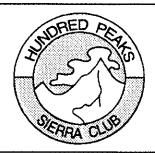
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Final Form of Waiver Adopted by Management Committee

by Ruth Lee Dobos

The Management of the HPS has now come up with the final agreement to implement the WAIVER. The WAIVER is to be incorporated with the HPS sign-in sheet. On each sheet, there are ten spaces for hikers to sign in. (See the new WAIVER on p. 3.) All leaders on HPS sponsored hikes shall use this sign in sheet. Leaders are also asked to carry full size copies of the WAIVER and offer this copy to any participants who wish to read the larger print or keep a copy for reference for themselves or their attorney. (See Large Print version of the WAIVER on p. 4)

Leaders are asked to retain their sign-in sheets for what they may consider a reasonable length of time after each hike. Some leaders like to keep their waivers indefinitely. Others may wish to dispose of them after a few months or a year. But in any case, <u>do</u> retain your WAIVER/SIGN-IN SHEET if you encounter a problem or accident while leading an official HPS hike. Do notify your HPS Outings Chair/Vice Chair of any unusual event that occurs on your hike.

There are copies of both the large form of the **WAIVER** (p. 4) and the new Sign-in Sheet combined with the **WAIVER** in this issue of the *Lookout*. (p. 3) Please make copies of both these items for your use when leading hikes. I will have copies of both the waiver and the sign-in sheet available in small quantities at the HPS monthly meetings.

For your protection as a leader, the Protection of the HPS, and the Protection of the Sierra Club, **Do Not** lead hikes without the new sign-in sheet and the larger form of the **WAIVER**. Both of these forms now are **mandatory** on all HPS sponsored hikes.

Congratulations

Compiled by Charlie Knapke

3rd List Completion

#7 ❖ Frank Dobos ❖ July 7, 1992 ❖ Nicolls Peak

200 Leads

#3 💠 Frank Dobos 💠 July 14, 1992 💠 Mt Harvard

Pathfinder Emblem

#15 - Terri Astle - June 24, 1992 - Heartbar Pk

New Members

John Morrison Willie Richter Jim Whitted Jeanne Karpenko

Reactivations

Sue Palmer Richard Todd Marcia Nunns William Rosner

Martha Schafer

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Chairman's Column A Busy Year

by Alan Coles

This has been a very busy themanagement for committee and it is only half over. There have been a number of important issues discussed that affect our outings and membership. Whenever possible, we try to obtain as many views as possible in order to come up with a solution that doesn't impede the way the Section has run over the years. For example, in order to protect the Section and its leaders from possible litigation, we instituted the use of waivers. But using waivers is often time consuming and a chore for leaders especially on outings with many participants. So we devised a new sign in sheet which incorporates the waiver. It is not a perfect solution but it represents a balance we try to achieve when there are difficult issues to address.

We welcome views from our members and especially our leaders. Unfortunately, it is not possible to get agenda items into the Lookout in a timely fashion. The minutes of the meetings are printed in each issue, but by then the items have usually been resolved. If you would like a copy of the agenda, send a SASE to me about 2 weeks before the management meeting, next usually the 2nd Thursday of each month. Both written and oral comments can be entered but if you wish to participate in the meeting, you will need to contact us first.

If there are any issues you would like to have discussed by the committee, send them to me at least 2 weeks before the next meeting.

Some Very Good News

The Condor Range and Rivers Protection Act passed the Senate and was signed into law by President Bush on June 19, 1992. wilderness adds This bill protection to about 400,000 additional acres of Los Padres National Forest bringing the total in that forest to 823,000 or roughly 46% of the total area. It also adds protection to 53 miles of wild rivers including the Big Sur, Little Sur, Sisquoc and Sespe.

The are 5 new wilderness areas, Silver Peak (in Big Sur), Garcia Mtn (near San Luis Obispo), Matilija, Chumash and Sespe in the region north of Ojai and west of I-5. The Sespe at 220,000 acres is now the largest wilderness in S. California.

The HPS played a significant role in bringing this important piece of legislation to fruition and should be heartily congratulated. Your letters made a considerable contribution. There is a celebration planned atop Cerro Noroeste (Mt. Able) on Sept. 20 from 2 to 5 pm. See the July issue of the Southern Sierran for more details.

From the Vice Chair

by Ruth Lee Dobos

The November through February Angeles Chapter Schedule will have 80 separate hikes sponsored by the HPS. There are 135 times our leaders will be climbing the various HPS peaks. This looks very good for all of you wonderful HPS leaders. Please make sure you all have paid your yearly dues to the HPS and to the Sierra Club and follow the requirements for conducting your outings. Also, send all writeups to me for inclusion in the schedule and please send them on time. I know you are busy, we are all busy, and we are all volunteers - those of us on the Management and those of us that lead hikes.

Please be sure to double space all your write-ups and follow the format in the May-June 1992 issue of the Lookout. It is very difficult to make corrections if we do not have the space. Also, please do not attempt to lead a hike you are not qualified to lead. If you are in doubt about this, call me first. I'll see what we can work out. If we all try to hike and play by the rules, we can all have fun in the Sierra Club.

Up to the Minutes

Synopsis of the June and July Management Committee Meetings Compiled by: Jon Sheldon

- 1. The Committee approved a motion to place on the ballot a change to Section 1.4d of the By-laws. This will change the membership requirement for emblem status from one year to six months.
- 2. Alan will distribute copies of the CalTrans pamphlet with the next agenda. Julie Rush will chair an Adopt-A-Highway sub-committee.
- 3. Charlie reviewed his proposal to change membership renewals to 12 months from approval which could save the Section about \$300 annually. Jon will research the By Laws for the changes necessary and report at the next meeting.
- 4. Laura is checking with the San Diego Chapter regarding the availability of Foster's Lodge for the 1993 Oktoberfest. No decision has been made to move the Oktoberfest from Harwood. This is just to see if it's possible.
- The Banquet is set for January 30, 1993. Ruth Feldon will be the reservationist.
- Charlie met a ranger from the Greenhorn RD on a recent trip to Piute LO. The "trail" to Split Mtn will be considered as part of their planning.
- 7. Tom has received a letter from National requesting input for the Club's new conservation priorities. Alan will place this on the next agenda. (cont. p. 5)

Hundred Peaks Section, Angeles Chapter, Sierra Club: Sign In — Sign Out Sheet — HEREBY acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to participate in mountaineering and/or mountaineering instruction or training, hereinafter referred to as "activities" RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

including, but not limited to, slips, falls, objects or persons falling on persons, equipment failure, injury from pointed equipment, high altitude injury, improperly administered first aid, lightning, hypothermia, I am aware that the activities are hazardous, involving risk of serious bodily injury, death, or property damage and I am voluntarily participating in these activities with knowledge of these dangers

As lawful consideration for being permitted by the Sierra Club or any of its officers, agents, servants, volunteers, activity participants, or employees, herein referred to as releasees, to participate in these activities and/or use their equipment, the undersigned does for him/herself, his/her heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, guardians, distributees, and assigns, collectively referred to conduct of any of said releasees from the activities or any pursuit incidental thereto as releasors, hereby release, waive, discharge, and relinquish any action or causes of action for personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death which may hereafter arise from the activities or any releasors prosecute or present any claim against releasees for any causes of action, for personal injury, property damage or wrongful death, whether the same shall arise by the negligence or non-intentional pursuit incidental thereto wherever or however said pursuit may occur and for whatever period said activities and pursuits may continue. The undersigned further agrees that under no circumstances will

releasees may incur as a result of injury, death, or property damage to the undersigned, or from suit from such personal injury, death, and/or property damage to the undersigned. The undersigned and the remaining releasors hereby agree to indemnify, save and hold harmless the releasees and each of them from any loss, liability, damage or cost (including attorney fees) which

agreement is invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall continue in full force and effect This document is intended to be as broad as is permissible under the law of the State of California and this agreement shall be interpreted under the laws of the State of California. If any portion of this

The undersigned acknowledges that he/she has read the foregoing paragraphs and is completely aware of the potential dangers incident to engaging in the activities, and is fully aware of the legal The undersigned has read and voluntarily signs the release and waiver of liability and indemnity agreement and further agrees that no oral representations, statements, or inducements apart from the

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The undersigned and the remaining releasors hereby agree to indemnify, save and hold harmless the releasees and each of them from any loss, liability, damage or cost (including attorney fees) which releasees may incur as a result of injury, death, or property damage to the undersigned, or from suit from such personal injury, death, and/or property damage to the undersigned.

