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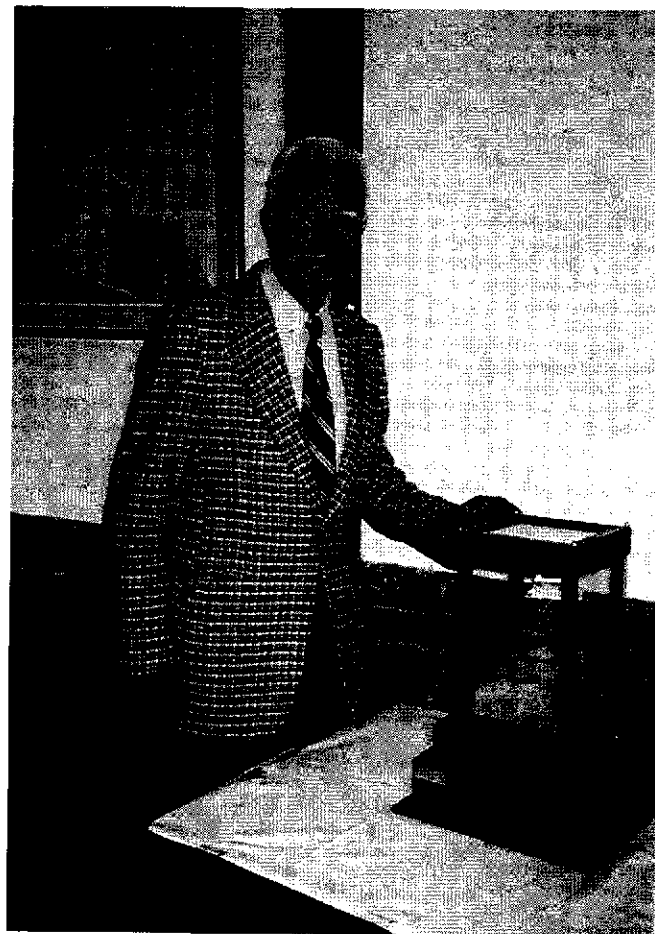
Hundred Peaks Section Holds Annual Awards Banquet

The Hundred Peaks Section held its Annual Awards Banquet once again at Les Freres Taix Restaurant. The date was January 26, 2002.

Five Awards were bestowed:

- ◆ R. S. Fink Service Award to Brent Washburne
- ◆ John Backus Leadership Award to Byron Prinzmetal
- ◆ Bill T. Russell New Leader Award to George Wysup
- ◆ Conservation Award to Ruth Lee Dobos
- ◆ A Special Award for Mountain Records to Larry Hoak

Once again, the banquet was well attended, with 96 on hand.



(Above) Brent Washburne stands beside the R. S. Sam Fink Service Award perpetual trophy. Brent has been a leader for over 30 years. He served as Outings Chair in 1974 and it was during his stewardship that the number of scheduled HPS outings first exceeded 100 outings in a year (1975). Brent was Mountain Records Chair when the first HPS maps were created.

(Left) Ruth Lee Dobos receives the Conservation Award from 2001 HPS Chair and banquet emcee Virgil Popescu. Ruth chaired the HPS twice and served in numerous other capacities. Her most recent service to the HPS has been as Conservation Chair. Ruth assumed this role very seriously, and personally became involved in many issues of importance to the HPS and to the Sierra Club generally. Ruth is also a member of the Executive Committee of the Angeles Chapter.



Hundred Peaks Section

Angeles Chapter, Sierra Club
 Membership Committee Report
 January 10, 2002



Achievements

100 Peaks Emblem

1029	Laura Joseph	June 3, 2001	Birch Mountain
1030	Keith Burnside	November 3, 2001	Rattlesnake Mountain
1031	Zobeida Molina	August 8, 2001	San Rafael Peak

200 Peaks Bar

376	Laura Joseph	November 4, 2001	Garnet Peak
377	Richard L. Carey	May 8, 2001	Sawmill Mountain

List Completion #1

228	Barbara Guerin	December 16, 2001	Santa Cruz Peak
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List Completion #2

39	Dorothy Danziger	December 23, 2001	Rosa Point
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Membership Summary

Type	Current	Inactive
Sustaining Member	29	9
Household	304	150
Honorary	62	23
Sustaining Sub	2	4
Subscriber	111	207
Extra	7	
Benefactor	2	
Life	2	
Totals:	514	400

Activity Report

New Subscriptions

Mark Allen

Sustaining to Member

Susan Ellsworth

Correction: On the front page of the Jan - Feb 2002 issue of **THE LOOKOUT**, the caption below the picture of Louise Werner incorrectly stated the location of the picture. Louise was actually pictured on an outing to Big Picacho Peak.

From the Programs & Membership Chair

I'm really excited about this opportunity to serve the HPS membership through social programs that are related to the hiking we love and also that are fun, and by making the membership process more responsive to members' needs.

To get started, I need your help:

I'd like to form a membership/programs committee to plan and implement member outreach and involvement and some really innovative and fun programs. Please let me know if you're willing to help out (I promise that any meetings will be held on the trail).

I need help from someone with expertise in Access to get our database set up. This will be a short term assignment unless the volunteer wishes to continue.

For routine matters, contact me about the following:

Nonreceipt of **THE LOOKOUT**

New subscriptions to **THE LOOKOUT**

Upgrade from Subscriber to Member (just send me your list of 25 peaks) 100, 200 peak or List finish emblems and any other seminal events.

Best way to contact me is via email ljoseph2@earthlink.net. You are welcome to phone (626) 356-4158. To communicate by snail mail, send to me c/o Hundred Peaks Section, P.O. Box 603, Montrose, CA 91021-0603

Laura Joseph

From the Chair by Karen Isaacson Leverich

We set out on January 13th to do Sheep and Martinez, in the mountains up above Palm Desert. Edith Liu was nearing a list finish, and these were some of the few peaks she had remaining. Brian (my husband) didn't come – he had a bad cold and a broken ankle he still thought was a sprain. (Free advice: get those sprains X-rayed! If they just happen to be breaks instead, walking around on them for weeks at the least delays healing, and at worst, well, I hate to think!) Me, I had the beginnings of a bad cold, too, but I was in total denial, and besides, I needed that peak!

No, no, this isn't a trip report, it's the "From the Chair" column. It'll all relate, be patient, you'll see.

Because of my cold, and because some of the hikers (me, too!) were cautious scrambling over boulders, the hike to Martinez took longer than Mars Bonfire had anticipated, and we didn't get back to the saddle between Sheep and Martinez until it was getting dark. We decided to save Sheep for another day, but even skipping Sheep, we didn't get back to the trailhead until 10:30PM. Then the highway was closed due to a wreck. I didn't get home until 3AM. Woke up the next day (Monday), and there was no pretending I didn't have a cold. Yuck!

But Brian and I were signed up for a Wilderness Advanced First Aid course through Adventure 16, starting Thursday. The money we'd paid wasn't refundable, though we could have sent others in our stead. His cold was a bit better, he thought his ankle was, too. I decided to take a lot of vitamin C and keep doing the denial thing. So we spent four days, sniffing in class, and taking turns being rescuers and victims outside. I don't recommend the victim part for anyone attempting to recover from a cold – it frequently involves lying motionless on the cold cold ground. Nor the rescuer part for anyone with an undiagnosed broken ankle – Brian carried me on his back, scrambled over boulders, etc.

Anyhow, we somehow survived all that, but came home and finally got that ankle X-rayed, and learned the happy news that Brian had been walking around on a broken ankle for three weeks. Oops! He's now in a Darth Vader boot, and off the trail for a few months.

Meanwhile, the HPS banquet was approaching, on the next Saturday. And Edith was doing her list finish on Sheep (having finished up the other peaks in the meantime) on Friday, just in time. I needed Sheep (having only got Martinez a bit earlier, see paragraph one), and was still attempting to ignore my cold (I read somewhere that they just go away if you ignore them long enough, but I think that may work about as well as ignoring a broken ankle, sigh!). So on Friday, with a bottle of cough syrup in my pack, I hiked Sheep with Edith and Mars and several others. It was a wonderful day, Edith did a head stand on the peak (watch for a photo in this Lookout or the next), and ... I totally lost my voice.

I seem to be giving lots of useful advice today. Another tidbit – if you're the new Chair of HPS, and have to give a speech at the banquet, it helps to have a voice. If you have a cold before the banquet, you should maybe take a bit more care of it than I did mine. (Good news: I went home after the banquet and stayed inside for four days, and did finally beat that bug.)

The bottom line is I didn't really give a speech at the banquet, I just stood up and said a few sentences ("Thanks to the old Management Committee! Welcome to the new! Isn't this a good banquet! Let's eat!" or something like that...), and sat back down. It really was a great banquet, by the way, and Kevin Dixon's slide show would inspire me to climb mountains on other continents, except, well, you see, I'm kind of hooked on our 275 peaks. Maybe some other decade.

From the H E
Editor

Our newsletter, **THE LOOKOUT**, is published six times a year. Final dates for receipt of material 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 January-February issue. If you send photos please write your name on the back of each photo. Please identify all subjects in each photo. [**When taking photos please ask participants to remove sunglasses!**] If you want the photos returned please state so and include a return SASE. Articles may be edited for length or appropriateness. Please send articles to Joe Young, 12551 Presnell Street, Los Angeles, CA 90066 - 6730, fax to Joe at (310) 301 - 9642; or email to <joengeri@mediaone.net>.

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Here, then, is the speech I might have given, if I'd had a voice, if the audience would have indulged me.

In December, Virgil Popescu explained to me how the HPS Chair is traditionally selected. The members of the incoming Management Committee meet, and then assign positions to whoever is most capable of filling them -- someone financially adept as Treasurer, that sort of thing. Then whoever is left over, that is, whoever was least capable of doing something useful, becomes the Chair. I think Virgil was being self-deprecating at the time, since I'd never describe him as someone "least capable of doing something useful", but it does rather neatly explain how I ended up being Chair. I can only hope that over the next year, we can add in a positive way to the accomplishments of Virgil and his team in 2001. Virgil, I have this nifty certificate and pin for you. Everyone, applause for Virgil and the outgoing committee! What a great year, and a great banquet, they've given us!

So who are the new faces? Well, not all of them are exactly new, though some of us are still pretty wet behind the ears. (Must be a conditioning issue of some kind...) The new Vice Chair, and Mountain Records Chair, is Byron Prinzmetal. Byron's chaired HPS in the past, and I'll be relying on advice from him, and Virgil (Past Chair), and Tom Hill (Past Past Chair?), as I find my feet in my new role. We sorely miss Larry Hoak, who did such meticulous work on the Peak Guides, but Byron and George Wysup hope to continue those efforts, and also to bring the maps more into synchronization with the guides. A huge amount of work remains, even after the tremendous progress Larry has made.

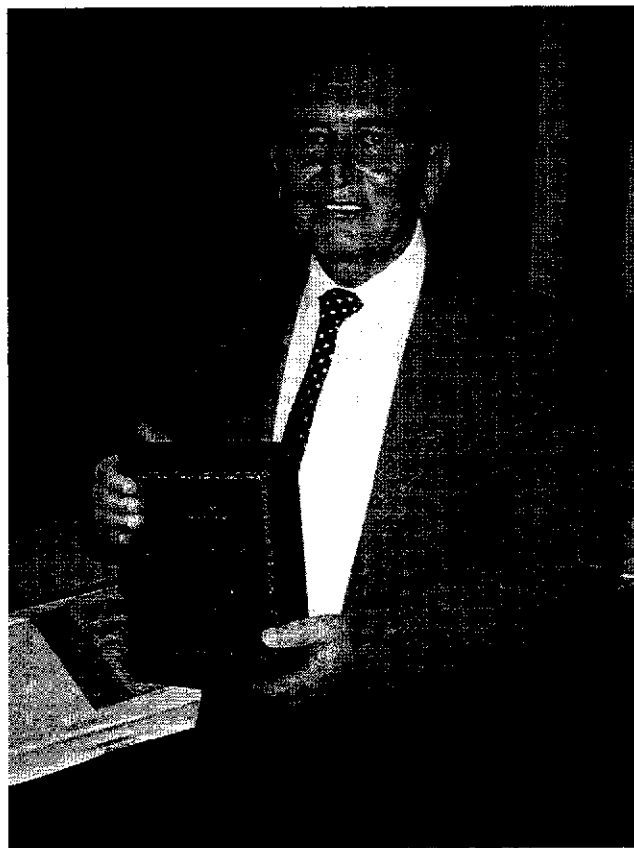
John Connelly did a terrific job last year as Secretary, and I know will do the same again this year. Sandy Burnside, a CPA, is our new Treasurer. Laura Joseph is not only our new Programs Chair, but also our new Membership Chair. Let Laura know your achievements: 100 peaks, 200 peaks, list finishes, etc. She'll get that information recorded, and also be working with Brian, our new Webmaster, to get it up on the Web, and with Joe Young to get it into **THE LOOKOUT**. She and David Eisenberg are working together for the smoothest possible transition of our membership records. Brian and Charlie Knapke are doing the same with the Web site. Laura and Brian are going have a difficult time filling David's and Charlie's shoes -- be patient while they learn the ropes.

And last but definitely not least, Mars Bonfire is our "at large" committee member. Is that because

he's a tall guy? Nah... I'm interpreting "at large" to mean he's out and about. You know, doing what we all wish we were doing: hiking. If the rest of us get too distracted by bureaucratic minutiae, I'm hoping Mars will remind us of why we're really here: To explore, enjoy, and preserve the Mountain Ranges of Southern California and become familiar with their scenic resources; preserve its forest, waters, wildlife, and wilderness; and to enlist public interest and cooperation in protecting them.

Our main challenge in the new year is simply to continue to build on the fine foundation created by the previous Management Committee, and all the Committees before them. We need to attract new subscribers and new members. We need to encourage more hikers to become leaders. And we need to provide more resources to support our hikers, continuing Larry's fine work to keep the Peak Guides up to date, making the maps of our routes more available, and continuing to build on Charlie's efforts by further enhancing the wonderful HPS Web site.

Now, where are my ten essentials, my pack, my poles? My snowshoes? The mountains beckon...



Virgil Popescu holds a plaque honoring him for his service to the HPS as its Chair in 2001.

HONOR ROLL OF HUNDRED PEAK LEADERS

By Byron Prinzmetal (Outings Chair)

The following leaders have taken time out of their busy, hectic lives to lead scheduled HPS hikes in this edition of **THE LOOKOUT**. So few are doing so much for our section!! Please give a hearty **THANK YOU** the next time you go on one of their hikes.

BOB BEACH 6
DAVID BEYMER 7
MARS BONFIRE 16
STAG BROWN 1
SANDY BURNSIDE 15
ROSEMARY CAMPBELL 5
JAMES CARDEN 4
SOUTHERN COURTNEY 5
DON CROLEY 1
JOHN DEPOY 1
PETER DOGGETT 1
DORIS DUVAL 1
BETH EPSTEIN 1
CHARLOTTE FEITSHANS 3
LUELLA FICKLE 2
HARVEY GANZ 4
PETER GLOVER 3
FRANK GOODYKOONTZ 1
GINNY HERINGER 2

JIM HERINGER 1
TOM HILL 13
LARRY HOAK 2
PATTY KLINE 1
CHARLIE KNAPKE 1
BRIAN LEVERICH 1
KAREN LEVERICH 3
ROXANA LEWIS 2
GORDON LINDBERG 1
RHONDA LONGMORE 2
KEITH MARTIN 1
DAVID MICHELS 1
DEBORAH NAKAMOTO 1
SCOTT NELSON 1
VIRGIL POPESCU 14
BYRON PRINZMETAL 30
MAURA RAFFENSPERGER 6
PATTY RAMBERT 3

KATE ROGOWSKI 6
RON ROSIEN 1
SHERRY ROSS 2
JULIE RUSH 1
CARLETON SHAY 15
ERIK SIERING 1
TAMMY SOLKO 3
SANDY SPERLING 1
BRENT WASHBURN 1
SUSANNE WEIL 3
MAGGIE WILSON 4
RAY WOLF 2
SARA WYRENS 1
GEORGE WYSUP 8
JANET YANG 6
JOE YOUNG 1

Attention HPS Leaders: You can easily submit hikes for the next issue of **THE LOOKOUT**

Just Read On...

The next issue of **THE LOOKOUT** will cover outings for the period May and June. May and June are a great time to hike. May is still usually cool and many of our lower peaks can be done then. June is the start of hiking in our higher mountains as most of the snow is gone.

Here are some peaks to consider:

May: Hildreth, Pinyon Peak, Scodie, Eagle Rest/Antimony, Split/Black, and Yucaipa Ridge

June: Sam Fink, Anstell Rock, South Peak, the peaks of the San Bernardino Ridge, Three Sisters, Cannel Point, Weldon Peak.

These are all great peaks for this time of the year. These peaks are not led very often and there should be many appreciative HPS'ers if you led some of these peaks. On the other hand closer in peaks such as the Mooney, Vetter, Condor/Fox, Rabbit/Round/Granite/Iron, Deception/Disappointment, and Mt Wilson always have a receptive audience and are fun peaks to lead.

I encourage you to submit additional outings for **THE LOOKOUT** for this period (May and June). Doing so has several advantages over submitting outings that appear in the Chapter's schedule. Some of the advantages are:

1. There are usually a smaller number of hikers who show up.
2. Most of the hikers are dedicated HPS'ers who know what to expect and come prepared.
3. The lead time to submit additional outings is much shorter and in today's fast moving world, it should be much easier for most of you to plan and commit to leading additional hikes.

The details:

- 1) Here is the submission schedule
 - a) Please submit your outings so I receive them by noon on Monday March 18th for the period May through June.
 - b) I ask that you submit your outings in electronic format. I will send a listing back to you via email by Monday 3/25 for you to proof read to insure I have not missed anything. You will have until Sunday March 31st to get back to me with any corrections or additional hikes.
 - c) Or, if prefer not to get an edit listing back and trust me to not make any mistakes you can

submit your additional outings to me by Sunday March 31st.

2) I prefer they be sent to me word format using the normal schedule format (they don't have to be double spaced with a page break between outings) otherwise please follow the normal Schedule format.

3) My email address is bsprinzmetal@earthlink.net. I will most likely be in Estes Park during this period and will respond by email. If you need to talk to me here are some numbers to try Home: (818) 952-8614 or Estes Park: (970) 586-2018 or Cell Phone: (818) 807-4784. If you leave a message I will get back to you.

4) If you are submitting a provisional hike, you must contact me before you submit your trip. So have some fun and led some additional HPS hikes.

Byron Prinzmetal (your Outings Chair)

PS If you have any suggestions on how we can make things easier for you to submit outings please let me know. Write or call me at 3718 Berwick Dr, La Cañada, CA 91011-3932. Home (818) 952-8614.

Leadership Training Committee By Byron Prinzmetal (Outings Chair)

The heart of the HPS is its leaders. The Leadership Training Committee (LTC) of the Angeles Chapter hosts a number of excellent training workshops, classes, clinics, and seminars to prepare members to be leaders. The sessions include everything from basic leadership training to environmental awareness to very advanced topics such as technical rock climbing.

The HPS needs more, many more, active leaders. To become a leader you need to take the Leadership Seminar Class (next one is scheduled April 6th). To become "I" rated you need, among other things, to take a Wilderness First Aid Class and pass the navigation check off class. There are many excellent beginning and intermediate navigation classes to help you become proficient with a map and compass (next are May 4th and 18th).

So why not hone your outdoor skills and take a class or two? And, while you are at it why not become a leader? Below are the upcoming LTC Classes:

Sunday Mar 3 **LTC, 100 Peaks**
I: Chaparrosa Pk (5541'): Moderate hiking in unique desert terrain along a running stream. Learn from our naturalists, Ginny Heringer, Sherry Ross of NSS and Brad Cadman of Wildlands Conservancy,

about the flora and history of the area. 8 mi, 1500' xc hike. LTC natural history credit available for leaders. Meet 7:30 am Pomona rideshare pt. Bring 10 essentials, lunch, water. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Byron Prinzmetal, Maura Raffensperger, Dave Beymer

Saturday Mar 23 **LTC**

C: Deadline for Leadership Training Seminar: Last day for receipt of application and payment by LTC Registrar for enrollment in Apr seminar. Next seminar: Oct 2002. See schedule for details.

Saturday Mar 30 **LTC**

E/M: Stony Pt Rock Workshop/Checkoff: This intermediate and advanced workshop is based on the rock requirements for M and E leadership. Checkoffs for M and E rock must be pre-arranged. It is a restricted trip—to participate; you must be a member of the Sierra Club and have suitable rock climbing experience. See schedule for details. Ldr: Virgil Shields. Asst: Darrell Lee

Saturday Apr 6 **LTC**

Leadership Training Seminar: Become a qualified Sierra Club leader! For info, see LTC section in front of Schedule. Deadline for receipt of application and payment is Mar 23. No registration after this date or at door. Next seminar: October 2002. See schedule for details.

