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HUNDRED PEAKS LOOKOUT



HPS HOLDS FIRST SPRING FLING AT FOSTER LODGE IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY

Nine Peaks Bagged On Five Outings

On Saturday, April 29, hikes were led to Cuyamaca, Middle Cuyamaca, Stonewall, Oakzanita, Cuyapaibe, and Sheephead. Leaders included Frank Goodykoontz, Frank Dobos, Ruth Dobos, David Jensen, John Connelly, and Theresia Glover. These outings were part of the first Hundred Peaks Section Spring Fling at Foster Lodge in San Diego County.

On Sunday, April 30, a morning hike was led from Foster Lodge to the summit of Monument Pk #2 under the leadership of Frank Dobos. After last minute touch-ups inside the Lodge, everyone checked out. Hikers then followed Frank Dobos up Garnet Peak. After Garnet Peak all but three left for home while those three made a quick hike to Garnet Mountain.

Event's Roots Go Back Years

The idea of an HPS Spring outing centered at Foster Lodge, the Sierra Club lodge run by the San Diego Chapter, first came to organizer **RUTH DOBOS** several years ago when Frank Dobos and "Dr" Ruth first stayed at Foster Lodge while hiking in the area. They reserved the lodge for private weekends for their scheduled HPS outings. They also attended Christmas parties at Foster Lodge.

Plans crystallized last November when Ruth reserved the larger of the two buildings at the Lodge site for the 1995 HPS Spring Fling. (The other building is normally set aside by the San Diego Chapter for weekend "drop-ins.") From that time on Ruth, Frank, Theresia, and Hanna Shay put the details together.

Ruth believes the facilities at Foster Lodge are satisfactory, and that the kitchen in the larger

building where we stayed are superior to comparable lodges. The lodge is located in a beautiful remote area of the Laguna Mountains, surrounded by oaks and pine trees, on a high ridge with a lovely view of the area. Its elevation is 5520', and it is located very close to the Pacific Crest Trail.

Saturday evening the group enjoyed a potluck dinner with the HPS providing turkey meat, coffee, and other staples. Volunteers helped with all tasks including cooking, setting out food, cleaning, etc. We ate very well this evening. The 34 of us fit easily into the lodge dining/social hall. Our evening was made even more pleasant by the performance of guitarists David Eisenberg, Rodger Maxwell, Geri Marston and Carleton Shay. Theresia memorialized the event with numerous photographs. (See inside this issue)

Most of the group slept inside the lodge that night. Choices for accommodations included rooms of two people, four people, rooms for six to twelve people, and in the main hall on couches or in sleeping bags on the floor

Sunday morning we had a continental breakfast followed by clean-up of the Lodge. Again volunteers helped with the tasks of clean-up, etc.

How Did We Do Financially?

HPS Treasurer Theresia Glover reckons that our receipts for the weekend totaled approximately \$400, while our expenditures were about \$300. A few people who had reserved did not show up. The cost for daily use of Foster Lodge is \$4 per person. Having a potluck dinner certainly reduces the Section's costs, but everybody eats exactly what they want to eat.

Conclusion: Let's Do This Again!

Congratulations

By Charlie Knapke, Membership Chair

100 PEAKS EMBLEM

928 Virgil Popescu November 19, 1994 Sheephead Mountain

200 PEAKS BAR

323 Nancy A. Keating May 14, 1995 Silver Mountain

FIRST LIST COMPLETION

182 Sue Wyman-Henney September 16, 1994 Butterbrecht Pk

SECOND LIST COMPLETION

29 D. F. (Dave) Jensen October 8, 1994 Mt. Jenkins

Editor's note: Both Dave Jensen's Second List Completion and Sue Wyman-Henney's First List Completion should have been reported in an earlier edition of the **Lookout** in the "Congratulations" feature. The Editor apologizes for these omissions.

NEW MEMBERS

Woody McCauley
Penelope May
Peter Rosemarin

Chris Newcomer
Richard L. Whitcomb

NEW SUBSCRIBERS

Dale Duxbury
Haven Fearn
Lee E. Owings

Membership Summary as of June 8, 1995

	June 1995	June 1994
Active Membership	366	418
Inactive Membership	302	258
Honorary Membership	3	3
Lookout Subscribers Only	67	55

IS THIS YOUR LAST

LOOKOUT?

The following people have not renewed their subscription to the **Lookout** as of May 25, 1995. This is the last issue of the **Lookout** that will be mailed to these members unless they renew their subscription.

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Josephine Solomon
Tom Sumner
Mark Tal
Ken Talbot
Scott Tyler
Catherine D. Wood
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From The Chair By Carleton Shay

Today is the day (June 1) that the Executive Committee of the Angeles Chapter decides to postpone the imposition of the \$9 Schedule fee or not. By the time you read this, you will continue to receive a free Schedule (at least for one issue), or you will pay for it.

I'm sure you are aware of the desperate financial situation in which the Chapter found itself, and in addition to the many cost saving measures enacted, decided to charge \$9 for a year's worth of Schedules. I'll not repeat the arguments again; suffice it to say that today the die will be cast. The protest has been so loud from the outings groups that ExCom decided to reconsider their decision tonight, but only if they have money in hand or promised.

Last Wednesday evening (May 24) they held a brainstorming session to see if there might be additional ways in which to raise some money and forestall the imposition of the \$9 fee. The difficulty was that the printing deadline was imminent, long-term solutions were not sufficient, and they had to have the money NOW. The number of \$9 subscriptions received so far, incidentally, was far less than expected.

Many ideas were proposed: Hold special (Chapter and/or Section) fund-raising events; increase the charge for paid-for outings by a fixed amount or percent, with the funds earmarked for the Schedule; solicit advertisements

in the Schedule and Southern Sierran, especially those from Sections and Groups; ask local businesses to donate a day's profits to the Chapter; take advantage of the National membership campaign (FRIP); hold a Sierra Club picnic and/or concert; charge a fee for each outing listed in the Schedule; sell scrip money at markets; distribute Schedules at section meetings rather than mail them, etc. Other ideas that were presented were to combine the Southern Sierran and the Schedule, and for National to have a dues statement which allows for choice (of publications) and donations to funds and/or sections (this last idea had previously been rejected by National on the basis of its "complexity").

The difficulty with all of these "solutions" is that they are all long-range; the only immediate way to pay for the next Schedule was said to be donations, including those from Sections and Groups. A number of representatives pledged money from their sections' treasuries, but the amount fell short of the required amount. The ExCom members present refused to postpone implementation of the fee at that meeting while additional funds would be raised; they wanted the money first and then they would postpone the fee.

Hence the decision will be made tonight. There will be another brainstorming meeting on June 7 to follow on the May 24 and ExCom meetings.

There will be a great deal of pressure on Sections to

contribute to the Chapter, whether for the Schedule or not. I urge all interested members to let Management Committee members know their feelings on the matter, and come to the monthly meetings to voice their opinions. We need your input!

Update: June 1 ExCOM Meeting

JULIE RUSH attended the ExCOM meeting of June 1, 1995 mentioned by Carleton Shay in his "From The Chair" column. This is her report.

Julie reports that the various committees, groups, and sections of the Angeles Chapter had collectively pledged \$7400 to the Chapter to publish the Schedule of Activities. With this level of contribution the ExCOM agreed to distribute the next Schedule (July through October) to all Angeles Chapter members of the Sierra Club at no charge.

Effectively, this gives the Chapter about three months to work out a solution to the immediate problem of a revenue short fall, at least regarding the publication of the Schedule. As Carleton pointed out in his article, solutions suggested so far are long range. Other solutions must be found to take care of the short term problems.

Julie reports that only 1,600 Angeles Chapter members had sent in the \$9 as requested by the Chapter. This is far less than the Chapter had anticipated.

The Chapter, and indeed, the Sierra Club itself must resolve this problem.

More about the \$9 per
Year Charge for the
Angeles Chapter Schedule
of Activities...

*Editor's note: This letter
was originally sent to Bonnie
Sharpe, Chair of the Angeles
Chapter Executive Committee:*

Dear Bonnie:

I would like to express my support for you and the Executive Committee for your decision to charge \$9 for the Schedule, in order to balance the Angeles Chapter budget. My only criticism is that you did not do it sooner. It is not your fault that the national office is plundering the local chapters, and that your choices are limited.

I think its is unfair for some to say that this is an attack on the outings people. The Schedule is a vital tool for conservation and cultural activities, too. I feel it should be noted that a major reason for the charge is to keep our Angeles Chapter staff, who are like family to us.

Angeles Chapter activities and outings are one of the most economical and fun bargains in the world, even with this charge. I think members should be more supportive of those who have to make difficult decisions, and be more willing to give of themselves.

Sincerely yours,
Robert A. Young

Save Our Schedule

We call upon the Executive Committee of the Angeles Chapter to rescind its decision to charge members \$9.00 for a subscription to the "Schedule of Activities."

