been reprimanded by the Angeles Chapter Safety Committee.

Management Committee Service: Individual should have served at least one year on the Management Committee.

Other Service: Individuals who have served on the Management Committee as well as led for a number of years should be strongly considered for this award. Service at HPS functions as Oktoberfests. banquets, and monthly should meetings considered. Service Lookout editor, membership chair. Conservation chair. activity in Sierra Club conservation efforts, trail building efforts, and other actions supportive of and promoting the Hundred Peaks Section should be considered.

Comment: This is our highest award. Anyone winning this award should be an outstanding HPS member, whose activities in and for the Section are long term and express commitment to the Section.

From the Editor

by David Eisenberg

Page 23 of the Sierra Club Angeles Chapter Schedule 257 July-October 1991 has the following:

TRIP RESERVATIONS

If reservations are required, send reservationist or leader large self-addressed stamped envelope (sase) wit name, address, phone, age if under 18, recent experience related to the desired trip, and whether you want or will give a ride or are undecided. Provide the above information for each applicant. If you obtain a reservation and cannot use it, you must notify the leader directly.

Before you start, please remember that your leader may be leading several trips. Please name the trips and the dates on both your letter and the envelope. Murphy's Law states that if you write the date only, the leader will be keeping track by peak names!. It is also amazing how often the letter gets separated from the envelope.

Large legal sized envelopes only cost a fraction of a cent more than a little envelope. However, the leader must make 1 or more extra folds to fit your reply into it. There is also a great possibility that your envelope will slip through the cracks.

Unless you are positive that the leader does not want your address, please write your address on the letter as well as on the envelope. Include a phone number where you can be reached by the leader and potential carpoolers. (I once canceled a trip at the last minute because lightning started a forest fire on the peak we were to climb! Fortunately, all participants had given their work numbers.)

The most crucial part is your relevant experience. Please write something to let the leader know if you are qualified to do the hike. You may remember hiking 6000' to San Gorgonio last summer, but 10 months have passed. Please list 1 or 2 trips with similar or greater gain within the past month. (It is not necessary to list every peak you have ever climbed!)

Finally, please write clearly and send your sase in at least 2 weeks before the trip if possible.

Membership Report

by Charlie Knapke

As of June 1, 1991:

Active membership: 442
Honorary membership: 1
Total HPS membership: 443
Subscriptions only: 34

Check your mailing label!

Your expiration date is in the upper left hand corner above your name. It is followed by your HPS achievements (see the legend below). Your leadership rating (if any) is shown in braces {_}. Report any discrepancies to the Membership Chair.

* = 100 Peaks Emblem

** = 200 Peaks Bar

@ = List Completion(s)

& = Pathfinder Emblem

= Lead 100 Peaks

= Lead 200 Peaks

\$ = Lead the List

After March 31st many of our members became inactive simply because they failed to renew their Lookout Subscription in time. When some of these members did renew it was too late to receive the MAY-JUNE Lookout. Several of these members asked for this issue of the Lookout.

Unfortunately the Lookout editor cut down the number of Lookouts that were printed for this issue. This is the normal procedure in order to keep our overhead down. The editor only has enough Lookouts printed to cover the paid subscriptions, the mailings to safety, chapter & national, and a very few issues for new members. There are not enough to send a copy to each member that renewed there subscription late.

The solution to the problem is really very simple: renew your subscription on time! Subscriptions expire on the first of the year. A grace period extends to March 31st before the memberships are actually changed to the inactive status. Three months should be more than

adequate for those of us who procrastinate.

The membership records show that the following people have not renewed their subscription to the Lookout. They have allowed their membership to go inactive. If you see your name on this list and you believe it is a mistake, please contact me by phone or mail asap. If you recognize someone on this list that you believe has forgotten to renew then please remind them that their subscription has expired.

Milton L. Adams Jack Adsit Larry Anderson Linda Avila Joyce Davis Bernard Randy Bernard Daniel Bleiberg Charlotte M. Bourne Mary Ellen Boutin Calvin J. Bover Ruth N. Boyer William M. Brockman Jr. Alice Carlson Paul V. Carlson John A. Castillo Ann L. Cavalieri Louis Cavalieri Paula Clement Donn Cook Evelyn H. De Chantillon Simone L. De Miguel Al Dion Patricia Dion Robert W. Dubeau Darl Dumont Diane Emmons James C. Erb Bret Falk Steven Falk Robert M. Faught Don Guido Keats Hayden John Hellman Steve R. Hinton Laurel Hodgson June S. Hopkins Sandy Houston Ruth James Andrew Jones Joan Kincaid Erza S. Krendel Dick Levine Christopher Libby Priscilla Libby Leslie E. Lundquist

Larry Machleder Bob Manning Carol Matloff Marc Matloff Matt McBride Hugh McCord Lawrence Monzon Susan Carter Moore David J. Murray Tom Neely John Nienhaus Elmer A. Omohundro Jr. Donna R. O'Shaughnessy Bridget O'Sullivan Sue Palmer Jill Patterson Julian Pederson Susan Phillips Harold A. Price Kathy Price Maura Raffensperger Heddy Redheffer Peter Redheffer Ray Redheffer Jim Riepe Gayle A. Robison Julie Rush Jack Russell John E. Sarna Arthur I. Schain James B. Schoedler John H. Shank Richard Steven Smith Josephine Solomon Paxton Starksen Ivan Stenerson Jay Suehiro Suzanne Swedo Robert True George Tucker Terry Turner Rick Van Hoorne Judy Ware Chuck Wathen Asher Waxman Vieve Weldon Carolyn West Robert Wheatley Jr. Thelma Whisman Lloyd D. Williams Peter Wolar Dick Worsfold Jetie Worsfold George Wright Maragaret Young Peggy Zappen Ronald Zappen Steven H. Zoschke Zack Zoschke

Trip Writeups

These trips are not listed in the regular schedule.

July 7 Sun

O: Lewis (8396'), Pinyon Ridge (6535'): Join the leader in his long anticipated list finish. Easy 1 mile, 500' gain on Mt Lewis and drive up on Pinyon Ridge to enjoy the customary celebration ceremony. Meet 8:00 am at La Cañada carpool pt. Leader: David Jensen. Assistant: David Eisenberg.

August 10 Sat

O: Black, Castle Rocks, Indian, Ranger: Take an easy-paced day to enjoy these 4 peaks near Idlywild. 2500' gain, 14 mi. Meet 7am at the Pomona Carpool pt. Leader: David Eisenberg. CoLeader: Frank Dobos.

August 24-25 Sat-Sun

I: San Jacinto Pk, Folly Pk, Cornell Pk, Jean Pk, & Marion Pk: Enjoy the beautiful San Jacinto Wilderness on this easy-paced backpack hike via the tram. Only 2½ mi.es to the campground with little gain. Sat, Climb San Jacinto, Folly, & Cornell; 9 mi, 3500' gain. Sun, Climb Jean & Marion; 7 mi, 2200' gain. High altitude makes this a strenuous trip anit 15. Permit will be applied for 7/1. Trip subject to approval. Send SASE with recent conditioning, and carpool to Leader: George Schroedter. Assistant: David Eisenberg.

Trail Updates

April & May, 1991 by Brent Washburne

- 2K CROSS MOUNTAIN: Changed wording for route 3 to read "4500' contour" instead of "5000' countour", per input from Walt Studhalter.
- 6I WEST BIG PINE: Deleted the "Mountain" from the name, for consistency with the HPS Peak List.
- 6J BIG PINE MOUNTAIN: Deleted the "Mountain" from West Big Pine, as a nearby peak.
- 8B BURNT PEAK: Changed the driving and hiking directions to show the locked gate on 7N23A at the road junction.
- 12GMOUNT WILSON: Corrected a typo you probably never saw.
- 14EMIDDLE HAWKINS: Changed the peak name from "Middle Mount Hawkins", for consistency with the HPS List.
- 14C, 14D, 14F MOUNT ISLIP, SOUTH MOUNT HAWKINS, MOUNT HAWKINS: Changed the name of Middle Hawkins as a Nearby Peak.
- 26EINSPIRATION POINT: Changed the peak name from "Mount

- Inspiration", as voted at the Management Committee Meeting, 5/9/91.
- 32BWHALE PEAK: Added a route 2, for climbing the peak from the SW. The new route has a better road and also pictographs and an old Indian Village along the driving route.

Maps

- SST-15: Changes the location of the cross-country route between Cross and Chuckwalla, to agree with the writeup. Info provided by Walt Studhalter.
- LPT-5: Corrected the title to delete the "Mountain" from "West Big Pine". (See 6I above)
- LRT-2: Added the locked gate location on the road to Burnt Peak.
- JTT-5: Changed the title and label on the peak to "Inspiration Point" from "Mount Inspiration". (See 26E above)
- SDT-7: Added route 2 for Whale Peak. (See 32B above)

Mailing address until October: Additions/Corrections are welcome at any time. Until mid-October, please use my summer address:

Brent Washburne Moraine Route Estes Park, CO 80517

Outings Report

by Patty Kline

Attention Leaders:

The deadline for HPS outings to be submitted to me is Monday, June 24th for the November 1, 1991 through February 29th, 1992 Schedule. I have already receved about 15 outings as of June 1. I expect many more. Let's make this the biggest year ever for the HPS outings. We are by far the largest Peak Bagging Section, and should be very proud of our accomplishments.

Register Box

by Jim Adler

Dave Eisenberg reports that the register can on Big Pine was chewed by a bear and now has 2 large holes in it. He also reports that the register cans on Pinos and Mt Abel are deficient. The Alamo Mtn Register was replaced by David Jensen.