Sunday Apr 7

LTC, 100 Peaks

Basic Leadership Training Clinic: Expand your knowledge on how to lead a safe, enjoyable and inspired outing. Open to all existing Angeles Chapter leaders who have led at least 5 non-provisional outings. Several hours of homework required prior to the class, plus the purchase of the class textbook. Class to be held at Griffith Park Ranger Station and is limited in size. Send sase, current rating, list of the last 5 scheduled hikes you have led, nonrefundable \$20 (Sierra Club) to Byron Prinzmetal. Registrar/Instructor: Byron Prinzmetal. Instructors: Dan Richter, Duane McRuer, Southern Courtney

Friday-Sunday Apr 19-21 **LTC**

M: Mountaineering Leadership Course: Designed for candidates for M and E ratings. Begins with weekend seminar starting Fri evening at Harwood Lodge. Snow training May 4-5, rock training May 18-19, graduation trip Jun 1-2. Cost \$100 application deadline Mar 31. See schedule for details. Registrar: Ron Campbell

Saturday-Sunday Apr 20-21 **LTC**

I: Indian Cove Navigation: Navigation noodles to satisfy basic (I/M) level navigation requirements. Sat for practice, skills refresh, altimeter, campfire. Sun for checkout. See schedule for details. Ldr: Harry Freimanis. Asst: Bob Bradshaw

Saturday-Sunday Apr 27-28 LTC

M/E: Snow Checkout: Location to be determined, likely High Sierra. Aspiring E and M leaders. See schedule for details. Reserv/Ldr: Doug Mantle. Co-Ldr: Tina Bowman

Saturday May 4 LTC, 100 Peaks

O: Beginning Navigation Clinic: Mt Lowe (5603') area. 4 mi, 500' gain. Spend most of the day with an expert (1-3 students per instructor) learning or sharpening your skills with a map and compass. Beginners to rusty old timers welcome. Not a checkoff. Many expert instructors will attend. See schedule for details. Ldr: Diane Dunbar. Co-Ldr: Don Creighton

Saturday May 4 LTC

E/M: Horse Flats Rock Workshop/Checkoff: This intermediate and advanced workshop is based on the rock requirements for M and E leadership. Checkoffs for M and E rock must be pre-arranged. It is a restricted trip—to participate you must be a Sierra Club member and have suitable rock climbing experience. See schedule for details. Ldr: Virgil Shields. Asst: Darrell Lee

Sunday May 5 LTC, 100 Peaks

O: Basic Animal Tracking and Awareness Class: Join us for an exciting and very intensive day of learning to recognize animal tracks and signs with nationally known teacher, Jim Lowery. You will learn print identification and animal body language, among many other things. You will also learn to walk silently, blending into the natural environment. Class size is limited. LTC natural history credit available for leaders. Send \$50 (Sierra Club—non-refundable), sase to Byron Prinzmetal. Ldr: Byron Prinzmetal. Naturalists: Ginny Heringer, Sherry Ross

Saturday May 18 LTC, 100 Peaks

C: Beginner Navigation Class: Learn how to read a topo map, use a compass and start to learn to navigate. Several hours of homework required prior to the class, plus purchase of an orienteering compass (if you don't already have one) and class textbook. Class will be held at the Griffith Park Ranger Station and is limited in size. Send sase, nonrefundable \$20 (Sierra Club) to Byron Prinzmetal. Registrar/Instructor: Byron Prinzmetal. Instructors: Harry Freimanis, Southern Courtney, Don Creighton

Sunday May 19 LTC

I: Grinnell Ridge Navigation: Navigation noodle in San Bernardino National Forest for either checkout or practice to satisfy either Basic (I/M) or Advanced (E) level navigation requirements. See schedule for details. Ldr: Harry Freimanis. Asst: Bob Bradshaw

Friday-Saturday May 31-Jun 1 LTC, 100 Peaks

I: Route Finding and Outing Leadership Clinic: Hone your skills at 1½ day hands-on class in beautiful San Gabriel Mtns. Intended for potential I leaders and I leaders wanting to improve their skills. Limited to 6 students. 3+ hours of homework required plus purchase of textbooks and maps. Send sase, leadership rating, H&W phones, email, 8x10" envelope with \$2 postage, \$20 (Sierra Club) to Byron Prinzmetal. Ldr: Byron Prinzmetal. Co-Ldr: Southern Courtney, Bob Beach

Saturday-Sunday Jun 1-2 LTC

M/E: Sierra Snow Checkoff: For M and E candidates wanting to check off leadership ratings. Practice and instruction available for those wanting to brush up on new techniques. Restricted to Sierra Club members with some prior basic training in snow. (see schedule for details) Ldr: Nile Sorenson. Co-Ldr: Dan Richter

Thursday-Sunday Jun 6-9 LTC

C: Wilderness First Aid Course (WFAC): Runs from 8 am Fri to 5:30 pm Sun. Proof of CPR within previous 2 years required. Course fee includes lodging and meals. Send sase, proof of CPR, \$145 with SC#/\$155 non-member (WFAC—full refund through Apr 27). Also repeated 25-27 Oct 2002 Ldr: Steve Schuster

Hundred Peaks Maps

By Byron Prinzmetal-

HPS Mountain Records Chair (MRC)

Ladies and Gentleman

By popular demand the maps are back!!!

Here are the details:

1. They were approved in a "pending approval state" awaiting comments from you (HPS Hikers) as to their accuracy. Please note: the maps will show some additional pathfinder routes and in a very few instances the routes and/or route numbers will differ from what is now shown in the peak guides.
2. Please report all errors to me (the Mountains Records Chair) at **bsprinzmetal@earthlink.net**. It is expected that the maps will become officially approved by vote of your management committee at our May meeting.
3. The maps initially will only be available electronically (not in paper form anymore) and will require the purchase of National

Geographic's California State Series cdrom. This cdrom contains all of the USGS 7.5 maps for the ENTIRE State of California and costs only \$99. The National Geographic State Series software works only on a windows based machine.

The file that contains the maps can be obtained at

<http://maps.nationalgeographic.com/topo/file.cfm?fileid=737>

If that does not work for you, you can get to the same place by going to

1. <http://maps.nationalgeographic.com/topo/>
2. Click on MapXchange
3. Under the state product drop down box, click on California
4. You will find the maps listed under the heading, "Hundred Peaks Maps."

If the above work for you, please email me and I will return them to you via email.

The file containing the maps is rather large (about 700k). It contains routes to all of our peaks, gps waypoints associated with our routes, and instructions (readme file). After you download the file and double click on it, the routes and waypoints will be sent to the following folder c:/topo/maps

If you have questions please email me at the above address, or call or write me at 3718 Berwick Dr, La Cañada, CA 91011-3932, (818) 952-8614. Please remember to send me any inaccuracies you note with the routes shown.

NEW HPS LEADER MILESTONES

By Byron Prinzmetal

Please congratulate Patty Rambert for obtained her "I" rating. She is well on her way to obtaining her "M" and "E" rating as well.

By the time you read this both Sandy Sperling and Sandy Burnside should each have obtained their "I" rating. Their provisional hikes have all been unique and quite challenging. Both will have led either a snowshoe day hike or backpack.

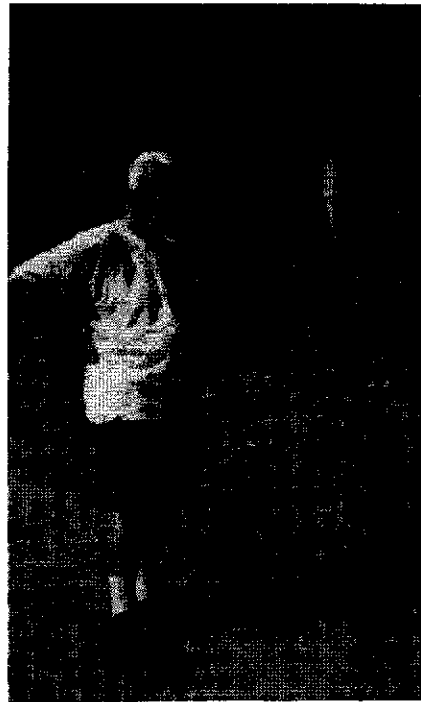
A number of other HPS'ers have started or about to start the process of becoming rated leaders to include Dr. Brian Leverich, Karen Isaacson, Laura Joseph, Ping Pfeffer, and Chris Davis.

We are looking forward to all of the wonderful hikes they lead.

Announcements

Charles Ives Corp 1917-2002

Charles Ives Corp, 84, of Sierra Madre, passed away January 1, 2002. Charles was born in Globe, Arizona



and moved to California in 1945. He was a trusted CPA, respected community leader, conservationist, and hiker. He was an enthusiastic member of the HPS, climbing in life over 200 peaks. He loved his life, his work, family, friends, and the mountains. He was devoted to his wife of 48 years, Louise, who passed away in 1991. Friends and colleagues

remember Charles as a gentleman and outstanding citizen who looked for and found the best in others. His wit and marvelous sense of humor will be missed. Charles is survived by loving children Eric Corp and wife Elaine, Beverly Johnson and husband Dennis, and Mary Corp, along with grandchildren Jessica, Nicholas, Holly, Joanne, Nathaniel and Leif.

Lloyd Davis, former L.A. County superior court judge and very active hiker, passed away in late December 2001, in his 80s. He achieved the HPS 200 peak emblem on October 26, 1982.

He passed up the final two dozen peaks to finish the list when his long-time hiking companion became inactive, but instead turned to other hiking activities. He was a well-known and respected trip leader and participant on Wednesday outings conducted by the Local Hikes Committee hiker, staying active until his final few months.

Peak Climbing Schedule

February 22 - July 14, 2002

By Byron Prinzmetal

NOTICE: "In order to participate in a Sierra Club outing, you will need to sign a liability waiver. If you would like to read a copy of the waiver prior to attending the outing, please see <<http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/>>"

NOTICE: "In the interests of facilitating the logistics of some outings, it is customary that participants make voluntary carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club does not have insurance for carpooling arrangements and assumes no liability for them. Carpooling, ride sharing or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel."

Feb 22-24 Fri - Sun Hundred Peaks

I: San Jacinto Peak (10804'), Jean Peak (10670'), Marion Mountain (10320), Cornell Peak (9750'): Romp in the snow as you gaze down on the desert on this snow camp and snowshoe backpack to the high peaks in San Jacinto State Wilderness. No ice axe or crampons required. Moderately paced, yet very strenuous, 10 miles round trip, 3400' elevation gain. Space limited by permit. Send sase stating conditioning and experience to Leader: Mars Bonfire Assistant(s): Sandy Burnside, Virgil Popescu

Feb 23 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Red Mountain (5261'), Black Mountain #6 (5244'): Moderately paced 8 miles round trip, 3000' gain hike mostly x-country. Newcomers welcome. Meet 7:00 a.m. Canyon Country Rideshare point. Bring minimum 2 rts water, lunch. Leader: Maura Raffensperger Assistant: David Beymer

Feb 23 Sat Hundred Peaks (Co-sponsored with Natural Science)

O: Big Morongo Nature Preserve: Nestled among the Little San Bernardino Mountains, the desert oasis at Big Morongo Canyon is one of the 10 largest cottonwood and willow riparian (riverside) habitats in California. The upstream end of the canyon lies in the Mojave Desert, while its downstream portion opens into the Colorado Desert. About 6 miles, slow pace with lots of stops to learn about this magnificent area. LTC natural history credit available. Meet 6:30 am park and ride on Myrtle Ave one block south of 210 freeway in Monrovia. Bring ten essentials, water, lunch and monocular/binoculars for bird watching. Leader: Byron Prinzmetal Assistant(s): Southern Courtney Naturalists: Ginny Heringer, Sherry Ross

Feb 24 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Backus Peak (6651'), Russell Peak (6696'): Strenuous cross-country hike to HPS-named peaks near Walker Pass. Cross-country to Backus, run class 2 ridge (unless there is serious snow) to Russell, world class scree descent. 8 mile loop, 3000' gain. Phone or e-mail leader a few days before the trip. Leader: Larry Hoak Assistant(s): George Wysup

Feb 24 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Warren Point (5103'): Hone your route finding and outing leadership skills at a full day hands on class at beautiful Joshua Tree NP. The class is intended for potential "I" rated leaders and those "I" rated leaders wanting to improve upon their skills. The class is limited in size to six students. Three or more hours of homework are required plus the purchase of text books and maps. Send sase with current leadership rating, H&W phones, email address, 9x11" envelope w/\$1.25 postage and a \$20 deposit (\$15 refundable at class site) to Leader: Byron Prinzmetal Assistant(s): Southern Courtney, Bob Beach

Feb 27 Wed Hundred Peaks

I: Kratka Ridge (7515'), Mount Akawie (7283'): Moderately paced strenuous snowshoe hike of about 6 mi rt, 2000' gain. Send email with snowshoe experience to Leader: Byron Prinzmetal Assistant(s): Mars Bonfire, George Wysup

Mar 1-3 Fri-Sun Hundred Peaks (Co-sponsored with San Gorgonio Chapter)

San Gorgonio Mountain (11,499'), Chariton Peak (10,806'), Jepson Peak (11,205'), Dobbs Peak (10,459'): Ascend the Big One and enjoy its neighbors on this snow camp and snowshoe backpack to the arctic alpine life zone. No ice axe or crampons required. Moderately paced, very strenuous, 18 miles round trip, 6200' elevation gain. Space limited by permit. Send sase stating conditioning and experience to Leader: Mars Bonfire Assistant(s): Sandy Burnside, Virgil Popescu, George Wysup

New Outing, Not in Schedule

Mar 1 Friday Hundred Peaks

I: Unnamed Peak (6274'), Pinyon Mtn (6182'): Come join us as we explore peaks east and south east of Mayan. The unnamed peak is a craggy spire of beautiful desert rock that can be seen for miles around. It is the highest peak in the area. The hike will be moderate in pace but of unknown distance and gain. Bring ten essentials. Meet 7:30 am at Sylmar Rideshare point. Email leader week of hike to confirm. Ldr: Byron prinzmetal. Co-Ldr: George Wysup

Mar 3 Sun Hundred Peaks, Natural Science, LTC

I: Chaparrosa PK (5541'): Moderate hiking in unique desert terrain along a running stream. Learn from our naturalists about the flora and history of the area. About 8 miles 1500' cross-country hike. LTC natural history credit available for leaders. Meet 7:30 AM at Pomona rideshare pt. Bring ten essentials, lunch and water. Rain cancels. Naturalists: Ginny Heringer, Sherry Ross of our NSS and Brad Cadman of Wildlands Conservancy. Ldrs: Byron Prinzmetal, Maura Raffensperger, Dave Beymer.

This Outing has been cancelled

Mar 3 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Rosa Pt (5038') via Villager Ridge and Mile High Mtn (5320') via Villager Pk before approaching Rosa from the NW on this very strenuous 14 mi rt, 6800' loop hike from the south. Long stretches of scrambling in desert terrain intermingled with spotty use trail. Send sase or esase, recent conditioning, contact info to Ldr: Tom Hill. Co-Ldr: [Name obscured]

Cancelled

Mar 4 Mon Hundred Peaks

O: Iron Mtn #2 (5635'), Fox Mtn #2 (5033'), Condor Pk (5440'): These peaks in the proposed Condor Pk Wilderness used to be part of the California condor range. Climb above the smog for a bird's eye view of the Tujunga Wash area. Strenuous trail hike of 3500' gain, 15 mi rt. Hike is inverted—we will start higher than the peaks, hike down to Fox, then back up to the cars. Dirt road driving with high clearance recommended. Meet 6:30 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring lunch, water, 10 essentials (including headlamp). Ldrs: Byron Prinzmetal, Carleton Shay, Patty Rambert

Mar 6 Wed Hundred Peaks

I: Gobbler's Knob (6955'), Circle Mtn (6880'): Moderately paced moderate hike of 7 mi, 2000' gain on trail and steep, slippery xc. Meet 7:30 am Monrovia rideshare pt. Bring 10 essentials, lunch, water. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Mars Bonfire, Carleton Shay, Byron Prinzmetal

New Outing, Outing not in Schedule

Mar 9 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Black Mtn #6 (5244'), Red Mountain (5261'): Strenuous, moderate pace. Do one or both. Black is approx 5 mi RT with 1400' gain and Red is approx 5 mi RT 1400' gain. Bring 10 essentials, lunch. Meet 6:30 AM Sylmar carpool location. Ldrs: Harvey Ganz, Virgil Popescu

Mar 9 Sat K-9 Comm, Hundred Peaks

O: Mt Lowe (5603'): Join us with your well-mannered k9 for a 4 mi rt hike, 1000' gain, to one of the historic peaks in the San Gabriels. Good hike for beginners. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring lunch, lugsoles, leash, water for you and k9. Rain cancels. Ldr: Charlotte Feitshans, Tammy Solko

Mar 9 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Mt Lowe (5603'), Mt Markham (5742'): Newcomers welcome on this moderately paced hike to peaks via site of historic Alpine Tavern. 7.5 mi rt, 2100' gain from Eaton Saddle. Enjoy great views of LA Basin, surrounding peaks. Meet 8 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring lugsoles, 2 quarts water, lunch. Rain/snow cancels. Ldrs: Peter Glover, Susanne Weil

Mar 9 Sat Lower Peaks, Hundred Peaks

O: Santa Paula Pk (4957'): Beautiful view from front range peak near Fillmore in Ventura County, strenuous 12 mi rt, 4000' gain on trail. Enjoy the highest peak on the Lower Peaks List and one of the tougher ones. Similar to an HPS peak, but we will hike at a more moderate pace. Meet 7 am Sylmar rideshare pt. Call or email leader week of hike to confirm weather conditions and rancher's permission. Ldr: Tom Hill. Co-Ldr: Luella Fickle

Mar 10 Sun Hundred Peaks, K-9 Comm

O: Mt Sally (5408'), Mt Mooney (5840'), Mt Hillyer (6200'): Join us to bag 3 peaks off Angeles Crest hwy in the San Gabriels. Comfortably paced, easy 5 mi rt, 1150' gain hike on firebreak, jeep road and trail. Meet 7 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, munchies for you and your k9, leash, rain/warm clothing. Rain cancels. Ldr: Maggie Wilson. Co-Ldr: Virgil Popescu

Mar 14 Thurs Hundred Peaks

Management Meeting: Please join us for our monthly open management committee meeting. Please call or email the HPS Program Chair, Laura Joseph, for time and place. Laura can be reached at ljoseph2@earthlink.net or (626) 356 4158.

Mar 15 Fri Hundred Peaks, San Gorgonio

I: Martinez Mtn (6560'), Sheep Mtn (5141'): Very strenuous but moderately paced 18 mi rt, 5500' gain hike in Santa Rosas on Cactus Spring trail and xc with some rock scrambling. Some hiking in darkness is a possibility. Send sase/esase, recent hiking experience, contact info to Ldr: George Wysup. Co-Ldr: Carleton Shay

Mar 17 Sun Hundred Peaks

O: Smith Mtn (5111'): Enjoy end-of-winter excursion to this nearby peak with great views of the San Gabriel Valley. Moderate 6 mi rt, 1800' gain. Meet 9 am Azusa rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch. Rain cancels. Ldr: James Carden. Co-Ldrs: Virgil Popescu, Tom Hill

Mar 23 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Backus Pk (6651'), Russell Pk (6696'): Moderately paced, strenuous xc hike to rugged peaks near Walker Pass, named after two of HPS' most respected leaders. Xc to Backus, then along ridge with some class 2 rock to Russell. 8 mi loop, 3500' gain. Send sase/esase, contact info, recent experience to Ldr: Maura Raffensperger. Co-Ldr: David Beymer

Mar 23 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Chaparrosa Pk (5541'): Enjoy this loop trip to an easy peak in a new nature preserve near Yucca Valley, 7 mi rt, 1300' gain. The trail was designed for equestrians, but is mostly used by hikers and has some unusual features. Newcomers welcome. Meet 8 am Pomona rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, warm clothing. Rain cancels. Ldr: Tom Hill. Co-Ldrs: Janet Yang, John Connelly

Mar 25 Mon Hundred Peaks

I: Sunset Pk (5796'): Moderately paced, moderate hike over brushy xc terrain, 5 mi rt, 1500' gain. Meet 7:30 am Monrovia rideshare pt. Bring 10 essentials, water, lunch. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Carleton Shay, Mars Bonfire

New Outing. Not in Schedule

Mar 30 SAT Hundred Peaks

O: Mount Lukens (5074'): Moderately paced 8 mile rt, 3200' gain on road/trail to highest point in the city of Los Angeles. Call 661-242-3351 or email karen@mtpinos.com week of hike to confirm. Bring 10 essentials, water, lunch. Provisional Ldr: Karen Leverich. Asst: Mars Bonfire.

