

# THE LOOKOUT



## Hundred Peaks Section Leads Exploratory Hikes to Honor Sam Fink, John Backus, Bill T Russell

Jul 11 Sunday

I: **Russell Peak (6696')** Exploratory: Come join us on the peak that we propose to name for Bill T. Russell. Moderately strenuous, 7 miles rt 2500' gain on road, cross country and some rock scrambling. Meet at 6am at Walker Pass on highway 178. Comparable peak(s) in the afternoon to be determined. Bring at least 4 qts of water as the weather could be hot. Leaders: Tom Hill and Byron Prinzmetal (email [Byron\\_Prinzmetal@csi.com](mailto:Byron_Prinzmetal@csi.com))

Aug 8 Sunday

I: **Sam Fink Peak (7339')** Exploratory: Strenuous but moderately paced 15 mi rt, 4500' gain adventure hike to the remote eastern frontier of San Jacinto Wilderness, mostly on trail (final 800' gain on steep forested cross country, easy rocks, no brush). Climb spectacular crag named in honor of our eminent Desert Divide pioneer, Permit limits group size to 12, so reserve early. Send sase, H & W phones, recent experience to Leader: Tom Hill / Co-leader: Byron Prinzmetal.

*[Editor's note: The Exploratory to Backus Peak was led April 18, 1999. Please see the write-up of that hike in the "Current Trip Reports" section.]*

## Upcoming Social Programs

July 8 Byron Prinzmetal and Tom Hill host a free-wheeling, down & dirty "show & tell" on hiking and equipment. Newcomers will learn what, why, and how. Oldtimers, please add your 2¢ worth. Refreshments & socializing, something for everyone. 7:30 PM at the Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium, 4730 Crystal Springs Drive.

August 12 Have you ever wondered how to properly pick and fit a hiking boot that is right for you? Come listen to a representative from Adventure 16 explain the science of boot fitting. 7:30 PM at the Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium.

## Donation Program Announced

By Byron Prinzmetal

Most of you don't know how our many activities are paid for. Up to now our only major source of revenue was your subscription to the Lookout for nine dollars per year. It cost the HPS about five to six dollars per year per subscription and the costs seem to be going up over the years. So the HPS only clears about \$3 to \$4 per subscription. This small surplus amount is used to pay for many of our activities which includes monthly meetings, leaders meetings, web site, HPS marketing efforts to obtain new subscribers/members, miscellaneous administrative expenses, up front expenses to manufacture our patches, pins, tee shirts, peak guides and maps, any losses (if any) on our social events (e.g. Banquet, Spring Fling), etc. Our subscription rate is one of the lowest of the Angeles Chapter's sections and has not been changed in many years. We would like not to have to raise our subscription rate. We therefore ask that those who can afford to donate to do so.

Your management committee has decided to make your Benefactor, Patron, and Lifetime Subscriber contributions even more valuable to you; your subscription to the Lookout will be sent first class mail, which presently costs \$20/year. More importantly, your donation is needed to help make your club better for you. Below are the various levels of donations. (Donations are NOT tax deductible.)

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100-299 (HPS Benefactor)

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# Membership Report

By David F Eisenberg

## Achievements

### 100 Peaks Emblem

982	Bill Oliver	March 27, 1999	Pine Mountain No. 2
983	Paul Cutler	March 30, 1999	Chief Peak

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### List Completion No. 1

212	Byron Prinzmetal	March 14, 1999	Rabbit Peak No. 2
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### Pathfinder

27	Dorothy Danziger	May 5, 1999	Rabbit Peak No. 1
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### Membership Activity Report

#### Member to Sustaining Member

Walia Ringeler  
Richard Schamberg  
George Schroedtler  
Jean M. White  
Barry E. Williams  
Robert J. Wyka

#### New Subscriptions

Joanne Andrew      Fred Somoso  
Jon Boggs            Janna D. Vandenberg  
Jerri Clifton  
Lloyd deLlamas  
Gerardo Dominguez  
Joe Kardos  
Alice Kettering  
Chiman Lad  
Zane Lang  
Laura Lopez  
Agustin Medina  
Barb Phillips  
Roy Randall

#### **Membership Summary**

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Inactive</u>
Sustaining	35	6
Member	280	179
Household	60	30
Subscriber	88	233
Honorary	2	
Sust. sub	3	
Extra	6	
Life	2	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>446</b>

#### New Member

Scott Nelson  
Anne Young

#### Member to Life

Mars Bonfire

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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](mailto: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.

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Please look up the HPS new web site at the following address:

<<http://www.hundrdepeaks.org/hps/>>

*From the Chair*  
By Byron Prinzmetal

Lots of good things have happened since our last Lookout. First of all it has stopped raining and snowing and we are finally able to go hiking in many of our favorite places. Second, your management committee has approved a number of new things, which we hope will make your club better. Here is a partial list of changes: We would like you to vote on a number of peak additions and yes deletions. We would like to add three peaks to our list that we would name after some of our founders (Backus, Russell, and Fink.) We would also like to expand the number of peaks that are over ten thousand feet by two and reinstate to favorites (Kitching and Snow Peaks now that the road is open) and remove a number of drive-ups or near drive-ups. We realize that if each of you were asked what you would do with our peak list, each would have a different set of recommendations. We would like those who feel strongly about our recommendations to voice their opinions with letters to the editor and/or leave comments on our web site. You will find articles in this Lookout that describe the proposal in more detail together with a few starter opinions. We would like to make our 100 peaks patch better looking and avoid the need to saw two patches together. We would also like to add a 200-peak patch, a list completion patch and a San Gabriel patch. The 200-peak patch and completion patch would be in addition to our current pins for these accomplishments. Joe Young has initiated a contest for their design, which he describes in an article in this edition. As you know we have placed our peak guides and all of our revised maps on our web site. But what happens if you don't have access to our web or if you want paper copies and you don't want to continuously buy a new set? We have started a new program that addresses this, which Tom Hill describes in an article. We need your donations to help fund our section's new activities (e.g. new web site, leader pre-trip kits, etc.) so we do not have to raise our subscription prices. We have made giving to the HPS more enticing by adding first class Lookout mailing for our Benefactor, Patron, and Lifetime Subscriber levels. This is further explained in another article. For trip leaders we hope to make your job a little easier. We will start sending out a pre-trip kit that includes the current peak guide, map, sign in sheet etc. We ask that trip leaders return the maps and peak guides with any suggested changes. Tom further explains this in another article.

You will find a listing of our July through October outings. There are approximately 70 different events listed, which are a record or near record number. You will find outings for everyone from beginner to tiger and in almost every area we hike. I

would like to thank all those who have volunteered their time to lead us into our beautiful mountains and Virgil and Tom for organizing this effort.

It is time for us to start forming next year's officers nominating committee. Please contact me if you would like to serve on this committee. From my perspective the success of your management committee starts with their recommendations. When they recommend people who have the dedication, skills and can work together, your management committee can accomplish much. The nominating committee usually needs help in finding qualified people to serve. So if you would like to be nominated for the management committee or you would like to recommend someone please let the nominating committee or me know. Members can also recommend names by petition.

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### **Outings Not Listed in the Angeles Chapter Schedule of Activities** (other than the exploratory hikes specified on the front page)

Jul 5 Mon

O: South Mt. Hawkins (7783'): First Annual Independence Day-after hike. Moderately-paced 7 mi. r.t., 2000' elev gain on trail and road, suitable for beginners. Fire Lookout, now undergoing refurbishment, may be open to visitors. Meet 9 a.m. at Azusa rideshare point. Leader: George Wysup. Co-leader: Tom Hill

Jul 25 Sun

O: South Hawkins (7783'), Middle Hawkins (8505'): Escape the heat of summer on this moderate 12mi. rt, 3000' gain hike. Join LEADER Roxana Lewis on her provisional "O" rating hike. No crampons or ice axe required. Bring 2 qts water, lunch. Meet 6:53am Azusa rideshare. Co-ldrs: Frank & Ruth Dobos.

Aug 28 Sat

O: Throop (9138'), Bumham (8997'), Baden-Powell (9399'): Slower-paced, strenuous, scenic trip in Angeles NF high country. 9 miles, 2400' gain, 3700' loss, all on trail. Car camp with leader at Table Mtn Friday or meet at a local rideshare point. Limit 16 hikers. For further information send sase with W&H phones and optionally your email address to Karen Smith at 637 Carla Ave., Chula Vista, CA 91910-6103 or e-mail her (ksmith@adnc.com) before Aug. 23. Car shuttle and Adv. Pass required. Rain cancels. Ldr: KAREN SMITH. Co-ldr: BYRON PRINZMETAL.

*Proposed Backus Peak (6651') looms behind Hundred Peaks Section Chair Byron Prinzmetal.*



## **Annual Business Issues**

**By Byron Prinzmetal**

As we approach mid-year and our annual business meeting on September 9th, there are a number of important items that you decide each year. These items are as follows:

Members of our management committee

### Peak additions and deletions

### Changes to our by-laws and other proposals

For the HPS to serve the needs of the majority of our members, it needs to change as our needs change. The best way to make this happen is the electing of officers that share your individual perspectives and to submit proposals including peak additions and deletions which you feel are in the best interest of our members. To assist you in the process, below you will find the sections in our by-laws that deal with these items. I have highlighted important dates. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 818-9528614 or email at [Byron\\_Prinzmetal@csi.com](mailto:Byron_Prinzmetal@csi.com)

Recommendations for additions to and deletions from the Peak List may only be made by the Management Committee. Any Section member may submit written proposals for additions to or deletions from the Peak List to the Management Committee. Such proposals shall be submitted at least sixty (60) days (July 12th) before the annual business meeting (September 9th) and shall describe the peak(s) involved and the reasons for the proposed change(s). If the Management Committee decides against including any such proposal in the ballot, it shall notify the proponent(s) in writing at least thirty (30) days (August 10th) before the annual business meeting. Any such proposal shall nonetheless be included in the ballot if a petition to such effect, signed by at least twenty (20) active members, is submitted to the Chair at least fifteen (15) days before the annual business meeting.

### Management Committee Nominees:

### Nominating Committee:

Not later than 3 months before each Closing Date, the Management Committee shall appoint a Nominating Committee of at least three Section members. No Management Committee member may serve on the Nominating Committee. Note: This year our nominating committee is made up of Southern Courtney, Rosemary Campbell, Haven Fearn, and Bobcat Thompson.

### Candidates:

The Nominating Committee shall submit a list of nominees to the Management Committee and the membership at the August meeting (August 12th). Nominees must be active members in good standing who consent. At least two (2) more candidates shall be nominated than the number of Management Committee members to be elected. The Nominating Committee may select candidates from among its own members. Reasonable opportunity shall be given for Section members to submit names for consideration by the Nominating Committee. The name of any active member in good standing, proposed in a written petition by ten (10) active members, and who consents, shall also be included on the ballot, provided that the petition and statement of consent are received by the Secretary at or before the September Management Committee meeting (September 9th). Reasonable notice of the right to submit names to the Nominating Committee, and of the right to nominate candidates by petition, shall be given at a regular Section meeting and in the Section or Chapter newsletter.

### Changes to by-laws and other Proposals:

Section members shall annually elect the Management Committee in the manner specified in paragraph 2.7 of these Bylaws. Special votes on any proposal within the province of the Section shall be held either by direction of the Management Committee, a Section meeting, the Chapter Executive Committee, the Club Council, or the Club Board of Directors, or upon a petition to the Management Committee signed by at least five percent (5%) of the active Section members. The direction or petition shall set forth the proposal(s) to be voted upon in proper form for ballot. For matters other than the election of Management Committee members, balloting shall be by mail, conducted as follows:

1. Proposals shall be presented to the members for discussion at the annual business meeting (September 9th) or at a special meeting called for that purpose.
  2. Proposals shall be published in the Section newsletter following such annual or special meeting.
  3. Within sixty (60) days (by November 8th) after such annual or special meeting, the Secretary shall mail ballots, accompanied by arguments for and against the proposals to all active members. Whenever possible, mailing shall be accomplished by including ballots in the Section newsletter.
- Ballots must be returned to the Elections Committee by December 1. Ballots received after December 1 shall not

be counted. Elections shall be conducted in a manner to ensure facility of voting and secrecy of each member's ballot. Ballots shall be counted by the Elections Committee on a date prior to the December Management Committee Meeting (December 9th). Voting results shall be verified by the Management Committee at the December Meeting and shall take effect immediately and shall be announced at the next Section meeting and in the Section newsletter.

A complete copy of our by-laws can be obtained at our web site ([www.hundredpeaks.org/hps/](http://www.hundredpeaks.org/hps/))

## **A VIEW FROM THE HILL**

By Tom Hill, Vice Chair/Mountain Records

### **Feedback**

Many comments were received regarding articles in the Mar-Apr *Lookout*.