Registers Needed:

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4F	Cerro Noroeste	deficient	6-91
4I	Mt. Pinos	deficient	6-91
€B	McPherson Peak	deficient	7-90
6J	Big Pine	eaten	6-91
11A	Josephine Peak	decrepit	11-88
12B	Mt Disappointment	missing	11-90
12H	Mt Harvard	missing	6-91
15B	Smith Mtn	missing	3-91
16 I	Gobbler's Knob	deficient	10-90
17H	San Sevaine	decrepit	5-88
21E	Delamar Mtn	no can	12-90
21G	Bertha Peak	decrepit	1-90
23G	Onyx Peak #1	decrepit	1-90
26D	Ryan Mtn	missing	3-91
27J	Suicide Rock	missing	11-90
28K	Pine Mtn	missing	2-91
29B	Little Cahuilla Mtn	deficient	2.90

If you are climbing any of the above peaks, please consider bringing a new register can and book. If you discover a peak which needs a new register can, please let me know by mail addressed to Jim Adler. 10726 Woodbine Street #3, Los Angeles, CA 90034; or by phone at 213/838-0524. Also, please advise if you have replaced any of the missing or deficient registers or discover that any of the above reports are erroneous or out of date. (Since register books and pencils are so easy to carry all the time, peaks where only books or pencils are needed will not be listed.)

Red Mtn, Black Mtn #6, Butterbredt Pk, Mayan Pk

Feb 16-17, 1991 Leaders: Alan Coles & Frank Goodykoontz by Alan Coles

A relative small group of 11 (Peter Kinman, Roy Stewart, Andrea Harpole, Rick Fleming, Richard & Beth Summers, Leslie Metcalfe, Julie King, Janet Phun and the 2 leaders) met 7:30 am Sat, Feb 16 morning at the intersection of Hwy 14 and Randsburg Rd. We all drove over to the turnoff for Black and carpooled in 3 vehicles from there.

The dirt road up Mesquite Cyn and to the starting point for Black is in good shape and presented no problems. The day was partly cloudy, cool and windy which is the way it always seems here (at least in winter). We began our hike up the broad plateau towards the high point near the water guzzler and noticed recent tire tracks. A few years ago, the BLM erected signs and barricades to keep motor vehicles off this fragile land which suffered serious erosion problems. The last time I was there it had begun to recover and the native grasses were getting established again. However, it now looks like the damage is starting again as tire tracks were spread out over a wide area. I have instructed Brent Washburne to update the peak guide and I hope that all members of this section obey the BLM rules against driving off established roads.

The hike up otherwise went well. We passed through the famous crater, the only spot out of the wind, and shortly thereafter ascended the peak in gale force winds. We all signed in on the leeward side before descending with Frank in the lead.

Next, we all drove over to Red Mtn and climbed the peak of same name by the more or less standard route. It also was very windy and the view was obscured by blowing dust. We retraced our steps back to the cars returning around 4 pm.

Leslie, Roy, Andrea and Rick went home or to do other peaks while the rest of us drove back to Jawbone Cyn (after a short visit to charming Randsburg) and miraculously found a camping spot on a very busy President's Day weekend. Having tried cooking out on previous trips to this region (and remembering blowing sand getting into everything), this time we took the "cop-out" and drove to Graziano's in Mojave and stuffed ourselves to the gills before returning to our dusty camp site. Everyone slept in their cars.

It was still windy and cold when we got up the next morning. We drove up to the Butterbredt starting point and met Julie King there but she decided to stay in her car. The rest of us took off up the ridge and stayed out of the wind as much as possible. The slopes are covered with more illegal OHV trails now and there seems little the BLM can do to keep them out of this sensitive area. On top, 2 people were seen following us up. They turned out to be Micky Sharpsteen and Lucy (?) who arrived late.

After a short break, we descended quickly and drove over to the Mayan starting point. The wind was still fierce and I allowed everyone the opportunity to do this one at their own pace. Micky decided to turn back (she already has done it) but everyone else made it up by noon. After a nice lunch out of the wind, it was time for a quick descent which is the most enjoyable part of this peak. That was enough for everyone and we went home.

Thanks to everyone for making it a good weekend and, of course, to Frank for being Frank.

Next Lookout deadline August 1, 1991

Please send color or B/W photographs, drawings, ASCii disks, or typed single spaced copy to the editor.

Little Berdoo, Bernard, Inspiration, Ryan, & Lost Horse

April 6-7, 1991 Leaders: David Eisenberg & Minor White by David Eisenberg

trip was originally scheduled to climb Snow and Kitching peaks. However, the late heavy rainfall left the access road impassable and the peaks covered with snow. We decided to offer a weekend in Joshua Tree National Monument as an alternative. With a 9 am meeting at the Monument entrance, we were able to take a leisurely morning drive out. The snow on Snow and Kitching was visible from I-10, making us thankful for our decision not to climb them.

We parked our cars near the turnoff to Queen. We consolidated into the two four wheel drive vehicles and took off down the Geology Tour Road towards the Bernard and Berdoo trailheads. We were at the trailhead and ready to hike at 10:30.

We took a slight variation to the standard route. Rather than contour around towards the wash, we headed slightly southwest down a gully to where it met the wash. This was slightly longer—coming out about 200 yards south of the standard route and ducks—but was much easier going. We first climbed Little Berdoo, then Bernard.

We then headed for the Inspiration Pt trailhead. As we arrived at Keyes' View, we saw a large flock of turkey vultures circling about apparently looking for handouts or tired hikers. Minor took the lead to do this peak.

This was to have been it for the day, but Erich and Luella Fickle couldn't stay over for Sunday. I now had 99 leads and we decided to try a night hike of Lost Horse as we could think of many jokes we could make as we wandered around looking for the peak. However, we found the

trailhead was closed for parking at sunset making this impossible. We then decided to do Ryan and pulled up just before sunset at the trailhead.

Making sure we had our flashlights, we headed up the nice trail toward the summit. There was the usual beautiful desert sunset. It was difficult to avoid tripping as we enjoyed the spectacular colors. We arrived at the peak just as it got totally dark for my 100th Lead! (see picture) We took pictures and celebrated with flashlights and treats. (see p. 2) Our return made a snaking pattern of lights as we found our way back to the trailhead.

We then headed for Jumble Rocks Campground to continue the party with a campfire and more treats.

Sunday morning, Minor found a note on his car from Aaron Penn who had come to Joshua tree with a group of photographers. They decided to join us for our hike of Lost Horse.

We decided to climb the peak first and then explore the mining area. On the way up, Minor took some time to explain the sex life of the Joshua tree and its growth patterns. Our youngest hiker, David Peralta (age 6) was having a great time on the hike, especially when he got a piggy back ride from another hiker. His only problem on the hike was when we took a split break. He didn't quite understand why he couldn't go with his mother!

As we returned to the trailhead, we found a large dessert tortoise near the cars. Wanting to give him plenty of room, we made a large circle. To our surprise, he immediately headed right toward us and exhibited no fear whatsoever and allowed us to pet him.

Hikers not mentioned above were Rosina Mueller, David Jensen, Georgina Burns, and Paula Peterson on Saturday with Don Burrell, Nancy Peralta, Bruce Rice, Monica Arman, Christine Sison, Lisa Batterton, and Joe Raemer joining us on Sunday.

Topatopa Bluff Exploratory

April 6, 1991 Leaders: Frank & Ruth Dobos

When you drive up North of Santa Paula toward Ojai, you are looking up at the cliffs of the Topatopa Bluff-Massive rounded cliffs divided by horizontal colorful stripes with green vegetation on the higher reaches. It draws you like a magnet, the desire to climb it is compelling. As mountain climbers. we know this feeling. So we decided to lead a hike in April, starting up Sisar Canyon. The cliffs are in view most of the time as we climb. We had three river crossings, the canvon had quite a bit of water running. Roadside flowers added colors, the green canopy above kept us in the cool shade. Then the trail climbed out of the canyon and the dirt road made the going easy. After this, the 21W08 trail merges with the Nordholf Ridge Road, FS 5N08, the alternate driving route to Chief and Hines. This road starts at the Lose Valley Campground, goes sharply up to the ridge, and may be driven by permission of the Forest Service.

After a short break, we walked up the road to the base of Topatopa Bluff, Here we find a conspicuous firebreak and then switchbacks showing us the way up to the peak. The hill is steep—1000' gain in ½ mile-similar to Hines in this regard. There was some snow, but we had no problems crossing through as it was soft and not too deep. The hike took 41/2 hours to the summit. The summit has a cairn on it. We left a red can and a register in the cairn. Everyone agreed to the greatness of the peak with an unobstructed view in all directions. Unanimous agreement was voiced to add this worthy peak to the HPS list.

After lunch, we walked (ran) down the firebreak, picked up the dirt road, and then the trail. Someone spotted wild (?) horses foraging in the canyon below. We looked at them a while, with mouths

open like any city dwellers. Then the real excitement—we saw a red, black, and white California mountain kingsnake climbing gracefully up by the roadside. We were back at the trailhead by 4:30, making the hike 8½ hours long.

Many thanks to all you great hikers: Mitchell Helbrecht, Devra Wasserman, Don Croley, Diane Dunbar, Daniel Bleiberg, Darcie Miller, David Kalifon, Nancy Bell, and Ray Laub who joined us from Ojai and a member of the Ventura Chapter of the Sierra Club.

Topatopa Bluff was recommended for addition of the Hundred Peaks List at the May 9th meeting.