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Up to the Minutes

- 8. Sales are still slow. Patty would like to consider a new T-shirt design. The SPS has a new shirt that has their list on the back. This will be a future agenda item.
- 9. Frank has recruited members to run for 1993 office. They are: Ruth Dobos, David Eisenberg, Jim Fleming, Leora Jones, Paula Peterson, Julie Rush. Eric Sieke. Asher Waxman, Wynne Zdon
- 10. The Management Committee set the price of Banquet Tickets at \$20. Laura will need to plan the Banquet expenses based on the \$20 per person (including tax and tip).

Trea\$urer'\$ Report

by Leora Jones

The HPS Treasury is currently \$107 ahead of last year at this time. Overall HPS membership is down compared to last year. If you know someone who has let the membership expire, encourage them to rejoin. Also, our merchandise sales are down. Use the enclosed order form for T-Shirts, patches and pins, and see me at the next meeting for your great deal on HPS mugs.

The HPS has recruited 4 new Angeles Chapter members and has received \$54 from National as a result. Keep up the good work!

Thanks goes to all who donate to the section both by adding a dollar or two to your annual Lookout subscription and by adding to the little red can at each meeting during the break. As a result, we have received donations totalling \$159 this year.

Membership

Compiled by Charlie Knapke

Active Membership 43	13
Inactive Membership 17	1
Honorary Membership	1
Total HPS Membership 60	
Subscriptions Only 2	29

HPS Incom	e Statem	ent	
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Income:	May	June	YTD
Membership	72.00	99.00	2,133.00
Merchandise	116.00	34.50	564.50
Peak Guides	533.50	54.75	1,604.25
Banquet	0.00	0.00	2,020.00
Oktoberfest	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donations	6.35	10.30	159.19
Interest Income	0.00	20.75	34.12
Miscellaneous	0.00	3.00	645.78
Totals	727.85	222.30	7,160.84
Expenses:			
Lookout Printing	0.00	337.66	1,053.89
Lookout Mailing	39.74	0.00	196.94
Programs	10.00	0.00	10.00
Peak Guides	227.45	101.94	1,083.91
Mtn Records	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sales Tax	0.00	0.00	222.69
Chair	22.77	0.00	76.69
Outings	0.00	29.37	91.70
Treasurer	1.82	0.00	22.68
Membership	0.00	0.00	12.53
Merchandise	0.00	5.50	316.54
Other Admin	0.00	0.00	17.95
Banquet	0.00	0.00	2,594.67
Oktoberfest	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank Charges	18.40	7.40	54.60
Misc.	22.25	0.00	399.55
Totals	342.43	481.87	6,154.34
Adjusted Income	385.42	(259.57)	1,006.50
Cash Balances			
Savings	2,705.06		
Checking	559.85		
Cash	54.30		
Total	3,319.21		

Conservation Report

by Tom Armbruster **HPS** Conservation Chair

Lynda and I have just returned from 11 days in Hawai'i. We were delighted at the intensity of Sierra Club activity in the islands.

Within a few minutes of arriving at the Kona airport on the west coast of the big island of Hawai'i, we saw that the West Hawai'i Sierra Club group had adopted two miles of highway near the airport. It was also the cleanest stretch of highway we saw, among the many adopted sections. On our way out two days

later, we saw Club members out there, picking up trash.

Julie Rush is looking into the HPS adopting a piece of highway somewhere in our area. I think this would be fun, and excellent public relations.

On Kaua'i, we read in the Kaua'i Times that the local group, aided by the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund, had sued to stop missile launches and their attendant beach closures on the southwest coast near Waimea. A few days later, the Garden Island carried a story about a Club member working to establish a major national park on Kaua'i.

While on Hawai'i, we tried to get to the summit of 13,000' Mauna Kea, the island's high point. At 7,000', we discovered we needed to apply for a permit in Hilo. Rats! Maybe next trip.

California news: Back in June, I was one of 15 Angeles Chapter delegates to Sierra Club California. This body is made up of the 12 ½ chapters in California. It is funded by assessments from these Chapters and from the national Club budget. SCC maintains an office in Sacramento (shared with the Mother Load Chapter) and keeps four lobbyists busy, working with our legislators.

At our SCC convention, we reelected Sherman Lewis President, in a very tight race with Dan Sullivan and Mel Rubin. We also elected five new members to Cal ExComm, to oversee the office and lobbyists. From our Chapter, Judy Anderson was elected, joining incumbent Robin Ives.

There was debate about how best to implement strong forestry and conservation laws. My sense of the Cal ExComm election is that candidates favoring negotiating with business interests and working out compromises got more votes than did candidates favoring drafting strong initiatives and going directly to the voters.

The next *Lookout* deadline is October 1, 1992. Submit articles, letters, and photographs to the editor.

Massive Register Loss Reported

Register Box

by Jim Adler

A virtual torrent of missing registers were reported during the last period. Between them, Terri Astle, Carleton Shay, Bob Gregg, and Andy Zdon reported over 18 new missing or decrepit registers. It appears that there may be someone on a malicious register destruction campaign or perhaps alternately, a fanatic recycler is at work.

Registers Needed:

reg	isters needed		
1A	Sunday Peak	deficient	7-91
4F	Cerro Noroeste	missing	6-91
4I	Mt. Pinos	deficient	6-91
6B	McPherson Peak	deficient	7-90
6J	Big Pine	eaten	6-91
9 A	Mt Gleason	missing	5-92
9C	Condor Peak	missing	6-92
9D	Fox Mtn	missing	6-92
10D	Bare Mtn	missing	6-92
11A	Josephine Peak	decrepit	11-88
12B	Mt Disappointment	missing	11-90
12H	Mt Harvard	missing	6-91
13B	Mt Akawie	missing	7-92
13E	Pallett Mtn	missing	5-92
13F	Mt. Williamson	missing	10-91
13G	Mt Lewis	missing	6-92
13I	Winston Ridge	missing	7-92
14B	Twin Peaks	missing	6-92
14C	Mt Islip	missing	6-92
14E	Middle Hawkins	missing	6-92
14F	Mt Hawkins	missing	6-92
14G	Throop Pk	missing	6-92
16 F	Thunder Mtn	missing	6-92
16G	Telegraph Peak	missing	6-92
16 I	Gobbler's Knob	deficient	10-90
16J	Mt. Harwood	missing	11-91
17H	San Sevaine	decrepit	5-88
19C	Sugarpine Mtn	missing	8-91
21D	Little Bear Peak	missing	9-91
21E	Delamar Mtn	missing	12-90
21G	Bertha Peak	decrepit	1-90
22D	Sugarloaf Mtn	decrepit	6-92
23G	Onyx Peak #1	decrepit	1-90
24A	Constance Pk	missing	7/92
26D	Ryan Mtn		3-91
28 K	Pine Mtn		2-91
29A		missing	11-91
29C	Cahuilla Mtn		5-92
32 G	Oakzanita	decrepit	3-92

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

310/838-0524. 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.)

Milestones

Compiled by Charlie Knapke

Robert L. Hornberger Sep 5
David Anderberg Sep 12
Betty Quirarte Sep 12
Sally Marsh Sep 12
John G. Ripley Sep 17
John Cheslick Sep 19
Stephen K. Bache Sep 21
Bob Henderson Sep 21
Donald J. Lum Sep 21
Dick Reynolds Sep 27
Erv Bartel Sep 28
Henry Heusinkveld Sep 30
Arthur D. Smith Oct 3
Homer Meek Oct 6
Keith Martin Oct 7
Richard K. Todd Oct 11
Stephen Nardi Oct 13
Barbara Lilley Oct 14
Ruth Lee Dobos Oct 15
Robert H. Hethmon Oct 19
Matthys C. Van Erp Oct 19
Marcia Eileen Nunns Oct 21
John E. McDermott Oct 25
Susan A. Miller Oct 27
Gary S. Larsen Oct 31

FRIP

You can make a cash donation of \$15 to the HPS and not spend a penny. How? Through the Sierra Club's Field Recruitment Incentive Program, or FRIP. If you help a new member join the Sierra give a new Club. or membership as a gift, \$15 of that new membership will be given to the HPS. In April, the HPS earned \$54 through FRIP subscriptions. Indicate on the application the HPS Frip number: S-713. It's a great deal. Do it!

Owens Pk, Five Fingers (Aquilla), Sorrel, Piute, Bald Eagle, Lightner

May 30-31, 1992 Alan Coles & Frank Goodykoontz by Alan Coles

This was an interesting trip. Ten people (Carleton Shay, Matt McBride, Paulette Woodward, John Radalj, Rich Abele, Eric Sieke, David Michels, Suzanne Charlston and the 2 leaders) met 7 am at Powers Well on a bright morning. Those that had spent the night there got an early wake up call from several boisterous bovines. One leader was seen playing cowboy and rounded up the beasts away from the site. However, the warm sun had already made its appearance and denied the opportunity for more sleep.

