



THE LOOKOUT



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HPS Leads Exploratory to Backus Peak on Sunday, April 18, 1999

Hike the peak, elevation 6651', in memory of John Backus, on a moderately paced 2700' gain, 8 miles round trip cross-country in desert terrain near Walker Pass. Two routes will be led. Bring lug soles, water, lunch, and celebratory items. Meet 7 AM at Sylmar rideshare point, or one hour earlier at the Denny's for breakfast. Leaders: JOE YOUNG, VIRGIL POPESCU, BYRON PRINZMETAL, AND TOM HILL.

Palm Springs Tram To Be Closed This Summer For Major Renovation

According to the owners of the Palm Springs Tramway, the tramway will be closing June 14 with a tentative re-opening date of September 1. It will have the largest rotating tram cars in the world. They will only hold 80 people but are built for 100 so everyone will have more space and a better view. The mountain station will be modernized as well, with lots of kitchen work and cosmetic improvements.

Hundred Peaks Section Holds Annual Spring Fling at Foster Lodge

Join our annual joyous spring party at San Diego Chapter's Laguna Mountain lodge. Meet at lodge on Sat and/or Sun mornings for easy & moderate hikes. Meet 9:00 AM each day at the lodge for hikes or enjoy just staying at lodge in beautiful wooded area with potluck dinner, socializing & group singing. HPS provides turkey Sat eve & breakfast Sun. To reserve, send sase by Apr 24, \$10 to Reserv: JIM FLEMING 538 YARROW DR SIMI VALLEY, CA 93065 (805) 578-9408

Upcoming Social Programs

May 13 Roxana Lewis, CTC, presents slide program "Mont Blanc and the Matterhorn", her adventure climbing Europe's highest peak. Refreshments & socializing, everyone welcome. 7:30 pm Griffith Park Rngr Stn Aud, 4730 Crystal Springs Dr.

Jun 10 Kurt Wedberg, founder of Sierra Mountaineering International guide service in Bishop CA, presents program "Mountaineering the Sierra and Around the World." He spends over 250 days a year climbing/guiding on mtns thruout Sierra Nevada & on high peaks all over the world. Join him as he shares some of his most memorable advents. He is son of former RCS, SPS & Ski Mtneer's Ch John Wedberg. 7:30 pm Griffith Park Rngr Stn Aud, 4730 Crystal Springs Dr.

Web Site Status

New address! <<http://www.hundredpeaks.org>>

Our newly expanded web site has become a popular place for hikers to find needed information. On the site you will find the following:

- A listing of all of our current outings including those not in the Schedule
- A listing of hikes appropriate for the beginner hiker
- New important announcements such as new outings, route closures, etc.
- All our peak guides.
- Many of our topo maps (we will eventually have all of the maps on the site)
- Status of peak guides and maps to include changes that have not yet been made to our guides and maps.
- Known seasonal information such as road closures
- Telephone numbers of government agencies responsible for where we hike (mostly Forest Service numbers.)
- Our sign in form
- Member suggested restaurants and motels near our hiking trailheads.
- Links to other sites that contain valuable hiking information
- And information on who we are and how to join

We are trying to make this site even better. So please email your suggestions, comments (positive and negative) to hundredpeaks@hundredpeaks.org. And, if you have not yet visited the site try it.

Membership Report

By David F Eisenberg

Achievements

100 Peaks Emblem

980	Mike Gosnell	January 8, 1999	Santiago Peak
981	Edmond P. Bergeron	February 26, 1999	Peak Mountain

Lead The List! Four Times!

1 Frank Goodykoontz January 16, 1999 Crafts Peak

Membership Activity Report

Member to Sustaining Member

Dianne Edwards

Bob Henderson

New Member

Peter Glover

Matthew McHale

Michael Sallwasser

Eric Christensen

Ken Barr

Sally Prinzmetal

New Subscriptions

Ken Hooper

Sherry Ross

Lillian Salinger

Nathan Lavender

John Marquez

Dale Stuart

David Tulanian

New Sustaining Member

Cheryl Gill

Membership Summary

			<u>Current</u>	<u>Inactive</u>
	Sustaining		35	6
	Member		284	175
	Household		62	28
	Honorary		2	
	Sustaining Sub.		3	
	Subscriber		85	237
	Extra		6	
	Life Member		1	
	<u>Totals</u>		<u>478</u>	<u>446</u>

Life Member

Byron Prinzmetal

Note from **THE LOOKOUT** Editor:

THE LOOKOUT is published six times a year. The deadlines for submittal of articles are February 1 for the March-April issue; April 1 for the May-June issue; June 1 for the July-August issue; August 1 for the September-October issue; October 1 for the November-December issue; and December 1 for the following year's January-February issue. The December 1 deadline is flexible because of the HPS election. Articles must be type-written and may be sent regular mail, faxed (310) 301-9642, or emailed to joengeri@mediaone.net. If you send photos and want them returned please state so and enclose a sase. **Please indicate on the back of each photo what the photo is about and also your name.** Articles may be edited for length and appropriateness. **THE LOOKOUT** is the property of the Hundred Peaks Section. All rights reserved.

Women Please Take Notice!

Jun 11-13 Fri-Sun Sponsored by HPS and Wilderness Adventures

O: Women's Skills-Building Backpack to Jordan Hot Springs: Rideshare Fri am to S Sierra trailhead 3½ hrs from LA for moderate 11 mi rt, 2500' gain backpack to Jordan Hot Springs. Leaders advise/help with equipment. Practice navigation and wilderness skills, learn about flora/fauna/history of beautiful area & enjoy natural hot tubs. Gain confidence! Beginners in good condition welcome. Send 2 large sase, H&W phones, \$5 supplies fee (make check payable to HPS) to Leader: ROSEMARY CAMPBELL. Co-Leaders: SUZANNE SWEDO, CHRISTINE GUTIERREZ

From The Chair

By Byron Prinzmetal

As I mentioned in my previous article, your volunteer board is trying to achieve four major goals (insure safe outings and a significant increase in membership, outings and leaders.) These four goals support the major purposes of the club as stated in our by-laws (explore and enjoy the mountain ranges of Southern California and stimulate interest in climbing these ranges.) Further, achieving these goals is a prerequisite for our club to be self-renewing club and to provide enjoyable outings for our current and future members for many years to come.

Your board wants to make your club as good as it can be for you and for our future members. But, to achieve this takes considerable time of our volunteers and money. Today, of the three mountaineering sections (HPS, DPS and SPS) and some other sections, our subscription price is the lowest. Further, many other sections have made considerable amounts of money on trips and other events. Some even has cash assets of over \$30,000 and even charge for day hikes. Your board does not want to raise our dues to help fund some of our needed programs so we have initiated a more formal donation program, which is as follows: Levels of Donations
Benefit

\$10-49 (HPS Donor)

\$50-99 (HPS Major Donor)

Listed in the Lookout

\$100-299 (HPS Benefactor)

Listed in the Lookout

One year membership

\$300-499 (HPS Patron)

Listed in The Lookout

Two years membership

Receive a complete set of guides and maps

\$500 and up (HPS Lifetime Member)

Listed in the Lookout

Lifetime Membership

Receive a complete set of maps and guides

Two year map/guides subscription

Note: To receive a HPS one or more year membership as a benefit requires the donor to have a concurrent Sierra Club membership.

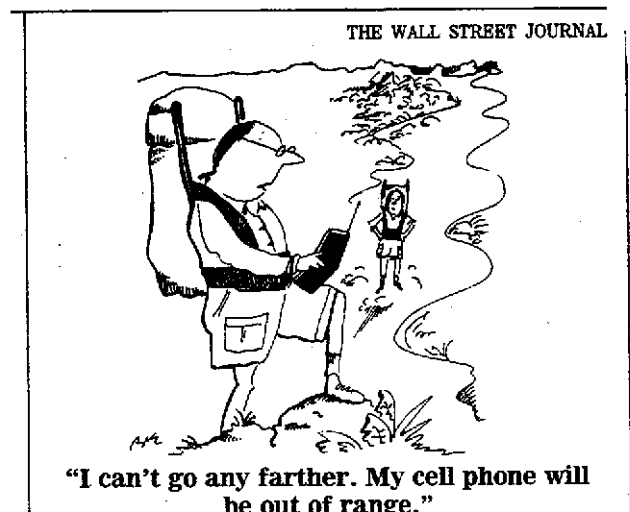
So what can you do to make your club even better? Here is a list of some of the things you could do: Go on our hikes on regular bases, invite friends to go along and encourage them to join us. This is the most important thing you can do...after all we are a

hiking club. If you are a leader, lead especially moderately paced hikes. If you are not a leader and would like to lead become one. If you are an "O" rated leader become an "I" rated one.

Become a more knowledgeable hiker. Take the wilderness first aid and navigation courses. Learn more about the ecological, economic, and natural history of our mountain ranges and share that knowledge with others. If you have marketing or publicity expertise help us improve our membership programs. As you do our peaks if you see errors in our maps or peak guides please let us know. The easiest way to report this is through our web site (www.hundredpeaks.org). Give us suggestions on how we can improve our club including our web site. And of course, if you can, please donate money to your club (please see the back of the Lookout for the donation form).

On a more personal note, by the time you have read this I will have finished the List on Rabbit Peak! Hiking the list gave me the opportunity to explore wonderful/beautiful places I never dreamed existed in Southern California (and I have lived here close to 50 years) and much more importantly to hike with a wonderful group of people. The Hundred Peaks Section gave me this opportunity. I would like to thank those who had the vision to create our club and keep it vital. I will do my best as your chair to have our club be as relevant today as it was 20 years ago and to insure we are a self-renewing organization for our future members.

I hope to meet most of you as we all continue to enjoy and explore our mountains and if I am so lucky complete the list again and again.



Checking Out?

By Larry Tidball, Chair
Angeles Chapter Safety Committee

Last month an article was published in the Lookout discussing "checking out" from the group and heading off on your own. As the Angeles Chapter Safety Chair I wanted to address some incorrect information in that article, and clarify the Chapter's requirements for organized outings. The premise of that article was how to safely "check out" of an outing. However, The Rules of Conduct and the Chapter Safety Policy require that the group be kept together at all times. Participants are not to leave the group unless signed out by the Leaders, when in the leaders' judgement it is a safe and prudent thing to allow this. These rules allow for some leader flexibility and require sound leadership decision making to apply them to the circumstances of the outing. However, uncontrolled joining and leaving a group should not be allowed.