March 30-31 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Little Berdoo (5440+'), Bernard Pk (5360+'), Lost Horse Mtn (5313'), Queen Mtn (5680+'), Inspiration Pt (5575'), Warren Pt (5103'): Moderately paced desert xc hikes. Sat climb Little Berdoo, Bernard, and Lost Horse Mtn. for 12 mi rt, 2420 gain. Sun climb Queen, Inspiration, and Warren for 10 mi rt, 2700 gain. A lot of dirt/gravel road driving on Sat, high clearance vehicles required. Send sase or esase with recent hiking experience and contact info to Maura. Ldr: David Beymer, Maura Raffensperger

Apr 3 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: Josephine Pk (5558') via Colby Cyn: We will do 10 mi with 2100' gain at a moderate pace. Optional shorter hike just to Josephine Saddle. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare pt with water, lunch, hiking footwear. Ldrs: Doris Duval, John DePoy

Apr 6 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Josephine Pk (5558'): Enjoy trek up Colby Cyn to great peak vistas. Moderately paced 5.5 mi loop, 1900' gain, short car shuttle. Meet 8 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring 2 liters water, lunch, lugsoles, 10 essentials. Ldrs: Peter Glover, Susanne Weil

Apr 6 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Martinez Mtn (6560'), Sheep Mtn (5141'): Long dayhike in our new National Monument in the rugged Santa Rosa Mtns south of Palm Springs, via the Cactus Spring trail approach. The trip is very strenuous. 18 mi rt, 5500' gain with much xc in desert terrain, but our pace will be moderate. Send sase/esase, recent conditioning/experience to Ldr: Tom Hill. Co-Ldrs: David Beymer, Maura Raffensperger

Apr 6 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Topatopa Bluff (6367'): Strenuous 14 mi, 4500' gain hike over established trails in Los Padres National Forest. Send sase/email, conditioning/experience to Ldr: Kate Rogowski. Asst: Janet Yang

Not In Schedule

Apr 6 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Rabbit Pk #1 (5307'), Granite Mtn #1 (6600'), Round Top (6316'), Iron Mtn #3 (5040'): Moderately paced, very strenuous hike over very steep slippery, brushy xc terrain, 14 mi rt, 4000' gain. Meet 8 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring ten essentials, water, lunch. Ldrs: Larry Hoak, Virgil Popescu

Apr 7 Sun LTC, Hundred Peaks

Basic Leadership Training Clinic: Expand your knowledge on how to lead a safe, enjoyable and inspired outing. Open to all existing Angeles Chapter leaders who have led at least 5 non-provisional outings. Several hours of homework required prior to the class, plus the purchase of the class textbook. Class to be held at Griffith Park Ranger Station and is limited in size. Send sase, current rating, list of the last 5 scheduled hikes you have led, nonrefundable \$20 check (Sierra Club) to Registrar/Instructor: Byron Prinzmetal. Instructors: Dan Richter, Duane McRuer, Southern Courtney

April 11 Thurs Hundred Peaks

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New Outing, Not In Schedule

April 10 Wed Hundred Peaks

O: Smith (5111'): Easy smell-the-roses paced, moderate 7 mi rt, 1800' gain hike to front range pk on lovely trail and steep, slippery cross-country. Route takes us to the edge of the beautiful San Gabriel Wilderness. Meet 9:00 am Azusa rideshare pt. Bring ten essentials, lunch and water. Rain postpones. To confirm, send e-mail week of hike to Provisional Ldr Brian Leverich <leverich@mtpinos.com>. Co-Ldrs: Byron Prinzmetal, Sandy Burnside.

New Outing. Not in Schedule

Apr 13 SAT Hundred Peaks

O: Mount Emma (5273'): Moderately paced, 2 miles rt, 1,000' gain. A good one for beginners! Call or email leader week of hike to confirm. Call 661-242-3351 or email karen@mtpinos.com week of hike to confirm. Bring 10 essentials, water, lunch. Provisional Ldr: Karen Leverich. Asst: Mars Bonfire.

Apr 13 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Mt Deception (5796'), Mt Disappointment (5960'), San Gabriel Pk (6161'), Mt Markham (5742'), Mt Lowe (5603'): Moderately paced, 14 mi rt, 4000'+ gain, strenuous all-day jaunt on trails. Possibly also Occidental Pk (5732') and Mt Wilson (5710'). Meet 7 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring 3 quarts liquid, good boots, lunch. Check with leader the week prior regarding weather conditions. Rain cancels. Ldr: John Connelly. Asst: Kate Rogowski

Apr 13 Sat Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks

O: Mt Lowe (5603'): Moderately fast-paced 13 mi rt, 3800' gain semi-loop along beautiful historic route going up Castle Cyn and down Sam Merrill Trail. Meet 7:50 am top of Lake St (Altadena) with water, lunch, good footwear, suitable layered clothing. Heavy rain cancels. Ldrs: Rosemary Campbell, Deborah Nakamoto

Apr 14 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Hines Pk (6716'): Moderately paced strenuous 15 mi, 5200' gain to remote peak in Los Padres National Forest via Sisar Cyn. For instructions, meeting place, time call Ldrs: Don Croley, George Wysup

Apr 14 Sun Hundred Peaks

O: Rabbit Pk #3 (5307'), Granite Mtn #1 (6600'), Round Top (6316'), Iron Mtn #3 (5040'): Traditional, classic ridgeline loop to pick up this nice set of peaks in the San Gabriels. Strenuous but moderately paced 10 mi rt, 3500' gain on firebreaks and roads. Meet 8 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch. Rain cancels. Ldr: Ray Wolfe. Co-Ldrs: Tom Hill, James Carden

New Outing, Not In Schedule

Apr 15 Mon Hundred Peaks

I: Chief Pk (5560'), Hines Pk (6717'), Topatopa Bluff: Start your week off right and celebrate income tax day. Moderately paced, strenuous on road and over steep, slippery, rocky cross-country terrain, 10 mi rt, 3000' gain. Requires 4x4 vehicles. Bring ten essentials, water and lunch. Rain postpones. Send email with vehicle type, conditioning and W&H phones to Ldr: Byron Prinzmetal. Co-Ldrs: Sandy Burnside, Patty Rambert

New Outing, Not In Schedule

Apr 19-21 Fri-Sun Hundred Peaks

I: The Big Three—San Rafael Mtn (6593'), McKinley Mtn (6200'), Santa Cruz Pk (5570'): (Often referred to as the "Big 3"). Strenuous moderately paced 32 mi rt, 7400' gain backpack on road and xc in beautiful Los Padres National Forest. Overnight camp at McKinley Spring. Rain postpones. Send E-mail with phone numbers and recent conditioning/backpack experience to Ldr: Byron Prinzmetal. Co-Ldr: Sandy Burnside [USFS Adventure Pass reqd]

Apr 20 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Morris Pk (7215'), Mount Jenkins (7921'): This moderately strenuous 14 mi rt, 3000' gain hike from Walker Pass traverses a beautiful stretch of the Southern Sierra crest on the PCT with some off-trail rock scrambling to reach Jenkins. Send sase or email to Ldr: Tom Hill. Co-Ldr: Harvey Ganz

Apr 20 Sat K-9 Comm, Hundred Peaks

O: Mt Hillyer (6200'): Easy 6 mi rt, 900' gain hike on pleasant trail at relaxed pace from Chilao campground area through lovely country to forested peak. Beginners welcome. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water for you and k9, lunch, leash, jugssoles. Rain cancels. Ldr: Charlotte Feitshans, Tammy Solko

Apr 21 Sun Hundred Peaks, K-9 Comm

O: Mt Gleason (6520'), Iron Mtn #2 (5635'): Hike with your beast on a moderate 10 mi rt, comfortably paced 700' gain plus 1300' gain on return hike on dirt road in Angeles National Forest. Meet 7 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, munchies for you and your k9, leash, rain/warm clothing. Rain cancels. Ldr: Maggie Wilson. Co-Ldr: Virgil Popescu

Apr 22 Mon Hundred Peaks

I: Pacifico Mtn (7124'), Mt Gleason (6520'): Join us as we hike the PCT to Pacifico from Mill Creek Saddle. Moderately paced, moderately strenuous, 10 mi rt, 2000' gain, mostly on trail. Meet 7:30 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, 10 essentials. Ldrs: Byron Prinzmetal, Carleton Shay, SANDY BURNSIDE

Apr 25-28 Thu-Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Big Four—Samon Pk (6227'), Big Pine Mtn (6800'), West Big Pine (6490'), Madulce Pk (6536'): Strenuous 4 days, 3 nights, moderately paced backpack in beautiful Los Padres National Forest wilderness areas north of Santa Barbara. The totals for this trip are 45 mi, 8000' gain on road, trail, and steep, slippery, brushy xc terrain. Send email, H&W phones, recent conditioning/backpacking experience to Ldr: Byron Prinzmetal. Co-Ldr: Mars Bonfire, Patty Rambert, Sandy Burnside

Apr 27 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Eagle Crag (5077') via Dripping Springs and Wild Horse Trails: Very strenuous, steady, but moderately paced 24 mi, 5500' gain loop hike on trail and xc in San Diego County, 13 mi SE of Temecula in Aqua Tibia Wilderness. Send email/sase, H&W phones, recent conditioning to Ldr: Virgil Popescu. Co-Ldr: Maggie Wilson

Apr 27 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Santiago Pk (LO) (5687'), Modjeska Pk (5498'): Join us to climb the two great Orange County HPS peaks! Moderately paced, strenuous 20 mi rt, 4500' hike over road and trail routes. Send sase/email, hiking resume to Ldr: Kate Rogowski. Asst: Janet Yang

Apr 28 Sun Hundred Peaks

O: Skinner Pk (7120'): Join us along the Pacific Crest Trail as it traverses high, picturesque desert country from Bird Spring Pass to the summit plateau of the HPS peak in the Southern Sierras. Moderate 8 mi rt, 1700' gain, relaxed pace. Much dirt road driving—high clearance vehicles recommended. Meet 7 am Sylmar rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch. Rain threat in Kern County cancels. Call or email leader week of hike to confirm. Ldr: Tom Hill. Co-Ldrs: James Carden, Ray Wolfe

May 1 Wed Hundred Peaks

I: Mill Pk (6670'), Keller Pk (LO) (7882'), Slide Pk (7841'), Crafts Pk (8364'), Butler Pk (LO) (8535'): Moderate to easy hikes in the San Bernardino National Forest. 10 mi, 3000' gain, brushy xc and road. Do as many peaks as we have time for. Dirt road drives between peaks. Meet 7:30 am Monrovia rideshare pt. Bring 10 essentials, lunch, water. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Carleton Shay, Byron Prinzmetal

May 4 Sat Lower Peaks, Hundred Peaks

I: Cathedral Pk (3333'): Come experience a strong contender for addition to the Lower Peaks List. One of the best! Highpoint of the sandstone Mission Crags, it features outstanding scenery and summit views. Adjoining Mission Cyn in the rugged Santa Barbara front range. Scramble up steep path and over large boulders to the top. Strenuous 6 mi rt, 2500' gain, class 2-3. No beginners. Optional side trip to cool off in nearby Seven Pools. Send sase or email, experience, H&W phones for trailhead directions to Ldr: Erik Siering. Co-Ldr: Charlie Knapke

May 4 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Eagle Rest Pk (6005') from the North: We pass into the heart of the Wind Wolves Preserve to this remote, craggy peak west of Frazier Park. Spectacular scenery and wildlife. Strenuous 9 mi, 3300' gain, some rock scrambling near the summit. Send sase/esase, recent conditioning, contact info to Ldr: Tom Hill. Co-Ldr: Virgil Popescu

May 4 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Hawes Pk (6751'), Shay Mtn (6714'), Ingham Pk (6355'), Little Shay Mtn (6635'): Moderately paced, strenuous trail/xc hike. Some dirt road driving—high clearance vehicles recommended. 15 mi rt, 4500' gain. Send sase/esase, recent conditioning, contact info to Ldrs: David Beymer, Maura Raffensperger

May 4 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: San Diego County Drive-Ups: Bag all three of the HPS drive-ups in San Diego County ("peak" names revealed upon request). 400 mi of driving, some on difficult dirt roads requiring 4WD vehicles. ½ mi hiking with 100' elevation gain includes lookout tower. Conditioning not required. Send email, H&W phones, vehicle info to Ldr: Byron Prinzmetal. Co-Ldr: Carleton Shay

May 5 Sun Natural Science, LTC, Hundred Peaks

O: Basic Animal Tracking and Awareness Class: Join us for an exciting and very intensive day of learning to recognize animal tracks and signs with nationally know teacher, Jim Lowery. You will learn print identification and animal body language, among many other things. You will also learn to walk silently, blending into the natural environment. Class size is limited. LTC natural history credit available for leaders. Send \$50 (Sierra Club—non-refundable), sase to Ldr: Byron Prinzmetal. Naturalists: Ginny Heringer, Sherry Ross

May 6 Mon Hundred Peaks

I: Morris Pk (7215'), Mt Jenkins (7921'): Moderately paced, strenuous hike on road and over steep, slippery, brushy, rocky xc terrain, 10 mi rt, 4500' gain. Dirt road driving—high clearance vehicles recommended. Meet 6:30 am Sylmar rideshare pt. Bring 10 essentials, head lamp, water, lunch. Ldrs: Byron Prinzmetal, Carleton Shay, Mars Bonfire, Sandy Burnside

May 8 WED Hundred Peaks

I: Bare Mountain (6920'): Moderately paced, 6 miles rt on mostly steep, slippery, brushy cross-country terrain, 2600' gain. Dirt road driving. Contact leader by email karen@mtpinos.com or phone 661-242-3351 week of hike to confirm. Bring 10 essentials, water, lunch. Provisional Ldr: Karen Leverich. Asst: Byron Prinzmetal.

May 9 Thurs Hundred Peaks

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May 10 Fri Hundred Peaks

I: Lily Rock (8000'), Tahquitz Pk (LO) (8846'): Moderately paced, strenuous climb on trail and over steep, slippery, rocky xc terrain. 10 mi rt, 2500' gain. Lily's summit block is optional. Size limited by permit. Send email for reservations, directions to Ldr: Byron Prinzmetal. Co-Ldr: Carleton Shay, Bob Beach, Sandy Burnside.

New Outing, Outing not in Schedule

May 11 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Thorn Point (6920'): Moderate, moderate pace, 8 miles RT 2000' gain depending on road conditions. Bring 10 essentials, lunch. Meet 8:00 AM Sylmar carpool location. Ldrs: Harvey Ganz, James Carden

May 11 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Iron Mtn #2 (5635'), Condor Pk (5440'), Mt Gleason (6520'): Moderately paced hike, 12 mi rt, 3000' gain. Some dirt road driving, but 4wd not required. Meet 7 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring lugsoles, 3 quarts water, lunch, 10 essentials. Rain/snow cancels. Ldrs: Peter Glover, Susanne Weil

May 11 Sat Hundred Peaks, Rio Hondo

O: Mt Williamson (8214'): Enjoy the beautiful high country on this 5 mi, 1700' gain loop trip. Easy paced, beginners welcome. Short car shuttle. Meet 8 am Pomona rideshare or 9:30 am Islip Saddle. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles. Ldrs: Gabriele Rau, Gordon Lindberg

May 11 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Occidental Pk (5732'), Mt Markham (5742'): Modest 6 mi 2000' gain hike in Angeles Natl. Forest with legendary HPS leader. Mostly on poor use trail; expect brush on Occidental. Meet 8 am at La Canada carpool point. Bring lunch, water, lugsoles. Ldr: Frank Goodykoontz. Co-Ldr: David Michels

New Outing, Outing not in Schedule

May 11 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Pilot Knob (6200+): Strenuous, moderately paced hike in southern Sierra. Consider staying for Sunday outing. 6 mi rt, 3400' gain over difficult steep rocky terrain. Safety issues limit size of group. Please send esase/sase with recent experience and contact info to Ldr: Sandy Sperling, Asst: George Wysup, Sandy Burnside.

May 12 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Sorell Pk (7704'), Piute Mtns Exploratory (8440'), Piute Lookout (8326'), Weldon Pk (6320'): The crest of the lofty Piute Mtns is our goal as we schedule an outing that visits their major summits on this strenuous hike, 11 mi rt, 3000' gain, much of it in forested xc. This is an exploratory trip for those who may have wondered why the HPS recognizes the foundations of an abandoned lookout rather than the high-point of the range, located a few miles to the southwest. We also visit nearby Piute Pk, Piute Benchmark, and the cutely named Pah Ute Benchmark to allow for the ultimate in comparison shopping. Send sase/esase, recent conditioning, contact info to Ldr: Tom Hill. Co-Ldr: Virgil Popescu

May 13 Mon Hundred Peaks

I: Yucaipa Ridge: Little San Gorgonio Pk (9133'), Wilshire Mtn (8832'), Wilshire Pk (8680'), Cedar Mtn (8324'), Birch Mtn (7826'): Moderately paced, very strenuous trek over very steep, very slippery, brushy, rocky, but very pretty xc terrain. 12 mi, 4500' gain, 5500' loss. Send email, H&W phones, conditioning to Ldr: Byron Prinzmetal. Co-Ldr: Carleton Shay

New Outing, Not In Schedule

May 15 Wed Hundred Peaks

I: Mt Pinos (LO) (8831'), Sawmill Mtn (8818'), Grouse Mtn (8682'): 10 mi, 2500' gain ridge hike with fantastic views of Ventura and Kern counties. Visit area where condors once thrived. The Mariposa Lily's should be out in full bloom then. Moderate pace. Meet 7 am Sylmar rideshare pt. Bring lunch, ten essentials, 2+ qts water, snacks. Rain postpones. Email leader week of hike to confirm. Ldr: Byron Prinzmetal. Co-Ldrs: Carleton Shay, Sandy Burnside

May 17 Fri Hundred Peaks

M: Antsell Rock (7679'): Moderately paced, strenuous hike on trail and over steep, slippery, rocky xc terrain. 8 mi rt, 2000' gain. The "M" rated summit block on Antsell Rock is optional. Wilderness area limits size of group. For reservations, directions, send email to Ldr: Byron Prinzmetal. Co-Ldrs: Carleton Shay, Bob Beach, Luella Fickle

May 18 Sat Hundred Peaks

M: Antsell Rock (7679'), Apache Pk (7567'), Spittler Pk (7440'): Springtime loop hike near Idyllwild. Scramble to the top of a classic HPS summit via the Sam Fink Trail, then exit via the Spittler Pk Trail. Strenuous, but we'll take our time. 12 mi loop, 3800' gain. Participants should be comfortable with moderate exposure on solid rock. Trip size limited to 12 so reserve early. Send sase/esase, contact info, recent experience to Ldr: Tom Hill. Co-Ldr: Patty Kline

May 18 Sat LTC, Hundred Peaks

Beginner Navigation Class: Learn how to read a topo map, use a compass and start to learn to navigate. Several hours of homework required prior to the class, plus purchase of an orienteering compass (if you don't already have one) and class textbook. Class will be held at the Griffith Park Ranger Station and is limited in size. Send sase, nonrefundable \$20 check (Sierra Club) to Registrar/Instructor: Byron Prinzmetal. Instructors: Harry Freimanis, Southern Courtney, Don Creighton

May 18 Sat Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks

O: Pacifico Mtn (7124'): Moderately fast-paced 12 mi rt, 2200' gain from Mill Creek Summit. Wildflowers at their best! Meet 7:50 am La Cañada rideshare pt with lunch, water, good footwear, fsp. Heavy rain cancels. Ldrs: Rosemary Campbell, Jim Heringer

May 18 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Pine Mtn #1 (9648'), Dawson Pk (9575'), Wright Mtn (8505'): Moderately paced, strenuous, all-day trudge on trails, including a long spiny ridge with loose rock. 11 mi rt, 4000' gain. Meet 7 am Pomona rideshare pt. Bring 3 quarts liquid, good boots, lunch. Rain cancels. Check with leader week prior regarding weather conditions. Ldr: John Connelly. Assts: Roxana Lewis, Kate Rogowski

May 18 Sat Hundred Peaks, K-9 Comm

O: Reyes Pk (7514'), Haddock Mtn (7431'): Bring your pup for a pleasant 10 mi rt, comfortably paced 1700' gain hike on trail to two peaks north of Ojai. Meet 8 am Woodland Hills rideshare pt. Bring water, munchies for you and your k9, leash. Rain cancels. Ldr: Virgil Popescu. Co-Ldr: Maggie Wilson

May 18-19 Sat-Sun WTC, Hundred Peaks

I: Grinnell Mtn (10,284'), Lake Pk (10,161'), Charlton Pk (10,806'), San Gorgonio Mtn (11,499'), San Bernardino Pk (10,649') Plus Others: Traverse the San Gorgonio high country from Fish Creek to Angelus Oaks in this early season backpack. Sat set up car shuttle, start with Grinnell and Lake Pk, then San Gorgonio and Charlton and on to camp at High Meadow Spring, 14 mi, 4000' gain for the day, some xc. Sun hike along high ridge and grab peaks on the way to San Bernardino Pk before descending, 12 mi, little elevation gain. Strenuous days at a moderate pace. Scattered snow may affect plans. Send sase, email, H&W phones, conditioning, experience, rideshare info to Ldr: Scott Nelson. Asst: Beth Epstein

May 18-19 Sat-Sun Palos Verdes-South Bay, Hundred Peaks, Sierra Peaks

I: Owens Pk (8453'), Pinyon Pk (6805'): Sat moderate 6 mi rt, 3100' gain trail and xc to Owens. Happy hour and carcamp Sat night. Sun moderate 5 mi rt, 3100' gain xc to Pinyon. Send sase, H&W phones, email, recent experience/conditioning to Ldr: Bob Beach. Co-Ldr: Keith Martin

New Outing, Not In Schedule

May 20 Mon Hundred Peaks

I: Palm View Pk (7160'), Cone Pk (6800'): Start your week off right with a strenuous, moderately paced, 11 mi rt, 2000' gain, mostly brushy cross-country hike with some class two rock. Meet 7:30 am Pomona rideshare pt. Bring ten essentials, lunch and water. Rain postpones. Email leader a few days before the outing to confirm. Ldr: Byron Prinzmetal. Co-Ldr: Sandy Burnside

