

THE LOOKOUT



Upcoming Social Events

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.

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 9-10 Sat-Sun Harwood
O: Harvest Moon Festival Annual Celebration: Join our annual fun Fall Party in Mt Baldy area. Sat/Sun bag local peaks (several hikes of varying difficulty each day) or relax at lodge. Sat eve celebrate the Harvest with international foods of the season (vegetarian available), beer, wine or non-alcoholic bevs, followed by good music of all varieties, dancing, games & prizes. After Sun breakfast, more hiking. Reserve early, space ltd. Send \$30 w/SC#/\$35 non-members or \$15 Sat dinner only to Reserv: Maggie Wilson

Jan 22, 2000 Saturday
HPS Annual Awards Banquet
Save this date for a most exciting Annual Awards Banquet at Taix Restaurant, 1911 Sunset Blvd, in Echo Park. No host bar and raffle starts at 5:00 PM. Dinner at 6:30 PM. Program: a multi-media presentation by Kurt Wedberg, "ON TOP OF THE WORLD: A Journey to the top of Mt. Everest. Send Sase w/choice of entree (beef, fish, vegetarian, or chicken) and \$29/person to reservationist, Jim Fleming. Seating is limited, so sign up early.



Photo above: View of proposed Sam Fink Peak (7339'). (Below) Photo of Leader Tom Hill on summit of proposed Sam Fink Peak with San Jacinto Wilderness peaks in background.



Membership Report

By David F Eisenberg

Achievements

200 Peaks Bar

360	Sonia Arancibia	June 13, 1999	Madulce Peak
361	Ray Soucy	June 13, 1999	Tecuya Mountain
362	Harvey Ganz	July 3, 1999	Sugarloaf Peak

List Completion No. 1

213	Hugh W. Blanchard	May 12, 1999	Black Mtn No. 5
214	George Wysup	June 7, 1999	Mount Gleason
215	Gabriele Rau	June 19, 1999	Galena Peak

Pathfinder

28	Erik Siering	June 12, 1999	Mount Williamson
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Membership Activity Report

Membership Summary

<u>Member to Benefactor</u>			<u>Current</u>	<u>Inactive</u>
Mark Hodgson	Ben Beasley	Sustaining	39	6
Gabriele Rau	Dean Whitehead	Member	286	171
	Maureen Durnell	Household	65	26
<u>New Member</u>	Josie Bouchard	Subscriber	98	230
Barbara Guerin	Ed Dunn	Honorary	2	
	Jason Goldbus	Sust. sub	2	1
<u>New Sustaining Member</u>	Catherine Schevon	Extra	6	
Ginny Herringer	Don Siminski	Life	2	
	Hirike Spredlin	Benefactor	1	
<u>New Subscriptions</u>	Michele Undereil	Totals	501	432
Victor Alvarez	Joanne Griego			
Doris Bingo	Eric Hiseda	[1997:	494	401]
Jeff Peiffer	Ron Swart	[1998:	490	425]

Note from **THE LOOKOUT** Editor:

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

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

[<www.hundredpeaks.org/hps/>](http://www.hundredpeaks.org/hps/)

From The Chair

By Byron Prinzmetal

Much has happened in the last two months. First of all summer is here and all of our higher peaks are snow free and are a great way to get away from the heat of the city. You will find in the latest schedule (281-July through October) a record number of HPS outings (about 70 in all). To help you know if an outing is right for you, our outings descriptions will start to include enhanced descriptions which adds the intended pace and terrain (about one half of our Schedule 281 outings and close to 100% in the winter schedule will include the enhanced descriptions).

So if you like to hike fast and not at a moderate pace go on tiger hikes. If on the other hand you like a more relaxed pace go on easy pace or moderate pace hikes. If you have trouble and dislike those outings that require you to go on a steep, rocky, cross-country route perhaps you should avoid these outings and stick with those that are mostly on trail. The winter schedule is about finished and again we have a record or close to a record number of outings of all varieties. Please congratulate Virgil on a fine job coordinating and putting together these two schedules.

Your management committee has voted to put on the winter ballot the addition of three peaks. These peaks we want to name after Bill T. Russell, John Backus and Sam Fink. These three deceased Hundred Peakers were among our most active, most influential members who distinguished themselves by their meritorious service. They, along with a few others, were our pioneers. Every time any of us bags one of our peaks a little of their pioneering rubs off on us. When you bag these three new peaks, you will find them to be some of the best we climb in terms of beauty, remoteness, hiking challenges, etc. They are all in wilderness areas. I have been told that few, if any, peaks can be officially named once the peak is included in a wilderness area. So the names we use will be internal HPS names. We have done this before (used an internal HPS name) with Mt. Akawie (Dick was another of the HPS greats.) Your management committee asks that you vote to add these three peaks to our list and name them internally after these three outstanding people. And, while I never knew any of these gentlemen, I am sure they would appreciate your climbing these namesake peaks, so lets add them and bag them again and again in honor of these outstanding individuals.

O u r w e b s i t e (<<http://www.hundredpeaks.org/hps/>>) is becoming very popular with hikers in Southern California. There have been several major additions to the site in the last few months. First of all, all of our maps are now

on the site. Most have been updated to include new routes, etc. These maps can all be downloaded and printed in color. You will find a color map a pleasure to work with compared to the black and white maps that we have been distributing over the years that are at times hard to read. We have added a section to the site where you can ask questions of fellow hikers (e.g. how do I do xyz peak) or where you can leave announcements for others (e.g. xyz just completed the list, I want to go to xyz peak on a private hike on dd/mm/yy, etc.)

One of the problems we have noticed is that it is hard for a brand new Hundred Peaker to determine which hike to go on and where to get answers to questions we take for granted (what is a sase, what food should it take, etc.) To help answer these questions we will provide a special place on our web site for new Hundred Peakers. There they will find the names telephone numbers and/or email addresses of experienced hikers who have volunteered to answer their questions. We will also be starting to publish a new column in **THE LOOKOUT** dedicated to helping new people. These articles will also be posted to our web site.

Charlotte and Janet are putting together our Fall Festival and Annual banquet. In separate articles in this issue, they will tell you about these exciting events. I think you will find them somewhat different than in the past as we are incorporating many of your ideas for improvement. If you have not gone to one of these in a while or never attended, I think you will find this year's events well worthwhile.

An area we have been trying to improve is our monthly meeting programs. Our attendance, like most other outings sections program attendance, has not been spectacular. We are trying to change this by re-orienting the programs to cover subject matter that should be of more interest to hikers. For example, programs will contain much more educational content. We hope you find our programs worthwhile. Please attend them if you can.

Well, if I continue I will be late reaching my carpool point, so I better get going. Hope to see you all in our mountains.

New hiker column

Are you new to the Hundred Peaks Section? Are you a new hiker in Southern California? If so, read on as this column is dedicated to you.

Here are some of the questions I get most often from new people? How do I know if an outing is right for me? What is a sase? How much should I pay my carpool driver? Who do I turn to if I have a question? Which leaders hike the way I like to hike?

In this article I will try to help you answer the question, "how do I know if a particular outing is right

of the other issues.

To answer the question, "is this outing right for me" there are two keys to answering this, your capabilities and the trip requirements.

First of all, lets talk about your capabilities. You need to know the following about your own capabilities:

How many miles and hours do you like to hike in a day?

How much vertical gain becomes too much for you?

Does the terrain matter? Are you comfortable on different types of cross-country (steep, steep and rocky, steep with class two rock, brushy, etc.)

What pace do you like to hike at (easy, moderate, tiger?)

How do you determine the above? I would suggest you start with easy hikes and then work up to harder ones until you can determine what is right for you. By easy, I would suggest some of the beginner hikes that the Hundred Peaks Section or others put on that are about 5 miles in length, 1000 vertical feet of gain or less, moderate or easy pace, and all on trail. If you are in relatively good shape these hikes should be ok. If you are way out of shape, you will need to try something much easier. As you gain more experience and if you get into better shape your capabilities will improve and you will be able to go on more difficult hikes and most importantly enjoy them. So my suggestion is, "get out of the house and go hiking!!!"

Once you know your own capabilities you need to match the trip requirements with your capabilities and desires. But, how do I know what the trip requirements are? First of all read the trip description. Don't ignore what is written. Then read our peak guide(s) for the peak(s) in question. Both will give you valuable information. For instance, if you are comfortable with easy pace hikes that are less than eight miles and 2000 gain on trail and easy cross country, don't sign up for a strenuous hike that is 12 miles and 4000 gain whose route is steep and rocky cross country. If you go on such a hike the chances are you will hate it.

If you are not sure if a hike is for you call the

leader and ask. Each leader has a tenancy to go on the same type of hikes and hike at a certain pace. Leaders develop a reputation based upon the hikes they lead and how they lead them. Some are tiger leaders who lead only the toughest hikes and love to go fast. Some hikers will only go on hikes that these people lead. While other leaders like to lead at an easy pace. When I started hiking with the HPS, I asked the leaders on the trips I went on which leaders lead hikes that meet my capabilities, which leaders lead tiger hikes, etc. I also made an effort to get to know others on each of the hikes and from them I asked the same questions. You should do these same things.

If you are still stuck or have other questions, there is a group of experienced HPS hikers who have volunteered to answer your questions by either email and/or phone. You will find their names, telephone numbers and/or email addresses on our web site (www.hundredpeaks.org/hps/.) If you don't have access to the web please feel free to call me (Byron Prinzmetal) at 818-95281614 and I will see if I can help.

Until the next Lookout.

NOMINATIONS FOR HPS OFFICERS - you can make a difference!!

The nominating committee for our HPS Management team is looking for members to help lead our section into the next century. The people who manage our club have a great impact on the number, variety, safety and enjoyment of our outings, the attraction of new members, and the effectiveness of our website. If you would like to be considered for a position on this leadership team, please contact one of the members of the nominating committee:

- ◆ Rosemary Campbell (818) 344 6869
email: NoWimp@aol.com
- ◆ Haven Fearn (909) 946 5705
email: Catflapit@aol.com
- ◆ Bobcat Thompson (818) 249 1237

ADVENTURE PASS ACTIVITY

[Editor's note: I have received much material regarding the USFS Adventure Pass. The following is a summary of recent correspondence.]

Bob Michael sent me a copy of a transcript in a federal court case (USA vs Robert Bartsch) wherein a federal judge seems to indicate that the adventure pass is currently discretionary, not mandatory. Bob also included a letter to the editor of the Santa Barbara News-Press which was published March 31, 1999. David Czamanske sent a copy of an article entitled "Sierra Club and other Forest Users Kick off National Day of Protest Against Recreation Fee Demonstration Program," which indicates that August 14 is the date for a day of protest against the fee. David also asks that we support HR 2295, "the Forest Access Relief Act of 1999" (Capps-Ca). David also points out the involvement of the American Recreation Coalition (ARC), a group which includes Disney, KOA, REI, and many other firms. To find out more about ARC please check out their website <www.funoutdoors.com>.

