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Monthly Management Committee Meetings

July 11, August 8 Thursdays

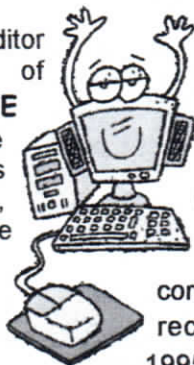
Please join us for our monthly open management committee meetings. Please call or email the HPS Program Chair, Laura Joseph, for the time and place. Laura can be reached at ljoseph2@earthlink.net or (626) 356 4158.

Although the Hundred Peaks Section eliminated programs (slide shows, etc) at monthly meetings, the Section still has monthly meetings of its Management Committee. These meetings are open to all. And they are still held on the second Thursday of each month.

Your Management Committee has, as always, many matters to consider. Issues include, but are not limited to, items such as our maps, peak guides, special events, outings procedures, safety, leadership, upcoming outings, achievements, the website, and many other issues. The views of our members are important. You are welcome to join us at these meetings. Just please let Laura know so she can properly direct you to the meeting site and time.

Corrections!

Your editor confesses to the serious crime of botching the numbering of volumes of **THE LOOKOUT**. Your editor's first issue was the Jan - Feb 1994 issue, which was volume XXXI, issue no. 1. However, between 1994 and 2002 the volume numbers in most issues were incorrect. The issue numbers and the dates were correct.



For the record, issues of **THE LOOKOUT** in 1995 should have been volume XXXII; 1996, XXXIII; 1997, XXXIV; 1998, XXXV; 1999, XXXVI; 2000, XXXVII; 2001, XXXVIII; and 2002, XXXIX.

Volume I, issue no. 1 of **THE LOOKOUT** was published in January, 1964 (although the newsletter had not yet received its name). 2002 marks its thirty-ninth year of publication.

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Special Upcoming Outings

July 7 Sunday

I: Goodykoontz Peak (7558') Exploratory, Mt Williamson (8214') and beyond: Come join us on this exploratory to this peak proposed to be named after our four time List leader. The hike is about 8 miles rt and 3000' gain. You will exert much energy and experience much beauty on this strenuous, moderately paced hike on trail and over very steep slippery xc ridges. Meet 9 AM La Cañada rideshare point. Please bring good cheer, goodies to share, lunch, and at least three qts of water. Leaders: BYRON PRINZMETAL, SANDY BURNSIDE, HAVEN FEARN, CARLETON SHAY, DIANE DUNBAR, BOBCAT THOMPSON, MAGGIE WILSON, JOE YOUNG, and the one and only FRANK GOODYKOONTZ.

July 27 Saturday

Ninth Annual Great Mt Waterman Rendezvous Hikes: Join one of four fantastic hikes to this most lovely peak. Bring goodies to share. Be prepared to join in on the joyous celebration of several possible HPS List finishers. All hikes meet at the La Cañada rideshare point.

✓ 9:00 AM: O: Easiest Route: Beginners welcome on this easy, moderately paced hike. 8 mi rt, 1200' gain to top of this beautiful mountain. Ldrs: WINNETTE BUTLER, DORIS DUVAL, MFL KWAN, BRIAN LEVERICH

✓ 8:30 AM: I: Kratka Ridge (7515'), Waterman Mtn (8038'): We hike over Kratka Ridge down the other side and over to the Waterman Trail. 6 mi, 1900' gain. After quick hike to Cloudburst Summit will be a short car shuttle. Ldrs: SANDY BURNSIDE, SOUTHERN COURTNEY

✓ 8:00 AM: I: Moderately paced, all xc climb from Three Points through beautiful, but at times steep and rocky, difficult terrain. 10 mi rt, 2100' gain. Ldr: KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH. Asst: MARS BONFIRE

✓ 6:30 AM: I: Waterman Mtn (8038') via Twin Pks (7761'): Strenuous, moderately fast paced 12 mi rt, 3200; gain hike on trail and very steep use trail. Experienced hikers only. Possible List finish #4 for a leader. Meet 6:30 am La Canada rideshare pt. Ldrs: SANDY SPERLING, GEORGE WYSUP

July 13 Saturday

I: Luella Todd Peak (9358') Exploratory: Easy, moderately slow pace exploratory hike of about 1000' and 6 mi rt on trail and steep xc with some class two rock. Located in San Jacinto Wilderness. Proposed to be named Luella Todd Peak after the first HPS women to earn the 100 peaks emblem. Meet 7:00 am Monrovia Ride Share Point. Bring good cheer, food to share, lunch and water. Email trip organizer Byron Prinzmetal at prinzmetal@charter.net to insure tram is open and running. Ldrs: Sandy Burnside, Carleton Shay, Byron Prinzmetal, Southern Courtney.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

For Period January 26 to May 28 2002

By Laura Joseph

ACHIEVEMENTS

EMBLEM	DATE	PEAK NAME	SEQUENCE
List Completion No. 5 (The 5th person to complete the list 5 times)			
<i>Mars Bonfire</i>	<i>March 20, 2002</i>	<i>Etiwanda Mountain</i>	<i>5</i>
List Completion No. 3 (The 20th person to complete the list 3 times)			
<i>Ron Zappen</i>	<i>May 11, 2002</i>	<i>Pilot Knob</i>	<i>20</i>
List Completion No. 1			
<i>Edith Liu</i>	<i>January 25, 2002</i>	<i>Sheep Mountain</i>	<i>229</i>
<i>Laura Joseph</i>	<i>May 12, 2002</i>	<i>(The New) Piute</i>	<i>230</i>
200 Peaks Bar			
<i>Rob Langsdorg</i>	<i>November 15, 1999</i>	<i>Black #1</i>	<i>387</i>
<i>William Siegal</i>	<i>May 6, 2001</i>	<i>Ingham Peak</i>	<i>378</i>
<i>Leo Rosario</i>	<i>November 27, 2001</i>	<i>Lion Peak</i>	<i>376</i>
<i>Ingeborg Prochazka</i>	<i>January 31, 2002</i>	<i>Rosa Point</i>	<i>379</i>
<i>Karen Isaacson Leverich</i>	<i>January 31, 2002</i>	<i>Rosa Point</i>	<i>380</i>
<i>Winette Butler</i>	<i>February 17, 2002</i>	<i>Grouse Mountain</i>	<i>381</i>
<i>Sandy Sperling</i>	<i>February 24, 2002</i>	<i>Russell Peak</i>	<i>382</i>
<i>David Comerzan</i>	<i>March 5, 2002</i>	<i>Bernard Peak</i>	<i>383</i>
<i>Joanne Griego</i>	<i>April 1, 2002</i>	<i>Little Bear Mountain</i>	<i>384</i>
<i>Angie Wysup</i>	<i>April 20, 2002</i>	<i>Mt. Jenkins</i>	<i>385</i>
<i>Zobeida Molina</i>	<i>May 23, 2002</i>	<i>Big Horn Mtn</i>	<i>388</i>
100 Peaks Emblem			
<i>Mei Kwan</i>	<i>May 19, 2002</i>	<i>San Rafael Mtn</i>	<i>1033</i>
<i>Paul McKenna</i>	<i>May 1, 2002</i>	<i>Slide Peak</i>	<i>1034</i>

WELCOME TO NEW AND REACTIVATING MEMBERS AND SUBSCRIBERS

New Members (19 including upgrades*)

Joanne Griego*
David Heenan*
John Meehan*
Kenn Smith*
Jim Conley*
Jeff Clyman

Diana Jeffers
Sheldon Slack*
Eve Leverich
Paul McKenna
David Dorn
Coby King
Stephen Bache
Sunshine Willey

Elizabeth Brown
Pat Brea
Terry Harrison
David Coons
Mark Allen
Gwen Dorn

New Subscribers (24)

Douglas Claar
David Brackney
Peter Hayes
Carmela Longo
Noah Flaxenburg
Yim Lincoln
Brian Bottorff
Charlie Craig
Don Hendriks
Edd Ruskowitz
Jan Scalise
John Robinson
John Tevelein

Kamran Aghili
Larry Campbell
Laura Bellamy
Robert L. Young
Ted Slap
Vicki D. Saunders
John Monsen
Robert Assarian
Lloyd Johnson
Michael Dillenback
David Levine

Renewals

There have been 150 renewals between January 1 and May 28, 2002.

There are 13 overdue renewals (May expiration dates). All expired subscriptions/ memberships prior to May that have not been renewed have been moved to inactive.

REMINDER: If you need to renew, please see the back page for renewal information.

OKTOBERFEST WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 28-29 2002

We are very excited about what we think will be a different and special Oktoberfest this year. The location is a new one — we'll be at a lovely campground on Mil Potrero Road just east of Mt Abel Road and a few miles west of Pine Mountain Club.

We've reserved 20 large campsites — we'll have the entire campground to ourselves — and a cabin that sleeps 8. There are two bathroom facilities with showers (no hat hair!) in the campground and the cabin has a private bath. If we have more people who want to sleep indoors, there are lodging facilities in Pine Mountain Club (email Karen Isaacson for advice on lodging in the area) and a dormitory type facility on Mt. Abel Road (which we would reserve only if there is enough demand).

For the potluck, we have a huge BBQ area with tables and giant size grill for cooking. Dinner will be followed by peak-themed games (including the always-popular "name that peak") and campfire singing.

As most of us know, this is an absolutely beautiful area. There are a huge variety of hikes scheduled in close proximity for Saturday and Sunday — see the outings schedule for details.

This is going to be a great weekend for hiking, socializing and getting to know each other in a relaxed fun setting.

Registration cost for the weekend is estimated at about \$15/person for the weekend; final cost could be lower depending on the number of people who sign up. Preliminary registration begins right away and is essential to ensure that you get a spot and to enable us to calculate the exact cost. Registration is accomplished by contacting Membership Chair Laura Joseph at (626) 356-4158 or email ljoseph2@earthlink.net

Now comes the inevitable plea for volunteers. We'll need help with the following fun things:

Outreach: contacting people to remind them to register

Registration and site assignment

Organizing the pot luck

Clean up (Hurrah!)

Games and entertainment

Please contact Laura at the above number/email to let her know what you would like to do.



Laura Joseph

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 remove sunglasses!]** If you want the photos returned please state so and 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 joengeri@attbi.com. **THE LOOKOUT** is the property of the Hundred Peaks Section.



(310) 301 - 9642; or email to

The Hundred Peaks Section Website – Check it out!

On it you'll find current information, upcoming members including their achievements and awards, the about the peaks, including how they were named and trip much more. We also provide links to other Sierra Club



<http://angeles.sierraclub.org/hps/> events, historical information about Peak List, Peak Guides, historical information reports, the section Bylaws, and much, entities.

Our website is maintained by Dr. Brian Leverich.

From the Chair

By Karen Isaacson Leverich

The days are getting longer, the snow is mainly gone, and what's on my mind? Let's go hiking! (I'm afraid the rumors are true – if I'm not out there hiking one or more of our peaks, I'm probably home planning my next hike.)

Of course there's a full listing of outings further on in this issue. But I'd like to put in a special plug for some of them.

PROVISIONAL HIKES – a number of us (including me) have been coaxed, hypnotized, blackmailed, something!, into becoming (or attempting to become) rated leaders for Angeles Chapter. This can be a serious commitment of time and energy, even money. And to what end? To be able to lead hikes that all of us can enjoy. Now, there is something you can do to help! One of the final steps in the process of becoming a new leader is to lead one or more "provisional" hikes. A provisional hike is more likely to be deemed a success if there are lots of happy participants. (It's also likely to be more fun.) So when you're looking over the upcoming outings, trying to decide which ones to go on, do consider joining a new leader's provisional hike.

I'll make it easy for you:

June 22, Sat: go to Galena with Kent Schwitkis

July 13, Sat: go to Waterman with Ping Pfeffer

July 13, Sat: no, wait, go to Black #5 and Split with Brian Leverich

July 13-14, Sat-Sun: or maybe go to several San Jacinto Peaks with Kent?

July 19-21, Fri-Sun: backpack to Galena, Dragons Head, and Bighorn with me

July 21, Sun: go to Cucamonga & Etiwanda with Laura Joseph

July 28, Sun: go to Ontario & Bighorn Peaks with Pat Arredondo

August 3, Sat: go to Williamson & Pallett with Brian Leverich

August 15, Thurs: go to Throop with Dave Comerzan

And I want to thank all the good folk who joined me on my recent provisionals to Lukens and to Black #4. We really did have a good time!

EASY PEAK HIKES – Do you have friends or family you'd like to introduce to Hundred Peaks hiking, but you're a little worried they'll get blown away if their first hike is, say, a "very strenuous 20 mi rt, 5000' gain hike"? Several of us (Mars Bonfire, Winnette Butler, Kathy Cheever, Doris Duval, Brian Leverich, me), probably aided and abetted by other

famous and infamous HPS leaders (hi David! hi George!), are starting a series of hikes called "Easy Peaks of the San Gabriels". Someone has already commented that the trip write ups sound longer than the hikes themselves!

What we're intending to do is have a short, mellow paced, hike (almost a stroll) to some of our more accessible peaks. We'll get acquainted, admire the views, try to learn more about what we're seeing (trees, flowers, butterflies...), and basically have a good time. We're starting late enough you can savor your morning cup of coffee before heading over to the La Cañada rideshare point to join us at 9:30AM. When? July 6th (Sat), August 11th (Sun), August 25th (Sun), September 8th (Sun), September 21st (Sat), October 5th (Sat), and October 19th (Sat). Bring a friend!

WATERMAN RENDEZVOUS – What can I say? You all know this one is fun. On Saturday, July 27th, there are four count'em four hikes to Waterman Mountain, via different routes, all hopefully arriving at sort of the same time. Bring some good stuff to eat, and we'll all share. Join Winnette, Doris, Mei and Brian for the easiest route, 8 miles round trip, 1200' gain, beginners welcome. Or join Sandy and Southern and come via Kratka Ridge. Or Sandy (the other Sandy) and George via Twin Peaks. (Rumor has it that not only is this possibly a list finish for a leader, but also for a participant! Party hearty!) And Mars and I are coming cross-country along a ridge from the west. All of these hikes are bound to be fun. Hope to see you there!

What, I've not filled your calendar to overflowing yet? Well, there are a lot more hikes listed! You'll find something there, for sure. See you soon on one or more of our peaks! (Oh, and be sure to register by September 21st for the Leadership Training Seminar on October 5th – See the LTC section in the front of the Chapter Schedule for more information! Nag nag nag...)

The Hundred Peaks Section holds its Annual Business Meeting on September 12, 2002. This is the meeting at which nominations for next year's Management Committee, recommendations for additions or deletions from the List, and proposed Bylaw changes are finalized. Subsequently the ballot is prepared and sent to the membership.

You are welcome to attend this open meeting.

Please check the September-October issue of THE LOOKOUT or call program chair Laura Joseph for meeting time and place.

Report from your Mountain Records Chair

By Byron Prinzmetal

First of all I am proud to announce that your management committee has approved as official HPS maps, the maps that are now housed on the National Geographic web site.

Believe or not we have been working on creating and correcting our peak guides for about 30 years and we still have some errors!! Our maps are a rather recent HPS invention (first created by the one and only Brent Washburn and updated by me using TOPO software). They too contain errors, which we want to correct. So a disclaimer, our peak guides and maps contain errors so use them cautiously.

As usual, please report all errors in peak guides and maps to the Mountains Record Chair at prinzmetal@charter.net.

To obtain our maps, you will need to download them from the National Geographic web site. The file that contains the maps can be obtained 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 of So. Cal. over 5000"

Our peak guides are housed on our web site or they can be ordered in hard copy format from Bob Cat (see order form on the back of this Lookout issue).

Your management committee and mountain records committee has been busy these last few months updating our maps and peak guides and adding many new exciting routes. Below is a partial listing of the most recent changes/additions:

Peak Guides

1. Eagle Crag-new driving and revised hiking instructions
2. Cannel-Removed route two due to private property issues. A replacement route will be issued next month.
3. Owens Peak-updated hiking mileage/ gain
4. Onyx-updated parking area, hiking mileage and gain
5. Caliente-updated driving info
6. Santa Cruz-new clipped route to top
7. Topo Bluff-corrected hiking mileage
8. The Queens of Orange County-added new driving route from east and reordered guides showing hiking routes first.
9. Black #4-Got rid of old primary route that was

confusing and added two new routes that most people are now doing.