Backpacking Committee Cabrillo Section Central Group	Desert Peaks Section Hundred Peaks Section Inter-Chapter Ski Committee	Orange County Sierra Peaks Section K9 Committee	Sierra Singles 20's & 30's Singles Section	Sierra Singles 20's & 30's Singles Section		
Dave Bybee - I* Rosemary Campbell - I Cliff Caplan - O Southern Courtney - I Bill Crane - M Ruth Lee Dobos - I Frank Dobos - I	Fred Dong - I Dave Dykeman - E Rick Farber - O Jim Fleming - I Harry Freimanis - M Stephanie Gross - O Gerry Holleran - M	Elden Hughes - E Juliet Kendrick - O Patty Kline - I Seth Knopler Kay Machen - M Roy Magnuson - E	Bob Marshall - I Gene Mark - E Duane McRuer - E Marc Musman - O Bridget O'Sullivan - O Louis Quirane - O	Dan Richter - E Mirna Roach - I Richard Schamberg - I George Schroeder - I Erick Schurmacher - E R.J. Secor - E	Carlton Shay - M Tina Stough - M Virgil Talbott - E Al Tapia - O Bob Thompson - I Dave Underwood - M	Maris Valkass - E Joan Weaver David Welbourn Andy Zdon - O Wynne Banti-Zdon - I

* Letter after the name indicates leadership rating from the Angeles Chapter Leadership Training Program

Spread the word. Show your support to save our activities schedule by mailing the coupon below to the Save Our Schedule Committee.

For the incredibly low cost of 34 cents per member, the Angeles Chapter's Schedule of Activities provides the following invaluable resources that cannot be matched by any other local or national Sierra Club periodical.

- Invites and encourages all members to discover firsthand the treasures of the wild places which we work to preserve.
- Invites and encourages members to become active in regional groups, sections and committees, supplying mostly of the volunteer energy that makes the Angeles Chapter run.
- Gives members their best reason for membership renewal.

We understand that the Executive Committee's budget problem was brought on by declining support and a questionable decision by the Sierra Club's National Board of Directors to decimate the dues subvention back to the local Chapters. However, curtailing the schedule to an estimated 10% of prior circulation (only 2% have subscribed so far) does far more to harm our future than other options which the Executive Committee rejected or failed to consider.

Save Our Schedule

Mail to: Save Our Schedule Committee
P.O. Box 24799, LA CA 90024

Name _____
Address _____ City _____
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I object to the \$9. charge for the Angeles Chapter Schedule

This advertisement was paid for with contributions from the Sierra Club members listed here who are among the 1500 people who volunteer their time to provide more than 3500 hikes, trips and other activities each year for the Angeles Chapter's 53,000 members. The Angeles Chapter activities program is the largest and oldest in the country, founded in 1911.

As identified on Sierra Club membership applications, the Schedule of Activities has been a free benefit of membership for 84 years. A \$9 fee for this was abruptly instituted by the Chapter Executive Committee in January. The Chapter Council opposed this action 16 to 0 in March and recommended exploration of other cost saving/revenue generating strategies. Over 100 fee objection letters and calls were received by the Chapter. None of these were printed in the April/May issue of the Southern Sierran newspaper.

A grassroots coalition formed to collect donations to place the above paid ad in the June/July issue of the Southern Sierran before the current free Schedule expires. Our section management committee voted to support this. The Editorial Policy Committee referred publication of the ad to the Executive Committee who voted to table the issue pending further discussion. This resulted in the printing deadline being missed. Those voting to table were: Bonnie Sharpe, Jim Schoedler, Lynne Plambeck, Diana Berry and Joan Jones Holtz. Those voting against tabling were: Maris Valkass, John Cheslick, Robin Ives and Bill Oliver.

This insert was paid for by the Save Our Schedule Committee.

▲ This is the advertisement submitted to the Southern Sierran for the current issue but was not printed. This advertisement, it was hoped, would elicit donations from the rank & file of the Angeles Chapter to continue the eighty-four year tradition of the "free" Angeles Chapter Schedule.

Scenes from the Spring Fling



Carleton Shay, Rodger Maxwell and David Eisenberg play guitars. They are accompanied by singers Geri Marston, Joe Young and Dottie Sandford.



Dining at Foster Lodge. Thirty four dined this evening without being crowded.



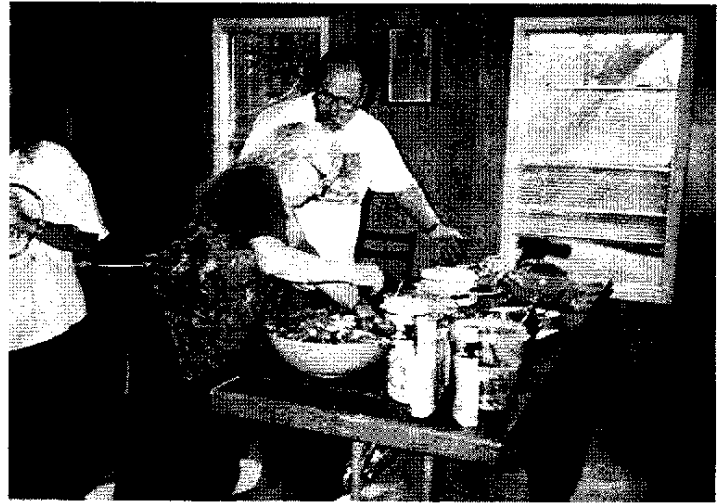
Asher Waxman and Frank Goodykoontz chat in lounge area at Foster Lodge.



Frank Dobos led a group of Spring Flingers up to Monument Peak.



Dining at the Spring Fling at Foster Lodge.



David Eisenberg tries to make a point to Ruth Dobos in the kitchen at Foster Lodge.



Frank and Ruth Dobos working in the kitchen.



Charlotte Feitshans relaxing in the lounge.

Note: All Spring Fling photographs taken by Theresia Glover.

Important Peak Information by Alan Coles

The California Desert Protection Act

The California Desert Protection Act which passed last year was one of the most important wilderness bills since the Wilderness Act was created in 1964. Some of our desert peaks are now in wilderness areas and special rules are in effect.

Signs have been posted for road closures. Unfortunately there has been a high rate of vandalism and many of the signs have been removed. It is very important, especially for leaders, to know these locations and help others become informed about them also. I suggest anyone leading these peaks get a free peak guide with the updated information.

Here is the list of peaks in new wilderness areas and some of the restrictions:

Owens Pk, Mount Jenkins,
Morris Peak, Five Fingers
(Aquila Pk)

These 4 peaks lie in the Owens Peak Wilderness which is bounded on the south by Hwy 178 and Walker Pass. The last 1/2 mile of road to the former Owens Pk. trailhead is in the wilderness. The new trailhead is at a fork in the road (about 1/2 miles past the old cabin site). Turn right and there is a large parking/camp site next to a tree and large rock.

Scodie Mtn, Pinyon Pk, Onyx Pk
#2, Skinner Peak

These 4 peaks lie in the Kiavah Wilderness which is bounded on the south by the road over Bird Spring Pass and on the north by Hwy 178 and Walker Pass. The old trailhead to Scodie on the east side of Walker Pass is now in the wilderness. If you use this route, you must park along Hwy 178 and walk the old jeep trails about 1 extra mile (these road were in very poor shape anyway). There is no change for the other trailheads. On Onyx, you enter the wilderness just past the old windmill. Don't drive beyond the (usually closed) gates. The road up Horse Canyon (alternate route for Skinner) is open and is a "cherry stem" into the wilderness.

Black Mtn #6

This peak lies in the El Paso Mountain Wilderness. The former jeep trail (it was never a road) that goes up to the water collector is in an area that has been closed to motor vehicles since 1980 for the protection of endangered wildlife. It now is inside of the wilderness. Please park vehicles at the proper trailhead along the road as mentioned in the peak guide. Road closure signs had been posted here but are periodically vandalized.

Granite Peaks, Black Mtn #4,
Meeks Mountain, Bighorn Mtn

The Bighorn Mountains Wilderness is divided into 3 sections, part of which is in

San Bernardino National Forest (Granite Peaks). The wilderness boundary runs along the road used for Granite Peaks, Tip Top and Mineral. Remember to stop at the new trailhead (see peak guide) for Granite Peaks. Do not drive to the old Champion Joshua Tree. The road to Bighorn Mtn is closed and enters the wilderness about 1 mile before the summit. Park at the location in the peak guide and disregard any instructions to drive any further. Meeks is not in the wilderness but the access road has been closed (about 1 mile). The trailhead for Black #4 is about 1/2 mile outside of the wilderness.

Rabbit Peak #2

The designation of the BLM Santa Rosa Wilderness connects the same named wilderness areas in the San Bernardino National Forest (Martinez Mountain, Sheep Mountain) with the state wilderness in Anza Borrego State Park (Villager Peak, Rosa Point). The rules vary slightly between the areas but the most common rules against campfires, motor vehicle access, building structures, etc. are enforced. If you are doing these peaks and see a campfire ring, please dismantle it if possible. The downed wood is critical for pinyon-juniper reforestation.

Flagging Peak Routes

Bright orange flags have been spotted on cross-country routes up Rabbit Peak #2, Beauty Peak, Iron Springs

Mountain and others. If you see flags on our routes that are not on designated trails (those shown on forest service, BLM or National Park maps), please remove them. If you know the person responsible for putting them up, kindly let them know that we should practice "no impact" hiking when going off-trail.