San Emigdio Mtn & Brush Mtn

April 7, 1991 Leaders: Wynne Benti & Joe Young by Joe Young

Six hikers met at Denny's of Sylmar for the traditional pre-hike breakfast at 6:00 am, and these six joined five others at 7:00 at the Sylmar meeting place for the caravan to the road head along Mil Potrero Rd. We picked up two more hikers in Frazier Park, so our total for the day was thirteen hikers. Weather this day was beautiful, with sunny skies until mid-afternoon when clouds rolled in. The wind was calm, and temperatures moderately cool. The area was beautifully clad in a heavy blanket of snow after the much needed storms of March.

We had originally planned to climb San Rafael Mtn this day. However, the heavy snows forced the Forest Service to lock off most dirt roads in the Los Padres mountains and this included the road to Mutau Flat, Thorn Pt, et al which was locked at the Lockwood Valley Rd. Therefore we substituted San Emigdio and Brush. Roads to these peaks were also locked off, but we were able to design a loop trip whereby the peaks would be bagged via hiking the mostly snow-covered roads and ridges. We feel that this

legitimately constitutes a pathfinder route for each peak.

After arriving at the road head at the beginning of FS9N34 (as shown on our HPS maps, FS9N52 on the Forest Service map), Wynne and I drove our vehicles to the end of the hike, at FS9N27, the road to Marian Campground. The hike began at about 9:15, and we encountered snow shortly thereafter. We trudged along FS9N34, then trashed through snow along a ridge almost to the summit of San Emigdio, took the road to a point just east of the summit, and last plowed up the slope to the summit, searching in vain for a register can. The snow was 2-3 feet deep on the summit, on the ridge, and in many places on the road.

After a short time on San Emigdio we followed FS9N34 west to its intersection with an unmarked dirt road that led to Marian Campground, where we found a dry spot on the hill overlooking the campground. Here we lunched, with the noon hour close at hand. Many of us tried drying our boots and socks here, with very limited success. We celebrated the first HPS peak and outing for newcomer Eija Suomalainen, from Finland.

After lunch we dropped down into the campground, then headed up the steep dirt road from the west side of the campground towards Brush. We hiked over the two false summits en route to Brush, avoiding snow where possible. Its summit was relatively clear of snow, and we stayed on its dry summit a short time.

We headed back toward Marian Campground, avoiding reclimbing the false summits, although there is no way to avoid all gain on return. Rather than descending directly to the campground we took a crosscountry shortcut down a ridge, fun slope and gully to FS9N27. We hiked FS9N27 to the Mil Potrero Road and found the leaders' vehicles. A few chose to hike the mile back to the remaining cars parked at FS9N34. We were back at 4:30. The dry socks and shoes felt great!

Eleven of us reconvened at a new restaurant, the Okie Girl Brewery in Lebec, which is just west of the Freeway at the Frazier Park offramp. They specialize in barbecue style entrees. But this a true micro brewery, and they brew five types of beers, ale and a stout. The beer drinkers approved of the beer, and all eleven of us expressed approval of the dinners. They sell beer in large bottles for taking out.

After dinner we returned to Sylmar and then home. This had been a fun day, full of hiking, peak bagging and camaraderie. And we discovered a new place to celebrate after hiking in the eastern Los Padres mountains.

Thanks to Wynne for her able assistant leadership.

McPherson Pk & Peak Mtn

April 13, 1991 by Alan Coles

This trip was rescheduled from the March date due to snow and wet conditions. I was going to cancel this trip due to lack of interest but George Schroedter, Evan Samuels, Dorothy Pallas and Delores Holladay were interested in going so along with Janet and I we met at Aliso campground early Saturday morning. After some discussion on trail conditions we elected to do the McPherson Pk trail.

The trail has been reworked and is in fine condition for 95% of the way. I am aware that it is being worked on in order to reroute the final portion of the trail near the summit. However, heavy snow collapsed brush over the old trail making the last few hundred yards to the summit an arduous chore. We eventually managed and arrived around 11. There were still 5-6' snow drifts along the ridge but most of the mountain was clear. We then did Peak Mtn and returned via Hog Pen Trail which is in excellent shape.

Afterwards we went over to the Cuyama Buckhorn where I had my

first Ostrich burger (see Peaks and Chews). Later I escorted George and Dorothy to the Fox Mtn trail where they spent the night and climbed the peak on Sunday. The rest of us went home that evening.

Cross, Chuckwalla, & Pinyon

April 13-14, 1991 Leaders: David Eisenberg & Ruth Dobos by David Eisenberg

This was a replacement trip for the "Big 4" which we were not able to do because of the extensive snowfall. This turned out to be a blessing in disguise. As we all drove out to the meeting place, we began noticing a large concentration of wildflowers on the hills. To our pleasure, they only got thicker on the drive to the trailhead. And thicker as we hiked. They were so abundant that we were not able to avoid stepping on them in spite of our best attempts. They were the thickest I have ever seen in my life anywhere. We took picture breaks and flower breaks every few minutes.

Before we even reached Chuckwalla. Ruth had to talk Frank out of having his picture taken laying nude in the flowers. But the best was yet to come. As we descended into the valley between Cross and Chuckwalla, they got even thicker. What looked like brushy areas turned out to be carpeted with even more varieties of flowers. As we reached the top of Cross and looked out along Jawbone Canyon, the hills seemed to be on fire with smokeless orange, yellow and blue flames. The only thing that ruined an almost sperfect day was the spill Rosina Mueller took as she was heading down the Cross Scree Slope.

We then headed for Graziano's in Mojave to reward ourselves with pizza. Jennifer Lambelet, Diane Dunbar, Erich & Luella Fickle, Rosina, Devra Wasserman, and Nancy Bell left for home—correctly concluding that nothing could top

the day's scenery. Dave Wellbourn, Georgina Burns, Frank and Ruth Dobos and I went up to the Walker Pass Campground to camp.

The next day, we took off for Pinyon Peak. We had permission from the landowner to park on his property. This made the trip much nicer. The flowers were not as thick as those on Cross and Chuckwalla, but there were still many of them. Ruth told me that Joshua tree flowers were edible, so I tried one. They are thick and chewy and not bad. I had seconds while the rest stood and looked around in disgust.

We had planned to do Scodie, but it was getting late and there was visible snow on the ridge so we called it quits.

Five Easy Peaks in the San Gabriel Mountains

April 20, 1991 Leaders: Gabriele Rau and Gordon Lindberg by Gabriele Rau

After 2 weeks of beautiful weather, a gloomy morning greeted us on April 20. On the road to La Cañada, we even had drizzles on the windshield and there was a 50% chance of rain. In spite of this bad omen, 14 hikers were ready to go. believe the weather Never forecast-we drove into blue skies! We planned to climb 4 peaks the easy way: First on the list was Mt. Sally. We had beautiful clear views of the mountains while the city was hiding under clouds. Mt. Mooney was very easy to conquer, and Mt. Hillyer was scaled even faster because everybody was hungry for lunch. There were patches of snow but we basked on the rock in the sun. In the far distance, dark clouds moved in so we left to get the fourth peak, Mt. Vetter. We wondered why the restoration project of the fire lookout was discontinued; everything unfinished and locked. Meanwhile, an icy wind was blowing, so we returned in a hurry. There was a bonus on this trip: a fifth peak, Barley Flats. Only 2 hikers wanted or needed this peak. The trail passes along the fence of an open conservation camp. We all felt that the prisoners should clean up their backyard, it is full of trash and paper, but they were playing basketball.

Hikers participating were Ron O'Brien, Norma and Ted Ehrlich, Sarah Jacobsen, Diana Jeffers, Jerri Smith, Jack Trager, Fred Smith, Bill Everett, Fred Curtis, Harold hlers, Betty Elsing, Robbie Whaley, and Len Espinda

Iron Mtn #1

April 20, 1991 Leaders: Bill T. Russell & Carleton Shay by Bill T. Russell

The 19th annual routebagger's adventure was scheduled to start with the ascent of mighty Mt. Harwood, followed by a hike over Baldy, then along the San Antonio Ridge to Iron and a descent via the South Ridge. However, the heavy Baldy made snow on inadvisable, so we climbed up and down the South Ridge instead. We left the East Fork roadhead at 0700, took 30 minutes for lunch, and reached the top at 1315. Dan Rollins led us up the final hill for his 25th peak and HPS membership qualification. The view east along the San Antonio Ridge showed the wisdom of not attempting that route: there was much snow on the north side and in the rocks and trees

between Iron and the 3rd class notches. Clouds were above us and below us and the air was cool. We started down at 1330 and reached the cars at 1730 to end a fine outing with excellent people and great hiking weather. Participants were: Del Beaudoin, Georgina Burns, Dan Rollins, Pat Russell, Bill T. Russell, and Carleton Shay.

Rosa Pt to Villager Peak

April 26, 1991 by Bill T Russell

The weatherman forecasted moderate temperature, like the low 80's in Borrego Springs and Palm Springs, and there was a handy 34 moon, so Pat Russell and I decided to climb these two in a loop trip. We slept at the trailhead just south of Hwy. S22, and were glad to have our tent because of the strong gusty wind. We started at 0600 in clear. calm weather and reached the top of Rosa Pt. before noon. After a pleasant lunch, we hiked NW from Rosa along the divide to the Villager ridge. It took two hours to get to elevation 5200' on the ridge and then another 45 minutes to go north to Villager Peak, which we reached at 1500. I estimate that from Rosa Pt. to the 5200' elevation on the Villager ridge is 1800' gain and 3.3 miles. The hiking is easy, the only steep spot is descending the slope on the east side of the major notch at elevation 4230' We left villager at 1530 and reached the car at 1915. just as the sun was setting. The total trip is estimated at 6900' gain and 17.3 miles. We each carried 4 liters of water but only drank 21/2. The ocotillos were in full bloom and the prickly pear and barrel cactus were well started. There was even a layer of grass, albeit very thin as would be expected in that harsh environment. It was a good trip and complemented our 15 hour climb of Rabbit from Fillmore St. on April 1. The register books and cans on both peaks are in good shape.