10. Sheep/Martinez-add driving instructions from desert.
11. Cajon-Changed incorrect driving instructions thanks to Laura J.
12. Lookout#2-Added to peak guide written approval secured by your MRC to cross private land.
13. Morris, Jenkins, Owens-Fixed route driving instructions for Morris, added two new routes to Jenkins, added more info about doing combination peaks, updated route numbers for all three peaks so they fit together.
14. Sawtooth-Updated route number two driving instructions (it was very wrong) and updated the map accordingly thanks to George W.
15. Monrovia-Thanks to George W./Maggie W. added a new way to get to the ridge via a new trail and updated the map to show the new route.
16. Quail-Updated the route description for the very wonderful route that Diane D. describes, added it to the map, added another route to the map via Samuelson's rock thanks to George W., added another route to the peak guide (the shortest and easiest route Carleton and I have found to the peak) and changed some other minor things on the map/peak guide.
17. Asbestos-Updated peak guide and map with correct driving instructions, removed one route that crosses private property from the maps, added parking place on map for 2 wheel drive and some other minor stuff thanks to George W.
18. Rosa Point-Added a new route to peak guide and map that Sandy B. and I re-discovered. Fixed obsolete driving instructions.
19. Piute LO-Updated driving instructions
20. Mt Gleason-George W. added some needed information.

Maps

1. Thomas-now shows George's new great hiking route
2. Cannel-removed route two to keep people out of jail (private property issues). Thanks to George W. and Laura J.
3. Onyx-removed an old not used route
4. Cuyama-added Laura's fantastic ridge route
5. Orange County Jewels-shows some new hiking routes and new driving route
6. Black#4-added new routes and removed old primary route. Also, re-show an old route that

goes along the river bottom to the base of the peak.

7. Big Three-shows new route that the Sandy's (Burnside and Sperling) and I discovered at our recent led outing to the top of Santa Cruz. The route is mostly free of brush and pretty well marked. If people will use it, help maintain it, it will be here until the next fire.
8. Peak and McPherson-shows new hiking route
9. Hillyer-corrected hiking route from south using really exact gps waypoints (does anyone really care?)
10. Eagle Rest-Changed on the map the route up the ridge from Windwolves preserve and added an additional way to exit near Pine Mtn Club including the road name (thanks to George W.)
11. Morris, Jenkins, Owens-Updated the map to reflect new routes.
12. Monrovia-Thanks to George/Maggie added a new way to get to the ridge via a new trail.
13. Quail-Updated the route description for the very wonderful route that Diane describes, added it to the map, added another route to the map via Samuelson's rock thanks to George, added another route to the peak guide (the shortest and easiest route Carleton and I have found to the peak) and changed some other minor things on the map/peak guide.
14. Asbestos-Updated peak guide and map with correct driving instructions, removed one route that crosses private property from the maps, added parking place on map for 2 wheel drive and some other minor stuff.
15. Rosa Point-Added new route to peak guide and map. Fixed obsolete driving instructions on peak guide.
16. Whale-Made minor changes on the map for the new route based upon Sandy's excellent navigation/route finding to this peak. This route now has been led several times.
17. Big Rabbit-Updated the map for the route from the north which was never drawn on our recent maps before, thanks to George. If someone will show me the Clark dry lake route I will update that one also.

Please note there are new routes for Jenkins, Morris, Santa Cruz, Black #4, Rosa Point, Cuyama LO among others. These are significant additions. If you have not done them perhaps you should. I also believe that Diane's excellent route to Quail should be done more often. It is a very fine route, a wonderful route indeed. All the routes added require good navigational skills and are not easy hikes.

Next month we will have a new route for

Samon that bypasses the feared Chokecherry Gully. The new route (which Mars and I discovered last year) is now well maintained thanks to Mars and company. Many parties have since enjoyed this new way. There will be other new routes (e.g. new route to Meeks, Cannel, et al).

HPS Leaders Own Email List Server

By Byron Prinzmetal

As announced in last edition of the Lookout, HPS leaders now have their own free email distribution list (called a list server).

The article is being reprinted below for your convenience.

Below are some of the things we will use the leaders list for:

Help leaders setup scheduled hikes

Help leaders find substitute leaders

Help leaders get information they need to lead more successful hikes.

As a means for the HPS outings chair to communicate needed information to HPS leaders.

Once you have joined the list you can send an email to the list, which will automatically be sent to all of the members of the list. Here are some of the specific things you might want to try:

1. I would like to lead a hike to XYZ peak the weekend of July 31st, I need a co-leader. Anyone interested? The hike will be posted in **THE LOOKOUT** only.
2. I need a substitute leader for my hike on 3/31/2001 to Mt Pinos. The hike is "O" rated. Can anyone help me out on this?
3. I would like to lead the following hikes for the next schedule and I need a co-leader(s) for them. Please email xyz at isp.com if you are interested.
4. I am planning on leading Copter Ridge. What time of year is best and about how long does it take?
5. Does anyone know how to get the gate combination for xyz peak?
6. Does anyone know the road condition to xyz peak?

The HPS Outings Chair will use the list to distribute the following types of information:

1. The cutoff dates for the next schedule and **THE LOOKOUT**.
2. Send an edit listing of hikes for the next Lookout/Schedule for leaders to review for necessary corrections.

3. To communicate changes in Chapter outing policy and procedures (e.g. use of the new sign-in form).

The list is open to all HPS leaders and provisional leaders. To subscribe to the list all you need to do is send an email to the list administrator Karen Isaacson Leverich at karen@mtpinos.com:

You can cancel your subscription anytime by also sending an email to Karen.

Finally, some of you might be concerned about using email as a means to communicate among our leaders. Below are frequently asked questions concerning using email and this list:

1. Most of our leaders have and use email. For the last schedule ALL of the submissions were via email. There were no paper submittals. However, all-important information will also be sent to those who don't have email either via articles in **THE LOOKOUT** or via email.
2. The list is for leader related business. If anyone abuses this (e.g. complaints about so and so) they will be asked to stop using the list for this type of activity and if this fails they will be removed from the list.
3. Some are concerned about spam. We are using the Sierra Club's official list server software, which over a thousand other Sierra Club entities use and thousands of Sierra Club members. Further, the list and its distribution are restricted to HPS leaders.
4. The list will not be used to communicate private hikes.

HPS' Very Own Email List Server

By Byron Prinzmetal

As announced in the last edition of **THE LOOKOUT**, the HPS is proud to announce its very own free email distribution list (called a list server) to allow official HPS announcements to quickly go to HPS Hikers.

If you missed the article it is repeated herein.

Below are some of the things we will use the list for:

1. Up-coming authorized HPS outings.
2. HPS outing cancellations and postponements.
3. Road, trail, and other route information of interest to HPS hikers
4. Conservation information that HPS hikers would be interested in.
5. Upcoming events
6. Important dates such as dates for upcoming training sessions (first aid, navigation classes, etc.) and the procedure for signing up for these classes.
7. Notification of updated maps and peak guides.

To subscribe to the list all you need to do is send the following email:

To: LISTSERV@lists.sierraclub.org

Re (Subject): this may be left blank

And in the body of the message just type the following (after substituting your actual first and last name) **SUBSCRIBE ANGELES-HPS-ANNOUNCEMENTS** *yourfirstname yourlastname*. Please note: at the time of this writing we are not sure if the name of the list is ANGELES-HPS-ANNOUNCEMENTS or ANGELES-HPS-OUTINGS. So if one does not work try the other.

You can cancel your subscription anytime by sending an email to:

To: LISTSERV@lists.sierraclub.org

Re (subject): Leave blank

Message: **SIGNOFF ANGELES-HPS-ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The only persons who can post to the list are the elected HPS board members and anyone else the board votes to allow. If you have something you think other HPS hikers would be interested in please send it to one of your elected board members.

If you have any questions or concerns please send an email to:

ANGELES-HPS-ANNOUNCEMENTS-request@lists.sierraclub.org

or email the list administrator Karen Isaacson Leverich at karen@mtpinos.com

ONCE AGAIN WELCOME!

PS

There is another email list called Southern California Hiker or schiker for short, which many of you already belong (over 90+ subscribers). Schiker will continue to function as a two-way list for non-official HPS business (e.g. private hikes, etc.) Anyone can signup and leave messages. If you would like to signup please send an email to:

SCHIKER-subscribe@yahoo.com

Proposed New HPS Peaks

By Byron Prinzmetal

A few of us are proposing to add three new peaks to our List to be named after two of our most famous HPS women and one after our all time greatest HPS leader. These three mountaineers have contributed as much as anyone in making our section all that it is.

Let's first talk about the two women we want to name HPS peaks after. First of all, there are NO HPS peaks today named after HPS women, but

there are five peaks named after famous HPS men. Could it be that only male chauvinists proposed names up to now? Well, let's change that.

The first proposed peak is to be called Freda Walbrecht Peak. Freda was the first women to complete our List, right after Sam Fink. She was a famous mountaineer of her time, heavily involved in Sierra Club activities and led our peaks for over 15 years until she died prematurely of cancer. The peak we want to name after her is a rocky, gnarly affair that sticks up higher and looks down upon both Butterbredt and Mayan. It is the tallest peak in the area and the prettiest by far. It can be seen for miles around. The peak looks like it can not be climbed due to its rocky granite cliffs, gendarmes, and other natural terrain made for eagles and not mankind. But, with good route finding the peak is easy to climb (about 1000' of gain and 2 miles rt). The first known HPS ascent was by Pete Doggett and Patty Kline, followed by Virgil Popescu, Tom Hill and James Carden. An official HPS exploratory on 3/1/2002 was led by George Wysup and myself.

The second peak we want to add is to be named after Luella Todd. Luella was the first women to earn the 100 peaks emblem. She served on the first few HPS management committees, led our peaks for 33 years, and was instrumental in picking the peaks on our initial List. Luella Todd Peak can be seen from the upper deck of the Palm Springs Tramway. It too is a rocky granite peak that can be seen for many miles. The idea of the peak first came from David Eisenberg. Tom Hill and I were the first known HPS'ers to climb the peak. Actually, we had to climb three or four granite spires until we discovered which one was the highest in the area. Since Tom's and my climb there have been several official HPS exploratory hikes (the first on 9/23/2000) to the peak and quite a few private hikes. Everyone I know who has climbed it has loved it. It is a great hike. It, too, is not a hard peak to climb (about 750' and several miles), but takes good route finding skills. The peak makes a great combination hike with Cornell.

Now the last proposed peak. How can we have a List of peaks named after famous HPS mountaineers without a peak named after our most famous HPS leader (Frank Goodykoontz)? As you all know, Frank has completed the List nine whole times (second only to Carleton Shay) and has led the ENTIRE HPS LIST FOUR times. Can you believe it; someone has actually led the List four times! How many of you have or are struggling to do it only once??? How many of you have given up even doing the entire List once or won't even

attempt it a second time?

Goodykoontz Peak looks like a simple hop, skip, and jump from highway 2. It is the peak that sticks up above Williamson Rocks that can be seen from miles and miles around. It has been climbed for years, but only by those who are true adventurers. I have personally climbed it from three different directions, even for a very slow, sluggo it is a great, hard climb that takes good navigation skills. The shortest way is a mere 1500' gain and about 3 or 4 miles round trip (kind of like a little Pilot Knob, but not as long and hard). It is much easier to climb from Mt Williamson (longer and a little bit more gain, though).

Our exploratory to the peak will be held on July 7th. If you are interested in an exciting climb, have never been on a HPS exploratory, and want to celebrate Frank's many accomplishments please join us.

Here are the details

New Outing, Not in the Schedule

Jul 7 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Goodykoontz Peak (7558'), Mt Williamson (8214') and beyond: Come join us on this exploratory to this proposed additional HPS peak to be named after our four time List leader. The hike is about 8 miles rt and 3000' gain. You will exert much energy and experience much beauty on this strenuous, relaxed paced hike on trail and over very steep slippery xc ridges. Meet 8:30 AM La Cañada Rideshare. Please bring good cheer, goodies to share, lunch, and at least three qts of water. Leaders: Byron Prinzmetal, Sandy Burnside, Haven Feam, Carleton Shay, Bobcat Thompson, Joe Young, and the one and only Frank Goodykoontz.

I will prepare proposed peak guides and maps to all three of these peaks and make them shortly available on our web site.

All three proposed peaks would make great additions to our List even if they weren't named after famous HPS'ers...To hike them is to love them. So we get our cake and get to eat it too (great hikes, named after great HPS'ers).

PS. The official vote to add them will be done later this year.

NEW HPS LEADER MILESTONES

By Byron Prinzmetal

A number of HPS'ers are well on their way to obtaining their "I" rating to include Brian Leverich, Karen Isaacson, and Kent Schwitkis. By the time you read this, each will have completed at

least one of their two provisionals.

A number of other HPS'ers have started or about to start the process of becoming rated leaders to include Laura Joseph, Ping Pfeiffer, Pat Arredondo, and Dave Comerzan. These future HPS leaders have already scheduled their provisionals.

Please support all of our future leaders. They and our existing leaders are the heart and sole of the HPS. Please consider doing this by attending their provisionals and by attending their future HPS hikes.

As I mentioned in our last edition of the Lookout three HPS women (Patty Rambert, Sandy Sperling and Sandy Burnside) have recently obtained their "I" rating. Each is off leading wonderful HPS and other hikes.

We are looking forward to all of the wonderful hikes all of our new and existing leaders lead.

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 on October 5th. To find out more please see the LTC section in the front pages of the schedule. Deadline for an application is September 21st.

HONOR ROLL OF HPS LEADERS

So Few Are Doing So Much For So Many!!

The following HPS leaders have taken time out of their busy, hectic lives to lead scheduled HPS hikes.

PAT ARREDONDO 1	HAVEN FEARN 1	GAGRIELE RAU 1
BOB BEACH 1	CHARLOTTE FEITSHANS 2	HAL RICE 1
DAVID BEYMER 4	LUELLA FICKLE 1	KATE ROGOWSKI 1
MARS BONFIRE 25	BOB FREED 2	RON ROSIEN 1
NAMI BROWN 1	HARVEY GANZ 1	SHERRY ROSS 1
STAG BROWN 1	FRANK GOODYKOONTZ 2	JULIE RUSH 1
SANDY BURNSIDE 9	GINNY HERINGER 2	MIKE AND DOTTY SANFORD 1
WINNETTE BUTLER 9	BARRY HOLCHIN 2	KENT SCHWITKIS 2
ROSEMARY CAMPBELL 5	LEORA AND RON JONES 1	CARLETON SHAY 12
JAMES CARDEN 2	LAURA JOSEPH 1	SANDY SPERLING 3
KATHY CHEEVER 8	KATHY KEANE 1	BOBCAT THOMPSON 2
DAVE COMERZAN 1	MEI KWAN 1	TONY TRULL 2
JOHN CONNELLY 3	BRIAN LEVERICH 11	HEIDI UDINK 1
SOUTHERN COURTNEY 6	KAREN LEVERICH 20	BRENT WASHBURN 2
DON CROLEY 2	PING PFEFFER 1	ASHER WAXMAN 1
JEFF DEIFIK 1	VIRGIL POPESCU 4	MAGGIE WILSON 3
DORIS DUVAL 8	BYRON PRINZMETAL 15	GEORGE WYSUP 11
DAVE EISENBERG 1	MAURA RAFFENSPERGER 4	JOE YOUNG 3
HOWARD EYERLY 1	RAY RILEY 1	

TOPO Software and GPS Waypoints

By Byron Prinzmetal

As I hike with some of you, I have noticed that many have bought gps units, the National Geographic California Maps State Series (TOPO Software), have downloaded the HPS map files from the National Geographic web site and are

successfully using these tools to help bag our peaks. Some though are having trouble getting started and having all of the tools work together.

This purpose of this article is to help those who are having problems.

But, first of all a disclaimer. Don't rely on these tools to safely get you to your peak and back. You need to know how to read a map, read the

terrain, relate the terrain to a map, use a compass etc. In short you need to know how to navigate, route find and have the other mountaineering skills needed for safe wilderness travel.

All of these tools (gps, TOPO software, compass, HPS maps and peak guides, etc.) make it easier and faster to navigate, but they are not substitutes for possessing the necessary mountaineering skills.