The first premise of our outings policy is that all of the participants and leaders will start the outing together, stay together throughout the outing, and return to the end together. If you as a participant are not willing or able to participate on the terms of the outing proposed in the write up, you should not be a participant on that outing. That is, you need to be qualified in terms of pace of the hike proposed, duration, and conditioning required to allow the group to proceed at the advertised pace the proposed objectives. If you want to hike faster, seek out a tiger hike. If you are slower, discuss this in advance with the leaders, they may be willing to reduce the trip objects to allow a slower pace and a modified objective, if not, this fast hike is not for you. If you do not agree with all of the peaks planned and want to split off from the group to do your own thing, you should not sign up to participate on the group outing.

While some situations may require the leader to allow a participant to "check out" of the group, this should be the exception. The leader must make a decision as to the safety of checking out a participant. If at the cars, or a short distance away where a safe return is assured, checking out someone is fine. Other options are returning the entire group to the cars to ensure a sick or tired participant gets out OK, or sending back a couple of qualified people with the person checking out.

Remember that splitting the group creates two outings each of which must have two leaders qualified at the level of the outing.

Checking out to hurry on home, or to split off to another objective can have to very negative results. First it weakens the remaining group in the event of an emergency thought its decrease in numbers. Second, the person "checking out" may lead others to come along. These participants are trusting the person splitting off from the group to be a safe and competent "leader" who knows what they are doing (and in fact the first one leaving may not be qualified to be a leader either formally or not) This kind of situation could have very disastrous results if an accident occurs for both the entrusted one and the Club.

The premise proposed last month; that it is "the responsibility of the participants to stay with the group, not the leaders responsibility to keep the group together" is completely wrong. It is the Leaders responsibility to keep the group in control and together. That is why we have a leader and a sweep who are in contact thought the trip and no one gets ahead of the leader or behind the sweep.

If leaders are having problems with participants who wish to check out and do their own thing; those participants should not be allowed to participate on future outings unless they abide by the outing plan and leaders directions. "Checking Out" is not "fine" and should be discouraged.

The HPS Management Committee should address ongoing problems of this type if they continue to occur. I hope that this clarifies the Angeles Chapter requirement for keeping the group together.

Hundred Peaks Membership Roster

Compiled by David F Eisenberg

Each May, the HPS Lookout prints a list of active members. According to the HPS Bylaws, an active member must have a current subscription to the Lookout and be a Sierra Club Member. This list is only as good as the information I receive. If there is a correction to your name, address, or status, please use the Membership Form on the inside back page for corrections. (Or eMail them to: DavidFE@ix.netcom.com) Explanation of Symbols: (O), (I), (M), (E), (T): The member's Leadership Rating C: xxxx: The member's highest Climbing Emblem; P The member has a Pathfinder Emblem; L: xxxx: The member's highest Leadership Emblem

Hazrat Adam C: 100
Pearl Irene Adam C: 100
Jim Adler (I) C: List#1
Jack Adsit (O) C: 100

Shirley Akawie (M) C: List#2
Mark T. Allison (O) C: 100
Lew O. Amack C: List#1 P L: 100
Tom Amneus (E) C: List#1

Jorg Angehm C: 100
Sonia Arancibia C: 100
Lynda Armbruster (O) C: 100
Tom Armbruster (I) C: List#1

Ruth Armentrout (O)
 Patricia Arredondo
 Terri Astle (I) C: List#2 P
 Frank L. Atkin (I) C: 200
 Stephen K. Bache (O) C: 100
 How Bailey (E) C: List#1 P
 Bob Baird C: List#1
 Diane Baker C: 100
 Joseph Baker (I)
 Lois Banda (M) C: 200
 Ken Barr
 Janet Bartel (O) C: 200
 Ron Bartell C: List#1
 John D. Bascom (M) C: 200
 Robert Beach (M) C: List#1
 Edmond P. Bergeron C: 100
 Nancy Beverly
 David Beymer (M) C: 200
 Richard Binns (I)
 Cristy L. Bird (O) C: List#2
 Hugh W. Blanchard (O) C: 200
 Ruth Bloland C: 100
 Mars Bonfire C: List#1
 Raymond Borun C: List#1
 Ruth Borun C: 100
 Jan Brahms
 Graham Breakwell (M) C: 100
 Joy Brooks
 Judith Brooks
 Nami Brown (O)
 Stagalee Brown (I) C: 100
 Pam Burnham (O) C: 100
 Rosemary Campbell (O) C: List#1
 Ski Camphausen C: 100
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 Richard L. Carey (I) C: 200
 Eleanor Carter C: List#1
 Karen Cassimatis (I)
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 Ann Cavaliere (M) C: 100
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 Janet Damen
 Dorothy Danziger C: List#1
 Evelyn Davis (M) C: 100
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 Frank Dobos (I) C: List#3 P L: 200
 Ruth Lee Dobos (I) C: List#2 P L: 200
 Peter H. Doggett (O) C: List#5 P
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 Doris C. Duval (O)
 John Dykstra C: 100
 Dianne Edwards (I) C: 100
 Harriet Edwards (O) C: List#1
 David F. Eisenberg (I) C: List#3 P L: List#1
 Marc Elliott
 Susan Ellsworth C: 100
 Robert Emerick C: List#2
 Elizabeth Epstein (M)
 Edna Erspamer (M) C: List#2
 Barbara Eyerly
 Howard Eyerly
 Richard J. Farrar (O) C: List#1
 William H. Faulkner C: 200
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 Martin S. Feather (I) C: List#4 P L: 100
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 Bob Kanne (I) C: 100
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 Ursula Mayer (O)
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 Karen Stewart C: 200
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 George Wysup C: 200
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 W. Ross Yates (E) C: 100
 Joseph F. Young (M) C: List#1 P L:
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 Robert A. Young (O) C: 200
 Ronald A. Young (M) C: List#1
 David Zalewski
 Peggy Zappen
 Ronald R. Zappen C: List#1 P

Hundred Peaks Section Schedule of Outings and Social Programs

April 17 - July 4, 1999

Note: Hundred Peaks Section is sole sponsor of event unless otherwise indicated

Apr 17 Sat
I: Mt Lukens (5074'): Strenuous, moderately paced 8 mi rt, 3400' gain on trl in Big Tujunga area w/td breaks. Steep trl suitable for strong hikers in good cond; some brush & stream crossing. Meet 7 am at SE corner of Oro Vista Ave & Foothill Bl in Sunland; park on Oro Vista. Bring 10 essentials & adequate water; USFS prkg permit reqd. Ldr: LARRY HOAK. Asst: MAGGIE WILSON

Apr 18 Sun
O: Iron Mtn #2 (5040'), **Roundtop (6316')**, **Granite Mtn #2 (6600'+)**, **Rabbit Pk #1 (5307')**: Moderately paced, strenuous approx 14 mi, 4000' gain loop hike on use-trl & dirt rd. Meet 7 am at Hill St Cafe (formerly Lloyd's location) for bkfst or 8 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring 3 qts water, food, lugsoles, hat, gloves, windbreaker, the works. Ldrs: ASHER WAXMAN, ANN KRAMER

Apr 18 Sun Outing Not in Schedule
I: Backus Peak (6651') Exploratory: Hike the peak, in memory of John Backus, on a moderately paced 2700' gain, 8 miles round trip cross-country in desert terrain near Walker Pass. Two routes will be led. Meet 7 AM at Sylmar rideshare point, or one hour earlier at the Denny's. Leaders: JOE YOUNG, VIRGIL POPESCU, BYRON PRINZMETAL, AND TOM HILL.

Apr 24-25 Sat-Sun HPS, Mt Baldy
I: Chaparral Pk (5541'), **Black Mtn #4 (6149')**, **Meeks Mtn (6277')**, **Bighorn Mtn (5894')**: Moderate hiking w/some xc/brush in desert terrain E of Big Bear Lk N of Yucca Vly. Sat 132 mi, 2800' gain; eve carcamp Fri & Sat. Sat potluck dinner, singalong w/David hosted by Betty & Austin Stirratt at their nrby home. Sun 9 mi, 1600' gain. Send sase, H&W phones, rideshare info to Ldr: DAVID F EISENBERG. Co-Ldrs: FRANK GOODYKOONTZ, BETTY STIRRATT, CARLETON SHAY

Apr 24-25 Sat-Sun WTC, HPS
M: San Gorgonio (11,499'): Restricted trip for SC mems w/ice ax & crampon exper. Snow hike 6 mi, 2660' gain from S Fork to basecamp at Dry Lk. Sun 2400' gain to pk & pack out. Send sase, H&W phones, SC#, snow climb exper, rideshare info to Ldr: STEVE ERSKINE. Co-Ldr: BETH EPSTEIN

Apr 24-25 Sat-Sun
I: San Rafael Mtn (6593'), **Santa Cruz Pk (5570')**, **McKinley Mtn (6200'+)**: Strenuous, moderately paced 26 mi, 7500' gain bkpk in beautiful Los Padres NF. Overnight camp at McKinley Sprng. Rain postpones. Send sase, rec cond/bkpk exper to Ldr: BYRON PRINZMETAL. Assts: JOE YOUNG

Apr 25 Sun Hundred Peaks, K-9 Comm
O: Smith (5111'): Bring your favorite pal on easy paced 7 mi rt, 1800' gain hike to front range pk on lovely trl. Meet 8:30 am Azusa rideshare pt. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, leash; USFS prkg permit reqd. Rain cancels. Ldr: CHARLOTTE FEITSHANS. Co-Ldr: TAMMY SOLKO

May 1 Sat Hundred Peaks, Mt Baldy
I: Black Mtn #6 (5244'), **Red Mtn (5261')**: Join us for moderate hikes in NE Kern Co w/total of about 14 mi rt, 3000' gain in mostly xc desert terrain. Long day w/dirt rd driving to ea pk. Meet 6 am Sylmar rideshare pt. Bring 3 qts water, lunch, lugsoles. Rain/rd closed may cancel. Ldr: HAVEN FEARN. Co-Ldr: FRANK GOODYKOONTZ

May 2 Sun
I: Iron Mtn #1 (8007'): Very strenuous 14 mi rt, 7000'+ gain hike in Angeles NF. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles, sunscreen; USFS prkg permit reqd. Rain or excessive heat cancels. For mtg time/place, call Ldr: JOE YOUNG. Asst: BOB THOMPSON

May 8 Sat
I: Lily Rock (8000'), **Suicide Rock (7528')**: Strenuous 10 mi, 3500' gain full day hike w/lots of rock scrambling & brush in Idylwild from 9 am to about 6 pm. Size ltd by permit. Call in advance for reservation & directions. Ldr: PENELOPE MAY, LENA HAYASHI

May 8 Sat Hundred Peaks, Mt Baldy
I: Little Cahuilla Mtn (5042'), **Cahuilla Mtn (5635')**: Moderate hikes about 9 mi rt, 2000' gain mostly on trl in brush w/some xc. In Riverside Co about 11 mi SSW of Idylwild about 125 mi from Los Angeles w/dirt rd driving. Meet 6 am Pomona rideshare pt. Bring 3 qts water, lunch, lugsoles; USFS prkg permit reqd. Rain/rd closed may cancel. Ldr: HAVEN FEARN. Co-Ldr: FRANK GOODYKOONTZ

May 8 Sat
O: Old Man Mtn (5525'), **Monte Arido (6010')**: Moderate 6 mi rt, 1600' gain hike on rd/xc in Santa Barbara Co w/lots of dirt rd driving. Inability to obtain special permit cancels trip. For info, call Ldrs: VIRGIL POPESCU, HARVEY GANZ

May 13 Thu
O: Peakbaggers Social Meeting: Roxana Lewis, CTC, presents slide prog "Mont Blanc and the Matterhorn", her adventure climbing Europe's highest pk. Refreshments & socializing, everyone welcome. 7:30 pm Griffith Park Rngr. Stn. Aud. 4730 Crystal Springs Dr.