After the usual formalities, the group set off in 3 vehicles for the Ownes trailhead. The road was in very bad shape and John's VW bus encountered a sandy stretch with a mean lean that apparently was not suitable for its long and rigid wheelbase. One rear wheel ended up a foot above ground spinning helplessly in the air. We push the box back onto terra more firma and managed to get it back to Powers Well. We quickly loaded things into my 4WD station wagon and got back on our way. The other 2 cars. Carleton's 4WD station wagon and Eric's 4WD truck had no problems except for a bit of bottoming out on Carleton's.

We started our hike a little after 8:30 and it was already hot. There is a new trail register box and quite a number of people seem to like fishing here. It is a wilderness study area and the BLM is trying to manage it.

Besides the heat, we had bugs to contend with. However, the flannel bush (fremontia californica) was in full bloom and covered with thousands of yellow waxy flowers. We also had many varieties of penstemons, delphiniums and

clarkias. It was quite a show and once we ascended up the steep gully, there was enough of a breeze to make it more tolerable, almost pleasant when resting. The group was quite strong and we all reached the summit before 11.

The sky was clear except for a few small clouds. The air was very still. We could see all the way to Langley and beyond. There was no hurry so we took a good break before returning back to our cars reaching them by 1.

We drove back to Powers Well and contemplated our next move. There was enough of a breeze by this time that several people felt like doing Aquilla. I told Frank to go on to the Sorrel trailhead, our camping spot. He had brought Hazel along so we all felt they should spend more time together. M-rated John took over as co-leader and along with David and Paulette, we drove back up the road and began our steep, shadeless hike in the middle of a hot desert afternoon. wildflowers which had made a colorful carpet earlier in the year had become hard and prickly. producing many tiny splinters in our hands when trying to remove them from socks.

The wind began to pick up and a layer of clouds had suddenly appeared behind the peak. By the time we wearily reached the saddle to the south of the summit, the sky had darkened and we saw rain off to the north. After a good rest we began down and around to the normal route up when flash!, a bolt of lighting struck the ground just a mile or 2 away. While we weren't in immediate danger, the impressive bolt and following boom caused an immediate about face, and we raced back up the saddle and began a very fast descent. Lightning began striking all around on the higher peaks of Jenkins, Ownes and Morris. By the time we reached the cars, rain had begun. We drove back to Power's Well, sorted our gear and took off for Sorrel. The clouds opened up and it really started to pore.

Social Calendar

September 10, Thursday Annual Business Meeting: 7:30 pm. Refreshments. Griffith Park Ranger Station.

October 3-4, Saturday-Sunday Octoberfest: See ad p. 13

October 8, Thursday
Peakbagger's Social Meeting:
7:30 pm. After HPS business and
reports, be prepared to tell
"short" Tall Tales of the most
horrendous, scariest, or
outrageous HPS hike you've been
on or led. Refreshments. Griffith
Park Ranger Station.

November 12, Thursday

Peakbaggers Social Meeting:
7:30 pm. After HPS business and reports, don your kilts and tam o'shanters and join David Reneric as he shows slides of the S c o t t i s h H i g h l a n d s.

Refreshments. Griffith Park Ranger Station.

December 10, Thursday
Peakbagger's Social Meeting:
7:30 pm. After introductions,
Shirley Akawie will show slides
of her journey to China (Xian,
Beijing, and the Yangtze River)
and Hong Kong. Refreshments,
then HPS business and reports.
Griffith Park Ranger Station.

January 30, Saturday

Annual Awards Banquet: 29th Annual Banquet will be held at Les Freres Taix Restaurant, 1911 Sunset Blvd. Social hour is 5:30 pm; dinner is at 7 pm. Raffle prizes. Program. Send SASE (specify roast duckling, broiled halibut, filet mignon, or vegetarian lasagne) and \$20 (check to Sierra Club-Hundred Peak Section) Before January 23 Reservationist: Ruth Feldon.

February 11, Thursday

Peakbaggers Social Meeting:
7:30 pm. After HPS business and reports, join us on the John Muir Trail with slides by Jennifer Lambelet. Refreshments. Griffith Park Ranger Station.

The drive over Walker Pass and through Kelso Valley was stunning. Dark, black clouds with numerous impressive lightning bolts striking all around. There were severe downpours that made driving a challenge then suddenly sunshine. Strong winds blowing the "cotton" from the cottonwood trees resembled snow. The storm kept mostly to the eastern side and the Piutes were relatively dry as we ascended the long switchbacks up from the desert floor to the pine forest.

We set up camp along a broad saddle just a short ways up the road from the usual Sorrel starting spot. The air was calm and cool with just a slight breeze rustling through the Jeffrey Pines and White Firs. Carleton, John and Eric had left leaving just 8 of us to share the nice food, a community salad and the general ambiance of a long spring evening in a quiet forest. There was no one else around and we had a nice view of the setting sun.

The next morning, the sun rose early and we had a leisurely breakfast. Greg Gerlach managed to drive up from LA, arriving with smoking tires just 20 seconds before our appointed starting time of 7:30. We strolled up the slope and enjoyed the early morning views from the top of Sorrel. We discovered that Frank had sneaked off and climbed it Saturday. He explained that he felt guilty about not doing Aquilla.

After returning to our cars and breaking camp, it was drive, drive, drive first to Piute (always a nice stop), then on down to Bald Eagle (hot as expected), then finally Lightner (lots of bugs). Some clouds looked threatening but eventually wimped out. The walk along the majestic black oaks and browning grasses was a nice ending to a very diverse weekend with a good spirited group of hikers.

As for Aquilla, a sure candidate for "Heartbreak of the Year".

Little Cahuilla, Cahuilla, Santa Rosa, Rock Point, Butterfly, Indian & Ranger

June 13-14, 1992 Leaders: Frank Goodykoontz & George Schroedter by George Schroedter

There were a lot of hikes going this weekend, so it was not surprising when only Southern Courtney joined the leaders for the first day of this trip. We started off for Little Cahuilla about 7:45 under a clear sky. Though a little cool, it was still shirtsleeve weather. As I expected, the trail was a little overgrown--particularly the last mile. Unfortunately, I was the only one who had brought clippers. Leaders might make note of this.

By 10:15 we were on our way to Cahuilla along the fine trail, and made this peak in just 82 minutes.

Back at the trailhead at 1:15 we decided to substitute Santa Rosa for the scheduled hike to Cone Peak. While Santa Rosa is a drive up, it is 10.4 miles of pretty rough road. Even driving my 4WD Explorer, the trip took two hours. Passenger cars can make this road but they need to drive very slow. On the way up we got a good view of Sheep and Martinez and had a fairly close up look at Toro from the top of Santa Rosa. We were a bit surprised by the number of vehicles we saw on this peak.

We were back at Herky Creek campground before 5 PM for hot showers and dinner. Early that evening Jim Kilberg and Darrell Lu arrived with lots of goodies from Trader Joe's.

At 7 Sunday AM we met at Morris Ranch Road & Hwy 74. There we were joined by Betty and Austin Stirratt, and Rose Stein.

The hike up to Rock Point was fairly easy and took just over 30 minutes to get up to the big rock. The hike up to Butterfly was another story. There are hundreds of

ducks along the way and not all of them follow the best route. I got off my intended route twice leading the group up and got us into some difficult rocks. Coming down from Butterfly I asked Frank to lead and he took us back the route I wanted to take up. I'll do it right next time.

Also coming down, we had to pass some shooters. They were not doing the usual target practice, but instead were firing bullets like they were free. They also had at least one weapon (illegal) that was fully automatic. Worst was when a couple of bullets zinged over our heads as we continued past them on the road toward our vehicles.

Back down at the highway, Betty, Austin and Rose headed home. The rest of us went back to Herky Creek, picked up our gear and Frank's camper, and headed for Indian. Since we only had 5, we stored all my stuff in Frank's camper and then drove to Indian. The road wasn't in too bad a shape: certainly better than the road up to Santa Rosa. We all drove up the road to Ranger and walked the last half mile. It turned out that we could have driven all the way up to the peak, for the brush along the last stretch has been cut way back.

It was just after 3 PM when we headed for home. Sunday had been quite a bit cooler with a fair amount of wind. It was one of those days when I was too warm with my jacket on and too cool with it off. I should have simply brought a warm long-sleeved shirt.

Mill, Keller, Slide, Crafts, Grays, Bertha, Arctic, Gold, & Silver

June 20-21, 1992 Leaders: Patty Kline & Frank Goodykoontz by Patty Kline

This was the right weekend for this trip. The Big Bear earthquake was one week later and we would have been driving on a dirt road to Bertha. Would we have been flattened by boulders falling on the road, or hemmed in from either direction? I'm glad we will never know.