So, let us get going and talk about what you need to do to use these tools.

First you need to make sure your maps, gps, and compass all line up and use the same means to located where you are. Here is what you need to know to set your compass, National Geographic Software and GPS so they all work together.

1. Buy a compass where you can set the declination so the compass readings point to true north. Set your gps so it also points to true north. Most maps (TOPO and USGS) already point to true north.
2. Next set your gps and TOPO software to use the coordinate system know as UTM.
3. Finally set both the software and your gps to use the grid system wgs 84 (the default in TOPO software and the current USGS mapping standard). If you are using paper USGS maps instead of National Geographic Maps you need to see what grid system is being used (either wgs 84 or nad 27) and set your gps and TOPO software accordingly.
4. Please note: other settings work, but the above is what most people use successfully. For many of you the above is Greek, but don't despair just set things as described above. If you want to learn more there are many good books on how to use a gps where the above is explained.

Next, you will need to download the HPS maps from the National Geographic web site to a folder (not to your desktop) on your computer. Make sure you note where you downloaded the file on you're your computer's hard drive and the file name. The file that contains the maps can be obtained by going to:

<http://maps.nationalgeographic.com/topo/>

1. Click on MapXchange
2. Under the state product drop down box, click on California
3. You will find the maps listed under the heading, "Hundred Peaks of So. Cal. over 5000"

Once you have downloaded the maps just

double click on the map file you downloaded. This will cause all of the individual maps to be extracted from the downloaded file and placed in a subdirectory called c:\topo!\maps. If you look at the files in this subdirectory you will notice the following things:

1. There are two types of files. One file ends in .tpo and the other ends in .tpg. The tpo file contains all of the HPS routes while the .tpg file contains the utm waypoints for each of those routes. That is, for each peak you will find two files, one ending in .tpo and the other .tpg.
2. All of the files are named using our standard peak naming convention (e.g. 01 A Sunday Peak 01-03-2002 where the date is the date the map was last updated.)
3. Some files contain more than one peak and they are so named (e.g. 01 CD Split Black 01-02-2002).

You will need to connect your gps up to your computer. Most gps manufactures make a serial cable that allows you to do this.

To load individual maps from your computer's hard disk into your TOPO software you need to load both the .tpo and .tpg files into TOPO. To do this, please do the following:

1. Start your TOPO software
2. Do a file open (.tpo region). You will see a list of sub-directories under c:\topo!. Click on the sub-directory called maps. Then navigate to the peak you are interested in and click on it.
3. To load the utm waypoints so you can latter download them to your gps, do file, open (.tpg file). You will see a list of sub-directories under c:\topo!. Click on the sub-directory called maps. Then navigate to the peak you are interested in and click on it.

There are book marks for each map file to help you quickly see the map you just loaded. To use the bookmarks, find the symbol on the tool bar with a finger and an arrow pointed through it. Click on this and then click on the bookmark you are interested in.

To export the waypoints from your TOPO software to your gps do the following:

1. First make sure you have set the preferences described above properly in both your TOPO software and your gps.
2. Next plug your gps into your computer.
3. Finally go to the menu bar that says gps, go to export and follow the instructions on the screen.

To print a map do the following:

1. Because you can print your maps out at many

different scales, I suggest that you tell the system to print grid lines using utm coordinates set so that the grid lines are ¼ mile apart. To do this, click on view in the menu bar, then check utm grids and set the distance to 400 meters (about ¼ mile)

2. Next click the printer symbol in the menu bar.
3. Set the magnification to custom and then click the setting to the print the map so it is magnified or reduce to exactly fit on one page
4. Using the red box that is now displayed on your screen, move the red outer lines to enclose the area you want printed.
5. You can use page setup to print the map either in portrait or landscape style. Use the portrait setting if your map is taller than wider, use landscape if it is wider than taller.
6. Press print.

For some of you, all you want to do is print out a map and don't want to use a gps, waypoints, etc.

That is easy. Just follow the things above but forget about loading the .tpg file and downloading the way points to your gps.

If the above doesn't help, please read the TOPO user manual found under the menu bar under the heading INFO.

If all else fails call me at (818) 952-8614 and I will see if I can talk you through the problem over the phone.

The above sounds complicated. Hundreds of thousands of people are successfully using TOPO software as it is by far the leading recreational mapping software product in the United States. Learning to use the software the first time can take some people a little bit of effort especially if you are not very computer literate. But, once you learn how to use it, you will find it very quick and easy to print out a HPS map and download the waypoints to your GPS.



Samon Peak, April 27, 2002. Front row, l to r: Karen Isaacson Leverich, Janet Howell, Joanne Griego. Rear, l to r: Mars Bonfire, Ingeborg Prochazka, Kathy Cheever. Photo by Winnette Butler



Big Pine Mountain, April 25, 2002. Janet Howell, Ingeborg Prochazka, Winnette Butler.

Current Trip Reports

Piutes Exploratory Relocation of Piute Summit Proposed May 12, 2002 By George Wysup

HPS leaders Tom Hill and Virgil Popescu planned this trip with an eye to replacing the mundane drive up to Piute Lookout (HPS peak index 2G) at 8326' elev with something a bit more representative of a hike. The lookout is not only lacking in aesthetic values, it is far from being the high point of the Piute range. The lookout has been removed and the remains are four concrete posts above a concrete slab. Tom and Virgil identified three likely candidates for replacement, located about 3 miles to the southwest of the lookout, near the junction of Piute Mountain road and Saddle Spring road. One summit is located at the "Piute" survey marker (8435'). A second summit, about 1/4 mile to the west, appears to be the range high point (8440'+). A third summit, another 1/4 mile to the west, is located at the "Pah Ute" survey marker (8400'+), just east of elevation 8417'. There was some speculation that "Pah Ute" might be the actual range high point, since it is possible that the marker symbol hides a small 8448' contour line.

Obviously, this exploration was not likely to be a full day adventure, so the trip included a significant hike to Weldon Peak and a brief sojourn to Sorrell Peak in order to attract some peak baggers. When the day approached, Tom was not able to attend, so I vultured the vacant leader slot. This peak was to be the List finish for HPS Social Chair Laura Joseph. Curiously, she had already summited Piute Lookout but refused to count it because it is not a real hike (different folks, different strokes). **[Editor's note: See Laura's List Finish article in this issue.]**

On a fine Sunday morning the group of 18 assembled at the Weldon trailhead, which served as a very nice car camp spot for some of us. Besides Virgil, myself, and veteran Neal Scott, there were "I" leaders Sandy Sperling and Sara Wyrens, List finishing Laura, peak bagging addicts Ingeborg Prochaszka, Tom Connery, Gary Schenk, Pat Brea, Bill Siegal, Lilly Fukui, Val Saubhayana, and the ever smiling Sharon Hechler. We were delighted to have also John Kurnick, Stephen Hara, Hassan Kilany, and Amy Merz.

WELDON: Starting at about 8 am, we quickly disposed of the PCT portion of the hike and ascended the usual second gully and I aimed for

the HPS summit (not to be confused with the topo map summit). I confess; I missed, going a bit too far south. We recovered in fine fashion and reached the low class three summit block, which we had a grand time clambering up to reach the register can. No one was inclined to chimney up the last 15 feet to the actual top. We returned to the vehicles at about 1 pm.

SORRELL: We drove past the usual start point for Sorrell in order to ascend the peak from the south side, a pathfinder route for some of the party. In any case, the hike is short and easy, but the summit is quite attractive and the view is outstanding.

PIUTE PEAK: At this point we had lost John Kurnick, Neal Scott, and Sara Wyrens for various reasons and the remaining 15 headed for the Piutes. We drove west on Piute Mountain road, passing the turnoff for Piute Lookout, and continued to Saddle Spring road. I led us slowly along Saddle Spring road, looking for a likely place to begin the exploration. At about 1/4 mile I discovered a large and pleasant yellow post camping area on the left and we all parked there.

We discovered a motorcycle trail that appeared to head for the broad ridge up to "Piute" marker. Fortunately this trail turned right and did not go to any of the three candidate summits.

The cross-country walk to "Piute" marker was easy. The summit is very broad and devoid of a summit block. We found the USCGS marker about 10 feet from a small rock pile with an old wooden survey platform and a register can of sorts. There was no peak and no view. We signed in, hoping that the other candidates would be nicer. Several of the party noted their altimeter dial. I edicted that Bill Siegal's Suunto was our standard. He measured 8310' where the topo map specifies 8435' (we were only interested in relative elevation).

List finishing Laura took over the lead. We crossed a saddle and quickly arrived at the high point (8440'+). It was an improvement, with a summit block that offered a modicum of easy class 2 scrambling, and it offered a fine view of the ranches at Walker Basin. On the summit is an aged survey platform and a decrepit wooden box that contained a notebook and a bible. We signed the notebook and again hoped that the last candidate would be nicer. The Siegal Suunto registered 8330', suggesting that this summit elevation is very near 8455'.

On to "Pah Ute". It did not take long for us to reach the last candidate. It proved to have a rather

impressive summit block, about 25 feet of high class 2 or easy class 3 on the south side; the north side is much more difficult. We found a Band-Aid can with scraps of paper, which I replaced with a small ammo can and register pad since there was unanimous agreement that this was the best candidate. It has a good view, a fun scramble, and is the longest hike from our trailhead. Also, it has a name on the map (Piute Peak). The Siegal altimeter read 8310' again, indicating that this peak is about 8430' in elevation, slightly higher than the 8417' shown on the topo for the minor bump to the west, but certainly not the range high point (as some had surmised). We noted that another point, to the southwest, has a pretty summit block but is obviously lower. We returned to the vehicles from "Pah Ute".

The trip statistics are about 1.5 miles round trip with 300' elev gain if the other summits are not included. This hike certainly qualifies for an "easy" rating, but at least it is a hike and there is little sign of human visitation.

After we celebrated Laura's accomplishment there was almost zero interest in comparing Piute Lookout. Most wanted to head for home, one vehicle was low on fuel, and Virgil and I had seen it. Only Sandy Sperling bothered to visit the lookout [she later told me that, in her opinion, we should move the register to "Piute Peak" as the official HPS summit].

RECOMMENDATION: It appears to be the consensus of the group that HPS should revise the location of peak index 2G from Piute Lookout to Piute Peak ("Pah Ute" marker). A register has been placed there. All that remains is for the Mountain Records Committee to revise the peak guide and map and to change the peaks list. This action should not require a vote by the HPS membership.

Mt. Lukens

April 17, 2002

Leaders: Ron Rosein and Dan Butler

By Bobcat Thompson

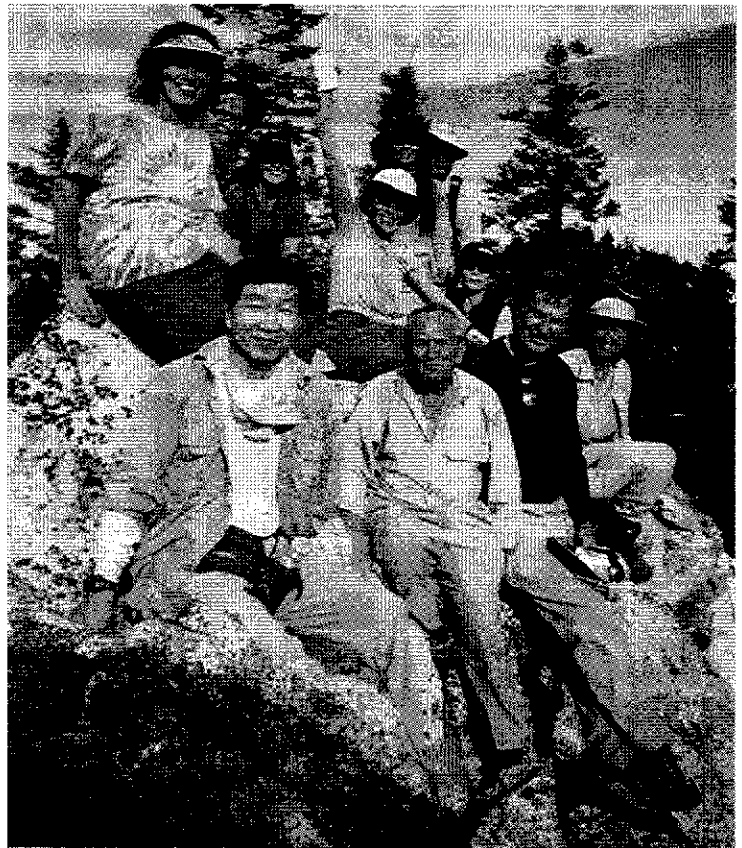
Led by Ron Rosein and Dan Butler, 22 Wednesday hikers met at Mt. Gleason and Foothill Blvd. in Sunland at 8:56 a. m. for the drive up Big Tujunga Canyon Road to Dosky Rd. at Vogel Flats and the start of the Stone Canyon Trail up Mt. Lukens from the north.

Up the Stone Canyon Trail we hikes, past a beautiful display of Spring wildflowers including California Poppies, Blue Dick, Mountain Lilac, Indian Paintbrush, Deadly Nightshade, Pearly

Everlasting, Baby Blue Eyes and numerous others on a well-maintained trail. The stream crossing at the bottom was negotiated easily in this drought year, and the group negotiated the 3300' gain in 5 miles to the top and lunch in the clouds at 12:30 p. m. A register in good shape was found on the summit. I was celebrating my 48th ascent of Mt. Lukens and my 2000th Hundred Peak.

It was very cold on top with the wind blowing, so after about 40 minutes we all gladly headed back down Stone Canyon to arrive back at the cars about 3 p. m.

The Wednesday hikers are a great group of people to hike with. If you're ever off on a Wednesday, check the Schedule and come visit and hike with them.



Laura Joseph holds the register on Piute (LO), her List finish. Laura finished the List without drive-ups! Others include front row, L to R; Stephen Hara, Virgil Popescu, George Wysup, Sandy Sperling. Back row, L to R; Amy Merz, Tom Connery, Sharon Hechler, Val Saubhayana, Gary Schenk, Lilly Fukui (below Gary).

The Big Four
25 April to 27 April, 2002
Privately led by Mars Bonfire
By Karen Isaacson Leverich

The happening place in Santa Barbara County this past extended weekend seems to have been Chokecherry Spring. Besides the HPS scheduled hike to the Big Four with leaders Byron Prinzmetal, Howard Eyerly, Sandy Burnside, Sandy Sperling, and Patty Rambert, there were also two other groups of hikers. Mei Kwan and Don Tidwell backpacked on past Chokecherry to stay at the Alamar campsite. Ingeborg Prochazka and Janet Howell in Mars Bonfire's group also (inadvertently) hiked past Chokecherry, but realized the error of their ways and rejoined the rest of us (me, Brian, our dog Eve, Joanne Griego, Kathy Cheever, and Winnette Butler).

The hike to Chokecherry Spring, nine miles or so on a dirt road, wouldn't normally appeal to me. In fact, I think I whined to Mars during the first few miles about its lack of appeal. Those of you who have yet to do these peaks, though, shouldn't despair: once you have done the first few miles and are up a few thousand feet in elevation, there are those wonderful views I associate with the Dick Smith Wilderness – sweeping vistas, sandstone cliffs, and always the possibility of a condor sighting. By the time you get to Chokecherry Spring, the chaparral has been replaced by an inviting oak forest.

Not that Chokecherry Spring itself is an especially inviting place to stay. I understand why Mei and Don left us to fend for themselves further down the road. But we weren't out for a quality camping experience, so setting up our tents on a dirt road hanging on a steep hillside didn't daunt us. We're peakbaggers! The tents were just a place to sleep.

So even though it was past 4PM on Thursday by the time we'd set up camp, Mars had no difficulty convincing us we had time to do Madulce Peak. I mean, it would be light until 8PM, and Madulce is all on trail, right? Though by the time we'd hiked the 1.7 miles, 700' gain, to Madulce Saddle, Brian had come to his senses: he and Eve turned back, getting back to Chokecherry in time to meet Byron and Howard, who had overachieved on their backpack in (they'd intended to dry camp several miles closer to the cars).

The trail to Madulce Peak is a little distressing, in that it goes downhill for so much of the time. We've learned that that means we'll have

to be hiking uphill later, when we're tired, and out of the mood. One wishes trailbuilders would keep that sort of detail in mind!