May 15 Sat Rio Hondo, Hundred Peaks
O: Josephine Pk (5558'): Slow to moderately paced 6 mi rt, 1900' gain hike on firerd & trl w/views. Good hike for beginners. Meet 8 am Diamond Bar rideshare pt or 9 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles. Ldrs: GABRIELE RAU, GORDON LINDBERG

May 15 Sat
I: Sheephead Mtn (5896'), **Cuyapaipe Mtn (6378')**: Spring Fling. Moderate hikes in SE San Diego Co that involve 6 mi rt, 1400' gain; expect some brush. Meet 9 am Foster Lodge. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles, sunscreen; USFS prkg permit reqd. Ldr: JOE YOUNG. Asst: FRANK GOODYKOONTZ

Spring Fling

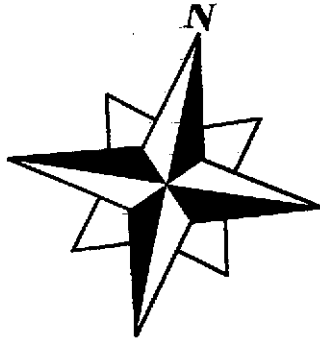
May 15-16 Sat-Sun
O: Spring Fling at Foster Lodge: Joyous spring party at San Diego Chp's Laguna Mtn lodge. Meet at lodge on Sat and/or Sun for easy & moderate hikes. See HPS hikes listed above and below or enjoy just staying at lodge in beautiful wooded area w/potluck dinner, socializing & grp singing.. HPS provides turkey Sat eve & bkfst Sun. To reserve, send sase by Apr 24, \$10 to Reserv: JIM FLEMING

May 16 Sun
I: Monument Pk #1 (6271'), **Garnet Pk (5880')**, **Garnet Mtn (5680')**: Spring Fling. Moderate hikes in SE San Diego Co that involve 12 mi rt, 1200' gain. Meet 9 am Foster Lodge. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles, sunscreen; USFS prkg permit reqd. Ldr: JOE YOUNG. Asst: DAVID F EISENBERG

May 22 Sat Palos Verdes-South Bay, HPS
M: Mt San Antonio (10,064'), **Iron Mtn #1 (8007')**: Strenuous 14 mi, 6000' gain/10,000' loss hike from Manker Flat, xc via ridge to Big Iron incl Cl 3 rock, then trl to Heaton Flat w/car shuttle. Tigers only. Send sase, cond/exper to Ldr: BARRY HOLCHIN. Asst: DAVE ENDRES

May 22 Sat
"Beginning Navigation Clinic"
 in the Mt Lowe area. Spend most of the day with an expert (one or two students per instructor) learning or sharpening your skills with a map and compass. Everyone from beginners to old timers are welcome. Not a checkoff. Many expert instructors will attend. Send sase early to Leader Diane Dunbar for instructions and list of required materials. Space limited. Co-leader Don Creighton.

HPS, LTC



May 22 Sat
O: San Gabriel Pk (6161), Mt Disappointment (5960), Mt Deception (5796); others possible: 6 mi, 1600' gain from Eaton Saddle. Meet 7:30 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles. Rain/snow cancels. Ldrs: CARLETON SHAY, BYRON PRINZMETAL

May 22 Sat HPS, Mt Baldy, Verdugo Hills
I: The Pinnacles (5737), Mt Marie Louise (5607), Cleghorn Mtn (5333), Cajon Mtn (5360), Sugarpine Mtn (5478), Monument Pk #2 (5290): 2 easy peaks before lunch followed by lots of dirt road driving to bag the others. 2500' gain, 14 mi. Meet 6 am Pomona rideshare pt. Bring 10 essentials, appropriate clothing. Rain cancels. Ldrs: DAVID F EISENBERG, FRANK GOODYKOONTZ

May 29 Sat
O: Sunset Pk (5796): 5 mi rt, 1500' gain hike on dirt rd rewarded w/great views from top. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles; USFS prkg permit reqd. Meet 9:00 AM at the Mt Baldy rideshare point. Rain cancels. Ldrs: FRANK & RUTH LEE DOBOS

May 30 Sun
I: Heald Pk (6901) & Nicolls Pk (6070): Very strenuous, moderately paced 12 mi, 5000' gain xc hike w/some rock scrambling in beautiful Sequoia NF. Carcamp advised Sat eve due to early start on Sun. Rain postpones. Send sase, rec cond to Ldr: BYRON PRINZMETAL. Co-Ldr: TOM HILL

Jun 5-6 Sat-Sun
I: Arctic Pt (8336), Gold Mtn (8235), Sugarloaf Mtn (9952): Help celebrate the Ldr's 50th birthday with this easygoing party hike in the Big Bear area. Sat, Arctic & Gold, 2000' gain, 7 mi rt. Carcamp w potluck, singalong. Sun, Sugarloaf, 1400' gain, 6 mi rt. Send sase or email w H&W phones to Ldr: DAVID F EISENBERG. Co-Ldrs: RUTH DOBOS, CARLETON SHAY

Jun 6 Sun
I: Lily Rock (8000+): Moderate 3 mi rt, 1600' gain hike in Idylwild area; not suitable for beginners. 19th annual 1st Sun in June hike w/Stag. Meet 7 am Pomona rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles, sunscreen; USFS prkg permit reqd. Ldr: JOE YOUNG. Asst: STAG BROWN

Jun 9 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Barley Flats (5600) from Alder Crk: 4 mi, 2200' gain hike up Barley Flats to summit; ret 4 mi, no gain. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles. Ldrs: SOUTHERN COURTNEY, BYRON PRINZMETAL

Women! Please consider the special backpack just for you! June 11 - 13.

Jun 10 Thu
O: Peakbaggers Social Meeting: Kurt Wedberg, founder of Sierra Mining Internatl guide service in Bishop CA, presents prog "Mountaineering the Sierra and Around the World." He spends over 250 days a yr climbing/guiding on mtns thruout Sierra Nev & on high pks all over the world. Join him as he shares some of his most memorable advents. He is son of former RCS, SPS & Ski Mtnner's Ch John Wedberg. Refreshments, everyone welcome. 7:30 pm Griffith Park Rngr Stn Aud, 4730 Crystal Springs Dr.

Jun 11-13 Fri-Sun HPS, Wilderness Adventures
O: Women's Skills-Building Bkpk to Jordan Hot Springs: Rideshare Fri am to S Sierra trihd 3½ hrs from LA for moderate 11 mi rt, 2500' gain bkpk to Jordan Hot Sprgs. Ldrs advise/help w/equip. Practice nav/wilderness skills, learn about flora/fauna/history of beautiful area & enjoy natural hot tubs. Gain confidence! Beginners in good cond welcome. Send 2 lg sase, H&W phones, \$5 supplies fee (HPS) to Ldr: ROSEMARY CAMPBELL. Co-Ldrs: SUZANNE SWEDO, CHRISTINE GUTIERREZ

Jun 12 Sat
O: Mt Williamson (8214), Kratka Ridge (7515): 42 mi rt, 2200' gain hike on trl & use trl. Do 1 or both pks. Meet 8 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles. Rain cancels. Ldrs: FRANK & RUTH LEE DOBOS. Asst: CARLETON SHAY

Jun 12-13 Sat-Sun HPS, Mt Baldy, Verdugo Hills
I: Ortega Pk (5854), Reyes Pk (7514), Haddock Mtn (7431), Brush Mtn (7048), San Emigdio Mtn (7495), Cerro Noroeste (Mt. Abel) (8280), Antimony Pk (6848), Tecuya Mtn (7155): Climb any or all of these HPS peaks in the Los Padres area. Sat, 1st 3 peaks, 2000' gain 11 mi rt, then drive up next 3. Carcamp on top of Cerro Noroeste. Sun, Final 2 pks, 3000' gain, 5 mi rt. Send sase or email w H&W phones, to Ldr: DAVID F EISENBERG. Co-Ldrs: VIRGIL POPESCU, FRANK GOODYKOONTZ

Jun 19 Sat
O: Mt Hilyer (6162), Mt Mooney (5840+), Mt Sally (5408): 4 mi rt, 1000' gain for pks in Angeles NF suitable for beginners. Meet 8 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles; USFS prkg permit reqd. Rain cancels. Ldrs: FRANK & RUTH LEE DOBOS

Jun 19-20 Sat-Sun
I: Rouse Hill (5168), Thomas Mtn (6825), Lookout Mtn #1 (5590), Santa Rosa Mtn (8070): Wknd of pkbaggging in mtns S of Idylwild; more pks likely. Much dirt rd driving; USFS prkg permit reqd; camp in area Sat eve. For info, call Ldr: JOE YOUNG. Asst: FRANK GOODYKOONTZ

Jun 19-20 Sat-Sun
I: Sunday Pk (8295), Bohna Pk (6800), Black Mtn #5 (7438), Split Mtn (6800): Brave the "poodle dog" to climb these Kern Cty pks. 3000' gain, 10 mi each day. Car shuttle Sat. Carcamp Sat pm. Send sase or email w H&W phones, conditioning to Ldr: DAVID F EISENBERG. Asst: HARVEY GANZ

Jun 23 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Mt Williamson (8214): First summer hike in San Gabriel high country. 5 mi rt, 1700' gain from Angeles Crest Hwy. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles, jacket Ldrs: MARVIN BROWN, BILLIE MENDELSON

Jun 27 Sun
I: Cedar Mtn (8324), Birch Mtn (7826), Allen Pk (5795): Strenuous, moderately paced 10 mi, 4000' gain xc hike from Pilgrim Pines Camp in Oak Glen to Mill Crk w/some rock scrambling; car shuttle. 1st of 2 outings to complete pks along beautiful Yucaipa Ridge. Rain postpones. Send sase, rec cond to Ldr: BYRON PRINZMETAL. Co-Ldrs: TOM HILL, JOE YOUNG

Eight List Finishes

By Tom Hill

1998 was a good year for list finishes --

Carleton Shay, 10X List Finish over Butterfly Peak to Ken Point, Jan 8, 1998.