New Outing, Not In Schedule

May 22 Wed Hundred Peaks

I: Mt. Williamson (8214'), Palmett Mtn (7760+), Will Thrall Pk (7845'), Pleasant View Rdg (7983'): Moderate hike, pretty area in Angeles NF; 15 mi rt, 4500' gain mostly on tri. USFS Parking Permit reqd. Bring about 4 qts water, lunch, ten essentials. Meet 6:30 am La Canada rideshare pt. Leaders: Rain postpones. Email leader a few days before the outing to confirm. Ldr: Byron Prinzmetal, Co-Ldr: Sandy Burnside

May 24-26 Fri-Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Sunday Pk (8295'), Bohna Pk (6760'), Black Mtn #5 (7438'), Split Mtn (6835'), Sirreta Pk (9977'), Cannel Pt (8314'): Moderately paced, strenuous hike on trail and steep brushy xc terrain. 10 mi, 3000' gain each day. Car camp Fri and Sat evening. Dirt road driving—high clearance vehicles recommended. Send email, H&W phones, conditioning to Ldr: Byron Prinzmetal. Co-Ldr: Mars Bonfire, Carleton Shay, SANDY BURNSIDE

May 26 Sun Hundred Peaks

O: Frazier Mtn (LO) (8000'), Reyes Pk (7514'), Haddock Mtn (7431'): Classic trip amidst nice forest and dramatic rock outcroppings to "Pine Mtn" in Ventura County after first playing tourist on Frazier Mtn, an easy drive-up with 12 mi of excellent dirt road. We will take our time on this easy outing, 8 mi rt, 1400' gain. Newcomers welcome. Meet 8 am Sylmar rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, good cheer. Rain cancels. Ldr: John Connelly. Co-Ldr: Janet Yang, Tom Hill

May 29 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: Mt Hawkins (8850'): 8 mi rt, 2400' gain up steep use-trail to the spectacular views at Windy Gap and along the trail to this popular summit. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare pt with water, lunch, suitable footwear. Ldrs: Rosemary Campbell, Ron Rosien

May 29 Wed Hundred Peaks

I: Sugarloaf Mtn (9952'): Enjoy the picturesque high country near Big Bear Lake with a difficult, steep and rocky exploratory route to the peak. Moderately paced hike of 10 mi, 3000' gain. Meet 7 am Pomona rideshare pt. Bring lunch, water, goodies to share. Ldrs: Byron Prinzmetal, Carleton Shay, Mars Bonfire

May 31-Jun 1 Fri-Sat LTC, Hundred Peaks

I: Route Finding and Outing Leadership Clinic: Hone your skills at 1 1/2 day hands-on class in beautiful San Gabriel Mtns. Intended for potential I leaders and I leaders wanting to improve their skills. Limited to 6 students. 3+ hours of homework required plus purchase of textbooks and maps. Send sase, leadership rating, H&W phones, email, 8x10" envelope with \$2 postage, \$20 (Sierra Club) to Ldr: Byron Prinzmetal. Co-Ldr: Southern Courtney, Bob Beach

Jun 1 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Boucher Hill (LO) (5438'), Hot Springs Mtn (6533'), Combs Pk (6193'), Palomar High Pt (6140'), Indian Mtn (5790'): We punctuate this southern tour with some easy HPS peaks totaling 11 mi rt, 2200' gain. High clearance vehicles recommended for 50 mi of dirt road driving. We finish this orgy by an optional road-walk hike to Indian Mtn, the final peak, to avoid driving the brushiest road on the list. Send sase/esase, vehicle info to Ldr: John Connelly. Asst: Tom Hill

Jun 1 Sat Hundred Peaks, K-9 Comm

I: Thom Pt (LO) (6920'), San Guillermo Mtn (6606'): Enjoy scenic geological uplifts on these picturesque peaks in Lockwood Valley near Frazier Park. Moderate hikes and pace, 8 mi rt, 2000' gain on trail for first peak. Second peak is optional, 2 mi rt, 800' gain xc. Dirt road approach with high-clearance vehicles recommended. Meet 8 am Sylmar rideshare pt. Bring enough food, water, snacks for you and your k9. Ldr: Julie Rush. Co-Ldr: Virgil Popescu

Jun 2 Sun Hundred Peaks, K-9 Comm

O: Mt Williamson (8214'): Easy outing in Angeles National Forest is on trail, suitable for beginners. Well-behaved k9 ok. Hike involves 3 mi rt, 1500' gain. This is the 21st annual first Sun in June hike with Stag! Meet 8 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, sturdy boots. Ldr: Joe Young. Asst: Stag Brown

New Outing, Not In Schedule

Jun 5 Wed Hundred Peaks

I: Bighorn (10,997'), Dragon's Head (10,866'): Come join as we car camp and party Tuesday night and climb these two 10,000'+ peaks in the San Gorgonio Wilderness on Wednesday, plus other peaks the leaders may choose. Moderately paced, but very strenuous 5000'+ gain, 12 mi rt on trail and steep, rocky cross country. Space limited. Send E-mail Ldr: Byron Prinzmetal. Co-Ldrs: Sandy Burnside

Jun 7 Fri Hundred Peaks

I: Bighorn Pk (8441'), Ontario Pk (8693'), Sugarloaf Pk (6924'): Moderately paced, moderately strenuous romp on trail and over steep, slippery, rocky, nasty xc terrain. 12 mi rt, 4200' gain. Wilderness area permit limits size of group. For reservation, directions, send email to Ldr: Byron Prinzmetal. Co-Ldr: Carleton Shay, Mars Bonfire

New Outing, Outing not in Schedule

Jun 8 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Tehachapi Mountain (7960') and Black Mountain #3 (5686'): Moderate and moderate pace. Approx. 7 mi RT and 3500' gain for the day with a drive between trailheads. Bring 10 essentials, lunch. Meet 6:30 AM Sylmar rideshare. Ldrs: Harvey Ganz, Sara Wyrens

Jun 8 Sat Hundred Peaks, San Gorgonio

O: Black Mtn #1 (LO) (7772'), Castle Rocks (8600'), Indian Mtn (5790'): Let's hike some strenuous "drive ups" near Idylwild, mostly on trail and road. 15 mi rt, 4400' gain for first two peaks. 2.5 mi rt, 1200' gain (all on road) separate hike to Indian. Space is limited by permit to 12 persons. Send sase/ese, recent conditioning, contact info to Ldr: Sandy Burnside. Co-Ldr: George Wysup, Roxana Lewis

Jun 8 Sat K-9 Comm, Hundred Peaks

O: Josephine Pk (5558'): Easy 6 mi, 1900' gain fun hike on fire road with k9 pals. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring 3 "L" essentials (lunch, leash, lugsoles), water for you and k9. Ldrs: Charlotte Feitshans, Tammy Solko

Jun 9 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Iron Mtn #1 (8007'): A long dayhike in long daylight to The Big One in the San Gabriel Mtns, difficult from all directions. We hike up the standard route from Heaton Flat, very strenuous. 14 mi, 7200' gain, but our pace will be moderate. The final stretch to the summit is a steep use-trail, beautiful in its own way—called "the place where yuccas go when they die," because of the huge symmetrical versions of this plant. Send sase/ese, recent conditioning/experience to Ldr: Maura Raffensperger. Co-Ldr: David Beymer, Tom Hill

Jun 10 Mon Hundred Peaks

I: San Bernardino E. Pk (10,691'), San Bernardino Pk (10,649'), Anderson Pk (10,840'), Shield's Pk (10,680'): Very strenuous, moderate pace, 20 mi rt, 5000' gain hike along the beautiful San Bernardino Ridge. Permit limits group size. Send email, H&W phones, recent conditioning to Ldr: Byron Prinzmetal. Co-Ldr: Carleton Shay, Mars Bonfire

June 13 Thurs Hundred Peaks

Management Meeting: Please join us for our monthly open management committee meeting. Please call or email the HPS Program Chair, Laura Joseph, for time and place. Laura can be reached at ljoseph2@earthlink.net or (626) 356 4158.

Jun 15 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Mt San Antonio (Baldy) (10,064'), Mt Harwood (9552'), Thunder Mtn (8587'), Telegraph Pk (8985'), Timber Mtn (8303'): Strenuous 18 mi loop, 6000' gain, 7000' loss hike over established trails in Eastern San Gabriels. Send sase/ese, climbing resume to Ldr: Kate Rogowski. Assts: Peter Doggett, Janet Yang

Jun 16 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Old Man Mtn (5538'), Monte Arido (6010') from the South: We go for the marathon version of these peaks, 24 mi rt, 6100' gain, mostly on road, except for a brushy side trip up to Old Man Mtn. Send sase/ese, recent conditioning, contact info to Ldr: Tom Hill. Asst: Virgil Popescu

Jun 24-28 Mon-Fri Hundred Peaks

O/I: Peaks and Lakes of Rocky Mtn National Park: Come join us for a wonderful week of hiking in the majestic Rocky Mtn National Park. Each day, depending upon conditions and group desires, will offer a moderate to strenuous, rather slowly paced, high altitude hike of between 5-16 mi, up to 4500' gain on trail and steep, slimy, rocky, snowy, xc terrain. Some 12k+ peaks are possible depending on conditions. You will need to provide your own transportation and lodging. Send email, recent conditioning, H&W phones to Ldr: Byron Prinzmetal. Co-Ldr: Mars Bonfire, Sandy Burnside, Bob Beach, Brent Washburne

Jun 29 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: San Jacinto Pk (10,804'): Could be a pathfinder. Moderately paced 19 mi rt, 5200' gain hike over beautiful trails near Idylwild. Send sase or esase to Ldr: Kate Rogowski. Asst: Janet Yang

Jun 29 Sat Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks

O: Thunder Mtn (8587'), Telegraph Pk (8985'), Timber Mtn (8303'): Strenuous but scenic 12 mi, 3000' gain/4200' loss loop from Manker Flats to Baldy Notch, the 3 peaks and exiting at Icehouse Cyn. Short car shuttle required. Not suitable for beginners. Meet 7:30 am Baldy rideshare pt with 3 quarts water, lunch, good footwear, fsp. Ldrs: Rosemary Campbell, Rhonda Longmore

Jun 30 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Split Mtn (6835'), Black Mtn #5 (7438'): A strenuous loop hike to two of our most northern peaks, 12 mi rt, 3700' gain, including much brush and some moderate rock scrambling amidst occasional forest. The trip to these challenging peaks is usually long, hot and dry, so bring a positive attitude and enjoy them with us. Send sase, recent conditioning, contact info to Ldr: Virgil Popescu. Co-Ldr: Tom Hill

Jul 12-14 Fri-Sun Hundred Peaks, Wilderness Adventures

O: San Jacinto Backpack: 3 days/2 nights moderately paced backpack in the beautiful San Jacinto Wilderness. 23 mi rt. Start and end at Palm Springs Tram (\$21 rt). Climb San Jacinto Pk (10,804') and Suicide Rock (7528'). Camp at Little Round Valley and Strawberry Junction. 2400' gain day 1, 3300' loss day 2, 1600' gain day 3. Space limited by state park permit, so reserve early. Send sase, recent backpack/conditioning experience to Ldr: Rhonda Longmore. Co-Ldr: Rosemary Campbell

Current Trip Reports

EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Fifty-seven year old accounting technician from Poway, California, day hikes Santa Cruz and becomes the 228th person and around the 70th woman to finish THE LIST!

Santa Cruz Pk (5570')

December 16, 2001

A hikers' choice custom hike with Barbara – THE LIST FINISHER – Guerin, Dorothy Danziger, Karen Issacson, Edith Liu, and Mars Bonfire.

By Mars Bonfire

What does it mean to day hike Santa Cruz? According to our latest peak guide it means 27 miles round trip, 7,100 feet of gain, dense brush near the summit, difficult navigation, is extremely strenuous, and requires 16-18 hours. We won't argue with that! In fact we'll add to it. We left at 5:30am and returned at 3:30am the next morning, encountering areas of hard snow and ice near McKinley Spring, lots of the promised dense brush, and low temperatures on the way out. Imagine stopping by the local gathering spot on your way home from work and announcing: "Hey gang I've got a great idea. Instead of sitting around here in this warm and cozy watering hole, watching wrestling matches and sitcoms, downing beers and munching chicken wings, why don't we go on a 27 mile, 7,100' high, 22 hour walk through snow, ice, and dense brush in near freezing temperatures?" First there would be stunned silence, followed by looks of total discombobulation, and then exclamations of "you're ***** out of your mind! Are you trying to kill us?", and finally and relievedly a return to normality: "Here, sit down. Have a drink. You were just kidding, right?"

But Barbara wasn't kidding. I left a message with her on Thursday the 13th letting her know the expected conditions – the road could still be wet and sticky from recent rain, there could be snow at higher elevations, it could be windy and cold – and asking if the adventure was still acceptable. Her response came back unambiguous in purity of purpose: "It's time to finish THE LIST!"

What then does it mean to finish THE LIST? As Martin Parsons calculated for Ping's finish the mile and elevation numbers are so high as to be beyond human scale. So let's forget the numbers and focus instead on purity of purpose. The journey to 275 or so peaks begins with one peak, and then another, and another without ever losing the sense of adventure, elation, and accomplishment that coursed through us on that first summit. For Barbara that

complex of emotions came December 15, 1997 on a private trip to Garnet Pk. It continued through my first hike with her – a September 11, 1999 HPS trip to 10K, Lake, and Grinnell with Diane Dunbar. It propelled her to tackle San Gorgonio, San Jacinto, and Villager on her own. And four years and one day after it began, purity of purpose carried her to victory on Santa Cruz, putting her in a rarefied group – an explorer, an enjoyer, and a protector of the Southern California Mountains – an HPS LIST FINISHER!

Barbara Guerin Finishes the List --

Santa Cruz Peak

Led by Mars Bonfire

16 December 2001 (and a bit of 17 December)

By Karen Isaacson Leverich

Our November backpack to the Big Three had ended on a soggy note – we'd only managed two of the three peaks (McKinley and San Rafael) before the weather turned uncooperative and we'd ended up trudging out, defeated, in the mud. So after the backpack the following weekend to Rabbit and Villager, the only peak separating Barbara Guerin from her list finish was that nasty orphan we had left over from the Big Three – Santa Cruz Peak.

What to do, what to do?!? The storms kept arriving, would that muddy road every dry out? Here at the house (many miles away but at a similar elevation - 5600'), it was one snow storm after another – if the road to McKinley Saddle wasn't a muddy bog, would it instead require snowshoes? Meanwhile, Byron Prinzmetal has been researching the possibility of getting a key to the gate so we could drive at least as far as the saddle, but but but ... that might not be doable until spring.

Barbara got tired of waiting, for the key, for perfect weather, for whatever, and decided for us: she wanted to go for it. If George Wysup and Laura Joseph could do all three peaks as a dayhike, surely we could manage one peak. 27 miles, 7,100' gain (4,800' on the way to the peak, 2,300' on return) – what a way to end the list! Mars Bonfire would be our leader, and Dorothy Danziger, Edith Liu, Brian Leverich and myself would provide moral support. I'd incidentally tidy up that nasty orphan, but of course that happy potential result never crossed my mind. Of course not!

The plan was to car camp at Cachuma Saddle the night before, then start hiking shortly before light, at 5AM. Brian and I have a teensy RV we seldom use, but intended to take it out for this adventure,

figuring hot coffee (before) and cold champagne (after) would be welcomed by our hiking partners. But then Brian saw the Weather Statement the National Weather Service had issued for the Santa Barbara County Mountains: cold temperatures, high winds, a wind chill of 0 degrees? He balked. Byron and the gate key sounded better and better. So instead of the RV, I loaded up the Jeep and (our roads in Pine Mountain Club being covered with snow and ice) headed out the back way towards Santa Maria – if I'm going to drive on bad roads, I'd rather do so without company, and there's very seldom any traffic on the road westbound out of Pine Mountain Club.

The back way meant I hit Los Olivos and Figueroa Mountain Road before the standard driving route of Armour Ranch Road. On a whim (it's supposed to be longer but paved) I headed up that way. It's a good route in, although narrow and winding. Up through the forest, presumably over Figueroa Mountain (not on our list, so I didn't explore) and down to Cachuma Saddle at 4PM, about when I'd hoped to arrive. And there was Barbara's car, set up to be slept in, and Dorothy and Edith, encouraging her to load up and head down to the campground. Less wind, a picnic table, a fire ring, an outhouse – very uptown, who could resist?

But Mars would be looking for us at the saddle, not the campground – would he think we'd stood him up, that Barbara had given up on finishing the list? Dither dither – we decided he'd figure it out, maybe he'd even meant the campground in the first place. And surely if she were careful, Barbara could drive her car without dismantling all the work she'd done to make it night-ready – down we went. We set up fully visible from the road, hoping Mars would spot us as he drove by.

So we had a nice fire, and Edith and Dorothy set up a stove and plied me with hot beverages, rather than the other way around. It was warmer, less windy, nicer than up at the saddle. And of course Mars buzzed by at dusk without spotting us. My car, even when set up for camping, is still drivable, so I shortly followed him, and found him camped at the saddle – he decided to stay put rather than break camp to join us below – and confirmed that yes, there were hikers wanting Santa Cruz and we'd join him at the saddle, ready to hike, at 5AM.

Well, not quite. Somehow, breakfast, morning ablutions, breaking camp, navigating the dirt road in the dark, and getting ready to hike all took longer than anticipated. We weren't ready to set out until 5:30AM. It was cold, but in the middle of the night, the wind had died. We bundled up in coats and long underwear, and were comfortably warm as we

commenced the 7.5 mile road walk towards McKinley Saddle.

27 miles! Other than Mars, none of us had ever done such a long hike. Barbara found it less intimidating to think of it as three hikes – to McKinley Saddle, to Santa Cruz Peak, and back to the saddle, and then back to the cars. I liked this so well, I decided to think of it as four hikes – to McKinley Saddle, to Santa Cruz, back to the saddle, back to the cars. If three hikes are good, four must be better?

Because of all the recent weather, we were concerned we'd soon be slogging up through mud, that miserable mud that had annoyed us so on our retreat down this road mere weeks before. And I think there may have been enough moisture for some really good mud, industrial strength stuff, but it was sufficiently cold that the ground was frozen. Cool temperatures, no wind, firm footing, and we were carrying day packs (although heavy ones with lots of extra clothing – that predicted wind chill factor of 0 degrees had caught our attention, too) rather than backpacks – the hike to McKinley Spring seemed a lot easier under these conditions. Though given our late start and moderate pace, not to mention the road being covered with ice and snow on the north side of McKinley, and a delay while we rescued a bear canister and other gear Barbara lost during a fall on the earlier backpack, we didn't reach the spring until 10AM or so. The plan had been to be there at 9AM and rest up for an hour before proceeding. Being late and cold, though, we only lingered for half an hour, filling our water bottles at the spring, before heading on up to the saddle.

Aside to those waiting for a key – if you end up being the first vehicle through on this road, be sure to bring a chain saw. There's at least one large tree blocking the road, and some large boulders you'll need to shift. Not a problem for those of us on foot, of course.

Standing in the saddle, Mars pointed out the rest of our route – down slope to an old road that then headed back up the face of San Raphael, crossing a rough looking wash before heading south along ridges towards Santa Cruz. The road ducked behind a bump just short of Santa Cruz, another (unconnected?) road could be seen cutting across the north face of the peak. This is the traditional route, but rumor has it the road is too encumbered with brush to be useful. Then up somehow to the summit, and Barbara's list finish. It looked to be an awful long ways away.

To accumulate that much gain, there are a lot of ups and downs on this route, some of them seemingly gratuitous. Still, it's easier sticking with the

HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION - ANGELES CHAPTER - SIERRA CLUB

January 2002

HPS PEAK LIST

275 Peaks

CHANGES (From the Peak List dated Jan 2001)

The deletion 03D Double Mountain and 07O Ortega Peak by a vote of the membership in the 2001 HPS election. The transfer of the HPS Register on 23H Three Sisters to bump 8100 from the previously recognized summit. This action was taken by the Management Committee to eliminate the need to cross private property to reach the previously recognized summit. Delete the apostrophe from the spelling of the name for 24M Dragons Head to conform to HPS and USGS practices on the spelling of names. The word "Lookout" has been added to the name 17H San Sevaine so the complete name will read 17H San Sevaine Lookout. This will bring the HPS name into agreement with the name shown on the USGS topographic map. The complete name "San Sevaine Lookout" is used on the approved HPS Peak Guide. 31D High Point is renamed 31D Palomar Mountain. Palomar Mountain is a USGS approved variant name for High Point. Palomar Mountain is more descriptive of the location of the peak and is a prettier name for the HPS peak.

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Emblem status is awarded to those active members in good standing who have climbed 100 peaks and have been members for over six months. Other awards include the 200 peaks bar, list completion, multiple list completion, pathfinder emblem (100 peaks by two different routes), and leading 100, 200, and all peaks.

CLIMBING GUIDES

The HPS Mountain Records Committee publishes Peak Guides and map extracts for each peak. These contain information on driving and climbing routes, access restrictions, etc. *The Lookout* has order forms. Some of the HPS map extracts are based upon older versions of the USGS topographic maps, resulting in unavoidable variations among the elevations shown on the map extracts, the peak list, and the climbing guides. To suggest a correction or improvement to any of these products, please send an E-mail or a note to the HPS Mountain Records Chair.