Flags are used by the responsible land agency (e.g. national forest rangers) to mark areas for trail construction or as part of an E.A. (environmental assessment) to determine a certain usage in an area such as a cultural (heritage) resource site. We are currently using flags on the Cutca Trail to help hikers locate the route and to designate areas where the trail needs rerouting and additional work.

Lost Sunglasses

One of the participants on our trail work trip to Cutca Valley lost a pair of Oakley Razorblade sunglasses. They were in a small black bag. If you should see them on the way to Eagle Crag, please give me a call at 310-420-9270.

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◀ Diane Dunbar leads her 100th peak! Inspiration Point, April 8, 1995.
Photo by Frank Dobas

Current Trip Reports

Weldon Peak, Tehachapi, Mtn, Double Mtn, Black Mtn No. 3

May 20-21, 1995

Leaders: Patty Kline &

Joe Young

By Joe Young

A dozen hikers met at Graziano's parking lot in Mojave on Saturday morning. We arranged ourselves into four 4WD vehicles and headed for the peak at about 8 am. Patty had discussed hiking in this area with hikers who had been in the area as recently as the previous weekend, and she had been advised that the main road from Jawbone Canyon was impassable due to snow, so we elected to drive in via Sagebrush and Claraville and approach the roadhead from the north. This proved time consuming but the roads were easily passable.

We began our hiking at 10:40 am. Following the peak guide, we dropped down to the Pacific Crest Trail and followed it to a gully southwest of the peak. You encounter the gully less than ten minutes after the PCT leaves the road. We rested at the gully and began our ascent to the peak at 12:05 pm. In 30 minutes we arrived at the top of a wide, heavily wooded but not brushy ridge. One cannot see the summit from the ridge unless you got lucky and topped out very close to the summit. We topped out perhaps ¼ mile south of the summit. After wandering a bit, we spotted the true summit by climbing an

outcropping south of the summit. The true summit is located on a short spur ridge running easterly from the wide, wooded ridge which runs basically north-south.

It should be noted that there are a few rock outcrops along the main wooded ridge. The true summit is a rock outcrop which stands out because it is taller than the surrounding trees (unlike the other outcrops) and because it lies at the end of a short spur ridge. My guess is that many hikers will find themselves south of the summit once they have topped out on the main ridge.

We lingered 50 minutes at the summit, and some of us gazed at the *Short and Sweet Just Like Vi* route named by Bob Sumner and Erik Siering in remembrance of Vi Grasso [see their write-up in the Jan-Feb 1995 *Lookout*]. Mike Fredette assisted a few hikers on descent from the rocky ledge where the register is kept.

After returning to the PCT some of us grazed on the abundant Miner's Lettuce. And one hiker spotted a bear!

We returned to the cars at 4:00 pm. Since we had seen no evidence of snow, we decided to drive back directly to the Jawbone Canyon Road. The recently melted snows had left deep gullies in the road, and at times the going was slow.

Several of us reconvened at Graziano's in Mojave for dinner. This had been a beautiful day for hiking and the wildflowers were wonderful.

Sunday morning five hikers

met at the Tehachapi Mountain Park at 7:30 am. The hike was uneventful. We descended from Tehachapi towards Double via the older route description but returned from Double towards Tehachapi via the current peak guide directions. Following the directions in the current peak guide, one can take the open ridge towards the summit of Tehachapi on return from Double and bypass the summit by following a faint but distinct use trail northwest of the summit of Tehachapi. The hike took 7 hours and 45 minutes to complete, and we returned to the cars at 3:35 pm.

Patty, Theresia and Mike Fredette then completed the outing with a late afternoon hike of Black #3. **Patty got her 200th Lead on this peak!** Patty reports that there were millions of lavender wildflowers and daisies en route on the road and ridge all the way up to the peak that they couldn't help stepping on them. She also encountered a rattlesnake under a log she stepped on. The snake's rattling resulted in a quick jump away from the log. No register was found on the summit of Black #3.

Thanks to Patty for leading both days.

Cutca Valley Trail Work

April 8-9, 1995

Leaders: Alan Coles and
Charlie Knapke

May 6-7, 1995

Leaders: Alan Coles and
Martin Feather
by Alan Coles

Our April trip consisted of 5

seasoned Cutca Trail workers: Bert Ton, John Case, Tom Cowen (all from San Diego area) and the 2 leaders. We met 7:30 Saturday morning at Dripping Springs Campground where we got the tools and key to the gate from John, the camp host. The road up to the Cutca Trail was closed due to a slide further up beyond the trailhead, so we were allowed as forest service volunteers to pass through the gate.

This was a very fast and hard working group. On a nearly perfect clear and cool day we reached the wilderness boundary and the area where we stopped on our November trip in less than 3 hours. With over 50 inches of rain during the winter, nearly every ravine had a good stream running through it which necessitated several difficult stream crossings. The only tracks we saw besides millions of deer and other animals was that of a mountain bike which had reached our work site and wisely gave up when the trail abruptly ended in a wall of brush (bikes aren't allowed in wilderness areas).

We quickly got to work cutting a wide path through the thick ceanothus which was very dense in the canyon bottom. The long slender limbs necessitated an extraordinary trail width because wind and rain would bend them over the trail.

We reached a clearing and went quite a distance without the need for major brush clearing. During the afternoon we worked on the switchbacks that lead out of the canyon and up the ridge.

The 3 participants went to work down in the canyon again but the 2 leaders continued working up to the area where we had quit on our 94 trip where we camped at the top and worked down. Finally by late afternoon we had the trail cleared enough to make the entire length passable to hikers. However there are many large trees that have fallen down which we were unable to cut and will have to be removed later.

We camped at a small clearing next to a mighty fallen oak which I called "The Mother of all Oaks". With a diameter of 6', it made a good tent for Bert. It was a pleasant night, cool but not cold.

On Sunday we continued more bush clearing. Tom and John cleared stumps with a mattock Tom carried in. We left around noon and were back to the cars just after 3. This was a group that not only ran up the 500' mountain at the end but seemed to savor it (except for the poor leader).

We had the same meeting time and place for our May trip with a new crew. Assisting was Martin Feather this time with Gail Hanna, Cristy Bird, Stace Beaulieu and John Case. Barbara Reber showed up but wisely decided not to go due to the inch of rain that had fallen the previous night (the poor leader was unaware of this fact because none had fallen at his home in Long Beach). Believing that the weather was going to clear soon, he persuaded everyone else to continue on with the trip.

Once again it was necessary to get the key to the

gate. The road was slippery in places but the 2 Ford Explorers had no trouble reaching the trailhead.

Conditions were wet along the trail and the leader was soaked from the grass. Clouds came and went with an occasional drizzle. The sun came out making everyone optimistic. After 4 miles, however, a dark cloud suddenly descended and it began to rain. We put on rain gear and marched on as the rain began to turn to snow! After a short discussion, we agreed to push on to Cutca Valley and hold out there until the weather cleared.

We reached the valley around noon with the sun shining brightly. This was the site where we had camped in November next to a perennial stream which was very full. We decided to camp there and dry out our equipment. Just as we finished lunch, another cloud came over and it began to rain again.

We stayed in our tents for about 40 minutes and emerged when the rain slowed to a drizzle. There wasn't much time to work in the canyon so we worked on the brushy part of the road that leads into the valley. I was planning a one day trip in November to work on this section but it is the most overgrown part of the entire trail. It felt nice to be working and things started to warm up a bit. We quit around 5 and returned to camp and had our community salad. It was cold and no one really wanted to stay up very long. We were all in our tents by 7:30.

The next day we awoke to

cloudy skies but no rain. We got up early and started on the trail up the canyon clearing more brush and cutting newly fallen trees. As we worked further up, the slight drizzle got heavier. Still, we managed to get a lot done clearing several switchbacks and cutting fallen branches.

We returned to camp just after noon. The hike out was cloudy, cool but no rain. We reached our cars around 4 (Cristy and Stace were the 2 tigers who ran up the hill at the end).

Many thanks to all participants who have worked extraordinary hard to clear this trail. We are proud to have accomplished so much under the circumstances and hikers can now enjoy this wonderful trail once again. For Martin and Cristy who had previously been in the area when it looked like "the moon", it was an incredible transformation. In only a few years the area has recovered so well that the lush, green canyon has few traces of the fire.

Ken Point (6423')

April 10, 1995

Leaders: Theresia Glover & Maura Raffensperger

Betty, Austin and Betsy were waiting at the trailhead for the five of us who had left the Santa Ana Cyn carpool point a bit after 6:30 am. A large contingent of San Diego Sierra Clubbers were also there for a separate peak bagging trip with car shuttle. Our group of eight was on the PCT at 8:44, according to the Avocet altimeter watches worn

by the two leaders. As the San Diego group were climbing other peaks, we had the trail to ourselves.

It was a bit cold and breezy before we began, but quickly became a beautiful day for hiking, sunny but not too hot. We passed two lovely pools on the trail. Our one blight was ticks. We did frequent eyeball tick checks on each other.

Betsy signed out after about 4.5 miles, because she felt she was on the verge of the flu, but the rest of us made it to the top by 12:03. Although we had several previous List finishers in the group, it was the first ascent for us all, Ken Point being a relatively new addition to the List.