Well, Carleton, what can I say after seeing Hanna's "Superman" card on the summit? How about the Rabbit/Villager backpack Nov 9-10, 1996, where you revealed another of your countless secrets. Nearing Villager Saddle, you scooted off to pop down under "your" tree. It's the best spot. Thanks.

Linda McDermott, DPS List Finish on Old Woman Mtn, Jan 31, 1998.

It's true. Phantasmagoric. The DPS knows how to party. Someone said they actually spotted me in that mob scene picture. At least Mitch didn't fall off those rocks trying for the perfect summit photo angle.

Jean Hermansen, List Finish on Luna Mtn, May 20, 1998.

You and Gabriele Rau struggled up Rosa, the three of us did Heald, then Dorothy Danziger joined us for Luna. And what a day. Driving into the sinister auto wrecking yard in the hidden canyon, trying to find the back door to Luna. Traipsing south on a road/not road east of Round Mtn. Scrambling up the open ramps on the NW face of Luna, the magical moments when topping out. But there's always that other hike-- We drive up to the Mayan trailhead in my rental SUV... Then I lock myself out... And you have a Kern County map in your pack(!)... So we find out how much trouble we're really in... What's 20 miles? We came here to hike... A few miles later you flag down the only vehicle that comes by that day... And I begin some weird chitchat about guns(!)... So he tells me, "The NRA sticker on the truck is just for show"... Turns out he's a lonely birdwatcher... And that Lake Isabella(!) locksmith who finally comes out... Yeah I drove the truck into an obscure side canyon... How deep does he think the sand really is? \$20 deep? \$50 deep? \$100 deep?... The nerve asking why I don't have a spare key... It's a rental... "So?" he says, "Rent it, make a key"... Sounds like a locksmith's motto to me...

Harriet Edwards, List Finish on Josephine Pk, May 31, 1998.

We're always impressed by skydivers, even if we only know one of them. And you have pictures! *Bridges to Babylon*, bipping and bopping to Mick Jagger, can this compare to Onyx Pk #2, looking at a coruscating flower-filled valley, with one slope so crowded the earthtones are hidden? Tough question. I asked your dazed botanist tag-along, "Which ridge should we go up?" I could already hear the blossoms screaming at each footfall.

Judy Hummerich, List Finish on Waterman Mtn, July 25, 1998 at the Annual Rendezvous.

What a treat! What a celebration! What a tragedy, Jim Fleming's group arriving as we're all leaving, their plaintive cries of "Did you leave us some food?" echoing over the forlorn summit.

Jane Gibbons, List Finish after Round Top on Granite Mtn #1, July 26, 1998.

We died a thousand deaths sneaking through to Allen Peak. Through fog so dense we sensed rather than saw something amiss, then finding ourselves surrounded by a private gated subdivision, dogs barking, (no one home?!). Now we had an explanation for those fences. Dodging into the canyonside to escape on the north, suddenly realizing I'm trapped in the middle of wall-to-wall head-to-toe poison oak. Remember the ranger staring at us as we crawled back through the barbed wire above Mill Creek Ranger Station at closing time, her standing there with that moment's indecision, then driving off? I hope she was feeling pity for us, rather than being late for dinner.

Dorothy Danziger, List Finish over Jepson Peak to San Gorgonio, September 18, 1998.

Considering that on our first trip we ended up in a brushy morass NE of Iron Spring Mtn, it's a wonder that we did so many hikes together. After listening to my explanatory battlecry "Pathfinder! Pathfinder!" you, too, have become contaminated. Of course Neal Scott never did try another hike with me, opting for the safe and sane DPS List.

Tom Hill, List Finish on Thunder Mtn, October 21, 1998.

Feeling that a Thunder-Thunder 1X-2X list finish in 1999 would be a bit much of a good thing, I finished on up after waiting a year. Thanks to Dorothy Danziger, Hugh Blanchard, Gabriele Rau, George Wysup, and Byron Prinzmetal for the good times on this pleasant hike, and to all the other companions who share the delights and surprises of our mountain adventures.

BIG CHANGES IN PEAK GUIDES

By Tom Hill, Mountain Records Chair

Welcome to the world of peak guides. We've got lock ins, lock outs, gully-crashing boulders, crazed landowners, heavy brush, you name it to report on. And that's just safety-related stuff. We've also got trailhead changes, fee increases (no decreases!), permit problems, summit confusions...

Scan the enclosed report, *Pending Changes to Peak Guides*, before you go on an outing, to see if your hike might be compromised. If still in doubt, call and ask me, write me, or send an e-mail to Byron Prinzmetal and he'll inform me.

You'll notice that there are a LOT of pending changes, involving more than 100 peaks. The list is not complete. Not a week goes by anymore without an e-mail report from someone, and that's good news. A major initiative to get our HPS website interfaced with you, the hiker, is bearing fruit. Check us out at www.hundredpeaks.org. And we're not going to ignore you paper people, either.

But right now, with our limited space, let's bring you some of our biggest access problems.

1. 10D BARE MOUNTAIN ALERT !

We had two routes to this peak, and they've **both** been blocked by a recent Forest Service area closure. The USFS means business! Until Forest Road 5N04 and its adjoining land is reopened into Pinyon Flats, use the **new writeup** for Bare Mtn in this issue. The new route was scouted by a group of concerned HPSers on March 23 after we received an ominous note from Sue Holloway.

2. Potrero Seco Road Alert

This road is driven under USFS permit issued by the Ojai Ranger Station for the northern (and shortest) approaches to 6M Hildreth Peak, 6N Monte Arido, and 6O Old Man Mtn. Ojai also handles permits for the Nordhoff Ridge Road (Chief, Hines, Topatopa) but no problems have been reported.

A frustrating series of permit and combination lock mishaps involving several groups finally resulted in two HPSers having the Potrero Seco gate combination changed on them while they were dayhiking under permit, locking them inside. Complaining to the rangers does not seem to work. You might try this very cautious approach:

- Have a back-up destination in mind when trying for these routes.
- Call and register your permit at Ojai at least a day ahead of time.
- Pick up the permit face-to-face with a ranger at Ojai Ranger Station.
- Insist on three lock combinations: past, present, and future (yes, you need all three!)

3. Samon Peak - We Need help!

Contact Byron Prinzmetal if you're interested in joining a task force to find a short bypass of that blood-stained gully at Chokecherry Spring. Hiking groups are having many problems here.

4. Yucaipa Ridge - Clarification of the Access Route to the Upper Ridgeline

A rewrite of the consensus route that gets you from Mill Creek to the saddle east of Little San Gorgonio Peak is in press. Groups need careful routefinding and navigation for both ascents and descents of this route.

5. Private Property Alerts

3B Black Mtn #3 A legal route is posted to the website. Come on, gang, leave that Mine Road alone!

23I Chaparrosa Pk Park at the new Pipes Canyon Visitor Center for both routes to the peak. Do NOT walk along the roads that pass by private homes.

28I Cone Peak There is a non-obvious USFS trail easement heading west through the southern end of the subdivision. Avoid roads to the north of the main E-W pavement. A writeup is pending.

28M Butterfly Pk, 28N Rock Pt Pathfinder Ranch trailhead: Park on the right-hand (E) side of Table Mtn Rd at the utility box marked 'F26', which is next to the narrow paved road heading east that was formerly drivable.

32A Granite Mtn #2 The subdivision at the previous trailhead for the northern approach (Route 2) now has a security patrol. Park near the southern end of Firewater and hike south into the public wash.

PENDING CHANGES TO PEAK GUIDES

By Tom Hill

1A Sunday Pk
The ridgeline trail between Sunday & Bohna is severely overgrown and hard to follow. -Tom Hill

1B Bohna Pk
The ridgeline trail between Sunday & Bohna is severely overgrown and hard to follow. -Tom Hill

1C Split Mtn
Poodledog bush. The firefighting "destruction" is no longer a problem. -Tom Hill

1D Black Mtn #5
The firefighting "destruction" is no longer a problem. -Tom Hill

1E Cannel Point
Rt 2 (Fay Creek Ranch): Considerate groups can park at the Ranch without prior permission. (Oct 1998) -Various

1G Pilot Knob
The peak is strenuous and the climb is much harder than the write-up would indicate. - Rosemary Campbell
Permission of property owner is becoming difficult to obtain -Various

1H Owens Pk
Dirt rd access is rugged 4wd only. Follow signs "OP" (Owens Pk). Park near wilderness gate 1mi S of former trailhead. Ascend gully with the black rocks. -Tom Hill

1I Five Fingers
New Primary Route scouted: Follow the E ridge along its north side, below the rocks. The sharp ridge to take to the summit crack will be visible on the horizon. HPS outings must ascend the standard N gully. -Tom Hill

2A Lightner Pk
Completely revised. See the new HPS Peak Guide (1998). -MRC

2B Bald Eagle Pk
Completely revised. See the new HPS Peak Guide (1998). -MRC

2C Nicolls Pk
NO EASTERN APPROACH; all private property. -Various

2D Onyx Pk #2
The parking instructions in the guide are not quite accurate. -Tom Hill

2E Pinyon Pk
Scouted: A new route that bypasses priv property. See the new HPS Map. -Tom Hill

2F Scodie Mtn
Scouted: A new primary route that bypasses the steep gully. See the new HPS Map. -Tom Hill
Old Route 3: Road SC032 crosses wilderness & is gated. - Tom Hill, Jane Gibbons

2G Piute Lookout
Park at turnout just before road becomes bedded with sharp rocks (100yds before old parking area). -Tom Hill

2K Cross Mtn
Scouted: A new route connects Cross with Chuckwalla. It follows motorcycle trail along next canyon S of and

parallel to the former connecting route, bypassing the steep & loose "pink & white buttress." -Tom Hill

2L Chuckwalla Mt
Scouted: A new route connects Cross with Chuckwalla. It follows motorcycle trail along next canyon S of and parallel to the former connecting route, bypassing the steep & loose "pink & white buttress." -Tom Hill