#### **Re: Eight List Finishes**

Apologies to you other 1998 list finishers out there. It did not occur to me that mentioning some would give offense to others. I did not intend to diminish in any way your achievements, but instead to give a special tribute to those mentioned in the article, all of whom I had enjoyed hikes with and whose list finishes I had attended during the year.

#### **Re: Pending Changes to Peak Guides**

Alan Coles astutely notes that reporting on the road conditions at Bighorn Mtns may encourage HPS members to drive (illegally) into a closed area. It did not occur to me to hide the road information from the *Lookout* readers. It is important to obey wilderness regulations even when a road is not posted.

#### **Re: Agua Tibia etc, Private Trip and List Finish**

- Erik Siering informs me that the correct order of LPC list finishers is (1) Eric Siering, (2) Jean Hermansen, (3) Tina Stough, and (4) Richard Whitcomb. This new information corrects the Sep-Oct 1996 *Lookout* article "Modest Pursuits: A Lower Peaks Section List Finish," by Erik Siering, upon which I relied, and a corresponding article published in the *Southern Sierran* at that time.
- Correction. Eleven hikers participated, including James Carden and Don Macri, who also joined the other four Eagle Crag hikers mentioned in the article.

#### **Re: You Can Help! Keep Our Summits Shameless!**

My last red can was placed on Strawberry Peak 05-18-1999, no new cans have shown up, and the only comment received from this appeal was critical. C'est la vie.

***Since the purpose of feedback is to set the record straight and to determine reader tastes, these communications are indeed welcome. I encourage other HPS members to submit articles to our hard-working editor Joe Young, so that he does not have to rely so heavily upon a few contributors.***

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## **Letter to Editor**

I have 3 questions regarding the proposed donation program.

- (1) What needed program needs funding beyond the *Lookout* subscription?
- (2) Does a formal donation program need a by-laws change?
- (3) Within the structure of the Angeles Chapter Sierra Club, can the HPS do fund raising for itself?

I would appreciate a response in **THE LOOKOUT**.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Reber

*[Editor's note: I hope Byron's description on the front page adequately responds to Barbara's questions.]*

## Current Trip Reports

### **Santiago and Modjeska**

**March 28, 1999**

**By Kate Rogowski**

Mike Lorr, Jennifer Lin, Kate Rogowski, Janet Yang, Ann-Marie Shoher, and David Zalewski met at 7:20am in the Jack in the Box parking lot of the Trabuco Canyon Mall in South Orange County and ridedshared to Holy Jim Canyon to climb Santiago and Modjeska peaks.

This private hike had been intended for a year. It afforded the three from Los Angeles County to experience Orange County peaks. The official trails are well-maintained and well-shaded in many areas. A waterfall less than a mile from the trail head is an opportunity for a quick shower before dining on your return to yuppie South O.C.

Early Spring offers cool air from a seasonal marine layer making the air less dry, dusty and hot as it is during the summer months. Beware of intimate contact with poison oak. "Leaves of three, let it be." The leaderless trip was possible because of the experience and small size of the group, and the obvious first class trails, made tight scheduling and control unnecessary, which assumed.

Moving at a comfortable pace, moved up the Holy Jim Trail to the fire road to Santiago Peak in less than four hours. We began up the fire road to Modjeska thanks to Janet's navigational prowess. But in an attempt to break the ennui of the tedious fire road, we shortcut on a use trail above the fire road. There are stretches of the dreaded buck thorn on this unmaintained trail. This was our free acupuncture session for the day. We all shed blood and left a part of ourselves in the mountains. It was a "shortcut." It was shorter and we were cut. We vowed to avenge our wounds with pruning gear.

From atop Modjeska Peak, we saw what appeared to a well-maintained shortcut by-passing the fire road between the two peaks. It is not visible from Santiago since it begins off the fire road below Santiago from Holy Jim Trail. In fact it is a well maintained trail, though steep, about 25% grade overall, nonetheless a good alternative to either the fire road or the acupuncture trail.

We discovered empirically that there is no need to climb Santiago Peak twice, except as a pathfinder. Upon reaching the fire road, turn left and go downhill. In a few miles, start looking for the sign for the Holy Jim Trail which takes you back to your refreshing shower under the waterfall before dining in Yuppie South O.C.

### **Nicolls Pk**

**April 4, 1999**

**Leaders: Joe Young and Harvey Ganz**

**By The Leaders**

On Saturday hikers met at either Walker Pass or at Walker Pass campground. Following inconsistently worded peak guide driving directions, we drove west to one turn-off we thought might be the correct one, weren't sure, and followed Joe back to Vista Grande, where Joe explored the dirt roads. Joe wasn't sure of his explorations so we went back to the earlier turn off and Frank Dobos felt more comfortable that he was at the correct turn off. So we headed off to Nicolls. Joe failed to turn correctly and we drove past the Heald route 2 turn off to the end of a road. The group started hiking over a ridge and joined the correct road to the true west road head for Nicolls. But now it was after 11:00 AM. We started hiking up to the saddle south of Nicolls and soon bad weather settled in on us. When sleet began Joe and Frank decided to turn the group around. Safety was our concern.

Back at the cars we decided to drive to Kernville and dine at That's Italian. En route we encountered rain, snow, hail, high winds, and generally deplorable weather that made us feel that we had definitely made the right decision to turn the group around. Almost everyone joined in the party at That's Italian. Afterwards almost everyone decided to motel it somewhere. We agreed to meet early the next morning (daylight savings change!) for another attempt at Nicolls.

At 7:00 AM Sunday 5 hikers met along highway 178 for a caravan to the true road head for Nicolls. We left the road head at 7:30 and arrived at the saddle at 8:30. A dusting of the previous day's snow was everywhere. We arrived at the summit at 9:45. Some of the rock scrambling was made more difficult by the slickness caused by the recent snow. At 11:45 we were back at the cars.

Since this was Easter, we decided to have an Easter brunch in South Lake. But after brunch, only two hikers wanted to do more hiking. For the outing, only Nicolls was bagged officially. Lightner, Bald Eagle and Skinner remain for another day.

But Joe wasn't satisfied with the directions to the road head for Nicolls. So he drove to Vista Grande and recorded these directions: On Highway 178, 0.2 mi past Kern Airport road meet the Vista Grande Road. Turn left. In 0.5 mi pavement ends. Continue straight. In 0.3 mi meet Hill View Acres Rd. Turn right. In 0.8 mi meet Brooks Rd. Turn left. In

1.0 mi pass the "W" Ranch. Veer left but don't turn a sharp left. Just enough to pass on the left (east) side of the fence. In 0.3 mi a road joins from the left. Go straight. In 0.1 mi meet a fork. Go right. In another 0.1 mi meet another fork (turn off to Heald). Go left. In 0.1 mi another fork. Go left. (Look for ducks left by Dave Jensen.) Proceed for another 1½ mile past a fence to the road's end. Park here.

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## **Cross, Chuckwalla, Butterbredt, Mayan**

**April 10 - 11**

**Joe Young and Maggie Wilson**

**By The Leaders**

Five met at Sylmar rideshare point Saturday AM. After driving to the Route 2 road head for Cross, we began hiking at 9:15 AM. We were bagging Cross first, then continuing over to Chuckwalla, then back to the cars via this ambitious loop trip, probably the hardest way to do these peaks.

Neither the Peak Guide nor the HPS maps seemed reliable to us. For example, a road leads to the spring. Why circle around to get there? The map indicates that a jeep road leads from the area near the spring northwesterly, but we found no such road. So we headed upward, finding very steep terrain. At the rocky outcropping, we had to explore to find the best passages through. We encountered snow at very low elevation. Eventually we headed NW up a slope, arriving at the summit after noon.

After a well deserved rest we headed west, then dropped down to meet a jeep trail. The HPS map at this point is inaccurate. We followed the jeep trail to an intersection with the jeep trail shown on the topo. Turning left we followed this road to a water tank with watering trough, then followed the indicated trail to the remains of a vehicle and a cabin.

From here we headed up to the ridge leading to Chuckwalla. Soon we joined the route 1 trail and summited Chuckwalla. Staying just briefly we headed down the ridge to the prominent saddle east of the summit. Before arriving at the saddle we stopped on a rocky promontory to survey our route ahead. We saw a trail leading NW from the saddle which headed generally toward the wash leading out to the cars. Once on this trail we noticed that following it kept us on the main ridge too far, so we left the trail and headed N on another ridge, dropped down to a tributary of the wash leading to the cars, bottomed out, fought brush at the confluence with the main wash, then hiked out on a road. We were back at the cars at 5:55 PM.

All of us reconvened at Graziano's in Mojave for post hike revelry. Two of our participants left for home. The rest of us "camped" at the Motel Six in Mojave this evening.

The next morning skies were generally clear in

Mojave. So we headed back to Jawbone Cyn and west to the nominal road head for Butterbredt. Returning from this uneventful hike we noted that bad weather was beginning to settle in all around us.

On to Mayan! We parked at the nominal road head and noted that bad weather was seriously settling in, but Mayan was still clear. We started hiking at 10:05 AM. By 10:30 sleet began. Heavy snow began by 10:45. We kept going. Joe bent over a couple of times to rest en route only to find his eye glasses immediately caked with snow from the driving wind: Snow was blowing horizontally! We summited at 11:40. Staying just briefly on the summit we headed back down. Our foot prints in the snow left on ascent were already filled with new snow! Joe traveled with compass in hand on descent, since we were in white out conditions. We arrived back at the cars at around 12:30, finding the vehicles covered in 3+ inches of snow.

The road out was treacherous. Joe skidded almost immediately but pulled out just in time to avoid hitting a culvert. At Hoffman summit Maggie tried to engage four wheel drive in her vehicle but was unable to do so, but she managed to surmount the pass. Snow was encountered on the road until just a few miles of Hwy 14.

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## **Samon Peak, Madulce Peak, Big Pine Mountain, West Big Pine**

**Provisional Backpack**

**April 3 - 4, 1999**

**Leaders: Mars Bonfire and Virgil Popescu**

**By Mars Bonfire**

Apparently news of world class incompetence travels faster than the scream "Rock!" echoing down Chokecherry gully. For of my eleven participants only three desperately peak deprived hikers, eager to risk all for a few more sign ins, dared show up. Unwilling to accept this negative assessment of my abilities, I consoled myself with the rationalization that perhaps it was the rain, snow, and unusual cold that kept the others away. I'll never know.

So who were willing to chance this unlikely adventure? Well there was, of course, my evaluator, Virgil Popescu – ever patient and always encouraging -- along with Ray Wolfe, Janet Yang, and George Wysup. All experienced and enthusiastic hikers. I would have no problems with this crew. The only uncertainty was the weather. After explaining what we would encounter and getting a sense that this was acceptable to the group we set off. But how did I know what we would encounter? Let's back up a day. The unstable weather concerned me enough to cause me to leave early on Friday and do Tecuya, Peak, and McPherson to get an idea of the worst and best we

might find and to take a look at the northern side of our mountains from McPherson. There would definitely be snow – I experienced it on Tecuya and could see it on the Big Four from McPherson – and there was a storm forecast for Sunday. Sound like an interesting beginning for a backpack?

Since they all knew this was a provisional and since there's not much to do on a 10 mile road walk but talk, they immediately began to mess with me by asking probing questions about leading. Questions like: "How does a leader screen participants?" Knowing Virgil was within earshot I chose my words carefully, eager to make a good impression: "In order to meet my high standards and ensure a safe trip I have developed a double hurdle that people must clear before I will allow them on an outing. First – Do you have a pulse? You do. Great! You're half way there. Second -- When you answer the telephone do you have difficulty determining which end to speak into? You don't? Congratulations! You're on the trip." Am I being overly cautious? Perhaps. But a quality experience is important to me. Virgil seemed relieved that I was finally beginning to take my responsibilities seriously.

How time flies when you are deep in thoughtful conversation and before we knew it we were at the base of infamous Chokecherry gully. How would we get up without splitting each other's heads open with dislodged boulders? With valuable and seasoned input from Virgil we decided to stay in the center of the ravine, single file and close together, until we reached a point about half way up where the gully fans out and we could spread out to avoid being one above the other. We reached the use trail at the top without so much as a pebble being launched on anyone. We were soon hiking in snow which necessitated good step kicking across the open gullies on the east side of Samon ridge and careful hand and foot placements as we traversed the rock outcrops and slabs. Around half way to the summit the use trail crosses over to the west side of the ridge which was mostly clear of snow but dense with buckthorn, yucca, and scrub oak... to the point where the trail was almost non-existent. I scouted Samon on 3/10/99 with Hugh Blanchard and we put in ducks on the vaguest parts of the route which helped us now. After the occasional uncertainty between equally miserable options we gained the register housed in bright yellow nesting cans. The return to the top of Chokecherry was uneventful. Because control is more difficult on the descent than on the ascent we decided to fan out until the gully forced us towards the center, assume stable positions, and then proceed one at a time to the road. It worked well and again no one was hit with anything harder than an oak leaf.