After lunch and discussion of the entry by Vi Grasso in the peak register, we began our descent. About 100 yards from the trail's end, Betty found a tick tenaciously attached to her abdomen, and was luckily able to detach it on the spot. We were back at the cars by 3:30. Thanks to all the participants: Betty & Austin Stirratt, Betsy Horgan, Homer Meek, David Beymer and Mike Fredette.

*Editor's note: The following trip write-up was appended to a short letter from Martin Feather, which read "Please find below a slightly different style of trip description, which we would like you to consider including in the next **Lookout**."*

SANTA CRUZ PEAK – ALTERNATE ROUTE QUESTIONNAIRE

Martin Feather & Cristy Bird

Based on our May 12-14 private trip, we have compiled the following questionnaire to help you determine whether you should hike in springtime to Santa Cruz Peak by an alternate route, from upper Oso camping at Santa Cruz Guard Station:

1: DO YOU LIKE WILDFLOWERS?

- a) Yes.
- b) Don't care.
- c) They give me allergies.

2: DO YOU MIND BACKPACKING 10 MILES, 2,800' GAIN AND 2,000' LOSS, ONLY TO END UP STILL 3,800' BELOW AND 6+ MILES FROM THE PEAK?

- a) I relish the exercise.
- b) I could barely make it.
- c) No way could I bring myself to do that.

3: ARE YOU SENSITIVE TO POISON OAK?

- a) It never bothers me; I use it for salad.
- b) I'd have to carefully weave my way around it.
- c) Highly—I try to stay at least 20 feet away from the stuff.

4: DO YOU PREFER TRAILS OVER FIRE ROADS?

- a) Yes.
- b) Don't care either way.
- c) Just the opposite.

5: DO YOU MIND FORCING YOUR WAY THROUGH TALL WET BUSHES AND RAIN-SATURATED GRASS, THUS GETTING WATER POURING DOWN YOUR LEGS MAKING YOUR BOOTS TOTALLY SOAKED AND SQUISHY ON

EVERY STEP?

- a) Sounds better than being too hot.
- b) Wouldn't notice--hike barefoot anyway.
- c) Ugh.

6: DO YOU LIKE TO SEE OAKS AND PINES?

- a) Would go miles to see more of them.
- b) Ho hum.
- c) I hate it when trees block my view.

7: DO YOU HAVE A DISLIKE OF TICKS?

- a) They don't bother me.
- b) A nuisance.
- c) GET THAT THING OFF ME!

8: HOW ABOUT SNAKES AND LIZARDS?

- a) Ooo! Neat!
- b) What WAS that?
- c) GET THAT THING AWAY FROM ME!

9: HOW ARE YOU AT LEAPING MANY FEET FROM ROCK TO ROCK WITH A HEAVY BACKPACK?

- a) I long-jumped for <insert country> in <insert year>, OR wading is SO refreshing after a long day.
- b) Oh well, I'll just have to get my camp shoes wet.
- c) Ooops, SPLASH!

10: WOULD YOU GO OUT OF YOUR WAY FOR THE SIGHT OF LOS PADRES TRAIL SIGNS WHOSE MILEAGES WERE NOT ONLY MUTUALLY CONSISTENT, BUT ACTUALLY ACCURATE?

- a) I've GOT to see that!
- b) I never have time to stop and read the signs anyway.
- c) Oooo! I collect signs!

For each "a" answer, score 2 points; for each "b" answer, 1 point; for each "c" answer, 0 points. If your total points are: 16 - 20: You should DEFINITELY plan to take this route next spring.

11 - 15: If you need a pathfinder route to Santa Cruz, consider this.

6 - 10: There are many other peaks with easier alternate routes.

0 - 5: Are you SURE you should be hiking the HPS peaks?

Editor's note: The following write-up was appended to a short letter from Jack Trager which read as follows:

"You may find this worthy of inclusion in the **Lookout**.

"Many of Bob (Wheatley)'s trips were private ones and he has helped many friends to get peaks over the years. He was especially active in the Wednesday hikes both in the San Gabriels and Orange County. He was also the founding father of the Lower Peaks Committee and is now active in the Easy Hikers Committee as well as organizing such outings as the shuttle bus traverse from Palm Springs to Idyllwild and train ride to Torrey Pines - both annual affairs. In his spare time he chairs the Rio Hondo Group, helps with the Orange County Group and occasionally helps in the Chapter office. As he has slowed down with age and medical problems, he has felt that he cannot reach the 200 peak target so we felt that special recognition of the 150th was appropriate."

Bob Wheatley's 150th Peak Celebration
March 18, 1995
By Gabriele Rau

We all know Bob as an enthusiastic and avid hiker. Over the years he has led literally hundreds of hikes and introduced lots of people to the pleasures of hiking and also to the Sierra Club. He has been and still is an inspiration and encouragement for many of us. Keeping busy with all the outings, he never had enough time to pursue the 100 Peaks List and to finish it. This year he has arrived at his 149th peak and we thought it was time for a special event, one usually not recognized: a 150th peak hike and celebration in honor of Bob, an appreciation and acknowledgment of all the things he has done for all of us.

So Bob and 16 friends gathered on a perfect spring day to hike Cahuilla Mountain. We left our small cars on the paved road and packed into trucks to drive the washed out bumpy road to the trailhead. The Cahuilla Mountain trail starts out very gentle, but soon there comes a rather steep part which is washed out after this year's rains and we slowed down. After that we passed a beautiful green meadow with some wildflowers and live oaks not yet green. The trail turned more gentle again, with some ups and downs. This is really a very beautiful trail, with chaparral and trees all the way. When we reached the peak there was a toast for Bob with champagne and cider, but the main party took place back at

the cars. Needless to say, we had a beautiful clear view of the San Bernadinos and San Jacintos as well as the Desert Divide Peaks. The way back seemed somewhat long to all of us; everybody thought it to be longer than the 3 miles stated in the write-up, but the anticipation of the good food awaiting us at the cars brought us down soon. There were plenty of goodies, spicy and sweet, cold drinks and even ice cream which was hard as rock because it was kept cold with dry ice. We had a great time exchanging stories from past hikes and enjoyed being among friends.

Thanks, Bob, for giving us the opportunity for this hike. We all agree, there are more peaks in your future (well, maybe not Big Iron, but there are others)!

Participants: Jack and Phyllis Trager, Erik and Luella Fickle, Gerry Fettig, Marge Baker, Judy Ware, Sharon Pearson, Gordon and Doris Lindberg, Bob Weister and Jill Wendler, Beverly Walls, Les Sims, Ray Evans, Gabriele Rau.

Eagle Crag

April 22, 1995

Leaders: Carleton Shay,

George Schroedter

By Carleton Shay

Before deciding what to write to those who sent SASEs for this outing I called the ranger at Oak Grove station. I was told that the road from Aguanga was closed at the gate three miles uproad, and we would have to hike the extra two miles each way to the trailhead. There had been a

landslide further above which blocked access to Palomar High Point. Then I called Alan Coles to see how his Agua Tibia trailwork party had turned out on April 8-9. He explained how, as a trail crew, he got the key to the gate. Thanks to Alan, we were also able to get the key. Our "price" was to do some trailwork, which we readily agreed to do. So not only were we able to save a lot of distance and gain, we were considered by the Forest Service as an official trail crew and even covered by Worker's Compensation in case any of us were hurt. We didn't even have to pay at Dripping Springs because of our status.

We met at 6 am at Dripping Springs, and drove in three 4WDs to the trailhead. What a drive! The first obstacle was Temecula Creek, which was very wide and very full, but passable. Then there were many gullies in the road which we could barely cross. But we got there OK and started hiking at 7:10. The trail is more or less the same as it always has been down to Cottonwood Creek and up to the saddle, where, according to the HPS trail guide it "becomes a road". Several years ago it was a road, and at least for the part of it in Section 17, could be driven. But now? No way. It was overgrown, washed out, narrow, and in Section 16 almost invisible in many places. Only our knowledge of where it should be got us through that part.

The brush (and the ticks adhering thereto) in Section 17 were unbelievable. Most of our clipping was done here, which

at least opened a clear but narrow path on the surface of this former road. Alan's work had concentrated in the canyon leading from Cutca Valley to the Palomar Truck Trail. What a job they did! It was like a highway in width through some of the densest brush imaginable. How they ever found the old trail to clear it is beyond me. But we found much overhanging ceanothus in this area, probably pushed over by the latest storm. We did a lot more clipping here.

Another bad section is on the switchbacks below the Palomar Truck Trail, but here the problem is fallen timber. Alan's crews had taken care of most of the timber in the canyon, but the fallen trees above were just too big to cut.

At the PTT, one can turn right and follow the HPS Guide, or turn left and go to the saddle which gives access to a continuous ridge leading NW to Eagle Crag, or do as we did and go straight up the ridge across from the trail we had just ascended. This is the most direct route, and so far is not so overgrown as to be impassable. In fact, there really isn't much brush until the last 0.1 mile just east of the peak, where there is an old route (flagged) through 10-foot high old-growth manzanita. There is still lots of poodle-dog brush too, but you can skirt around most of it.