2M Heald Pk
NO EASTERN APPROACH; all private property. -Various

2N Black Mtn #6
Scouted: A new route heads xc up the E ridge to the crater near the summit. - Byron Prinzmetal, Dorothy Danziger

2Q Weldon Pk
The summit is a large pinnacle on the far NE of the plateau area. Climb up the W side of this pinnacle to the register, which is not at the top. - Tom Hill

3B Black Mtn #3
Completely revised. See the new HPS Peak Guide (1998). STAY OFF the mining road described in old guides. -MRC

4A Brush Mtn
The highest point is a broad, grassy summit without a register. To sign in, continue along the road, which swings N and approaches a bump topped by a rockpile on the left containing the HPS register. There is a steep, eroded jeep track to this point, drivable(?) by 4wd from near its junction at Marion Campground. - Tom Hill

4B San Emigdio
Because the fire road passes north-facing slopes above 7000ft elev it is often gated in winter. - Byron Prinzmetal

4C Eagle Rest Pk
In an emergency, escape the canyon on a Pine Mtn Club priv side road (which becomes Westhorn Way) at the broad cyn junction 1.5 mi from trailhead parking. The cyn junction is now heavily disturbed by erosion. -Tom Hill

4D Antimony Pk
You cannot drive in as far as formerly. -Carleton Shay

4E Tecuya Mtn
Park 0.5 mi N of the fire station, where a signed motorcycle trail comes in from the W (formerly drivable). Hike this trail into a broad cyn, then over small ridge and small cyn, then 20ft past major ridge to obvious trail N. - Tom Hill

4I Mt Pinos
The dirt road to the summit is often gated. -Various

6D Cuyama Pk
The Lookout is abandoned. The register is traditionally placed within sight of the Lookout along a use trail east of the peak. -Tom Hill

6I West Big Pine
The triangular metal signs are gone. -Byron Prinzmetal

6J Big Pine Mtn
The triangular metal signs are gone. -Byron Prinzmetal

6K Samon Pk
The gully approach from Chokecherry Spring begins very steeply, with dangerous rockfall. -Various

6M Hildreth Pk
S approach: Road to hot springs is under major reconstruction (Dec 1999). Add 5+ miles r.t. for this approach. -Tom Hill
Potrero Seco route: Ask Ojai R.S. for past, present, future lock combinations (50% error rate). -Various

6N Monte Arido
Potrero Seco route: Ask Ojai R.S. for past, present, future lock combinations (50% error rate). -Various
Potrero Seco route: Hiking route leaves road at saddle N or summit, following brushy ridge. -Joe Young

6O Old Man Mtn
Potrero Seco route: Ask Ojai R.S. for past, present, future lock combinations (50% error rate). -Various

9A Mt Gleason
New routes to describe: PCT from Messenger Flat; PCT from the east.

9D Fox Mtn #2
The south trail has been rebuilt and lengthened by one mile. - Tom Hill

10A Mt Emma
The shooting area is closed. The fire road access to S route is permanently gated, but hikable. -Tom Hill

10D Bare Mtn
The shooting area is closed. Foot entry along the road from Sulphur Spring is blocked by USFS, pending their study of an endangered frog. A new route needs to be scouted. -Sue Holloway, Byron Prinzmetal

10H Round Top
The register is traditionally placed behind bushes on W side of the flat summit parking area. -Tom Hill

10J Cole Point
North ridge approach: The shooting area is closed and the fire road permanently gated. -USFS

11D Barley Flats
For several years a wandering pit bull has been guarding the camp near the summit. -Tom Hill

11E Mt Sally
New Route 2 scouted: Park at Shortcut trailhead, milepost 43.30 west of the peak. Where the ridge comes down to the S side of Hwy 2 a use trail goes E to the summit. -Tom Hill

13H Pinyon Ridge
The cat track sign that marked trailhead parking is now missing. -Tom Hill

15A Monrovia Pk
S approaches: Park on residential streets, not in the county park, which closes gates too early (5pm). -Tom Hill
Street address for south approach parking: 873 Ridgeside Dr. -Dorothy Danziger

15B Smith Mtn
USFS Adventure Pass required, even on weekdays. -Tom Hill

15C Rattlesnake Pk
USFS Adventure Pass required, even on weekdays. -USFS
Permits at the Mobil Station. Spade marker 3.39 is gone. Climb up ridge where El Nino washout occurs. -Joe Young

15D Iron Mtn #1
USFS Adventure Pass required, even on weekdays. -USFS
Round trip gain is 7400' -Tom Hill

15E Lookout Mtn #2
Description of route via Irv Bartel Canyon is needed. -Diane Dunbar

15F Sunset Pk
There is a clipped use trail from the parking area that heads S thru brush toward the summit. -Local Hikes Committee

16A Circle Mtn
The shooting area is closed. -USFS

16B Wright Mtn
Acorn Trail description needs revision. Sniff around on N side in the bushes on the broad bump N of PCT for register.
-Dorothy Danziger

16I Gobblers Knob
New route to add: PCT from Blue Ridge Trailhead. -PCT Guidebooks

19E The Pinnacles
Needs to be revised; there is a maze of trails criss-crossing the area. -Jane Gibbons

19F Marie Louise
Parking spot and which gully to ascend are not clear. -Jane Gibbons

20A Round Mtn
Scouted: There is an easy-to-follow route along the E side using road shown on recent USGS topo. -Jean Hermansen

20B Luna Mtn
Old HPS map is wrong for driving & parking. There is a new route from Round Mtn. -Various

20C Rattlesnake Mt
Burned-out brush allows hiking routes from any direction. -Tom Hill

20D White Mtn #1
Old HPS Map is critically wrong on drive. The driving route IS hikable. 3N11 continues straight at the junction. Only 4wd diehards can drive to summit. -Tom Hill

20E - 20I Deer Mtn, Shay Mtn, Little Shay Mtn, Ingham Pk, Hawes Pk
Completely revised. See the new HPS Peak Guide (1998).

21B Butler Pk
Lookout is now staffed by volunteers on occasional basis. -L.A. Times

21I Silver Pk
Turn off Hwy 18 at mile 62.0 (call box). The disturbed area to aim at is a mine, blasted & obvious. Trend past mine on its right to the immediate gully, then up. -Jean White

22E Heart Bar Pk
The jeep road on summit ridge is now very obscure. On summit ridge, hike xc SW 1/4 mi to summit. -Jane Gibbons

23A Bighorn Mtns
Although within a new wilderness boundary, 4wd road to summit is open, rough, & currently in use (Jan 1999). -Tom Hill
Driving: New Dixie Mine Rd is 6.2 mi N of Pipes Cyn Rd, at Landers Community Church. -Tom Hill

23B Granite Pks
Scouted: New trailhead, where dirt road crosses Arrastre Creek. Simplifies navigation. See new Map. -Byron Prinzmetal

23C Tip Top Mtn
Final 2.0 miles on jeep road is for diehard 4wd only. Sensible hikers will park and walk up this road. -Tom Hill

23D Mineral Mtn
Scouted: New trailhead & route up open ridge from SW, to avoid steep sidehill. -Tom Hill

23E Meeks Mtn
Driving: New Dixie Mine Rd is 6.2 mi N of Pipes Cyn Rd, at Landers Community Church. -Tom Hill

23F Black Mtn #4
New primary route will be W approach via Antelope Crk. Former route passes priv prop with aggressive owners.-Tom Hill

23I Chaparrosa Pk
For both routes: Park ONLY at the new Wildlands Conservancy Visitor Ctr. Primary Route: hike south, following stone fence over rise to jeep road, follow jeep road to trail junction marked by petroglyph rock with 3 hoofprints. -Tom Hill

24A Constance Pk
Park 1.4 mi from the Hwy 38 turnoff, where the road crosses a saddle and goes to the E side of ridge. -Byron Prinzmetal

24B - 24L San Bernardino, San Bernardino East, Anderson Pk, Shields Pk, Charlton Pk, Dobbs Pk, San Gorgonio, 10K Ridge, Lake Pk Grinnell Mtn
Permit limit 12. -USFS

25B Birch Mtn
Scouted: Easiest access is via Pilgrim Pines Camp at Oak Glen; considerate hikers sign in. -Hugh Blanchard

25C Cedar Mtn
Scouted: Easiest access is via Pilgrim Pines Camp at Oak Glen; considerate hikers sign in. -Hugh Blanchard

25D Wilshire Pk
A revised description is in progress on notorious Mill Creek approach.

25E Wilshire Mtn
A revised description is in progress on notorious Mill Creek approach.

25F Little San Gorg
A revised description is in progress on notorious Mill Creek approach.

26I Warren Point
New trail is marked by sign "WP." Parking at South Park Picnic Area avoids fees. Loop hike possible. -Tom Hill

27C Black Mtn #1
Lookout is now staffed by volunteers on occasional basis. -L.A. Times

28A Lily Rock
Hikers self-register at sign-in box 1/4 mi from Humber Park trailhead. -Tom Hill

28B Tahquitz Pk
Lookout is now staffed by volunteers on occasional basis. -L.A. Times

28D South Pk
Shortest access is via Apple Cyn Trail, Zen Ctr parking; small grps of considerate hikers only. -Hugh Blanchard

28E Antsell Rock
Shortest access is via Apple Cyn Trail, Zen Ctr parking; small grps of considerate hikers only. -Hugh Blanchard

28F Apache Pk
Access possible via Apple Cyn Trail, Zen Ctr parking; small grps of considerate hikers only. -Hugh Blanchard

28H Palm View Pk
New route from Fobes Ranch trailhead. -Carleton Shay

28I Cone Pk
Scouted: Old HPS route through subdivision passes priv prop. Legal route follows USFS easement near the southern end of the subdivision, heading due west where the road turns north. Park outside the housing area. -Carleton Shay

28K Pine Mtn #2
VERY BRUSHY. Devious & obscure route thru brush has now been heavily ducked. -Penelope May

28M Butterfly Pk
New trailhead: At Pathfinder Ranch park at utility box FS26, on E side of street, then hike in. At ridge, follow Prospector Trail, then double back to west of ridge and stay W of the cliffy area. -Robert Hethmon, Penelope May, Barbara Reber

28N Rock Point
New trailhead: At Pathfinder Ranch park at utility box FS26, on E side of street, then hike in. The woodpile mentioned in write-up is a pile of boards on W side of the road. -Robert Hethmon

28O Ken Point
Peak is completely burned. Poodledog bush. Stay on "ghost" use trail to build in a good path during regrowth. -Tom Hill

30A Asbestos Mtn
Scouted: New route from the gate on Palm Canyon Drive. Head E xc to plateau.