Warning

The Forest Service fine for hiking without a permit is \$5000 and/or 6 months in jail for <u>each</u> person in the group. Permits may be requested by mail or in person and without charge. Get that permit!

Strawbery Peak

April 27, 1991 Leaders: Stag Brown & Joe Young by Joe Young

Six hikers met at Lloyd's of La Cañada for the traditional, though abbreviated pre-hike breakfast at 6:30 am, and these six joined seven others at 7:00 at the La Canada meeting place for the caravan to the road head at Colby Canyon. After shuttling two cars to Red Box, we began our hike up the Colby Canyon Trail at 8:00. Weather this day was beautiful, with sunny skies. It was breezy at times, and temperatures were moderately cool.

Stag led us up the trail to the ridge top, which we gained in approximately one hour. We then scrambled up the west ridge of Strawberry, occasionally stopping to enjoy clear views of nearby peaks. There were no problems en route. We arrived at the summit of Strawberry at about 10:30 where we enjoyed a mid-morning snack. Stag and his lovely bride Nami had brought pears, oranges and apples to share.

summit We left the approximately 11:00 and headed the Lawlor/Strawberry towards saddle, where Joe led most of the group up Lawlor, a bonus peak. Some of the group took the trail to Red Box. We arrived on its summit just past noon. After a short rest there Stag led us down the steep, loose south face of Lawlor, then down the ridge to Red Box, arriving there before 2:00 pm.

Six of the group reconvened at Pepe's of La Canada for post hike revelry.

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Olympics IV: Scouting Trip #1

April 28, 1991 Leaders: Bobcat Thompson & Joe Young by Joe Young

After a 6:30 am breakfast at Baker's Square of Claremont, twelve hikers arranged themselves into three trucks, one large van, and one Honda sedan, and regrouped at Highway 138 and I-15. Our objective was to scout the peaks and roads in the Silverwood-Big Bear area in anticipation of the Olympics IV. Our efforts were thwarted by a locked gate on a key road near Monument Pk. In addition, the road to Cleghorn Pk had not yet been graded, and our driving was slowed. Furthermore, a wrong turn on my part caused the caravan to go down a narrow deeply rutted road, and the van became stuck. After some digging and pushing rocks under the tires, we got the van free and we returned to Hwy 138, having tired of the ungraded 2N47. The Honda then left us. We then drove to Cajon junction, and observed a firebreak leading to a ridge just east of Cleghorn. We decided to hike Cleghorn this route exercise. since we would definitely not hike Cleghorn via this route (800' of gain, three miles round trip) during the Olympics. This is, however, a good alternative route to Cleghorn. After reaching the ridge top at a road, we hiked toward, then to the north of Cleghorn, then doubled back 50 yards through moderate brush to the summit. On return we hiked the standard route to 2N47, then down the firebreak to

From here we drove to the junction of the road to Cajon lookout, hiked the peak, then lunched at the cars. We then drove to Sugarpine and found two fallen trees blocking the rough road to its summit. After Sugarpine we drove over to Monument, and observed a recent (4-20-91) concrete enhancement to the monument. We then drove part way down the

Sawpit Canyon road, but were stopped by a locked gate. Since there was still snow along the road from Sugarpine to Monument (at the 5,000' level), I lost my enthusiasm for hiking the higher peaks (7,000 +) in the Big Bear area, and decided to return, although we checked out the road from north of Cleghorn to the I-15. This road had been recently graded.

Overall this was a frustrating day. In recent dry years late April would have been acceptable for driving and hiking in the Silverwood area, but not in 1991. I will have to scout again before the Olympics.

Sawtooth, Burnt, & Liebre

April 27, 1991 Leaders: Luella Fickle, David Eisenberg, & Erich Fickle by Luella Fickle

The road up to the summit of Burnt Peak is permanently locked from the junction of 7N23 and the ridge road. This adds 4 miles to the trip. David Eisenberg was in the are in February and discovered this so we changed the trip plan. I had everybody meet at 7N23 and N2. I hadn't seen Paula Peterson at Sylmar, so I declared everybody there except Teri Astle who had called Thursday and arranged to meet us there. We waited for Teri, but decided that she must have changed her mind. So we drove up to the Burnt-7N23-Ridge Road junction. There we found Teri and Monica. They got into one of the larger 4x4s so we'd have one less car to park at the Sawtooth roadhead.

Sawtooth is short and steep. We had clouds, wind, and no flowers. It was still winter. (I led this trip several years ago on April 26th and it was flowery.) On the summit, George Hubbard (list completion 1973) announced that his friend, Pearl, had just climbed her first Hundred Peak. George also had his daughter, Karen, along. It's been a long time, maybe we'll see more of them. After climbing back up to the

cars-the road is higher than the peak—we found Paula Peterson and Keith Martin. They had just climbed Burnt. We agreed to meet back at the Burnt Peak junction after they climbed Sawtooth while we climbed Burnt. The clouds cleared as we climbed Burnt. We could see many poppies in Antelope Valley. The forest service asked us not to cut on the Burnt Peak Trail but were overjoyed about us trimming the PCT or any other trail on their map. There is а NASA tracking instillation on the summit of Burnt, so they want to limit access. They had no objection to us hiking the road. (Editors note: The forest service reports that the Andean condors frequently fly over and perch on the antennas now that the road has closed.)

We were 23 2hen we were joined by Paula and Keith back at the cars. We drove to Bear Gulch Camp. There Erich Fickle located the PCT behind the outhouse. It's unmarked but fairly obvious after the first 1000 yards. We followed it 2 miles to the summit of Liebre Mtn. David and Erich had fun trimming the PCT. More trimming is needed south of Bear Gulch as 2 hikers from Minnesota had to hike the road because the brush was so bad between the Burnt Peak junction and Bear Gulch. They told us that they were surprised to find out that Southern California wasn't flat!! We also passed a couple form Wisconsin who were hiking the PCT.

I appreciate the drivers who make a trip like this possible Thanks also to David and Erich for their help and trimming.

Red, Black #6, Black #3, Sawtooth, Burnt, Liebre

May 4-5, 1991 Leaders: Charlie Knapke & Frank Goodykoontz By: Charlie Knapke

This trip was originally scheduled to include Tehachapi & Double mountains. After the 'March

Miracle' I decided to scout the Tehachapi Mountain area for snow conditions. There was no way I could safely lead a group up the northern ridge of Tehachapi.

After discussing the situation with Frank we decided to substitute Black #6 and Red for Tehachapi & Double. I had recently been on a trip to Black #6 were we had stumbled across a Plaque to Stephen Schmidt.

Friday I drove up to Red Mountain and scouted out a pathfinder route for use on Saturday. The next morning I went into Randsburg early for breakfast at the White House Saloon. I learned from the waitress that Toni Seger who owned the Schmidt Tunnel might have an explanation for the plaque on Black #6.

I then led our group of eleven hikers up to Red Mountain from the northwest. This route is actually easier than the route in the peak guide. After having lunch back at the cars we headed into Randsburg to explore the shops in the town. We took this opportunity to purchase some party supplies.

We then headed out to Black #6. We hiked up past the water collector and on to the lip of the crater. Here we stopped at the Schmidt Plaque. Frank said that on his previous trip he had passed the plaque only a short distance away without seeing it.

At the Summit we celebrated Frank's 65th birthday. Frank was keeping it secret but the word got out. The register had two entries regarding the Schmidt plaque. One week before our trip, BLM ranger Steve Smith (HPS member) was here looking for the Schmidt plaque. He never said if he found it. One week before that there were entries by three people named Schmidt. They mentioned they were there in tribute to their father, Stephen Schmidt. It was an interesting entry but it did not explain the plaque.

After returning to the car we decided that it was time to visit the Schmidt Tunnel. On arriving at the tunnel site we were greeted by Toni Seger. When Burro Schmidt died the

tunnel became the property of his son. When the son died the property went to probate. It was auctioned to the highest bidder. It was purchased by the late husband of Toni Seger. Toni likes to talk. Once I asked about the Schmidt Plaque I didn't think she would ever stop.

Stephen Schmidt was not a relative of Burro Schmidt. He was a person who loved the desert and spent a lot of time in the El Paso Mountains. When he died, his children held a wake at the Schmidt Tunnel. The next day they carried his ashes and a plaque up to the crater near the summit of Black Mountain. The plaque is a grave site after all. According to Toni there are a minimum of four other grave sites on the slopes of this mountain. This place is a virtual grave yard!

We took a quick trip through the tunnel and then headed off to Tehachapi Mountain Park were we stayed the night. The next morning we climbed Black Mountain #3. We discovered another surprise in the register at this peak. Not only is this peak surrounded by private property but now the peak itself is within the bounds of a Placer Mining Claim which was filed last year. I have no idea how this affects our right to climb this peak.

We then caravanned to the Leibre Mountains were we climbed Sawtooth, Burnt, and Liebre. We met Leslie Metcalf who was out hiking these peaks solo!