Eventually, we arrived at the base of the 23 switchbacks advertised in the peak guide. After completing three of them, we were at a semi-inviting place for a break. "Half way there!" Mars told us cheerily. 20 switchbacks later, he was developing a serious credibility problem, let me tell you!

Meanwhile, the clear sunny day we'd started hiking in had somehow gone astray. The clouds had rolled in, so instead of hiking along a wonderful ridge with sweeping views, we were instead in a misty forest. The trail is beautiful, if a bit long, and by the time we stumbled back into camp (almost tripping over Byron and Howard, who we certainly hadn't expected to find camping in the middle of the road), we were pretty tired. Hot food and especially our sleeping bags sounded like heaven!

I was up at 4AM to, you know, well, never mind. But anyway, nothing seemed unusual in the world just then, it was simply dark. A little later, I might have heard rain. And later still, what sounded like sand or pine needles or something pattered against the tent. I was too tired to engage my brain to analyze the sound, or I wouldn't have been as surprised as I was when Mars stopped by at 7:30AM or so to tell us it was SNOWING. Say what? The forecast had had a 30% chance of rain for the prior afternoon, and a snow level of 8000'. By Friday morning, it was merely supposed to be cloudy.

But of course mountain weather is always crazier than city weather. Now what? We'd intended to hike to Big Pine and West Big Pine, but they would take us more than eight miles from camp. Was that smart, with snow falling? Byron and Howard were packing up and turning back. Mars suggested we do Samon, then hike out ourselves before the road turned into an endless stretch of sticky mud – he wasn't up for a reprise of our awful experience last year, hiking out from the Big Three through that dreadful gumbo.

Mars' problem here is that he was out with a group of List finisher wannabes. Common sense is often lacking. We huddled then approached him with a counter-proposal. Yes, let's do Samon, but then, well, we have a camp set up, we came supplied for four days, couldn't we just return to our tents and wait overnight and see if things didn't get better? We'd rather give the weather a chance to clear than give up and hike out.

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Hundred Peaks Section Schedule of Activities

June 22 - November 9, 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."

New Hike, Not in the Schedule

Jun 22 Sat Hundred Peaks Section, Palos Verdes Group, Natural Sciences Section

I: Galena (9330'): Day hike this steep one in the San Bernardino Mountains. 8 mi, 3200' gain rt. Moderately paced, very strenuous hike over very slippery, very steep, rocky cross-country terrain. LTC natural history credit available for leaders. Terrain limits size of group. Esase (preferred) or sase with recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Provisional Ldr: Kent Schwitkis. Assistant: Barry Holchin. Naturalist: Sherry Ross.

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 Idyllwild. 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 gain, including much brush and some moderate rock scrambling amidst challenging peaks is usually long, hot and dry, so bring a positive attitude and conditioning, contact info to Ldr: Virgil Popescu. Co-Ldr: Tom Hill

Cancelled

most northern peaks, 12 mi rt, 3700' occasional forest. The trip to these enjoy them with us. Send sase, recent

Jul 5 Fri Hundred Peaks

I: Black Mtn #1 (LO) (7772'), Castle Rocks (8600'), Indian Mtn (5790'): Start your weekend off early on an easy but beautiful hike in the San Jacinto Wilderness. On trail and xc. Moderate paced, 6 mi, 1300' gain. Permit limits group size. Send sase or esase with recent hiking experience to Ldr: Maura Raffensperger. Co-Ldr: David Beymer

Jul 6 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Easy Peaks of the San Gabriels: San Gabriel Pk (6161'), 4 mi rt, 1000' gain. Come join us for a pleasant, easy, moderately paced hike in the San Gabriels. Beginners welcome, no tigers. Peak destination may change to handle adverse weather or conditions. Meet 9:30 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring 2 qts water, goodies to share, lunch, comfortable walking shoes, clothing to match weather. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Mars Bonfire, Winnette Butler, Kathy Cheever, Doris Duval, Brian Leverich, Karen Leverich

Jul 6 Sat Hundred Peaks, Natural Science, LTC

O: Mt Pinos (LO) (8831') and Beyond: Learn from our naturalists about the flora, animals and natural history of the area. LTC natural history credit available for "I" leaders. Slow pace, easy hike on road and trail. 6 mi rt, 1500' gain. Meet 7:30 am Sylmar rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch. Ldrs: Byron Prinzmetal, Ginny Heringer, Kathy Keane

Jul 6 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: San Jacinto Pk (10,804'), Folly Pk (10,480'): Moderately paced strenuous hike on trail and xc to rugged peaks near Palm Springs. Ride the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway to top and hike on trail to San Jacinto. From there, xc with some class 2 rock to Folly. Return to Tram. 13 mi rt, 2800' gain. Permit limits group size. Send sase or esase with recent hiking experience to Ldr: Maura Raffensperger. Co-Ldr: David Beymer

New Outing, Not in the Schedule

Jul 7 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Goodykoontz Peak (7558') Exploratory, Mt Williamson (8214') and beyond: Come join us on this exploratory to this peak proposed to be named after our four time List leader. The hike is about 8 miles rt and 3000' gain. You will exert much energy and experience much

beauty on this strenuous, moderately paced hike on trail and over very steep slippery xc ridges. Meet 8:30 AM La Canada Rideshare. Please bring good cheer, goodies to share, lunch, and at least three qts of water. Ldrs: Byron Prinzmetal, Sandy Burnside, Haven Fearn, Carleton Shay, Bobcat Thompson, Joe Young, and the one and only Frank Goodykoontz.

Jul 7 Sun Hundred Peaks

O: List Finisher's Special – South Pk (7840+): Moderately paced but strenuous 14 mi rt, 3100' gain (2200' to peak, 900' on return) hike. Space limited by permit. This hike is part of a series that helps hikers who are nearing HPS list completion, but anyone up for a challenge is welcome to participate. Send email, H&W phones to Co-Ldr: Karen Isaacson Leverich. Ldr: Mars Bonfire

Jul 8 Mon Hundred Peaks

I: Galena Pk (9324'): Moderately paced, strenuous hike over very slippery, 3200' gain. Terrain limits size of group. Rock helmet advisable. Send esase, Prinzmetal. Co-Ldr: Carleton Shay

Cancelled

very steep rocky xc terrain. 8 mi rt, recent conditioning to Ldr: Byron

Jul 10 Wed Hundred Peaks

I: Shay Mtn (6714'), Little Shay Mtn (6635'), Ingham Pk (6355'): Moderately paced, strenuous over steep, slippery, brushy xc terrain (with lots of poodle dog plant). 8 mi rt, 3000' gain. Dirt road driving with high clearance recommended. Meet 6:30 am Monrovia rideshare pt. Bring 10 essentials, water, lunch. To confirm weather and road conditions, email leader week of hike. Ldr: Byron Prinzmetal. Co-Ldrs: Carleton Shay, Sandy Burnside

Jul 10 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: Throop Pk (9138'), Mt Hawkins (8850'): From Dawson Saddle and back about 7 mi rt, 1500' gain. Keep cool with the cat. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare pt with water, lunch, good footwear Ldrs: Bobcat Thompson, Don Siminski

Jul 11 Thu 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

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

O: San Jacinto Backpack: 3 day, 2 night, 23 mi rt, moderately paced backpack in the beautiful San Jacinto Wilderness, starting and ending at the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway (\$21 rt). Climb San Jacinto Pk (10,804') and Suicide Pk (7528'). Camp at Little Round Valley and Strawberry Junction. Day 1, 2400' gain; day 2, 3300' loss; day 3, 1600' gain. Space limited so reserve early. Send 2 sase, recent backpack/conditioning experience, H&W phones, email to Ldr: Rhonda Longmore. Co-Ldr: Rosemary Campbell

New Outing, Not in Schedule

Jul 13 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Luella Todd Peak (9358'): Easy, moderately slow pace **exploratory** hike of about 1000' and 6 mi rt on trail and steep xc with some class two rock. Other peaks possible in the area. The peak, some want to name Luella Todd Peak after the first HPS women to earn the 100 peaks emblem. She was instrumental in setting up our section, picking the first set of peaks, served on our management committee and she hiked with us for over thirty years. Meet 7:00 am Monrovia Ride Share Point. Bring good cheer, food to share, lunch and water. Email trip organizer Byron Prinzmetal at prinzmetal@charter.net to insure tram is open and running. Ldrs: Sandy Burnside, Carleton Shay, Byron Prinzmetal, Southern Courtney.

New Outing, Not in Schedule

Jul 13 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Waterman Mtn (8038'): Easy slow/moderately hike. 8 mi rt, 1200' gain on a beautiful trail to top of a beautiful mountain. Meet 8:00am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, ten essentials. Rain cancels. Provisional Ldr: Ping Pfeffer. Co-Ldr: Frank Goodykoontz.

Jul 13 Sat Hundred Peaks

Possible List Finish!

I: Black Mtn #5 (7438'), Split Mtn (6835'): Bag beautiful Southern Sierra peaks with great views. Fun, comfortably paced, but strenuous hike with steep, brushy xc terrain and some rock scrambling. 11 mi rt, 3800' gain. Good dirt road driving with moderate clearance recommended. Send sase or email, H&W phones, recent conditioning to Ldr: Brian Leverich. Co-Ldr: Mars Bonfire

Jul 13-14 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Cornell Pk (9750'), Marion Mtn (10,320'), Drury Pk (10,160'), Folly Pk (10,480'), San Jacinto Pk (10,804'), Jean Pk (10,670'): Come with us as we bag all the high peaks in the San Jacinto Area. Start and end at the Palm Springs Tram (\$21 rt). 2 days/1 night moderately paced backpack in the San Jacinto Wilderness. Camp at Round Valley. Day 1: 4 mi, 1400' gain. Day 2: 10 mi, 3200' gain. Space limited by state park permit, so reserve early. Send sase or email, recent backpack/conditioning experience, H&W phones to Ldr: Kent Schwitkis. Co-Ldr: George Wysup

Jul 19-21 Fri-Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Galena Pk (9324'), Dragon's Head (10,866'), Bighorn Mtn (10,997'): Moderately paced, strenuous 20 mi rt, 5900' gain (3400' gain with backpacks), 1700' gain on return backpack in the San Gorgonio Wilderness. Visit Galena's summit without having to climb the infamous headwall, plus bag 2 other difficult HPS peaks. Much of the trip will be off trail, some of it on steep, rocky, brushy terrain. Space limited by permit. Send sase or esase, H&W phones, recent conditioning/backpacking experience to Ldr: Karen Isaacson Leverich. Co-Ldr: Mars Bonfire

Jul 20 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Mt Mooney (5840'), Mt Sally (5408'): Easy outing in Angeles National Forest on trail, suitable for beginners. Old-timers, we welcome you. Help celebrate Stag's 17th anniversary hike, one or both peaks. Each involves 3 mi rt, 500' gain. Meet 8:30 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, sturdy boots, stories to tell, fsp. Ldr: Joe Young. Assts: Stag & Nami Brown

New Outing, Not in Schedule

Jul 21 Sun Hundred Peaks
O: Cucamonga Peak (8859') & Etiwanda Peak (8662'): Join Laura for her provisional lead to these beautiful peaks in the Sheep Mountain Wilderness via Icehouse Canyon. This will be a fairly strenuous hike for 18 miles round trip and 5000' gain. Limit 12 people. Phone (626-356-4158) or email (ljoeph2@earthlink.net) Ldr: Laura Joseph. Able Asst: Mighty George Wysup.

New Outing, Not in Schedule

Jul 24 Wed Hundred Peaks
O: Pine Mtn #1 (9648'), Dawson Pk (9575'), Wright Mtn (8505'): Come join us for a fantastic hike in the high country near Mt Baldy. Very moderately paced, but strenuous, all on trail, slippery in places. About 7 miles rt and 3000'+ gain. Meet 8 a.m. at McDonalds at SR138 (Wrightwood exit) from I-15. Bring ten essentials, water and food. Rain postpones. Ldrs: Mars Bonfire, Karen Isaacson Leverich.

Jul 27 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Ninth Annual Great Mt Waterman Rendezvous Hikes: Join one of four fantastic hikes to this most lovely peak. Bring goodies to share. Be prepared to join in on the joyous celebration of several possible HPS list finishers.

Jul 27 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Waterman Mtn (8038') Easiest Route: Beginners welcome on this easy, moderately paced hike. 8 mi rt, 1200' gain to top of this beautiful mountain. Meet 9 am La Canada rideshare pt. Ldrs: Winnette Butler, Doris Duval, Mei Kwan, Brian Leverich

Jul 27 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: Kratka Ridge (7515'), Waterman Mtn (8038'): We hike over Kratka Ridge down the other side and over to the Waterman Trail. 6 mi, 1900' gain. After quick hike to Cloudburst Summit will be a short car shuttle. Meet 8:30 am La Canada rideshare pt. Ldrs: Sandy Burnside, Southern Courtney

Jul 27 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: Waterman Mtn (8038'): Moderately paced, all xc climb from Three Points through beautiful, but at times steep and rocky, difficult terrain. 10 mi rt, 2100' gain. Meet 8 am La Canada rideshare pt. Ldr: Karen Isaacson Leverich. Asst: Mars Bonfire

Jul 27 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: Waterman Mtn (8038') via Twin Pks (7761'): Strenuous, moderately fast paced 12 mi rt, 3200' gain hike on trail and very steep use trail. Experienced hikers only. Possible list finish #4 for a leader. Meet 6:30 am La Canada rideshare pt. Ldrs: Sandy Sperling, George Wysup

New Outing, not in the Schedule

Jul 28 Sun Hundred Peaks
O: Ontario Peak (8693'), Bighorn Peak (8441'): Approximately 14 miles roundtrip, 4000' elevation gain/loss on trail. Join Pat for her provisional lead to these two beautiful peaks in the Cucamonga Wilderness. Trip size limited to 12 by permit. Rain postpones. Phone or e-SASE to Ldr: Pat Arredondo (paarredo@att.net; 562-867-6894) for reservation and info. Asst: George Wysup

Jul 28 Sun Hundred Peaks
O: List Finishers' Special: Suicide Rock (7528'): Moderately paced 7 mi rt, 1700' gain. Space limited by permit. This hike is part of a series that helps hikers who are nearing HPS list completion, but anyone up for the challenge is welcome to participate. Send email, H&W phones to Co-Ldr: Karen Isaacson Leverich. Ldr: Mars Bonfire

Jul 31 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Throop Pk (9138'), Mt Burnham (8997'): Stay cool in the beautiful San Gabriel Mtns high country. Moderately paced 8 mi, 1500' gain on trail. Meet 9 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, good footwear. Ldrs: Ron Rosien, Hal Rice

Aug 3 Sat Hundred Peaks, 20's & 30's Singles
I: Mt Islip (8250') and Southern Ridge: Moderate 10 mi rt, 2500' gain mostly xc, at times steep, slippery hike to Mt Islip from north, then visit south ridge. Meet 7 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles. Ldrs: Bob Freed, Jeff Deifik

Aug 3 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: Mt Williamson (8214'), Pallett Mtn (7760'): Great views and beautiful country as we do a xc run of the Pleasant View Ridge. Fun, comfortably paced but strenuous. 13 mi rt, 3800' gain. Send sase or email, H&W phones, conditioning to Ldr: Brian Leverich. Co-Ldr: Mars Bonfire

Aug 3 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Timber Mtn (8303'), Telegraph Pk (8985'): Strenuous but moderate paced, 13 mi rt, 4800' gain. Permit limits group size. Bring lunch, 10 essentials. Send esase or sase, H&W phones to Ldr: Harvey Ganz. Co-Ldr: James Carden