As we hiked towards Madulce saddle we began plowing through deeper snow and the storm

predicted for Sunday came in early and began dumping new snow. Crunch time! I started to suspect that a change of heading by about 180° might be in order. We could check out of this adventure now or stubbornly persist and perhaps check into the next world. After mulling over the alternatives for a few nanoseconds consensus was reached: "What's up with this? Let's get the hell out of here!" Ah the delightful feeling of having gravity on our side... of losing elevation quickly and easily.

Peering through the falling flakes we thought we saw something large moving towards us. A bear? Where's my pepper spray? No wait...it was human...with strong resolute steps and carrying a backpack...no casual hiker...this must be the front man for a search and rescue team. Were we being rescued? And what was that beside him? ...a dog!...probably specially trained to track people in snow and pull them out of drifts. We were being rescued! And was that a flask around its neck? How romantic! The Forest Service, noticing our cars below and realizing there was a storm on high, had sent in an old fashion Swiss Alps rescue team to rescue us. It seemed a bit much. Would we have to pay for this? We were far from needing a rescue. But wait! Just what was in that flask? Whiskey? Then a rescue was entirely out of the question. But what if it were, say, unpasteurized Guinness at room temperature? I'm not above being rescued. I might even enjoy paying for it.

What fantasies a weary mind can generate from misinterpretation. The hiker turned out to be Jeffrey Roth, a late arriving member of our party, with his canine partner, both trying to catch up to us. And the flask? Merely a large collar. We descended together and expressed our resolve to return under easier conditions to enjoy these peaks.

So what was the point? You might well wonder, since I had foreknowledge of the situation and the others strongly suspected as much or worse, why even bother getting out of bed? Well we did do Samon, the hardest by far of the four peaks. We devised a successful plan, appropriate to group size and experience, for getting up and down Chokecherry gully safely and realized that in spite of its bad reputation it can be negotiated. We got in some practice at moderate non-technical snow travel and we enjoyed a wintery vista not usually associated with a scheduled outing to those peaks. And the difficult conditions gave us a chance to fine tune our gear. In my case I was trying out a pair of over socks which the ads had me convinced would keep my feet absolutely dry. It's probably not appropriate to mention the brand name here so I won't say anything to give it away but it's interesting to note that it rhymes with veal shins. It turns out that just as whether or not Bill Clinton committed perjury depends upon what

your definition of is is, whether or not these things keep feet dry depends upon what your definition of dry is. If your definition of absolutely dry is very moist you'll love these socks. It's better to detect such discrepancies between advertising hyperbole and real world performance on the margins of danger rather than in the center of it. And, most importantly, we got to experience a reasoned turn around. If we were only to hike in the best of conditions then one day, against all the odds, we might get hit with unexpected dangers and having never done a turnaround and perhaps associating it with failure we might ignore the signs and carry on beyond the point of recovery.

Yeah, yeah, yeah but was it a success? Did we fail? Are we just not worthy? Should we hurl ourselves naked through police car windows in an effort to get it over with now before we bring further embarrassment to the HPS? Success is measured by achievement of goals. There can be many optional goals on a hike – some great pictures; a rare sighting of wild life, plants, or historical items; to climb a certain peak by a certain route and sign in a register a certain number of times – all worthy yet optional. There is, however, one bottom line goal that is never optional: To hike safely and live to hike another day. We achieved our bottom line goal. Success!

## **Eagle Crag**

**April 10, 1999**

**Leaders: Sue Holloway and Gail Hanna**

**By Sue Holloway**

An enthusiastic "rush" of sign-ups when this trip was first listed had me believe we would attack this peak en-masse. I felt GOOD as when I climbed this peak before in June 1996, it was a battle...a 1<sup>st</sup> degree brush whack. Now, I wondered as the leader, if I could get "the troops" to charge up the hill first and whack a path for me....

Then, about a week before the scheduled battle, the cancellations started trickling in. Cold temperatures and rain up to the day before the combat caused others to question my decision that we were going to "go for it". Hadn't I heard, there was SNOW down to 4,000'? And, your point is.....? Hey, a guy is finishing the HPS list on this trip. Based on that, the dwindling number of troops suddenly swelled again. We will summit Eagle Crag I assured the list-finisher-to-be. Then, at the meeting time and place, six brave souls met Gail and I. The potential list-finisher and his group were not among them. Hmmm...Donner, party of eight.....

We drove in to the Cutca Valley Trailhead and I can report that the road is in great shape...easily passable by 2WD (unlike 6/96 when I had to beg a friend with a 4WD to drive). After the preliminaries and making sure that everyone was aware that we

could be crawling back close to dark, possibly bloodied but definitely successful, we descended down the trail into Cottonwood Canyon. Though it hadn't rained since Thursday night, Friday had been overcast and cold, now Saturday was beautiful. The group was strong and fast and we made good time. The first 5 miles were easy but, expecting much rougher conditions ahead, we took a long break to prepare ourselves. I just love pleasant surprises and, in a nutshell, thanks to the work and dedication of both the Angeles Chapter and the San Diego Chapter, and leaders, Alan Coles, Charlie Knapke and my trusty co-leader, Gail Hanna, this route is in really good shape! There are some fallen trees to climb over but not many; there are some branches to push back but no big deal. We took another long break at the junction of the Magee-Palomar Trail/Road. Was this lunch? Nope, we would have lunch on the summit. YES!!! Much to my/our surprise there was snow at the junction where the road turned north. Yet no one complained as we proceeded with our climb...on snow immediately and "maybe" to the top. Secretly, I fell in love with these folks; my rule is always "no whining"!

The HPS route in my printed guide just isn't time/distance efficient when doing this peak from this direction and so we went up the first gully. (The Eagle Crag map on the HPS web page shows THE route of choice. Use it!) On snow, we climbed up the gully which was pretty free of brush until just below the saddle. Facing this brush, we all looked around and my troops found a meandering pathway through the manzanita which we all passed through virtually without a scratch. There was one huge downed tree that we climbed over but that was the only glitch. Once at the saddle we were out of the snow; we spotted the summit and, again, following a meandering path, we were on the summit within a few minutes. We admired the beautiful view from the top (we could even see the ocean!) and enjoyed the warm sunshine and cloudless sky. Lunch was good too but I always wonder why everyone else's lunch looks better than mine?

I had promised Gail that, on the way back, we would do some clipping. She also had brought some blue ribbons to tie at prominent locations along the route to, hopefully, assist others in their quest for this peak. It didn't slow us down much though because things were in such good shape. I tried to find another route so we didn't have to climb over the huge tree again. I couldn't though so we just followed our footsteps in the snow all the way back to the gully and down to the road junction. We descended back down to the Cutca Valley junction and, even though we still had 5 miles to go, the group was still strong. Knowing we still had the climb out of Cottonwood Canyon to reach our cars, we took one last break shortly before

reaching the creek.

Exactly ten hours after we left our cars, we were back. It was a great day and a terrific hike. Except for Gail and I, no one else in the group had been to the Agua Tibia Wilderness before; all were impressed with how remote it seemed and its beauty. My thanks to my companions....Edward Earl, Ray Wolfe, Jim Fadera, Gary Jones, Linda Roman and Cliff Jones. I have to say that Eagle Crag is one of my favorite HPS peaks and I plan on returning. Who knows, maybe I'll be invited to go on the no-show's list finish!!

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## **Martinez...a hot peak in a snow storm!**

**April 30, 1999**

**By Penelope May**

When I could barely get out of bed, I knew it had been a Class 3 hike...after all, Class 1 means you can get up with hands-in-pocket, Class 2 means you need hands for balance, Class 3 means scrambling is involved.... In fact, when I first woke up and moved a bit, I just groaned, deciding instantly that a rope would be handy...ahhh.... could it have been a Class 4 hike? Yes, it was Martinez....that lowly, lovely little hump out in the desert...just a stone's throw from civilization...but about 17 miles and 5,000 feet by boot. Sierra Clubbers Kathleen Edwards, Marcia Holzman and I set off early....as in, awake at 4.30. am, 4-wheeling into the trailhead at 6.05 am, and walking on the trail by 6.39 am. We ambled along several miles of the so-called flat Cactus Spring trail (barely noticing the 800 feet of descent in between the uphill pulls) and did make it to the point of trail departure quite successfully. We found the "horizontal trunk" tree in the wash and gaily abandoned the trail to follow the wash (per instructions). Only 500 feet of gain up and around an unexpectedly lengthy, cactusy hillside, we emerged to see the target gully up Martinez; unfortunately our marvelous view was quite high above the most expeditious route to the peak. Still, lunch was nice..and we could survey the world from there. I tried to hide this tiny little mishap from our less experienced non-map-reading friend, who later surprised me in alluding to this move as the "place where you screwed up"...gosh, no mercy! Well, the peak was calling as we descended back to the "correct" wash and followed it almost over the saddle and into another valley completely. Our patience with this wash was wearing thin: so, we just headed directly for the gully..over whatever was in the way (and there was quite a bit). Finally, scratched but righteous, we were scrambling up the gully, one gasp at a time. The weather was a bit unpleasant: instead of boiling us to a soup as the time of year promised, it was freezing us into ice cubes. Nonetheless, in a mere 2 hours or so from the bottom, we sensed

ourselves near the summit. With the snow coming down fiercely, the wind blowing and the cold conditions freezing our fingers, we squinted to find the correct "pinnacle" described in the write-up. Failing the success of that maneuver we used the compass and UTM coordinates...and hey presto, there was a promising rock pile. Finally discovering that it was mountable from the SE, we pulled ourselves up, held sway against the winds, and finally laid hands on that wondrous reward...the red can! Unable to contain our excitement at being blasted off the peak, we headed down. However, we took no chances with that naughty wash again....just made a bee line for the trail that we viewed during the occasional lifting of the clouds... up and over a hillock or two...spiked by an agave or two....down into yet another wash (the place is littered with them) and from there stumbled upon the trail. We more or less followed it, except for the part where we were talking too much and wandered into a wash (4-letter word by now) and realized it just in time to race cross-country to find the trail again before the sun began to set. The (completely forgotten till then) uphill finale of 800 feet through Horsethief Canyon would have been more swear-worthy if the sun setting in the desert had not been so beautiful: the rocks were gorgeously hued, the birds were twittering and the peace was ineffable...it made the suffering quite relaxing. As we finally put that last leg in front of the other to reach our vehicle, some 17 miles and 5,000 feet later, a huge full moon suddenly rose behind the clouds over Martinez, lighting up its silhouette.....mind-stopping. Thank you, Martinez: you're worth it!

Enclosed photo:

April 30th, 1999..on Martinez: Penelope May, Marcia Cox-Holzman (with the red can) and Kathleen Edwards.

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## **Backus Peak (6651') Exploratory, Via Russell Peak (6696')**

**Leaders: Byron Prinzmetal, Joe Young,  
Virgil Popescu, Tom Hill**

**April 18, 1999**

**By Tom Hill**

Backus Peak was the advertised hike. As it turned out, however, the best candidate proposed to honor Bill T. Russell is a rocky pyramid two miles west of Backus Peak, making possible a car shuttle and loop hike featuring expansive views of the Southern Sierra Crest and the Mojave Desert.

With this idea in mind, our four scheduled leaders agreed to combine everyone into one hike when a capable group of seven participants showed up. This merger allowed all hikers to enjoy the loop: Up to Russell Peak, then eastward to Backus Peak passing Peak 6661', then a descent to our shuttle

*Left to Right: Morris Pk, Mt Jenkins, Owens Pk as seen from proposed new peak Russell Peak (6696')*



vehicle. Byron Prinzmetal led the entire way (setting a probable record for most I-rated provisional dayhike leads). Our leisurely pace accomplished the hike in about eight hours under fair skies, although warmth threatened the afternoon.

For the shuttle, one car was left 2.4 miles west of the Hwy 178/Hwy 14 junction across the highway from a call box and a sign reading "Runaway Truck Ramp 2 miles." This spot was fortuitous since the large rock formation Robber's Roost (shown on the Freeman Junction topo map) provided a landmark for the exact aiming spot on the return.

The group and remaining vehicles then moved another 2.4 miles west to the jeep road that leads to Walker Well, hiked up to the saddle just east of Russell Peak, and scrambled west up to the pyramidal summit block--easy Class 2. This worked smoothly. After memorial words in honor of our two HPS pioneers, we followed the ridge east to Backus Peak with occasional contours on the south side to avoid ridge line rocks and outcrops. After lunch on Backus the group headed toward the shuttle car. Curiously, the shuttle car was not visible at all until the very end, due to an unforeseen embankment blocking the view. To avoid mind games (Are we lost? Is the car stolen?) park carefully on the south side of Hwy 178 in this area.