This was one of the most eventful trips I have led. I would like to thank those who participated; David Michels, George Thomas, Judy Carson, Jennifer Lambelet, Doug Hatfield (does that guy ever talk?), Bill Lien, Eleanor Carter, Jack Haddad, & Hodda Shalaby. Special thanks goes to Frank Goodykoontz for his assistance.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FRANK!

Deadline for requesting Peak additions deletions, and by-law changes is August 1.

Sheep & Martinez

May 4-5, 1991 Leaders: Ron Jones & Maris Valkass by Ron Jones

The success of this trip was due to my wife, Leora, being able to help set up the car shuttle on Friday and then to meet the group on Sunday afternoon. Friday afternoon in Coachella, we met 50 year Sierra Club member, Fred Johnson, who is also an original Desert Peaks Section member dating from its founding in 1941. Fred had driven down from Berkeley especially for this hike as he is both an HPS and a DPS member. We drove 8 miles south on Hwy. 86 and left Fred's car at Valerie Jean's Date Shop and then Leora took us up to Pinyon Flats Campground on the Palms to Pines Hwy.

It was 32° at 6am Saturday when we met for the backpack in along the Cactus Spring Trail. In addition to Fred, we had long-time Sierra Clubber, George Toby, desert rat Jim Conley, Wendy Reuss and her husband John McCully, Rosina Mueller, Anna Valkass and her husband Maris who assisted on this trip. Shouldering our heavy packs, each with at least 16 lbs. of water, we hiked the road to the Dolomite mine and then the obvious trail down to Horsethief Creek, which had a good rush of water. At the start of the trail, there is a log book maintained by the San Gorgonio Chapter of the Club.

At about 5 miles, we came upon Cactus Spring with a small steady flow of water. We dropped our backpacks and hiked up to Sheep Mountain. We saw lots of deer sigh and some big horn sheep sign up on the ridge. Sheep Mtn marks the southern boundary of the 17,000 acre Phillip L Boyd Deep Canyon Research Center, one of the 26 reserves maintained by the University of California in its Natural Land and Water Reserves System.

Returning to Cactus Spring, we continued on the trail to the 5168

food crest of the trail, south of Martinez Pk before it begins the descent into the Martinez Canyon Drainage. We had a late lunch here before setting out for Martinez via the South ridge. This is a rocky steep ridge and one can do better (as we did on the return) by crossing one major gully or wash southeast of the main ridge and climbing the ridge line east of that gully. Stay right as you approach the summit area.

Returning to our packs, we headed down the trail looking for Agua Alta Spring a couple of miles away. The trail was very colorful with two kinds of yucca in bloom and wildflowers starting at the higher elevation. We passed several seeps and even a small stream and finally stopped at 7pm ½ mile short of Agua Alta at a delightful pinyon shaded wash. The sky was clear and the evening warm.

The next morning, we started hiking at 7am. We had a gallon or a little less of water each and I hoped we would reach V. Jean's about 1pm. Temperatures in Palm Springs were 10° warmer this day than Saturday and this didn't help. Agua Alta Spring is posted with a large sign and would also be a nice place to camp. The was a small steady flow of water. Immediately below Agua Alta lies Pinyon Alta Flat with many clay pottery shards and other evidence of seasonal use by the Cahuilla Indians.

At about 4200', the trail becomes rather obscure as it turns east across the upper end of a large wash, avoiding the obvious drainage and staying on the high ground and ridge line leading toward Tahquitz Cyn. After descending steeply on the old indian trail, we dropped into Martinez Cyn. at 2800'. I, for one, was amazed at the large amount of water flowing, rushing, down this desert canyon. We followed the water down until it soaked into the ground at about 1200'. Shortly below the first remnants of an old jeep road were encountered and the remains of an old stone cabin. By noon, the temperatures

creeping up to 90°, then 92°, then 94°, and our water supply was diminishing. The low desert scenery was gorgeous. The ocotillos were in full crimson bloom, many flowers were in bloom and there were tens of thousands of painted lady butterflies flitting about the vegetation. Finally, we reached the mouth of Martinez Cyn. at 650' and the temperature reached 100°!

I had the Valerie 7½ topo with me and we followed the old jeep trail north to hill 427' shown on the topo. Maris then took a bearing on the corner of the lemon orchard shown in the middle of section 19. We all stayed together and finally reached the power pole and reservoir at the corner of the grove and then followed roads through the orchards, dropping down below sea level until we reached Valerie Jean's (-30') and Leora at 3pm. All of us were nearly out of water and I had no trouble drinking 3 delicious wet cold date shakes.

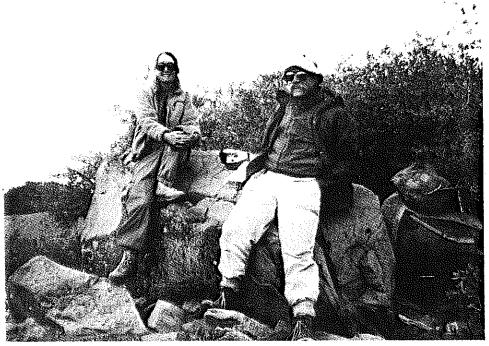
This was probably the best HPS Backpack I have ever been on and one of the top backpacks ever through gorgeous desert scenery. Our group was strong and evenly matched. I hope to repeat this outstanding hike next year. Thanks to Maris for a wonderful assist.

Sewart, Cobblestone, White, Alamo, Mcdonald, Snowy, & Black

May 11-12, 1991 Leaders: David Eisenberg & Patty Kline by David Eisenberg

In spite of our fears that there would be impassable problems with the road, we were able to drive to within 12 minutes hiking time of the trailhead. We figured that all of the snow would have been gone within the week.

We met Saturday morning at the Alamo Campground. We got into 2 cars to make the attempt on the road. At the end of the driveable



Patty Kline and David Eisenberg gathering energy on top of Cobblestone for the long hard climb back up to the trailhead. Photo by David Jensen.

part, we ran into Laura Webb. Laura joined us while we hiked over Sewart and then signed out to do Snowy and Black. The trail from the White ridge was much overgrown but we made it. We were prepared for a very hot day and brought lots of water. To our pleasant surprise, a cloud began forming over Sewart just as we started up the ridge. We remained in its pleasantly cool shade until we descended Sewart on the way back to the cars and the cloud evaporated as mysteriously as it formed. On the way off of Cobblestone, we ran into Alan Coles's group. They had backpacked in. Because of the brush, we hiked up the ridge instead of the trail. It was much clearer than the trail was 2 years ago when I did the peak before so we left a duck at the top of the ridge. On the way back, we left our extra water at the fork to Snowy and Black to make it easier for the next day.

That night we had a pleasant campfire with a potluck happy hour at the Alamo Campground.

The following morning, we began with a hike up Alamo right up from the campground. Our idea was to do the easy peaks first because we probably wouldn't want to do them after Snowy and Black, Following Mcdonald, we once more drove out to the last driveable spot, climbed Sewart once more, and then Snowy. On the way out to Black, we once more met Alan's group coming up the hill. This time there was no fortuitous cloud and their sweaty faces let us know what was in store for us. We crossed the neverending bumps on the Black ridge and finally reached the summit in time for lunch. Then it was back over Snowy and then over Sewart. (for the 4th time in 2 days!) We returned to our cars at 5.

Participants were: Erik Siering, David Jensen (Saturday only), Jennifer Lambelet, and Roy Stewart. Thanks to all for a great time.

Cobblestone Mtn, White Mtn #2, Snowy Pk, Black Mtn #2

May 10-11, 1991 Private Trip by Alan Coles

The trip originally scheduled for the weekend of April 27-28 had to be canceled due to unusually high snow levels left from the March storms. Conditions were especially bad on Cobblestone where the entire north face was covered with a few feet of snow which was far too dangerous to attempt from any direction. Since David Eisenberg was leading the same trip 2 weeks later, I decided not to reschedule the trip.

Fortunately for David, 2 weeks of unusually warm weather occurred after that weekend allowing him to proceed with his trip. This was the only weekend Janet and I had available and we contemplated going on it but I felt like doing something different this time. So we decided to do a private backpack up Buck Creek, one of my favorite places. Our friend Liz Vanhagen decided to come along with us as well.

At the HPS meeting, David announced a change of plans might occur with his trip due to snow along the Sewart Mtn Road. That prompted Evan Samuels to join us and then on Friday evening I got a call from Dan Richter who asked if he and Mitch Helbrecht could come along. That brought the total to 6 and I really didn't want to take anyone away from David's trip. Besides, I didn't know what routes I might be taking and whether we would do any peaks at all.

Janet, Liz, Evan and I met Friday night in Gorman and drove over to the newly rebuilt Hardluck CG (#3) which is 2 miles up from the location of the previous one (#2). It was completely empty. (Hardluck #1 was located where the road crosses Piru Ck). That night we decided to walk the first 2 miles of the trail which is the old dirt road that follows Piru Creek downstream to the previous camp location. This is a fairly easy night walk but with a pitch black and silent night one had that "feet moving without going anywhere" feeling. We arrived around 11 pm, found a nice oak tree to camp under and quickly fell asleep.

The next morning we awoke early as the warming sun fell on the glistening cottonwood trees along the

creek which were contrasted by the dark pitted sandstone cliffs above Piru Gorge. The temperature was close to freezing as we packed and ate breakfast. Dan and Mitch marched in on schedule around 7 and joined us. Behind them was Bob Sumner and Dorothy Pallas who were going to day hike Cobblestone and White.