- Aug 8 Thu 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
- Aug 10 Sat Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
 O: Dawson Saddle to Throop Pk (9138'), Mt Hawkins (8850'), Mt Islip (8250'): Moderate 9 mi, 1700' gain (with a net loss), one way hike. 5 mi car shuttle. Meet 7:30 am La Canada rideshare pt with 2 qts water, lunch, boots, fsp. Ldrs: Southern Courtney, Rosemary Campbell
- Aug 10 Sat Hundred Peaks
 I: Dragon's Head (10,866'), Bighorn Mtn (10,997'), San Gorgonio Mtn (11,502') via Fish Creek Trail: Very strenuous 20 mi rt, 4000' gain hike on trail and xc to 3 high peaks in the San Gorgonio Wilderness. Car camp Fri night. Permit limits number of participants. Send esase, recent conditioning/experience, H&W phones to Ldr. Byron Prinzmetal. Co-Ldr: Carleton Shay
- Aug 10 Sat Hundred Peaks
 O: Mt Islip (8250') 12th Annual Peaknick Hike: Moderate pace, 6 mi rt, 1300' gain. Co-founded by Ruth and Frank Dobos. Peaknick at Little Jimmy's Camp Ground. Meet 9 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring lugsoles, water, your best potluck item, good cheer. Ldrs: Mike & Doty Sandford, Laura Quinn, David F Eisenberg
- Aug 11 Sun Hundred Peaks
 O: Easy Peaks of the San Gabriels: Mt Mooney (5840'+) and Vetter Mtn (LO) (5908'): 4 mi rt, 950' gain. Come join us for a pleasant, easy, moderately paced hike in the San Gabriels. Beginners welcome, no tigers. Peak destination may change to handle adverse weather or conditions. Meet 9:30 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring 2 qts water, goodies to share, lunch, comfortable walking shoes, clothing to match weather. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Mars Bonfire, Winnette Butler, Kathy Cheever, Doris Duval, Brian Leverich, Karen Leverich
- Aug 12 Mon Hundred Peaks
 I: Sunday Pk (8295'), Bohna Pk (6760'): Moderately paced, strenuous hike on trail and xc terrain. 10 mi rt, 2000' gain. Dirt road driving with high clearance recommended. Meet 6 am Sylmar rideshare pt. Email leader week of hike. Ldr: Byron Prinzmetal. Co-Ldr: Carleton Shay
- Aug 14 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
 O: Mt Baden Powell (9399') and Throop Pk (9138'): 9 mi, 2400' gain/2800' loss. Car shuttle between start at Dawson Saddle and end at Vincent Gap. Meet 8 am La Canada rideshare pt or 9 am Dawson Saddle. Have plenty of water, lunch, good footwear. Ldrs: Southern Courtney, Rosemary Campbell
- Aug 14 Wed Hundred Peaks
 I: Suicide Rock (7528'), Indian Mtn (5790'): Beautiful hike in the San Jacinto Wilderness and then experience the steep but short climbers trail to Suicide Rock. On trail and steep, rocky xc. Moderate paced, 5 mi rt, 1500' gain. Permit limits size of group. Dirt road driving with high clearance 4wd vehicles required. Send esase with vehicle info to Ldr: Byron Prinzmetal. Co-Ldr: Carleton Shay
- New Outing, Not in Schedule
- Aug 15 Thu Hundred Peaks
 O: Throop (9138'): Escape the summer heat. Moderately paced 4 mi rt, 1200' gain hike from Dawson Saddle. Enjoy a pleasant day in the beautiful San Gabriel mountains. Meet 9:00 am LaCanada rideshare pt. Bring ten essentials, lunch and water. Rain postpones. To confirm, send e-mail week of hike to Provisional Ldr: Dave Comerzan (comerzan3@aol.com). Co-Ldr: Byron Prinzmetal.
- Aug 17-18 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks
 I: Shield's Pk (10,680'), Anderson Pk (10,840'), Charlton Pk (10,806'), Jepson Pk (11,205'), Dobbs Pk (10,459'), San Gorgonio Mtn (11,502'), Dragon's Head (10,866'), Bighorn Mtn (10,997'): Join us as we backpack in the San Gorgonio Wilderness and bag as many of these peaks that time and energy allow. Be prepared to carry a backpack in 7 mi, 3000' gain. The total trip could be 30 mi, 9000' gain. Space limited by permit. Send esase or sase, backpacking experience/appropriate hiking credentials to Ldr: Sandy Burnside. Assts: George Wysup, Sandy Sperling, Mars Bonfire
- Aug 18 Sun Hundred Peaks, Santa Monica Mtns TF
 I: Anderson Pk (10,840'), Shield's Pk (10,680'): 10 mi, 4500' gain loop hike via Forsee Creek trail with steep wilderness ridge descent from Shields. Good off-trail downhill skills required. Space limited. Send sase or email with recent experience to Ldr: Ray Riley. Co-Ldr: Don Croley
- Aug 19 Mon Hundred Peaks
 I: Charlton Pk (10,806'), Jepson Pk (11,205'), Dobbs Pk (10,459'): Moderately paced, strenuous crossing of San Gorgonio crest from South Fork to Mill Creek. 15 mi rt, 5000' gain on trail and steep xc. Car shuttle. Send esase, recent conditioning to Ldr: Byron Prinzmetal. Co-Ldr: Carleton Shay
- Aug 21 Wed Hundred Peaks
 I: Three Sisters (8080'): Moderately paced hike of 6 mi rt, 1800' gain to Three Sisters over rocky and sometimes brushy xc. Meet 7:30 am Monrovia rideshare pt. Bring 10 essentials, lunch, water. Email leader week of hike. Ldr: Byron Prinzmetal. Co-Ldr: Carleton Shay, Sandy Burnside

Aug 23 Fri Hundred Peaks
I: 10,000 Ft Ridge (10,094'), Lake Pk (10,161'), Grinnell Mtn (10,284'): Moderately paced, very strenuous on trail and over steep, slippery, brushy, rocky xc terrain. 15 mi rt, 3500' gain. Dirt road driving with high clearance recommended. Permit limits size of group. Send email to Ldr: Byron Prinzmetal. Co-Ldr: Carleton Shay

New Outing, Not in Schedule

Aug 24 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Thunder Mtn (8,587'), Telegraph Pk (18,985'), Timber Mtn (8,303'): Mid-Summer calorie burner-loop hike on trails with car shuttle—up by way of the Ski Lift area, down by Ice House Canyon. 10 mi rt, 3,000' gain. Moderate pace. Group size limited to 12 persons. Well-conditioned newcomers welcome. Send sase or esase with contact information to Ldr: JOHN CONNELLY. Co-Ldr: Luella Fickle.

Aug 24 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: Dragon's Head (10,866'), Bighorn Mtn (10,997'), Dobbs Pk (10,459'): Very strenuous, moderately paced loop hike on Vivian Creek Trail and forested xc to 3 high peaks in the San Gorgonio Wilderness. 15 mi rt, 6200' gain. Send sase or esase, H&W phones, recent experience to Ldrs: Virgil Popescu, Maggie Wilson

Aug 25 Sun Hundred Peaks
O: Easy Peaks of the San Gabriels: Mt Hillyer (6200'+): 5 mi rt, 1000' gain. Come join us for a pleasant, easy, moderately paced hike in the San Gabriels. Beginners welcome, no tigers. Peak destination may change to handle adverse weather or conditions. Meet 9:30 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring 2 qts water, goodies to share, lunch, comfortable walking shoes, clothing to match weather. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Mars Bonfire, Winnette Butler, Kathy Cheever, Doris Duval, Brian Leverich, Karen Leverich

Aug 26 Mon Hundred Peaks
O: Cucamonga Pk (8859'), Etwanda Pk (8662') from Ice House Cyn: Moderately paced, strenuous 12 mi, 4200' gain hike on one of the most scenic trails in the San Gabriels. Permit limits size of group. Send email to Ldr: Byron Prinzmetal. Co-Ldrs: Carleton Shay, Sandy Burnside

Aug 28 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Mt Islip (8250'), Middle Hawkins (8505'): Moderately paced scenic hike from Islip on good trail through historic area. 10 mi rt, 2500' gain. Shorter option. Meet 8 am La Canada rideshare pt with water, lunch, good footwear. Ldrs: Dan Butler, Southern Courtney

Aug 30 Fri Hundred Peaks
I: Red Tahquitz (8720'), South Pk (7879'): Moderately paced, strenuous, but very beautiful hike via the Devil's Slide Trail. 15 mi, 3500' gain on trail and xc. Wilderness permit limits group size. Send email to Ldr: Byron Prinzmetal. Co-Ldrs: Carleton Shay, Sandy Burnside

Aug 31 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: List Finisher's Special – Folly Pk (10,480'): Moderately paced 12 mi rt, 2700' gain, trail and xc. Space limited by permit. This hike is part of a series that helps hikers who are nearing HPS list completion, but anyone up for a challenge is welcome to participate. Send email, H&W phones to Co-Ldr: Karen Isascson Leverich. Ldr: Mars Bonfire

Sep 2 Mon Hundred Peaks
I: San Sevaine (5240'), Buck Point (6433'): Moderately paced, but easy hike. 6 mi rt, 1500' gain. Dirt driving required with high clearance vehicles. Meet 7:30 am Monrovia rideshare pt. Bring 10 essentials, lunch, water, goodies to share. Email leader week of hike. Ldr: Byron Prinzmetal. Co-Ldr: Carleton Shay

Sep 7 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: Mt Pinos (LO) (8831'), Sawmill Mtn (8818'), Grouse Mtn (8582'), Cerro Noroeste (Mt. Abel) (8280'): Come hike in the pines on these great high peaks in Kern County. Moderately paced 6 mi one-way, 2170' gain hike mostly on trail. Newcomers welcome. Car shuttle. Meet 8 am Sylmar rideshare pt. Ldrs: Maura Raffensperger, David Beymer

Sep 8 Sun Hundred Peaks
O: Easy Peaks of the San Gabriels: Winston Pk (7502'): 2 mi rt, 500' gain. Come join us for a pleasant, easy, moderately paced hike in the San Gabriels. Beginners welcome, no tigers. Peak destination may change to handle adverse weather or conditions. Meet 9:30 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring 2 qts water, goodies to share, lunch, comfortable walking shoes, clothing to match weather. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Mars Bonfire, Winnette Butler, Kathy Cheever, Doris Duval, Brian Leverich, Karen Leverich

Sep 11 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Mt Baden Powell (9399'): 8 mi rt, 2800' gain. The drive to Vincent Gap is long, but the hike and views are great and after lunch it's all down hill. Meet 8 am La Canada or 9:15 am Vincent Gap. Have plenty of water, lunch, good footwear. Ldrs: Ruth Goldstein, Southern Courtney

Sep 12 Thu Hundred Peaks
Annual Business/Management Meeting: Please join us for our **annual business meeting** combined with 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

Sep 14 Sat Sierra Singles, Hundred Peaks

C: Horseback Ride in the Local Hills: Come ride in this joint outing with the Western Riding Club. We will get horses at a local stable in the lovely Hansen Dam area and trail ride in the riparian area and the adjoining hills. Participants must have prior riding experience. For reservation and information, call Ldr: Don Gentry. Co-Ldrs: Julie Rush, Charlotte Feitshans

Sep 14 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: List Finisher's Special —Charlton Pk (10,806'), Jepson Pk (11,205'), Dobbs Pk (10,459'): Moderately paced, but very strenuous 18 mi, 5500' gain on trail and xc in the glorious high country of San Gorgonio. Space limited by permit. This hike is part of a series that helps hikers who are nearing HPS list completion, but anyone up for a challenge is welcome to participate. Send email, H&W phones to Co-Ldr: Karen Isaacson Leverich. Ldr: Mars Bonfire

Sep 14 Sat Verdugo Hills, WTC, Hundred Peaks

I: Telegraph Pk (8985'): Strenuous 5 mi, 2900' gain xc on steep terrain from Harwood Lodge to the peak. Meet 6:30 am Harwood Lodge. Wear lugsoles, bring minimum 2 L water, 10 essentials Co-Ldrs: Garen Yegparian, Jason Lynch

Sep 14 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Throop Pk (9138'), Mt Burnham (8997'), Mt Baden Powell (9399'): Enjoy the beautiful high country with limber pines and clean air on this 9 mi, 2400' gain loop trip. Easy to moderately paced. Short car shuttle. Meet 7:30 am Pomona rideshare pt or 9 am Vincent Gap trailhead. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles, fsp. Ldrs: Gabriele Rau, Heidi Udink, Kathy Cheever

Sep 15 Sun Hundred Peaks

O: San Bernardino Pk (10,649'), San Bernardino E. Pk (10,691'), Anderson Pk (10,840'), Shield's Pk (10,680'): Classic trail hike, 17 mi rt, 5480' gain along the San Bernardino Ridge in the San Gorgonio Wilderness. Strenuous, moderately paced. Well-conditioned newcomers welcome. Send sase or esase, recent conditioning, H&W phones to Ldr: John Connelly. Co-Ldrs: George Wysup, Kate Rogowski

Sep 16-20 Mon-Fri Hundred Peaks

I: Peaks and Lakes of Rocky Mtn National Park: Come join us for a wonderful week of hiking in beautiful Rocky Mtn National Park. Each day, depending on conditions and group desires, will be moderately strenuous, moderately slow paced high altitude hikes of between 5 to 16 mi, up to 4500' gain on trail and steep, slippery, rocky, snowy xc terrain. Some 12000'+ peaks are possible including Twin Sisters, Flattop, Hallet Peak, Mt Wuh plus other easy high peaks as conditions warrant. You will need to provide your own transportation and lodging. Send email, recent conditioning, H&W phones to Ldr: Byron Prinzmetal. Co-Ldrs: Sandy Burnside, Bob Beach, Brent Washburne.

Sep 18 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: Mt Gleason (6520') and Messenger Fiats Campground: From Mill Creek Summit we drive on the Mt Gleason Rd to park below the detention center. We'll hike on the PCT 7 mi rt, 1200' gain. Meet 9 am La Canada rideshare pt with water, lunch, good footwear. Ldrs: Jennifer Washington, Al Martin

Sep 21 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Easy Peaks of the San Gabriels: Mt Akawie (7283'): 2 mi rt, 400' gain. Come join us for a pleasant, easy, moderately paced hike in the San Gabriels. Beginners welcome, no tigers. Peak destination may change to handle adverse weather or conditions. Meet 9:30 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring 2 qts water, goodies to share, lunch, comfortable walking shoes, clothing to match weather. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Mars Bonfire, Winnette Butler, Kathy Cheever, Doris Duval, Brian Leverich, Karen Leverich

Sep 21 Sat Hundred Peaks, Natural Science

O: San Bernardino Pk (10,649'), San Bernardino E. Pk (10,691') via Johns Meadow: Strenuous, moderately paced 16 mi rt, 4500' gain hike exploring the natural wonders of the San Gorgonio area. LTC credit available. Group size limited by wilderness permit. Send esase or sase to Ldr: George Wysup. Assts/Naturalists: Sherry Ross, Ginny Heringer. Geology: Ron Zappen

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THE NEXT LEADERSHIP TRAINING SEMINAR

Sep 21 Sat LTC

Deadline for Leadership Training Seminar: Last day for receipt of application and payment by LTC Registrar for enrollment in October 5 seminar. Next seminar: Spring 2003.

Oct 5 Sat 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 Sep 21. No registration after this date or at door. Next seminar: Spring 2003.

New Hike, not in the Schedule

Sep 22 Sun Hundred Peaks

O: Cucamonga Peak (8859') and Etiwanda Peak (8662'): Moderate/slow pace but strenuous 12 mi rt, 4200' gain hike on scenic trail from Icehouse Canyon to two beautiful peaks in the Sheep Mountain Wilderness. Space limited by permit. Phone or email Winnette (winnetted@earthlink.net). Ldr: Mars Bonfire. Asst: Winnette Butler.

Sep 28 Sat K-9 Comm, Hundred Peaks

O: Mt Sally (5408'), Mt Mooney (5840'): Join us for 2 easy peaks with your K9 buddies in local mountains. A total of 4 mi rt with 900' gain. Newcomers welcome. Meet 9 am La Cafada rideshare pt. Bring water, leash, lunch, lugsoles. Ldrs: Charlotte Feitshans, Tammy Solko

Sep 28-29 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks

**Annual Oktoberfest Celebration:** Come join us for one or two days in the magical high country of Mt Pinos. Sat night we will camp (or lodge if you prefer) at a lovely campground in the Mt Pinos area. Everyone is invited to a potluck (grills are available for cooking), campfire songfest, games and prizes. For reservations, to volunteer to help and for information, contact Laura Joseph (email: ljoseph2@earthlink.net or phone: 626-356-4158). See the Lookout for more details.