HPS DELISTED PEAKS

Compiled by Tom Hill, Mountain Records Chair

<p>_____ 2. Eagle Peak 5480+ Added 1966, Delisted 1969 (mining operations) 7 mi N of Tehachapi, Loraine topo</p>	<p>_____ 19.. Jobs Peak 5388 Original List, Delisted 1960 (overdeveloped) 2mi S of Silverwood Lake, Silverwood Lake topo</p>
<p>_____ 3A Bear Mtn 6913 Original List, Delisted 1977 (Tejon Ranch) 10 mi E of Arvin, Bear Mountain topo</p>	<p>_____ 22F Lookout Point 7920+ Original List, Delisted 1970 (hard to find) 2.5 mi S of Big Bear Dam, Big Bear Lake topo</p>
<p>_____ 3C Cummings Mtn 7753 Original List, Delisted 1974 (Tejon Ranch) 10 mi SW of Tehachapi, Cummings Mtn topo</p>	<p>_____ 25H Pisgah Peak 5488 Added 1962, Delisted 1988 (owner's request) 1 mi SW of Oak Glen, Forest Falls topo</p>
<p>_____ 3E Old Tehachapi Mtn 6743 Original List, Delisted 1969 (Tejon Ranch) 1 mi SW of Liebre Twins, Liebre Twins topo</p>	<p>_____ 25 I Kitching Peak 6598 Original List, Delisted 1998 (Indian gate) 5 mi N of Cabazon, White Water topo</p>
<p>_____ 3F Liebre Twins 6413 Original List, Delisted 1969 (Tejon Ranch) 5 mi S of Cummings Mtn, Liebre Twins topo</p>	<p>_____ 25J Snow Peak [HiPt 7920] 7840+ Added 1990, Delisted 1998 (Indian gate) 3.5mi SE of "headwall", San Gorgonio Mtn topo</p>
<p>_____ 7N Ortega Hill 5317 Added 1958, Delisted 1992 (shooting area) 1.5 mi NW of Ortega Pk, Wheeler Springs topo</p>	<p>_____ 26A Eureka Peak 5518 Added 1962, Delisted 1971 (long drive-up) 3.5 mi SE of Warren Pt, Joshua Tree South topo</p>
<p>_____ 7.. Devils Heart Peak 5160+ Original List, Delisted 1959 (condor sanctuary) 0.7 mi NE of Topatopa Pk, Devils Heart Pk topo</p>	<p>_____ 26.. Joshua Peak 5072 Original List, Excised 1946 (minor bump) 0.5mi SW of Sheep Pass Cgd, Malapai Hill topo</p>
<p>_____ 7.. Topatopa Peak 6200+ Original List, Delisted 1959 (condor sanctuary) 3.5mi S of Sespe Hot Sprs, Devils Heart Pk topo</p>	<p>_____ 26.. Tandy Point 5098 Original List, Excised 1946 (too easy) 2.5 mi SE of Quail Mtn, Keys View topo</p>
<p>_____ 7.. Whiteacre Peak 5080+ Original List, Delisted 1959 (condor sanctuary) 4.5mi S of Cobblestone Mt, Cobblestone Mt topo</p>	<p>_____ 29F Baldy Mtn 5571 Added 1954, Delisted 1968 (ranch property) 1.5 mi S of Mountain Center, Idyllwild topo</p>
<p>_____ 8D Mt McDill 5187 Original List, Delisted 1973 (gun club) 3.5mi S of end Bouquet Cyn Rd, Sleepy Vly topo</p>	<p>_____ 30E Toro Peak 8716 Original List, Delisted 1975 (Indian gate) 3 mi SE of Sta Rosa Mtn, Toro Peak topo</p>
<p>_____ 8E Sawmill Mtn 5514 Original List, Delisted 1970 (too easy) 1 mi NE of Burnt Peak, Burnt Peak topo</p>	<p>_____ 31B Morgan Hill 5596 Added 1954, Delisted 1978 (ranch property) 2.5 mi N of Boucher Hill, Boucher Hill topo</p>
<p>_____ 13J Table Mtn 7516 Original List, Delisted 1968 (ski resort) 0.4 mi NE of Big Pines R.S., Mescal Crk topo</p>	<p>_____ 31J Pechacho Peak 5719 = "Volcan Mtn" 1946, Delisted 1975 (Indian gate) 6 mi N of Julian, Ranchita topo</p>
<p>_____ 16H Chalk Peak 6089 Added 1970, Delisted 1980 (shooting range) AND: Added 1987, Delisted 1990 (shooting range) 3.5 mi E of Baldy Notch, Telegraph Peak topo</p>	<p>_____ 32C North Peak 5993 Original List, Delisted 1973 (ranch property) 2 mi N of Cuyamaca Lake, Julian topo</p>
<p>_____ 19G Strawberry Peak 6153 Original List, Delisted 1969 (overdeveloped) 0.8 mi W of Rimforest, Harrison Mtn topo</p>	<p>_____ 32.. Stephenson Peak 6200+ = "Mt Laguna" 1946, Delisted 1956 (overdeveloped) 1.3 mi S of Monument Pk, Monument Peak topo</p>
<p>_____ 19H Heaps Peak 6421 Original List, Delisted 1969 (overdeveloped) 1.7 mi E of Santa's Village, Harrison Mtn topo</p>	<p>_____ 32.. Japacha Peak 5825 Added 1956, Delisted 1960 (minor bump) 1 mi S of Cuyamaca Pk, Cuyamaca Peak topo</p>

HPS MOUNTAIN RECORDS SUPPLEMENT: PEAK ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

Compiled by Tom Hill, Mountain Records Chair

(2) FOOTNOTES FOR SUPPLEMENT: (1) HPS DELISTED PEAKS

Glossary

- "Original List" refers to Weldon Heald's 1946 List (189 peaks), which was followed for many years.
- "Excised" peaks were removed without a membership vote.

Elevations

- Elevations have been corrected to those shown on the most recent topo maps.
- The Original List included Guatay Mtn (south San Diego County), excised when a new topo showed elev 4885'.

Peak Numbers

- The number-letter sequence on Peak Lists was established in 1968.
- By custom since the 1970s, delisted peaks also retire their number. Sequence gaps mark former listed peaks.
- Example: 10D Bare Mtn was delisted. When Bare was later reinstated its number was still available for use.
- Example: Eagle Pk and Table Mtn were delisted before 1970. Their list numbers were later used for other peaks.

(3) HPS PROPOSED BUT NOT-YET-SUCCESSFUL PEAK ADDITIONS SINCE 1992

24M	Dragons Head	10866'	Proposed 1992 (narrow defeat). Proposed 1996 (landslide defeat).
24N	Bighorn Mtn	10997'	Proposed 1992 (narrow defeat).
27K	Drury Peak	10160+	Proposed 1997 (lost by one vote).
1K	Russell Peak	6696'	New proposal for 1999 ballot.
1L	Backus Peak	6651'	New proposal for 1999 ballot.
28P	Sam Fink Peak	7339'	New proposal for 1999 ballot.

(4) HPS PEAK LIST ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS SINCE 1970

Peaks Added to the HPS List [36 peaks]

1A	1970	Sunday Peak
1B	1970	Bohna Peak
1C	1970	Split Mtn
2A	1970	Lightner Peak
2F	1970	Scodie Mtn
2I	1970	Mayan Peak
2L	1970	Chuckwalla Mtn
16H	1970	Chalk Peak
23F	1970	Black Mtn #4
1E	1971	Cannel Point
1F	1971	Morris Peak
7R	1971	Haddock Mtn
16I	1971	Gobblers Knob
30H	1971	Rosa Point
1D	1972	Black Mtn #5
1G	1972	Pilot Knob
1H	1972	Owens Peak
1I	1973	Five Fingers
10J	1973	Cole Point
2M	1974	Heald Peak
2N	1974	Black Mtn #6
22E	1976	Heart Bar Peak
2O	1977	Red Mtn
26I	1978	Warren Point
14K	1980	Kratka Ridge
13I	1984	Winston Ridge
1J	1987	Mt Jenkins
16H	1987	Chalk Peak
2P	1990	Skinner Peak
26H	1990	Snow Peak
7S	1991	Topatopa Bluff
16J	1991	Mt Harwood
2Q	1992	Weldon Peak
14L	1992	Copter Ridge
28O	1992	Ken Point
10D	1997	Bare Mtn

Peaks Deleted from the HPS List [17 peaks]

8E	1970	Sawmill Mtn #2 (too easy)
22F	1970	Lookout Point (hard to find)
26A	1971	Eureka Peak (long drive-up)
8D	1973	Mt McDill (gun club)
32C	1973	North Peak (ranch property)
3C	1974	Cummings Mtn (Tejon Ranch)
30E	1975	Toro Peak (Indian gate)
31J	1975	Pechacho = "Volcan Mtn" (Indian gate)
3A	1977	Bear Mtn (Tejon Ranch)
31B	1978	Morgan Hill (ranch property)
16H	1980	Chalk Peak (shooting range)
25H	1988	Pisgah Peak (owner's request)
16H	1990	Chalk Peak (shooting range)
7N	1992	Ortega Hill (shooting area)
10D	1992	Bare Mtn (shooting range)
25I	1998	Kitching Peak (Indian gate)
25J	1998	Snow Peak (Indian gate)

Hundred Peaks Section Advance Schedule August 21 - October 1999

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

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

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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 Gorgonio 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 wSC##\$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 (8587') 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

Misnamed Peaks in the San Jacintos

By John Robinson

All of us "peak baggers" are aware of certain summits with names that seem oddly out of place. Strangely, the San Jacintos – in particular the souther "tail" of the range known as the Desert Divide – have an inordinate number of peaks with names that are inappropriate, incomplete, or flat-out wrong.

The first of these misnamed summits is South Peak, between Red Tahquitz and Antsell Rock, which should rightly be called Southwell Peak. Jess M. Southwell manned the lookout on Tahquitz Peak every summer for twenty one years, from 1946 to 1967, far longer than anyone else. He founded "The Ancient and Honorable Order of Squirrels;" anyone who climbed to the lookout tower became a member of the Order and was given a special Squirrel membership card. I received that honor in 1953 and got to know Jess, a personable man who took his job seriously. When Jess retired in 1967, his friends sent a petition to the U. S. Board of Geographic Names, asking that the then unnamed summit between Red Tahquitz and Antsell Rock be named in honor of Jess Southwell. However, the USBGN had a policy, adopted shortly before, of not naming peaks for living persons. The Board agreed to name the summit "South Peak," with the understanding that it would become "Southwell Peak" sometime in the future. Jess Southwell died some fifteen years ago and apparently has been forgotten. The agreed upon change from "South" to "Southwell" has never been made.

A worse error has been made further south on the Desert Divide with the mix-up between Lion Peak and Pine Mountain. On the USGS and Forest Service maps, the names are incorrectly transposed. I interviewed Jim Wellman at his 101 Ranch in Morris

Canyon shortly before he died in 1978. Jim was the son of the legendary Frank Wellman, who ran cattle in the San Jacinto high country in the 1890's and after whom Wellman Cienega is named. Jim Wellman followed in his father's footsteps as a cattle rancher and was a skillful hunter. He roamed all over the southern San Jacintos and Santa Rosas hunting the big cats and is credited with shooting thirty-nine of them, mostly in the 1930's and 1940's. (Ranchers wanted them out of the San Jacintos because they killed too many cattle.) Jim told me he named the boulder-stacked summit just southeast of Pyramid Peak "Lion Rock" because he bagged several mountain lions there. When I showed him the USGS topo with the label "Pine Mountain" on his peak and "Lion Rock" placed on a small pine-clad summit to the south, he decried the "stupidity" (his word) of the federal map-makers. He also insisted that the correct name was Lion Rock rather than Lion Peak, as its summit is topped by a big rock spire. Anyone today looking at the two peaks can readily see that the names are transposed. The USGS's "Pine Mountain" has a tall rock spire for its summit and few pines, whereas "Lion Peak" is a small pine-covered bump with no projecting rocks.

Then there are peak names on the same Desert Divide which seem strangely inappropriate. Palm View Peak has no palms, no view, and is really not a peak – just a slight bump on the forested ridge. No Apaches lived anywhere near Apache Peak; their homes were hundreds of miles away in Arizona and New Mexico. This is Cahuilla Indian country.

The Hundred Peaks Section should get behind an effort to persuade the USBGN to give rightful names to South[well], Lion, and Pine. As for Palm View and Apache peaks, we'll probably have to live with these names.

Current Trip Reports

Split Mtn, Black Mtn #5

Private Hike
May 12, 1999
By Mars Bonfire

Black Mtn would be Hugh Blanchard's List finish. I called the Greenhorn Ranger District to determine if the gate on FS 24S15, the road from Greenhorn Summit into the Black Mtn area, was open. The folks at the front desk, of course, had never heard of this inscrutable combination of letters and numbers before in their lives but told me the Black Mtn Saddle road was open. That sounded promising -- the hike was on!

It's about 1.1 miles from the gate to the turn off to the right for the saddle, all on good road. At 2.7 miles we reached the saddle on fairly good road. Here we turned left on road progressively requiring more clearance and at 4.7 miles reached a large parking area on the left side. The main road then descended ahead and a rough jeep trail took off to the right. This, presumably, is under the route 2 symbol on our map; however, our guide refers to this as route 1.