Unfortunately, one week later, I was in the area. I was zipped in a tent trying to get out as the rocks were avalanching in the valley below Forest Falls. This was when the Yucca Valley quake hit. Three hours later when the Big Bear earthquake hit, I was at the Vivian Creek Trailhead getting ready to leave for Galena. The dust clouds acted like a solar eclipse. Needless to say, I didn't do Galena along with my 2 hiking partners, Pete Doggett and John Kurnick.

Now back to the Big Bear hike. We met at 7 am Saturday morning to do the virtual drive-ups of Mill, Keller and Slide. It was a killer with Mill—2 miles round trip and 600' gain. Next was Keller, a true drive-up. Slide was third with 1½ miles round trip and 300 feet of gain. We then drove over to the roadhead for Crafts. This was 4 miles round trip and 1300' gain. It was a pleasant little hike. We had our lunch on top. Last of the day was Grays which was 2½ miles round trip and 700' gain.

We found a very nice camp spot away from the pay campground. It has a fire ring and a picnic table. It is located 2½ miles from Fawnskin on the road to Little Bear Peak. We had the usual community happy hour and garbage bag salad I enjoy on my trips.

the next day, we left to drive the tricky dirt roads to Bertha Peak. It was about 3 miles round trip and 800' gain. We then did Arctic Point where we had lunch. This is one of my favorite Big Bear peaks because of the interesting boulder conglomerations. It is 3 miles round trip and 800' gain. Then came Gold which we took the 4x4's up. The last peak of the weekend was Silver which we again took the 4x4's up.

This weekend harvested 9 peaks. The participants were Barbara Reber, Alex Levoff, Tom Sakowych, Peter Doggett, Delores Holladay. Matt McBride, and George Schroedter. If any of you left a blue A16 belt style water bottle holder, let me know because I found it after we got back in our cars at the very end of the trip after Silver.

Thank you to Frank Goodykoontz for leading the trip with me. He always does such a great job.

Weldon Peak Exploratory

July 4-5 Leaders: Charlie knapke & David Eisenberg

By: Charlie Knapke

I have known about this peak for several years now. It looked like an interesting peak but it had one major problem. There was no public access.

Weldon Peak is about 4 miles directly south of Sorrell Peak in Section 2 of our list. It is 1½ miles south of the southern most edge of the Sequoia National Forest. The peak is actually on public land administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

If you look at the Sequoia National Forest map you will find the public and private land segments for a kind of checkerboard in this area. This originated back in the early days of the notional forest system. The railroads were granted land rights in one square mile segments. I've never heard the reason for this system. As chance would have it, Weldon peaks sets on one of these pieces of isolated sections of public land.

In the last few years the BLM in cooperation with the U.S.Forest Service has been planning and building the Pacific Crest Trail through this area. Actually the BLM plans their section, arranges easements trough private sections and then contracts out the work. The section of the PCT which passes Weldon Peak has now completed. Thanks to an easement arranged by the BLM through private ranch land just north of the

peak, it is now possible to climb Weldon Peak via public access.

Learning this I arranged to lead an exploratory hike to this peak. On Saturday morning 13 of us met the mouth of Jawbone Canyon north of Mojave. We caravanned up Jawbone Canyon road, down through Kelso Valley and then up Geringer Grade to the top of the ridge. A little ways past the Saunders Ranch Junction is a short road which leads to a small pile of rocks and a parking area. This is where our hike began.

After signing in, we wend west downhill a few hundred feet to the PCT. We turned south (left) on the PCT and followed it less than a mile to where we came across a BLM easement stake. A short distance further we merged with a dirt road which accesses the ranches in the area. Keeping on this road we went another mile to a road fork with a sign 'Bear Creek Ranch' pointing to the right. Turning right, we went a few hundred feet to where the PCT leaves the road an heads south. Less than a half mile later we were back on public land. After passing a ridge we left the PCT and headed left up a gully toward the peak itself. We came out on a wide wooded saddle just south of the peak. We explored the bump just south of here first and then went back north to the named peak. There are two high points. Both lie between the same to topo lines. The west point is a wide wooded point which was nothing spectacular. The south point we judged to be slightly higher and is a fifth class rock. Since there was no sign of a bench mark we decided to place a register at the base of the south point. We climbed up a short third class section to an area twenty feet below the high point we had a great view to the south and of Kelso Valley to the east. We had a short break here.

On the way back we discussed one of a couple of animal trails which headed of to the north side. I decided that it would be too difficult to tell where these trail crossed into private land. We decided to go back the same way we came. We went back down to the PCT and then back to the cars via the BLM easement. It should be possible to hike this peak via the PCT from Hwy. 58 to the south. This may take a couple of days.

We also climbed Sorrell Peak and drove out to Piute Lookout the same day. On Piute we met a ranger from the Greenhorn Ranger District. During our talk with him we learned that a trail proposal for Split Mountain was going to be added to the National Forest Plan for that area. (This doesn't necessarily mean it will actually happen.) Thanks goes to Alan Coles for actually proposing that trail.

Sunday we got an early start and hiked Skinner Peak from the north. Both days very nice. We had worried about the hot weather we had experienced lately but all for of these peaks are fairly high among the pines and made a good July outing.

I would like to thank David for his assistance. I hope to lead another trip to this peak next year.

While on the subject of new trails, I would like to point out that a well written letter by one individual (Alan Coles) did have a significant effect on the Forest Service planning procedure. Our officially adopted trail, the Haynes Canyon Trail, lies within the Tujunga Ranger District of the Angeles National Forest. This ranger district's forest plan is open for public comment. I urge anyone who is interested to write the Tujunga Ranger District to show interest in this trail. Contact Bobcat Thompson for the address.

Frank Dobos—Finishing the List for the 3rd Time

by Ruth Lee Dobos

On the weekend of the 4th of July, Frank Dobos finished the HPS list for the 3rd time

On the 3rd of July, Frank and Ruth hiked Lizard Head. This was our third attempt to get this peak! The first time, the gate was locked—even though we were told the road was open. The second time, the Scout dropped the driveshaft, one mile before the trailhead. The

third time was the charm: we climbed the peak. It was a warm day and on the way out, we stopped to bathe in the stream at the end of Dry Canyon so of course along came our friends from San Diego: the Sutors, Terri Astle, Pam Walkers and others.

We drove to Lake Isabella where we climbed Heald peak from the West the next day. We started late, the day was hot, so we decided to come down without climbing Nicolls, as darkness was coming upon us.

Sunday, we climbed Nicolls from the mine and Frank finished the list again. "Never again!" he said.

And poor me, as of this writing, I still have 12 peaks to go for my 2nd list finish.

Snow, Allen, & Constance Our Newest Emblem Holders

July 25-26, 1992 Leaders: Frank & Ruth Lee Dobos by Ruth Lee Dobos

On Saturday, 4 participants climbed Snow Peak. We expected that the day would be very hot and went out of our way to discourage all but the most determined hikers. (one of them was on the way to get her emblem)

On Sunday, we led a group of eleven hikers up Allen Peak by the new preferred route. They were Erv & Janet Bartell, Diane Dunbar, Tal Kanigher, and a group of friends from the San Diego Chapter: Terri Sutor, Ed =Sutor, Terri Astle, Pam Walker, and Paul Freiman. We followed David Eisenberg's instructions. This route avoids all private property, but the first 1300' of gain is something to be prepared for. The loose dirt and the poison oak in the canyon will test your endurance. But after we climbed to the "Aqueduct Trail" things got better, including a shower at the "Geyser."

Diane Dunbar celebrated her 100th peak on Allen Peak, finally



Ruth Lee Dobos Congratulates Frank Dobos at his Third List Finish!

earning her HPS emblem. Back at the cars, champagne was served and good wishes and hugs were exchanged.

Our San Diegan friends departed, but we had another obligation: helping Janet to get her emblem too. We drove to Constance, where Frank lead 5 of us to the top. More celebration, more champagne, (no register, even the can is missing.) We enjoyed the view, then climbed down the mountain to Diane's strawberry shortcake. We all drove home after dinner Claremont. It was a pleasant weekend with good weather.