The 8 of us set off up the newly rebuilt Buck Ck Trail as it follows the wash up into the mouth of the canyon. We passed spectacular displays of Lupin, wall flowers, paintbrush and mule ears on the more open areas and long sloping fields of larkspur and baby blue eyes further up the canyon. The out of state contractors who rebuilt this trail were evidently unfamiliar with local geology as they choose a very unstable slope on which to build a new section. Fortunately it is not a critical link because it will be totally gone in another year or two. We worked our way over several large slide areas and finally made the first crossing of cascading Buck Ck with its clear, cold water flowing swiftly over the rounded white granitic rock. With the crossing to the east side of the canyon the terrain swiftly changes from chaparral covered sedimentary formations to oak and spruce shaded slopes of white granite reminiscent of the San Gabriel and San Bernardino mountains.

The paradoxical naming of White and Black Mtns on opposite sides of Buck Ck can be attributed to the unique geology of this region. The large metamorphic uplift of White Mtn is part of a ridge that bends over to the west and includes Sewart Mtn and McDonald Pk. Numerous faults connecting with the San Andreas/San Gabriel rift zones crisscross all around these peaks producing violent clashes between predominate sandstone formations of the Southern Coastal Range and this island of Mesozoic granite. As we proceeded further up the canyon where the trail rises high above the creek, views over this highly varied topology gave us moments of inspiration.

The trail is shaded by oaks and Douglas Fir with broad leaf maples in some of the alcoves. Not a true fir nor a spruce tree, the Douglas Fir is a common sight in Southern California especially on shady lower elevation slopes such as these. As the temperature rose we began to peel the layers of warm clothing. Bob and Dorothy, needing to return that day, took off by themselves while the rest of us proceeded at a more moderate pace.

The trail descends back into the canyon bottom where a deep green canopy of alders, sycamores and cottonwoods with blackberries, currants and some poison oak crowded around the deep clear pools along the creek. They would be great for a dip if the water wasn't so cold. We took a break at Buck Ck campsite (not shown on the map) which has one table and stove on a well shaded bench near the stream. It was an nearly ideal location except that it would make it much further to do the peaks, so we continued for another 2 miles of enchanting walking up the gradual canyon to the old Buck Ck campsite at the former junction with the Divide Trail.

There is a small grassy clearing in this thickly wooded area next to a delicious spring. Remnants of an old tin box stove are all that is left and a wooden post with no sign mark the where the Divide Trail once joined. Any attempt to follow that trail quickly lead the hiker into an unsavory patch of wild rose. We had a snack and repacked our day packs before taking off around 10:30 to do Cobblestone and White.

At this junction, the trail begins its steep ascent to the ridge top. We followed the new switchbacks as clouds began to shade us. Soon the small depression where the trail joins the ridge was reached and from there we switched on to the old White Mtn Trail which hasn't been worked on in decades.

There were recent footprints in the fine sand and I guessed about 6

people, probably David's group were in front of us.

After see-sawing along the ridge we came to the turnoff point for Cobblestone. If the HPS ever had an emblem peak, this would be it. This massive mound of conglomerate formations stands impressively alone and is cut off from the granite ridge of White Mtn by an 800' deep "saddle". Near the bottom of the saddle, near vertical sedimentary formations form an immense wall like that of a fortress separating the 2 distinct rock formations. We worked our way down the old Cobblestone Tr which is badly in need of repair, crossed over and began the long, tiring ascent to its 6730' summit.

After crossing into the conglomerate zone which gives the peak its name we passed bright green manzanita bushes full of delicate clumps of pink blossoms. There we met David and his party of 6 who had just descended. After the usual greetings and chitchat, we slowly climbed the sugar pine covered slope dotted with small mounds of snow as clouds above us began to thicken.

We reached the summit around 1 and immediately began to put on every piece of warm clothing we had. These were not rain clouds, just an unusually thick marine layer. The clouds had partly shrouded the peak but we could still see the deep canyon where Agua Blanca Creek flows in a great semi-circle around it. This is one of the finest and most wild summit on the list. Imbedded deep into wilderness, the area is almost in total isolation from the rest of Southern California which is why it is so special to me.

We reluctantly left around 1:30 and followed our steps back down to the saddle. From there we continued to follow David's route straight up to the ridge and then back along the trail to the top of White Mtn. By this time the clouds had nearly cleared and the warming sun began to shine on us again. We enjoyed the fine views in all directions before our descent.

Instead of following the trail back down, we took the west ridge over bump 5668' and continued NW down back to camp from there. The route went well except for some brush along the ridge near the top. On the way down I strayed a little too far to the south and had to traverse back to the much safer NW ridge. It took a little longer than expected but we were back in camp by 6.

We had a modest but delightful community salad and each cooked their own dinner. Bear and rodent footprints are everywhere so we hung our food even though these animals are very shy around humans and are rarely seen. Instead of a campfire, I lit my lantern and we sat (or slept) in our bags until 9 when we all went to sleep.

This spot is an ideal camping location for several reasons. It has the unique advantage of having both early morning and late evening sun. After breakfast, we packed up and put on our day packs again for the attempt up Black and Snowy. I still did not have a firm route in mind even after scouting carefully the previous day as we descended from White. There were many desirable ridges but the approach on most of them were very brushy. We started off downstream from camp for about 1/4 miles to where a tributary meets the canyon at elevation 4100' (near the "k" on creek). There seemed a clear path by following the stream bed to the base of the peak and up a ridge to the summit.

We left the trail and hiked up the canyon where a small spring was flowing. It was an enchanting walk as we stayed in the cool shady ravine. We passed over a few 2-3 step slanted falls (fun), took the right fork at elevation 4500' and continued up until it got too steep. We then ascended the ridge where two forks join at 4750' which worked out very well. The slope was grassy and we quickly gained elevation by staying on deer and bear trails. There were no clouds this day and the full brunt of the May sun was upon us making us pause more often for water. As we approached the ridge, brush began to get heavier so we worked our way over to the more open areas to the north. We had to push our way through a few bushes but no serious impediments impaired our progress and we finally reached the ridge around 10 am. From there we followed the trail of amputated brush limbs 1/4 mile to the summit of Black and signed in.

We left about 20 minutes later after enjoying the views out towards the Antelope Valley where fields of bright orange poppies were in bloom. We followed the well trodden path down into the saddle, then up to Snowy. Along the way we ran into David & Co. once again and exchanged greetings. The peak was reached about 1, time for another short lunch break.

From Snowy, we descended back down the same ridge to elevation 5750' and then took the south ridge from there down into the canyon at elevation 4600'. This ridge worked out very well with almost no brush and an easy, consistent slope. We followed the stream bed down for about 1/4 mile then turned south and once again hit the main Buck Creek tributary. The old trail from this point is long gone but it is not difficult going down from there as we stayed slightly up on the south slope where good animal trails were found. We had to push our way through 2 bushes to connect back to the main trail and our camp a few feet away.

We took a well deserved rest before packing up and leaving. The trail was completely deserted as on the way in and we enjoyed the tranquil atmosphere of this delightful wilderness. Aching feet, though, made the appearance of the campground and our cars a most welcome sight. We were all back by 6 pm.

This route is not for everyone. It is harder than the normal way and involves quite a lot of route finding. But for those who can truly appreciate a remarkable wilderness so close to home, it will be a great alternative. I have one request: leave

the land as wild as you found it. Please, don't build ducks or clip bushes (unless along a designated trail). If you haven't done so, please write Sen. John Seymour and urge your support for full protection of the Los Padres Wilderness Bill.

(Special thanks to Bob Michael for a quick geology lesson.)

Wilson & Harvard

May 12, 1991 Leaders: Ron Young & George Schroedter by Ron Young

Hikers began to congregate at 8 am for the 5th annual Nilsson-Young (Not a TV rating service) Mothers' Day climb of Mt. Wilson. However, this year we were without the company of Eivor who had emergency surgery the previous week. George Schroedter agreed to fill in and our group of 15 started down the road to the stream. It was a pleasantly cool day for hiking and the front of the group reached the summit plateau in 3 hours and 20 minutes. After 45 minutes of relaxing by the snack bar, we started down the trail from the parking lot. George wanted to climb Harvard, so he led the group up the road to what is left of the summit (couldn't find the register) and then down the ridge to the road and the trail along the ridge to the Upper Winter Creek Trail. Two of the group elected to return from Wilson via the ascent route due to warnings of poison oak along the Upper Winter Creek Trail. The last of the group arrived at the Chantry Flats parking lot at 3:50 pm to complete a pleasant loop trip. Thanks to George for a competent assist.

Hawkins Loop

May 18, 1991 Leaders: Don and Sue Gunn

At the Crystal Lake parking area, one of the participants locked his keys in his trunk with his gear and his rider's gear in it. Fortunately for us, the ranger gave

him a 'slim jim' and he got his car open within a half hour.

began our hike at We approximately 9:30 am. Due to deep snow on the north facing mountains, we started the hike climbing the fireroad to South Hawkins. After ascending South Hawkins. continued north toward Middle Hawkins. At this time, it became very cloudy and cold. All hikers came equipped with cold weather gear. We then climbed Middle Hawkins where we ate lunch. We continued north and within 10 minutes from Middle Hawkins, we ran into deep, steep snow banks. We turned around at that poi9nt and retraced our steps; returning by the fireroad. We arrived back at the Crystal Lake parking lot at 4:30 pm.