Our plan was to do Split first. We started hiking up the jeep trail at 10:30 AM making occasional trekking pole marks so that if we came off Black by a route that didn't retrace our steps we would know which way to turn when we hit the road. A couple of gullies had eroded almost right through the jeep trail and yet we saw wide tire tracks. Puzzling. What kind of vehicle could get through here? Maybe a hunter on a quad ATV?

Before reaching the ridge line heading east to Split we noticed a bulldozer cut taking off to the right. We looked at this carefully wondering how far towards Black it might go and made a well defined circle with our poles. It could be useful on the return.

The route along the ridge line to Split is often vague and overgrown. Yet it's worth carefully discerning since any time we wandered off things only got worse. Eventually we descended into the saddle just before the final pronounced uphill section to the summit. We saw rock markers a few hundred feet up the slope but no obvious use trail out of the saddle so we pushed through brush to reach the cairns. From there on the route is well marked with occasional markers to either side indicating alternate paths. We had a quick lunch and Hugh checked out the intimidating void between Split and its sibling to the east. On the way down we mostly ignored the markers and simply followed the path of least resistance to the saddle. With fewer mistakes, now that the route was somewhat familiar, we worked our way back to our starting point on the ridge line and retrieved a water stash.

Knowing where we were and where Black was we examined our map and picked the most direct combination of ridge lines to get us there, thus avoiding going as far west as the route shown on the HPS map. As we neared the top we passed three or four false summit rocky outcrops on our right. And then the summit! Currently quite striking as someone has planted an upside down shovel in the register cairn and created an abstract sculpture out of pipe, wire, and mysterious mechanical gizmos.

Congratulations Hugh! You did it! And with the same List finish mania that often strikes people when they get close to the end. An end which is really just a beginning because now that you have an overview of the whole thing you can enjoy it again and again and again -- by pathfinder routes, on moonlight hikes, at the worst possible time of year to do a particular peak, at the optimum time... Whatever suits your fancy. What was that you said?...you won't be going around again because we have what on the List? ...some horrible brush heaps? Such language! Okay, it's true. No point in hiding it from the world any longer. There are a few wretched clothes shredding, blood letting, stooping and ducking, hands and knees crawling peaks on our List. Perhaps there is a reason, after all, why the Sierra Nevada Mountains are called the Range of Light, and Cuyapaibe, Rattlesnake, Samon, and Santa Cruz, etc are not -- Range of buckthorn maybe but not range of light. Yet isn't it strange (or maybe just perverse) how we can come to love even these, the less fortunate of our summits? Perhaps it's a type of compassion on our part similar to what we might feel towards a less fortunate fellow human. If we don't make the effort to visit and spend some time with these outcasts who else on earth will?

Time for the return. From Black we took a map bearing on where we thought we left the vehicle and followed it down until we intersected a bulldozer cut. Hmm. Could this be a continuation of the one we noticed on the way to Split? Probably. We turned right and followed it as it contoured down to the northeast. Soon it ended at a jeep trail with a circular mark on the ground. Hey didn't we make this on the way in? Okay, let's turn left and we're out of here. And we arrived at the vehicle by 7:08 PM.

We were both of the opinion that although our route description refers to Black as easy, it doesn't feel easy after doing Split. We were tired! Yet we had barely driven down to Wofford Heights before Hugh was making plans for us to do Kitching and Snow. Not content to merely finish the List, he wanted to do it as it was when he first started hiking -- the way it is on his HPS T-shirt. And next weekend he did! Now there's a man serious about closure.

Galena Peak
List Finish Gabriele Rau
June 19, 1999

I do not know why I ended up with Galena Peak as my very last peak to finish the List, I certainly did not plan it that way. When I asked friends to come to my List Finish, I heard a lot of excuses, 'it is not my favorite peak', or 'never again'. I knew then that I did something wrong leaving this peak to the very last. Anyway, Tom Hill and Byron Prinzmetal volunteered to take me to this difficult peak. At first we planned to go early June, but a freak snowstorm made it too dangerous, therefore we postponed. Also joining us were George Wysup, Dorothy Danziger, James Carden and Janet Yang. We all met at Mill Creek Ranger Station, drove the short distance to the trailhead, where every parking space was taken, so we parked in the Picnic Ground.

The hike seemed easy at first. Halfway up Mill Creek Canyon we split into 2 groups to avoid getting hit by rocks on the head wall. It was a long way to get to the infamous head wall. Shortly before getting there we saw a huge cloud of dust on the right side and we thought of a rockfall. But no, the dust settled and we saw two bighorn sheep looking at us from way above. When we stopped in front of the head wall to discuss our climbing strategies, we saw George already on top, Byron still climbing up. Then he started to dislodge rocks downhill, and we were glad not to be just behind him and waited until he made it safely up. Then we started. At one time I slipped 2 steps down for every one step up and realized that this way I would never make it to the peak, but finally we reached some bushes. From there a very faint use trail traversed uphill to the right and we were able to reach the top of the head wall without major difficulties and without kicking more rocks loose. Byron was already cutting brush to open the use trail leading to the peak. We stayed on the left side of the ridge, the steep edge is very crumbly in some places. I liked the fact that the register was on the first high bump on the summit ridge, not the farthest one. At the last stretch the group let me go ahead to the peak, and there I was! Finally my List Finish! I was overwhelmed, everybody congratulated me. We had decided not to take any drinks up this difficult route, but Janet had brought some Baklava which we shared. The view was superb, under deep blue skies we saw San Jacinto, Kitching and Snow, San Gorgonio, 10K Ridge and much more! After picture taking and a nice long rest in the sun we started downhill.

Again, we divided into two groups. It took us a while to get down the head wall, but I thought it was easier, because parts of it one could ski in the scree downhill. We made it safely down and started on the long way back. The first part of this canyon is still rather steep with a lot of loose rocks. Dorothy was

walking behind me and suddenly I heard a rumbling and Dorothy falling. Accidentally, she had kicked a large loose boulder that fell on her foot. Byron immediately was put to test his First Aid capabilities, and his diagnosis was: no blood, no bones sticking out, so probably Dorothy had a sprain. Luckily she was able to walk slowly. Tom decided to stay with her and walk her out slowly, the others went ahead.

At the picnic grounds, we then had a little libation and refreshments. After less than an hour Tom and Dorothy came out. That called for the second bottle and more of the same. Dorothy's ankle now showed beautiful colors and she put some ice on it. She must have been in a lot of pain walking out!

I want to thank all of the participants to help me get to this peak, and thanks to all of the 100 Peaks Leaders, members and friends who supported and helped me to get all the peaks! Years ago, I hiked my very first peaks with Bob Wheatley. He encouraged me to just write them down, which I did. I never thought in my wildest dreams that I could finish, and now I have finished the List!

Mt Williamson, Kratka Ridge

June 12, 1999

By Ruth Lee Dobos

Saturday morning twelve hikers gathered at the La Cañada rideshare point to hike to Mt Williamson and Kratka Ridge. We were a mix of long time HPS'ers and newcomers that are interested in joining the HPS. For several of them it was their first HPS peak. Brochures were given to newcomers with instructions on how to join the Section.

Regrouping at the Williamson trailhead we hiked up the trail to the peak with Frank in the lead and Ruth sweeping. We had lunch on the peak on this beautiful slightly warm day with clear skies and great view of the high desert.

Down the mountain with a short drive back down the Angeles Crest Highway to Kratka Ridge. The Vista picnic ground sign is missing at the trailhead. The hike up Kratka ridge was uneventful, the ski runs made the route simple. There was a register and a red can on Kratka but nothing on Williamson.

Some of us then rendezvoused in La Cañada at Pepe's Mexican restaurant for an early dinner. The picture on the top of Mt Williamson was taken by Roxana Lewis with Ken Horner's camera. The group included leaders Frank and Ruth Dobos, Suzanne Weil, Peter Glover, Ken Horner, Christa Vansbinder, Denise Dietz, Ben Beasley, Eric Christensen, Dan Butler, Colleen McGrath, and Wallace DeLeon. Some of these newcomers will shortly have their required 25 peaks and will be joining the HPS.



Long-time HPS leaders Frank Dobos and Ruth Lee Dobos led two hikes in June suitable for new hikers. On June 12, Frank and Ruth led a group of twelve to Mt Williamson. The photo (above) was taken by Roxana Lewis. One week later, on June 19, Frank and Ruth led a group of sixteen on a day of mini-peak bagging. The group bagged Mt Sally, Mt Mooney, Mt Vetter, and Mt Hillyer. The photo (below) was taken by Cheryl Gill on the rockpile summit of Mt Hillyer.



Mt Sally, Mt Mooney, Mt Hillyer, Vetter Mtn

June 19, 1999

By Ruth Lee Dobos

On Saturday morning Ruth and Frank Dobos led a hike listed as suitable for beginners. Once again we had a good group of 16 hikers, some newcomers and others that hiked HPS peaks before with us.

It was another beautiful day in the San Gabriels, clear skies and slightly warm. We did Mt Sally first due to the fact there is less shade on Sally. The on to Mt Mooney where we drove in on the dirt road to the trailhead, the road is in good condition right now for cars. Up to the peak we went and down it was an uneventful hike, warm but pleasant. We then went to the Visitor's Center at Chilao. It seems most of the group had never been to the Visitor Center before, they all enjoyed the visit. We had hoped to get water there but the Center has no water at this time due they say to a leak in the pipes that supply the water. So then we went to the picnic area for lunch under the trees and listening to the ravens as they talked to us. There was water coming slowly out of the pipe in the picnic area. We refilled our bottles and we can safely say the water was good, none of us got sick from it.

Next we did Hillyer, another hike without complications that they group enjoyed. On the trail we met some runners, they were running 30 miles with some cross country travel. Some of them were just walking by the time we saw them, it must have been the exhaustion from the heat. Back at the cars the leaders decided, with the consent of the entire group to drive up Vetter Mtn. We parked at the gate and hiked to the top. A really good decision on our part as the Vetter Mtn lookout tower has been newly restored and looks good. It was being manned by the gentleman who with his wife did most of the restoration work. The second person manning the tower was David Michel's brother Arnie Michel who we recognized instantly as they look very much alike. They have told us that they are planning to have volunteers man the lookout every weekend over the summer. It's well worth the trip to see the lookout and the view is beautiful. The volunteers keep a register, be sure to sign it. The other peaks have no register or register can, except Hillyer it has can and book.

The group led by Frank and Ruth was a good group that included both old friends and people who have never climbed an HPS peak before. The included Ann Young, Donna Scrawling, Marilyn Brady, Dove Meeker, Josie Bouchard, Christa Vansbinder, Chris Wirchell, Jerri Blackwell, Denise Dietz, Ben Besly, Cheryl Gill and several other dedicated hikers.

Rouse Hill, Thomas Mtn, Santa Rosa Peak, Rock Point, Butterfly Mtn

June 19-20, 1999

**Leaders: Joe Young and Frank Goodykoontz
By Joe Young**

Notes from June 19 peakbagging: Roads to Rouse Hill and Thomas Mtn are excellent. Mileages are accurate except that the windmill is only 0.4 mile from the last intersection on the way to Rouse. Rouse Hill has a great nearly 360 degree view of HPS peaks.

The road to Santa Rosa is good to fair, the worst being the first mile and the last mile. Mileages are accurate. The summit of Santa Rosa lost its cabin; only a fireplace and chimney remain. Once a tree house and ladder existed; now remnants of the tree house and large nails remain where the steps of the ladder used to be. Frank G. said this was the first time he had been to the summit of Santa Rosa and not seen the cabin.

The hiking directions to Lookout are necessary ONLY IF permission to cross property is denied. The area is not posted. Therefore one can simply cross over/through the gate, walk up the road past the trailers on to the saddle, then scramble up the firebreak to the summit.

The group chose to dine together Saturday night at *Arriba* Mexican restaurant in Idyllwild, located across the street from the ranger station. Everyone was pleased with their meal. At the restaurant we called local Larry Shumway, HPS member, and were lucky to find him at home. We arranged to meet him the following morning, and he wanted to hike with us. Afterwards we all camped in two camp sites at Riverside County's Herkey Creek Camp ground. For the record: There is a 2 vehicle per site limit, running water, rest rooms with showers, extensive renovation (trees planted and drip irrigation system), and sites are \$15 per day. The camp ground was a bit noisy this Saturday evening.