We were slow because of the terrain, brush, clipping, ticks, etc. We took 5 hours 55 minutes to reach the summit, and 11 hours 20 minutes round trip. But it was worth it for the beauty of the

route and the feeling of accomplishment for having helped maintain the trail. As a parting note, this is a route which will probably always need clipping to remain open, one on which the Forest Service supports such efforts, and one on which all future parties should bring clippers.

The hard-working participants were John Connelly, Sue Wyman-Henney, Vic Henney, Fred Johnson, Matt McBride, and Walia Ringeler.

**Memorial Day Weekend
Substitutes: Sorrell Pk,
Weldon Pk, Piute
LO, Mt Jenkins, Morris
Pk, Bald Eagle Pk and
Lightner Pk instead
of the Big 4**

**Leaders: Jennifer Lambelet,
Carleton Shay and Dave
Jensen**

By Carleton Shay

This was to be the famous Big Four led by David Eisenberg and Jennifer Lambelet, but the winter weather damage to Santa Barbara canyon and the damage to David Eisenberg's knee ruled it otherwise. Santa Barbara canyon is closed for the summer, perhaps for the whole year. Carleton Shay substituted for David, and we decided to do some peaks in Areas 1 and 2.

Saturday we met at the Jawbone Canyon turnoff from Highway 14, left Irv and Janet Bartel's car there and proceeded to the northern Kelso Valley approach to Sorrell since the Geringer grade was closed. The

weather was beautiful. The Jawbone Canyon road seemed to have been graded recently, but the Piute Mtn Road was in bad shape. Nevertheless, Jennifer's Volvo made it; a good thing, since her two dogs took a lot of space. All ten of us, including Jennifer's dogs and John and Carol McCully's dog polished off Sorrell in a little over a half hour. We then left for Weldon, but after a mile the drivers of the first three cars noticed that the fourth wasn't there. After waiting a while, Dave Jensen went back, then Carleton. It turned out that the McCully's were stuck off the side of the road, but had just been pulled back on by two men we had seen earlier. Thus we ate lunch before we started hiking towards Weldon. After trying several false summits, we found the correct one and were back at the cars in three and a half hours.

Bagging Piute LO didn't go as smoothly as planned either, since several snowbanks blocked the road almost a mile from the peak. It was cold and windy by then, and we were certain to have to drive part of the way to camp in the dark. It took 50 minutes for the round trip to Piute LO.

We planned to climb Jenkins and Morris on Sunday, so we decided to eat at Homestead and camp at Walker Pass Campground. However, we were so late getting there the restaurant was closed and we all had slim pickings for dinner.

All ten of us set off for Jenkins and Morris via the PCT from Walker Pass at about 7:30. The McCully's decided to

do only Morris, so we left them at the second rest stop, which coincided with the starting point for Morris. The rest of us continued on to Jenkins, on which we had lunch. The avalanche that roared down near the summit two years ago really tore up the use trail and made it especially difficult for the dogs. They whined and yelped when they couldn't get over some of the rocks, both ascending and descending. Clouds were developing in the north and west, and by the time we were on Morris were somewhat threatening. By the time we were about two miles from Walker Pass the thunder was booming, and we could see an occasional lightning strike. It was obviously raining west and north of us, and we went as fast as we could trying to get to the cars before we got wet. It sprinkled some, but fortunately didn't become a downpour until we were safely back at the cars.

Jennifer decided to return home, the McCully's had already left, and judging by the bumper-to-bumper traffic heading east over Walker Pass, most of the campers in the Lake Isabella area (where the main storm seemed to be) were heading for home too. But the Bartels, David Jensen (who was now coleader) and I still wanted to do Lightner and Bald Eagle, so we decreed that the storm was only an afternoon shower, and headed for Lake Isabella. We were right, since the sky was clear and sunny by the time we got there.

We got some gas, and split up, Dave going to the Bald

Eagle turnoff from the Bodfish-Caliente road, and the Bartels and I heading for the restaurant dinner we had missed the previous evening. After eating I went to join Dave, and the Bartels were going to camp in Wofford Heights and join us at 8 am Monday morning along with Theresia Glover and Harriet Edwards.

Heading up the Bald Eagle road a few hundred yards, I could see a locked gate ahead and Dave Jensen parked nearby. By lucky happenstance, someone had driven up the road earlier and had given Dave the combination! He was visiting a friend at a mine, and said that the road should have been open by Memorial Day, but wasn't for some reason, and that the road was fine up to Bald Eagle. Talk about luck!

Hiking Bald Eagle was uneventful except that Theresia and Harriet didn't show up, and the brush on Bald Eagle has become vicious. Later, on the road to Lightner, we met George Schroedter and Walia Ringeler who had just finished Lightner and were heading for Bald Eagle. They had had a hail storm on Piute LO the previous evening, and had been turned back by a gate between Piute LO and Bald Eagle. They were unaware of the lower gate we had encountered, and were pleased to have the combination.

Bald Eagle and Lightner each took us about 1 3/4 hours. We headed home immediately after lunch, probably beating the worst of the weekend traffic.

Mt Williamson and Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup

June 4, 1995

Leaders: Joe Young and Stag Brown

Seventeen hikers, including Reina Lee Brown, age one year and three days, joined today's outing. This was the 14th annual First Sunday in June Hike with Stag Hike. Half the group met for breakfast at Lloyd's of La Canada for breakfast prior to the scheduled meeting time.

We decided to do clean-up first, at least on the south side of the Angeles Crest Highway. We reconvened at mileage marker 51.74 and dispensed tools, vests, hard hats and gloves, and began our clean up at the turnouts until reaching nearly Cloudburst Summit. Nine or ten bags of trash were collected.

Then we drove to the road head for Williamson east of the tunnels. Our hike was uneventful. Stag carried Reina (aka Little Whitney) on a special REI baby carrier all day. Nami Brown and assistant leader Joe Young swept all day. The hike, scheduled as a beginners outing, was conducted slowly.

Eight hikers checked out on the summit of Williamson. We declared the "summit" to be where we first found a register.

Goodies were shared on the summit. Recent overcast days in the Los Angeles basin gave way to brilliant sunshine along the Crest Highway and on the summit of Williamson. Photographs of Reina's first ascent show her squinting in

the bright sunlight.

After the hike seven participants reconvened at Pepe's Mexican Restaurant for post-hike revelry.

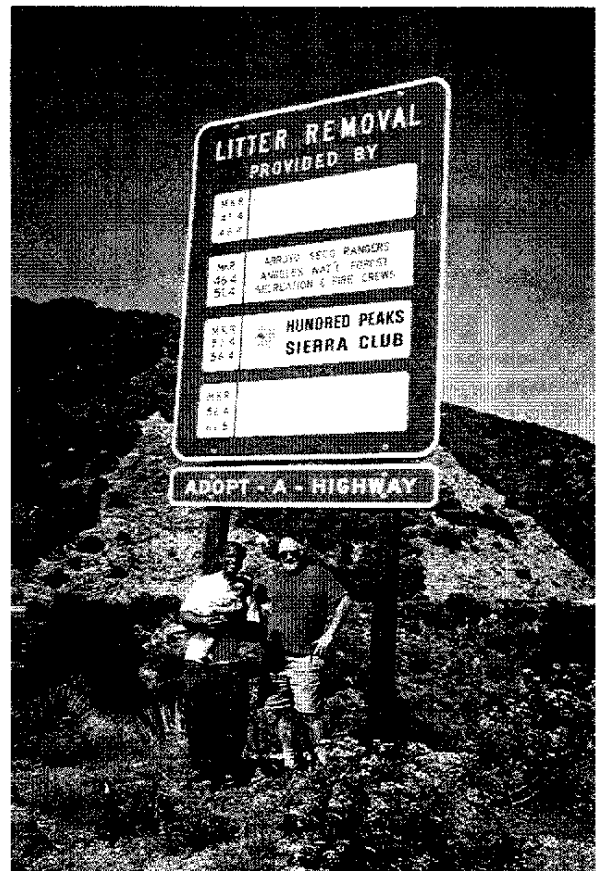
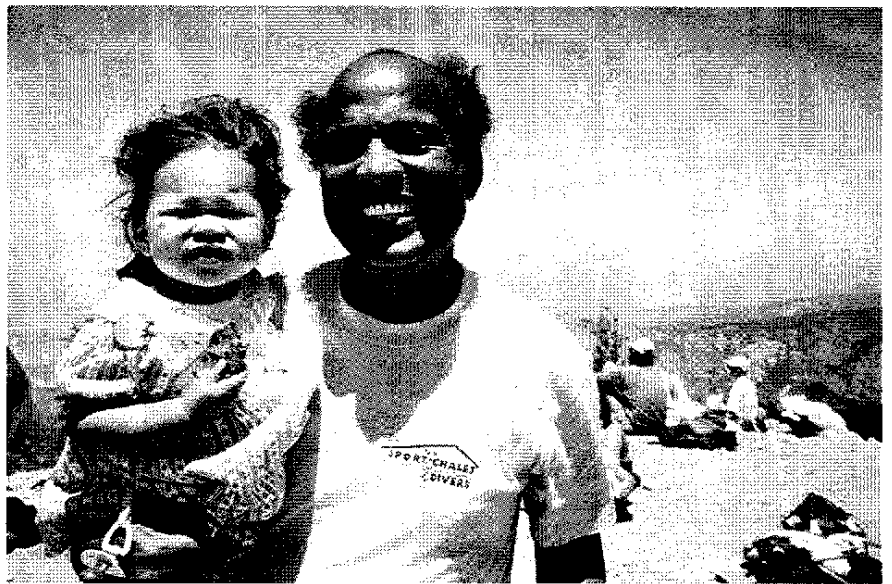
Thanks to Stag for leading all day, and for carrying Reina Lee the whole distance.