Sep 28 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Mt Pinos (LO) (8831'), Sawmill Mtn (8818'), Grouse Mtn (8582'), Cerro Noroeste (Mt. Abel) (8280'): Experience the magic of tall pines and far reaching views. Moderately paced, 11 mi rt, 2600' gain, mainly on trail, but some xc. For meeting time and place, send email to Reserv/Co-Ldr: Karen Isaacson Leverich. Ldr: Mars Bonfire. Co-Ldr: Brian Leverich

Sep 28 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: San Rafael Pk (6640'): Work up an appetite with this strenuous 10 mi, 2500' gain seldom-led and seldom-found peak near Mutau Valley. Trail and where-the-heck-are-we xc for brush lovers. Early start, moderate pace will get us to Oktoberfest in time for happy hour and dinner. For info of start time and place, call Ldrs: George Wysup, Sandy Burnside, Sandy Sperling

Sep 29 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Frazier Mtn (LO) (8000'): Strenuous, moderately paced 10 mi rt, 3400' gain xc hike to explore a non-drive up route to this summit. For information, call Ldrs: George Wysup, Don Croley

Sep 29 Sun Hundred Peaks

O: Reyes Pk (7514'), Haddock Mtn (7431'): Easy outing in Los Padres National Forest is on beautiful, forested trail, suitable for beginners. Hike involves 8 mi rt, 1200' gain. For rideshare, meeting info, call Ldr: Joe Young. Asst: John Connelly

Sep 29 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: San Emigdio Mtn (7492'), Brush Mtn (7040'): A pathfinder up the ridge to peaks more typically done as drive ups. Moderately paced, 12 mi rt, 2400' gain, some steep, slippery, brushy xc. For meeting time and place, email Reserv/Co-Ldr: Karen Isaacson Leverich. Ldr: Mars Bonfire. Co-Ldr: Brian Leverich

Oct 5 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Easy Peaks of the San Gabriels: Kratka Ridge (7515'): 2 mi rt, 700' gain. Come join us for a pleasant, easy, moderately paced hike in the San Gabriels. Beginners welcome, no tigers. Peak destination may change to handle adverse weather or conditions. Meet 9:30 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring 2 qts water, goodies to share, lunch, comfortable walking shoes, clothing to match weather. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Mars Bonfire, Winnette Butler, Kathy Cheever, Doris Duval, Brian Leverich, Karen Leverich

Oct 5 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Pilot Knob (6200'): Moderately paced, strenuous hike over very steep, slippery, brushy, rocky xc terrain. 6 mi rt, 3700' gain. Some class 2 rock. Parking fee at trailhead. Meet 6 am Walker Pass Campground. Bring 10 essentials, headlamp, water, lunch. If in doubt call or email Ldrs: Virgil Popescu, Maggie Wilson.

Oct 5 Sat 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 xc hike to rugged peaks near Redlands. 7 mi, 5000' gain with short car shuttle. Send sase or esase, H&W phones, recent hiking experience to Ldr: Maura Raffensperger. Co-Ldr: David Beymer

Oct 6 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: List Finisher's Special - White Mtn #1 (7727'), Arctic Pt (8336'): Moderately paced, 9 mi rt, 1800' gain on road and xc. May be quite warm - be sure to bring plenty of water. This hike is part of a series that helps hikers who are nearing list completion, but anyone up for a challenge is welcome to participate. Send email, H&W phones to Co-Ldr: Karen Isaacson Leverich. Ldr: Mars Bonfire

Oct 10 Thu 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

Oct 12 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Mt Hawkins (8850'), Copter Ridge (7499'): Moderately strenuous, mostly xc, at times steep, 7 mi rt, 3000' gain. No beginners or tigers. Meet 7 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles. Ldrs: Robert Freed, Virgil Popescu

Oct 12 Sat Verdugo Hills, WTC, Hundred Peaks

I: Peak Baggers' Grand Tour: Car hop hike with total 6.5 mi rt, 2000' gain among Barley Flats, Mt Sally, Vetter Mtn, Mt Mooney, Winston Pk, Mt Lewis. Meet 6:30 am La Canada rideshare pt. Wear lugsoles, bring minimum 2 L water, 10 essentials. Co-Ldrs: Garen Yegparian, Will McWhinney

Oct 12-13 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks  
I: Sewart Mtn (6841'), Cobblestone Mtn (6733'), White Mtn #2 (6250'), Snowy Pk (6532'), Black Mtn #2 (6202'), McDonald Pk (6870'), Alamo Mtn (7367'): Car camp and bag peaks in Sespe Wilderness of Los Padres National Forest, near Gorman. Join us for one or two days. Each day will be very strenuous (11+ mi rt, 4000' gain) over steep, brushy xc terrain. Long dirt road driving requiring high clearance vehicles. Send email, H&W phones, conditioning to Co-Ldr: Karen Isaacson Leverich. Ldr: Mars Bonfire

Oct 16 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks  
O: Winston Pk (7502'), Winston Ridge (7003'): Always a good hike of 6 mi, 1200' gain. We start and end at Cloudburst Summit. Meet 9 am La Canada rideshare pt with water, lunch, good footwear. Ldrs: Brent Washburne, Howard Eyerly

Oct 19 Sat Hundred Peaks  
O: Easy Peaks of the San Gabriels: Waterman Mtn (8038'): 8 mi rt, 1200' gain. Come join us for a pleasant, easy, moderately paced hike in the San Gabriels. Beginners welcome, no tigers. Peak destination may change to handle adverse weather or conditions. Meet 9:30 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring 2 qts water, goodies to share, lunch, comfortable walking shoes, clothing to match weather. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Mars Bonfire, Winnette Butler, Kathy Cheever, Doris Duval, Brian Leverich, Karen Leverich

Oct 19 Sat Hundred Peaks  
O: Sunset Pk (5796'): Join us for an easy paced 7 mi, 1300' gain rt walk on a fire road near Mt Baldy. Well behaved k9s on leash are welcome. Meet 8:30 am Mt Baldy rideshare pt. Wear sturdy tennis shoes suitable for dirt trails; bring water, snack, fsp. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Leora & Ron Jones

Oct 20 Sun Hundred Peaks  
I: List Finishers' Special – Antimony Pk (6848'), Eagle Rest Pk (6005'): Moderately paced but strenuous 10 mi, 5500' gain route will climb Eagle Rest crossing over Antimony each way. Steep, slippery, rocky, brushy xc terrain. This hike is part of a series that helps hikers who are nearing HPS list completion, but anyone up for a challenge is welcome to participate. Send email, H&W phones to Co-Ldr: Karen Isaacson Leverich. Ldr: Mars Bonfire

Oct 20 Sun Hundred Peaks  
O: Mt Wilson Grand Tour: Enjoy leader's favorite Southern California loop hike, 20 mi, 5000' gain, moderate pace. Meet 7:30 am Chantry Flat. Bring at least 2 qts water, lunch, snacks. Ldr: Asher Waxman. Asst: George Wysup

#### New Outing, Not in Schedule

Oct 26 Sat Hundred Peaks Section  
I: Rabbit Pk #2 (6640+'): The classic. Start in dark below sea level. 16 hard xc and use trail miles, 7000' gain. Group size limited to 12. Send SASE/ e-mail with contact info and recent hiking resume' to Ldr: George Wysup; Ass't: Kent Schwitkis, Maggie Wilson

Oct 26 Sat Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks  
O: Mt Hawkins (8850'): 10 mi rt, 2400' gain, moderately fast paced hike from Islip Saddle to the summit along the scenic PCT in the San Gabriel Mtns. Meet 7:45 am La Canada rideshare pt with 2-3 qts water, lunch, suitable layered clothing, good footwear, fsp. Ldrs: Rosemary Campbell, Maya Hyams

Oct 26 Sat Hundred Peaks  
O: Mt Williamson (8214'), Kratka Ridge (7515'): 5 mi rt, 2200' gain hike on trail and use trail. Meet 7:30 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles. Rain cancels. Ldrs: James Carden, Virgil Popescu

Oct 27 Sun Hundred Peaks  
I: List Finishers' Special – Sam Fink Pk (7339'): Please join us as we hike from one side of the San Jacinto Range to the other and back again to visit a peak that Sam Fink surely enjoyed. Moderately paced, but very strenuous. 12 mi rt, 4000' gain on trail and steep xc. Space limited by permit. This hike is part of a series that helps hikers who are nearing HPS list completion, but anyone up for a challenge is welcome to participate. Send email, H&W phones to Co-Ldr: Karen Isaacson Leverich. Ldr: Mars Bonfire

Oct 30 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks  
O: Pacifico Mtn (7124') from Mill Creek Summit: 12 mi rt, 2200' gain with steep scramble to the summit. Shorter options available. Especially beautiful in the fall. Meet 8:30 am La Canada rideshare pt with water, lunch, suitable clothing layers and footwear. Heavy rain cancels. Ldrs: Rosemary Campbell, Don Siminski

#### New Hike, Not in the Schedule

Nov 2 Sat Palos Verdes-South Bay, Hundred Peaks  
O: Luna Mtn (5967'), Round Mtn (5272'), Rattlesnake Mtn (6131'), Deep Creek Hot Springs: 11th semi-annual Deep Creek Hot Springs hike/soak/swim with another twist – get a few peaks. Moderately paced, 12 mi, 3000' gain. High clearance vehicles desirable for dirt road driving. No beginners. Plan on spending full day – it's near Hesperia. Meet 6 am Wilson Park with lunch, water, lugs, swimsuit optional. Rain cancels. Ldr: Barry Holchin. Co-Ldr: Tony Trull

#### New Hike, Not in the Schedule

Nov 9 Sat Palos Verdes-South Bay, Hundred Peaks  
O: Palm Springs Tram (8450'): Strenuous hike for tigers only, 11 mi, 8000' gain to tram with possibility of including Mt San Jacinto if time and energy permit. Bring money for tram ride and taxi back to cars. Send sase or email, conditioning/experience to Ldr: Barry Holchin. Co-Ldr: Tony Trull

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Mars, it turned out, didn't require much convincing. In fact, he called our bluff and raised it - rather than doing Samon and returning to camp, how about instead sticking with the original plan and doing Big Pine and West Big Pine? None of us were inexperienced hikers, we had good gear, the weather was supposed to clear (shoot, it wasn't supposed to be weather at all!).

So around 9AM, we were hiking back to Madulce Saddle. It was snowing harder. Mars suggested we were maybe insane. But on we went.

The original plan had been to leave earlier and reach Alamar around 8AM, then maybe hike on with Don and Mei. We obviously weren't going to make it in time, so we were startled to see them still at Alamar, eating their breakfast, as we passed by. They weren't quite ready to go, but we had a nice visit, admiring all the mod cons (a picnic table, a fire ring, a place to park our horses), before we sauntered onwards.

This was a beautiful hike, along a gently climbing road up through a fog enshrouded forest. The light dusting of snow only added to the natural beauty. The fact that it had stopped precipitating made us hopeful the day would turn out OK. Maybe we were inspired instead of insane? In fact, the sun had briefly emerged during our visit at Alamar, and Kathy and I attempted to guide it in to a permanent residence. No such luck, but maybe it would come back?

At the turn off for Big Pine, we left a big water stash. The ladies had barely finished their comfort break in the Alamar direction when, whoops!, here came Mei and Don. We hiked towards West Big Pine together for a spell (figuring to get generic Big Pine on our return), before Don spotted a mud puddle near a culvert, and dashed off, pump in hand, to stock up on water. Alamar, although incredibly beautiful, does lack one key attribute of a perfect camping spot: there's no water.

West Big Pine is wonderful. Even in the fog, the cliffs glimpsed through the mist, the pine forest, everything was exquisite. But it got better. As we sat on the summit enjoying the day, someone spotted a bit of blue sky. And almost before we were aware of it, the clouds had cleared and we were sitting in the sun. Bliss! Layers disappeared back into packs. We felt extremely self-congratulatory for our brilliant decision to ignore the snow and go for the peaks.

Heading back towards Big Pine, we put Janet and Ingeborg in front. Since they'd sailed on past Chokecherry the previous day without seeing

it, we were curious if they'd similarly manage to miss the water stash at the turn off for Big Pine. The teasing was taken with good cheer, and they found our pile of water bottles without difficulty. We hiked on up to the peak, signed in, and enjoyed the victory cookies Ingeborg had brought.

Glancing at our watches, we realized we'd be back at camp well before the predicted time. Would we surprise Brian (who was still feeling a bit under the weather) and Eve (who had stayed with him)? We'd been so late getting back the earlier evening, wouldn't they be surprised to see the Mars team return without needing headlamps!

We'd expected to find the rest of Byron's group (the Sandies Burnside and Sperling, Patty Rambert, the Rons Hudson and Zappen, and Pat Arredondo), or at least their gear, waiting for us at Chokecherry, so were disappointed that most of them had decided not to come, but were delighted to find Patty and Ron. Now those two camp in style! They had a tent big enough to sleep eight, and invited us to join them that evening for a big campfire. Rather than doing Madulce that day, they were thinking of doing it the next, plus Big Pine and West Big Pine.

After a fine supper of instant oatmeal (somehow, dehydrated beef stroganoff just didn't sound all that appetizing), we fell asleep, dreading the much feared Samon, worrying the snow would return. But the next day dawned sunny and cold (we had frost all over our tent). There was no escape - the famous brush monster of HPS beckoned.

Spending as long as we possibly could dismantling camp, it was almost 9:30AM when we dropped our packs near the foot of the gully just north of Chokecherry, allegedly a kinder gentler approach to the mountain than the old approach up Chokecherry. Never having done the old route, I have no basis for comparison, but if this new one is kinder and gentler, ouch! It reminded me briefly of Galena, and if Janet hadn't hauled me up over an early sticking point, I was on the verge of giving up and going back before I was even out of sight of the road.

It got better. The grade gentled, and soon we were hiking along a ridge through a not-so-brushy oak forest. However, we were dreading the sea of brush we knew awaited us, somewhere ahead.

Eventually we gained the main ridge. From time to time, our way was blocked by the infamous brush. Mars would park us, and scout briefly. Inevitably, he found a simple passage through, sometimes marked by a duck, sometimes not.

Sometimes there were ducks, the infamous "siren ducks", in misleading places, not on our relatively brushless route. Beware, oh hikers brave and bold, the lure of the siren ducks! Following them may lead to passageless brush or Class 5 rock problems!

One bump led to another, to another. Eventually we topped a pile of rocks, and ahead of us, across a saddle (why is there always an annoying saddle at these moments?) was our peak. Were we really going to gain Samon without a pitched battle with brush? Seemingly so, though Kathy had bled a copious amount of blood from a nasty yucca stab. Apparently that was to be an adequate sacrifice to the Brush Gods, because almost before we knew it, we were there. Winnette's lemon bars, somewhere along the way, had been transmogrified from bars to pudding, but she'd apparently anticipated this metamorphosis, since she came equipped not only with a spoon to divvy them up, but with towelettes so we could tidy up afterwards. "But they're not warm!" whined Kathy, too used perhaps to trendy westside restaurants.

It was sometime after 5PM (time does fly when you're having fun) when we were again on the ridge above Chokecherry. Looking down, Winnette and I spotted Ron and Patty near their tent. "Hello!!!!" we shouted and waved. Hey, they heard us! "Did you do three peaks?" we queried. "Two!" they responded. "We only did one!" we shouted back. OK, so it wasn't profound. It's hard to get a good conversation going when the other parties are so far away you can barely see each other!

Back at the road, we spent some time reorganizing our gear. We weren't particularly looking forward to that long hike out, but we knew that after that long initial ramp we'd seen from Samon, it would be mainly downhill. And we had our peaks! Another big milestone on the march to finishing the list was out of the way.

By 10PM or so, we were back at the trailhead, organizing ourselves into the various cars. Way too late for that steak dinner we'd been looking forward to all weekend. But never mind! Home and showers and bed beckoned. We were out a day early, we'd seen sun and rain and hail and snow, we'd hiked in fog, we'd triumphed over brush, we were the few, the proud, the peakbaggers!

➔ Now, mark July 13th on those calendars. With the Big Four at last out of the way, maybe I really WILL finish this List!