On Sunday morning we met up with Larry Shumway, who opened the gate so we could drive to his homeowners' Association's lodge. The Lodge could be a great location for an HPS party some time! (A successor to Spring Fling, maybe?) Larry hiked with us this day. There is a good trail leading from the lodge to the summit of Rock Pt. There is one spot where the route makes a sharp right turn in the main gully that is easy to miss. Otherwise you wind up thrashing in horrible brush. With Larry's assistance we spotted the turn and wound up following a beautiful trail all the way to the summit. Time was about 50 minutes.

We followed the standard route north from Rock Pt to meet the road to Butterfly at the beautiful "Christmas Tree". Hiking up the road we encountered

the Prospector's Trail, and followed it over one saddle to a second saddle, then followed ducks up a ridge. The ducks disappeared and we thrashed our way to the more open east ridge to Butterfly. Our route was NOT better than the standard route to Butterfly. On return Frank G led us down the standard route and met the Prospector's Trail, then followed the road back to the "Christmas Tree" and then the equestrian trail back to the lodge.

As always, it is a privilege and honor to lead hikes with Frank Goodykoontz, the all-time preeminent HPS leader. Joe has about two dozen peaks to go before he leads the List once, and he knows how much work THAT has been; Frank has led the List FOUR times, and he hinted during the weekend that he is working on several more "Lists." Frank's service to the HPS is without equal.

LIST FINISH by George Wypsup

I have been hiking in the mountains around the Inland Empire for years, repeatedly bagging Mt. Baldy, Cucamonga, Ontario, San Gorgonio, and San Jac. For variety I hiked the "3 T's", Baden Powell, and Islip. I have probably 100 ascents of Baldy. I had never heard of HPS or their list. Ah, those were the days of no obsessions; hiking simply for the beauty and the exercise, oblivious to such magnificent peaks as Ranger and Cleghom, and safe from the punishment of Rabbit #1.

Angie (the little woman) had constantly badgered me about the stupidity and danger of hiking alone. None of my friends hiked with me more than once, quickly concluding that I was crazy. To stop what I considered nagging, I decided to join the Sierra Club to find hiking companions. I was already sympathetic with what I perceived to be their mission.

I began receiving the San Gorgonio chapter schedule, which led me to many slow easy hikes, plus the same hikes I had been doing all along. Boooooing! Then I learned that there is such a thing as Angeles chapter, with a much larger schedule.

I went on my first Angeles-led hike; 2 gentlemen named Coles and Knapke were going from Idyllwild to Cornell Peak on Sept 10, 1994. I duly showed up at 7 a.m. to find that I was their sole follower. A wonderful hike; fast paced and long enough. (I confess I did not go up the summit block—I vow to do it next time). I did not know the significance of the "HPS" in the schedule announcement of that hike.

After some time, I read the schedule a bit more carefully and realized what HPS was. Hallelujah! I went on more HPS hikes, subscribed to "The Lookout", bought a peak guide, and even went to a meeting (got lost trying to find Crystal Springs RS in

the dark). In short, I was hooked. On came the obsession.

I was hiking every weekend. I bought the obligatory 4WD SUV. The yard and house show increasing neglect. Angie started whining about my first love being mountains (now, she is hooked, too). I developed a host of new friends and heroes. And, hey!; these people are as crazy as I am. I went to my first HPS banquet, and I did not want to be among the first to sit down during the awards ceremonies.

I ran into a little snag. I tried (and failed) to follow two famous leaders up the (wrong) route to the Five Fingers summit block. Not realizing that we were tackling a class 4 (5.11?) chute, I developed some trepidation at the mere mention of class 3. This I have mostly overcome after tasting true class 3.

My 100th peak was Eagle Crag (July 12, '97). At the time I knew nothing of the quasi-tradition of supplying a taste of champagne, etc., as a celebration. My apologies to Diane D. and the others on that trip. But 100 was no longer so important. I was after The List. I began in earnest. The first step was to shuck my job. Soon I found myself hiking with other retirees on weekdays. Byron and Rosemary and I bagged many mutually-needed peaks together. Frank Goodykoontz demonstrated to me to the concept of hiking by flashlight. Tom Hill introduced to me the principle of the "100% pure pathfinder" while leading me on some bizarre routes. On August 16, '98, I submitted my 200th, Sunday Peak.

I was now well-placed to finish the list, save for 2 clusters of mountains commonly called "The Big 4" and "The Big 3". These had to wait until Spring. Polishing off orphans, I elected to save Mt. Gleason for last. The Big 4 required 2 tries after a snow-out. Mars Bonfire and Rosemary Campbell kindly agreed to escort me to the Big 3, where Santa Cruz (by moonlight) became my penultimate peak.

This has been a fantastic experience, culminating in a Monday evening celebration on June 7 atop Gleason together with Angie and some 22 friends and fellow hikers. I find that the final throes of completing the list is rather an anticlimax. Does this mean that I should stop hiking? No way. Is the obsessiveness over? No, it's ingrained in my character now. Onward to complete other lists? Possibly the DPS list, given good health and sufficient time (I have only 9 of 98). The SPS list seems just too overwhelming to this senior citizen. The LPC list? I care less. Agua Tibia was enough. I am actively working on HPS lists #2 and #3 and pathfinder emblem. I hope to attain "I" and maybe "M" rating and eventually lead the HPS list. My current top priority is to assist Angie, and whomever else needs help, in attaining their HPS goals.

This experience has been remarkably free of incidents; no major injuries to any participants, and



A rare Monday early evening List Finish Party! George Wysup, Hundred Peaks Section Treasurer, scheduled this unusual occasion on Monday, June 7, 1999 on the summit of Mt Gleason. In the photo above George stands with fellow List Finishers, left to right, Rosemary Campbell, Byron Prinzmetal, Joe Young, Hugh Blanchard, Frank Goodykoontz, Maggie Wilson (kneeling), Harriet Edwards, and Tom Hill. (Below) George receives a kiss from wife Angie as Harriet Edwards and Tom Hill look on.



but a single lost hiker. My internal database regarding the highways and byways of So. Cal is vastly expanded. Most importantly, I have discovered many fine folks whose company I greatly enjoy, especially as we share in excursions to the various summits.

Closing with a less romantic clause, I estimate that 85% of the current 33,000+ miles on my 4WD SUV were accumulated in driving to trail heads. My non-hiking friends frequently ask what I get out of all this peak-bagging. My standard answer is, "A \$10,000 prize. But I can't collect until the HPS audit committee verifies my signature in all the register cans."

Misadventure on the Allison Trail

June 8, 1999

By Hugh Blanchard

Confession they say is good for the soul. So with that in mind I submit the following recital of errors made on this trip which fortunately resulted in only a minor injury but easily could have had more serious consequences. The moral is that mountains "don't care" and even minor errors in judgement made in a harsh environment may lead to devastating consequences. Hopefully the reader may profit from my mistakes.

For background information on this area, please first read Safety Committee member Bill Oliver's article in the Mar-April 1997 Lookout on his trips to Allison Mine on the SW side of Iron Mountain. Information on this area is also contained in John Robinson's "Trails of the Angeles" (Sixth Ed. 1990 and Seventh Ed. 1998) as trip #87.

In Robinson's Sixth edition, readers are given conflicting advice for the return trip. They are first told to return by going down Allison Gulch but then later are instructed to return the way they came in namely the Allison and Heaton Flat Trails. The Seventh Edition removes this contradiction by clearly advising readers to return the same way they came in and to exit by Allison Gulch. Bill concluded his article with the following admonition-"A trip to Allison Mine can be a great adventure- or a great mistake. Please don't underestimate it" - Truer words were never spoken!

I met my companion, Mark, a fellow member of the local cave exploring club, at the Azusa rideshare meeting point (King Ranch Market Parking Lot) at 9:30 AM, the earliest that Mark could make it. Mark had never been to the Allison Mine; I had been there once several years before. We parked at the end of the East Fork Road and started hiking toward the Heaton Flat Trail at 10:30 AM. About 4 miles later, we reached Iron Mt. Saddle. At the end of the saddle, a faint use trail leads directly up to Big Iron. There is also a rather prominent trail on the right (east) which leads after a mile or so to the old privately owned and posted Widman Ranch and three old abandoned

mines.

On the left (west) side is the Allison Trail, virtually invisible at its start, but which leads after 3 miles to the Allison Mine. The Trail after more than 50 years of little use is heavily overgrown with Yucca and other brush which caused Mark, who had short sleeves and pants and no gloves much discomfort.

Upon arriving at the Allison Mine area, we explored the first two horizontal shafts. I then belatedly became aware of the time factor as it was about 5:00 PM. So we ceased further examination of the severed shafts and didn't bother to try to locate the old trail to the semi-legendary Stanley-Miller Mine located several miles up canyon. Mark did not wish to return to the Allison Trail because of the Yucca and brush problem. We therefore decided with some anxiety to return down the right (west) side of the Allison Gulch below the waterfalls until reaching the East Fork of the San Gabriel River and then go down the East Fork to the road head. This proved to be a bad decision!

In any event, we crossed the small stream and started down the faint return trail used infrequently since the mine closed in 1942. After about half a mile we contoured onto a ridge overlooking a small tributary we needed to descend a steep talus slope. At this point near disaster struck!

I climbed a short distance up the steep slope, to gain a better perspective and started to push myself up on a low rock ledge. Part of the ledge immediately collapsed, throwing me down a slope, about 10 feet where I landed in a thick bush. A large boulder which had separated, went flying by within a foot of me. Mark saw the boulder bounce down the slope several hundred feet or more and believes I would have fallen the same distance had my fall had not been stopped by the bush.

The sudden event was especially traumatic to Mark, as it reminded him of a trip he made several years before to the Tri Peaks area in the Santa Monicas where a similar rock fall severely injured his friend resulting in permanent paralysis.

As I landed I felt a sharp twinge in my right ankle which was lying under me. Subsequent X-Rays showed a ligament separation. By now it was about 6 PM and the nature of the trip had suddenly changed. I could stay where I was overnight, even though I lacked camping equipment relying on Mark to get assistance which would hopefully result in the sheriff's department helicopter evacuating me sometime the next day or try to get out on my own. As soon as I got up and found I could still hobble, I decided to try to get out. I descended about 600 ft. down the talus slope to the stream bed of the tributary sliding on my rear end most of the way and then hobbled down another 600 ft. to the junction with Allison Gulch. From there I

shuffled along down the gulch with the aid of a trekking pole and stick for about a mile until we reached the East Fork. By now it was 8 PM and daylight was fading.

We were still three miles and 10 stream crossings away from the road head. The three miles proved to be endless. Even with lights we invariably lost sight of the trail after making a stream crossing. We just continued on and on downstream the best we could shuffling around and over boulders. On several occasions I lost balance while crossing the stream and fell in the water which was quite high.

After six hours of this torture we finally reached my car at 2 AM. The trip would ordinarily take about two hours. Upon reaching the King Ranch Market we phoned our worried spouses and canceled their previous request for assistance with the Sheriff's Department.

The next day Mark stayed home from work and I visited an Orthopedic Surgeon. I am a recent list finisher which involved a marathon day hike to Rabbit from Clark dry lake but no hike I have ever made compares with the utter misery experienced on the return from Allison Mine.

I hope to be up and around shortly and resume exploration in this area. Any reader interested in accompanying me is urged to call. Don't get discouraged if the line is busy as I anticipate heavy response. You might want to bring along a satellite phone.

Mistakes Made

1. I should not have started a day trip to the Allison Mine area so late.
2. I should have informed my companion prior to the trip that long sleeve, long pants, and gloves are a virtual necessity on the Allison Mine Trail.
3. At 5 PM I should have insisted we return on the Allison Mine Trail in spite of the excess Yucca and brush. By nightfall we would have reached the Heaton Flat Trail, which would have been far easier to navigate at night than the East Fork.
4. I wore low cut cloth Nike hiking boots which did not give me much ankle support. My regular leather boot might have prevented this injury.
5. Preliminary testing of the rock ledge would probably have prevented the accident.