31A Eagle Crag
Aguanga turnoff to Cutca Trail passes through Rancho California sign (rough 4wd road). Wildhorse Trail is now cleared. Dripping Sprs Trail has 30 tough treefalls. Cutca Trail has 10 (including a horizontal trellis of downed trees & a "jungle" to thrash through after leaving creekbed). -Tom Hill

31E Beauty Peak
Ranch is vacant. From trailhead to first saddle is tricky bushwhack; use compass bearings. -Byron Prinzmetal

31F Iron Spring Mtn
Ranch is vacant. From trailhead to first saddle is tricky bushwhack; use compass bearings. -Byron Prinzmetal

31H Hot Springs Mtn
Fee \$10, doubles to \$20 if exit after 4pm. Phone 760-782-0711. Call first (opening & closing fluctuate). -Tom Hill

32A Granite Mtn #2
Route 2 from N side has new trailhead: After leaving Hwy, turn left of Firewater Rd to its end. Park. Hike S into wash and turn right to avoid the subdivision. -Tom Hill

32B Whale Pk
Anza Borrego State Park charges \$5.00 fee (1999). -Tom Hill

32J Monument #1
Alternate drive: Trailhead is 11.1 mi from Interstate8 offramp. -George Wysup

Bare Mountain (6388') 10D

Location: Los Angeles County, about 9 miles south-of Littlerock
46 miles from Los Angeles

Maps: Auto Club: Los Angeles and Vicinity
Forest Service: Angeles National Forest
Topo: Juniper Hills 7½
HPS Topo: 10D BARE MTN 03-23-1999

ROUTE 1

(USFS Parking Permit Required)

Distance: 6 miles r.t. on trail, cross country and firebreak

Gain: 2000 going; 800 on return

Time: 4-5 hours r.t.

Rating: Moderate

Original: Byron Prinzmetal 03-23-1999

DRIVING ROUTE 1

From the intersection of I-210 and Angeles Crest Highway (Hwy. 2), drive north on Angeles Crest Highway 28.2 miles to Sulphur Springs Road on the left. Turn left (This is also known as Three Points). Note your odometer and go as follows:

At 2.8 miles, a parking area on the left side of the road. This is the parking spot for Mount Hillyer. Continue straight.

At 3.9 miles, Alder saddle and a fork. This is the turn-off point for Pacifico Mountain. Go right on 5N04.

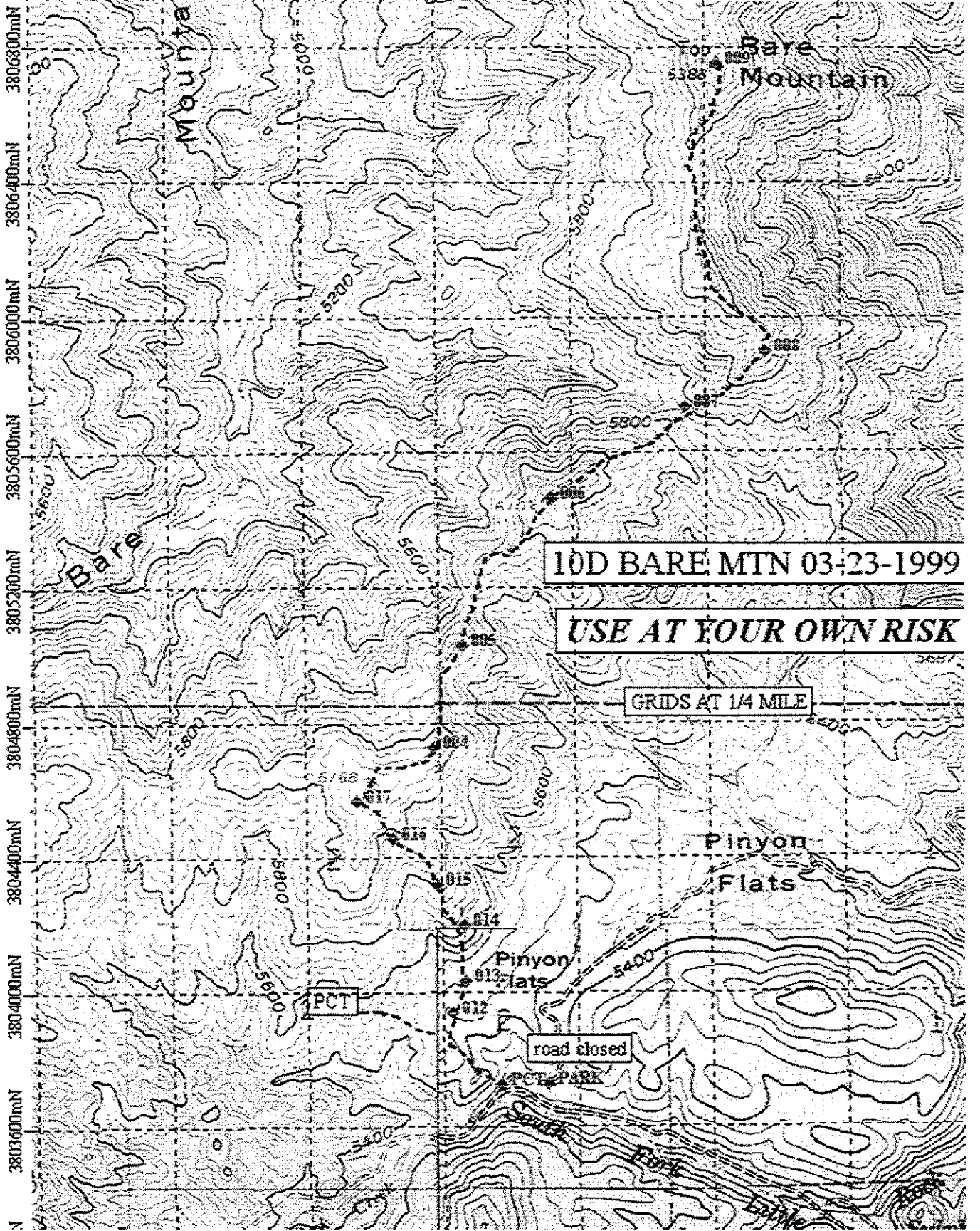
At 4.9 miles, a parking area on the right. Park here. Note: the parking area is right after the turnoff to Sulpher Springs and just before the Forest Service Road closure.

HIKING ROUTE 1

From the parking area walk back up the road about 100 yards to the Pct. Take the Pct west for about 1/8 mile to the beginning of a shadow saddle. Leave the trail just before the saddle and cross the gully on your north side until you reach a ridge. Hike up the ridge until you reach bump 6158. Note: there is a large triangular marker post near the top of 6158. From bump 6158 turn north east and follow the ridge/firebreak over several bumps until you reach the main ridge/firebreak running south from Bare Mountain. Please note your location for the return. To help there is a large triangular marker post at the intersection of these two ridges. Turn north on this ridge until you reach the summit.

Note: The old routes are not accessible because the Forest Service closed the road and surrounding area to protect an endangered animal.

407200mE 407600mE 408000mE 408400mE 408800mE 409200mE W



10D BARE MTN 03-23-1999

USE AT YOUR OWN RISK

GRIDS AT 1/4 MILE

PCT

road closed

Pinyon Flats

Pinyon Flats

Bare Mountain

Bare Mountain

Bare

PCT PARK

SPRINGS

TRAIL

TRAIL

Current Trip Reports

Villager Pk, Rabbit Pk #2

March 13-14, 1999

Leaders: Mars Bonfire, Virgil Popescu

By Mars Bonfire

Perhaps the one-eyed Viking fortune teller was right when she prophesied I couldn't lead a cat up a blind alley. Luck of a sort, however, was with us and after endless hours of aimless wandering over terrain that pushed us to the cutting edge of mall walking we stumbled upon a peak. But what peak? There seemed to be summits all over the place. Fortunately a register revealed the name to be Villager Pk. Hmm. I was familiar with the first part -- a mini van by Mercury. But Villager Pk??? A few memory synapses began to fire. Perhaps I had come across this name before. Perhaps in connection with the Sierra Club. On a hunch I rifled through my pack in search of the trip announcement. Luck indeed! This was the very mountain we were supposed to climb. I declared victory and in a burst of enthusiasm attempted to convince my companions that at no time were we lost. I had known our position every step of the way and had just led a highly unique (and never to be repeated) pathfinder to the peak.

A comedian once told me she could distinguish four kinds of laughter. From the experienced and confident regulars I now heard the warm and easy sound of laughter number one. The kind that signifies "He seems to mean well. Let's just humor him along and perhaps in a decade or two he'll get the hang of this." And from the list obsessed with type triple A personalities, laughter number two--monotone, mechanical, machine gun bursts. The kind that mean "If it weren't for this lobotomized idiot I would have done both peaks by now and be on my way to Rosa Pt." And from a lone newcomer, laughter number three--high pitched, somewhat out of body, and semi-hysterical--signifying "I now realize my life is in danger and don't know what else to do but laugh."

Oh, well. We made camp, had a leisurely meal, and got into one of those highly animated and typical Sierra Club discussions about sex, politics, and religion. I'll forego any revelations about the sex part as kids under the age of 55 might get their trembling fingers on this article. As for politics and religion, however, the central concern seemed to be "Why did God create Ken Starr, Viagra, Salton City, and Pearl Izumi Screaming Yellow?" No one, not even our friends from the religious right, could come up with a satisfactory explanation that simultaneously and economically took care of all four prongs of this conundrum. With my intellectual capacity soon exhausted I headed for my sleeping bag. There's nothing like a night in the mountains to clear the mind

and put things into perspective. It quickly worked its magic on me and I descended into slumber with the reassuring realization that gas was low, stocks were high, and the death penalty was back. I just doesn't get any better. My final thought was of the wonderfully delicious fruit flavored compressed sawdust trail bars I would enjoy at day break. And then I awoke...to the sound of someone complaining that their breakfast looked like freeze dried bear scat. I thoughtfully examined mine and decided to start the day on an empty stomach.

To Big Rabbit! With the summit clearly visible most of the way and with one and only one ridge connecting us to it, I was able to use my highly honed I-level navigation skills to lead us right to the top. (Now that's my kind of mountain. Let's get the stealth peaks off the List.) Returned to camp, packed, and were about a third of the way down when I noticed one of the hikers had strikingly decorated herself in cholla balls, somewhat reminding me of my daughters' tongue studs, nose rings, and other assorted body piercings. I thought what a unique way to express one's individuality and rebellious contempt for bourgeois society. As I drew closer I realized this might not be deliberate. A look of excruciating pain and a silent plea for help were in her eyes. It called forth my best nurturing, caring, empathic qualities and I warmly responded to her plight with the comment "Welcome to Anza Borrego. Get used to it" and moved on to the cars. Yes, I will be the compassionate leader HPS can be proud of!