All of Pleasant View Ridge

May 18, 1991 Leaders: David Eisenberg & Charlie Knapke by David Eisenberg

This hike was an almost identical repeat of the trip Bill T Russell lead 2 years previously. (May 14, 1989) In fact, Bill sent me his prospectus and writeup for the trip and I copied it almost exactly. We met at 6:45 am at the north end of the Pleasant View Ridge to set up the car shuttle. This is at a large parking area just where the Alimony Truck Trail enters the Angeles Forest about 1.4 miles south of the Cima Mesa Road in Juniper Hills. Our only varience in the trip was that we took a different route up Williamson-electing to take the western trail to avoid the possibility of unmelted snow.

The ridge provides great views of the San Andreas Fault and the rest of the Pearblossom Valley. Due to the late snowfall, we saw little in the way of wildflowers until we were almost down to the cars. The trip is certainly worth repeating on an occaisonal basis.

Participants were: Jennifer Lambelet, Stephen Bache, Pam Cloutier, Frank Long, Lalia Ringeler, & Frank Goodykoontz.

Olympics IV: Scouting Trip No. 2

May 4, 1991 Leaders: Bobcat Thompson & Joe Young

by Joe Young

After a 6:30 am breakfast at Lloyd's of La Canada, fifteen hikers arranged themselves into five trucks and one sedan, and regrouped at Three Points along the Angeles Crest Highway. We drove to the wooden posts marking the firebreak to Hillyer, and bagged that peak. The five trucks then headed for Pacifico, and found the roads passable. After bagging Pacifico we drove over to Round Top, then back to Granite. After a short stay on Granite we drove back to Three Points and bid adieu to two hikers. We then drove over to the firebreak leading to Mooney and bagged that peak. We lunched at the trail head for Mooney. Lunch included a celebration for Roy Stewart's 100th ascent of a peak (Pacifico) via a second route. Roy now qualifies for Pathfinder Emblem. Congratulations, Roy!

After lunch we drove to the trail head for Vetter, now down to four trucks, and ascended via the dirt road. Descent was by the ridge. After Vetter we drove to the west trail head for Sally then proceeded to bag that peak. Since this took about one hour, it is not the way we will bag Sally during the Olympics.

We then drove to the locked gate at the Mt Wilson road and the road Disappointment, and Rov Stewart's key obtained from the Forest Service successfully opened this gate! We drove to the base of Deception and made quick work of that peak. We then continued to Disappointment on the summit of which the leader drove his vehicle a bit too far and managed to get a steel bar trapped between his steering rod and a shock absorber. Luckily Roy Stewart and Georgina Burns found a four by four wooden

post in an unexpectedly unlocked shed on the summit of Disappointment, and after jacking the truck up, the post was placed under the tire enabling the truck to be backed up and thus freed of the steel rod. This consumed about a half hour.

We then drove to the Disappointment/San Gabriel saddle and then hiked briskly (12 minutes) to the summit of San Gabriel, our tenth and last peak of the day. For two participants, Venky Nagar (from India) and Wayne Salvatti this was their first HPS outing and their first ten HPS peaks.

With the saving of time because of driving past the locked gate to Deception, Disappointment and San Gabriel, with cooler weather than we had in 1989, with some additional scouting, and with a continuation of good luck we may be able to add three peaks to our total bagged in 1989. We shall see on June 22-23.

Hildreth, Old Man, Monte Arido, Reyes, & Haddock

May 25-26, 1991 Leaders: David Eisenberg & David Jensen by David Eisenberg

After about \$10 worth of telephone calls to the ranger station in Ojai, I had thought we had permission to do Chief and Hines as drive ups along the Nordholf Ridge Road, as well as permission to climb Hildreth, Old Man, and Monte Arido from Potrero Seco Road. However. after all of the problems and conflicting stories, it came as no surprise to find that they would not issue the Nordholf Ridge permit. At that point. I had enough and decided to substitute Reyes and Haddock. [The rangers stated that they never issue a group permit to do either of these roads and that they were making a special exception to their policy to allow our group to get even the one. This certainly should be investigated as I have heard it both ways depending on who I talk with and when I called.]

We met at the Rose Valley Campground at 6:00 am and at the Pine Mountain Summit at 6:30 am on Saturday. We had 5 vehicles designated to drive and participants quickly found space for the ride in. David Jensen was looking forward to trying his new Ford Explorer on the dirt roads. By 7:40, we were ready to begin the roller coaster hike to Hildreth. There is 5000' of gain rt and the peak is the same elevation as the trailhead! Each time we got to the top of a rise, we found ourselves needing to descend once more. The only thing which kept us going was the sworn statement of Evan Samuels (who had done the peak both ways) that this route was actually the easier of the two, the spectacular views, and the abundant wildflowers. However, Roy Stewart had done this same route when it was still open for driving and tantalized us with how easy it was then. We were able to see the Big 3 & 4, Caliente, Pinos, Reyes, Haddock, Chief, Hines, Topatopa, Cobblestone, and the Channel Islands. Fred Johnson Told me we walked through phlox, red & blue penstemon, bright yellow tree poppy, nightshade, linanthus, popcorn flower, phacelia, fiddleneck, and around a few yucca coming into bloom.

We enjoyed a nice lunch on the summit and returned by the same route—which now seemed much more difficult.

Bob Sumner was only with us for Saturday, but the rest of us headed for the Cherry Creek Campground near the Ortega trailhead. Some dayhikers left us a burning campfire. (using the wood we left there that morning) In spite of the overcrowding in the other campgrounds, our group was the only one using this camp. We had a great happy hour topped by the hot cheese nachos prepared by Chuck Sale and Maggie Singleton.

Sunday morning, we were down by one more as Bruce Peterson left for home. Monte Arido was quite easy by this route, taking less than 1/2 hour to do. Then came the 1000' drop to the Old Man saddle. We were fortunate that the brush was relatively clear on this route. Paula Peterson celebrated her 100th peak on this summit! We carried up the treats from the previous night to help her celebrate. We all tried without success to convince Leslie Metcalfe that she also had 100 peaks but she didn't want to count Sewart Peak even though we all told her that she had to cross it on the way to do Cobblestone and White.

We were back to the highway by 3:00. At that point, only the 11 tigers wanted to climb Reyes and Haddock. Dave Jensen took the lead as Jennifer Lambelet, Pete Doggett, Paula Peterson, Roy (I never sit out a peak) Stewart, Evan Samuels, Barbara Pedersen, Chuck Sales, Maggie Singleton, Dorothy Pallas and I made quick work of the eight miles and returned to the cars with plenty of daylight to spare.

Participants not mentioned above are: Laura Webb, Georgina Burns, Erich and Luella Fickle, and Barbara Reber. Thanks to all for a great weekend!

The Big 4

May 28-30 a private trip by David Eisenberg

Roy Stewart had already had his plans for a joint list finish with Charlie Knapke ruined by the unseasonal rain and was facing the prospect of not being able to finish at all this year if there was a fire closure in the area. We were joined on these peaks by Barbara Pedersen, Pete Doggett, Paula Peterson, David Jensen, and Jennifer Lambelet. We spend the night before in the Best Western Motel in Maricopa. (Expensive but nice) Earlier that day, Paula, Pete, and Barbara climbed Peak and McPherson while the rest of us did Fox. After checking into the motel, Roy, Jennifer, and I decided to "one-up" the others and drove up to Peak and McPherson. We took the long way, having been told that the road from the campground was permanently closed. Imagine our surprise when we drove past it and found it open.

We began hiking about 7:30 am and reached Chokecherry Spring around 11:30. We found the water flowing quickly, taking about 15 seconds per quart. We forewarned by Carleton Shay and had brought loppers, clippers and saws for Samon. The brush had been compressed by the snow and many trees had branches split so they hung over the trail. It took us 3½ hours to reach the summit. The route was much less brushy on the way back and we took only 1½ hours to return. We filled up all available water containers and headed for our camping spot in the saddle above.

We took off Wednesday morning about 7:15 and headed for Big Pine. The bears were indeed extra hungry this year. The register can had been punctured by bear teeth! We took a long lunch/picture break on the summit of West Big Pine. It is only right that the most difficult peak to get to should have the most breathtaking view. We were back at the campsite at 2:00. We packed up and headed toward Madulce. About 1 mile into the trail, we dropped our packs at the fork and afternoon hiked to Madulce. There were many trees fallen across the trail, but it was passable. On our return to our packs, we continued on the other trail for 2 miles to the Madulce Station were we put our fire permit to good use for a campfire. Pete came back to tell us of this luxurious outhouse with a mahogany seat down the trail but failed to convince any of us. After much protesting, Roy went to check the story out. He came back to tell us that there really was a mahogany seat! This sounded like a put up job to us. Next, Dave and I went to check the location of the spring (really flowing hard) and the location of the trail out. We saw this brand new outhouse with a mahogany seat. Both of us tried to convince the others that Pete had

been telling the truth, but they were sure it was a prank. At sunset, Jennifer went to use the outhouse, but Barbara and Paula used the woods since they didn't believe her either. It was only the following morning when all of us went to see it. The Outhouse had been built by the OFOC (Old Foresters Outdoor Club) and carried up to the station in pieces and reassembled on the spot. It is almost as nice as indoor plumbing and if it is not mahogany, the seat is oak with a mahogany stain.

Thursday, we hiked out. The trail is 6 miles from the campground making it 10 miles to Madulce if you want to day hike it from this route. There were many stream crossings. To our surprise, we met a trail crew working on the trail. They told us that the Mt Pinos ranger district is the only one in the forest which maintains a full time trail crew. We suggested that they might someday want to restore the old trail to Samon Peak.