Note: All dirt roads along Hwy 178 from the L.A. Aqueduct to Walker Pass are red-staked (Wilderness Boundary) on both sides, 300 feet from the highway. Russell Peak and Backus Peak are in the Owens Peak Wilderness, which lies north of the highway.

The beauty and appropriateness of the peaks and their setting are extolled in other articles by Erik Siering and Byron Prinzmetal. Just one further note here. It's astonishing how our minds work. When I hiked Morris Peak on May 2 (noting 7AM visits by Erik Siering and Bob Sumner) the distinct pyramid of Russell Peak was an obvious and welcome companion along the PCT. Give a name to something and it becomes an old friend.

Thanks to the leaders for an enjoyable, safe outing. Thanks also to John Wells, Frank Goodykoontz, Mike Baldwin, Gabriele Rau, James Carden, newcomer and strong hiker Peter Horulmann, and Bobcat for their unrelenting enthusiasm during this trip.

An additional exploratory trip to Russell Peak is scheduled for July 11 (with an EARLY start).

## **Off the Beaten Path to Russell Peak**

**May 2, 1999  
by Erik Siering**

I relish the unconventional approach to peaks. So when Bob Sumner and I visited Pt 6696, aka "Russell Peak," we did so from Morris Peak rather

than by the documented route via Walker Well. In concert with our earlier trip to Backus Peak (LOOKOUT, May-June '99), this connected the "Dead Dude Peaks Ridge" traverse. The latter memorial reference to our departed companions and leaders is a casual moniker provided by our acquaintances in Inyokern. The HPS is considering designating Pt 6696 as Russell Peak in memory of Bill T. Russell. We learned of this proposal after first hiking Backus Peak. Bill T. was a cherished friend, a mentor, and an inspiration to both of us, and many others. Hence our eagerness to evaluate this summit.

We set up a car shuttle in the morning by leaving my truck at the Walker Well turnoff from Hwy 178, west of Freeman Junction. The despised BLM road closure red stake had already been broken off and replaced three times. I found it odd that the stake was situated off to the side, not in the dirt roadway itself. That and the recent tire tracks lead me to suspect that the closure to the well is selective.

We then departed Walker Pass before daybreak, tracing the PCT by the full moonlight. The illuminated landscape was enjoyable under low billowing clouds and fierce westerly winds. Recent signs of trail maintenance were evident. We left the PCT at the saddle south of Morris, waking the lone tent camper, and followed the use trail across the hillside flank to the top. We tarried briefly on the cold summit at sunrise, noting that the large format register is now filled. Jenkins and Owens were shrouded in a heavy, gray cloud mass. Our relatively warmer perch was appreciated just a bit more.

The ridge to Pt 6661, Russell and Backus Peaks lay to the east before us, an undulating two-mile crest of broken rock and wizened pinyon pine. The windchill kept us moving apace towards the sunshine below. The ridge is circuitous class 2 until the saddle directly above the southwest terminus of the Walker Well jeep track.

The most appealing aspect of Russell Peak is its western face. A rocky rib extends in an arc to the summit. Side-hilling low on the sandy slopes appears to be class 1-2 to the vicinity of the top. We opted instead to follow the more enjoyable jagged crest, culminating in an easy class 3 chute that we scrambled directly to the summit cairn. We'd anticipated limited views from this highpoint, due to its location relative to the promontory of Backus Peak. Yet it has its own sweeping vista of nearby Scodie, Pinyon, Morris, Jenkins, Owens and Aquila Peaks. Very fitting for Bill T.'s love of the Sierra range.

I noted the original register and glass jar placed atop by Gordon MacLeod (without Barbara Lilley this time!). I replaced it, and the new PVC container, with appropriate new HPS nesting cans. Painted red and initialed "WTR 2/92," I'd received this from Bill T. shortly ere his passing. Bob and I took time to fondly reminisce with our memories of Bill T. Then we

downed Tequila beers and recounted bawdy anecdotes in a light-hearted gesture.

We descended east from the summit on gradual terrain to a saddle. A rapid run on sandy slopes to the desert floor, through raging fields of yellow flowers, led to the road that we followed to Walker Well and then the highway. The well pool was overflowing, with the windmill active in the breeze. There were no signs of recent stock or burros. Though there was a severely desiccated, nearly mummified steer carcass near road's end.

Bill T. Russell would have enjoyed this route and peak. I envision him scrambling it all with hands in pockets, no doubt. Nine miles, 3300 ft gain, four-hour loop trip. Your time will vary.

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## **Big Iron**

**May 2, 1999**

**Leaders: Joe Young and Bobcat Thompson**

**By The Leaders**

22 hikers. 20 made summit. Route 1.

Meet Azusa rideshare at 6 AM. Start hike 7, saddle 9:30, rest stops 10:30, 11:30 (6500'), 12:30 (7500'), summit 1:05, leave summit 1:45, saddle 4, cars 6 PM

Cool in AM, briefly sunny and warm on descent, then overcast. Perfect weather for hiking Big Iron.

No snow on summit.

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**May 6 and May 11, 1999**

**Private Hikes**

**By Tom Hill and George Wysup**

Here's a surprise for you (and us!) The HPS rumor mill disclosed an open access road through the Morongo Indian Reservation to Kitching and Snow the first week of May. Three independent phone verifications with Mill Creek Ranger Station produced the same message, "Go in with our blessing. No permits are needed until the access situation has been clarified." Armed with this welcome news, six of us hiked Kitching Peak then four hiked Snow Peak.

**Kitching Peak**

**May 6, 1999**

Frank Goodykoontz and Carleton Shay drove six intrepid HPSers to the new Kitching Peak trailhead for the midmorning start. (You can probably get there using the 1992 peak guide and map, although the road is blocked by huge boulders several yards short of the old trailhead. High-clearance vehicles recommended.)

We were immediately surprised when two more SUV's pulled up and joined us--Larry Shumway in a party of six from the Palm Springs area. Byron Prinzmetal discovered that they had received the new info from the HPS website, right after he had posted

it. This peak had 12 visitors today (Tuesday!) after four years of isolation. Other participants today were Dorothy Danziger, George, and Tom.

There is no question of this peak's popularity, and for good reason: A cool, running stream parallels the first half of the trail. There is a forest canopy composed of a grove of majestic incense cedar, white fir, big cone Douglas fir (spruce), sugar pine, and tall live oaks extending from the trailhead to the summit. Only occasionally were we in sunlight and only for short stretches. The final 100 yards to the open, expansive summit is reached by negotiating a newly-clipped tunnel through the brush.

In fact, the entire Kitching Peak Trail is in remarkable shape considering the small number of sign-ins. Two parties made memorable ascents: (Charlie Knapke) via Still's Landing and Whitewater River early '97, and (Beth Epstein & Kim Gimenez) in '98 via a trailless scramble up the western slopes, after missing a left turn in the trail that had been obliterated by high water. Beth said that the road was open when they went in. Has anyone ever verified that the road was really closed?

**Snow Peak**

**May 11, 1999**

On Tuesday, May 11, Carleton Shay led Dorothy Danziger, Byron Prinzmetal, and George Wysup up to Snow Peak. This was Carleton's 9x on Snow, first for the others. We expected serious brush and went appropriately armed. The old road up to Deer Spring was (thankfully) reasonably brush free. The rest of the trail was intermittently clogged after 4 years without human trespass. The brush consisted mainly of scrub oak and a very spiny subspecies of ceanothus. Near the summit the scenery improved due to the addition of Coulter pines to the vegetation. We took 4 hr 40 min to hike in, thanks to considerable lopping and clipping time (a good excuse for slow hiking). We improved the trail significantly so that we were able to return (about 4+ miles, 3500 ft. elevation loss) in 1 hr 40 min.

The register is located on a local high point just below, but out of sight of, the radio antennas on the true summit. There were only two sign-ins between 1995 and our trip. In June, 1997 Jerry Higgins hiked in over Galena. Way to go, Jerry! In Dec '98 two hunters drove in using the access road to the radio site.

The hike to Snow Peak is not as attractive as that to Kitching, winding mainly through brush and scrub oak. The trail promises to be a chore to keep open. However, the hike gives one a good workout and is more scenic than several popular HPS destinations (Rattlesnake Peak comes to mind).

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## Sam Fink Peak (7339') Pre-Exploratory

May 15, 1999

By Tom Hill

### The Search

Three notable HPS pioneers give their names to our annual awards. Exceptional peaks had been found and explored to honor Bill T. Russell and John Backus. Sam Fink remained.

Sam Fink is indelibly associated with the Desert Divide (HPS Area 28). With a prodigious, multi-decade effort he forged a primitive trail along this Divide, thereby making the area accessible to motivated hikers. This track was formalized and improved into the Desert Divide Trail, which was improved further into our modern, delightful Pacific Crest Trail, a far cry from the Class 3 stretches (Antsell Rock, South Peak, Red Tahquitz) "enjoyed" by early peakbaggers.

So it behooved us to find a suitable peak. Two proposals were put forth. The first peak was in Area 27, elev 9356', on the Hidden Divide southwest of the Tram. David Eisenberg relayed information that this candidate has recently been named Divide Peak.

The second peak was in Area 28, elev 7339', a tantalizing mystery found on a map. It is easy to miss: barely off the San Jacinto topo, onto the left edge of the Palm Springs topo, just within the San Jacinto Wilderness. It looked like it might be a cliffy and brushy area.

### The Setting

When the Desert Divide reaches north to Red Tahquitz, it splits into a western extension toward high forest, anchored by Tahquitz Peak, and an eastern extension toward raw desert, anchored by Peak 7339. The split is forced by the broad plateau drained by Tahquitz Creek, creating a natural terminus of the Desert Divide.

Some 1500ft higher lies the more familiar but much smaller plateau drained by Long Valley Creek, anchored on its east by the Palm Springs Tram.

Peak 7339 lies ½ mile SSE of Caramba Camp. This clue led to more details. The guidebook 75 Great Hikes in and near Palm Springs and the Coachella Valley, 1995, by Ferranti, Hagerman, and Hagerman, Trip 37, "Devil's Slide Trail to Caramba Overlook," provides a description of the trail hike to Caramba Camp and Caramba Overlook. The authors rate the 14-mile round trip trail hike as "spectacular." Our goal was to reach the rocky crag a full 800 feet above the Camp—to overlook the Overlook.

### The Hike

Several hikers had expressed interest in exploring the two proposals the Management Committee had received for Sam Fink Peak. Everyone's schedule was tight, so Byron Prinzmetal and I decided to check out the two peaks on the

weekend of Spring Fling, with a layover night of evening entertainment and socializing at Foster Lodge.

Saturday, May 15: We picked up dayhike permits. The "within-90-days" rule for issuing permits was in our favor, so we grabbed a second permit (limit 12 hikers) for Aug 8 to lead an HPS exploratory to the peak if we were successful today.

Then it was off to Humber Park, setting out toward Saddle Junction at about 8:50AM. The 5-way Junction gives almost too many choices. We successfully found the least-used trail, which pointed to Laws Camp and Caramba, then wound past Tahquitz Valley and Reeds Meadow, reaching Laws Camp 4.7 miles from the cars. We turned off too soon here, but quickly recovered, when I mistook one of the perpendicular trails (which always seem to lead to campsites) for the main trail. Back on track we crossed a multitude of gullies and small ridge lines, edging gradually and then more steeply down to the east to Caramba Camp, about 7 miles in.

The West Buttress of Sam Fink Peak is called Caramba Rocks in the guidebook. Our first view was breathtaking. These rocks form a series of giant, vertical granite slabs separated by narrow chutes, inspiring thoughts like "impossible!" or "climber heaven!" depending on preference. More to the point, these rocks potentially blocked our access to the peak, which lay directly on the other side of the Buttress. As we hiked eastward on the trail more and more of the north side of the blockage was revealed, until a complete bypass up to and then alongside the base of the cliffs was spotted.

Caramba Camp lies next to the bubbly brook of Tahquitz Creek, which may not provide dependable water after this very dry season. Hiker confidence will not be gained by reading the sign posted at Caramba Overlook (roughly, "Danger—Turn Back—Unclimbable" atop the precipice).

We easily negotiated our steep cliff bypass, being treated to picturesque forest, not brush, amidst scattered rock outcrops. Finally we scaled easy Class 2 and stood atop the summit. Absolutely convinced of Sam Fink's approval, we placed a register. Now the view!