However there will always be some inherent risk when going cross country and scrambling over rocks. Many hikers and climbers far more capable than myself have died or been injured by rockfall. Perhaps Edward Whymper, the renowned Victorian

climber who first climbed the Matterhorn but lost four of his party during the descent said it best-

"Climb if you will, but remember that courage and strength are naught without prudence, and that momentary negligence may destroy the happiness of a lifetime. Do nothing in haste, look well to each step, and from the beginning think what may be the end."

Russell Peak Exploratory, plus Others

July 11, 1999

Leaders: Tom Hill and Byron Prinzmetal

By George Wysup

I felt like bagging something. What? The monsoon was in full swing and I calculated that I had better head North and West to have any hope of escaping serious rain or lightning. So I called Tom Hill and inquired what the mystery peaks would be after the Russell exploratory. His answer, "possibly Bohna and Sunday", were copasetic with my list "needs". To that end, I groggily arose at oh-dark-thirty and headed for the 0600 appointment at Walker's Pass.

There was a conspicuous absence of heavenward twinkles during the night and, in the crepuscular glimmer in the East, I noted what appeared to be cloud cover. Was this long drive to be in vain? I was optimistic because leader Tom Hill had, in the past, shown a unique ability to find dry peaks to bag with torrential down pouring all around.

0600 hrs; Walker's Pass. There were the 2 leaders and there was me. Where are all the others? Home, in bed, it turns out. Maybe the heat and the weather? Were they all migrating toward Joe and Virgil's competing hike? In any event, the leaders had a participant and we were off to (possible) Russell Peak, noted on the map only as bump 6696'. The cloud cover was fortuitous, for this peak should probably not be done in mid-July. Had there been full sun and heat I may well have signed out and headed for a sports bar to watch golf over a few Samuel Adams. But conditions were great. The skies looked like rain, but the air didn't feel like it, and there was no sound of thunder.

Starting at 0617, I was herded into the "wilderness" area, up the Walker's Well road, past the dead steer, to an obvious path to the saddle east of Russell. Possibly to kill time walking along a dusty road through the Joshuas, the leaders engaged in stimulating about such fascinating subjects as HPS management committee matters, and Angeles Chapter financial changes. Yawn. Zzzzzz. I suggested to the deaf ears of the leaders that the easiest way up was along the ridge line to just below where this turned into class 2 and 3 rocks, then traverse to the right below the rocks to a point just east of the peak. I had been here once before, you see, and I am not a blind sheep. But no, this was to

be an exploratory, and one leader wanted to explore and go directly up the soft sand to the bottom of the saddle, "to find the easiest route." What we succeeded in doing was to create mass cave-ins to thousands of homes of whatever rodentia burrow into the sand there. The only bright spot to this slog was that it was through a profusion of what I believe to be Gray-ball Sage in full violet-blue bloom. This route is steep (steeper than the approach to Five Fingers, or Nicolls saddle from the west side), and very sandy; in short, a fine way to descend.

Whatever; we got to the summit. There was Morris to the West, at the end of the Siering/Sumner ridge line, imposing Jenkins and Owens to the North of that, and (possible) Backus, currently bump 6651&;, to the East, just hidden behind the ridge that runs to it. A pretty nice place to be, if not in the heat of summer. The cloud cover was holding and it was fine. How to get down. Of course we couldn't descend the same route we ascended. We went 200 meters or so down the ridge that runs to Morris, to an obvious sandy saddle, and scree'd down the steep very loose slope to the end of the Walker's Well road; a nice route. We reached the cars 4.5 hours after the start. In retrospect, I believe the leaders agree that my proposed route is best for the ascent.

What to bag next? There appeared to be an almost 100% probability of rain over the Area 2 mountains between Walker Pass and Lake Isabella. The leaders surmised that it was best to head West, away from the monsoonal flow, in hopes that the moisture would be wrung from the clouds. So, Bohna and Sunday it was to be. We coalesced into the Tomhillmobile and drove to the Bohna route 1 trailhead. It looked like maybe rain, but it wasn't raining, so we set out for the summit at 1252. It continued not to rain all the way to the summit, which we reached in less than an hour (pathfinder for me; I'm pleased). There were, however, the sounds of far away thunder. We eschewed nailing the class 3 alternate summit in the interest of trying to get Sunday while the weather held. Returning to the car, we speculated about how Hugh Blanchard managed to get lost on his solo return from this peak a couple of years earlier.

On to Sunday! We reached the trailhead at 1530 and, it still not raining, we took less than an hour to summit this peak. Descending via the trail, Tom pointed out a lump on the North side of Sunday Peak, called Portuguese Mountain, saying that we could bag it for only an extra 200 ft of altitude gain, and thereby assure that we had a 5000'+ workout for the day.

"What list is it on," I asked, compulsively.

"It's just there," Tom countered, "and its ours for the taking."

Well, it wasn't quite as simple as that. Several probes through the chinquapin proved blind alleys. We finally went all the way around to the far side of Portuguese, where we found a tortuous, but minimum brush, route to the summit rock. There were signs of prior human visitation near the summit, so no first ascent. And there was no register to be found. We did not leave one. Another mountain I never have to revisit.

On the drive out we encountered flash flooding of route 178 near Onyx town, and the ground at the Russell trailhead was muddy. It rained off and on all the way to dinner at Graziano's in Mojave. The news was reporting deaths by flooding in Forest Falls and serious problems in Beaumont. We realized how fortunate we were to have gotten 4 peaks on this day without encountering so much as a single drop of rain in the process. Tom's weather reputation remains intact.

San Rafael Mtn, McKinley Mtn, Santa Cruz Pk

Private Backpack

May 25 - 26, 1999

By Mars Bonfire

Hikers: Mars Bonfire, George Wysup, Rosemary Campbell.

This would be about as close as you could get to a List finish without actually finishing. For after these three George would have only Mt Gleason left -- pretty much a sure thing. If we got up the Big Three we could consider the finish a done deal.

We spent Monday night, the 24th, at Cachuma Saddle and started hiking in the morning a little before 7:00 AM. A civil time to be off. Though our plan was not yet finalized this would allow us ample time to reach McKinley Spring and do at least one peak before dark. We soon realized it was very hot and still and the occasional shade or puff of air on the long road walk to the spring were most welcome. The only upside to the heat was that it had brought out a profusion of wildflowers -- prickly phlox, chia, wallflower, and wild lilac. [Wild lilac? Appealing name, isn't it. Kind of makes you want to break out the picnic basket and enjoy a leisurely lunch and glass of wine in its shade and fragrance. When it's out of bloom, though, we have a somewhat more realistic name for it -- chaparral whitethorn! And if I were handing out common names for plants I'd kick the realism up a notch or two and call it Abomination Bush, or Hiker's Hell, or Delist This Peak Immediately Shrub!] The road has been recently graded. Quite improved from its condition during Byron Prinzmetal's scheduled trip or later on a private trip with Hugh Blanchard. On those two outings we encountered a

large downed tree and a lot of rock fall.

After settling in at McKinley Spring we decided it was much too hot to do Santa Cruz and opted for San Rafael and McKinley. This was the order I had been hoping for anyway. Having done the peaks in various sequences on backpacks and once on a day hike with Tom Hill I feel the kindest and gentlest way is by a leisurely backpack in followed by a good rest and then hike San Rafael and McKinley. Do Santa Cruz the next day, return to camp for another good rest, and go out. The first level of cruelty would be Santa Cruz the first day and the other two the following. Crueler still would be all three the first day, a good night's sleep, and out. Roughly equal to this would be all three on a day hike – more miles and elevation but less gear to carry. If all three are being done in one day it makes some sense (but not much if you hate brush) to do Santa Cruz first and then go up the zig-zag firebreak on the south side of San Rafael until it ends a little before the major saddle southwest of the register. Drop down to the left a couple of hundred feet through oak and brush to the Mission Pines Trail, turn right and proceed a short distance to the rock marker indicating the turn off to the register. This saves the long down and up jeep road walk back to McKinley Saddle – a walk which moves you away from your peak.

Our hike to San Rafael and McKinley went quickly and well although we were becoming more oppressed by the heat and concerned about the possibility of heat exhaustion the next day on Santa Cruz. One of us jokingly mentioned that since we would have an early rising and nearly full moon, we could do Santa Cruz by moonlight and escape the heat and the burden of carrying four or five quarts of water. We all laughed. Of course it was ridiculous. The route is so convoluted and brushy that it is a challenge to do by sunlight let alone moonlight. We returned to camp with the tentative plan of starting as early as possible next morning to hike Santa Cruz.

I discovered that some sharp toothed critter had chewed through my water filter hose to get a few measly drops inside. Hey rodent! Didn't you see the horse trough overflowing with H₂O? How's that for gratitude? We give them a wilderness and they want the world. They're never satisfied unless they're gnawing on our high-tech gear. And that hose could cost me as much as 60¢ to replace! Well don't feel too sorry for me. I performed a little ritual and put the curse of extinction on the beast before settling down to trail mix.

You know you're hiking in unusual conditions when the most sensible and cautious member of the group, Rosemary, starts thinking that the most ridiculous of the available options is actually a pretty darn good idea. So with her encouragement we began taking the moonlight option seriously. An

unspoken fear of darkness, though, kept us from fully implementing the plan and we left around 5:30 PM hoping to get the peak by sundown and do the return in moonlight. When we got to the base of the bump northeast of Santa Cruz we headed for the lowest rocky outcrop on the ridge line. We worked our way above this, then moved into a bulldozer cut a little left of the ridge. Close to the top this intersected another bulldozer cut where we turned right and contoured down into the saddle between this bump and Santa Cruz. The cut continued part way up Santa Cruz and then contoured around towards the west side. We found it very overgrown and after much bending and twisting and parting of branches we saw the rock markers to our left indicating the pull off up to the register. On this last section we built up any markers we saw and put in some new ones, for the sun was on the verge of setting and we would be working our way back through this maze with little light.

Finally the register! And then the fastest sign in I have ever witnessed: No taking in the view, no browsing through the book to see which friends had been here before, no energy bar or trail mix, not even a sip of water. Just scribble and go. And not a moment too soon, for as we descended towards the bulldozer cut the sun disappeared below the horizon. For sheer energizing power few things, not even Starbuck's strongest, can match *Fear of Darkness*. We made surprisingly good time back to the saddle between Santa Cruz and its pal to the northeast and then over that bump and down to the jeep road – half walking and half running.

Now the moon was dominant. All scattered light from the setting sun had left the sky. And we were pleasantly surprised by how sharply defined the moonlit shadows were and how reflective some of the rock and plants were. We didn't even bother turning on our flashlights. Our fear had been somewhat unfounded. This was actually kind of enjoyable! And what was that perfume we were sensing? Ah! All those wildflowers were releasing their fragrances into the night air. And our eyes were drawn to the many lights glimmering below in the Santa Ynez Valley. We thought of the people down there closing out their daily routines. Were any of them thinking of us up here? And we looked ahead and saw the big picture of our return outlined in ghostly silver-white. Hey this was more than kind of enjoyable. This was enthralling! And we moved in silence, each enjoying the experience in their own way. This is about as good as it gets: Three compatible hikers returning from an adventure that had some challenge and uncertainty to it, successful, tired but not yet exhausted, relaxed and meditative yet still alert at the core, letting an inner computer programmed through years of trail miles handle the details. We returned to camp around 11:30 PM still under enchantment, had

a peaceful sleep, and easily walked out the next day. And George graciously offered to treat for lunch in Santa Barbara – a perfect ending to an unforgettable Big Three.

Waterman Rendezvous

July 24, 1999

**Leaders: Frank Goodykoontz and Diane Dunbar
By the Leaders**

So far as I know, as the person responsible for the Rendezvous (I created it 77) years ago, and have organized it every year since then), this is the first year a group had a problem getting there on time. I, of course, had to be the leader to do that!!! My husband and I had attended a wedding in Lake Arrowhead Village the night before, and stayed at the lodge. We misjudged the time required to drive over the back route, across the I-5, along all the winding mountain roads to Kratka Ridge to meet Frank and the group, arriving late!! Frank and a wonderful, congenial group of 10 people waited there patiently for us.