And one by one they straggled in -- tired and very, very hungry. And that hunger drove us to Big Bubba's Steer and Stein but it was the night of the burger brain beer belly buttheads -- big bellies did bulge, greasy lips did drool, thick tongues did talk, heavy minds did think. We fled in horror seeking quieter surroundings where we could meditate on the joys of tree hugging and the idyllic cavorting of Bambi, Thumber, and Smokey. After more raucous disappointments -- the night of the pizzatarians, the night of the tacotarians -- we settled for a tailgate party at Vons. Why? Because Vons has Guinness. Beer! After making certain Virgil had a sixpack or more I turned serious: "So Virgil apparently no one died (I wasn't exactly sure of this for I had neglected to count the number of participants. But there were no irritating questions beginning with 'Hey, whatever happened to...') That was good enough for me.)" I then heard laughter number four: The kind that means "You've got to be kidding!"

On a serious note I'd like to thank my wonderfully capable and enjoyable companions: Sonia Arancibia, Dorothy Danziger, Rich Gnagy, Virgil Popescu, Byron Prinzmetal, Judy Ware, and Jean White. And congratulations to Byron who finished the List on Rabbit!

Pre-Exploratory to Backus Pt 6561', and nearby Point 6661'

February 28, 1999

By Erik Siering and Bob Sumner

We hiked HPS-proposed Backus Point and its adjoining western highpoint via a road leading southwest from the Powers Well. [Note: I'm told that John Backus was a remarkable fellow, and the worthy summit does seem apt for his moniker.] Unfortunately, we also earned a citation for inadvertently straying into the poorly marked Owens Peak Wilderness. We'd never driven across a wilderness boundary in all our years of backcountry exploring, so this was distressing. It was a chastening confrontation with the lauded 1995 Desert Protection Act in practice.

The citation seemed particularly ironic after our long prior day in the desolate Coso Range Wilderness, where we were scrupulous in observing the new red stakes (wilderness road closure markers). There we'd sauntered a five-peak loop in a rugged and remote desert area, spying no footprints or tire tracks amongst the pinyons, Joshua trees, and quartz monzonite boulders. We negotiated undulating ridges and were treated to breathtaking views of the Sierra. We basked in the winter sun and crunched through melting snow. Our only encounter was with a herd of beautiful wild horses, led by an aggressively territorial stallion that was unhappy to see us. We camped that night at Fossil Falls, a bright moon complementing our modest campfire, good grub and drink.

The next morning we opted to climb the peaks from the north side. We left one vehicle near Hwy 395. Near the Powers Well we discerned a fine high-clearance dirt road heading southwest up towards the peaks. It was a well-traveled track that led around a couple of 6-inch wood posts, with no boundary or closure signs in evidence. Our topo and NFS maps made no mention of a wilderness designation. Heeding an old, shot-up no-vehicle-entry posted spur, we stopped along the track near its end at 4000'. We'd gained about a mile and 700' elevation from the well. This would be an expensive mile.

We naively parked in open sight, and were thus later spotted by a BLM ranger from the highway.

It was warm as we hiked southward. The slopes were mixed with sage, low brush, and scattered Joshua trees. Several routes up to the ridge were available, all of them sandy and highly aerobic. We moved left into a shaded gully to rocks that provided better footing. There were a few welcome snow patches before we intercepted at the ridge at 6400'. Now accompanied by a cool breeze and shady

pinyons, we turned left to the 6561' summit.

It provides one of the best panoramic views in the Southern Sierra, despite being lower than nearby Morris, Jenkins, and Owens Pks. There are peaks and ranges in all directions, with broad vistas of Indian Wells Valley. We continued our adventure by following the connecting ridge northwest a mile to Point 6661', which we pronounced "West Dead Dude Pk." This ridge was entertaining, with outcrops that provided some easy rock scrambling which can mostly be avoided on either side. The summit views are limited, but it was the nearby highpoint. We placed a register in the barren caim. A rapid direct descent soon had us downing brews at Bob's truck.

But as we drove downhill, the said BLM Ranger Stan Kerlin suddenly appeared afoot and ordered us to a halt. He was in a disagreeably heavy puffing (sucking?) mood, as he'd had to scramble up from the well and first gone clear over to School Rock looking for us. With hand on his holstered gun, he ordered us to step out. After determining that we were unarmed and nonthreatening, he confiscated Bob's license and registration and directed us to drive to a ranger waiting at the well. Ranger Kerlin seemed downright relieved that we were wimp hikers, rather than armed, menacing, Bud-swilling 4x4r's. But he still walked down behind us after refusing the ride we graciously offered him.

We had a lively and heated discussion at the well. Ranger Kerlin was adamant in his belief that we knowingly and deliberately drove into the Owens Peak Wilderness. We were just as firm that we had seen no signs or indications of any type that we had encroached on a wilderness area, or that there was even one in the vicinity. He insisted on citing us ("Motorized Equipment in Wilderness Area"), despite our avowed intentions. He pointed out two tiny signs on similar short posts at road junctions to the east (corral) that we had neither approached nor seen. We were informed that the earlier carsonite signs had been removed by vandals. Hence we had no idea that we were crossing a wilderness boundary. But it appears that ignorance is no defense. Ranger Reed Hopkins was in attendance; he sympathized with our plight but to no avail. [By the way, the two BLM rangers preoccupied with our weighty transgression represented fully a third of the six-member SoCal field deployment. Silly and sad.] Neither of us have the time to drive to Bakersfield to confer with the court magistrate, so we mailed in the \$150 fine. BLM wins the contest by default. So, let's now throw another red stake on the barbee...

Statistics (via the legal way from Powers Well corral): 7 miles r.t., 3700' gain, class 2.

Agua Tibia, Eagle Crag, Brown Mtn

February 7-8, 1999

Private Trip and List Finish

By Tom Hill

Prelude: This was to be HPS list finisher Richard Whitcomb's Lower Peaks finish on Agua Tibia Mtn (4779'). As it happened, however, when Richard and I went out to get him ready two weeks before by trying for Brown Mtn (4485') and Mt Zion (3575'), a winter storm warning in the San Gabriels limited us to Zion, the "hard" way. The road to Chantry Flat was locked. Richard got out in the downpour, mumbled some noises about his need to get used to hiking in the Pacific Northwest, donned his formidable raingear, stood outside as calm as can be, and looked at me in his special way ("You got a problem with this?") I personally was excited, not because I have any designs on rainy Seattle but because this was my chance to test out my GustBuster umbrella--huge, guaranteed windproof! About 15 miles later we made it back; if you're tired of crowds at Chantry, hike in a storm (snow above 3000'). We had the place to ourselves.

Main Event: And so it came that nine of us early birds assembled at Dripping Springs Campground at 6AM on February 7, ready to test the uncharted waters of the Dripping Springs Trail. The stories had preceded us: entire forests! nightmare deadfalls! But - how difficult can a ROAD be? Well, Richard showed off his fireman's form by pushing two smallish trees off the trail, leaving some thirty-five others for his future trips. About half of these woodsy barriers were formidable, centuries-old horizontal monarchs demanding gymnastics. One saving grace. If a trunk is more than head high, you can probably crawl underneath it.

And there we were, around noon, just below the summit of Agua Tibia ("shinbone water" was our affectionate translation). An incredible ocean of manzanita, dead and alive, seemed to surround the peak, along with assorted vigorous new growth (thanks again, El Nino) of doubtful attitude. Doubling back on the "road" our searching eyes found a plow-through chance from the northwest. We proceeded through a surreal thrash fest, arriving at the top about 30 minutes later. This quarter mile was much easier on the way out, thanks to our soon-to-be-overgrown instant use trail. The register can is at the Agua Tibia Benchmark, some 50 feet west of the class 2½ summit rock.

Judy Hummerich, Gabriele Rau, and Dorothy Danziger "celebrated" with Richard while Mars Bonfire, Janet Yang, George Wysup, and Virgil Popescu checked out to continue onward to Eagle Crag, which beckoned 3 miles to our east along the overgrown road. These intrepid ones braved a

threatening sky, short daylight, and the unknown condition of the Wild Horse Trail for their 23 mile, 4500' gain loop hike. They reported that the Wild Horse is in great condition compared to Dripping Springs, but much longer, about 10 miles from Crosley Saddle back to the trailhead, with a curious, meandering up-down flavor. With this favorable (?) report under our belts, look for the first-ever HPS scheduled loop hike to Eagle Crag this Oct 24 (bypassing Agua Tibia; the hike will be hard enough), led by Tom Hill, Joe Young, and Byron Prinzmetal.

Postscript: The next day, Monday, was almost an anticlimax. Richard and I rambled to Brown Mtn from Eaton Saddle, installed a new register can for his list completion, and then took out his cellphone to call in to Santa Ana. Talk about Murphy. The overseers of the venerable Lower Peaks List had unexpectedly called a meeting, after two years, to consider what, why, and how to change their operations. Richard's phone refused to connect the call.

All worked out. We ran back to Richard's truck, then down to La Canada where the call was placed 15 minutes after the meeting had begun, but with the voting on hold. Yes! They added 5 new peaks to the list. You Lower Peakers now need to reach 63 fine summits, many of them challenging and unusual.

Congratulations, Richard.

LPC Finisher #1 Jean Hermansen, #2 Eric Siering, #3 Tina Stough, #4 Richard Whitcomb.

Rabbit Pk #2 from Clark Lake

A Private Trip

March 18, 1999

Hikers: Mars Bonfire and Hugh Blanchard

By Mars Bonfire

Let's cut right to the chase: I'll never do this route again as long as I live nor during any reincarnations. How's that for an endorsement? It's not that the hiking time is unacceptably long or the terrain is unusually difficult; it's just that, while the route makes sense for DPS, the most energy efficient way for us to get Rabbit and adjacent Villager is on a backpack or long day hike up the north tending ridge across S22 from Thimble Trail. With so many peaks and so little time, energy efficiency matters.

We found the Rockhouse Cyn road to Clark Lake heading north from S22 between mile markers 27 and 26. Pavement ends around 0.2 mile and a major fork goes left to private property. Rockhouse Cyn road continues through a flat area used by RV's and soon a major fork goes right to private property. Around 5.1 miles a fork to the right with a sign "Authorized Vehicles Only" occurs. At 5.4 miles a sandy parking area appears on the left and has a no campfire sign. This is near the eastern base of the high point of Coyote Mountains (which serves as a good focal point the return.)