## **The First Scheduled HPS Snowshoe Day Hike: Winston and Akawie February 2, 2002 (Ground Hog Day) Leaders: Sandy Sperling and Mars Bonfire By Sandy Sperling**

What? You mean there haven't been dozens of HPS snowshoe hikes? Actually, last year (2001) there were many snowshoe hikes by avid HPS hikers, but they were all private trips. Everyone had so much fun that it only seemed right to schedule some for 2002. For the most part, the weather hasn't cooperated this year, but it did on Ground Hog Day, February 2, for my I-provisional day hike.

Last summer, I had completed everything for my I-rating except the Wilderness First Aid Course, which I couldn't get into until the end of October 2001. That meant I had to schedule wintertime I-provisionals. (I-provisional trips require significant off-trail navigation.) I imposed the additional requirements of being able to scout the trip with my low clearance Mazda and I didn't want to have to drive "too far" away from home in Long Beach for the scouting and the trip. I managed to lead my I-provisional backpacking trip in Joshua Tree the first weekend in December. We had pretty short days, but otherwise the trip was wonderful!

Where could I do my I-provisional day trip? I discussed this with several leaders. It seemed like every suggestion was either way too far away, couldn't be reached with my car, or was navigationally too easy. Finally, while I was on a backpacking trip with Mars Bonfire, he suggested a snowshoe trip in the San Gabriels. Fantastic! That is, as long as it would be accepted. I called Don Creighton and he approved the trip as an I-provisional as long as I didn't follow any trails. Mars kindly agreed to be my evaluator and we decided on February 2 since there isn't snow in January, "always" is by February. Our destinations were Winston Peak and Winston Ridge, with the possibility of adding Mt Akawie depending on conditions (both the weather and the group!).



The date was fast approaching but the mountains were bare. Contingency plans were developed, including going to the Mt Pinos area. But the Sunday prior to our Saturday trip we were blessed with a wonderful storm that dropped about

a foot of snow in our targeted area! Then the weather warmed up. Would we be able to do it or not? I got several reports from Byron Prinzmetal who traveled up that way during the week. We should be able to do something, but it wouldn't be clear until we got there what route we would be able to take. I made about five contingency plans taking into account where the snow might be.

The day finally arrived. Ten eager snowshoers were anxious to follow me! We carpoled to Cloudburst Summit and parked on the north side of the highway. Coverage looked thin but adequate on the south ridge of Winston. I decided to go for it. A split break near the parking area revealed post-holing over the knee on north-facing slopes. If we stayed on ridges and slopes that received less sun exposure, we should do fine.

We were able to put our snowshoes on in the parking area. After introductions and instructions, we were off on our adventure. We had a nice variety of people, both regular and new HPSers, as well as differing snowshoe experience. Actually, it was only about my sixth time on snowshoes, and all of those had been in 2001 with WTC. Following me were George Wysup, Maura Raffensberger, David Beymer, Mars Bonfire (all HPS leaders and list finishers), Edith Liu (HPS List finisher), Michael Gosnell (PCT section hiker, new HPS member, and first-time snowshoer), Louie Rodriguez (Long Beach firefighter and new HPS member), Wendell Hall (HPS member), and Mike and Rumi Newton (new to HPS and first-time snowshoers).

We took the south ridge from the highway up to Winston Peak. The weather was sunny and comfortable. At the summit, we were unable to find a register can. While the group enjoyed the view, I scouted to the north, looking particularly at Winston Ridge: there was no snow on the very exposed south-facing slopes. However, there was ample snow on the north side of Winston Peak. I returned to the group and led them down to the saddle between Winston Peak and Winston Ridge. This is a junction with the PCT. It is quite steep here and the snow was powdery. A couple of participants with snowshoe rentals had some difficulty since their equipment didn't seem to provide as much traction in the deeper snow. We made it safely to the saddle.

This was a decision point. One participant wanted to bag Winston Ridge, although it would mean taking off snowshoes and hiking there. Everyone else was willing to go along, but had really come for the fun of snowshoeing. A closer



look at the approach to Winston Ridge revealed treacherous ice on the use trail. I decided we would instead stay on snowshoes and climb Mt Akawie.

We contoured a short distance back toward the highway on the PCT, then descended to the Cooper Canyon Campground, crossed the creek, and started our ascent of Mt Akawie from the north-northwest. This is a fairly steep climb, and being the leader meant that I was breaking the entire trail. The snow was deep and powdery. I began to enlist strong participants to break trail for me, and I "steered from the back seat."

The qualities of the various snowshoes quickly became evident. Those with the MSR Denali Ascents were able to go more directly up the mountain since their "televators" (heel lift bars) allowed them more traction. Next best seemed to be the MSR Classics, which I had, and the traditional tube-and-webbing snowshoes. The participants with the poor rental equipment were having the most difficulty. I kept cutting to lower angles on our switchbacks, but we had to keep waiting for these folks to catch up. Finally, Mars offered to cut steps for them at low angles and allowed the rest of us to go at a steeper angle. We waited for them at the few flat places we came across.

Finally, we reached the summit of Akawie. The sun was shining brightly and the views were wonderful. We had a nice, well-deserved lunch break there, and then began our trek back to the cars. There were a couple of route options for this. We could go west and southwest down to the creek, cross it, and then ascend to the highway where the cars were parked. This would be pretty strenuous and the group was tiring. They asked me for an easier way, so we instead headed west, then contoured around Mt Akawie back to the highway on the south side of the mountain, staying on the north side of ridges as much as possible to maximize snow coverage. There was just enough snow to do this. The next day it wouldn't have been possible! We removed our snowshoes and walked a half mile back to the cars on the road.

Stats for the trip: 4.5 miles (lots of squiggle factor), 1700+' total gain, 5 hours.

I'm sure if El Nino presents next year as currently expected, we can look forward to many more HPS snowshoe hikes!

## Excerpts from S 2535 (Boxer)

This Act may be cited as the "California Wild Heritage Wilderness Act of 2002."

### SECTION 2. FINDINGS. -

(a) The Congress finds and declares that -

(1) the federally owned lands and rivers of California are a wildland resource of extraordinary value for this and future generations;

(2) increasing pressure from California's rapidly growing population threatens to destroy these remaining wild areas and wild rivers;

(3) statutory protection is needed for these areas to ensure that they remain a part of our natural heritage and continue to be a source of solitude and peace for all Americans;

(4) continuation of military activities, including overflights, military maneuvers, testing and evaluation, and other activities without limit to frequency is not incompatible with the protection and proper management of the wilderness and wild and scenic river resources designated by this Act;

(5) wildfire management and fuels treatment activities necessary to protect public safety and private property are fully allowable in wilderness areas and the Secretary may take any measures deemed necessary to control or prevent fires; and

(6) these lands shall be included in the National Wilderness Preservation System and the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, in order to-

(A) preserve the unique wild and natural features of these landscapes;

(B) protect a diverse array of ecosystems, plants, animals, geologic structures and hydrologic features that represent the natural splendor of California;

(C) protect and preserve historical and cultural archaeological sites associated with ancient Indian cultures and the settlement of California;

(D) protect and preserve areas that continue to be used by Native American Tribes for spiritual, cultural, or subsistence practices;

(E) protect watersheds, including those that play an essential role in providing municipal and agricultural water supplies;

(F) provide opportunities for compatible outdoor recreation, including horseback riding on saddle and pack stock, hunting and fishing, hiking and camping, whitewater rafting, and excursions led by commercial outfitters;

(G) retain and enhance opportunities for scientific research in untouched ecosystems; and

(H) promote the recovery of threatened and endangered species, including salmon and steelhead.

### TITLE I-DESIGNATION OF WILDERNESS AREAS

#### SEC. 101. DESIGNATION OF WILDERNESS

(a) In furtherance of the purposes of the Wilderness Act, the following lands in the State of California are hereby designated as wilderness, and therefore, as components of

the National Wilderness Preservation System:

(1) Certain lands in the Angeles National Forest which comprise approximately 3,200 acres as generally depicted on a map entitled "West Fork Wilderness Area - Proposed"

(2) Certain lands in the Angeles National Forest which comprise approximately 7,680 acres as generally depicted on a map entitled "Silver Mountain Wilderness Area - Proposed"

(3) Certain lands in the Angeles National Forest which comprise approximately 56,320 acres as generally depicted on a map entitled "Castaic Wilderness Area - Proposed"

(4) Certain lands in the Angeles National Forest which comprise approximately 12,160 acres as generally depicted on a map entitled "Magic Mountain Wilderness Area - Proposed"

(5) Certain lands in the Angeles National Forest which comprise approximately 19,200 acres as generally depicted on a map entitled "Pleasant View Wilderness Area - Proposed"

(6) Certain lands in the Angeles National Forest which comprise approximately 8,960 acres as generally depicted on a map entitled "Sheep Mountain Wilderness Area Additions - Proposed"

(7) Certain lands in the Angeles National Forest which comprise approximately 14,720 acres as generally depicted on a map entitled "Condor Peak Wilderness Area - Proposed"

(8) Certain lands in the Angeles National Forest which comprise approximately 2,560 acres as generally depicted on a map entitled "Santa Clarita Canyons Wilderness Area - Proposed"

(9) Certain lands in the Cleveland National Forest which comprise approximately 23,200 acres as generally depicted on a map entitled "Eagle Peak Wilderness Area - Proposed" provided that this designation shall not preclude entry into this area by horses or pack stock.

(22) Certain lands in the Los Padres National Forest which comprise approximately 48,625 acres as generally depicted on a map entitled "Dick Smith Wilderness Area Additions - Proposed"

(23) Certain lands in the Los Padres National Forest which comprise approximately 3,550 acres as generally depicted on a map entitled "Garcia Wilderness Area Additions - Proposed"

(24) Certain lands in the Los Padres National Forest which comprise approximately 9,050 acres as generally depicted on a map entitled "Machesna Wilderness Area Additions - Proposed"

(25) Certain lands in the Los Padres National Forest which comprise approximately 47,400 acres as generally depicted on a map entitled "Matilija Wilderness Area Additions - Proposed"

(26) Certain lands in the Los Padres National Forest which comprise approximately 64,500 acres as generally depicted on a map entitled "San Rafael Wilderness Area Additions - Proposed"

(27) Certain lands in the Los Padres National Forest which comprise approximately 37,110 acres as generally depicted

on a map entitled "Ventana Wilderness Area Additions - Proposed" provide that -

(29) Certain lands in the Los Padres National Forest which comprise approximately 13,050 acres as generally depicted on a map entitled "Chumash Wilderness Area Additions - Proposed"

(30) Certain lands in the Los Padres National Forest which comprise approximately 14,350 acres as generally depicted on a map entitled "Sespe Wilderness Area Additions - Proposed"

(35) Certain lands in the San Bernardino National Forest which comprise approximately 7,040 acres as generally depicted on a map entitled "Cahuilla Wilderness Area - Proposed"

(36) Certain lands in the San Bernardino National Forest which comprise approximately 8,320 acres as generally depicted on a map entitled "South Fork San Jacinto Wilderness Area - Proposed"

(37) Certain lands in the San Bernardino National Forest which comprise approximately 12,480 acres as generally depicted on a map entitled "Cucamonga Wilderness Area Additions - Proposed"

(38) Certain lands in the San Bernardino National Forest and the California Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management which comprise approximately 17,920 acres as generally depicted on a map entitled "San Geronio Wilderness Area Additions - Proposed"

(39) Certain lands in the San Bernardino National Forest which comprise approximately 8,320 acres as generally depicted on a map entitled "Sugarloaf Wilderness Area Proposed."

(59) Certain lands in the California Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management which comprise approximately 5,760 acres as generally depicted on a map entitled "Carrizo Gorge Wilderness Area Additions - Proposed"

(60) Certain lands in the California Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management which comprise approximately 5,120 acres as generally depicted on a map entitled "Sawtooth Wilderness Area Additions - Proposed"

(61) Certain lands in the California Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management and the Cleveland National Forest which comprise approximately 6,400 acres as generally depicted on a map entitled "Hauser Wilderness Area Additions - Proposed"

(62) Certain lands in the California Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management which comprise approximately 1,920 acres as generally depicted on a map entitled "Bighorn Mountain Wilderness Area Additions - Proposed"

(72) Certain lands in Joshua Tree National Park which comprise approximately 36,672 acres as generally depicted on a map entitled "Joshua Tree National Park Wilderness Area Additions - Proposed"

#### SEC. 102 ADMINISTRATION OF WILDERNESS AREAS

(a) **MANAGEMENT.** - Subject to valid existing rights, the wilderness areas designated by this Act shall be administered by the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture (hereinafter referred to as the

"Secretary"), whichever has administrative jurisdiction over the area.

(c) **WILDERNESS CHARACTER.**- As provided in section 4(b) of the Wilderness Act, the Secretary concerned shall administer the areas designated as wilderness in this Act so as to preserve their wilderness character and to devote them to the public purposes of recreational, scenic, scientific, educational, conservation, and historical use. All activities in the areas designated by this Act shall be subject to regulations the Secretary deems necessary to fulfill the purposes of this Act.

(e) **ACCESS TO PRIVATE PROPERTY.**- The Secretary shall provide private property owners with adequate access to their nonfederally owned land or interests in land within the boundaries of the wilderness areas and wild, scenic, and recreational rivers designated by this Act to ensure the owner of such land or interest the reasonable use and enjoyment thereof.

(f) **MANAGEMENT OF PRIVATE PROPERTY.**- Nothing in this Act shall impact the private property rights of nonfederal landowners with property within the boundaries of the wilderness areas and wild, scenic, and recreational rivers designated by this Act.

(g) **HUNTING AND FISHING.** - Nothing in this Act shall impact existing hunting and fishing, under applicable State and Federal laws and regulations, within the boundaries of wilderness areas and wild, scenic, and recreational rivers designated by this Act. Where currently used in areas within the boundaries of wilderness areas designated by this Act, the continued use of non-motorized game carriers shall be allowed.

(i) **MILITARY ACTIVITIES.** - Nothing in this Act shall preclude low level overflights of military aircraft, testing and evaluation, the designation of new units of special use airspace, or the use or establishment of military flight training routes over wilderness areas and wild, scenic, and recreational rivers designated by this Act.

(j) **HORSES.** - Nothing in this Act shall preclude horseback riding, or the entry of recreational saddle or pack stock into wilderness areas and wild, scenic, and recreational rivers designated by this Act.

(k) **LIVESTOCK GRAZING.** - Grazing of livestock and maintenance of existing facilities related to grazing in wilderness areas designated by this Act, where established prior to the date of enactment of this Act, shall be permitted to continue as provided in section 4(d)(4) of the Wilderness Act and Section 108 of P.L. 96-560.

(l) **FISH AND WILDLIFE.** - Nothing in this Act shall be construed as affecting the jurisdiction or responsibilities of the State of California with respect to wildlife and fish on the public lands in that State as provided in section 4(d)(7) of the Wilderness Act.

(m) **WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT.** - In furtherance of the purposes and principles of the Wilderness Act and the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, management activities to maintain or restore fish and wildlife populations and the habitats to support such populations may be carried out within wilderness areas and wild, scenic, and recreational rivers designated by this Act, where consistent with relevant wilderness management plans, in accordance with

appropriate policies and guidelines.

(n) **LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES.**- Nothing in this Act shall be construed as precluding or otherwise affecting border operations by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the United States Customs Service, or state and local law enforcement agencies within wilderness areas and wild, scenic, and recreational rivers designated by these titles.

(o) **NATIVE AMERICAN USES AND INTERESTS.**- In recognition of the past use of wilderness areas and wild, scenic and recreational rivers designated under this Act by Indian people for traditional cultural and religious purposes, the Secretary shall ensure access to such wilderness areas and wild, scenic, and recreational rivers by Indian people for such traditional cultural and religious purposes. In implementing this section, the Secretary, upon the request of an Indian tribe or Indian religious community, shall temporarily close to the general public use of one or more specific portions of the wilderness area and wild, scenic, and recreational rivers in order to protect the privacy of traditional cultural and religious activities in such areas by Indian people. Any such closure shall be made to affect the smallest practicable area for the minimum period necessary for such purposes. Such access shall be consistent with the purpose and intent of Public Law 95-341 (42 U.S.C. 1996) commonly referred to as the "American Indian Religious Freedom Act", and the Wilderness Act (78 Stat. 890; 16 U.S.C. 1131).