PEAKS & USGS MAPS

The listed maps are USGS topographic maps, 7½ minute, 1:24,000 series. The USGS has a useful free pamphlet, "CALIFORNIA - Index to topographic and other MAP COVERAGE" that locates these maps. Elevations, in feet, are taken from the maps. A + sign indicates the highest contour line on peaks without a spot elevation on the map. The first listed map contains the listed peak. Additional maps are named for peaks that are near a map edge or corner, or that have a part of the usual climbing routes on adjacent maps.

UTM COORDINATES

UTM (Universal Transverse Mercator) coordinates are useful for specifying locations on a map: peaks, road junctions or points on a climbing route. The UTM grid is defined by fine black lines on recent maps and by blue tick marks along the edges of older maps. The lines (or tick marks) are one kilometer apart and each has a unique two digit identifying number. A location to the nearest 100 meters is given by a six-digit number. The first two digits are the eastward coordinate from the top or bottom edge of the map and the third digit is the number of tenths of a kilometer to the east of the grid line. The fourth and fifth digits are the northward coordinate obtained from the right or left edge of the map and the sixth digit is the number of tenths of a kilometer to the north of the grid line. For example, Etiwanda Peak (17F), which is not named on the map, has UTM coordinates of 473874. This means that Etiwanda is 300 meters east (third digit) of the grid line defined by the blue tick marks that are numbered "47" on the top and bottom edges of the map. Similarly, it is 400 meters north of the grid line numbered "87" on the left and right edges of the map.

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1 SOUTHERN SIERRA NORTH OF HWY 178 (12 peaks)				
1A	Sunday Peak		8295	Tobias Peak
1B	Bohna Peak	559584	6760+	Tobias Peak/ Alta Sierra
1C	Split Mtn		6835	Kernville/ Tobias Peak/ Alta Sierra
1D	Black Mtn #5		7438	Alta Sierra
1E	Cannel Point		8314	Cannell Peak/ Weldon
1F	Morris Peak		7215	Owens Peak/ Walker Pass
1G	Pilot Knob		6200+	Onyx
1H	Owens Peak		8453	Owens Peak
1I	Five Fingers		5174	Owens Peak
1J	Mt Jenkins	102519	7921	Owens Peak/ Walker Pass
1K	Russell Peak	133481	6696	Owens Peak
1L	Backus Peak	155460	6651	Owens Peak/ Freeman Junction
2 SOUTHERN SIERRA SOUTH OF HWY 178 (17 peaks)				
2A	Lightner Peak		6430	Miracle Hot Springs
2B	Bald Eagle Peak		6181	Lake Isabella South
2C	Nicolls Peak		6070	Woolstalf Creek/ Weldon
2D	Onyx Peak #2		5244	Onyx
2E	Pinyon Peak		6805	Walker Pass
2F	Scodie Mtn	070431	7294	Walker Pass
2G	Piute Lookout	767269	8326	Claraville
2H	Sorrell Peak		7704	Claraville
2I	Mayan Peak		6108	Pinyon Mtn
2J	Butterbredt Peak		5997	Pinyon Mtn/ Cross Mountain
2K	Cross Mtn		5203	Cross Mountain/ Cinco
2L	Chuckwalia Mtn		5029	Cinco
2M	Heald Peak		6901	Woolstalf Creek/ Weldon
2N	Black Mtn #6		5244	Garlock
2O	Red Mtn		5261	Red Mountain
2P	Skinner Peak		7120	Cane Canyon/ Horse Canyon
2Q	Weldon Peak	831136	6320+	Emerald Mtn/ Claraville
3 TEHACHAPI RANGE (2 peaks)				
3B	Black Mtn #3		5686	Keene
3E	Tehachapi Mtn		7960+	Tehachapi South
4 SOUTHERN KERN COUNTY WEST OF HWY 5 (9 peaks)				
4A	Brush Mtn		7040+	Eagle Rest Peak
4B	San Emigdio Mtn		7492	Sawmill Mountain/ Eagle Rest Peak
4C	Eagle Rest Peak		6005	Eagle Rest Peak/ Sawmill Mtn/ Pleito Hills
4D	Antimony Peak		6848	Pleito Hills/ Cuddy Valley
4E	Tecuya Mtn		7160+	Frazier Mtn
4F	Cerro Noroeste	986563	8280+	Sawmill Mountain
4G	Grouse Mtn		8582	Sawmill Mountain
4H	Sawmill Mtn		8818	Sawmill Mountain
4I	Mt Pinos		8831	Sawmill Mountain
5 SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY (1 peak)				
5A	Caliente Mtn		5106	Caliente Mtn

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6	SANTA BARBARA COUNTY (15 peaks)				
	6A	Peak Mtn		5843	Peak Mountain/ Bates Canyon
	6B	McPherson Peak		5749	Peak Mountain/ Bates Canyon
	6C	Fox Mtn #1		5167	Fox Mountain
	6D	Cuyama Peak (LO)		5878	Cuyama Pk/ Fox Mtn/ Rancho Nuevo Creek
	6E	Lizard Head	728423	5320+	Rancho Nuevo Creek/ Fox Mtn/ Cuyama Pk
	6F	McKinley Mtn		6200+	San Rafael Mtn/ Figueroa Mtn
	6G	Santa Cruz Peak		5570	San Rafael Mtn/ Figueroa Mtn
	6H	San Rafael Mtn		6593	San Rafael Mtn/ Figueroa Mtn
	6I	West Big Pine		6490	Big Pine Mtn/ Madulce Peak/ Fox Mountain
	6J	Big Pine Mtn		6800+	" / Salisbury Potrero
	6K	Samon Peak		6227	" / Salisbury Potrero
	6L	Madulce Peak		6536	Madulce Pk/Big Pine Mtn/Fox Mtn/Salisbury Po.
	6M	Hildreth Peak		5065	Hildreth Peak/ Old Man Mtn
	6N	Monte Arido		6010	Old Man Mountain/ White Ledge Peak
	6O	Old Man Mtn		5538	Old Man Mountain/ White Ledge Peak
7	VENTURA COUNTY (17 peaks)				
	7A	Frazier Mtn (LO)		8000+	Frazier Mtn
	7B	Lockwood Peak		6261	Lockwood Valley
	7C	San Guillermo Mtn		6606	San Guillermo Mountain
	7D	Reyes Peak		7514	Reyes Peak/ Wheeler Springs
	7E	Thorn Point (LO)		6920+	Lion Canyon/ Topatopa Mtns/ Lockwood Vly
	7F	San Rafael Peak		6640+	Topatopa Mountains/ Lockwood Valley
	7G	Alamo Mtn	206376	7360+	Alamo Mountain
	7H	McDonald Peak		6870	Alamo Mountain
	7I	Sewart Mtn		6841	Alamo Mountain
	7J	Snowy Peak		6532	Alamo Mountain/ Black Mtn
	7K	Black Mtn #2		6202	Black Mtn/ Alamo Mountain
	7L	White Mtn #2		6250	Black Mtn/ Cobblestone Mtn/ Alamo Mountain
	7M	Cobblestone Mtn		6733	Cobblestone Mtn/ Black Mtn/ Alamo Mountain
	7P	Chief Peak		5560+	Lion Canyon
	7Q	Hines Peak		6716	Topatopa Mountains/ Santa Paula Peak/ Ojai
	7R	Haddock Mtn	947334	7431	Lion Canyon/ San Guillermo Mtn/ Reyes Peak
	7S	Topatopa Bluff	067194	6367	Santa Paula Pk/ Topatopa Mtns/ Ojai/ Lion Cyn
8	LIEBRE RANGE (3 peaks)				
	8A	Liebre Mtn	486422	5760+	Liebre Mountain
	8B	Burnt Peak		5788	Burnt Peak
	8C	Sawtooth Mtn		5200+	Burnt Peak
9	WEST OF MILL CREEK (5 peaks)				
	9A	Mt Gleason	918043	6520+	Acton/ Condor Peak
	9B	Iron Mtn #2		5635	Condor Peak/ Sunland
	9C	Condor Peak		5440+	Condor Peak/ Sunland
	9D	Fox Mtn #2		5033	Condor Peak
	9E	Mt Lukens		5074	Condor Peak/ Sunland
10	PACIFICO MOUNTAIN AREA (10 peaks)				
	10A	Mt Emma		5273	Pacifico Mountain
	10B	Old Mt Emma	034152	5063	Pacifico Mountain
	10C	Pacifico Mtn		7124	Pacifico Mountain
	10D	Bare Mtn		6388	Juniper Hills
	10E	Granite Mtn #1		6600+	Chilao Flat/ Pacifico Mountain
	10F	Rabbit Peak #1		5307	Chilao Flat
	10G	Iron Mtn #3		5040+	Chilao Flat
	10H	Round Top		6316	Chilao Flat
	10I	Mt Hillyer	062007	6200+	Chilao Flat
	10J	Cole Point		5604	Pacifico Mountain

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11	WESTERN ANGELES CREST	(7 peaks)		
11A	Josephine Peak		5558	Condor Peak
11B	Strawberry Peak		6164	Chilao Flat/ Condor Peak
11C	Mt Lawlor		5957	Chilao Flat
11D	Barley Flats	006934	5600+	Chilao Flat
11E	Mt Sally		5408	Chilao Flat
11F	Vetter Mtn (LO)		5908	Chilao Flat
11G	Mt Mooney		5840+	Chilao Flat
12	MOUNT WILSON AREA	(7 peaks)		
12A	Mt Deception	974901	5796	Mt Wilson/ Chilao Flat
12B	Mt Disappointment		5960+	Mt Wilson/ Chilao Flat
12C	San Gabriel Peak		6161	Mt Wilson/ Chilao Flat
12D	Mt Markham		5742	Mt Wilson
12E	Mt Lowe		5603	Mt Wilson/ Pasadena
12F	Occidental Peak		5732	Mt Wilson
12G	Mt Wilson	023873	5710	Mt Wilson
13	NORTH OF ANGELES CREST HWY 2	(9 peaks)		
13A	Winston Peak		7502	Waterman Mtn
13B	Mt Akawie	157014	7283	Waterman Mtn
13C	Pleasant View Ridge	165055	7983	Juniper Hills/ Waterman Mtn/Valyermo
13D	Will Thrall Peak		7845	Juniper Hills/ Waterman Mtn/Valyermo
13E	Pallett Mtn		7760+	Juniper Hills/ Waterman Mtn/ Valyermo/ Crystal Lake
13F	Mt Williamson		8214	Crystal Lake
13G	Mt Lewis		8396	Crystal Lake
13H	Pinyon Ridge	308060	6535	Valyermo/ Mescal Creek
13I	Winston Ridge		7003	Waterman Mtn
14	SOUTH OF ANGELES CREST HWY 2	(12 peaks)		
14A	Waterman Mtn		8038	Waterman Mtn
14B	Twin Peaks		7761	Waterman Mtn
14C	Mt Islip		8250	Crystal Lake
14D	South Mt Hawkins (LO)		7783	Crystal Lake
14E	Middle Hawkins	253994	8505	Crystal Lake
14F	Mt Hawkins		8850	Crystal Lake
14G	Throop Peak		9138	Crystal Lake
14H	Mt Burnham		8997	Crystal Lake
14I	Mt Baden-Powell		9399	Crystal Lake
14J	Ross Mtn		7402	Crystal Lake
14K	Kratka Ridge		7515	Waterman Mtn
14L	Copter Ridge		7499	Crystal Lake
15	SAN GABRIEL RIVER BASIN	(6 peaks)		
15A	Monrovia Peak		5409	Azusa/ Mt. Wilson
15B	Smith Mtn		5111	Crystal Lake
15C	Rattlesnake Peak		5826	Crystal Lake/ Glendora
15D	Iron Mtn #1		8007	Mount San Antonio/ Mt Baldy/ Glendora
15E	Lookout Mtn #2		6812	Mt Baldy/ Mount San Antonio
15F	Sunset Peak		5796	Mt Baldy

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16 MOUNT SAN ANTONIO	(9 peaks)			
16A	Circle Mtn		6880+	Telegraph Peak
16B	Wright Mtn		8505	Mount San Antonio
16C	Pine Mtn #1		9648	Mount San Antonio
16D	Dawson Peak		9575	Mount San Antonio
16E	Mt San Antonio		10064	Mount San Antonio/ Telegraph Peak/ Mt Baldy
16F	Thunder Mtn		8587	Telegraph Peak/ Mount San Antonio
16G	Telegraph Peak		8985	Telegraph Peak/ Mount San Antonio
16 I	Gobblers Knob	458968	6955	Telegraph Peak
16J	Mt Harwood		9552	Mount San Antonio
17 CUCAMONGA PEAK AREA	(8 peaks)			
17A	Sugarloaf Peak		6924	Mt Baldy/ Cucamonga Peak
17B	Ontario Peak		8693	Cucamonga Peak
17C	Bighorn Peak		8441	Cucamonga Peak
17D	Timber Mtn		8303	Cucamonga Peak/ Mount San Antonio
17E	Cucamonga Peak		8859	Cucamonga Peak
17F	Etiwanda Peak	473874	8662	Cucamonga Peak
17G	Buck Point	502861	6433	Cucamonga Peak/ Devore
17H	San Sevaine Lookout	548862	5240+	Devore/ Cucamonga Peak
18 ORANGE COUNTY	(2 peaks)			
18A	Santiago Peak		5687	Santiago Peak
18B	Modjeska Peak		5496	Santiago Peak
19 LAKE ARROWHEAD	(6 peaks)			
19A	Cleghorn Mtn		5333	Cajon
19B	Cajon Mtn	614921	5360+	Cajon
19C	Sugarpine Mtn		5478	Cajon/ Silverwood Lake
19D	Monument Peak #2		5290	San Bernardino North/ Silverwood Lake/Cajon
19E	The Pinnacles		5737	Lake Arrowhead
19F	Mount Marie Louise		5507	Lake Arrowhead
20 BIG PINE FLAT AREA	(9 peaks)			
20A	Round Mtn		5272	Lake Arrowhead
20B	Luna Mtn		5967	Lake Arrowhead/ Butler Peak
20C	Rattlesnake Mtn		6131	Butler Peak
20D	White Mtn #1		7727	Butler Peak
20E	Deer Mtn		5536	Butler Peak/ Lake Arrowhead
20F	Shay Mtn		6714	Butler Peak
20G	Little Shay Mtn		6635	Butler Peak
20H	Ingham Peak		6355	Butler Peak
20 I	Hawes Peak		6751	Butler Peak
21 NORTH OF BIG BEAR LAKE	(9 peaks)			
21A	Crafts Peak		8364	Butler Peak/ Keller Peak
21B	Butler Peak (LO)		8535	Butler Peak
21C	Grays Peak		7920+	Fawnskin
21D	Little Bear Peak		7621	Fawnskin
21E	Delamar Mtn		8398	Fawnskin
21F	Arctic Point	101973	8336	Fawnskin
21G	Bertha Peak		8201	Fawnskin
21H	Gold Mtn		8235	Big Bear City
21 I	Silver Peak		6756	Big Bear City
22 SOUTH OF BIG BEAR LAKE	(5 peaks)			
22A	Mill Peak		6670	Keller Peak
22B	Keller Peak (LO)		7882	Keller Peak
22C	Slide Peak		7841	Keller Peak
22D	Sugarloaf Mtn		9952	Moonridge
22E	Heart Bar Peak		8332	Moonridge

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23 EAST OF BIG BEAR LAKE (9 peaks)				
23A	Bighorn Mtns		5894	Rattlesnake Canyon/ Bighorn Canyon
23B	Granite Peaks		7527	Rattlesnake Canyon
23C	Tip Top Mtn		7623	Rattlesnake Canyon/ Onyx Peak
23D	Mineral Mtn		7238	Onyx Peak
23E	Meeks Mtn		6277	Bighorn Canyon
23F	Black Mtn #4		6149	Rimrock
23G	Onyx Peak #1		9113	Onyx Peak
23H	Three Sisters		8100	Onyx Peak
23 I	Chaparrosa Peak		5541	Rimrock
24 SAN GORGONIO AREA (14 peaks)				
24A	Constance Peak		6645	Big Bear Lake
24B	San Bernardino Peak		10649	Forest Falls/ Big Bear Lake
24C	San Bernardino East Peak		10691	Forest Falls/ Big Bear Lake
24D	Anderson Peak		10840+	Forest Falls/ Big Bear Lake
24E	Shields Peak		10680+	Big Bear Lake/ Moonridge
24F	Charlton Peak		10806	San Gorgonio Mtn/ Moonridge
24G	Jepson Peak		11205	San Gorgonio Mtn/ Moonridge
24H	Dobbs Peak		10459	San Gorgonio Mtn/ Moonridge
24 I	San Gorgonio Mtn		11499	San Gorgonio Mtn/ Moonridge
24J	Ten Thousand Ft Ridge	192746	10094	San Gorgonio Mtn/ Moonridge
24K	Lake Peak		10161	San Gorgonio Mtn/ Moonridge
24L	Grinnell Mtn		10284	Moonridge/ San Gorgonio Mtn
24M	Dragons Head	157719	10866	San Gorgonio Mtn/ Moonridge
24N	Bighorn Mtn	168720	10997	San Gorgonio Mtn/ Moonridge
25 YUCAIPA RIDGE AREA (7 peaks)				
25A	Allen Peak		5795	Forest Falls/ Yucaipa
25B	Birch Mtn		7826	Forest Falls
25C	Cedar Mtn		8324	Forest Falls
25D	Wilshire Peak		8680+	Forest Falls
25E	Wilshire Mtn	087691	8832	Forest Falls
25F	Little San Gorgonio Peak		9133	Forest Falls
25G	Galena Peak	142698	9324	San Gorgonio Mtn/ Forest Falls
26 LITTLE SAN BERNARDINO MOUNTAINS (8 peaks)				
26B	Quail Mtn	701628	5800+	Indian Cove/ Keys View
26C	Queen Mtn	832681	5680+	Queen Mtn
26D	Ryan Mtn		5457	Keys View/ Indian Cove
26E	Mt Inspiration		5560+	Keys View
26F	Lost Horse Mtn	799553	5313	Keys View
26G	Little Berdoo Peak		5440+	Rockhouse Canyon
26H	Bernard Peak		5430	Rockhouse Canyon
26 I	Warren Point		5103	Yucca Valley South
27 SAN JACINTO AREA (10 peaks)				
27B	Indian Mtn		5790	Lake Fulmor
27C	Black Mtn #1 (LO)		7772	Lake Fulmor/ San Jacinto Peak
27D	Castle Rocks		8600	San Jacinto Peak
27E	Folly Peak		10480+	San Jacinto Peak
27F	San Jacinto Peak		10804	San Jacinto Peak
27G	Cornell Peak		9750	San Jacinto Peak
27H	Jean Peak		10670	San Jacinto Peak
27 I	Marion Mtn	289394	10320+	San Jacinto Peak
27J	Suicide Rock		7528	San Jacinto Peak
27K	Drury Peak	291407	10160+	San Jacinto Peak

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28 DESERT DIVIDE (16 peaks)				
28A	Lily Rock		8000+	San Jacinto Peak
28B	Tahquitz Peak (LO)		8846	San Jacinto Peak/ Idyllwild
28C	Red Tahquitz	323352	8720+	San Jacinto Peak
28D	South Peak		7840+	Idyllwild/ San Jacinto Peak
28E	Antsell Rock		7679	Idyllwild/ Palm View Peak
28F	Apache Peak		7567	Idyllwild/ Palm View Peak
28G	Spitler Peak		7440+	Palm View Peak/ Idyllwild
28H	Palm View Peak		7160+	Palm View Peak
28 I	Cone Peak		6800+	Palm View Peak
28J	Pyramid Peak		7035	Palm View Peak
28K	Pine Mtn #2		7054	Palm View Peak
28L	Lion Peak		6868	Palm View Peak
28M	Butterfly Peak	390202	6240+	Butterfly Peak
28N	Rock Point	383176	5280+	Butterfly Peak
28O	Ken Point	417187	6423	Butterfly Peak
28P	Sam Fink Peak	352372	7339	Palm Springs/ San Jacinto Peak
29 SOUTH OF HWY 74 (5 peaks)				
29A	Rouse Hill		5168	Blackburn Canyon/ Idyllwild
29B	Little Cahuilla Mtn		5042	Cahuilla Mtn
29C	Cahuilla Mtn		5635	Cahuilla Mtn
29D	Thomas Mtn		6825	Anza
29E	Lookout Mtn #1		5590	Butterfly Peak
30 SANTA ROSA MOUNTAINS (7 peaks)				
30A	Asbestos Mtn		5265	Rancho Mirage/ Toro Peak
30B	Sheep Mtn		5141	Toro Peak
30C	Martinez Mtn	608127	6560+	Martinez Mtn/ Toro Peak
30D	Santa Rosa Mtn		8070	Toro Peak
30F	Rabbit Peak #2	708994	6640+	Rabbit Peak/ Fonts Point/ Clark Lake NE
30G	Villager Peak		5756	Rabbit Peak/ Fonts Point
30H	Rosa Point		5038	Fonts Point
31 SAN DIEGO COUNTY NORTH OF HWY 78 (8 peaks)				
31A	Eagle Crag		5077	Vail Lake/ Aguanga
31C	Boucher Hill		5438	Boucher Hill
31D	Palomar Mountain		6140	Palomar Observatory
31E	Beauty Peak		5548	Beauty Mountain
31F	Iron Spring Mtn		5755	Beauty Mountain
31G	Combs Peak		6193	Bucksnot Mtn
31H	Hot Springs Mtn		6533	Hot Springs Mtn
31 I	San Ysidro Mtn		6147	Borrego Palm Canyon/ Tubb Canyon
32 SAN DIEGO COUNTY SOUTH OF HWY 78 (11 peaks)				
32A	Granite Mtn #2		5633	Earthquake Valley
32B	Whale Peak		5349	Whale Peak
32D	Middle Peak		5883	Cuyamaca Peak
32E	Cuyamaca Peak		6512	Cuyamaca Peak
32F	Stonewall Peak		5730	Cuyamaca Peak
32G	Oakzanita Peak		5054	Cuyamaca Peak
32H	Garnet Mtn	482443	5680+	Monument Peak
32 I	Garnet Peak		5880+	Monument Peak
32J	Monument Peak #1		6271	Monument Peak
32K	Cuyapaibe Mtn		6378	Mount Laguna
32L	Sheephead Mtn		5896	Mount Laguna

road/firebreak than to go straight through the brush. Absolutely a no brainer! Because Mars figured dark would fall near McKinley Saddle on our return, he started hanging bright reflectorized ribbons periodically along the route. He followed at the rear, Dorothy and I each took a turn leading. Most of the way (to the penultimate bump, that is) the route was relatively clear, and the brush not (yet) too troublesome, though in places the way was vague, and we left a lot of stick marks. In places, I think the brush is going to totally reclaim the trail in the next year or two. And remembering how difficult it was to see our stick marks after dark on Delamar, I made discouraging (and ultimately incorrect) noises about their probable ineffectiveness here. The difference seems to be the amount of moisture – this ground was damp and even after dark the contrast was very clear.