The hike begins with deceptive ease heading northwest across the nearly flat northern margin of Clark Lake. After around 1 ¼ miles the large rounded boulders of a major wash begin, requiring some rock hopping. After passing two gullies to the north we gained the north-northwest trending ridge and followed it over wandering connections to a saddle at the base of the center western ridge coming down from the major bump south of Rabbit. A couple of hundred feet up this ridge is a short steep section of massive rocks that required us to use our hands for upward progress in addition to balance. This ridge line is

steep and to avoid burn out we went into the meditative rest step -- rest step #1...rest step #5367, or thereabouts, and we intersected the use trail from Villager. From here on it was familiar ground and we easily gained the register. There were no sign ins since the March 13-14 scheduled HPS backpack. Four days without company. What a lonely life. Be compassionate. Stop by and visit the Big Rabbit.

Any peak, any time*. (* Offer limited to HPS List, excludes lightning and avalanche conditions, other restrictions may apply, void where prohibited by law.)



Hundred Peaks Section Chair Byron Prinzmetal finishes the HPS List on Rabbit Peak on March 14, 1999. In this summit photo Byron is surrounded by ladies (left to right) Dorothy Danziger, Jean White, Judy Ware, and Sonia Aroncibia.

REGISTER BOX

By Jim Adler

Three more peak registers were reported to have vanished. None reappeared.

Reports were received from Gail Hanna, Walter Studhalter, Sharry Puraty, James Carden and Rob Langsdorf.

Missing and deficient registers:

11B	Strawberry Peak	missing	2-99
13C	Pleasant View	missing	6-97
13I	Winston Ridge	deficient	4-96
14D	S. Mt. Hawkins	missing	8-97
14H	Mt. Burnham	missing	7-97
14F	Mt. Hawkins	missing	8-98
17E	Cucamonga Pk	missing	11-97
17F	Etiwanda Peak	missing	11-97
24B	San Bernardino	missing	7-98
24C	San Bernardino E.	deficient	7-98
24D	Anderson Peak	missing	7-98
26B	Quail Mtn.	missing	4-98
26D	Ryan Mtn.	missing	4-94
27A	Ranger Peak	missing	2-99
27C	Black Mtn. #1	missing	2-99
28B	Tahquitz Peak	missing	9-98
28E	Antsell Rock	deficient	10-98
28K	Pine Mtn. #2	decrepit	5-98
30D	Santa Rosa Mtn.	deficient	6-97
32E	Cuyamaca Peak	missing	9-97

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. Alandale Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90036-4625, or telephone at (323) 931-6844 or e-mail at J Adler LA @aol.com. 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 are not listed.)

You Can Help! Keep Our Summits Shameless!

Never have it said (To your lasting shame),
"A benchmark where you tread, Has no date or name."
(Wes Shelberg)

Coffee-sized cans urgently needed! The HPS Register Box Task Force has 2 volunteer can painters (Dorothy Danziger, Gabriele Rau) and 3 register carriers who carry replacements as part of their regular equipment. BUT replacement is slowing because of a chronic can shortage. Please give empty, clean coffee-sized cans to any member of the

HPS Management Committee and they will pass them along to Tom Hill and his Task Force. Tom Hill reports that he, Mars Bonfire, and Peter Doggett have visited over 500 HPS summits during the past year, and some summit registers such as Mt Harwood have been replaced multiple times.

May - June HPS Birthdays

Carolyn Croker 5/1
Peter Wolar 5/1
Walton Kabler 5/2
Tina Stough 5/2
Mike Fredette 5/3
Frank Goodykoontz 5/4
David Zalewski 5/5
Tom Ambruster 5/7
George F. Smith 5/9
Mark T. Allison 5/11
Terri Astle 5/11
Jim Throgmorton 5/12
Jack Trager 5/16
Gordon Lindberg 5/18
Peter R. Mann 5/18
Carol Hubbard 5/19
Joseph Landau 5/23
Gail W. Hanna 5/25
Jim Adler 5/27
Harry Freimanis 5/29
Jorg Angehm 5/30
Hugh W. Blanchard 6/1
Reina Lee Brown 6/1
Mary Sue Miller 6/3
Michael Sandford 6/3
Paul Cutter 6/4
David F Eisenberg 6/5
Steve Smith 6/6
Jim Fujimoto 6/7
Walter Studhalter 6/7
George Thomas 6/10
Philip Weinrich 6/10
Shirley Akawie 6/11
Leslie Metcalfe 6/11
Beverly J. Rawles 6/11
Janet Damen 6/12
Raymond Borun 6/13
George Pfeiffer 6/14
Dan Richter 6/15
John S. Wells 6/15
Robert N. Wheatley 6/15
Sue Holloway 6/18
Barry W. Holchin 6/20
Gabriele Rau 6/20
Kathy Cheever 6/23
Peter H. Doggett 6/23
Katherine Jensen 6/23
Bob Baird 6/26
Julie Rush 6/30

HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION
Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting
(Unofficial)
Thursday, January 13, 1999
The home of Carleton and Hanna Shay

All voting members of the 1998 and the 1999 HPS Management Committee were present.

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 pm.

1. Old business 1998 Management Committee Charlotte Feitshans
The 1998 HPS Chair welcomed the elected members of the 1999 HPS Management Committee.
2. Announcement 1999 Management Committee
The positions selected by the 1999 elected members were announced, as decided upon in December 1998.
3. Committee Chairs and Other HPS Appointees Byron Prinzmetal
A consensus was reconfirmed regarding 1999 HPS Appointees, to be confirmed at the February meeting.
4. HPS Peak List Changes from 1998 Peak List Tom Hill
A consensus was reached regarding the changes to the Peak List (delisting of Snow & Kitching), to be confirmed at the February meeting.
5. Transition Meeting Job Turnover All
Members of the 1998 Management Committee and 1998 Appointees met with their counterparts on the 1999 team to describe their job functions and to hand over HPS materials and documents.
6. 1999 Planning Framework for the HPS Byron Prinzmetal
Work on Attachment One of the Planning Framework was completed, with reconfirmation scheduled for the February meeting. For a copy of this document, which outlines HPS Objectives & Plans, contact Byron Prinzmetal.
7. Conservation Chair
Ruth Dobos volunteered to serve as the 1999 HPS Conservation Chair, replacing Larry Hoak.
8. 1999 Planning Framework for the HPS Byron Prinzmetal
Discussion continued on the details of the Planning Framework.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting
(Unofficial)
Thursday, February 11, 1999
Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium

All voting members were present except Janet Bartel (Secretary).

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 pm. Recording of the Minutes was assigned to Tom Hill.

1. Old business January recommendations Byron Prinzmetal
The HPS Chair reminded the Management Committee of consensus votes taken at the January transition meeting, and of the need to reconfirm those recommendations at this February meeting:
 1. Management positions and appointed positions
It was noted that Rosemary Campbell will not be the HPS Controller.
With that exception, it was m/s/p that all positions are now finalized for the HPS.
 2. HPS Peak List
It was m/s/p to confirm approval of the changes to the Peak List (delisting of Snow & Kitching).
A copy of the new HPS Peak List is found in the Mar-Apr issue of *The Lookout*.
 3. 1999 Planning Framework for the HPS
It was m/s/p to accept the Planning Framework agreed upon at the January transition meeting.
Contact Byron Prinzmetal if you would like a copy of this document, which outlines HPS Objectives & Plans.
2. Report HPS Outings Procedure Tom Hill
The Safety Chair proposed two changes in the HPS Outings Procedure (leaders shall respond to sase's; sign-in sheets from outings shall be returned to the Safety Chair). It was m/s/p to adopt these changes, subject to Chapter approval.
3. Outings Committee Plan for 1999 outings Tom Hill, Virgil Popescu
The Vice Chair handed out an Action Plan for 1999 (attached) and discussed proposed Trip Kits & Leader Kits.
The Outings Chair reported on his telephone survey of listed HPS leaders.
4. Report Membership Committee David Eisenberg
The Membership Chair handed out the Membership Committee Report. (Attached).

Special attention will be paid to introductory hikes and promotion of the HPS.

It was m/s/p to approve the 2 achievements and 4 new members.

5. New business Awards Committee Chair
It was m/s/p to appoint Joe Young as the 1999 Awards Chair for the HPS.
6. Report Social Committee George Wysup
The banquet had a tentative \$765 profit.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

**Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting
(Unofficial)
Thursday, March 11, 1999
Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium**

All voting members were present except Charlotte Feitshans (Past Chair) and Janet Bartel (Secretary).

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 pm. Recording of the Minutes was assigned to Tom Hill.

Minutes - Approval of February Minutes was postponed until the April meeting.

1. Recruitment efforts WTC
Byron Prinzmetal reported 7 new subscribers at one WTC meeting where he gave an HPS presentation. Byron is giving presentations at two WTC meetings, Gabriele Rau at one, and George Wysup at one.
2. Recruitment efforts HPS Management quota
It was m/s/p that the HPS Management Committee give their best efforts to recruiting 10 new members each.
3. Recruitment efforts Register notepads
It was m/s/p to create sample register can pads for summit register experiment, budget less than \$100, subject to later review and approval.
4. Administration HPS mailing address
George Wysup reported that a P.O. box would give HPS a permanent address for \$50/year. It was m/s/p to spend \$50 at the Montrose Post Office for a one-year rental of a P.O. box.
5. Report Membership Committee George Wysup
The attached report was prepared by David Eisenberg and submitted by George Wysup. It was m/s/p to approve the 2 new members and the new 100 peak emblem achievement.
6. Report Trips for next Schedule Virgil Popescu
The Outings Chair reported almost 70 submittals for the July-Oct Schedule. He identified two major problems:
(1) Some submissions were not in proper form, and (2) the Leaders' Meeting needs to be better organized.
7. Report LTC restrictions Byron Prinzmetal
The HPS Chair reported that the LTC has issued warnings on 2 areas: (1) HPS cannot train leaders independently of LTC involvement, and (2) HPS cannot advise anyone on medical treatment or first aid issues.
8. Report Website activity Byron Prinzmetal
The HPS Chair reported website "hits" are now averaging 43/day, up from previous figures of about 10/day, and that the most popular choices have been peak guide write-ups, followed by maps.
9. Report New access problem Tom Hill
The Mountain Records Chair reported that the road past the former shooting range leading to the trailhead for Bare Mtn is now blocked by the USFS, with large warning signs barring entry. No suspension of the peak is indicated, since alternative routes are known to exist.
10. Report Treasury and Budget George Wysup
See the attached Treasurer's report. The HPS has a current bank balance of \$5455.14.
A discussion of revenue flow and expenses indicated no major problems for now. The effectiveness of handing out free copies of The Lookout needs to be monitored due to additional possible expenses.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.