David and Jennifer spared us the 0.8 mile hike back to the normal trailhead by walking back, getting their cars, and picking us up. We all agreed that this route was a big improvement over having to walk back along the road.

Peaks and Chews Silver Spoon Cafe

by Patty Kline

In Temecula at 28690 Front Street at 3rd is a great restaurant called the Silver Spoon Cafe. Take the main turn off for Temecula and go on the old main road. Old Temecula is very small and you can't miss it. Bob Michael and I had a breakfast of 3 egg omelettes that were gourmet quality. Mine was a Greek omelette with olives and feta cheese for under \$5.00. This gave us enough energy to do Eagle Crag.

Buckhorn Cafe

by Alan Coles

By now everyone is familiar with the Buckhorn Cafe, the culinary capital of the Cuyama Valley. Having introduced thousands to the buffalo burger, they are now starting the latest fad: Ostrich burger. For those of you who did not see the Time magazine article, this famous restaurant is now serving a burger made of 100% Ostrich meat. The ostriches are locally grown and are very low in fat content. The meat is red and appears like beef but with almost no fat.

As far as taste goes, it does resemble very lean beef with a slight gamey flavor. I could not finish mine because it was very filling as compared with beef. If you are out there, it is worth a try and you can impress your friends! It cost \$9.95 and comes with fries and a salad with no less than 5 different vegetables.

L'Etoile Verte

13, Rue Brey 75017 Paris, France by Joe Young

On my recent visit to France, after a brief visit with long time HPS and Sierra Club member Simone De Miguel, I stayed a few days in Paris. Every restaurant, coffee shop or equivalent served excellent meals because in France, cooking is an art. However, one can easily pay too much. France is expensive, but there are ways to enjoy the country and to economize as well as possible. Any tourist would visit the Arc de Triomphe in Paris. Nearby is an excellent and reasonably priced restaurant, the L'Etoile Verte.

L'Etoile Verte is located on Rue Brey, between Avenue MacMahon and Avenue de Wagram, both of which are "spokes" emanating from the Arc de Triomphe. Simone had instructed us to ask for le menu (the daily special) at any restaurant, and at L'Etoile Verte le menu costs 60 Francs. At 5.6 Francs for a dollar, this is approximately \$11. For this you get several choices of les hors d'oeuvres, including potage legumes frais, (a fresh vegetable soup), soupe a l'oignon gratinee (onion soup), and coeurs d'artichaud (heart of artichokes). Generally soupes are thicker than potages, although the words are synonyms. Next came les plats garnis. The several options included petit sale aux lentilles (lentil salad), two apple (pommes) plats,

steamed and sauteed, and two other items. Portions were ample; you do not leave the table hungry. Delicious French bread is always served with every meal. Next came les fromages ou les desserts (cheeses or desserts). Choices included the ubiquitious cheese platters, and their cheeses are delicious: camembert, bleu, brie, and sometimes yaourt (yogurt). Desserts included creme caramel, mousse au chocolat, glace (ice cream), or compote de pommes. With your meal you were offered les boissons (drinks) which included a glass of wine or beer (biere) or mineral water (eau mineral). All of this for 60 Francs.

Coffee (cafe) was extra, as it is everywhere. Black, strong coffee (cafe express) was six Francs. Cafe creme (coffee with cream) was twelve Francs. Tea (the) was thirteen Francs. Occasionally butter (beurre) is extra. There is no need to leave a tip because in every place we dined the tip was included in the price. This is called service compris. Simone had also educated us about this practice.

You can pay much more by ordering what we call a la carte, item by item. We found that by ordering le menu we saved money and yet we still dined magnificently. Most restaurants were more expensive than L'Etoile Verte, especially in Paris. But we ate just as well here, and their menu, as the name Verte (green) implies, offered selections which were oriented toward green items. Vegetarians can eat well here.

A couple of notes. Beer is not a big thing in France. Their best beer is Pelforth, a dark, robust beer. Many restaurants do carry imported beers. Also, since we were on the road a great deal, stopping at a supermarket (supermarche) saved us money. We simply bought some bread and cheeses and served ourselves as we travelled.

By the way, Simone is doing well. She lives in Cabourg, in Normandie, near the English channel. She travels throughout Europe with a group from her town. Her numerous awards from the HPS and the Sierra Club are placed conspicuously on her wall in her home.

Climbing Directions to Allen Peak

by David Eisenberg

The following route avoids all private property. Please use this route rather than that given in the peak guides when you not leading a Sierra Club trip. (see p. 3)

Driving Directions:

Take I-10 to the Orange St.—Hwy. 38 Exit in Redlands. [There is construction so be prepared for detours.]

Go ½ mi. to Hwy. 38—Lugonia St. Turn Right and go about 8 miles to the Mill Creek Ranger Station on the Right.

Go 3.1 miles to Kilkane Rd on the right. (past the picnic area.)
Turn Right.

Go 0.4 miles to an abandoned campground. Park here—ample parking. Try not to disturb nearby homeowners.

Hiking Directions:

Walk past the locked gate near the restrooms.

Continue on the road while it crosses the wash and turns left at the pumping station. You may have a stream crossing here if there has been recent rainfall.

When the road ends, continue East until you reach a stand of aspens where there is the ruins of an old house on the right.

Go up to the right past the old house on a use trail.

Climb up the relatively open gully, taking the right hand branch at each major fork until you reach the ridgetop. (Watch for poison oak.)

Continue up the firebreak until you come to the aqueduct trail.

Turn right (West) and continue until you reach the road.

Turn left and walk about 1½ miles to the base of Allen Peak.

Turn right and continue up the firebreak to the peak.

The totals are about 2000' gain and 5 miles roundtrip. Hiking time is about 4 hours.

Do not continue on the road to Birch as you will be crossing private property. (see p. 3)

Alamar Tin Shack

by E. R. Blakley

The Alamar Tin Shack was built in the late 1930's when a coyote control project was carried out in the Mono Basin. In the "Olden Days" column of the *News Press*, the following item was noted:

> March 11, 1934. A check on the death toll coyotes exact among deer is to be undertaken by the Santa Barbara Chapter of the Isaak Walton League. This will be the second check. A preliminary check several months ago revealed that covotes were highly destructive of deer, and a plea was made that they be exterminated. When the first check was made among the foothills below the southern slope of the Santa Ynez Range, numerous carcasses were found. The next survey will be in the backcountry, where it is expected that even more destruction by coyotes will be discovered. The backcountry is overrun with coyotes.

Mr. Cyril S. Robinson, Associate Forester in charge of wild life grazing for the Los Padres National Forest, was in charge of a coyote control project in the Mono Basin with camps at the Alamar Tin Shack, which was built for the project, and at La Carpa Spring where a tent cabin was constructed. The study was carried out in 1939, and after considerable trapping and study of stomach contents, it was determined that these consisted entirely of rodent remains with no deer material present.

After the study came to an end, numerous trail crews and others have used the Tin Shack as a camp. You can see their names and dates on the front of the building.

At one time, this location was known as "The Iron Phone" because of a Forest Service fire telephone in an iron box nailed to an oak tree near the Tin Shack.

The camp is located on the prehistoric Indian trade trail that ran from the coast to the Central Valley. On June 19, 1824, Pablo de la Portilla left the San Pablo (Dutch Over. Camp) and descended along the stream called "Sequaya" in Chumash (Alamar Creek) to San Gervasio. (now the Ogilvy Ranch site) They passed this location (the Tin Shack), climbed over Alamar Hill, and descended the Caracole (Spanish for a circular stairway) to Mono Creek. They followed down the Mono to the Santa Ynez River and to the site of Rancho Oso. From there, they climbed over the Santa Ynez Mountains via the Arroyo Burro Trail to San Roque. There they stopped to regroup, finally parading back to the Santa Barbara Mission. The revolt was over.

The Alamar Tin Shack is one of the very few historic buildings still in existence in the Santa Barbara backcountry, and visitors should use care so that it may be preserved for the future.

Social Calendar

by Joe Young

July 11: Peakbagger's Social Meeting: Ruth Dobos presents Cave Paintings of the canyons of the Sierra de San Francisco in central Baja. Ruth descended 3000' cliffs to view one of the finest examples of ancient rock art in the world.

August 8: Peakbagger's Social Meeting: Annual HPS pot luck barb-que. Plates, utensils, charcoal supplied. Bring necessary condiments, other implements.

September 12: Peakbagger's Social Meeting: Shirley Akawie presents a program about her photo safari in Kenya and Tanzania

October 5-6: Oktoberfest: Join us for a weekend of hiking, food, refreshments, entertainment, contests, and dancing at this traditional HPS event at Harwood Lodge and the adjacent Zen Center. Limited, reserve early. [See the July, August Lookout for more details. HPS members send SASE, check for \$20 with Sierra Club number (\$23 non-members) to Nami Brown, Overseer.

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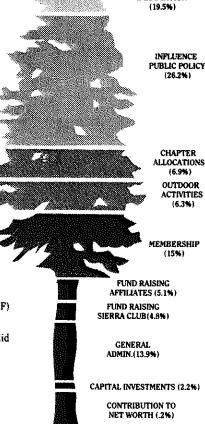
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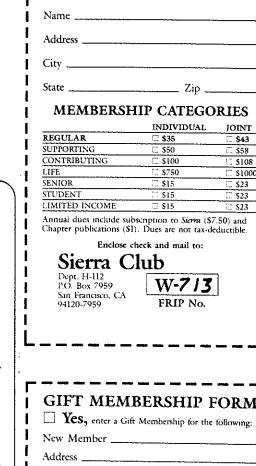
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