Trail Updates

by Brent Washburne

Changes to Climbing Guides

- 10D BARE MOUNTAIN—Yet another clarification of the route from Little Cedars CG. (Frank Dobos)
- 13E P A L L E T T
 MOUNTAIN—Improved
 description of route 2 from
 Mount Williamson. (Southern
 Courtney)
- 13F M O U N T
 WILLIAMSON—Corrected
 hiking distance and elevation
 gain for route 2 from Islip
 Saddle. (Southern Courtney)
- 280 KEN POINT—Clarified primary route description, especially at the trail junctions and along 3E15. (Carleton Shay)
- 30B SHEEP MOUNTAIN—Added a note on wilderness permits for the new Santa Rosa Wilderness. (Ron Jones)
- 30C M A R T I N E Z
 MOUNTAIN—Modified the note
 about wilderness permits for
 the new Santa Rosa
 Wilderness. (Ron Jones)

I also received inputs from Frank Dobos and from Luella Fickle which will require new maps, which I will issue when I return to California in October.



Diane Dunbar and Janet Bartell Celebrate Their 100th Peaks Ruth and Frank Dobos, Diane Dunbar, Erv and Janet Bartell

WARNINGS

Published by the HPS Management Committee

Bare Mtn:

See the peak guide published on page 20. People have been **SHOT** at when attempting to climb the old routes as they begin and pass through a **SHOOTING AREA!** Do **not** use these old routes.

Allen Peak:

If you have an old peak guide, do **not** attempt to contact the owner of the private property to climb Allen peak. All Sierra club trips should be arranged through the Outings Chair. (Currently Ruth Dobos) The owner will <u>not</u> give permission any other way and is likely to cease giving it to us. If you wish to climb Allen Peak, use the route described in the July-August, 1991 *Lookout*. Contact David Eisenberg if you need assistance. Changes will be made in the peak guides to reflect this new route.

Leaders: You may get the latest peak guides from Bobcat Thompson if you are leading an official HPS trip to the peak.

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Reviewed by David Eisenberg

Chris, the owner and chef, was a chef in the San Fernando Valley in a previous life. He left the city for the more relaxed life of Frazier Park. The Cracker Barrel is tucked away out of sight on a short cull de sac off of the main Frazier Park road, relying on word of mouth for advertising its presence to the locals. (I found out about the restaurant by talking to one of the USFS rangers.) It took me 2 passes through the city before I could locate it and I had directions from two of the locals. However, it is well worth the search.

Dinners are served from 5 pm on M. T. Th. F. & Sat; from 4 pm on Sunday, Dinners include Hot bread and butter, Soup or Salad, and Potato or Rice Pilaf and range in price from \$7.50 for Italian Sausage and Pasta to \$14.50 for a full rack of BBQ Baby Back Ribs. Other items are BBQ Beef Ribs, T-Bone Steak, Porterhouse Steak, Filet Mignon, Prime Rib, Blackened Prime Rib, Oriental Pork Chop, Cajun Port Chop, Hiba Mexican Snapper, Cajun Snapper, Halibut, Scampi, Lasagna, Curry Chicken, Sweet & Sour Chicken, Chicken Fajitas, Calamari, Beef Stroganoff, Country Beef Stew, and Stuffed Cornish Game Hen. There are two reader boards featuring other entrees. I ordered off this menu, selecting the Poupon Chicken, a tender dish of white meat chicken filets marinated in Grey Mustard. Lunch Poupon Breakfast are equally as varied.

The decor features a collage of comic strips, newspaper clippings, and funny tourist items. The

furniture is eclectic, and the low prices reflect the paper cups and mismatched utensils and dishes. There was a steady stream of locals who stopped for dinner or called in their orders. Service was excellent and friendly.

Brian's Cafe

Gorman Reviewed by Alan Coles

OK, so here is the story. We were coming back from the Frazier Park area and it was getting late. I know of several decent eating places nearby but remembered that there was a new "Sizzler" sign at Gorman. But when we arrived, the "Sizzler" sign atop the old Caravan Inn was gone and a new one, "Brian's" was in its place (clue #1). Janet's stomach dictated that we eat soon, so we went in anyway.

Inside, the decor was made to look like a 50's diner but the colors and neon lights actually made it look like a 90's place made up to look like a 50's place (clue #2). The menu had typical roadside cafe items as if it had been copied from Janet had Denny's (clue #3). spaghetti, a usually safe bet and I had red snapper. You know things are really in trouble when spaghetti is almost inedible. The fish was about as bad as it could be. The only enjoyment was from guessing how they could really screw up such simple food. Obviously, they intend to cater to the boiled radiator and slipped timing chain folks. Brian's: another good reason to drive past the Gorman exit.



Book Review

by David Eisenberg

Exploring the Southern Sierra: East Side

J. C. Jenkins and Ruby Johnson Jenkins239 pages, 6 × 9

\$16.95, paperback Wilderness Press

Exploring the Southern
Sierra: East Side is a revised
edition of Self-Propelled in the
Southern Sierra, Volume 1. Ruby
Johnson Jenkins has completely
updated Jim Jenkins' book with
the latest trail descriptions.

There are 150 trips ranging from car tours to peak climbs. For each hike the book tells the distance of the hike, elevation gain, skills required, suggested season(s) of travel, suggested maps, and directions to the trailhead. Ruby Jenkins has added a brief section at the beginning of each trip telling the highlights of that particular trip.

Included with the book is a two-sided, four color map depicting all the trips and trailheads. The USGS topographic maps are indicated on this map.

Exploring the Southern
Sierra is of particular interest to
HPS members. Quite a number of
our peaks are listed here. Of course
there is Mt. Jenkins. Morris,
Owens, Heald, Nicolls, Cannell,
Scodie, Pinyon, Onyx, Mayan,
Butterbredt, Cross, Chuckwalla,
are some of them. The range
includes the mountains east of the
North Fork Kern River between
the High Sierra to the north and
the Tehachapi Mountains to the
south.

Exploring the Southern Sierra: East Side may be ordered direct from Wilderness Press for \$15.95 (which includes postage) by calling 800/442-7227 Our biggest party of the year will be held at Harwood Saturday: one hard one starting from Baldy Village; and Lodge in the Baldy area. There will be two hikes an easy one going up the ski lift and both converging on Mt Harwood for Patty Kline's HPS list finish! Both Oktoberfest pins. Upon arriving at Harwood Lodge, sign hikes will be back in the late afternoon in time for in with receptionist or overseers Tom and Judy Bolen, snacks, drinks, and shopping: mugs, T-shirts, and and inform them if you are staying overnight or for Saturday only. We may have use of dorms and jacuzzi chores, such as cooking or serving dinner or breakfast, at the Zen Center. Also, remember to sign up for

singing, and one door prize that will be picked from the cleaning up after meals, setting up tables and chairs for Thank you to Lookout and the other to Lookout and Sunset where everything you brought is packed up and gone and that and bathrooms. Dinner should be ready about 6:30 pm and Tickets will be collected then! Please be sure your to allow enough time for hikers to eat, do chores, and list finish. Bighorn sheep have been seen in years past. get ready for hikes. There are two hikes Sunday; one dinner tickets. Breakfast will be ready about 6:30 am Paula Peterson and one other person will celebrate a dinner, or sweeping floors and cleaning dorm rooms Remember, before you leave the Lodge, make sure name is on it. After dinner, there will be dancing, all chores are done

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A Sierra Club Centennial Project The Origins Of Southern California Peak Names. Part Five: M N O

By Louis Quirarte

Data is organized alphabetically (except for peaks beginning with the word "Mount"), alphanumeric Area and Peak index is followed by the year the peak was added to the HPS List (1946 is the year of the original published List, earlier dates show first climb by Heald), its location by County, and lastly the findings.

— M — McDONALD PEAK

7H—1958, Ventura:

Named for a McDonald (whose first name is unknown) from Fillmore, a gold prospector who came early to the area, and built a log cabin with a slate roof at the headwaters of Alder Creek (ca. 1885). He later dug a mining tunnel at McDonald Springs, which is about a quarter mile to the West of McDonald Camp. The stone building usually identified as his cabin was only his horse barn. His cabin (still standing) is a short way to the Southwest of the campground.

·NAME FIRST APPEARS ON USGS TEJON MAP (1903).

McKINLEY MOUNTAIN

6F—1946, Santa Barbara:

Named for 25th US President William McKinley (1843-1901)-described by Historian S.E. Morison as "a kindly soul in a spineless body". McKinley acceded to the needless "Spanish-American War" but also ordered one million acres of back country land east of Santa Barbara to be set aside to form the Pine Mountain and Zaca Lake Timberland Reserve (1898). This was the nucleus of the present day Los Padres National Forest. The AWS constructed a ground observer station here consisting of a CU type cab (1935), it was destroyed by a windstorm and removed by the USFS (1974). Called "McKinley Peak" on 1958 HPS Peak List.

·NAME FIRST APPEARS ON USFS SANTA BARBARA N.F. MAP (1926).