Private Trip Topatopa Bluff June 3, 1995 by Dick Farrar

Topatopa Bluff was the last peak I needed to finish the seven added since I finished the list in 1989. The Ojai Ranger station said that the road up from Rose Valley campground would be closed for at least two months. By that time it would be unbearably hot, so Homer Meek and I went up from Route 150 and Sisar Avenue on June 3. Sisar Ave, which is between the Summit School and the Summit restaurant, is a little over 9 miles from the State Hwy 150 turnoff from State Hwy 126 in Santa Paula. The ranger at Ojai was very emphatic that Sisar Ave was private and that we couldn't drive up it. This added two miles and about 300 feet of gain to the hike. However, there were four vehicles parked at the locked gate about a mile up the road, which is the normal starting point in the climbing guide.

We started at 7:38 am and got to the normal starting point in 20 minutes. There were two stream crossings up the road which necessitated some careful rock hopping. The first crossing had a log railing on the right side to aid in this

Proud parents Stag and Nami Brown watch as their daughter, Reina Lee, "bags" her first HPS Peak, Mt. Williamson. The hike was preceded by an Adopt-A-Highway clean-up. All of this happened on the 14th annual first Sunday in June hike with Stag.



process. Finally we reached the junction with trail 21W08 marked by a large bullet-pocked brown sign. It said the distance to Road 2N08 (the Nordhoff Ridge Road) was 2.5 miles and the mileage to the White Ledge campsite was 0.5. The latter was wrong and we estimated it at 1.5 miles. White Ledge was shady but very small. From White Ledge to the upper road the trail was more overgrown. We were hiking through the typical May-June cloud cover and the growth was very wet. Since the overhanging growth was unavoidable, we soon became wringing wet. Fortunately it was not that cold. At about 3500 feet we broke through the cloud and plodded our way up to the road. It was bright and sunny and starting to get warm.

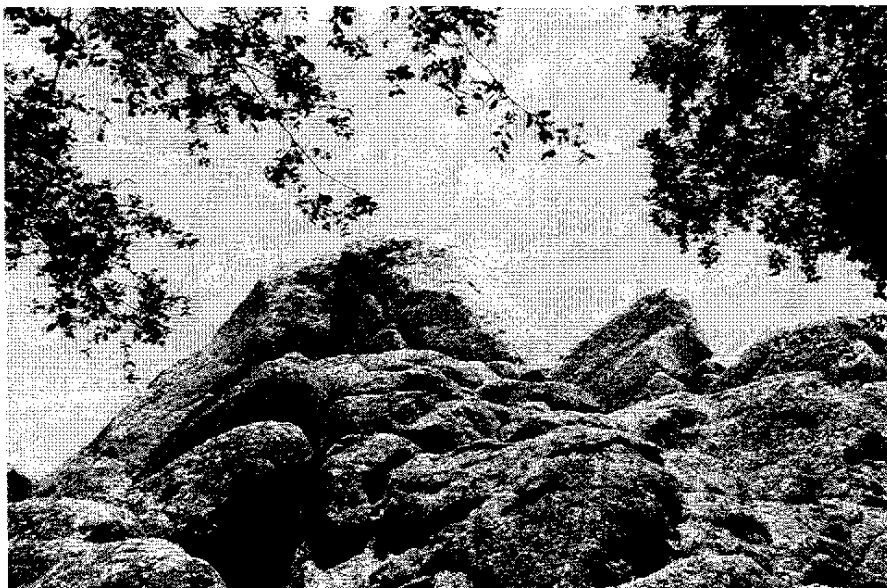
Following the climbing guide, we reached the turnoff to Topatopa Bluff in about half a mile where there was a duck on a big rock. The ridge route from here is quite steep and

loose. It rises over 900 feet and is marked by a few ducks after a while. At the top, which we reached at about 12:30, there is a large pile of rocks but the new register is in another much smaller pile a little beyond to the left. The register was not in the usual red cans but was in two similar type but plain cans. The notebook said this was the HPS Topatopa Bluff peak and it had been placed there about a month previous to our climb. There were only three names, one of which was Bob Wyka. Also at the top there was a ferocious swarm of insects which made lunch impossible. We explored further to the east and were surprised to see how close a road was. That road meandered northward, then east NE around to the right of rock outcroppings at 6410 and 6420+. According to the topo, which shows all the roads up there as trails, it turns back west NW to connect with the main road which goes on towards Hines.

We debated about exploring it and going on to Hines, which we could clearly see in the distance. Without being able to see the whole road route to verify its turning westward and dropping to the main road, we decided against it. Hines simply looked too far at that point.

We descended down the steep ridge route and had lunch on the rock with the duck at the road. There was a slight breeze and no flies. We retraced our original route, arriving at the car at 5:15 pm. The overgrowth had completely dried up as we descended through the cloud. At White Ledge there were two groups of campers with seven people total and that seemed to fill it up. The total distance was approximately 16 miles with 4800 feet of gain from Hwy 150. I would definitely recommend this climb at this time of year, particularly with an early start since it warms up considerably in the afternoon above the clouds.

◀ Patty Kline took this picture of the *Short and Sweet Just Like Vi* route on the summit block of Weldon Peak, May 20, 1995.



Rescheduled Trip to Yucaipa Ridge August 20 Sunday
I: Little San Gorgonio Pk (9133'), Wilshire Mtn (8832'), Wilshire Pk (8680'), Cedar Mtn (8324'), Birch Mtn (7826'), Allen Pk (5795'). Very strenuous, some bouldering. 18 mi, 5500' gain with car shuttle. Bring 4 qts water. Meet 6 am at Mill Creek Ranger Station. Leaders: Patty Kline, Theresia Glover, Joe Young.

Management Committee Meetings

By Jim Fleming

Minutes of the meeting of March 9, 1995

Present: Carleton Shay (Chair), Frank Goodykoontz (Vice Chair, Outings & Safety), Jim Fleming (Secretary), Theresia Glover (Treasurer), Southern Courtney (Chapter Council Rep., Conservation), David Eisenberg (Past Chair), Joe Young (Lookout Editor), Charlie Knapke (Membership, Mtn. Records), Bob Thompson (Peak Guide Mailer), Julie Rush (Lookout mailer/Adopt-A-Highway), Peter Doggett (Lookout Advertising)

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chair Carleton Shay at Griffith Park Auditorium

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. The Chair received a letter from Bob Hicks of the Safety Committee clarifying their position of dogs on outings.

B. The Chair received a letter from Ron Jones on a notice of proposed action from the BLM to build a fence near Five Fingers. The fence will not affect our access to Owens Peak or Five Fingers.

C. The Chair received a letter from Rodney Sherer asking for a nomination for an Angeles Chapter award. The letter was received too late for this year - will reconsider it next year.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of February 9, 1995 were approved

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda of the meeting of March 9, 1995 was approved.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Oktoberfest Planning

1. Joe Young will check with Zen Center to see if we can reserve showers there.

2. Julie Rush will look into writing up an article on the Oktoberfest for the Southern Sierran and will also look for pictures (people having a typically good time!).

3. It was MSP (Courtney

/Glover) to keep the price of the event at \$25.00, contingent upon the fees for Harwood Lodge remaining the same.

4. Discussion of entertainment was postponed.

5. Discussion of cooking/meal planning was postponed.

6. David Eisenberg volunteered to print up tickets.

7. Concern about the cost of expensive imported beers was raised. This needs to be looked at further. (A beer-meister needs to be appointed).

B. Spring Fling planning

1. A reservation at Foster Lodge has been made; other than that, no other actions have yet been taken. (Five people so far have reserved).

2. Notification of what will be included as far as meals, chores, and directions, will be included with tickets. David Eisenberg will do ticket/instructions.

3. Sign ups will be needed for chores and cooking..

4. Jennifer Lambelet will bring leftover plates, cups, and utensils from Oktoberfest to use.

5. One or more pre-cooked turkeys (dependent upon group size) will be brought for the Saturday dinner.

6. A continental breakfast will be provided to reduce costs.

7. Potluck items (including drinks) will augment the turkey dinner.

C. **Lookout** subscription increase.

After a discussion of current expenses as compared to last year, it was decided not to propose an increase at this time. Removed from agenda.

D. Table for the April 1st, Angeles Chapter Banquet.

1. We have three awardees this year.

2. It was MSP (Eisenberg /Fleming) to reserve one and possibly two tables (each table seats 10 people) at the Banquet, depending upon the response at the general meeting for tickets. Theresia Glover will write a check to give Carleton Shay to reserve these.