Frank led with his usual finesse, his cross-country skills in route finding and ease of footing in difficult terrain evident as always. The ridges on Kratka and Waterman are so remote there, one cannot even see the highway or signs of humans anywhere, except for a deserted tiny ski cabin and two ski lifts spaced widely apart. All we saw were beautiful trees, breathtaking views and not one footprint until we reached the trail from Buckhorn, continuing up toward Mt Waterman. We were almost to the peak when I traded places with Frank, leading the rest of the way. We ran into several Sierra Club people on the way down as we neared the peak, but Bobcat Thompson & group, and Frank and Ruth Dobos and group, also Byron and Maggie & group were still there, along with a number of people who had come up individually and were waiting there to greet us with a cheer as we approached,

As soon as we had all arrived, Bobcat performed his traditional yearly duty of opening the champagne bottle I always bring, and we handed out lots of little glasses of the bubbly, as my husband spread out our portion of the potluck, his favorite, sardines and crackers on the Hors D'oeuvres Pock. The people who had waited for us were full of smiles, welcomes and jovial conversation, and I thought, not for the first time, how grateful I am for my Sierra Club friends, they mean so much to me.

We were the last to leave the peak, cleaning up the last little bit of hors d'oeuvres leftovers off the rock (one of our participants was delighted to finish the sardines, he hadn't had any in a long time!!). We carried the rest down in large ziploc bags, etc, in our packs.

It struck me again, as it does every year, because my group is always the last to leave, and I always do the last bit of cleanup, that this is a PERFECT place to hold a rendezvous (of 85 people, this year!!!). There is no vegetation to trample there, and so after all that reunions and hugging and laughing and snacking, one could never tell anyone was there!! We can have fun and not ruin a thing!! All the beginning hikers have a rare chance to chum with veteran climbers, and people meet who haven't seen each other in years!! I love the Mt Waterman Rendezvous!!! Thank you, Frank for your wonderful job of leading, especially the brilliant quick zip down to Buckhorn, arriving ahead of trail people who left the peak long before us, but who chose the easier route because of beginners, etc. We were able to say goodbye to them twice!! And thank you, especially, to my group that day, a jovial fun group of people who enjoyed Frank's artistic, non-traditional, unusual, fun route and put up with our tardiness at the beginning! Hope to see you again soon. Participants: Richard Whitcomb, Terry Dunbar, Ginny Heringer, Jim Heringer, Maria Lee, Denelle Rozell, Peter Dille, Robert Mullens, Dan Butler, Ray Randall.

Waterman Rendezvous Hike

**Leaders: Bobcat Thompson, Joe Young
By Bobcat Thompson**

Fourteen hikers met at La Canada carpool point at 8 am for the 6th annual Mt Waterman Rendezvous. We carpoled to Cloudburst Summit (7018') and left half the cars there for the end of the hike. Then we drove back to Three Points for the start of the hike by 9:30 am.

Up the PCT we hiked, turning right at the first junction, just behind Byron's group of nineteen hikers who were hiking up the West Ridge of Waterman. Four miles farther up the trail brought us to "Bobcat Meadow" with lemon lilies and ferns galore. Another mile and we were ready for the Pathfinder part of the hike – straight up the southern ridges and gullies of Waterman, through Bighorn Country (one bighorn pad was passed) to the summit of Waterman by 12:30 pm.

Here we met other groups who had hiked up from Buckhorn, Three Points, Kratka Ridge and Twin Peaks – almost ninety people in all. After sharing goodies for an hour and taking some photos and meeting old friends (Howe Bailey was 87 years young) we hiked down to the Waterman Ski Lift and then down a very steep ridge trail to Cloudburst Summit by 3 pm.

Thanks to Joe Young and James Carden for assisting on this Waterman adventure.

Sonia Arancibia Gets 200th Peak on the Big Four

Private Backpack June 12-13, 1999

By Tom Hill and George Wysup

Part I (Tom Hill)

Vultures and buzzards have their moments in film and literature, but this was real life. Shortly into the backpack we six (Sonia Arancibia, Peter Doggett, Ray Wolfe, Janet Yang, George Wysup, and Tom Hill) were alerted by shouts and excited skyward pointings to two huge birds circling the group. Hungry perhaps? Then another avian swooped in, followed incredibly by a more cautious fourth in the near distance.

It was an auspicious omen. Four condors at the four-mile point for the Big Four. Ray swore that he saw the number "8" on a condorian red halter--nowhere did the number "6" appear and we six took this as lucky. We were setting forth on one of those HPS mega-adventures known as the Big Four (Samon Peak, Big Pine Mtn, West Big Pine, and Madulce Peak in the northeast corner of Santa Barbara County).

Humor us now as we lay out an analogy for those readers who have not actually experienced this hike:

Assemble in the Sport Chalet parking lot in La Canada (end of Sta Barbara Rd in Sta Barbara County). Grab your pack and walk over to Hwy 2 Angeles Crest Highway, then uphill to the Fire Station (where we saw the condors). Continue 5½ more miles to Clear Creek Station at the junction with Angeles Forest Highway (Chokecherry Spring). Lay down your backpack and fill water bottles from the faucet (spring, flowing 35 seconds to fill a quart). You now contemplate ascending Josephine Pk (Samon Pk), but there is no nice fire road access. Instead you scramble steeply up a boulder-strewn gully to access Josephine's West Ridge (ascend the infamous Samon gully, worn threadbare by countless hikers). You struggle through fast-growing, thick undergrowth along the boulder-strewn path to Josephine (Samon). Now whack back and pick up your pack, for it's already 3 p.m. and you are doing this thing as a single overnighiter. Roller-coaster smartly up the Angeles Crest Hwy for 6 more miles to Shortcut Picnic Area (where the jeep "road" comes down from the summit of Big Pine) and make camp. Before the sun goes down, engage a short dayhike to the summit of Mt Sally nearby (Big Pine Mtn) and return to camp, falling deeply asleep immediately. You have completed day one.

Arise on Sunday before dawn and hike up the Highway to the top of Mt Mooney near Charlton Flat (West Big Pine). Contemplate your situation countless miles from your cars, not counting side

trips. As HPS-remote as you can find. Thank you, wilderness regulations. With this renewal of sunrise strength march back to camp, haul backpack onto shoulders, and steamroll back to Red Box (Alamar Saddle). Grab daypack and take a side trip to Strawberry Pk (which has grown a pine forest: Madulce Pk). Reload pack and proceed to Clear Creek, replace water, and continue the 9½ miles back to your never-before-so-appreciated vehicles.

This analogy comes close in mileage and gain. Of course I believe the Angeles Crest backpack is easier than the Big 4. You would still need to remove all pavement, prohibit vehicles, abandon all hope (of rescue), and ignore the perils and folly implicit in the "Samon experience."

Concerning our own trip, the forecast had called for low water levels, midday Saturday rockfall, and afternoon breezes giving way to bears in the late evening and early morning hours. Water levels were actually higher than my hot 1997 Carleton Shay backpack, where springwater flow had been a creepy 80 seconds per quart. And the anticipated rockfall was avoided handily due to the crew's previous experience. (Sonia was the only gully trainee. She did a superb job on the ascent, where I tutored her, and on the descent under Peter's guidance. We shall ignore the occasional tendency to scream and shout.) Breezes were tiny but welcome under clear, 70-ish skies, at least on Saturday when we needed some comfort. Sunday saw the beginning of high-pressure heat that has stayed around for the last few weeks.

The bruining question remained: Where were the bears? Remember that we had 36 hours to ponder this weighty question. Peter, for example, considered that Big Pine could be renamed Bear City or Ursine Assembly Zone. These forethoughts were rendered moot when tracks were so scarce we oohed and aahed over each rare print.

In any event, going in, we realized that Sonia was scheduled to reach her 200th if she got four. She did! But I missed her celebration on Madulce, perhaps too concerned as I was with continual movement rather than stopping to nurse a yucca-punctured ankle received on the return from Samon. As is often the case, the care taken on the known threat (grimy gulch) was compensated for by an unforeseen threat. Later, in an attempt to avoid slowing the group I left at 3:45 a.m. Sunday, leaving an undoubtedly pleasant early-morning message to a soundly sleeping George. I ran into the group at various times on Sunday and barely got back to the cars at 5:30 p.m. before three of the hikers showed up. One was ecstatic (Sonia), one hard-charging (George), and one (Peter) looked fresh and ready to do it over again. Amazing. Congratulations, Sonia! And special mention to the determination of all members of the group.

Part II (George Wysup)

George and Janet had an interesting 30 minute delay driving up Santa Barbara Canyon Road. A pickup, drawing a large horse trailer, was stopped in the middle of the road with doors open and lights on. George went to see if they needed assistance. George quickly noticed that a pair of, apparently drunken, cowboys were playing with a revolver. George hastily retreated to the car and waited patiently until they got under way again.

Waking at dawn on Saturday found that our group at the locked gate consisted of Tom Hill, Peter Doggett, Sonia Arancibia, Ray Wolfe, Janet Yang, *et moi*; and the two sobered-up cowboys with 4 horses and no 6-gun in sight.

A 6:15 start got us to Chokecherry Spring at 10:00. We gaped for several minutes at a flight of 4 condors while breaking at the 4 mile road junction. These huge birds appeared to believe that we were soon to be carrion. They were close enough for us to see their tags. En route we searched fruitlessly for a better alternative to the notorious Chokecherry gully as an approach to Samon. One gully down the road may provide safer access to the ridge, but an Herculean brushing session would be required to clear passage at the top of the ridge.

We tanked up at the spring (which was running about as usual). We pondered the gully, took a collective deep breath, then carefully ascended. We got up to the ridge in good time with nary an injury. The route to Samon summit was as usual, that is, slow and painstaking with brush bites and yucca stabs. We made few errant turns, which is better than par for this peak. We required 4.5 hours for the round trip. Tom Hill, wearing running shoes as is his accustomed style, managed to get a foot impaled on a vicious yucca barb. We learned of Tom's mishap the next morning, and this explained Tom's unusually relaxed pace.

That evening we eschewed Madulce, though we probably had time before darkness hit, and marched with packs the 6 or so miles to the Big Pine road junction, dropped the packs and bagged the peak.

Sleep came quickly, despite the relentless hazing by a variety of fly-like insects and the toasty nighttime temperature, incompatible with the sleeping bags. Sometime in the wee hours, while I was in a state of semi-consciousness, Tom Hill stopped by my sack. He whispered something to the effect that he had been nailed by a particularly vicious yucca the day before and was concerned that he may be mortally wounded, and wanted to gaze once more upon West Big Pine and Madulce before the grim one took him. To that end he wanted to get an early start (possibly because the pain was bearable if he walked slowly).

The rest of us arose at dawn, primarily because dawn brought the bugs back. It's difficult to sleep with a constant buzzing in the ears and little fellows trying to take a drink from one's nose and

eyes. There was no evidence of nocturnal visits from bears, or any other critters desirous of a free feed.

At this time of the day the 5 of us were full of enthusiasm. This was to change some time later in the day. We made the easy 2-mile jaunt, happy to be lugging negligible weight, to West Big Pine summit, and breakfasted while marveling at the vista. This may be the finest viewpoint on the HPS list. We picked up the packs and made the trudge back to Madulce saddle, where we encountered Tom's pack as well as a small group of Boy Scouts and leaders who had come up the guard station trail and were heading for Bear cg.

The scout leaders recommended that we go out from Madulce Peak the way they came in. The trail from guard station to Madulce saddle has been nicely brushed (on May 19) by the forest service, and the Scouts reported ample water in the creek below. A check of the map indicates less than 2 miles from the Madulce Peak trail junction to the Madulce guard station, then about 7 miles (said to be 3.5 hours) down Santa Barbara canyon to the road. This suggests that from Madulce Peak out to the cars is 12 miles via the guard station, with little uphill except for the $\frac{3}{4}$ mile pull back up to the cars, or 14.5 miles via Chokecherry with over 1000' elevation gain. We elected to go out the traditional way, via the road and Chokecherry spring, based on the familiarity principle.