Sam Fink Peak is offset some two miles east of Red Tahquitz, separated from that peak by nearby (and utterly imposing) cliffy cascades of white rock dropping down into the upper reaches of Andreas Canyon. Other impressive frozen rockworks descend 2000 feet from the high ridge line of Hidden Divide to the north. Southerly, across the mile-deep chasm of Andreas Canyon, the monster called Antsell Rock and all of its rocky attendants lie exposed, making those benign views from the south side into liars. Next time I'll bring binoculars. And we haven't even mentioned the view of downtown Palm Springs at our feet, nor the knobs and gnarls along the Divide on either side

of Antsell, stretching all the way to Rabbit Peak far to the south. If this were a peninsula, then Sam Fink is Land's End. Ay, Caramba!

#### Notes

Our little adventure totaled 16 miles round trip with 4500' gain. The hike is inverted: 2600' gain going, on trail and steep forested cross country; the 1900' return gain is on trail. We took a moderately-paced nine hours for the hike, allowing time for photo ops and scouting.

Pinnacle 6935 lies 1/2 mi SE of Sam Fink Peak. We discovered that the east side of this gendarme is an impressive white triangular wall when viewed from downtown Palm Springs, allowing easy identification of the pinnacle. Triangular Sam Fink is immediately to its right.

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## **In Search of Sam Fink Peak**

**May 23, 1999**

**By Erik Siering**

Location is everything. This is especially so with the otherwise undistinguished Pt 7339, which has been proposed within the HPS as "Sam Fink Peak." The peripheral charms of this isolated bump do outweigh its lack of stature or prominence. The locale and outstanding views make this is a compelling destination. The designation is entirely appropriate in memory of the much-beloved departed HPS member Sam Fink, who was so associated with the Desert Divide area. It merits a scheduled exploratory hike.

On a rare weekend that I wasn't abusing my body to the rigors of the Sierra or the desert, I took the opportunity to evaluate this peak on a morning dayhike from Humber Park in Idyllwild. It had stormed Saturday, so I departed at daybreak on Sunday in solitude. I quickly crested the Devils Slide Trail at Saddle Junction. The route continues northeast, a long four miles, on signed trail to Laws Junction and Caramba Camp. The trail drops 400 feet in the two miles to Laws Junction, and another 1000 feet to Caramba Camp. Great exercise on the return. The trail contours around several pleasant meadows and crosses good water en route, including the ample Willow Creek.

Beyond Laws Junction, Tahquitz Ridge recedes on the right. The desert dropoff and Pt 7339 become apparent in the distance. The southwest face of the formation is attractive with appealing sheer rock. However, the easy hiking route follows the gentler northwest slopes now hidden from view.

Caramba Camp is a lovely wooded campsite, situated alongside the briskly flowing upper Tahquitz Creek. Two groups were camped here. A side trip downstream of a hundred yards is worthwhile to experience the ample swimming holes at the top and

base of a waterfall. This is reached by steep scrambles on either side of creek. A sign on the distant shore warns of the impassable waterfall below.

The summit of Pt 7339 is attained by crossing the creek and following the defined trail several hundred feet up to Caramba Overlook. This is a campsite with a large fire ring, on a bench that has a breathtaking desert vista of Tahquitz Canyon, Palm Springs and Cathedral City below. Head up the slope from here, at times on an old faint use trail with some recent tracks, and ridiculously over-ducked. Aim high on the shoulder of the first of two bumps; the objective is the saddle between them. Trending to the left avoids steep terrain and minimizes noisome brush. Pass through the saddle, an old burn area, to the further, higher bump. A week-old register can, placed by Tom Hill, is situated in the rock outcropping. Detached from the plateau, the top has great views of the San Jacinto area, Tahquitz Ridge, and most appropriately, the Desert Divide. Do this hike on a clear day.

I descended and returned on trail the same way. Thunderclouds developed overhead as I passed through Saddle Junction. I literally had to wade through the many descending clusters of trudging Boy Scout backpackers to reach Humber Park by 1100.

Statistics: 14 miles and 4000 feet gain round-trip, class 1. A well-paced 5 hours.

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## **Spring Fling 1999**

**By Joe Young**

Twenty people participated in this year's Spring Fling at Foster Lodge. Joe was in charge of kitchen duties as well as leading all hikes. Jim Fleming was reservationist. The number of participants on the hikes varied from six to ten. Hikes were led to Sheephead and Cuyapaipe on Saturday, and to Monument and the Garnets on Sunday. Joe was assisted by Frank Goodykoontz on Saturday and by David Eisenberg on Sunday. The only thing new to report about the hiking is that the trailhead for Garnet Peak is a turn out near a sign reading "Garnet Peak." On Cuyapaipe we stayed on the road until we turned off into the main gully. This avoided much bush whacking.

Saturday evening the musicians including David Eisenberg and Ray Soucy entertained the participants. A number of us joined in the sing alongs. In addition to the HPS supplied turkey (pre-cooked slices this year), the usual assortment of excellent pot luck offerings were available. There are a number of fine cooks in the HPS.

Saturday evening we were joined by Tom Hill and Byron Prinzmetal, "fresh" from their scouting hike of the proposed Sam Fink Peak. Tom and Byron recounted their adventure to a rapt audience.

Especially interesting was the detailed description of the views from the proposed peak of the desert divide. A few in the group (Jim Fleming, Joe Young, Frank Goodykoontz) had hiked with Sam Fink many years ago, sometimes on the desert divide.

Sunday morning we enjoyed the spectacular view of Garnet Peak with the sun lighting its southeastern flank.

Financially we broke even for the weekend. The HPS spent about \$100 on turkey and breakfast for the weekend, and Foster Lodge now charges \$5 per person per night for staying at the Lodge. The weather was cool and clear. The hosts were very gracious, but they arrive at 9:30 AM on Saturday unless other arrangements have been made. Once there, however, they were very helpful in organizing and finding appropriate cookware, staples, etc. And they helped Joe change a tire, or should I say tyre?

This was a pleasant weekend including hiking in eastern San Diego County.

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## **Mt San Jacinto the Hard Way**

**May 8, 1999**

**By Mark Adrian**

Are you Strong Enough? Well, we set out to find this out this past Saturday (5/8). There are few places in Southern California where you can find continuous and sustained elevation gain, especially on trail. Perhaps the classics in CA are Telescope Peak from Death Valley or White Mountain from Bishop where you can get over 10K' gain without interruption. However, these options present logistical annoyances and a long drive.

But, right here in So CA, towers Mt. San Jacinto at 10,804', which I consider a desert peak. Climbing Snow Creek on the peak's north face is one option to the summit, but that requires a good snow pack and some creative stealthing. What's more realistic in the cool of the Spring season is what's often called the Palms to Pines trail which starts literally in downtown Palm Springs. The trailhead is at about 700' and begins at the west end of Ramon Road, then heads up to the Palm Springs Tram Station at about 8,400'. So, you can get almost 8,000' of sustained gain (there are some minor downs) and then take the tram down (great for saving those knees).

However, why stop there when Mt. San Jacinto is only another 6.3 miles and 2,400' gain away? So, our group of about ten started out at 4:45 AM Saturday morning and staggered into the tram area from about noon to one depending on individual speeds. We took a lunch break around 5,800 feet and

hourly water/food breaks to help maintain our pace. It was a clear day but sometimes warm below the 7,000' elevation. Above this, pines and cool breezes soothed our fatigue. Since several people in our group needed to return or were too tired to continue, only three of us proceeded on after obtaining a day hiking permit from the ranger and refilling our water bottles. So, Richard and Patsy Hughes and myself, leaving about 1, took the trail to Round Valley, then to Wellman Divide, then on up to the summit where the final summit boulders and altitude tried their best to deter us. We were just a bit tired and the altitude took its effect and those final big steps to the summit boulders were almost comical. Nonetheless, we topped out at 4PM sitting on the top block, 10,430' gain later (this was measured by my Avocet altimeter). It was good to be on top and the views were awesome. There were some residual snow patches along the way, but nothing consequential. San Gorgonio is almost naked of snow, it's melting fast! We remained on top for about half an hour or so, but cold winds and a strong desire for a cold beer urged us off the summit, heading DOWN, much to the relief of our tired calf and hamstring muscles, now rock hard but a little wobbly. Leaving the summit, we stopped to sign the register in the nearby cabin and departed around 5. Our quads finally took up some of the effort and we were flying back to the tram chalet arriving there about 6:45PM after another 170' of gain for an altimeter total of 10,600' gain for the day and we suspect 21 miles. With breaks, lunch and other misc. stops, our total time was about 14 hours. We were beyond beat!

Once inside the tram chalet, we climbed a few more sets of stairs (like we needed that) then headed directly to the adult beverage dispenser where Richard and I savored well-deserved 22oz frothy beers (Palm Springs Red Feather) while watching the sunset over the desert after a very satisfying yet enduring day. We caught the 7:45 PM tram down and were lucky enough to meet a local hiking couple that generously gave us a gratis ride in their brand new plush and comfortable sedan back to our car on Ramon Road. Since we were feeling better, we thought we'd have dinner, return to camp there and do it again Sunday, I mean, why not? So, if you think we would really try this again the next day, you are nuts!

After dinner in the very trendy Palm Springs we arrived home about 11:45 PM technically making this a "day hike" since we had left Richard's near 3 AM.

This was a great day with good friends on a challenging climb to one of Southern California's most worthy and scenic peaks.

## Hundred Peaks Section Advance Schedule

July - October 1999

*Note: HPS is sole sponsor of the event unless another entity is shown.*

Jul 5 Mon San Gorgonio Chapter

**Outing Not In Schedule**

O: South Mt. Hawkins (7783'): First Annual Independence Day-after hike. Moderately-paced 7 mi. r.t., 2000' elev gain on trail and road, suitable for beginners. Fire Lookout, now undergoing refurbishment, may be open to visitors. Meet 9 a.m. at Azusa rideshare point. Leader: George Wysup. Co-leader: Tom Hill

Jul 7 Wed Mt Baldy

I: Eagle Crag (5077'): Strenuous 18 mi rt, 3500' gain hike on trail, road & xc hike San Diego County, 13 mi SE of Temecula in Agua Tibia Wilderness. Send sase, H&W phones, recent cond, rideshare info to Ldr: Frank Goodykoontz. Co-Ldr: Haven Feam

Jul 8 Thu

Peakbaggers Social Meeting: Byron Prinzmetal & Tom Hill host free-wheeling, down & dirty "show & tell" on hiking & equipment. Newcomers: we'll tell you what, why, how. Old-timers: come add your 2¢. Refreshments & socializing, something for everyone. 7:30 pm Griffith Park Ranger Sta Aud, 4730 Crystal Springs Dr.

Jul 10 Sat

I: Charlton Pk (10,806'), Jepson Pk (11,205'), Dobbs Pk (10,459'): 14 mi, 5500' gain/6200' loss hike on trail & xc in San Gorgonio Wilderness. Long car shuttle; no dirt road driving. Wilderness permit limits group size. Send sase, conditioning to Ldr: Charlie Knapke. Asst: Diane Dunbar

Jul 10 Sat

O: Introductory Hike: Beginners welcome on this easy 4-5 mi rt, 500'-1000' gain hike to local peak in the San Gabriel Mtns. Learn about the Hundred Peaks Section: Other beginner hikes, Footgear and clothing, Equipment, San Gabriel ecosystem. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring lunch, snacks, water, sunscreen, hat. Ldrs: David F Eisenberg, Frank & Ruth Lee Dobos, Virgil Popescu, HPS Membership Committee

Jul 10 Sat

O: San Jacinto Pk (10,804'): Strenuous, but moderately paced 14 mi rt, 3000' gain hike on Fuller Ridge Trail. Send sase, H&W phones, recent experience to Ldr: Peter Doggett. Co-Ldr: Maggie Wilson

Jul 10 Sat Long Beach

O: Suicide Rock (7528'): Very scenic, moderate 8 mi rt, 1900' gain hike via Deer Springs Trl. Meet 6:45 am Long Beach rideshare pt or 9:30 at trailhead (Visitor's Center on Hwy 243, Idyllwild). Bring water, lunch, lugsoles. Ldr: Guy Hutton. Asst: Ray Soucy

Jul 10 Sat Local Hikes

O: Throop (9138') & Hawkins (8850'): Easy paced, moderately strenuous 8 mi, 1300' gain hike on trail from Dawson Saddle 46 mi from rideshare pt. Other pks possible depending on grp; beginners welcome, tigers hike at end. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, 10 essentials. Ldrs: Byron Prinzmetal, Gabriele Rau

Jul 11 Sun

I: Crafts Pk (8364'), Grays Pk (7920'+), Bertha Pk (8201'): Moderately strenuous 13 mi rt, 3000' gain hike in San Bernardino NF; some dirt road driving. Bring lots of water, lunch, lugsoles. For info, call Ldrs: Joe Young, Virgil Popescu