McPHERSON PEAK

6B—1946, Santa Barbara:

Named for a local homesteader, an H. M. McPherson who lived by this peak on the Cuyama side (ca 1880's). Nearby Hogpen Spring is so named because he kept his livestock there. He was accidentally killed here by shotgun while hunting. Not named for Civil War General James Birdseye McPherson (1828—1964), or Jeanne Macpherson (an early Hollywood screenwriter). Nor is there any known connection between this person and the second husband of evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson (1880-1940). The USFS built a fire lookout here consisting of a 14' by 14' wood cab (1934), removed by them (1987).

·NAME FIRST APPEARS ON GLO STATE OF CALIFORNIA MAP (1907).

MADULCE PEAK

6L—1946, Santa Barbara:

Named in the 18th Century, most likely by Mission padres for the wild strawberries that still grow in the area. Since no Indian name has survived, "Madulce" was presumed by the USGS to be the earliest known name for this summit. Dulce is Spanish for sweet (and it has long been thought that the peak name was just a corruption of it), but Ventura historian Jim Blakley points out that in Catalonian, madulce actually means strawberry, and number of Franciscan friars came from this region of Spain. The strawberry has also long been known in Europe, but in a smaller form. In Christian iconography this fruit is very rich in associations. Its three pointed leaf makes it a symbol of the Trinity. Its five petaled blossom represents the five wounds of Christ. Because it is sweet, despite growing close to the earth, it is deemed to be emblematic of noble humility and modesty. Its red color is symbolic of both the blood of Christ, and the desire for worldly pleasures. The USFS built a fire lookout here consisting of a 20' open

k-braced steel tower with a 14' by 14' wood cab (1934). The tower was burned in the late 1970's by the USFS. The summit was also known as "Strawberry Peak" on the USGS SANTA YNEZ TOPO (1905), and USFS LOS PADRES N.F. MAP (1937).

·NAME FIRST APPEARS ON USFS SANTA BARBARA N.F. MAP (1926). ·NAME OFFICIALLY ACCEPTED BY US BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES (1938).

MARIE LOUISE, MOUNT

19F—1960, San Bernardino:

Seemingly named for French Emperor Napoleon's second wife Marie-Louise von Habsburg (1791-1874), an Austrian princess whom he married in 1810. However, what (if any) connection exists between this peak and the Empress remains a mystery. It could have been named after an unknown surveyor's sweetheart, since there is no record of any early resident's wife or daughter being given this name. More likely it was a recent addition, given as a whim by a fire-boss.

NAME FIRST APPEARS ON USFS SAN BERNARDINO N.F. MAP (1959).

MARION MOUNTAIN

27I—1942, Riverside:

Named in 1897 by USGS topographer Edmund Taylor Perkins, Jr., for Miss Marion Kelly of White Cloud, Michigan. She worked as a teacher for the Indian Bureau at the Morongo Valley Reservation and was described as "a wonderful woman, blue eyes and a gentle nature". It is told that she fell deeply in love with him, but he kept putting her off by saying that he was "married to his work". Perhaps the guilt of indecision caused him to name this summit after Marion, because when he decided to divorce his work he spurned Marion and married Jean Waters (1903). He named the adjoining summit Jean Peak after her. Called "Marion Peak" on the original HPS Peak List. Marion Ridge has been named recently (1967).

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NAME FIRST APPEARS ON USGS SAN JACINTO TOPO (1901).

MARKHAM, MOUNT

12D—1942, Los Angeles:

Named for Henry Harrison Markham (1840-1923), 18th Governor of California (1891-95). He moved to Pasadena, after service in the Union Army and law practice in Wisconsin. He prospered in Real Estate and mining ventures, and also served in Congress as a prominent Republican. His term in Sacramento was beset by labor unrest and an economic depression. His greatest mistake was to order the dissolution of the California Board of Forestry which primarily responsible for having caused the Forest Reserve in which his peak is located to be created. Nonetheless this peak was later named at the urging of a group of prominent Pasadena citizens headed by Professor Lowe. Previously this summit had also been known as "Square Top", and "Table Mountain". NAME FIRST APPEARS ON USGS PASADENA TOPO (1900).

MARTINEZ MOUNTAIN

30C-1946, Riverside:

Name is borrowed from a village of Mountain Cauhilla Indians that existed here up to the Californio era. The village was called "Martinez", but the Bureau of Indian Affairs has no record of why. We can only conjecture that the name may have been derived from a village headman who somehow was given this surname. Californio ranching did not extend this far inland, but Martinez was a common name among Sonoran Mexicans. There was an influx of them into this area, just before the American era. The descriptive term "village of Martinez" would likely have been used in preference to the (difficult to pronounce) native name for this rancheria. It was "Puichekiva" meaning "road runner's house". The Indians who lived here were predominantly of the moiety which known as "Wantcauem" means "touched by the river". This may appear curious in such a dry environment but the canyon site where their village once stood is still subject to wash-outs during flash

floods. This village was eventually abandoned-not because of too much water, but too little. Anglo farming increased water use which greatly lowered the water table in the Coachella Valley. The name was later extended to the canyon where the village stood, now called Martinez Canyon. The Torres-Martinez Indian Reservation is eight miles to the East. This peak is also on the DPS List.

·NAME FIRST APPEARS ON USGS INDIO SPECIAL MAP (1904).

MAYAN PEAK

2I-1970, Kern:

Named by the Forest Service, presumably because of the similarity of the form of this peak to a Mexican ziggurat.

NAME FIRST APPEARS ON USFS SEQUOIA N.F. (SOUTH HALF) MAP (1940).

MEEKS MOUNTAIN

23E—1961, San Bernardino:

Named for S. H. Meek, a locally famous desperado active during the 1880's. He was known to have resided near this peak. However, the only verifiable data on him is with the County Recorder. This cites him (with his neighbor D.E.W. Rouse) in a joint filing for rights to conduct and use water from nearby Baptiste Canyon (1886).

Name first appears on usfs San Bernardino N.F. map (1959).

Name officially accepted by us Board on Geographic Names (1982).

MIDDLE HAWKINS

14E-1939, Los Angeles:

Called "Middle Hawkins Mountain" on 1962 HPS List, to note its location between Mt. Hawkins and South Mt. Hawkins.

PRESENTLY A USE-NAME ONLY.

MIDDLE PEAK

32D—1940, San Diego:

A local use name that was adopted by the Forest Service to locate this summit between North Peak and Cuyamaca Peak. Called "Mid Pk" on the GLO STATE OF CALIFORNIA MAP (1907).

NAME FIRST APPEARS ON USFS CLEVELAND N.F. (DESCANSO DISTRICT) MAP (1970).

MILL PEAK

22A-1946, San Bernardino:

Timber was the first lure into this area. In the first lumber operation, Hemlock (Tsuga Mountain mertensiana) were cut by Serrano Indians at Mill Creek for use in the construction of the satellite Mission at San Bernardino (1830). Hemlock Creek flows from the southeast slope of this peak. Lumbering was well under way here by the 1840's. Mill Creek earned its name from the San Bernardino's first lumber mill built by Daniel Sexton (1852). It was also here that the first water was taken via a "zanja" (irrigation ditch) to the valley below (1820).

NAME FIRST APPEARS ON USGS REDLANDS TOPO (1901).

MINERAL MOUNTAIN

 $23D{-}1962,\,San\,\,Bernardino:$

Named by the USFS as a generic memorial to the riches found in the immediate area during the great boom of the 1880's.

·NAME FIRST APPEARS ON USFS SAN BERNARDINO N.F. MAP (1959).

MODJESKA PEAK

18B—1946, Orange:

Named by the USFS after Madame Helena Modjeska (1840-1909), a world famous Polish tragedienne. She was a founder of a utopian Polish colony near Anaheim (1876). When it began to fail (perhaps because utopians generally make poor farmers), she learned English and resumed her career (1877). For three more decades she was an enduringly popular star who was famous for her Shakespearean roles. She became a naturalized citizen and built a home in Santiago Canyon (1888). When she passed away her friends suggested renaming what is now called Santiago Peak in her honor. Nearly twin peaks form the summit of this mountain (which is why it has also been called "Old Saddleback"), the USFS chose to name the lower of the twins after her. A canyon and an island in Newport Harbor also bear her name. Previously this summit had been known as North Peak.

NAME FIRST APPEARS ON AMS SANTIAGO PEAK TOPO (1942).

·NAME OFFICIALLY ACCEPTED BY US BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES (1961).