But finding stick marks in the dark was an exercise for later. We had a different challenge at mid-afternoon: at the bump before Santa Cruz, the trail we were following wrapped around its east side (our peak was to the west) and apparently headed off to some other destination entirely. We needed to get over or around the bump to the saddle between it and Santa Cruz, then figure out what to do – follow the ridge like George and Laura had done, attempt to follow the road, or invent some totally new approach.

This happens to me too often on HPS hikes – I'm expecting a problem later, something hard, something scary (Falling Rock Canyon, the brush on Santa Cruz) only to be surprised by a tougher problem closer at hand (the ridge between Ontario and Sugarloaf, the brush on the bump before Santa Cruz). Sigh. We thrashed through the brush this way and that, finding hints (clipped branches) of earlier use trails that went a little ways before seemingly evaporating or heading us in some direction orthogonal to our goal. We were attempting to sidehill, but somehow ended up on top of the ridge. It took a discouragingly long time, but eventually our luck turned and a good avenue opened up, leading us off the bump and to the saddle.

The road had looked sufficiently distinct from a distance, we decided to check it out. Mars sawed a few troublesome branches, but for most of the traverse of the north face of Santa Cruz, we were able to pick our way through. Somewhere toward the west end of the mountain, the road disappeared in brush. "The old peak guides," said Mars, "say at this point to head up the 'inviting slope' wherever you want." We looked up at a wall of brush. Uh huh. We took a break while Mars explored back along the road, looking for some not too uninviting spot to ascend. Several yards back, he found a somewhat promising path of boulders – we scrambled up these,

finding occasional passages through brush from rock to rock, eventually arriving on the ridge top. Ducks! The old route! A mild scramble through brush and over rock, and we were at the summit! Barbara had at last finished the list.

Had I mentioned the views? No, I've not. As soon as we had light, wherever we could see to the southwards, wow! There was no layer of mist over the ocean, instead it gleamed in the sunlight, the Channel Islands looking almost close enough to touch.

Meanwhile, back on the peak, we were doing our mental arithmetic. If it took well over an hour to battle through the brush on the intervening bump and find our way to the summit, then it probably would take a similar amount of time to get back, and it was sufficiently late in the afternoon, we risked still being in brush as darkness fell. A very brief celebration, then it was time to go. And the Ping Pace? Forget that, we can scurry if we have to... The good news is it was, most of the way, easier on the return. We made it nearly all the way back to the saddle where we had left the trail, nearly all the way over that intervening bump, before our easy passage through the brush disappeared. The last several yards, we simply crashed through.

Back to terrain we figured we could navigate in the dark, we took a longer break, admiring an exquisite sunset over the ocean, wondering at the sheer number of lights that twinkled on, one by one, in the valleys below. All those people, snug in their houses – were they the lucky ones, or were we, sitting on top of the world on this beautiful evening, Santa Cruz Peak behind us, Barbara the 228th person to have finished the list? And the better part of thirteen miles to hike out in the freezing darkness. Um.

Somehow, it took us until 3:30AM to get out. We didn't get lost, we didn't even have trouble finding our way – the ribbons showed at key points, the stick marks were easy to spot, the mud (if there had been any) was refrozen by the time we got to that part of the road.

But as it got later and later, we somehow moved slower and slower, took more and longer breaks. I suspect that, if it had been somewhat warmer, we'd've called it a night and bivouacked. Instead, every time we stopped, we eventually got cold and moved on.

It was a still, beautiful night. But a long one. Barbara's headlamp didn't work, so I lent her the extra one that I carry instead of extra batteries. As the night went on, our lamps grew dimmer and dimmer – the last fraction of a mile, it was almost the blind leading the blind, as Edith and I pooled our very

dim lights to try to follow the road. I think Mars was aware of our struggle, as he'd often flash his more powerful light ahead of us, revealing another segment of the seemingly never ending road.

But at last, the gate, and the cars. And sleep! Barbara, Dorothy, Edith and I drove back to the campground and slept for several hours, too tired to crack open Barbara's champagne. Mars headed for home, but stopped and rested along the way, in order to drive safely. For all of us, this was a record for hike duration, one I suspect none of us will be breaking anytime soon.

Owens Peak, Mount Jenkins

May 19-20, 2001

**Leaders: Patty Kline and Rick Jali
By Patty Kline**

This was a joint SPS/HPS trip. Owens is common to both lists and Jenkins is only on the HPS list. I led this with Rick Jali as assistant. He was Chair of the SPS in 1966.

Our group of 14 people met at 8:30 am off Highway 14 at the beginning of the dirt road to Owens. Here are the driving directions. Take Highway 14 to Mojave. Continue north on Hwy 14 to the intersection with Hwy 178 (Walker Pass Road). Continue north on Hwy 14 another 5.3 miles to a dirt road on the left. Turn left. This is 0.4 mile past the Homestead Café. The dirt road driving is straightforward. On the dirt road starting at Hwy 14, note your odometer: At 2.6 miles Powers Well, a cattle watering tank, is on left (a great camping spot), keep straight. At 2.7 miles, fork, turn right. At 3.2 miles, fork, turn left. At 3.8 miles, fork, keep left. At 3.9 miles, fork, keep left. At 5.2 miles, fork, keep right. At 5.8 miles, fork, go right. At 6.5 miles, fork, go right. At 7.3 miles, the remains of a cabin. This is at elevation 5400'. Passenger cars park here. Supposedly 4x4 vehicles and vans can proceed to 7.7 miles, but the extra 0.4 mile isn't worth it. In my 2 wheel drive Pathfinder I almost got stuck about a mile before the passenger car stopping point.

By the time everyone was ready to hike it was about 9:45 am. The pace was leisurely and enjoyable. It was 8 miles round trip and 3200' of gain. We started out on a dirt road which eventually narrowed into a canyon with a sign "Owens Peak Trail." This trail goes to the right and up the canyon to a small meadow at 6100'. We had a nice break here. Above the meadow the canyon forks. Take the right canyon. There is a good use trail in the right canyon to about 7100' where the trail starts through a field of dark boulders. Follow the ducks through these dark

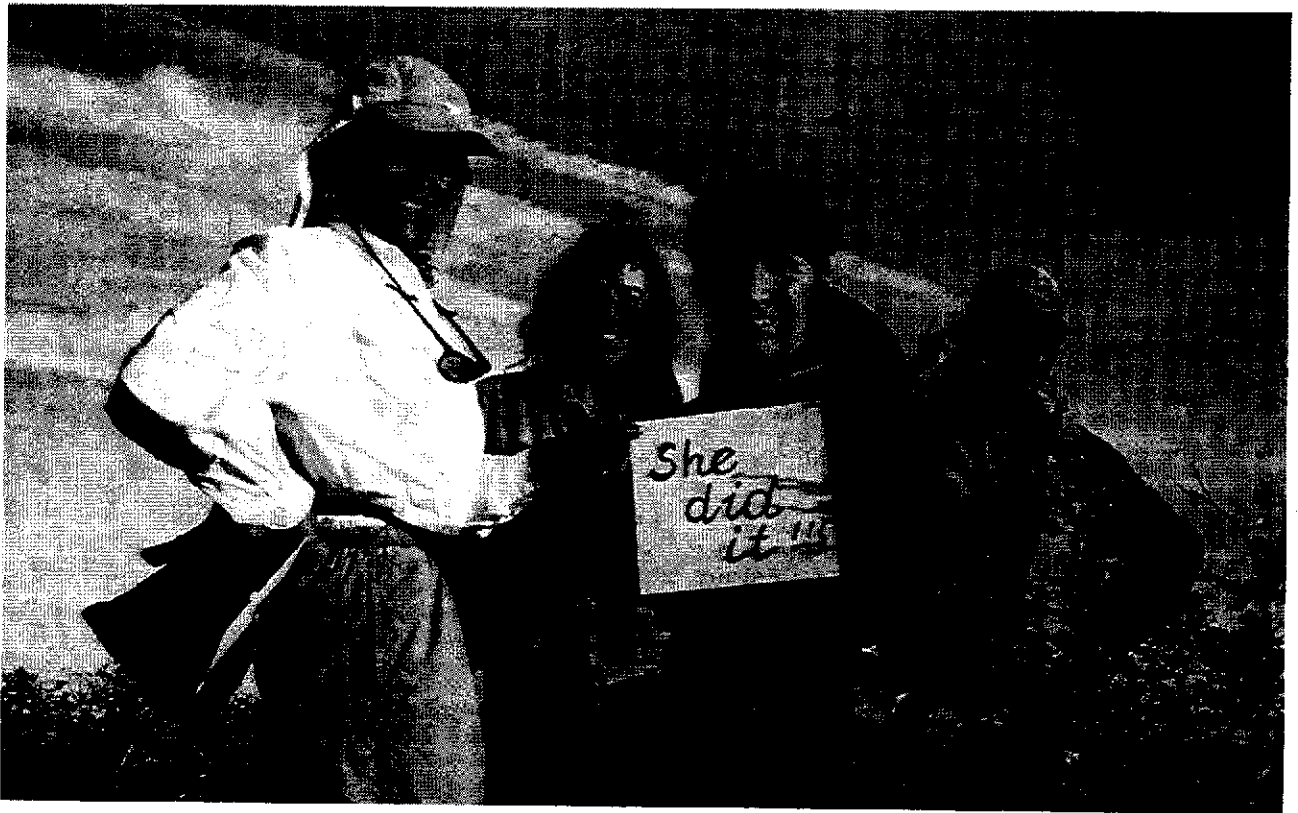
boulders being careful not to go too far east (right) to a field of white boulders which is off route. There is a gradual transition of the two fields of boulders. Eventually the use trail ends at a friction slab about 100 - 150' high with some scrambling. Above the slab are many use trails, which eventually consolidate into one trail near the top.

We spent over an hour on top at 8453' eating lunch and enjoying the view of the southern Sierra. I pinned an SPS patch on Gary Schenk, who became a member of the SPS on Owens. The peak's name sake, Richard Owens, was on Fremont's 1845-46 expedition in California, but Owens was farther north and never got to see the peak or river he was named after.

The same route was taken on the return, getting back around 6:30 pm. The leisurely pace gave us time to "smell the roses." Well, maybe pine trees in this habitat. Those on the hike were Robert Amaral, Gary Schenk, Rich Gnagy, Wayne Martin, Susan Gygax, Connie Leonard, Jan Anthony, Colette Simonds, Kathy Brown, Ginny and Jim Heringer and Bill Ramsey. That night we camped at Powers Well, complete with a community happy hour and dinner. First, second and third prizes were given for the best items.

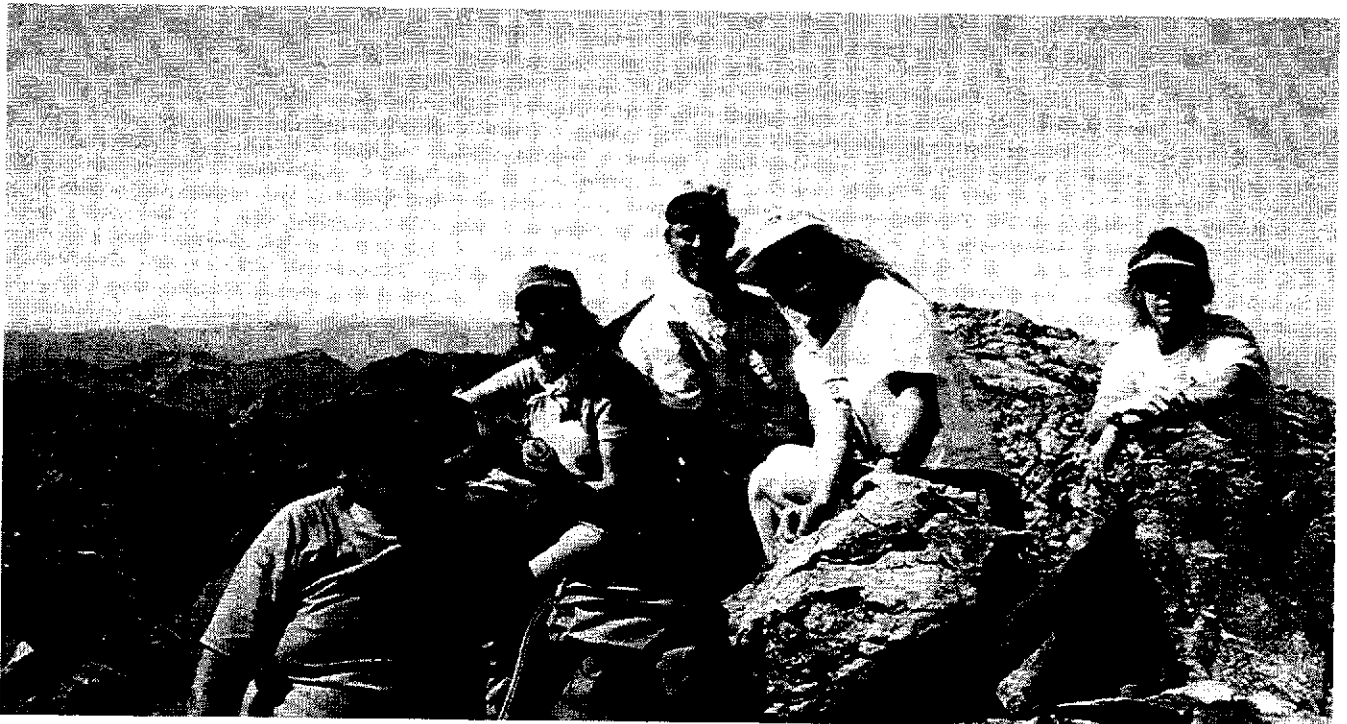
The next day we hiked Mt. Jenkins. We drove back to Hwy 14 and went south to the Walker Pass Road (Hwy 178). We turned right there and drove west 8.5 miles where the Pacific Crest Trail crosses Hwy 178 at 5245'. Our hike was 13 miles round trip and 2700' of gain. Mt Jenkins was named after Jim Jenkins, who was killed in 1979 on Hwy 5 near Frazier Park by a reckless driver. Jim was a Wilderness Ranger in the Golden Trout Wilderness. Rick Jali was a personal friend of his and was very interested in climbing this peak. At about six miles out on the trail the ENE ridge from Mt. Jenkins can be seen. It meets the trail at 6950', UTM 111521. There is usually a duck here. Take the use trail on this ridge to a flat area at 7300+', UTM 106520. The ridge gets steeper from here. Keep to the left until you get to the base of several rocky outcroppings. The ridge is ambiguous here because all the tower-like outcroppings look like they may contain the register. There is a lot of talus below them. On the far left there is a spire with very little talus and 30 feet of scrambling below the top of the peak. The summit is 7921'.

Many people had to go home Saturday evening. Our smaller group Sunday consisted of the leaders and Connie Leonard, Kathy Brown, Wayne Martin, and Susan Gygax. All in all it was a great weekend with perfect weather in an area that usually has strong winds in the late spring because of the on shore breeze along the foggy coast.



(Above) Barbara Guerin, center, is all smiles on the summit of Santa Cruz Peak on December 16, 2002. This was Barbara's List completion outing. In the photo are, left to right, Edith Liu, 2002 Hundred Peaks Section Chair Karen Leverich, Barbara Guerin, and Mars Bonfire. The photo was taken by Dorothy Danziger. Please read the accounts of Barbara's successful outing.

(Below) Susan Gygax took this photo of the group on the summit of Owens Peak on May 20, 2001. From left to right are Rick Jali, Connie Leonard, Wayne Martin, Patty Kline, and Kathy Brown. Please read Patty's excellent trip report of this outing.



Heart Bar, Constance Peak

November 3, 2001

By Sara Wyrens

Well it finally came.....my last and final "I" provisional of which, if I pass, will start me on a new venture that could be titled "The Joys of Leading Cross-Country". No sarcasm intended (well maybe a little). Trying to manage a group, be sensitive to individual levels and needs, navigate and carry on a conversation and be mother, father and nurse (well, slight exaggeration), can be quite the balancing act to say the least.

Since there were seven HPS day hikes scheduled for the same day as mine, I wondered if there was a possibility that no one would show! But two eager hikers did show (enough to make a trip) and the four of us set out on this sunny, picturesque, fall day to bag these two San Bernardino Peaks.

I first climbed Heart Bar in 1997 on a trip lead by Diane Dunbar and David Eisenberg. This was my first HPS and cross-country hike ever, and boy was I green! I showed up on the very crisp morning of the hike in shorts and cotton t-shirt with one small bottle of water, light snack and not much else. Diane made it known that she was displeased with my unpreparedness and for not bringing my ten essentials. Imagine her surprise when I asked "What are ten essentials"? But that was then and this is now and thank God I've gained much experience and know-how since, mostly because of the WTC course I took (Diane sent me the application saying "here you need this"). Therefore, when it came time for my "I" provisional, I thought it both relevant and opportune these 4 years later, to go back to Heart Bar and employ Diane as my check off leader.

The route most traveled by most HPSers goes up an overgrown dirt road (not shown on the topo) that runs southeast along the base of the slope. I chose however, the intermittent stream which starts from the dirt road south east of Heart Bar Campground. So glad I did as we found this gully surprisingly beautiful with many fall colors. We broke north at the first gully junction at around the 7,400 contour line, continued up a bushwhack and short rock scramble and then up to an obvious saddle. From there, we picked up the old dirt road to the peak. As mentioned above, this route less traveled proved to be much more interesting and scenic than the usual easier route and well worth the extra effort. Our return route was in a rocky gully directly north down the steep slopes to the cars which were waiting as I had planned a car shuttle. Next destination; Constance Peak.

Constance Peak is directly behind (north

west) of the Angelus Oaks General Store on SR 38. Climbing this peak couldn't be any easier in that the distance is only 1½ miles r.t. and 500' gain. Don't think of this peak as insignificant because it is basically effortless. It is a pleasantly worth while little climb which follows a use trail up the side of a ridge and through a lovely, plush pine tree forest rich with various kinds of flora. Once on the top, this peak offers a spectacular panoramic view.

It is so exciting that there is now such an interest and participation in the HPS, that on any given weekend a peak bagger can choose from a variety of hikes/peaks due to the many fine leaders who volunteer their time and energy. Thanks to all of them! Also, many thanks to Diane Dunbar for assisting me and to George Wysup for his excellent suggestions during the planning stages. Because of them and all of the wonderful people I have met in the HPS, I look forward to participating and leading many HPS trips in the future. Happy climbing!

Off the Beaten Path to Inspiration

Mountain (5,575')

December 24, 2001

by Erik Siering

Inspiration Mountain and Keys View are visible from across the Coachella Valley at my parents' Rancho Mirage home to the south. So I wondered about the route from this side.

Here, the Colorado River Aqueduct skirts the southern boundary of Joshua Tree National Park. Maps show an old jeep track leading to the abandoned Hidden Gold Mine (how aptly named!), still thousands of feet below the crest of the ridge.

Before dawn, I drove north from I-10 on Ramon, then left onto Thousand Palms Canyon Rd after five miles. This road leads past the Coachella Valley Preserve in two miles, a nice stop to see palm oases and the elusive desert pupfish up close. But not today. Beyond at the junction with the Dillon Road, two tracks continue. The first ends directly ahead. I took the one to the right that angles to the northeast, the still paved aqueduct access road.

This road is fine for passenger cars. It passes several illegal trash dumpings, turns to dirt and bears east-southeast behind the named local promontory of Fan Hill. At its end in five miles is a large concrete water structure, about which are strewn thousands of shotgun shells. And the obligatory shot-up home appliance targets. This is where the CV boys like to play with their toys. Half a mile before the deadend is a faint track leading north towards the wilderness boundary. Within a hundred yards, further progress

on the track is barred by an NPS fence.