3. Joe Young will need people to take pictures of awardees for the **Lookout**.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. 1996 HPS Banquet date and location.

It was MSP (Courtney /Fleming) to hold the banquet on Saturday, January 27th, 1996 at Les Freres Taix Restaurant, subject to availability. Happy hour is to start at 5:30 pm, dinner at 7:00 pm..

B. Outreach Coordinator

1. It was MSP (Courtney /Eisenberg) to create an outreach committee, under Special committees with Harry Friemanis as its chairperson. The purpose of the committee will be to disseminate brochures and information about the Section and coordinate with other Sections and Groups.

2. Harry Freimanis gave out LTP information on an upcoming seminar to pass out.

3. Harry Freimanis also passed out information on commercial use in Joshua Tree and the Shoshone Desert dialog on use of the desert. (March 25).

4. Announcement of the April 7/8 big event at Joshua Tree celebrating passage of the Desert Protection Act.

C. Maintenance of peak registers - discussion was postponed until next month.

VI. REPORTS (these were taken out of order and given at the general meeting unless they required committee action. Only the Membership Report was given at the Business meeting).

A. Chair - welcomed the general meeting, introduced newcomers, new Management Committee; announced certificates and achievements; announced Spring Fling (April 29-30), Leadership Training Program Seminar (March 18); announced WTC Navigation Noodle in Joshua Tree (April 8th -9th); and introduced new Outreach Committee.

B. Vice Chair/Outings

1. The new schedule (July-October) is in the work.. The chair has just received writeups but can still include new ones if they are submitted soon.

2. Review of outings for the past three months.

C. Secretary
No report.

D. Chapter Council Representative

1. Cost of the new schedule has been raised to \$9.00 per year, although concern has been expressed by our committee (and the need to get approval of/from Sections and Groups before proceeding). After discussion of the issue, a motion will be brought forth to bring more people into the decision making process.

2. Discussion of who shall be a voting member of the Council (can someone represent more than one committee and have more than one vote?). Shall they have a vote on the Ex Conn?

E. Treasurer

Lookout subscriptions will not be raised.

F. Programs

1. Next month we will have a program by Roxanne Lewis.

2. The *Lookout* will have an announcement of programs for the meetings.

G. Past Chair

David Eisenberg would like a volunteer to help find a server to provide reliable access to the Internet System as part of the project to get the HPS on Internet.

H. Membership

1. In the business meeting, it was MSP (Fleming/Courtney) to accept the list of achievements.

2. Gave three months of reports at the general meeting (achievements / members).

I. Mountain Records

1. Report on new fence to be installed at Aquila (Five Fingers).

2. The access property to Beauty and Iron Springs has been sold (a ranch). We apparently still have access.

J. Peak Guides

Chair has new peaks lists for 1995, on disk as well.

K. Newsletter

The next issue of the *Lookout* will come out about one week late - deadline for submission will be April 11 or 12th.

L. Conservation

1. The Contract on America is in the Senate for review.

2. The war on the environment - in the Senate for review, late now but should write letters to Feinstein.

3. Asked for help to the Conservation Committee, Subcommittees, and Chapter office volunteers (they are short handed).

4. A proposal is in the works for a tramway in Griffith Park - no details as of yet.

5. A consensus seems to have been reached on trail sign age in Griffith Park. No details as of yet.

M. Merchandise

No report.

N. Peak Naming

No report.

O. Adopt-a-Highway

1. The last cleanup was held in December. We will need another cleanup soon, in March; also cleanups will be needed in April and May.

2. Pete Doggett went up this past weekend and reported that the section looked pretty good!

VII. ADJOURNMENT

It was M /S/P (Courtney /Goodykoontz) to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 pm..

Minutes of the meeting of April 13, 1995

Present: Carleton Shay (Chair), Frank Goodykoontz (Vice Chair, Outings & Safety), Jim Fleming (Secretary), Theresia Glover (Treasurer), Southern Courtney (Chapter Council Rep., Conservation), David Eisenberg (Past Chair), Jennifer Lambelet (Programs), Joe Young (*Lookout* Editor), Charlie Knapke (Membership, Mtn. Records), Julie Rush (*Lookout* mailer/Adopt-A-Highway), Peter Doggett (*Lookout* Advertising), Patty Kline (Merchandise), Harry Freimanis (Outreach coordinator).

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair Carleton Shay at Griffith Park Auditorium

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. The Chair received a phone call from Alan Coles. The Cutca Valley Trail (to Eagle Crag) is complete - it is now a viable trail. So far, no Angeles Chapter people have participated on the trail work parties. He is urging their participation - the next work party will be on the weekend of May 6th and 7th.

B. The route for Nichols is not correct on the peak guide.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of March 9, 1995 were approved with a minor correction (add an "s" to the word "work", item VI. B.1.)

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda of the meeting of April 13, 1995 was approved.

IV. REPORTS

A. Chair

No report.

B. Vice Chair/Outings

We have 48 trips for the next schedule (July-October).

C. Secretary

No report.

D. Chapter Council Representative

1. Passed recommendation to send ExComm. to find new ways to raise money to return the schedule to its free status.

2. The Council will set up a committee to study ExComms financial records (and the Friends of the Angeles Chapter Foundation) to allow the chapter to become more knowledgeable in these areas.

3. The proposal to change the bylaws of the council and ExComm was defeated.

4. Volunteers are badly needed at the Chapter office, as well as fund raising ideas.

5. It was MSP(Lambelet/Glover) that our council representative support the motion on climbing insurance that is to come before the council. The motion will be to support funding the climbing sections insurance costs.

E. Treasurer

1. We're in pretty good shape we have \$1,100 more in our coffers than last year at this time.

2. The Chapter Banquet is paid (all tickets were sold).

F. Programs

No report.

G. Past Chair

No report.

H. Membership

1. There were no new achievements.

2. There were two new members; it was MSP (Eisenberg/Fleming) to approve the new members.

I. Mountain Records

1. Announcement (during general meeting) of the reopening of the Cutca Valley Trail to Eagle Crag and the upcoming trail cleanup party of May 6th and 7th. Angeles Chapter volunteers are needed.

J. Peak Guides

No report.

K. Newsletter

The next issue of the *Lookout* will be finishing by next Monday (still have some time to get items in) (310)301-9642.

L. Conservation

Many reports - war on the environment, etc.

M. Merchandise

1. Recommendation to make the T-shirts more breathable (Patty Kline will look into the cost to do this.)

2. We have enough pins and patches - no need to order anything at this time.

N. Peak Naming

No report.

O. Adopt-a-Highway

1. The section is in need and ready for cleaning - efforts have been delayed by snow.

2. Proposed to do a cleanup this Sunday in the morning (before the Bill T. Russell celebration).

P. Outreach Coordinator

1. The LTC Seminar went well.
2. Working on getting our brochures out to stores.

3. Material on the National Park Service Joshua Tree (extracts on the Chapter 5 use planning). There are aspects of the plan that will affect our activities in the Park (group size limitations, commercial climbing guidelines, certification, qualifications, etc.). A volunteer to talk to David Jurasevich (of the DPS) about the proposals is requested. A volunteer to attend a seminar on Saturday, May 6th. (who is familiar with Joshua Tree) is also requested.

4. David Eisenberg suggested that we get pictures into our brochures depicting our activities and peaks.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Oktoberfest Update - date set for this year - October 14th and 15th.

B. Spring Fling Update

1. Have 30 people signed up, 5

proposed, and one additional. Tickets and instructions will be sent out by the Dobos.

2. Theresia Glover will pick up paper goods from Jennifer Lambelet.

3. Carleton Shay will bring the turkey.

4. Frank & Ruth Dobos will take care of the continental breakfast (no cooking).

5. Some people may wish to go down on Friday - stay on the grounds (\$4 charge) overnight.

C. Not maintaining registers on popularly climbed peaks (P. Doggett proposal). It was MSP (Courtney/Fleming) to table this item until next month.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. List finish celebration for Bill T. Russell (April 16, 1995)

1. It was MSP (Lambelet /Eisenberg) to authorize expenditure of funds (1/3 the cost) for a cake for Bill T. along with the other climbing sections.

2. Jennifer Lambelet will look into the possibilities of establishing a special perpetual award in honor of Bill T. Russell to recognize achievement in climbing (such as leading various/unusual routes on Peaks). The award could cross over these three climbing sections.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

It was M /S/P (Fleming /Courtney) to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 pm.

Minutes of the meeting of May 11, 1995

Present: Carleton Shay (Chair), Frank Goodykoontz (Vice Chair, Outings & Safety), Jim Fleming (Secretary), Theresia Glover (Treasurer), Southern Courtney (Chapter Council Rep., Conservation), Charlie Knapke (Membership, Mtn. Records), Bob Thompson (Peak Guide Mailer), Patty Kline (Merchandise), Louis Quirarte (Peak Naming), Harry Freimanis (Outreach coordinator).

The meeting was called to order at 6:58 pm by Chair Carleton Shay at Griffith Park Auditorium

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None (See reports).

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of April 13, 1995 was postponed until next month.

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda of the meeting of May 11, 1995 was approved with the additions of an item D. under New Business - a letter from Barbee Tidball asking for a joint meeting of the HPS, SPS, and DPS.