MONROVIA PEAK

15A—1939, Los Angeles:

Name derived from the nearby suburban town of Monrovia which itself was not named (as is often presumed) for the U.S. President. but rather for William N. Monroe (1841—1935) a railroad construction engineer. He headed a group of associates who laid out the town of Monrovia on sixty acres of Ranchos Santa Anita and Azusa de Duarte (1886). Gudde only adds that "the form of the place name reflects Monrovia in Liberia" Fnamed "after [5th US] President [James] Monroe [1758-1831] in a Latinizing period." NAME FIRST APPEARS ON USGS POMONA TOPO (1904).

MONTE ARIDO

6N—1946, Santa Barbara:

Name created by the USGS when it became necessary to change from "Montecito Peak" at the request of the USFS (1938). This was done to avoid confusion with another Montecito only 12 miles away. "Monte" is Spanish for woods, grove, or thicket. Although often thought to be synonymous with "mountain" (as it is in Italian), in countries where Spanish is spoken, this term has always been reserved for hills that are densely covered with growth. "trido", however, means arid or barren-so this fabrication merely joins a long list of attempts to invent proper-sounding romantic place names that prove to be empty. Called "Montecito Peak" on the original HPS Peak List. USGS bench mark "Montecito" first appears on USGS Mt Pinos topo (1901).

NAME FIRST APPEARS ON USFS LOS PADRES N.F. (EAST HALF) MAP (1938). NAME OFFICIALLY ACCEPTED BY US BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES (1938).

MONUMENT PEAK #1

32J-1940, San Diego:

MONUMENT PEAK #2

19D—1965, San Bernardino:

Peak #1 is named after a heap of boulders (originally over five feet tall), used as a check point for

surveyors as they first mapped the area early this century. Peak #2 was named by the San Bernardino Historical Society in 1931 when it placed a monument in honor of Padre Francisco Hermenegildo Garcés (1738-81). Garcés blazed the first (and nearly waterless) trail across the Colorado Desert (1771). It was cursed as "El Camino del Diablo", and later was known as the "Old Spanish Trail". Garcés accompanied the expedition of Juan Bautista de Anza (1735-88), and described the view from this summit in his diary (1776). The marker has since been destroyed by motorized vandals. Both numbers 1 and 2 are HPS designations only.

·PEAK #1 FIRST APPEARS ON USFS CLEVELAND N.F. MAP (1926).

·PEAK #2 FIRST APPEARS ON USFS SAN BERNARDINO N.F. MAP (1965).

MOONEY, MOUNT

11G-1941, Los Angeles:

Named in 1920 by USFS surveyor Don McLain for J. L. Mooney, a young Forest Ranger and telephone lineman who was killed in France during WW I. The USBGN (citing Erwin G. Gudde) believes it to be "John". [It is this researcher's observation that when Gudde is short of facts he tends to find the temptation to fabricate them irresistible.] John W. Robinson learned from McLain that his first name was actually "Joseph".

·Name first appears on usfs Angeles N.F. map (1925).

·Name officially accepted by us Board on Geographic Names (1932).

MORRIS PEAK

1F-1971, Kern:

Name's origin remains unknown. Who it could have been named for (whether early miner, homesteader, or surveyor) remains a mystery. This area is under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, but their Archeologist, Joan Oxendine, could offer no further clues. Nor is there any record of any "Morris" in the Kern County Pioneer Museum in Bakersfield, Maturango Museum of the Indian Wells Valley in Ridgecrest, Victorville Historical

Society, or the Kernville Historical Society. The first printed evidence of this name appears on a USFS map, but Archaeologists Stephanie Tungate (Sequoia), and Linda Reynolds (Inyo) can't even guess who the "Morris" in question was. The nearest miss is Sequoia N.F. Supervisor Henry Norris (ca. 1930). Bob Powers, whose family homesteaded the Walker Pass area in 1862 doesn't remember any Morris family. Even the usually knowledgeable Ruby Jenkins could only add "Gee, I've always wondered where that name came from too." NAME FIRST APPEARS ON USFS SEQUOIA N.F. (SOUTH HALF) MAP

MUIR PEAK

(1940).

LPS Peak-1988, Los Angeles:

Named for Sierra Club founder John Muir (1838—1914), great naturalist. distinguished scientist, mountaineer and widely considered to be the originator of the preservation movement in America. Muir first hiked to the top of this peak (August 1877). The name for this summit may have originated from Muir's friends, Dr. O.H. and Louise Conger with whom Muir stayed while visiting the area, according to W. W. Bade's The Life and Letters of John Muir. Muir once jokingly wrote to Louise asking whether "my peak is still up there." Later, Muir's friend and disciple, William Colby also frequently described it as "Muir's Peak". The first known published record of any name for this summit is "John Muir's Peak" appearing as footnote 405 in Hiram Reed's History of Pasadena (1895), Muir's Peak continued as the use-name for many years. However, another name has long been in common use as is attested by local newspapers, such as the Pasadena Star-News which published "Muir Peak" in an article on "High Peaks near Altadena bear the names of Noted Men" (1941). Muir Peak as a use-name for this summit dates from its informal dedication by a group of 56 Club hikers led by Wandalee Thompson (April, 1949). A summit photo of the group, printed on the cover of the Southern Sierran, showed a wood

sign that read "Muir Peak elev. 4685 ft" (sic). This sign was prepared by District Ranger M. W. Durham, who (perhaps more aware of USGS conventions for naming geographic features) dropped the possessive apostrophe and changed the peak name to "Muir". Thompson never ceased preferring "Muir's". But it was Muir Peak that remained in print and became the Sierra Club use-name for the summit. In response to an informal inquiry by Thompson (1963), the BGN created an information file for its own use where the name "John" and the possessive apostrophe eliminated, but the "s" was retained. Further complicating matters, this aberration was uncritically lifted and used in Gudde's California Place Names (1965). This allowed the BGN to claim that their invention was "in use". In 1991 the Angeles Chapter (Centennial Committee) prepared a detailed brief for "Muir Peak" supported by local officials and by numerous petitions. We successfully argued the point that "a primary principle (of the BGN) is recognition of local usage" and showed evidence of "Muir Peak" as being in active and exclusive use for generations. Today, hikers can amble to Muir Peak along a trail built by Muir's friend Samuel Merrill (Angeles Chapter Chair, 1934-35) and any of five other routes used by the nine hiking parties that participated in the (Sierra Club/USFS) official Dedication Ceremonies on this summit (April 25, 1992).

NAME FIRST APPEARS ON WOOD & CHURCH'S BIRD'S-EYE POCKET GUIDE OF PASADENA AND VICINITY MAP (1895)

NAME OFFICIALLY ACCEPTED BY US BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES (1992).

— N — NICOLLS PEAK

2C-1966, Kern:

Named for John Nicoll who came to the Southfork Valley (of the Kern River) soon after the American conquest, and then homesteaded here (1854). Map names in the U.S. follow USGS standards and thereby routinely omit possessive apostrophes. Variant spellings "Nicols" (GLO 1901) and "Nichols" (USFS 1916) are incorrect.

·NAME FIRST APPEARS ON WHEELER SURVEY ATLAS SHEET 73 (1871).

NAME OFFICIALLY ACCEPTED BY US BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES (1974).

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OAKZANITA PEAK

32G-1962, San Diego:

This unusual place name was coined by the USFS as a combination between "Oak" (Quercus) and "Manzanita" (Arctostaphylos manzanita) to indicate the unique abundance of such growth in the Cuyamaca area. Gudde notes that there are over one hundred California locations named for the 38 species of Manzanita.

·NAME FIRST APPEARS ON USFS CLEVELAND N.F. (DESCANSO DISTRICT) MAP (1970).

OCCIDENTAL PEAK

12F-1939, Los Angeles:

Named ca. 1920 by the USFS after Pete Goodell, and a group of other students from Occidental College in Northeast Los Angeles, built a trail connecting this peak to Mount Wilson (1915). Gabrieleño Indian place names in this area have been forgotten, consequently its earliest known name was "Precipicio Peak", because it was directly above Eaton Canyon-which itself was formerly known as "El Cañon del Precipicio", or "Precipice Canyon" according to C.F. Saunders in The Southern Sierras of California (1923). Sierra Club founder John (1838-1914) climbed this peak (August, 1877), and referred to it as "The Knifeblade" in his Mountains of (1894). It is still California alternately called "Knife Blade Ridge". This is the only HPS summit that Muir climbed in the San Gabriels.

NAME FIRST APPEARS ON USFS ANGELES N.F. MAP (1925).

OLD MAN MOUNTAIN

60-1946, Santa Barbara:

Named for José Ortega, a member of the large family descended from José Francisco Ortega of the Portolá expedition (see Ortega Hill/Peak). Ventura expert Jim Blakley notes that José lived in the flat by the Matilija fork of Matilija Creek at the mouth of what came to be known in his honor as "Old Man Canyon". This name was extended to the mountain top which is at the head of this canyon, 2.8 miles east of the site of José's home.