Jul 11 Sun

**Outing Not In Schedule**

I: Russell Peak Exploratory (6696'): Come join us on the peak that we propose to name for Bill T. Russell. Moderately strenuous, 7 miles rt 2500' gain on road, cross country and some rock scrambling. Meet at 6am at Walker Pass on highway 178. Comparable peak(s) in the afternoon to be determined. Bring at least 4 qts of water as the weather could be hot. Leaders: Tom Hill and Byron Prinzmetal (email Byron\_Prinzmetal@csi.com)

Jul 14 Wed

I: Mt Williamson (8214'): Join us for fun on easy paced 4 mi rt, 1500' gain hike in San Gabriel Mtns; return via xc route which is steep in a few places. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, munchies, good gripping footwear, rain/warm clothing, good cheer. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Southern Courtney, Tom Hill, Maggie Wilson, Byron Prinzmetal

Jul 17 Sat

I: 10,000 Ridge (10,094'), Lake Pk (10,161'), Grinnell Mtn (10,284'): Strenuous, but worth it, 14 mi rt, 3300' gain hike to 3 pks in beautiful San Gorgonio Wilderness. Send sase or email, H&W phones, recent exper, rideshare info to Ldr: Maggie Wilson. Co-Ldr: Byron Prinzmetal

Jul 17 Sat

O: Middle Hawkins (8505'): Moderately paced 8 mi rt, 2000' gain hike on scenic trail from Islip Saddle. Meet 8 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Rosemary Campbell, Janet Bartel

Jul 17-18 Sat-Sun

O: San Bernardino E. Pk (10,691'), San Bernardino Pk (10,649'), Anderson Pk (10,840'), Shield's Pk (10,680'), Sugarloaf Mtn (9952'): Sat, 20 mi rt, 5000' gain. Sun, 12 mi rt, 1400' gain. Carcamp. Some dirt rd driving. Permit limits group size. Send sase w experience, recent conditioning to Ldr: David F Eisenberg. Co-Ldrs: Virgil Popescu, Frank Goodykoontz, Haven Fearn

Jul 24 Sat

O: Twin Peaks (7761'), Waterman Mtn (8038'): Rendezvous hike. Strenuous 12 mi rt, 3800' gain hike in Angeles NF. Meet 6 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring 3 qts water, lugsoles. Ldrs: Peter Doggett, David F Eisenberg

Jul 24 Sat

I: Waterman Mtn (8038') via Kratka Ridge (7515'): Rendezvous hike. Moderately paced 6 mi, 1900' gain on steep xc pathfinder route led by King himself. Meet 7:30 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, lugsoles, 10 essentials. Ldr: Frank Goodykoontz. Asst: Diane Dunbar

Jul 24 Sat

I: Waterman Mtn (8038'): Rendezvous hike. Moderately paced 10 mi rt, 2500' gain hike on pathfinder route. Meet 8 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles, smiles + good cheer a must. Ldrs: Bob Thompson, Stag Brown, Joe Young

Jul 24 Sat

O: Waterman Mtn (8038'): Up ridge 2000'+ gain from Three Points to rendezvous; return is quick down & easy stroll to cars. Meet 8:30 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, lugsoles. Ldrs: Southern Courtney, Byron Prinzmetal

Jul 24 Sat

O: Waterman Mtn (8038'): Easy 8 mi rt, 1200' gain hike on trail to picnic w/other HPSers on top. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, lugsoles, lunch item to share. Ldrs: Frank & Ruth Lee Dobos

Jul 25 Sun

***Outing Not In Schedule***

O: South Hawkins (7783'), Middle Hawkins (8505'): Escape the heat of summer on this moderate 12mi. rt, 3000' gain hike. Join LEADER **Roxana Lewis** on her provisional "O" rating hike. No crampons or ice axe required. Bring 2 qts water, lunch. Meet 6:53am Azusa rideshare. Co-ldrs: Frank & Ruth Dobos.

Jul 31 Sat Verdugo Hills, Mt Baldy

I: Mt Pinos (LO) (8831'), Sawmill Mtn (8818'), Grouse Mtn (8682'): 10 mi, 2500' gain ridge hike with fantastic views of Ventura and Kern counties. Visit area where condors once thrived. Moderate pace. Meet 7 am Sylmar rideshare pt. Bring lunch, lugsoles, 2+ qts water, snacks. Ldrs: David F Eisenberg, Diane Dunbar, Frank Goodykoontz

Jul 31 Sat

O: Winston Pk (7502'), Winston Ridge (7003'): Moderately paced 5 mi rt, 1100' gain beginner hike on well defined use trail starting from Cloudburst Summit (33 mi from rideshare pt); tigers hike at end. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles. Ldrs: Byron Prinzmetal, Rosemary Campbell

Aug 7 Sat

I: Gobbler's Knob (6955'), Wright Mtn (8505'), Pine Mtn #1 (9648'), Dawson Pk (9575'): Very strenuous, moderately paced 15 mi, 3900' gain/loss hike on trail & xc for conditioned hikers only. Send sase, H&W phones to Ldr: Diane Dunbar. Co-Ldr: Joe Young

Aug 7 Sat

O: Introductory Hike: Beginners welcome on this easy 4-5 mi rt, 500'-1000' gain hike to local peak in the San Gabriel Mtns. Learn about the Hundred Peaks Section: Other beginner hikes, Footgear and clothing, Equipment, San Gabriel ecosystem. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring lunch, snacks, water, sunscreen, hat. Ldrs: Frank & Ruth Lee Dobos, Virgil Popescu, Rosemary Campbell, HPS Membership Committee

Aug 7 Sat Rio Hondo

O: Suicide Rock (7528'): Easy paced 7 mi rt, 1700' gain hike to enjoy views of dense forests, rugged granite cliffs & Idyllwild. Meet 7:30 am Diamond Bar Parn-N-Ride lot, or 9 am at trailhead. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles. Ldrs: Gabriele Rau, Gordon Lindberg

Aug 8 Sun

***Outing Not In Schedule***

I: Sam Fink Peak (7339') Exploratory: Strenuous but moderately paced 5 mi rt, 4500' gain adventure hike to the remote eastern frontier of San Jacinto Wilderness, mostly on trail (final 800' gain on steep forested cross country, easy rocks, no brush). Climb spectacular crag named in honor of our eminent Desert Divide pioneer, Permit limits group size to 12, so reserve early. Send sase, H & W phones, recent experience to Leader: Tom Hill. Co-leader: Byron Prinzmetal.

Aug 11 Wed Local Hikes

I: Winston Pk (7502'): Moderately paced 7+ mi, 1500' gain ridge hike to Cooper Cyn w/some xc with little steep descents; shuttle to Buckhorn. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles. Ldrs: Southern Courtney, Tom Hill, Byron Prinzmetal

Aug 12 Thu Peakbaggers Social Meeting: Have you ever wondered how to properly pick & fit a hiking boot that is right for you? Come listen to Adventure 16 explain science of boot fitting. Refreshments & socializing, something for everyone. 7:30 pm Griffith Park Ranger Sta Aud.

Aug 14 Sat Sierra Singles

O: Mt Islip (8250') Peaknic Hike: Come to 9th annual potluck picnic at Little Jimmy Cpgrd; optional 6 mi rt, 1300' gain hike to pk. Meet 8:30 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, picnic food to share, lugsoles. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Frank & Ruth Lee Dobos, Mike & Dotty Sandford, Laura Quinn

Aug 15 Sun

I: Constance Pk (6645'), Heart Bar (8338'): Moderately strenuous 8 mi rt, 2000' gain hike in San Bernardino NF; some dirt road driving. Bring lots of water, lunch, lugsoles. For info, call Ldrs: Joe Young, Maggie Wilson

Aug 21 Sat Mt Baldy

I: Shay Mtn (6714'), Ingham Pk (6355'), Little Shay Mtn (6635'), Hawes Pk (6751'): Strenuous approx 12 mi, 4400' gain hike on trail & xc in San Bernardino NF about 8 mi W of Fawnskin near Big Bear Lake. Meet 6 am Pomona rideshare pt. Bring at least 4 qts water, lunch, lugsoles. Ldrs: Haven Fearn, Frank Goodykoontz

Aug 21 Sat

O: Vetter Mtn (5908'): Fun hike for children, any age. Easy 1 1/2-2 mi rt, 500' gain hike. Beginners, slow hikers welcome. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, food to share, smiles, laughter. Ldrs: Stag & Nami Brown

Aug 22 Sun WTC, Santa Monica Mtns TF

I: Anderson Pk (10,840'), Shield's Pk (10,680'), E San Bernardino Pk (10,691'), San Bernardino Pk (10,649'): Brisk 14 mi rt, 5000' gain hike via Forsee Creek. Ltd to 12 strong hikers. Send sase, H&W phones, recent exper to Ldr: Ray Riley. Co-Ldr: Don Croley

Aug 22 Sun

I: Tehachapi Mtn (7960'), Double Mtn (7981'): Moderately paced, moderately strenuous 10 mi rt, 3500' gain hike W of town of Mojave on roads & use trail; some forest xc. Send sase, H&W phones, recent exper to Ldr: Tom Hill. Asst: Byron Prinzmetal

Aug 25 Wed Local Hikes

O: Mt Burnham (8997'), Baden Powell (9399'): Moderately paced 9 mi, 2000' gain/2500' loss hike from Dawson Saddle over middle high country pks to Vincent Gap Divide, mostly on PCT. View rare weather-battered limber pines on slope of Baden Powell; 8 mi car shuttle. Meet 8 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, jacket. Ldr: Richard Schamberg. Asst: Steffi Schadel

Aug 28 Sat International Community

O: Cucamonga Peak (8859'): Strenuous 13 mi, 4000' gain hike up Icehouse Cyn in Mt Baldy area. Meet 7:30 am Icehouse Cyn or for rideshare info, email Ldr: Bill Gaskill. Asst: Kuldip Dhadwal

Aug 28 Sat

**Outing Not In Schedule**

O: Throop (9138'), Burnham (8997'), Baden-Powell (9399'): Slower-paced, strenuous, scenic trip in Angeles NF high country. 9 miles, 2400' gain, 3700' loss, all on trail. Car camp with leader at Table Mtn Friday or meet at a local rideshare point. Limit 16 hikers. For further information send sase with W&H phones and optionally your email address to Karen Smith at 637 Carla Ave., Chula Vista, CA 91910-6103 or e-mail her (ksmith@adnc.com) before Aug. 23. Car shuttle and Adv. Pass required. Rain cancels. Ldr: KAREN SMITH. Co-Ldr: BYRON PRINZMETAL.

Aug 29 Sun

O: Sugarloaf Mtn (9952'): Moderately paced 6 mi rt, 1400' gain hike near Big Bear Lake. Meet 7 am Pomona rideshare pt. Bring 3 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, windbreaker. Ldrs: Peter Doggett, Tom Hill

Sep 4 Sat

O: Reyes Pk (7510'), Haddock Mtn (7431'): Moderately paced 10 mi rt, 2800' gain hike on trail along scenic ridgeline in Sespe Wilderness, Los Padres NF. Meet 10 am at junction of Rte 33 & Pine Mtn Rd, approx 32 mi NW of Hwy 150 in Ojai. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles. Dinner in Ojai after hike. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Susanne Weil, Frank & Ruth Lee Dobos

Sep 8 Wed Local Hikes

O: Middle Hawkins (8005') from Islip Saddle: 8+ mi rt, 2000; gain hike w/great views; downhill return. Meet 8 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles, good cheer. Ldrs: Rosemary Campbell, Janet Bartel

Sep 9 Thu Peakbaggers **Annual Business Meeting**: Learn about our progress this year, candidates for Management Committee, ballot issues. Also peakbagger Tom Hill presents program on "Santa Rosa Mountains", some of the most beautiful, but difficult mountains we hike to. Learn how to do these peaks. Refreshments & socializing, something for everyone. 7:30 pm Griffith Park Ranger Sta Aud.