I hiked the jeep track beyond the fence. It eventually traces a wash along the eastern edge of the broad draw. At three miles, it passes through a narrows, turning northwest past a steel cable meant to block vehicle access (old NPS boundary). At four miles, I turned off north into a prominent canyon on a subsidiary track. Faint OHV tracks were evident, probably about two years old. Two miles from the turn off, I passed a 7.5 min topo BM 3585 ft, then a right fork to the end of track in the wash at 3880 ft. Few signs of mining are evident, but for a small graded flat. A stone arrow in the wash points in the direction of the diggings in a small side canyon.

I scrambled up a loose and sketchy slope to the true site of the mine at 4300 ft elevation (the mine is higher and east of where designated on the topo map). First, scattered beams appear, then a shallow adit, and finally two deep horizontal shafts. A cable anchor is overhead. Both openings were small with questionable shoring. I declined to enter. Shortly above is the ridge north to Keys View. I ascended and found a pleasant faint miners' trail leading along the ridge top to the overlook. Keys View was grand, but with the frigid windchill no visitors were about.

I then hiked west to Inspiration Mtn to sign the old summit register. My last visit had been in 1991. Afterwards, I descended the ridge from nearby Point 5559. This went well. As the steep slope nears the wash above the mine track, I dropped to the north side on better footing for the last hundred feet. I settled in the wash at 4200 ft, just below an obvious but passable dry waterfall. Once again on the track, I retraced my earlier approach.

Roundtrip stats: 14 miles, 4200 feet gain.
Mine turnoff at 3880 feet, 33deg 55.268min N,
116deg 11.700min W (WGS-84)
Mine shafts at 4300 feet, 33deg 55.302min N,
116deg 11.549min W (WGS-84)

Hildreth Peak
January 13-14, 2002
A Private Outing
By Laura Joseph

Martin Parsons and I had an ambitious plan: We would drive to Santa Barbara, hike Hildreth from Agua Caliente, stay overnight and hike Chief and Hines the next day. We set off at what (for me) was an early hour, 6:30am. By shortly after 8, we were exiting the 101 on our way to Hildreth. The peak guide warns that it takes 2 hours to reach the trail head from the 101 but we were unwilling to believe that any 30 mile trip could take that long. As it turned

out, the trip—and I am an expert on this having done it four times over two days—takes 1 hour 16 minutes in Martin's 4WD Explorer with Martin driving.

One begins by going up the hills behind Santa Barbara on this really windy road, past where the rich people live, past where the poor people live, to where all that's left is a few odd souls living in vehicles at the side of the road. Do not eat a large meal before making this trip and do whatever is necessary to avoid sitting in the back seat. After achieving the top of the hill, the route turns right and goes fairly straight for a while along the ridge with beautiful views on the west of Santa Barbara and the ocean and on the east of row after row of mountains. The bliss is short-lived; soon the route descends down the other side, where someone decided paving was not really important. So you bounce around on the windy road for 11 grueling miles before reaching the trailhead.

It's worth it. Agua Caliente canyon is spectacular—meadows, hills, cliffs, babbling stream, woods, little waterfalls, constantly changing vistas—they're all there under a warm sun.

We set off on the trail at about 10am with the optimistic assumption that, if the peak guide says it will take 9-11 hours, WE can make it in 7. After all, it's only 16 miles RT, right?

The trail begins following the stream northwest for a short distance past a hot spring before making a hairpin turn to ascend a ridge on the opposite side of the stream going southeast. This makes no sense. We quickly figured out that there were multiple opportunities to hop across the stream and up the opposite bank (a bit steep but that just adds to the fun) to, in effect, cut the hairpin. Once on the other side, we followed the stream as it meanders north up the canyon. There is a labyrinth of trails for the first mile or so due to the area's popularity for recreational purposes (i.e. bathing naked in the hot spring). Exercising common sense and trial and error, we made our way upstream through a wooded area—where the trail deviates from the stream briefly—crossing back and forth over the stream.

The peak guide advises to count the crossings as a tool for gauging where one is. We tried this at first, using the Ping Pebble Method, quickly exceeding the number of crossings indicated. The reality is that the number of times one crosses the stream will vary depending on the path one takes. Don't worry about it: don't stray too far from the stream, go basically north, and you'll be alright.

Once out of the wooded area, we followed the trail up a bank on the east side of the stream, crossed a few more times, and after about 1.5 miles emerged into a lovely broad meadow, where we came upon a fork with a duck sitting right in the

middle of the right (as opposed to left) option. Ambiguous, we thought. Does it mean take that direction or don't go that way? On the principle of "when in doubt, go left," we took the left fork. Another 1/4 mile found us at a beautiful little green-blue pool fed by a small waterfall bracketed by low cliffs. Martin, a wiser trekker than I, was unwilling to chance taking a dip in the frigid water by climbing over the waterfall to reach the other side and urged me to back track to a point where we could cross the stream to the east side where a trail mounted through a meadow and over the tempting waterfall portal.

Having passed (or negotiated) the waterfall, if you take the appropriate stream crossings (as Martin discovered later) you will discover a charming little campsite, complete with picnic table, firebox (with a bench for sitting by the fire), and a beautiful sheltering tree. If you take a different series of stream crossings, you'll get where you're going but miss the campsite.

In any case, we continued on through the meadow beyond the waterfall, past the narrowest point in the canyon and into another meadow from which we had our first view of Hildreth—the highest point in sight. After about 3 miles, we found ourselves in the widest part of the canyon where other canyons come down from either side, the west side dominated by a ridge with a formidable rock face. The ridge we sought was just in front of us at this point, running all the way down to the stream's edge. After a false start up what appeared to be a use trail (one learns that use trails, like ducks, aren't always going where one wants to go), we settled on the straight line rule to reach the crest of the ridge. (This is my personal First Rule of Navigation: if you can see where you're going, head there in as straight a line as terrain permits. This works well for those of us who don't mind rocks, brush, scree, vertical slopes and similar challenges.)

Upon reaching the ridge line, we stopped to consider our situation. It was noon and, by our calculation, under the best possible scenario, it would take us three hours to reach the summit. Ergo, we would be returning after dark. Neither one of us thought it would be fun to try to find our way through the mile or so of woodsy section with multiple stream crossings by the light of our headlamps. We therefore agreed on a brave strategy: we would turn back and tackle the peak again on the next day starting three hours earlier.

This strategy also offered the opportunity of taking our time returning to the trailhead and enjoying the beautiful countryside. We stopped for lunch at the pretty little pool and what an unusual pleasure not feeling hurried! As we made our way back, we

thought of future generations of hikers and engaged in creative duck construction. Each place where Martin and I think the stream should be crossed is now marked by ducks on either side. And very pretty ducks too.

The next day, making the 1 hour 16 minute drive for the third time, we set off on the trail at 7:30, gained the ridge by 9 and figured we had it in the bag. Wrong, wrong, wrong. The peak guide makes passing reference to a "brushy plateau" but, once again, we did not take it seriously. It had, after all, been written in 1968 and, besides, one person's brush is another person's lawn. Here I'm going to let Martin take over the narrative.

"It [the brushy area] had to be the size of a football field and really brought home to us what is meant by impenetrable brush; the most godawful stuff I've ever hiked in. [This is a man who hasn't done Santa Cruz yet.] The area consists of manzanitas, some other hearty prickly green brush and a lacing of cactus [yucca]. We lost at least 30 minutes there, if not more, but we plowed through it like a couple of rabid pit bulls and came out bloodied on the other side."

My opinion is that, if one has to plow through thick brush over 6 feet tall, Martin is a great companion to have along. Not only does he plow through like a pit bull, he also figured out that the best route was along the southwest edge of the "brushy plateau," where the brush is a bit shorter and thinner. Finally, we emerged at a point with a 10 foot drop to the jeep road. "Do a fanny slide," says I. "It's straight down," says Martin. But we did it.

From this point, there is a long rather steep trek north up the jeep road (look out for one hairpin that can be cut) to the point where the road turns east. This last stretch to the peak includes two lengthy downhill which you can look forward to climbing back up on the return. To reach the peak, you stay on the road as it winds south and then east to the first point where there is a fairly obvious use trail going west. The trail winds up and down a bit, avoiding brushy areas, and quickly reaches the rocky summit where we congratulated ourselves and enjoyed a brief respite before undertaking the return journey at about 1:30.

We made it back in four hours— thanks to taking a more informed route through the brushy football field and Martin's incredible memory for stream crossings— experiencing only two injuries: Martin got severe leg cramps while climbing up the bank from one of the stream crossings and I reopened a wound from a previous hike that gushed like a geyser but was otherwise innocuous. While I'm recounting injuries, let me add the loss of my

compass to the brushy plateau. This item had great sentimental value for me and joins the countless other items I have lost on our Peaks: 5 trekking poles, a neck warmer, one glove, three hats, and at least half a dozen bandanas. (If you find any of this stuff, let me know.)

More tick Experiments

Jan 12-13, 2002

by George Wysup

As are most other areas of the So Cal mountains in the winter, the Cuyama valley area is teeming with ticks. A group of HPS hikers proved this on a Jan 12 trip to Caliente mtn and a Jan 13 hike to McPherson peak and Peak mtn.

Synopsis: I plucked 20 ticks from my clothing on Caliente and 17 ticks on the McPherson peak trail hike while positioned at the front of the group. Other participants noted very few ticks. We found very few ticks on the return trip via the same route.

Caliente

16 hikers went to Caliente mtn via route 2, through an oil field and around the Selby ranch. This was the second time for me and (HPS Treasurer) Sandy Burnside by this route. Assistant leader Larry Hoak had also gone this way 25 years ago. His memory proved quite sharp and he improved somewhat on the route I had followed in Oct of 2000.

This route goes through a rather bleak landscape of rolling ridges and gullies, through soft sedimentary deposits with occasional soft sandstone layers that tend to form steep cliffs. The trick is to avoid the really difficult outcrops. We found the rocks to contain rather recent (100, 000 years ago?) seashells.

Other participants were Pat Brea, Kathy Brown, Dave Cannon, Jeff Clyman, Tom Connery, Bill Faulkner, Laura Joseph, Jim Kalember, John Meehan, Zobeida Molina, Martin Parsons, Gary Schenk, and Sheldon Slack. This strong group took 7 hours 45 minutes to reach the peak and return to the vehicles, including a 45 minute lunch on the summit, and we wasted little time on correcting navigation errors. Compare this with the estimated time given in the peak guide of 6 to 8 hours. I suggest that the 6 hours can mislead a group trying this route for the first time. Slower hikers should add an hour in planning this trip.

We sped through the oil field to the entrance to the, seemingly abandoned, Selby ranch, then followed the fence eastward until we came to a fence junction that appeared to mark the end of the Selby property. Selby ranch became a nature Conservancy property a few years ago. At this point we opened a

gate, passed through, and secured the gate behind us. Then we followed use trails up a gully to the northeast for perhaps ½ mile, then climbed to the top of the easy ridge to the right, leaving behind several head of cattle who are responsible for the trail. The tick encounters began here, I presume because the ticks had not had an opportunity to jump onto the cattle.

We followed the slightly rolling ridge to about the 2900' elevation, where we spotted the sandstone outcrop that the peak guide describes as froglike. We speculated inconclusively on the amphibian or reptile that it most resembles. In any case, the rock is unmistakable. This was the signal that it was time to cross the gully to the right to pick up the east-trending ridge. After some thrashing about we found a fine class 1 way down to the gully, This route starts just a few feet before reaching the froglike rock, and continues down to an obvious spot to cross.

Obvious or no, the crossing is a bit tricky. The gully's banks are quite steep on both sides. By proceeding back to the south for a few meters we found a rather easy place to cross. The route to the summit from this point is quite apparent—and quite steep, though it goes class 1 all the way. We passed through increasing juniper forest (offering opportunity for concealed split breaks) until we noted the decaying summit shack (dating from the 1940's) and made a bee line for it, avoiding the route 1 road.

The day was cool and some stratus clouds blocked the sun partially. The air was clear enough that we could see the snow on the high Sierra summits, though Bakersfield was enshrouded in thick fog. We basked in this atmosphere for a while, then we were joined by a pair of strong-looking mountain bikers who ascended the road. They seemed amazed that such a motley group could make the ascent on foot in the same time as their virile bodies on bicycles. They would undoubtedly have a huge advantage on the descent.

The return was quite easy without the pull of gravity and the minor uncertainties in the route behind us. Returning to the gate we found a small herd of our bovine buddies. They were protected by a long horned bull. The unfriendly glare in his eyes suggested that believed we might covet some of his wives. The pawing at the dirt, reminiscent of a toro facing a matador, reinforced our uneasy feeling. We very quickly scrambled through the gate and secured it before we began taunting the bull and brandishing our banderillas (hiking poles) in his direction. Zobeida waved her red bandana as menacingly as she could.

We were back at the cars before 4 p.m. Sandy's altimeter indicated that the trip elevation gain was 4000', almost exactly. It was too early for most of us

to stop at the Buckhorn restaurant in New Cuyama to celebrate, so we proceeded to the Motel 8 in Maricopa where many of had reservations. The motel is not bad, the proprietor is accommodating, and the price is much lower than the Buckhorn.

McPherson and Peak

I wanted to lead a trip to these two might "drive up" peaks that would require actual walking. This was intended to satisfy a growing number of HPS hikers who have concluded that driving a long, bumpy dirt road to an ugly summit is absurd (think about it—don't they have a point?). I had previously hiked this route about 4 years ago with Joe Young and Bobcat Thompson leading.

Eleven of us from the previous day's Caliente trip stayed to do this. Departed were Larry, Kathy, Jeff, Jim, and Gary, who all had better things to do. Sandy took over as a leader. The hike was billed as O-rated, all on trail and road. We arrived at Aliso campground and started hiking shortly after 8 a.m. We started south on "Hog Pen" trail. I, the great leader, began by emulating mentor Joe Young in marching past the correct turn off and proceeded to waste many minutes before I corrected this bungle. The correct way is as follows: Immediately after exiting the campground onto the obvious jeep road (route 3 start), note a similarly obvious trail that goes sharply to the right. Take this trail to the summit of McPherson.

Well, it isn't quite that easy. The trail is about 4 miles long and follows the top of a ridge all the way to the summit. The first 2 miles are open and easy to follow. The absence of trail maintenance now begins to show. The trail becomes more and more overgrown with brush and takes a zig here and a zag there to avoid some tangles. It almost totally disappears in a few places, but the traces are there and you know it follows the ridge. There was an abundance of ticks. My place of honor at the head of the group went unchallenged, even by noted challenger Laura Joseph. We finally reached the summit at 11:40, 3 hours after beginning to hike the proper route.

I perceived a possible problem with darkness, which I explained to the unruly mob of participants. It is about 3.5 miles to Peak mountain. We need to go there and return to McPherson no later than 3 p.m. to begin our return to Aliso in order to reach our vehicles before darkness falls (forgive me, Mars). That is a 3 hours and 20 minutes to hike the 7 miles, including eating lunch. I set a turnaround time of 1:20 p.m., Peak or no Peak. OK, call me conservative.

This mob was now transformed into a group on a mission. I had over-motivated them. They were off

and running. No more complaints of tired legs or extreme hunger. They *wanted* that peak! I showed them the firebreak shortcut to the road, pointed out Peak in the distance, and paused briefly for a personal split break. When I turned around they were barely visible, well down the road. I hied after them in a futile attempt to retake the lead. I am sure that Martin Parsons set a new record for hiking from McPherson to Peak; 1 hour flat. The others were right on his heels. We began our lunch at about 12:45. We headed back down that "trail" from McPherson at 2:30, Sandy now having usurped the lead from me. We reached the vehicles before 4:30 and lived happily ever after.

Leader Sandy was the only one to attract a solitary tick on the return. This, as well as the Caliente experience on the previous day, reinforces my conclusion that ticks are very slow to reposition themselves from the ground once they have made an unsuccessful jump for a meal.

Walking the Walk with Dorothy D.

Rosa Point (5038')

December 23, 2001

**A hikers' choice custom hike with
Dorothy – LIST FINISH #2 – Danziger,
Edith Liu, Pat Arredondo, Joanne Griego,
Winnette Butler, and Mars Bonfire
By Mars Bonfire**

It begins with a potential pool of millions, a little over one thousand make it to the 100 mark, under four hundred make it to 200, slightly over two hundred make it to their first completion, and then we're down to around 30 men and 8 women. What is "it"? It's the quest of THE MULTIPLE LIST FINISHER!

We can study maps and read guide books, peruse mountaineering catalogs and play with gear, devise clever and complicated car shuttle schemes, check out that obsolete mountain bike dusting in the garage to determine if it might be up to the challenge, even have fleeting and heretical thoughts of hitching a ride on a dirt bike or arranging a helicopter flight — we can spend hours talking the talk. And that can put "it" off for a time. Yet the only worthwhile way to the summit is to show up at the trailhead, shoulder a pack, and start heading up — finally, we must walk the walk on the great adventure. The great adventure that derives from Weldon Heald's great idea: a list of diverse, interesting, and satisfying peaks within a day of the creeping megatropolis of Los Angeles. And what an adventure it is — everything from fire road walks through rock

scrambles to ice axe and crampon challenges for those who seek them. Ever changing with the seasons, the weather, and the time of day with always something new to notice, new to learn, new to appreciate. A wilderness of enchantments for those willing to place one foot in front of the other throughout the course of a resplendent day.

Dorothy D. specializes in walking the walk. And this one began with a delightful moonlit car camp including a gratis yipping serenade by the Thimble Trail Family Values Coyote Chorus. After such a perfect desert night we eagerly awoke well refreshed and were ready to hike by headlamp at 5:00am. We took a map bearing from Thimble to the mouth of Palo Verde Cyn and noticed that in the real world it lined up with a distinctive star just above the outline of the mountain --- an auspicious beginning to our quest. Keeping that point of light in sight we carefully walked the desert floor avoiding cholla and rocks that might roll underfoot. Then, just as we thought we were entering the canyon, enough morning light diffused the sky to clarify the situation and confirm that indeed we were. After proceeding about 1.25 miles further to near the "e" in "Verde" on the topo, we then ascended a ridge to our left (west), which we marked, until it intersected the usual route along the south to north ascending ridge line. Our thought was that we could be in darkness around this area on our

return and it would be easier to follow the canyon out rather than deal with the ridgeline, which has secondary ridges branching off it. Going at a very relaxed pace we effortlessly ascended to the wide and shallow gully that angles down to the northeast and creates a crossing point for Palo Verde Cyn. At the bottom we stashed some water, took a long break, and enjoyed the mesmerizing views. Just as we were about to head up the other side we spotted a family of nine Bighorn Sheep on the very ridge we were heading for (and that number "nine" would turn out to have special meaning by the end of the day). As we advanced they progressively moved up, turning now and then to stare at us, seeming to encourage us on by silently saying: "Yes, slow and clumsy humans this is the ridge to Rosa Pt and we shall be your guides until it is time for us to branch off and graze." Thanks gang. You're permanently a part of our experience now. We owe you something and we won't forget you. As we hiked we improved the markers along this ridge, for it too has some branches that could be confusing on the return, and then, and again it seemed to be without much effort, we excitedly reached the dark rock pile on the rounded bump that is mysteriously called Rosa Point rather the Rosa Bump! There are some points in the area but Rosa is not among them.



Dorothy Danziger signs the register on Rosa Point on her second List finish, December 23, 2001. With her are, in back, Joanne Griego, Winnette Butler, and Mars Bonfire. Pat Arredondo sits next to Dorothy. Photo by Edith Liu

After a very long festive and congratulatory break, with Joshua Tree, the Salton Sea, Laguna Mountains, and Mile High Ridge forming the panoramic backdrop, we headed down making better time than expected, in part because of the improved marking of the route. Soon we were descending our well-marked ridge back into Palo Verde Cyn near its mouth and it was still 45 minutes from sunset. We were out of the canyon and heading across the desert floor as the sun went down behind Volcan Mountains and the headlights of cars on S22 started to come on. Still there was enough scattered sunlight plus the glow of an early rising moon to see us safely back to the trail head by 5:30pm without having to use our headlamps.

The quest was over. Victory was ours. And thus by the simple and primal act of walking the walk week after week, month after month, year after year, as did our forebearers for uncounted generations back to an unknown beginning, Dorothy went to the mountain a humble **L I S T F I N I S H E R** and returned the ninth woman to complete **T H E L I S T** two times. Next!

My HPS List Finish: Sheep Mountain January 25, 2002

By Edith Liu

In July of 1999 I decided to join a scheduled Sierra Club Hike, and it happened to be an HPS outing lead by Byron. Needless to say, Byron was very persuasive and got me hooked on peak bagging. My first goal was 25 just to become a member of the HPS. I picked easy hikes, but then commitment set in that meant no more hesitancy or a chance to draw back! Soon these hiking plans overshadowed my working schedule. Towards the latter part of my list finish pursuit, I had to rely heavily on leaders who would unselfishly arrange private hikes for me.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dorothy for being my navigator to 72 peaks, Mars for his 21 leads and Peter for sprinting with me up the mountains on 18 occasions.