NAME FIRST APPEARS ON THE GLO STATE OF CALIFORNIA MAP (1907).

OLD MOUNT EMMA

10B-1946, Los Angeles:

Jack Bascom relates that he gave this name to this peak. This was done simply so he and Weldon Heald could still count this, (the original summit of "Mount Emma") as one of their 100 peaks. After they climbed it, the name had been moved by the USGS to its present location on the USGS Mt Emma topo (1940). This remains an HPS use-name only.

NAME FIRST APPEARS IN CURRENT LOCATION ON USGS MT EMMA ADVANCE SHEET (1935).

ONTARIO PEAK

17B-1926, San Bernardino:

Named derived from local use after the nearby vineyard and citrus growing community of Ontario (1882). This town was named by George and William Chaffey after their native province of Ontario. This name was in turn borrowed from Lake Ontario, first visited by Samuel de Champlain who used its original Iroquois Indian name which translates as "lake-fine".

NAME FIRST APPEARS ON GLO FOREST ATLAS (1908).

ONYX PEAK #1

23G—1961, San Bernardino:

ONYX PEAK #2

2D-1968, Kern:

Onyx #1 was named after an old onyx mine on the eastern slopes in Pipes Canyon. State Mining Reports yield no additional information on this site. Onyx #2 was derived from the nearby stop of Onyx. It was originally named for William Scodie who ran "Scodie's Store". When a U.S. Post Office was established (1890), this name was officially rejected, so Scodie chose "Onyx" for the stones available in the area.

Onyx is a striped and milky semiprecious variety of the mineral agate. Because it is layered in different colors, it is the preferred medium for intaglio and cameo jewelry carving. Its properties are the same as quartz (crystallized silicon dioxide). Quartz crystals surmounting ceremonial wands of indigenous peoples have been unearthed throughout Southern California. The word "onyx" is derived from Greek "onux", which means claw or fingernail, hence onyx because the carnelian variety of this gemstone has a vein of white on a fleshy pink background that appears to be like a cuticle. Onyx is one of the twelve stones that adorn the breastplate of the High Priest (Exodus 28:20). Onyx is alternatively the gem of Aquarius, representative of conjugal love, or the gem of Leo and representative of discord among lovers. Onyx is once worn around the neck to stimulate the spleen, allay pain, and dispel terror or melancholy. Onyx is also relied on to reflect the effects of "the evil eye" back to their source. It is believed that Onyx #1 was probably once known by the Serrano Indians as "Apava'tsiveat". This was an Indian boundary, on the west slope were Yuhavetum, and on the east slopes were Aturaviatum Serrano Indians. This was an important Pingn nut gathering area for these Indians. It is also the headwaters of Arrastre Creek which is a distant tributary of the Colorado River. The name of Onyx #2 was once fancifully renamed "Kiavah Mountain" for the chief of a tribe that took up residence in Sage Canyon, but it was never accepted locally. Both numbers 1 and 2 are HPS designations only.

#1 FIRST APPEARS ON USFS SAN BERNARDINO N.F. MAP (1959).

#2 FIRST APPEARS ON USFS SEQUOIA N.F. (SOUTH HALF) MAP (1952).

ORTEGA HILL

7-N, 1958, Ventura.

ORTEGA PEAK

7—O, 1962, Ventura:

Named for a prominent early California family founded by José Franciso Ortega (1734-98) who

discovered San Franciso Bay and founded the presidio there, while serving as an officer on the "Sacred Expedition" of Gaspar de Portolá (1723-86). José also helped found the Santa Barbara Mission and was subsequently granted the 26,529 acre Rancho Nuestra Señora del Refugio. Ortega later married into the Bandini, Carrillo, Castro, de la Guerra, and Vallejo families. Ramón Ortega, a descendent, later acquired Rancho Potrero Seco, northwest of Ojai, within which this peak is located. According to Charles F. Outland, Ramón was a noted mountain man who specialized in capturing bears with his riata (ca. 1860's). Edwin M. Sheridan, in his historical notes on Ventura County (ca. 1920), added that "the people of the county are generally well acquainted with the fact that there is an Ortega Ranch at Ortega Hill in the Matilija." The entire area northwest of Ojai was once known as the the Matilija-named for a nearby Chumash village, first cited as "Matilja" in the records of San Buenaventura Mission (1827). The meaning of this name is unknown. Today, the name is most familiar for the spectacular Matilija poppy (Romneya coulteri) which grows profusely in this area. This was first collected by botanist Thomas Coulter in 1831 and co-named for his friend. astronomer Romney Robinson. Sespe Creek was also once known as Arroyo Matilija. Sespe is derived from another Chumash Indian village originally spelled "Cepsey", (Father José Senan wrote of it as "Secpey"), and our present spelling of it dates from 1824. Peak is an HPS use-name only, based on the USGS Ortega VABM.

·Hill first appears on USGS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SHEET #3 (1910).

Bench mark first appears on AMS WHEELER SPRINGS TOPO (1943).

OWENS PEAK

1H—1972, Kern:

Named for by John C. Fremont for Richard Owens (1812-1902), an Ohio born explorer (aka "Owings"), who accompanied him on his third expedition to California (1845—46).

Fremont also named a valley, river and lake for Owens, whom he considered "cool, brave and of good judgment". Owens served as Captain in Fremont's California Battalion during the Mexican-American War. and was California's Secretary of State during Fremont's brief tenure as Governor (1847). This peak is also on the SPS List.

NAME FIRST APPEARS ON USFS SEQUOIA N.F. (SOUTH HALF) MAP (1916).

NEW DATA

THE FOLLOWING SUPERSEDES DATA PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED .

INGHAM PEAK, Named by the USFS in 1947 during a lightning fire on this peak. So as to better direct efforts a use name is often given under these circumstances. Sometimes it sticks for no other reason than that it appears as somebody's official notation. Frequently the USFS manner of naming peaks is no more than a spur of the moment decision that only becomes official long after. Ronald J. McCormick, then District Ranger, explains that "it was inspired by Mrs. Lottie Hawes Ingham, a local long-time resident who supplied the district with much historical information. She died about 1957." The USFS ascribes the name to Mrs. Ingham's first husband (first name is unrecorded). a drifter who homesteaded the Hawes Ranch, and later worked briefly at Coxey ranger Station (ca 1920), before mysteriously disappearing.

POSTSCRIPT: Sine I began this series. Jack Bascom, Tom Amneus, Alan Coles, Frank Dobos, Geoff Godfrey, Jim Kilberg and Bob Michael have written to offer their kind best wishes or just to say thanks. John Robinson has also repeatedly urged me to resume this interrupted project while continuing to offer new data. I thank you all. It was painful to cease work on this project, but it is only now that I can return to it for the reasons I began it: (1) to fulfill a stated desire of our founder. (2) an abiding love for his idea of the Hundred Peaks Game, and (3) a certain residual fondness for everyone crazy enough to continue climbing these summits, I will now complete it in that spirit.

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DECEMBER LOOKOUT.

LOCATION: Los Angeles County, about 9 mi. S of Littlerock, In the San Gabriel Mountains. 46 mi. from L.A.

PRIMARY ROUTE HIKING, GAIN: 2 miles off-trail, 2200' gain, moderate, 2 hours

MAPS: Auto Club of So. Cal. — Los Angeles and Vicinity Forest Service — Angeles National Forest Topos — Juniper Hills, Chilao Flat, Waterman Mountain

HPS REGIONAL MAP — SGR-2, EAST OF ANGELES FOREST HIGHWAY HPS TOPO — SGT-6

DRIVING ROUTE DIRECTIONS: From the Hwy. 2 intersection with I-210 at La Cañada, drive Angeles Crest Hwy. (Hwy. 2) N and E 28.2 mi. to Sulphur Springs Road. (Three Points) Go N on Sulphur Springs Road (3N17) 3.9 mi. to Alder Saddle, and take the right fork for an additional 4.9 mi. to Little Cedars CG, 0.7 mi. N of the foot of the road switchbacks. Park here. (elev. 4231')

HIKING ROUTE DIRECTIONS: Hike S along the road 100 feet to a culvert, then climb the ridge on the left (S) end of the canyon. The ridge goes WSW up to bump 5000', then keep left as the ridge climbs WNW, then W up to the summit. The ridge is brushy; keep to the left (S) when brush is thick.

NOTE: Previously, there were routes up Bare Mountain which started at the start and at the end of the Pinyon Flats Shooting Area. Both routes are now considered to be unsafe because of gunfire.

NEARBY PEAKS: PACIFICO MTN (10C), MT. HILLYER (10I)

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