Sep 11 Sat

I: 10,000' Ridge (10,094'), Lake Pk (10,160'), Grinnell Mtn (10,284'): Strenuous, but moderately paced 8 mi rt, 3100' gain hike in high country of San Bernardino Mtns over trail & steep & loose xc. Permit limits group size. Send sase to Ldr: Mars Bonfire. Co-Ldr: Diane Dunbar

Sep 11 Sat Mt Baldy

I: Ken Pt (6423'), Butterfly Pk (6228'), Rock Pt (5280'+): Strenuous 13 mi rt, 3500' gain hike on trail, road & xc in Riverside Country about 12 mi SE of Idyllwild. Meet 6 am Pomona rideshare pt. Bring at least 4 qts water, lunch, lugsoles. Ldrs: Haven Fearn, Frank Goodykoontz

Sep 12 Sun

O: Pine Mtn #1 (9648'), Dawson Pk (9575'), Mt San Antonio (10,064'): Strenuous, moderately paced 9.6 mi rt, 4200' gain hike in Angeles NF w/some very steep sections. Meet 7:30 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring 3 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, windbreaker, hat. Ldrs: Peter Doggett, Patty Kline

Sep 18 Sat Mt Baldy

I: Deer Mtn (5536'), White Mtn #1 (7727'): Strenuous approx 10 mi, 2500' gain hike on trail & xc in San Bernardino NF about 8 mi W of Fawnskin near Big Bear Lake. Meet 6 am Pomona rideshare pt. Bring at least 4 qts water, lunch, lugsoles. Ldrs: Haven Fearn, Frank Goodykoontz

Sep 18 Sat

O: Mt Williamson (8214'): Join us for fun on easy paced 3 mi rt, 1500' gain hike in San Gabriel Mtns. Beginners welcome. Meet 8 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, munchies, lugsoles, rain/warm clothing, good cheer. Ldrs: Byron Prinzmetal, Maggie Wilson

Sep 19 Sun

I: Mt Burnham (8997'), Mt Baden-Powell (9399'), Ross Mtn (7402'): Strenuous, moderately paced 13 mi rt, 5000' gain hike in San Gabriel Mtns on steep xc forest trails; about half of gain in on return. Send sase, H&W phones, recent experience to Ldr: Tom Hill. Co-Ldr: Virgil Popescu

Sep 19 Sun K-9 Comm

O: Reyes Pk (7510'), Haddock Mtn (7416'): Moderate 8 mi rt, 1000' gain hike through beautiful, forested section of Los Padres NF. Well-mannered dogs welcome. Meet 8 am Sylmar rideshare pt. Bring 3 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, windbreaker. Ldrs: Peter Doggett, Julie Rush

Sep 22 Wed Local Hikes

O: Throop Pk (9138'), Mt Hawkins (8850'): Moderate, scenic 9 mi shuttle hike from Dawson Saddle (7900') to Islip Saddle (6500') w/1300' gain to pks. Meet 8 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles, jacket. Ldrs: Southern Courtney, Richard Schamberg

Sep 25 Sat

I: Cornell Pk (9750'), Miller Pk (10,200') Exploratory, San Jacinto Pk (10,840'): Very strenuous 10 mi, 2800' xc gain in beautiful high ridge above Palm Springs Tram. Send sase, H&W phones, conditioning to Ldr: Diane Dunbar. Co-Ldr: Charlie Knapke

Sep 25 Sat Mt Baldy

O: Mt Islip (8250'), Middle Hawkins (8505'), South Mt Hawkins (7783'): Moderately strenuous approx 12 mi rt, 3500' gain hike for enjoyable loop trip for summer in the pines. Meet 6 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles. Ldrs: Haven Fearn, Frank Goodykoontz

Sep 26 Sun

I: Charlton Pk (10,806'), Jepson Pk (11,205'), Dobbs Pk (10,459'): Very strenuous, moderately paced 16 mi, 5500' gain traverse of San Geronio Wilderness on forest trails & steep xc; car shuttle. Ltd to 12 hikers by permit. Send sase, H&W phones, recent experience to Ldr: Tom Hill. Co-Ldrs: Byron Prinzmetal, Virgil Popescu

Sep 26 Sun

I: Galena Pk (9324'): Very steep, slippery, ascent with lots of loose rocks. Experienced hikers only. 10 mi rt, 3000' gain. Send sase with experience, cond to Ldr: David F Eisenberg. Co-Ldrs: Joe Young, Frank Goodykoontz, Haven Fearn

Sep 26 Sun K-9 Comm

O: Mt Williamson (8214'): Moderately paced 5 mi rt, 1500' gain hike to beautiful peak w/great views of Mojave Desert. Newcomers welcome. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water for you & K-9 pal, lunch, lugsoles. Ldrs: Charlotte Feitshans, Tammy Solko

Oct 2 Sat Mt Baldy

I: Hildreth Pk (5167'): Strenuous 16 mi, 3700' gain hike w/some rough & dirt road driving to trailhead 2 hrs from Santa Barbara in Los Padres NP. Carcamp Fri eve. Send sase, H&W phones, rideshare info to Ldr: Frank Goodykoontz. Co-Ldr: Haven Fearn

Oct 2 Sat

I: Mt Pinos (8831'), Sawmill Mtn (8750'), Grouse Mtn (8650'), Cerro Noroeste (8286'): Join us for enjoyable 11 mi, 3000'+ gain hike on trail & some xc on ridge between Ventura & Kern Counties. Send sase or email, H&W phones, recent experience, rideshare info to Ldr: Maggie Wilson. Co-Ldr: Byron Prinzmetal

Oct 3 Sun

O: Keller Pk (7882'), Slide Pk (7841'), Mill Pk (6670'): Easy paced, moderate 4 mi rt, 1000' gain hike E of Lake Arrowhead on logging roads & use trail; some heavy brush. Possible list finish. Meet 7 am Pomona rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles. Ldrs: Tom Hill, Peter Doggett, Virgil Popescu

**Oct 9-10 Sat-Sun Harwood**

**O: Harvest Moon Festival Annual Celebration.** Join our annual weekend festivities in Mt Baldy area. Sat/Sun bag local peaks (several hikes of varying difficulty each day) or relax at lodge. Sat eve celebrate w/beer, wine or non-alcoholic bev, international food of season (vegetarian avail), followed by good music of all kinds, dancing, games & prizes. After Sun breakfast (provided by HPS), more hiking. Reserve early, space ltd. Send \$30 w/SC#/\$35 non-members or \$15 Sat dinner only to Reserv: Maggie Wilson

**Hikes Oct 9 Sat**

I: Lookout Mtn #2 (6812'): 8 mi rt, 2500' gain pre-Harvest Moon Festival Hike. Possible list finish. Meet 8 am Mt Baldy rideshare pt. Bring lunch, lugsoles, 10 essentials. Ldr: David F Eisenberg. Co-Ldr: Frank Goodykoontz, Carleton Shay, Joe Young, Frank Atkin

O: Mt San Antonio (10,064') Harvest Moon Festival Hike: Very strenuous, fast paced 12 mi rt, 6000' gain hike up Mt Baldy from the Village. Meet 6 am Mt Baldy rideshare pt. Bring 3 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, windbreaker, hat, determination. Ldrs: Peter Doggett, Kate Rogowski

O: Mt San Antonio (10,064'), Mt Harwood (9552') Harvest Moon Festival Hike: Strenuous 7 mi rt, 3900' gain hike past ski hut; return via notch. No beginners. Meet 7 am Mt Baldy rideshare pt. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles. Ldrs: Virgil Popescu, James Carden, Mary McMannes

I: Thunder Mtn (6587') Harvest Moon Festival Hike: Strenuous, moderately paced approx 8 mi, 4000' gain hike to retrace Bill T's very steep xc loop up ridge, over Thunder, down ridge to Harwood lodge in time for party. Must be comfortable w/steep slopes. Send sase, H&W phones to Ldr: Diane Dunbar. Co-Ldr: Larry Hoak

**Hikes Oct 10 Sun**

I: Bighorn Pk (8441'), Ontario Pk (8693'), Sugarloaf Pk (6924') Harvest Moon Festival Hike: Moderately paced, strenuous 12 mi, 4200' gain loop hike w/steep & loose xc; return via Falling Rock Cyn. No beginners; ltd to 12 hikers. Meet 6.30 am Mt Baldy rideshare pt. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles. Ldr: Byron Prinzmetal. Asst: Tom Hill

I: Buck Pt (6433'), San Sevaine (5240') Harvest Moon Festival Hike: Moderately paced 5 mi rt, 1300' gain hikes in San Bernardino NF w/some xc; much dirt road driving. Meet 9 am Mt Baldy rideshare pt. Bring lots of water, lunch, lugsoles. High clearance vehicles reqd. Ldr: Joe Young. Co-Ldr: David F Eisenberg

Oct 13 Wed Local Hikes

O: Sunset Pk (5796'), Colver Pk (5500'): Relaxed paced 11 mi rt, 2200' gain hike along Sunset Ridge; shorter options. Meet 9 am Mt Baldy rideshare pt. Bring water, food. Ldrs: Tom Hill, Southern Courtney, Byron Prinzmetal

Oct 14 Thu Peakbaggers Social Meeting: Have you ever been lost or not sure where you are? Come listen to Wildflower Software explain how to use their topo mapping software with GPS. To gain first hand experience we'll create a route using Topo software w/GPS waypoints & then walk the route using a GPS unit (it's a night, so bring warm clothing). Refreshments & socializing, something for everyone. 7:30 pm Griffith Park Ranger Sta Aud.

Oct 16 Sat

I: Lizard Head (5350'), Cuyama LO (5875'): Strenuous, but moderately paced 11 mi rt, 3500' gain hike in NE Santa Barbara County; some dirt road driving. Bring lots of water, lunch, lugsoles. Send sase, H&W phones, rideshare info to Ldrs: Virgil Popescu, Harvey Ganz

Oct 16 Sat Mt Baldy

O: Sawtooth Pk (5200'), Burnt Pk (5788'), Liebre Mtn (5760'): Hike 3 peaks in N Los Angeles County. First 2 pks moderate 10 mi rt, 1200' gain; Liebre a drive-up. Meet 7 am Sylmar rideshare pt. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles. Ldrs: Haven Fearn, Frank Goodykoontz

Oct 16-17 Sat-Sun

I: Pinyon Pk (6805'), Black Mtn #3 (5686'), Tehachapi Mtn (7960'+), Double Mtn (7981'): Moderate 6 mi rt, 2300' gain hike near Tehachapi on Sat; eve camp in area. Sun 15 mi rt, 4500' gain. For info, call or email Ldr: Joe Young.

Co-Ldr: David F Eisenberg

Oct 17 Sun K-9 Comm

O: Buck Pt (6433'), San Sevaine (5240'): Easy 4 mi rt, 1000' gain hike in San Bernardino County w/K-9 friends. Requires several miles of dirt road driving. Meet 8:30 am Pomona rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles. Ldrs:

Charlotte Feitshans, Tammy Solko

Oct 17 Sun Lower Peaks

O: Slide Mtn LO (4631'): 10 mi rt, 2400' gain hike. 1st ever lead to lower peak 25 mi N of Sylmar w/interesting lookout. Meet 7 am Sylmar rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles. Ldrs: Tom Hill, Gabriele Rau, Byron Prinzmetal

Oct 24 Sun

I: Eagle Crag (5077') via Dripping Springs & Wild Horse Trails: Very strenuous, steady, but moderately paced 24 mi, 5500' gain loop hike. Route is finally in hikable shape, we will still need to climb many fallen trees & plow through summit brush. Send sase, H&W phones, recent experience to Ldr: Tom Hill. Co-Ldrs: Joe Young, Byron Prinzmetal

Oct 27 Wed Local Hikes

I: Mt Hilyer (6162') Loop from Chilao: Moderate 7 mi, 1700' gain loop hike on trails & ridges. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles. Ldrs: Brent Washburne, Southern Courtney

Oct 30 Sat

O: Pacifico Mtn (7124'): Moderately paced 12 mi rt, 2200' gain hike on PCT in Angeles NF. Possible list finish for leader. Meet 8 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles. Ldr: Virgil Popescu. Co-Ldrs: Tom Hill, Byron Prinzmetal

Oct 30 Sat

I: Pallett Mtn (7760'), Will Thrall Pk (7845'), Pleasant View Ridge (7893'): Strenuous, scenic 10 mi, 4800' gain hike up trail, xc down steep ridge, moderate to heavy brush; desert to pine & back. Send sase, H&W phones, conditioning to Ldr: Diane Dunbar. Co-Ldr: Larry Hoak

Oct 31 Sun

O: Josephine Pk (5558') Halloween Hike: Celebrate Halloween on top of this nrby summit, 5 mi rt, 1900' gain. Meet 10 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring masks or other costumes, Halloween treats for summit. Rain cancels. Ldrs: David F Eisenberg, Frank & Ruth Lee Dobos



*Left to right: Penelope May, Marcia Cox-Holzman, and Kathleen Edwards pose for the camera on the cold, blustery summit of Martinez Mountain, April 30, 1999.*

# HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION

## Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 8, 1999

### Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium

Meeting called to order at 6:12. Virgil, Charlotte, Ruth, Carleton, Patty and David were absent. Present were George, Tom, Janet, Jim, Byron, Bobcat, and Joe. Approved meeting notes for our 2/11 and 3/11 meetings

Approved 4/9 membership report

Approved the following actions dealing with membership issues: Change label to make it more clear what is the expiration date is by printing the actual expiration date. Have the label indicate those subscriptions that are going to expire within the next month. The membership chair is to add the following to his monthly membership report: An analysis of where (how) we are getting our new subscribers (outings, web, Wtc, etc.) Names and phone numbers of new subscribers and members who just achieved a HPS milestone so we can call them and congratulate them. George is to work with David in developing an action plan to try to get those past subscribers to renew and report back their actions/success at our next meeting. George is to work with David to insure all of the above items occur. On the Lookout's back cover near where the labels are attached, Joe is to put a notice telling subscribers that to avoid lapsing their subscription/membership and the implications (will not receive the Lookout, can not lead HPS outings, etc.) to look at the expiration data and to then use the renewal form to renew. The management team re-confirmed our goal for each of us to try to obtain 10 new subscribers for this year. For donations where the donor receives a year or greater subscription to the Lookout, the subscription will be mailed first class. Joe will add to the Lookout on the back cover donation levels with this information. Byron will write a short article for the Lookout telling about this and he will update the web site with this information. Status of Southern Sierran Articles and calendar of activities in an effort to promote the HPS was discussed. It was agreed that George and Joe would submit monthly articles.