IV. REPORTS

A. Chair

1. Carleton called the Forest Service Ranger at Chuchupate, who indicated that the Thorn Meadows road is closed, as well as the Lockwood Valley road and the Santa Barbara Canyon road.

2. Carleton received a phone call from Alan Coles, who had read in the *Lookout* about road closures near Meeks Mtn. and Black Mtn. #6. Both are in wilderness areas and we must respect this. Alan will get maps showing where the wilderness areas/road closures are.

B. Vice Chair/Outings

1. Most trips are in the schedule, ready to be printed out (51 trips total). The advance schedule is still to be completed.

2. Jim Fleming's leadership record was missing; however Bob Hicks has returned from the Bahamas and will take care of it.

C. Secretary

No report.

D. Chapter Council Representative

1. The ExComm is still concerned about the budget - still lagging in returns for schedule (\$9.00). They are still hopeful that people will send in.

2. Barry McCormick (Vice Chair) feels that the ExComm is overworked - should get help from the Council and Sections. Chapter office is badly in need of help.

3. The Griffith Park Hikes Committee is doing well - over 100 people subscribe to the newsletter; they should be a Section this summer.

4. The ExComm is starting a committee on financial affairs - they are looking for members.

5. Dan Richter, chair of the SPS

and DPS, spoke of the need for technical (John Muir) type climbs and the problems associated with insurance costs and paperwork being borne by the section leaders. Council voted to recommend that ExComm should spend up to \$625 to help with costs (one half for the summer). It was MSP (Courtney/Fleming) to donate \$200 to the SPS to help them defray leadership insurance costs for restricted trips.

E. Treasurer

We are still in good shape - have \$700 over last year at this time. We made \$100 on the Spring Fling (which was a big success).

F. Programs

No report.

G. Past Chair

No report.

H. Membership

1. Membership is sending out 100 letters to people who have let their membership slide. Active membership is down 72 people from last year.

2. There was one new member and one 200 peaks bar. It was MSP (Fleming/Courtney) to approve these achievements.

3. Louis Quirarte distributed 600 membership applications at the Eco Expo. All were gone by 2 pm.

I. Mountain Records

Has distributed eight new guides (rewrites) to the committee - still to be given to the Outings chair and Peak Guide mailer. Has some changes to look into.

J. Peak Guides

No report.

K. Newsletter

No report.

L. Conservation

1. Most important issues are the Endangered Species Act, war on the environment, and a proposal to close National Parks to save money.

2. Also passed out information on the proposal to save Upper Deep Creek.

3. A salvage logging rider has been added to the Recision Bill (by Mark Hatfield of Oregon). The rider ratifies what "salvage" is, and opens the door for massive logging. Phone calls are needed to President Clinton at (202)456-1111 to Veto the entire bill (of which the Gordon-Hatfield

forest giveaway is a part).

M. Merchandise

Approved for HPS Anniversary T-Shirts (50th year) - may use existing screens. Will look into changing shirts when its time to re-order.

N. Peak Naming

In July will try to get all petitions (have 527 signatures) - goal is to get 750 signatures by July. By this time next year we should have some peaks in the process.

O. Adopt-a-Highway

No report.

P. Outreach Coordinator

Discussion of the Task Directive for Joshua Tree National Park (handout of the directive and newsletter). A working session meeting was held - the proposal is not necessarily closed end. Things seem a bit more rational now.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Not maintaining registers on popularly climbed peaks (proposal by Pete Doggett): it was MSP (Courtney/Goodykoontz) to table action on the matter. It was suggested that Pete Doggett let Jim Adler use his discretion on the list of peaks to be included on his list of missing registers.

B. Annual Award in honor of Bill T. Russell (Jennifer Lambelet). Action postponed until next month.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Letter from Dave Bybee re: an ad in the *Southern Sierran* stating our position on the \$9 charge for the schedule -passed out. No action by the Committee in the business meeting; however it was MSP (Courtney/Fleming) at the general meeting to contribute \$100 to help pay for the advertisement.

B. Sierra Club dues statements offering choices (proposal by Joe Young); an itemized statement with choices such as subscriptions to *Sierra* magazine, contributions, etc. Discussion to be reagendaized for the next meeting.

C. Annual Awards Banquet - will be on January 27, 1996, at Taix. Cost is to be determined. Reagendaized for the next meeting.

D. Letter from Barbee Tidball asking for a joint SPS, DPS, and HPS meeting in November/December.

The Outreach Coordinator (Freimanis) will talk to other people and research ideas.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

It was M /S/P (Courtney /Fleming) to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm.

Health officials warn of Plague in Backcountry

(Antelope Valley Press)

Some health authorities are warning backpacking travelers to take precautions after confirming a Walker Basin area woman is Kern County's second resident this year to become infected with bubonic plague. Walker Basin is located between Lake Isabella and the Tehachapis.

The 56 year old woman is being treated with antibiotics at a Los Angeles County hospital and is expected to recover, since the infection was diagnosed early.

After developing a high temperature and chills, she was admitted to the hospital, where early tests indicated she was suffering from the plague.

The disease, endemic to rodent populations in higher elevations throughout the state, felled a young Tehachapi man earlier this year and numerous cats.

Plague is transmitted to humans by fleas or through direct contact with infected animals. In persons bitten by infected fleas, the initial symptoms include swelling and tenderness of lymph nodes, fever, nausea and muscle aches.

For more information, call (805) 861-3631.

REGISTER BOX

By Jim Adler

Four registers were replaced or found, three new missing register was reported, and three registers were deemed deficient. Reports were received from Joe Young, Mark Adrian, Peter Doggett, Ken Jones, and Kathy Wood Price.

Missing and deficient registers:

2E	Pinyon Peak	deficient	4-95
2N	Black Mtn #6	missing	2-94
3B	Black Mtn #3	missing	8-94
4F	Cerro Noroeste	missing	9-94
4I	Mt. Pinos	deficient	9-94
6I	W. Big Pine	missing	5-94
6L	Madulce Peak	missing	5-94
7G	Alamo Mtn.	missing	5-95
7H	McDonald Peak	deficient	5-95
7I	Sewart Mtn	missing	5-95
9A	Mt. Gleason	missing	11-93
9B	Iron Mtn #2	deficient	5-94
9E	Mt. Lukens	deficient	5-95
10A	Mt. Emma	missing	4-94
10H	Round Top	missing	11-93
12A	Mt. Deception	missing	5-95
13D	Will Thrall Peak	missing	7-93
13E	Pallett Mtn	missing	11-93
13G	Mt. Lewis	missing	9-94
14C	Mt. Islip	missing	5-95
14G	Throop Peak	missing	10-94
14H	Mt. Burnham	missing	10-94
14K	Kratka Ridge	missing	9-94
15F	Sunset Pk	missing	12-93
16F	Thunder Mtn	missing	9-92
17A	Sugarloaf Peak	missing	9-92
17B	Ontario Peak	missing	9-92
17C	Bighorn Peak	missing	9-92
17E	Cucamonga Peak	deficient	9-92
17F	Etiwanda peak	missing	9-92
17H	San Sevain	decrepit	5-88
21G	Bertha Peak	deficient	5-93
23A	Bighorn Mtn	missing	3-94
23C	Tip Top Mtn	missing	3-95
24K	Lake Peak	missing	6-94
24L	Grinnell Peak	missing	6-94
25A	Allen Peak	decrepit	8-94
26D	Ryan Mtn	missing	4-94
27E	Folly Peak	missing	8-93
27G	Cornell Peak	missing	7-94
27H	Jean Peak	missing	6-94

27I	Marion Mtn	decrepit	7-92
28J	Pyramid Peak	deficient	11-93
28L	Lion Peak	deficient	5-94
28N	Rock Pt.	missing	2-94
29A	Rouse Hill	missing	11-91
30F	Rabbi #2	too small	4-93
31D	Palomar Hi. Pt.	missing	4-94
31I	San Ysidro	missing	2-95
32E	Cuyamaca Peak	missing	1-94
32G	Oakzanita Peak	decrepit	3-92
32K	Cuyapaibe Mtn	crushed	11-94

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, 836 S. Alandele Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90036, or telephone at (213) 931-6844. 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.)

Possible Problem With Access to Kitching, Snow Peaks

Charlie Knapke reports that access to the San Gorgonio Wilderness by way of Millard Canyon may be denied. This is the traditional access to Kitching Peak and Snow Peak.

Charlie, who chairs the Hundred Peaks Section Mountain Records Committee, indicates that the United States Forest Service may be denying access to the San Gorgonio Wilderness by way of Millard Canyon.

At the Hundred Peaks Section Management Committee meeting held on June 8, 1995, Charlie was asked to check into this matter with the Forest Service.

It was mentioned that the Morongo Indians may have requested that access to this area be restricted or eliminated, but no one could substantiate this.

No action was taken on the status of Kitching or Snow at this time.

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 HPS List Completion \$8.00 |
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 Large | Add \$2.00 Postage
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 Colors available include ash, forest green, purple, and turquoise.

Note: Save Postage! Come to HPS Social Programs and buy your merchandise at the meetings! Ask Patty about other items of HPS Merchandise available (pins, T-shirts, etc)

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