We reached Madulce summit in 1-3/4 hours, aided by a nice clip job (by Mars Bonfire on May 19) on the brush near the top. We celebrated Sonia's 200th peak. Sonia was so elated that she stated an intention to finish her list before the HPS banquet. Peter groaned and gave her 73 reasons why she couldn't do it (weather, work, possible illness, etc.). It seems that the prospect of adding more peaks to the list in the December election appears to motivate almost-list-finishers to hurry.

We tanked up at Chokecherry, then hit the road at 2:10 p.m., following Tom's footprints. It was about here that Ray mentioned in passing something about the bottoms of his feet being reminiscent of raw hamburger. This explained the unusual gait that he had developed during the last few miles. Fortunately, we had only 9.5 miles to go. Janet, never complaining and always smiling, stayed with Ray. This could be because she was a bit weary of wearing a pack weighing at least 35% of her body weight for 32 of the 46+ miles. We were all back at the vehicles well before 6 p.m. 22 miles in 13 hours on Saturday, then 24 miles in 12 hours on Sunday—in short, a perfect weekend.

We immediately forgot the tribulations of this 2-day ordeal and rejoiced in the successful furthering of our obsessive-compulsive goals in true HPS style. *A fait accompli*. The only remaining task: drive home without falling asleep. Caffeine can be wonderful stuff.



(Above) Ray Soucy bags his 200th peak, June 13, 1999 on Mt Tecuya on a hike led by David Eisenberg and Frank Goodykoontz. In this photo Ray is kneeling, fourth from left; David is standing, fifth from left (with poles); and Frank is standing second from right. (Below) Sturdy HPS hikers investigate the summit of currently deListed peak Snow Peak. Left to right: George Wysup, Dorothy Danziger, Byron Prinzmetal, and Carleton Shay.



The following letter was sent to each candidate for the Angeles Chapter Executive Committee:

"Dear Angeles Chapter Management Nominee,

The Hundred Peaks Section is composed of about 500 members/subscribers, many of who belong to other Angeles Chapter outings sections. Our outings are very important to the HPS membership, as is the support the Angeles Chapter gives to its outings program, probably the best in the nation. Consequently, our members are very interested in your commitment to the continued support to the outings programs. Specifically, we would like your views regarding the questions below. We will publish your response (or lack thereof) in our section newsletter, **THE LOOKOUT**.

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To facilitate review/comparison by our members please respond to each of the above questions separately. Please send your entire response to be received no later than September 24, 1999 to appear in our November edition of our newsletter. If you would like your response to appear in both the November and September editions please send your response to be received no later than July 26th."

[Responses received by July 26 are shown in their entirety on the next pages. – the editor.]

New HPS Lookout Subscription Rate Structure

By David F Eisenberg, Membership Chair

Renew your Lookout subscriptions on time? – Nothing to worry about!

The HPS has been spending as much as \$2 per renewal because of late payments. We are implementing the new rate structure in an effort to reward early and long term renewals as well as have the increased cost of late renewals paid for by those who procrastinate. See the Membership Form on the back page of this issue of **THE LOOKOUT**.

Check the Mailing label

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Address or Other Information Change

Please fill in the Membership Form on the back page of this *Lookout*. Check the appropriate box for the change.

Questions to Candidates for ExCom

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Gordon Labelt

(1) I am a leader in the Conservation Outings Project, Sierra Stewards.

(2) Ofcourse. For the reasons you stated.

(3) Absolutely. I am publications manager. it is my job to see that the schedule is funded, that it gets out on time and that it is distributed outside the chapter as a means to recruit new members. The schedule is a very important part of my work in the Sierra Club. Our Outings Activities are the envy of the Sierra Club, so is our Schedule.

(4) Of course.

(5) Good idea. Apply for a grant. I sit on the committee. Let me know if you need help with the project.

(6) Wow. Who have you been talking to? The chapter has no endowment. (An endowment is a specific legal entity.) The chapter has a savings account of 3.5 million dollars. IRS rules and non profit guidelines make it necessary for us to spend this money as our donors intended. The National Board, our executive director and the Sierra Club Foundation have urged us to comply with these guidelines that all 501(c)(4) and 501(c)(3) organizations must follow.

My ex comm colleagues Marcia Hanscom, Debbie Cook and Michelle Sybert have been advocating the spending of some of this money over three to five years until we have two years budget left in our savings (one million dollars). This is within the 501(c)(3) IRS guidelines.

We also favor raising money for a true endowment. The present majority of the ex comm disagrees with the legal advice we have gotten from National. They have criticized us with innuendoes that we want to bankrupt the chapter and other such political rhetoric.

It appears that the present ex comm majority is realizing that we must comply with the law. By the time you read this, this issue may be moot.

Thanks for your interest and thanks for making your section one of the strongest entities in the Chapter!

[This candidate did not respond to the second part of the last question.]

Bruce Monroe

(1) As a founder and leader of Sierra Stewards, I participate in conservation outings about 12 times/year.

(2) Yes, for the reason you noted. In addition attracting a wide mix of participants from singles to families gives us an opportunity to elicit interest in environmental causes. I especially view the inclusion of children in the family outings as a way to ensure participation of future generations in Sierra Club steward activities.

(3) If elected, I will vote to continue the practice.

(4) Yes, our stewards groups currently use the insurance provided and I would examine any efforts to curtail the coverage very carefully.

(5) If you have a valid grant request, you should submit it. I would review any grant applications using the same criteria that I currently use. These include: is the grant well written, is the budget thorough and well defined, are the objectives for the program achievable, is there an evaluation method to measure achievement of the objectives, does the request fit the Sierra Club's mission, etc.

(6) I think you have been misinformed about the reason for "spending down". It is not to spend money foolishly just to spend it. The reason is to bring the Chapter into compliance with federal and state requirements for a non-profit (501(c)(3)) organization. We have been given legal advice that we must do this and I believe we should do so. There are penalties involved if we do not do so, including loss our non-profit status.

Incidentally, the money we are talking about is not an endowment. At the present time the Club does not have an endowment although I certainly support those who believe we should work toward such a goal. If you have other questions, please let me know. I applaud your volunteer efforts to build your section and to grow our outings activities.

[This candidate did not respond to the second part of the last question.]

Jan Kidwell

1. My favorite area for hiking is the Angeles National Forest. I also went on hikes in the Santa Monica mountains, and around the rim of the SFV. In the last three years I have been concentrating on becoming more active in other ways. I have been chair of the Speakers Bureau for the Angeles Chapter since 1996, arranging for speakers and giving talks to adult groups as well as boy scouts to encourage them to get involved with our outings as a way to understand the value of the wilderness, and to increase our membership.

2. I believe outings are the single most important attractant of new members, and we cannot do enough to provide more opportunities for the general public to join us in our interest in preserving wilderness. I am a SC member since 1984, and only became more active as a conservationist in 1996. Since then I have earned a Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning, taking most of the courses while working full time because I wanted to understand land use issues better to help protect wilderness.

3. I have always felt strongly that we should not charge SC members for the Activity Schedule. When I worked as the Angeles Chapter front desk Friday volunteer for 8 months at the beginning of 1996 I decided we should give the excess copies of each printing of the Schedule to schools and colleges (if it were my decision to make). The only question we need Ex-Comm to decide is how long do we wait into the four months. We need to encourage young people and newcomers to the region in particular to get involved in outings.

4. YES.

5. I would support the printing of literature, mailings, tabling at events and giving talks on outings. There should be some budget for these activities on a regular basis.

6. I have heard we have about \$3.5m earning interest for the Chapter. Our annual operating expenses are close to one tenth of that. I don't think we need that big of a cushion to fall back on. I think if those numbers are correct we should be open to considering spending more money.

[This candidate did not respond to the second part of the last question]

Ann Kramer

1. I am an "O" rated leader and a Hundred Peaks emblem holder. I am working on my "I" rating and on the HPS list, but very slowly right now, due to my other time commitments.

2. Outings are the most important thing we do. Outings are what make the Sierra Club different from other conservation organizations. John Muir started our outings program. Today, many of our most dedicated conservation and political activists started their Sierra Club involvement with outings participation. Outings are our best membership recruitment tool, and besides, they are fun.

3. Absolutely. I first ran for the Executive Committee in 1996, when the sitting Executive Committee decided to charge a subscription fee for the Schedule. After I got elected, it took me (and the others who ran with me) two years, but we did do away with the Schedule subscription fee. I firmly believe that a free Schedule is essential to a strong and vibrant outings program. A free Schedule is also essential for conservation and political activism; after all, how can activists organize when they don't have a directory of their own members?

4. Currently, our outings and mountaineering insurance is paid for by the national Sierra Club. I hope and expect that this practice will continue.

Recently, the national Outings Department has decided that participants on Chapter foreign trips should pay a \$5 per person per day insurance surcharge, to offset a part of the cost of the national insurance policy for foreign trips. I oppose this assessment. As I said in response to Question No. 2, I consider outings to be fundamental to the Sierra Club and its mission. I believe that the national Sierra Club and the Chapter Executive Committee have an affirmative duty to facilitate and encourage outings whenever possible. Assessing additional fees or charging for the Schedule are unconscionable acts which will only inhibit outings.

5. I think this is an interesting idea. There is no reason in principle to limit our grants to proposals that originate from groups and the Conservation Committee. I encourage the HPS to develop an eligible proposal and submit a grant request. I will support it.

6. SAVE THE ENDOWMENT!

I am a strong supporter of our current endowment policies. In four years on the Chapter's Executive Committee, I have opposed every proposal to spend down our endowment. Interest income on the endowment supports many important Chapter projects, including two full time conservation staff people, a monthly SOUTHERN SIERRAN, the establishment of our Orange County Branch Office, and the free distribution of the Schedule to Chapter members.

This is the CRUCIAL ISSUE in this Chapter election. I suspect that it is the only major issue on which the candidates disagree. I know that HPS members don't particularly like Chapter politics. (I don't either!) But your involvement with this issue is critical to the future of the Angeles Chapter.

Please vote in this election for candidates who will VOTE TO SAVE THE ENDOWMENT!

David L. Underwood

Q1. I am a member of the Sierra Peaks Section. My most recent outing participation was on a Snow Training session given by Jon Fisher of Bishop in June at Tioga Pass. I have not been in condition to keep up with many of the SPS crowd recently as I stated before work and other demands have kept me from getting out as much as I would have liked. When I do participate in outings, it is with the SPS. Usually I climb with friends more my speed and a bit less demanding than the standard SPS climb. I also like to solo frequently. So far I have 122 peaks from the SPS list and have my Senior Emblem. Now that I am retired, I plan to go on outings with the HPS and the DPS.

Q2. I believe that outings are the core of membership in the Sierra Club. It is outings that get many people interested in conservation as well. Many times, it takes outings for people to realize just how much damage has been done to the environment. One of the really fine leaders that I climbed with was Bill T. Russell. Bill T. was also an ardent environmentalist as are most climbers. Outings bring people into the Club and are what keeps them coming back. I really feel however that the LTC does not offer enough courses through out the year and I feel that there needs to be a greater emphasis on encouraging more members to become leaders. Some

recent statistics seem to show that leaders are not being replaced at the same rate that they are being lost. Many of our present leaders are older and are not up to the rigors of leading as much as the once did. We need to encourage the younger members to become leaders in order to maintain our outings programs. I feel that the recent demands by National to place a member of each group on the EXCOM may result in a more effective LTC program. At least I hope that it does so. Also, although the Angeles Chapter has more outings than any other chapter in the country it is only eighth in outings per member. Also, the chapter is about in eighth place among chapter in members per population. Obviously, a more aggressive outings program would help to build up the membership of the chapter.

Q3. I am firmly in favor of the chapter bearing the cost of the activities schedule.

Past experience has shown that charging individuals for the schedule was a disaster and resulted in the loss of many members and if I am not mistaken, actually cost the chapter more money than it did to distribute it free in the first place. I was one of the first to join with Dave Bybee when he began his campaign to restore the free schedule.