Virgil (the Outings Chair) would submit monthly items for the calendar. Tom is to inform Virgil of his new duty. Tom is authorized to spend up to \$100 to advertise our new hiker July program. He can design the ad as he sees fit. Status of goals/programs for outings

Trip kits will be started by 4/17/1999

The following was approved as a new program for members to receive paper updates for maps and peak guides. Anyone may subscribe to this service for \$35/year which includes 3rd class postage. For the \$35 a person will receive for the calendar quarter they enrolled and the next three quarters all updates to maps and peak guides. The updates will be sent to each enrollee at the end of each quarter. Tom Hill will do the following to initiate this program:

Write an article explaining it for the Lookout

Explain to Bobcat what he needs to do.

Joe will modify the order form on the Lookout to include this new service. Byron will do the same for the web site order form. The following was agreed as far as Mountain Records are concerned: Approximately 20 peak guides will be updated per month starting 4/17. The first ones updated will be those where there are safety issues involved (Samon, Gelena, and Hines.) The next set will be those where the routes described have been superceded. We will send out with complete orders of either our maps or peak guides the corresponding status reports. Tom is responsible to make this occur. Byron suggested the temporary suspension of Samon until a safer route is found that by-passes the gully. It was agreed that this route has been hiked for many years without a rock fall accident. Therefore, it was concluded that the risk of a rock fall accident is minimal if the leader follows prescribed procedures. The following was therefore agreed to: The safety chair will phone call all leaders leading this hike ahead of time and explain the correct procedure and route to use. The next updates to our peak guide will include instructions for the safe transition of the gully. A new route will be developed possible using the one Mars tried a few weeks ago where he walked up the Chokecherry Gully.

The following was agreed to as far as peak additions/deletions is concerned. Byron is to write an article for the next Lookout telling people that the management committee is considering adding to the yearly election the following peaks

additions/deletions: Add the following Peaks

Backus Peak, Russell Peak, Sam Fink Peak, Drury Peak, Dragon Head.

Remove the following Peaks

Rouse Hill, Hot Springs Mtn (does not have unrestricted access- requires owners permission and fee which means it should be de-listed) Indian, Ranger, Cleghorn Mtn, Harvard, Peak, Mc Pherson.

Byron's article is to also solicit comments in the form of letters to the Lookout editor from our members about these and other peaks. He is to include in his article that there are many different opinions as to each of these peaks and others and the management committee wants to hear from our members their thoughts. Further, the management committee wants to give our membership the ability to vote up or down on these proposals. The following awards committee recommendations was approved: Change 100 peaks completion patch to a single patch that look great. Add 200 and list completion patches (this is in addition to the existing pins which we keep.) Add the 200 and list completion patch when we have sufficient money to do so. But, in the design of the new 100 peak patch consider how the 200 peak, list completion patch and how any other patch we might add will look. Have a 75 peak San Gabriel award (patch). This will not be an award, but a patch. Have a contest in the Lookout to design the new patches and take the best two and have the

membership vote on them. The winner of the contest will receive a complete set of maps and peak guides. Joe is to write an article for the next Lookout describing the above and to start the contest off. Byron reviewed Larry Tidball's letter to Tom and the management committee. Byron stressed the following: It is the management committee's responsibility exercised through our safety and outings chairs to insure each of our leaders can lead a particular outing safely. We can use all historical information including past public and private outings to arrive at a conclusion. Byron gave the following possible example:

If a rated leader who has excellent skills and knowledge of our routes, but due to injury or other factors no longer has the physical strength or endurance to safely lead demanding hikes, then these leaders should not schedule these types of outings. The HPS safety and/or outings chair is to make this determination and should communicate their determination to the affected leader. Jim reviewed the proposed reorganization of groups and the possible negative implications for outings and outings related sections. George reported that our treasury has over \$6000.

## REGISTER BOX

By Jim Adler

Three new missing but non-hopeless registers were reported. Seven registers were removed from the list, five because registers were found and two because lookout towers are now manned and a visitor's log is maintained in the lookout (per Tom Hill). These are Black Mtn.#1 and Tahquitz Peak. Actually I had already deemed Black #1 hopeless but overlooked that when I wrote the last column.

Reports were received from Peter Doggett, Martin Feather, Joe Young, and Tom Hill.

Missing and deficient registers:

6 I	West Big Pine	deficient	5-99
11B	Strawberry Peak	missing	2-99
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
21G	Bertha Peak	missing	5-99
24B	San Bernardino	missing	7-98
24C	San Bernardino E.	deficient	7-98
24D	Anderson Peak	missing	7-98
26C	Queen Mtn.	missing	4-99
26D	Ryan Mtn.	missing	4-94
27A	Ranger Peak	missing	2-99
28E	Antsell Rock	deficient	10-98
28K	Pine Mtn. #2	decrepit	5-98
30D	Santa Rosa Mtn.	deficient	6-97

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. Alandeale 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.)

## Hundred Peaks Section Initiates Contests for Patches

The HPS, responding to the requests of a number of hikers and members, is planning to make available patches for the attainment of certain goals:

- ◆ Climbing 200 peaks on our List
- ◆ Climbing all peaks on our List
- ◆ Climbing 50 peaks in the San Gabriels that are on our List

Talented artists in our midst are requested to submit designs for these patches. **THERE WILL BE AN AWARD FOR EACH OF THE THREE WINNING SUBMITTALS.** The awards have not yet been determined, but expect something along the lines of free membership for some period of time, a story in the Southern Sierran (with photo), recognition at the Annual Awards Banquet, etc. Also, we will of course need **JUDGES** for these contests! Any judge(s) will be appropriately "rewarded" for their efforts.

At this point in time, please contact your editor of **THE LOOKOUT** for more details.



Please note that the following birthdays of HPS members occur in the months of July and August. Upon renewal please let the Membership Chair know your birthday so YOUR birthday will be posted in **THE LOOKOUT!**

Elisabeth Cohen 7/1  
 Barbara Guerin 7/1  
 Ray Wolfe 7/1  
 Edward F. Sutor 7/3  
 Diane Baker 7/4  
 Kenneth Croker 7/4  
 William Hauser 7/4  
 Richard Hoesly 7/5  
 Ursula Mayer 7/5  
 Bob Cates 7/7  
 Caroline B. Jones 7/7  
 Betty Sterrett 7/7  
 Bob Curran 7/8  
 Chris Newcomer 7/8  
 Haven Fearn 7/9  
 Jeffrey W. Koepke 7/9  
 Elmer A. Omohundro Jr. 7/9  
 Jeanne Newcomer 7/11  
 Ingeborg B. Prochazka 7/12  
 Betty McRuer 7/15  
 Franklin Meyers 7/17  
 George Wysup 7/18  
 W. Ross Yates 7/19  
 Rick Fleming 7/21  
 John Dykstra 7/22  
 Melvyn Howard 7/22  
 Richard Binns 7/24  
 Robert S. Hicks 7/25  
 Hanna Shay 7/25  
 Ann Cavalieri 7/26  
 Gordon J. MacLeod 7/26  
 Gregory Vernon 7/27  
 Pam Burnham 7/28  
 Patty Kline 7/29  
 Robert J. Wyka 7/29  
 Charlie Knapke 7/30  
 Bill Lien 7/31  
 Fred Johnson 8/2  
 Kate Rogowski 8/3  
 Keats Hayden 8/6  
 David F. Jensen 8/8  
 Phillip (Greg) Jones 8/8  
 Kay Machen 8/9  
 Joy Brooks 8/10  
 Howard Eyerly 8/11  
 Charles I. Corp 8/13  
 Judy Ware 8/14  
 Benjamin Sheldon 8/15  
 Donica Wood 8/15  
 Richard J. Farrar 8/16  
 Penelope May 8/17  
 Richard Clement 8/21  
 Olga Riepe 8/24  
 Peter Rosmarin 8/24  
 Walter C. Whisman 8/24  
 Terri Sutor 8/26  
 Larry K. Shumway 8/29

## Waterman Mtn Hikes

Jul 24 Sat

✓O: Twin Peaks (7761'), Waterman Mtn (8038'): Rendezvous hike. Strenuous 12 mi rt, 3800' gain hike in Angeles NF. Meet 6 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring 3 qts water, lugsoles. Ldrs: Peter Doggett, David F Eisenberg

✓I: Waterman Mtn (8038') via Kratka Ridge (7515'): Rendezvous hike. Moderately paced 6 mi, 1900' gain on steep xc pathfinder route led by King himself. Meet 7:30 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, lugsoles, 10 essentials. Ldr: Frank Goodykoontz. Asst: Diane Dunbar

✓I: Waterman Mtn (8038'): Rendezvous hike. Moderately paced 10 mi rt, 2500' gain hike on pathfinder route. Meet 8 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles, smiles + good cheer a must. Ldrs: Bob Thompson, Stag Brown, Joe Young

✓O: Waterman Mtn (8038'): Up ridge 2000'+ gain from Three Points to rendezvous; return is quick down & easy stroll to cars. Meet 8:30 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, lugsoles. Ldrs: Southern Courtney, Byron Prinzmetal

✓O: Waterman Mtn (8038'): Easy 8 mi rt, 1200' gain hike on trail to picnic w/other HPSers on top. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, lugsoles, lunch item to share. Ldrs: Frank & Ruth Lee Dobos

## Hikes Suitable for Newcomers

Jul 31 Sat  
 O: Winston Pk (7502'), Winston Ridge (7003'): Moderately paced 5 mi rt, 1100' gain beginner hike on well defined use trail starting from Cloudburst Summit (33 mi from rideshare pt); tigers hike at end. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles. Ldrs: Byron Prinzmetal, Rosemary Campbell

Aug 7 Sat

O: Introductory Hike: Beginners welcome on this easy 4-5 mi rt, 500'-1000' gain hike to local peak in the San Gabriel Mtns. Learn about the HPS.: Other beginner hikes, Footgear and clothing, Equipment, San Gabriel ecosystem. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring lunch, snacks, water, sunscreen, hat. Ldrs: Frank & Ruth Lee Dobos, Virgil Popescu, Rosemary Campbell, HPS Membership Committee

Aug 7 Sat

O: Suicide Rock (7528'): Easy paced 7 mi rt, 1700' gain hike to enjoy views of dense forests, rugged granite cliffs & Idyllwild. Meet 7:30 am Diamond Bar Park-N-Ride lot, or 9 am at trailhead. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles. Ldrs: Gabriele Rau, Gordon Lindberg

Aug 11 Wed

I: Winston Pk (7502'): Moderately paced 7+ mi, 1500' gain ridge hike to Cooper Cyn w/some xc with little steep descents; shuttle to Buckhorn. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles. Ldrs: Southern Courtney, Tom Hill, Byron Prinzmetal

Aug 14 Sat

O: Mt Islip (8250') Peaknic Hike: Come to 9th annual potluck picnic at Little Jimmy Cpgrd; optional 6 mi rt, 1300' gain hike to pk. Meet 8:30 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, picnic food to share, lugsoles. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Frank & Ruth Lee Dobos, Mike & Dotty Sandford, Laura Quinn

Aug 21 Sat

O: Vetter Mtn (5908'): Fun hike for children, any age. Easy 1 1/2-2 mi rt, 500' gain hike. Beginners, slow hikers welcome. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, food to share, smiles, laughter. Ldrs: Stag & Nami Brown

Aug 29 Sun

O: Sugarloaf Mtn (9952'): Moderately paced 6 mi rt, 1400' gain hike near Big Bear Lake. Meet 7 am Pomona rideshare pt. Bring 3 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, windbreaker. Ldrs: Peter Doggett, Tom Hill