Before spinning a dull tale and risking obfuscation I shall reflect briefly on my peak bagging experience.

longest hike:
most expensive
most challenging
most strenuous

Santa Cruz, 22 hours
Mt. Lukens, car broken into
Galena headwall
Snowy/Black after doing
Cobblestone/ White the
day before

coldest hike: San Rafael/McKinley in
January
hottest hike: Burnt/Liebre in October
wettest hike: Big Iron in May
most ticks: Eagle Crag in May
brushiest hikes: Samon and Santa Cruz
(which one is winning?)

my favorite summit block: Martinez, Antsell Rock
(another tie)

most beautiful snow shoe hike: Butler via Crafts

most scenic trails and peaks: San Jacinto, Folly,
Cornell, Drury, Marion,
Jean

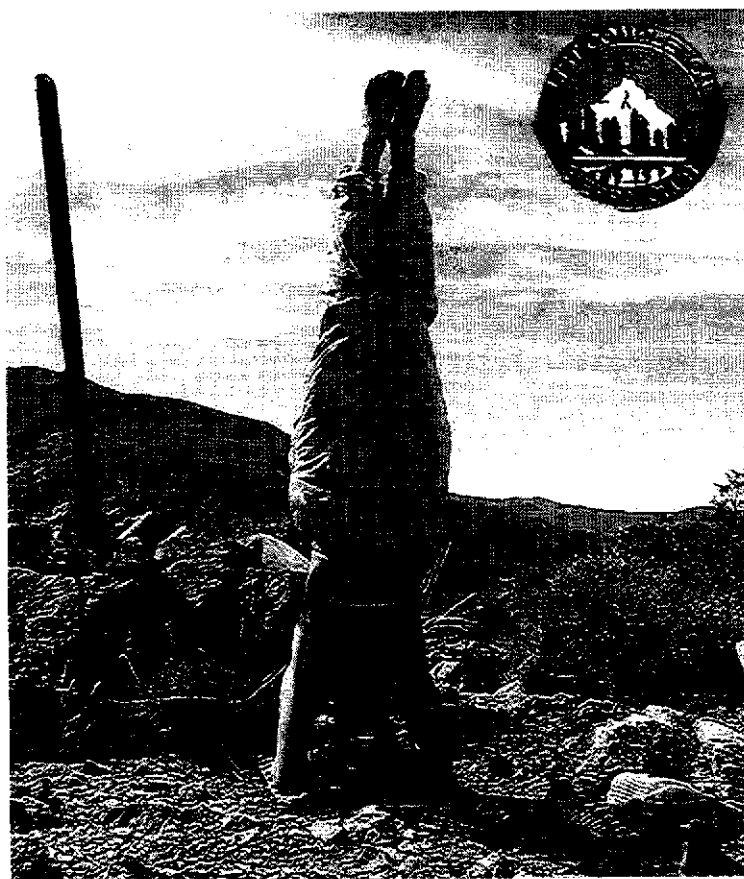
peaks I don't feel like doing ever again:

Occidental, Barley Flats, Indian Mtn.

happiest peak: SHEEP!!!

*Yes, I finished on January 25, 2002 on Sheep
Mtn. It was a private hike with Mars, being the
leader, myself, Barbara Guerin, Karen
Leverich, Ingeborg Prochazka, Joanne Griego,
Joe Whyte, Bill Ossa and Sandy Burnside.*

...and put my ashes on top of Dragon's Head!



Edith stands on her head on Sheep Mountain.

REGISTER BOX

By Jim Adler

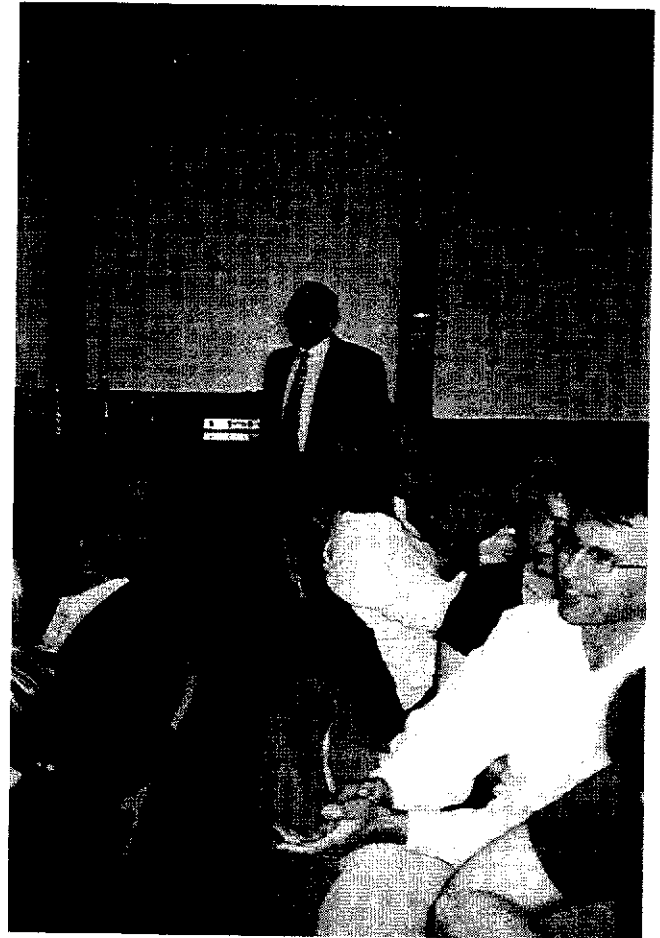
During the past two months, three departed registers were reported and one was removed. The Quail Mtn can was reported found in December but was reported gone again in January.

Reports were received from George Wysup, Peter Doggett, Leora Jones, and Joe Young.
Missing and deficient registers:

5A	Caliente Mtn.	deficient	1-02
7A	Frazier Mtn.	shot	5-01
12A	Mt. Deception	missing	1-02
13C	Pleasant View	missing	9-00
13D	Will Thrall	missing	9-00
13I	Winston Ridge	missing	7-01
14A	Mt. Waterman	missing	10-01
14F	Mt. Hawkins	missing	10-00
15D	Iron Mtn. #1	missing	12-00

17B	Ontario Peak	missing	6-01
17E	Cucamonga Peak	shot	8-01
23H	Three Sisters	missing	12-01
26B	Quail Mtn.	missing	1-02
26C	Quean Mtn.	missing	4-99
31E	Beauty Peak	missing	12-01

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 **jimadler @ mindspring.com**. or from the HPS web site. 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.)



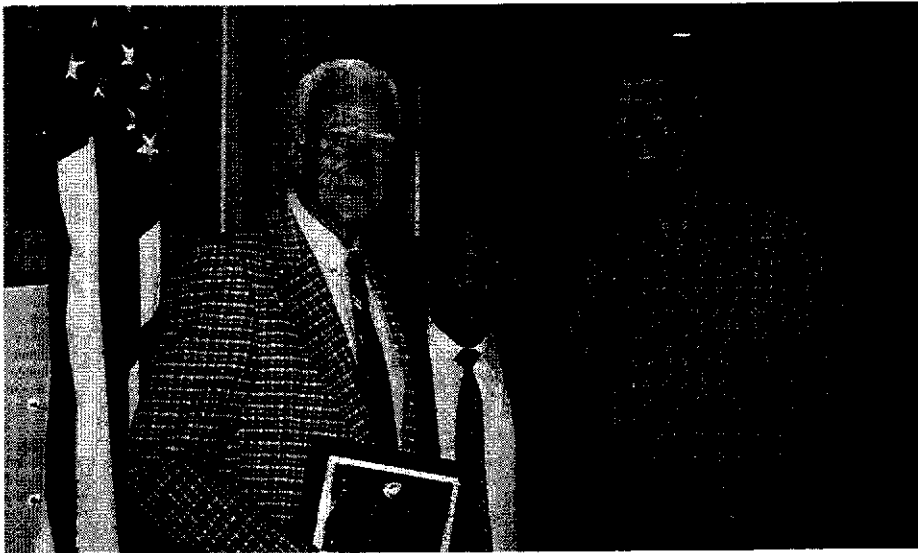
(Left) Edith Liu at the HPS Annual Awards Banquet, the day after finishing the HPS List. (Right) At the end of the ritual of acknowledgment of peakbagging achievements, Frank Goodykoontz is applauded by attendees for finishing the List nine times.

Scenes from the Annual Awards Banquet

(Top) This year's R. S. "Sam" Fink Service Award winner, Brent Washburne, right, stands with Henric Heusinkveld (left) and Paul Lipsohn. Henric and Paul were prolific leaders for the HPS in the 1960's and 1970's. Among other achievements, Paul successfully obtained official recognition of the name "Heald Peak" in the southern Sierras. The peak is named in honor of the creator of the hundred peaks idea, Weldon Heald.

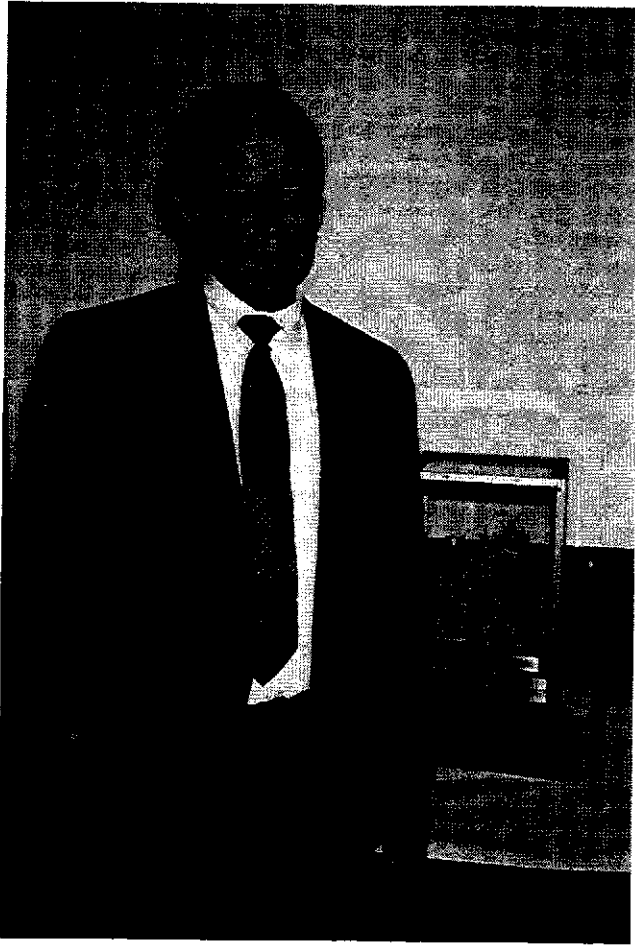


Brent Washburne, left, holds his award plaque as he stands with 2001 HPS Chair Virgil Popescu, center, and friend Southern Courtney. Southern gave a testimonial on behalf of Brent at the banquet.



Maureen Cates and Bob Cates pose for the camera at the banquet. Maureen chaired the HPS in 1976 and has served the HPS and the Angeles Chapter in numerous capacities. She received the R. S. Fink Service Award in 1977. Bob is the Angeles Chapter Historian. He received the Leadership Award from the HPS in 1977. Bob also served as editor of **THE LOOKOUT** for several years. Bob accompanied Jack Bascom on a hike to Grouse Mountain in 1976 on the 30th anniversary of Weldon Heald's 100th peak climb. (Jack was with Weldon Heald on the outing in 1946.) Both Bob and Maureen were active leaders for the HPS.





(Upper left) Byron Prinzmetal stands by the John Backus Leadership Award. Byron has been Chair of the HPS, and in 2002 returns to the Management Committee. He has created a committee of leaders who lead more often than once a week, making trips available to many new hikers. Byron adapted routes to our peaks to computer software programs and made computer generated maps available to all.



(Above) George Wysup, holding the Bill T. Russell New Leader perpetual trophy, first led HPS hikes just a couple of years ago. But he has been a prolific leader since then, leading scores of hikes in 2000 and 2001. George has also been active in HPS administration, serving on the Management Committee in 2000 and 2001 as Outings Chair.

Ron Jones poses for the camera with 2002 Program Chair and Membership Chair Laura Joseph. Ron won a raffle prize, a gift certificate worth \$\$\$ at REI!

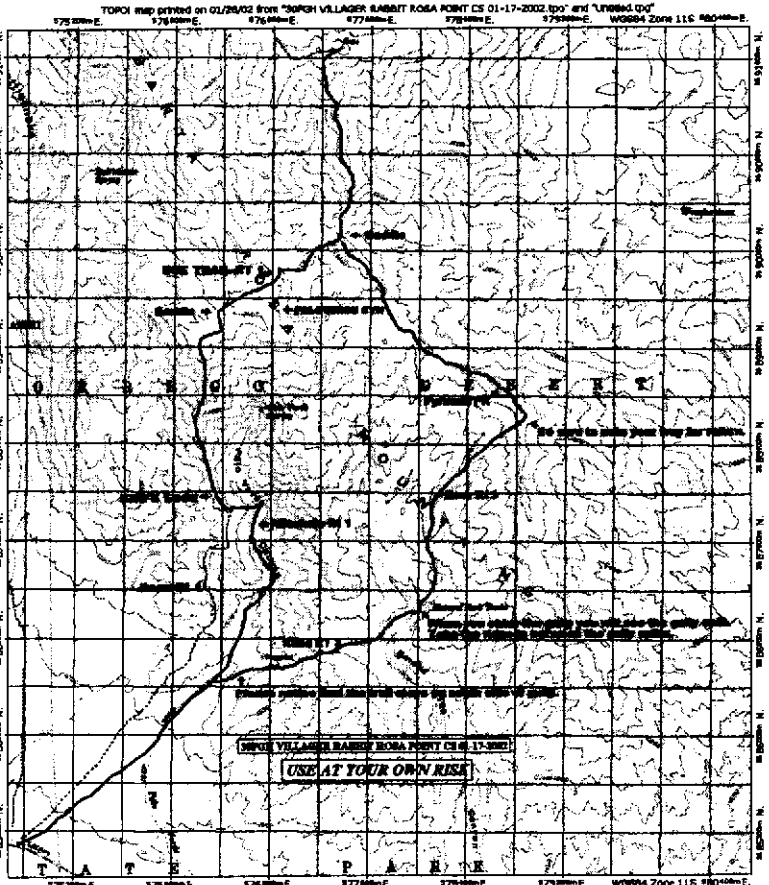
A New Route??? To Rosa Point

By Byron Prinzmetal

I am always sitting by my computer using my National Geographic Software dreaming of new ways of doing our peaks. I draw new routes and dream. Mars calls this VIRTUAL HIKING. You see I kind of get tired of doing the same old, same old...routes.

So one day doing my virtual hiking thing I spotted a series of ridges to the east of Palo Verde Canyon that start near the Natural Tanks in Lone Smoke Tree Canyon. The chicken that I am, I let the dream die, until one day I was hiking Eagle Crag with Patty Rambert and she told me of a route her and Ron Hudson did to Rosa that sounded very similar (via the Natural Tanks). So I turned on my computer when I got home, studied the route again, and talk Sandy Burnside in doing this virtual hike route, for real.

It turns out it is a great route. There is practically no Jumping Cholla; it is fairly easy to navigate and route find. The terrain is mostly a little trail and lots of great cross country over mostly gentle desert ridges. There were no sign of people doing this route except near a new peak called Pyramid and the route to that peak came in from a different direction. It took us 5 and 3/4 hours up doing my sluggo pace. Poor Sandy, she had to hike soo slowly. Mighty George Wysup and Laura J. did a few days later in 5.5 hours. They must have had to stop and smell the cactus as they hike much faster than my sluggo pace.



the same route a

Below are the hike description and a TOPO map. I hope others enjoy this route as much as I did.

- Distance: 12 miles round trip cross-country
- Gain: 5100 feet round trip, 4600 feet going plus 500 feet on the return
- Time: 10-12 hours round trip
- Rating: Class 1, Very Strenuous
- Navigation/Route Finding: Moderate
- Route: Trail and moderately steep desert terrain.

DRIVING: Start at the usual place for route one
HIKING ROUTE THREE

- From the parking area (980'), hike northeast 1.25 miles into and then past the mouth of Palo Verde Canyon.
1. You will notice a side canyon coming into Palo Verde Canyon from your right (east). Hike into this canyon over a dry waterfall staying generally on the south side of the canyon. Find a maintained trail and hike generally east on this trail for about a mile until you enter Smoke Tree Canyon.
 2. When you enter Smoke Tree Canyon you will notice the canyon splits. One canyon heads east toward the Natural Tanks and the other heads north. You will find a ridge separating these two canyons. The ridge runs generally north for the first half mile and then it bends toward the north east.
 3. Hike this ridge for 1.3 miles until it ends at 3300' at another ridge that runs northwest over Pyramid Peak.
 4. Hike this new ridge for 1.4 miles as it goes over (Pyramid Peak) and over/down several bumps until you intersect route one at the saddle at 3600'.
 5. Continue per route one for about a mile to the peak.

**Southern California Mountaineers Association
Presents Honorary Member
Ellen Wilts**

**Who will be joining us on March 12th at 7:30 pm at Loyola Marymount University in
University Hall 1000**

The American Alpine Club has graciously donated many copies of the sixth edition (1979) "American Alpine Club Climber's Guide Tahquitz And Suicide Rocks" edited by Chuck Wilts.

We will be giving these books away to attendees of the presentation. We will also have a door prize that will be raffled away to an SCMA member in attendance.

Taken from American Alpine Club Journal 1992 and written by Ellen Beaumont Wilts:

"We met in June of 1941 in Tuolumne Meadows. In the fall of 1941, on a Sierra Club outing, Les Grossman introduced Chuck to the greatest love of his outdoor adventures, rock climbing. I was an initiate at the same time. Chuck became a Sierra Club member in 1942. Soon after joining the Sierra Club Rock Climbing Section, he discovered another lifetime outdoor activity, skiing, and he joined the Sierra Club Ski Mountaineering Section. He served as chairman of both sections. In 1945, he was a founding member of a skiers folk-dance group, "The Mountain Dancers", which is still active today. After the war, we mountaineered, rock climbed, skied and folk danced together and then married in 1947.

At Tahquitz Rock, Chuck made too many first ascents to list. He also published in the 1956 second edition of the Guide to Tahquitz Rock the first official "decimal system" used for classifying and comparing climbing routes. Climbers originally called it the "Sierra-Wilts Decimal System." Chuck objected to the original name and finally it came to be known as the "Yosemite Decimal System." Throughout the years, he updated and published the guide five times. In 1964, he became a member of the American Alpine Club, which published the fourth, fifth and sixth edition of the Guide to Tahquitz and Suicide Rocks. He donated the book's proceeds to the Club. During Chuck's many years of climbing he wrote articles for climbing magazines, Sierra Club publications and journals on safety concerns, rope durability and climbing hardware. He invented the knife-blade piton. He also built a device to test the strength of climbing ropes."

Directions to the venue:

Take the 405 (San Diego Freeway) to the Howard Hughes Parkway Exit. Take Howard Hughes Parkway up the short hill to Sepulveda, turn left (south) on Sepulveda. Take Sepulveda to Manchester, turn right (west) onto Manchester. Take Manchester to Lincoln, turn right (north) onto Lincoln. Take Lincoln down the hill to LMU Drive, turn right onto LMU Drive. University Hall, 1 LMU Drive, is the large building on the right. Drive into the underground parking (the third entrance) or P1. You may park anywhere in the structure, except for handicap spaces. Take the elevators up to the first floor. The room University Hall 1000 is on the first floor at the east end of the building.

(For addition details see www.rockclimbing.org or www.delphi.com/scma or call SCMA hotline 213.368.8573)

Angeles Chapter Fundraisers

Oct 5-14, 2002 Sat-Mon Angeles Chapter Fundraiser

C: The Sierra Club in Paris, City of Lights!: Due to the popularity of this trip in Oct, 1999 and Oct, 2000, we are offering it again in 2002. See Paris! The Louvre, L'Arc de Triomphe, Versailles, the Tuileries, Bateau Mouche evening boat tour on the Seine, numerous guided bus and walking tours through Paris. Opportunity to tour Monet's Giverny Gardens. Bonus bus tour through the Loire Valley, with stops at the famous Gothic cathedral of Chartres, and famous castles, Fountainbleau and Vaux le Vicomte. Plenty of time for personal explorations. Trip fee includes roundtrip non-stop airfare, 8 nights hotel, daily breakfast, 2 dinners, Paris museum pass and metro ticket. Price is \$1,425. To sign up, send initial deposit of \$500 to World Encounters, P.O. Box 3009, Santa Monica, CA 90408. Refund policy: Refund less \$250 before June 15. After June 15, no refund unless a suitable replacement is found. For your protection, trip cancellation insurance is recommended. Non Sierra Club members, add \$35. To request brochures, call (800) 972-8996, or send a SASE to Organizer: Maya Hyams.

Nov 16-25, 2002 Sat-Mon Angeles Chapter Fundraiser

C: Adventurer's Tuscany, Florence and Tuscan Hilltowns: Experience the hidden treasures of Tuscany with Italianophile, Roxana Lewis, who has been tramping its back roads for 19 years. Visit Siena, San Gimignano, sip Chianti in Greve, run/walk the Florence Marathon, visit Pisa and climb the famous Tower, walk the ramparts of Lucca and more. Approx. 7-26 mi of walking per day to justify great eating opportunities. Price is \$1,639 (\$1,671 non-mbrs), incl. airfare, hotel, brkfst, donation. To reserve, send \$500 deposit, 2 SASE and SC # to Ldr: Roxana Lewis. Co-Ldr: Maggie Belknap.

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