Q4. I believe that it is the National's duty to provide blanket insurance for all outings by all Chapters.

Q5. Grants are a tricky issue here. The problem is in the California Corporation Code and how a Private Non Profit 403C Corporation can expend funds. While a member of the Conservation Committee, I supported the funding of outings and activities that were in accordance with the proper expenditure of such funds. I do not think that sections should be excluded from these funds. In fact, I encouraged the SPS to make use of this provision in funding to qualify for these funds. The sections have the same right to funding of educational and environmental funds as any other group or section. Your Conservation chair has the right to ask for and receive such funding as long as it is in line with the law regarding the use of such funds.

Q6. Fiscally I am quite conservative. I feel that Jim Schoedler did an excellent job as treasurer. It is my opinion that those endowment funds that were not specifically donated for a

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particular use need to be placed in managed accounts. There are several very good Professional Portfolio management Companies that specialize in managing endowment funds, pension funds, institutional funds, and other investments. Since the Sierra club is a Non-Profit Public Corporation, the interest gained from such investments is tax-free. An example of such a corporation is a company called Berkeley Capital Management. This company is one of the most conservative of the capital managers. Their long-term gains have exceeded 18% over the last 20 years. That means that your investment doubles every four years. If the Chapter were to invest with such managers, it could become self-supporting in a few years. Spending down endowments is in my estimation, quite foolish and can only result in financial crises in the long run. There will always be fires to fight. If we spend everything fighting the most recent fires, the opposition can simply wait us out. We all have our pet projects, but without financial restraints there are those who do not have the discipline to limit their spending. It is unfortunate but many "activists" seem to me to be quite short sighted in terms of financial responsibility.

I believe that spending down endowments will only result in financial disaster. The same thing would happen if I were to spend down my own retirement funds.

Upper photo: Tom Hill (far left) and Byron Prinzmetal (next to Tom) pose with group on the summit of proposed new peak, Sam Fink Peak, on Sunday, August 8, 1999. In the background is part of the Desert Divide, including Antsell Rock and South Peak. Sam Fink worked for years creating a trail from Red Tahquitz to South Peak and to Antsell Rock.

(Below): Red Tahquitz as seen from proposed Sam Fink Peak. Sam began his work on building the "Sam Fink Trail" from the summit of Red Tahquitz long before the Pacific Crest Trail was even proposed.

The Hundred Peaks Section sponsored an exploratory climb of this peak on August 8, 1999. The hike was led by Tom Hill, Byron Prinzmetal, and Joe Young.

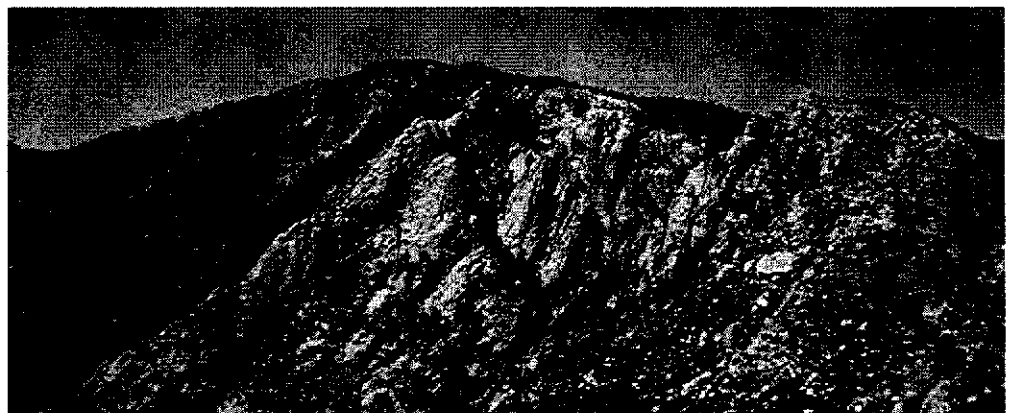
Milestones

Eleanor Carter 9/2
John Adsit 9/5
Robert L. Hornberger 9/5
Richard L. Whitcomb 9/8
David Anderberg 9/12
Geri Marston 9/14
Kim Gimenez 9/15
Elizabeth Epstein 9/16
John G. Ripley 9/17
Ken Barr 9/18
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Stephen K. Bache 9/21
Bob Henderson 9/21
Joeseph Kazlowski 9/21
Donald J. Lum 9/21
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Mike Wilson 9/27
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Bob Latter 9/29
Henry Heusinkveld 9/30
Lillian Salinger 9/30

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Suzanne Michels 10/1
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Ski Camphausen 10/4
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Matthew McHale 10/8
Sara Wyrens 10/8
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Barbara Cohen Sholle 10/17
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Byron A. Myhre 10/22
Diann Fried 10/23
Michele Underell 10/23
Duane McRuer 10/25
Heather McNaught 10/30

Found on Yucaipa Ridge:
A tan colored hat with names of peaks inked into the hat band. One entry states "Tahquitz Pk (LO) 8 - 8 - 98." If this is yours, please call Joe Young (see Schedule).

What to do with old sneakers?! Well-worn sneakers can be recycled to produce surfacing for tennis and basketball courts, playgrounds, and running tracks. Call (800) 352 - 6453 to learn more about Nike's Reuse - a - Shoe program. To drop off shoes for this program go to FrontRunners, located at 11640 San Vicente, in West Los Angeles, or call them at (310) 820 - 6186. [Item contributed by Geri Marston.]



HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION
Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 13, 1999
Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

Present were Joe, Charlotte, Virgil, George, Tom, Byron, and Janet. The people absent were Jim and David

Approved the 4/8 meeting notes/decisions as corrected by Tom Hill. Approved the membership report

It was agreed about the importance of the membership chair to attend our monthly meetings (He has missed many of the meetings this year.) Byron is to tell him that he needs to attend our meetings. If he can't we need to take steps to find another membership chair. Social Committee-5 minutes

We will form the Harvest Moon Festival committee before the next meeting-Charlotte and Janet For the annual banquet we agreed to the following:

We will have the banquet on 1/22/2000, which is the Saturday before the super bowl. We will start the banquet a half-hour earlier at 5pm for socializing, but the dinner start time (6:30) will remain the same. Janet is to reserve the room and reduce the minimum to 70. Janet is to also get the food prices for us to review at our next meeting. Virgil will help Janet with these items. If we like the next monthly speaker we will invite him to be our guest speaker. Janet needs to form her banquet committee and appoint a reservationist. Donations-For \$500 donations, we agreed to change the title from life membership to Life subscription Status of goals/programs for outings-Tom/Virgil 5 minutes

We will send out the notices for Leaders' Meeting to be held one week earlier than normal for November-February Schedule-Virgil. We will include information on how to submit a write-up for hike-Virgil. Note it was subsequently decided to have the meeting at Byron's house. Status of trip kits-Tom will start sending them out immediately. Status of Southern Sierran Articles and calendar of activities in an effort to promote the HPS-5 minutes Virgil will insure we have at least one outing listed in each Southern Sierran Calendar. Tom and George will insure have paid advertising in either the schedule or Southern Sierran for our introductory hiker meeting. Mountain records

Approximately 20 peak guides will be updated per month-Tom. 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 Tom will prepare for our review his proposed peak guide warnings for peaks with significant rock fall dangers and general means to avoid these dangers. Peak additions/deletions

We agreed to include Carleton's peak deletion proposal in the next Lookout. We approved the treasurer's report. We agreed to rent the auditorium for the next 12 months.

We agreed that we would not have a program for December.

The management committee will meet in open session in December and January on the 2nd Thursday at the auditorium.

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting
Thursday, June 10, 1999

- 1) Meeting called to order at 6:10PM. Present were Jim, Charlotte, David, Tom, Janet and Byron.
- 2) We approved the 5/13 meeting minutes with the addition of noting we have approximately \$6900 financial balance.
- 3) Byron and David reviewed Paul Sailer's communication on the John Muir's Sierrans proposal to spend our entire endowment and the possible very negative implications to our section.
- 4) We approved the membership report.
- 5) David showed us an analysis of the costs of processing late renewals. The analysis showed that it costs us about \$300/year or a little less than one dollar per members to send reminders and then send the latest copy of the Lookout when a subscription is finally paid. Further, it is a great deal of extra work to process late renewals. We agreed to the following to address this issue:
 - a) We will encourage members to renew for two or three years by lowering the rate (3yrs = \$24, 2yr s= \$17) and raising the rate to \$12 if a renewal is paid late.
 - b) David will write-up a draft statement for the next Lookout that describes this new program.
 - c) We will also put on the Lookout a special label that stands out that tells subscribers when their subscription

is about to expire. 6) We agreed we need to understand where/how we are getting our new members so we can leverage this information. David will bring to the next meeting the forms he received since this meeting so we can analysis this or he will perform the analysis for us.

7) The following was agreed to about the Spring Fling: a) We will not hold another one unless someone agrees to be totally responsible for the event.

b) The event does not have to be at Foster's Lodge.

c) Byron will write an article for the Lookout that informs our members about this decision

8) The following was agreed to about the banquet:

a) It is be held on 1/22 and will start a half hour earlier b) Charlotte will ask Kurt Wedburg to present his program on his exciting ascent of Mt Everest.

c) Janet will prepare a to do list of the things that have to be done to make the banquet a success and present the list at the next meeting. d) Janet and Charlotte will form the banquet committee and they are responsible to make all remaining decisions concerning the banquet while keeping the management committee informed.

9) It was agreed that the following members will comprise the nominating committee: Southern Courtney (chair), Haven Fearn, Rosemary Campbell, and Bobcat Thompson.

10) We agreed upon the programs for the next schedule to be as follows: a) October 14th-Wildflower Software presentation on how to use their software.

b) November 11/11/1999-New Hiker info-BP and Tom Hill to host c) December 12/9/1999-Open management meeting only.

d) January-Joint meeting-Sps' turn, but we will have an open management meeting on 1/13.

e) February-2/10/2000-New backpacker-Rosemary/Byron to present 11) Donations-Status of what we agreed to at previous meetings a) For donations where the donor receives a year or greater subscription to the Lookout, the subscription will be mailed first class. David will make this happen.

12) Status of maintenance program for paper updates for maps and peak guides

a) Anyone may subscribe to this service for \$35/year which includes 3rd class postage

b) 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. c) The updates will be sent to each enrollee at the end of each quarter

d) Tom Hill will do the following to initiate this program: i) Write an article explaining it for the Lookout

ii) Explain to Bob Cat what he needs to do.

e) 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 (done.) 13) Peak additions/deletions-The committee voted to not propose to our membership any

peak deletions. This means that any member can submit with the required number of signatures proposed peak deletions to be placed on our fall ballot.

14) Treasurer report-last month was basically breakeven as we have about the same amount of money as the previous month (about \$7000)

REGISTER BOX

By Jim Adler

Eight new missing registers were reported. Four registers were removed from the list as being reported found or non-deficient.

Reports were received from Peter Doggett, Joe Young, Carlton Shay, Steve Lunar, Richard Carey, Jerry Keating and Frank Dobos.

Missing and deficient registers:

9B	Iron Mtn.	missing	5-99
9C	Condor Peak	missing	5-99
12A	Mt. Deception	missing	5-99
12B	Disappointment	missing	5-99
12F	Occidental Peak	missing	5-99
13F	Mt. Williamson	missing	7-99
13I	Winston Ridge	deficient	4-96
14D	S. Mt. Hawkins	missing	8-97
14F	Mt. Hawkins	missing	7-99
14G	Throop Peak	missing	7-99

14H	Mt. Burnham	missing	7-99
21F	Arctic Peak	missing	7-99
21G	Bertha Peak	missing	5-99
24B	San Bernardino	missing	7-99
24C	San Bernardino E.	deficient	7-99
24D	Anderson Peak	missing	7-98
26C	Quean Mtn.	missing	4-99
26D	Ryan Mtn.	missing	4-94
27A	Ranger Peak	missing	2-99

If you are climbing any of the above peaks, please consider bringing a new register can and book. If you discover a peak which needs a new register can, please let me know by mail addressed to Jim Adler, 836 S. Alandele Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90036-4625, 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.)