(p) **COMMERCIAL OUTFITTERS.**- Nothing in this Act shall preclude the use by commercial outfitters of the wilderness areas and wild, scenic, and recreational rivers designated by this Act.

(q) **AREAS ADJACENT TO WILDERNESS AREAS.** - Nothing in this Act shall be construed to create protective perimeters or buffer zones around wilderness areas designated by this Act. Activities or uses of nonwilderness areas that can be seen or heard within wilderness areas designated by this Act shall not be precluded as a result of this Act.

## TITLE II WILD AND SCENIC RIVER DESIGNATIONS

### SEC. 201 DESIGNATION OF WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS

(a) In order to preserve and protect for present and future generations the outstanding scenic, natural, wildlife, fishery, recreational, scientific, historic, and ecological values of the following rivers in the State of California Section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274(a)) is amended by adding the following new paragraphs at the end:

(11) **MATILJA CREEK, CALIFORNIA.** - The 7 miles from the source to the confluence with Old Man Canyon, as a wild river. The 2 miles from Old Man Canyon to Murieta Canyon, as a scenic river. The 7 miles the source of the North Fork of Matilija Creek to the confluence with Matilija Creek, as a wild river.

(16) **PIRU CREEK, CALIFORNIA.** - The 9 miles of the North Fork Piru Creek from the source to private property in Sec. 4, T6N R21W, as a wild river. The 1 mile of the North Fork Piru Creek from the private property boundary to the South Fork confluence, as a scenic river. The 3.5 miles of the

South Fork Piru Creek from the source to the confluence with an unnamed tributary in Thorn Meadows, as a wild river. The 1 mile of South Fork Piru Creek from Thorn Meadows to the confluence with North Fork Piru Creek, as a scenic river. The 15 miles of Piru Creek from the North and South Forks confluence to 0.125 miles downstream of Road 18N01 crossing, as a scenic river. The 3 miles of Piru Creek from 0.125 miles downstream of Road 18N01 crossing to 0.125 miles upstream of Castaic Mine, as a wild river. The 7.75 miles of Piru Creek from 0.125 miles downstream of Castaic Mine to 0.25 miles upstream of Pyramid reservoir, as a scenic river. The 2.75 miles of Piru Creek from 0.25 miles downstream of Pyramid dam to Osito Canyon, as a recreational river.

(19) **UPPER SESPE RIVER, CALIFORNIA.** - The 1.5 miles from the source to the private property boundary in Sec. 10 T6N R24W, as a scenic river. The 2 miles from the private property boundary in Sec. 10 T6N R24W to the Hartman Ranch boundary in Sec. 14 T6N R24W, as a wild river. The 14.5 miles from the Hartman Ranch boundary in Sec. 14 T6N R24W to 0.125 miles downstream of Beaver Campground, as a recreational river. The 2 miles from 0.125 miles downstream of Beaver Campground to Rock Creek confluence, as a scenic river.

## TITLE V AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

**SEC. 501 WILDERNESS AND WILD AND SCENIC RECREATION.** - There is authorized to be appropriated \$2,500,000 annually to the Secretary of Agriculture and \$2,500,000 annually to the Secretary of the Interior for use in wilderness areas and wild, scenic, and recreational rivers designated by this Act to develop trails and other facilities that will promote and enhance the wilderness and wild and scenic river recreation experiences.

**SEC. 502 WILDERNESS AND WILD AND SCENIC TOURISM.** - There is authorized to be appropriated \$2,500,000 annually to the Secretary of Agriculture and \$2,500,000 annually to the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to provide "Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Economic Development" grants to communities surrounded by or adjacent to wilderness areas and wild, scenic, and recreational rivers designated by this Act, for use in developing visitors centers, informational brochures and kiosks, or other methods for promoting wilderness and wild and scenic river tourism in these areas.

**SEC. 503 LAW ENFORCEMENT.** - There is authorized to be appropriated \$2,000,000 annually to the Secretary of Agriculture and \$2,000,000 annually to the Secretary of the Interior for use in wilderness areas and wild, scenic, and recreational rivers designated by this Act to support law enforcement activities necessary to protect visitors and the natural resources of these wild areas.

**SEC. 504 ACQUISITION OF INHOLDINGS.** - There is authorized to be appropriated \$5,000,000 annually to the Secretary of Agriculture and \$5,000,000 annually to the Secretary of the Interior to acquire inholdings within the wilderness areas and wild, scenic, and recreational rivers designated by this Act.

## HPS Peaks affected by S 2535:

Area 4: Brush Mtn, San Emigdio Mtn, Antimony Pk, Tecuya Mtn

Area 5: Caliente Mtn

Area 6: Peak Mtn, McPherson Pk, Fox Mtn #1, Cuyama Pk, Lizard Head, McKinley Mtn, Santa Cruz Pk, Hildreth Pk, Old Man Mtn

Area 7: San Guillermo Mtn, Reyes Pk, Thorn Pt, San Rafael Pk, Alamo Mtn, McDonald Pk, Sewart Mtn, Snowy Pk, Cobblestone Mtn, Chief Pk, Hines Pk, Haddock Mtn

Area 9: Mt Gleason, Iron Mtn #2, Condor Pk, Fox Mtn #2

Area 13: Pleasant View Ridge, Will Thrall Pk, Mt Williamson, Mt Lewis, Winston Ridge

Area 14: South Hawkins

Area 15: Monrovia Pk, Smith Mtn, Rattlesnake Pk, Iron Mtn #1

Area 16: Wright Mtn, Pine Mtn #1, Dawson Pk, Mt Harwood

Area 17: San Sevaine Lookout

Area 22: Sugarloaf Mtn

Area 25: Birch Mtn, Cedar Mtn, Wilshire Pk, Wilshire Mtn,

Little San Gorgonio Pk, Galena Pk

Area 28: Palm View Pk, Pyramid Pk, Pine Mtn #2, Lion Pk

Area 29: Rouse Hill

[Editor's note: Some peaks which the HPS deListed because of access or other problems may be affected by this legislation.]

Let Senator Boxer know how you feel about this legislation.

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*West Big Pine, March 30, 2002. Counter-clockwise, from top: John Meehan, George Wysup, Zobeida Molina, Maggie Wilson and Laura Joseph. Photo by Winnette Butler*



*Zobeida Molina attains her 200<sup>th</sup> peak on Bighorn Mtn on May 26, 2002. Front row, l to r: Yim Lincoln, Mike Goswell, Mikki Siegel, Larry Campbell. Rear (behind rock), George Wysup, Zobeida Molina, John Meehan. Photo by Laura Joseph.*

## Finishing the List Without "Driving Up"

### A Different Kind of Obsession

By Laura Joseph

Shortly after I discovered HPS I joined what appeared in the schedule to be three hikes: Burnt, Sawtooth and Liebre. It was an ugly day but the turnout was huge — I now know that these peaks are rarely led (and, in the case of Burnt, deservedly so). We climbed the rollercoaster Sawtooth, the unimpressive Burnt and then...What was this? It slowly dawned on me that we were going to mount Liebre in vehicles! This was my first exposure to the mechanism of drive-ups and I instinctively rebelled. I wanted to HIKE! Imagine my horror when, upon arriving at the summit, I observed grown men running back and forth between a little car and their vehicles over and over again. No question: I would have to return to Liebre to cleanse the slate by climbing to the summit. (Two other peaks on which I was an unwilling passenger in a drive-up — Cuyama and Piute — I also subsequently climbed; those tales have been told in other articles in the Lookout.)

I became a woman on a mission: even if I never finished the list, I was going to find ways to hike each of the drive-ups. There are, for the record, 30 plus peaks that are almost always done as drive ups of which, it is fair to say, over 20 are ALWAYS done in that manner. An additional 10 peaks or more can be driven up but rarely are. (Let me pause here to try to explain what I mean when I use the term "drive up." For me, the crucial criteria is whether there is an alternative way of getting to the peak. The length of the hike remaining after one has parked is not as important. For example, Monrovia can be hiked all the way or driven to within about ½ mile steep climb to the peak. Since the full hike is a good cross country romp, I would call the alternative a drive up. There are several other peaks with hikes from the parking area not much greater than ½ mile but where there is no decent alternative for getting to the parking area. If this makes no sense, think about the cliché: "I don't know anything about art but I know what I like when I see it." You don't need to quantify a drive up in order to know when you're doing it.)

So this is the story of how I fulfilled my obsession. Along the way, I discovered some very lovely hikes and a few peaks that require more exploration to find a good hiking route. Taken in the order of our list, here they are: the duds and the gems.

*Piute.* The reader is referred to the very fine account written by George Wysup elsewhere in this issue of the Lookout. This story has a happy ending as it appears that Mountain Records will designate the very lovely peak George describes as the HPS summit.

*San Emigdio.* I was fortunate that Karen Isaacson — who knows this area of our peaks better than anyone — was interested in testing routes to hike San Emigdio in tandem with Brush. We did some dirt road hiking in the interests of time but could see that trekking through the woods would be feasible. Karen and Mars are leading this hike during Oktoberfest weekend.

*Cerro Noroeste.* This was the only peak where I actually hiked up the paved road - I don't recommend it - but the best way to reach Mt. Abel, as it is also known, is in combo with Pinos, Grouse and Sawmill, something I expect to do shortly and which is also a choice for Oktoberfest weekend.

*Mt. Pinos.* Just hike from the parking area up through the woods, meet the dirt road and continue. This is done frequently and is now included in our peak guide.

*Tecuya.* This little hike is often done as a drive up. Don't miss the hike. It's pretty and, as Karen confirms, a lot more fun.

*Peak and McPherson.* The trail to McPherson is very beautiful, moderate in difficulty, and more enjoyable than sitting in a car. From McP, you have to hike the dirt road for a mile before taking the short scramble up Peak.

*Cuyama.* This is my personal favorite. If you read my piece in the last issue of the Lookout, you already know how to hike up the ridge from Brubaker Canyon to the peak in lieu of driving up the bumpy ugly dirt road.

*Frazier.* Karen and I hiked up a dirt road a mile or so. This was makeshift and I look forward to an exploratory hike George is leading during Oktoberfest that will test a cross country hike all the way up.

*Reyes and Haddock.* The way these are usually done involves a fair amount of driving on yucky road before parking and doing a nice fairly short hike to the two peaks. Kate Rogowski and I wanted a more challenging expedition so we took the Cerro Grande trail from route 33 up to the parking area and then proceeded as usual. There are some really interesting rock formations along the Cerro Grande trail and the entire trip (about 18 mile RT) goes through at least three different types of environment. Try it.

*Chief, Topatopa and Hines.* Don't drive to these peaks (I know that you hike a few miles or so at the end - don't nitpick). For Topatopa and Hines, the trail up from Sisar Canyon is a nice challenge that goes through some pretty woods before switchbacking through chaparral. Just don't do it on a hot day. Chief is another one that's on my "find a better way" list: I hiked the dirt road from the route 33 side - not very rewarding but better than driving. So I need to go back and find a better route.

*Liebre.* Hey, it's a darn nice trail. Try it - but not on a hot day.

*Mt Gleason.* Why not take the PCT all the way up from the Angeles Forest Highway? Because you want to do Iron, Fox and Condor the same day? Do Fox and Condor another day from Big Tujunga road. By the way, Iron has a nice trail from that side as well.

*Vetter and Mooney.* I stretched these hikes as long as I could without actually going in circles. The hike to Vetter, while short, is very lovely. Can't say the same about Mooney.

*Pinyon Ridge.* Zobeida Molina and I discovered a new route just by chance. We started to go up by the trail from the camp as described in the peak guide but, observing that we could much more efficiently go straight up the ridge to the summit (I can't bring myself to call the little cairn at the top a "peak"), we did so. We came down the switchbacking trail. Either way is better than driving the dirt road.

*Monrovia.* See the beginning of this article where I use Monrovia to illustrate a point.

*Santiago and Modjeska.* Many, many ways to hike these either separately or together. I recommend the Holy Jim Trail up Santiago — but don't drive to the trail head in anything less than a tank. I lost the suspension on my sports car.

*Cleghorn, Sugarpine and Monument #2.* Martin Parsons and I (with some hints from Sluggo Prinzmetal) planned an elaborate hiking route incorporating these three plus Cajon (which, while short, is an OK hike). When we arrived on the scene, we discovered that the combination of snow and brush made the plan unfeasible. We did the usual short hike to Cleghorn, which remains on my "to find a better way" list.

On another occasion I returned to the scene, this time approaching from the other side, to attempt a route to Sugarpine and Monument described in John Robinson's book. Unfortunately, access to that route was prevented by a large water obstacle in the road. So we explored around for a while, met some

nice folks who gave us permission to cross their land, and hiked up a use trail to the dirt road that runs by the two peaks. We turned one way to hike down the road to Sugarpine (how did such an ugly summit get such a pretty name?), and the other way down the road to Monument. This route cannot be easily duplicated.

Along with many other folks, I would support deListing these duds unless we can find an interesting way to hike them.

*Butler Peak.* Another "find a better way." I hiked up the road about 2.5 miles. It's a pretty hike but a road nonetheless. (Others have snow-shoed from Crafts when the snow was deep enough to cover the brush.) I'd like to find a hiking route but I didn't see any obvious possibilities.

*Keller.* This was the toughest peak not to drive up. In the end, I persuaded George, Zobeida and Roxana Lewis — with whom I was hiking that day — to abandon the car and bushwhack through the burnt-out manzanita for about half a mile to the peak. We looked pretty awful by the time we reached the lookout. On the "find a better way" list.

*Tip Top.* A group of us hiked up the road in the dark with our favorite after-dark leader, Mars Bonfire. I have been told that this is terribly ugly in the daylight, but has been led cross country together with Mineral.

*Indian.* This is another unjustly maligned peak. People have been known to severely scratch their vehicles rather than getting out and using the feet they were born with. The trick here is to hike from the "vista point" on highway 243 to the dirt road; then, as you go along, look for opportunities to go cross country in the places where the road loops around. It's kind of fun.

*Black Mtn. #1.* You must hike the Black Mountain trail! It's beautiful. Don't drive. Don't.

*Rouse and Thomas.* Both of these have hiking routes in the peak guides which are really very nice. Thomas is a beautiful woodsy kind of hike cross country after following a regular trail through chaparral. Rouse is one of my favorites. The trail follows the rim of a canyon on the dry side for a while, dips steeply down to the stream, and then switchbacks up the wet side of the canyon through a rainforest-like environment. When you reach the top of the canyon, you're in cow patty country and just kind of follow your nose (so to speak) to the peak. The last half mile or so is on the dirt road that others have spent boring hours driving up.

*Santa Rosa.* I ended up hiking this one cause I was late for a hike to Sheep and Martinez

(Virgil has never let me forget) and wanted to do something while I was in the neighborhood. It was winter and there was a fair amount of snow on the road. I climbed from the bottom, trudging through snow the last few miles, and thoroughly enjoyed myself. This is beautiful country that you can't appreciate from the windows of a car. About half way down, I hitched a ride with a motorcyclist and got an idea of what it was like to be in a vehicle on that rough road. (Driving down is not a bad thing in some circumstances.)

*Boucher Hill.* I stretched this into a five mile loop hike. From the guard station, I hiked northwest along a trail which eventually ended up at a campground. From there, I took another trail southwest and then west to reach the lookout. I returned to the guard station along the route that runs westish straight down the ridge. Believe it or not, this is worth doing.

*Palomar High Point.* This can be done from the Observatory by hiking along a dirt road that is not open to traffic. It's likely that there is a way of doing it off road but I couldn't figure it out.

*Hot Springs.* I arrived at the entrance kiosk

to the Hot Springs road in my little sports car with the intention of driving up the dirt road to within a few miles of the peak and then hiking the rest of the way either on or off road. I explained my plan to the woman who was collecting the "toll" who replied, "In THAT?!?" Undaunted, I carried out my plan. On this one, I found several places to get off the road and there is that nice little jaunt at the end to the peak.

*Garnet Peak.* Another one where the only way to stretch out the hike is kind of artificial. I started out at a picnic ground off the road a mile or so south of the drive up road to Garnet. From the picnic ground, I hiked the PCT along a stretch with spectacular views of Anza Borrego to the parking area for the drive up. From there, I did the usual short hike.

So that's it. The conclusion from this is that many of these are really worth hiking and, personally, I would take the those that aren't off the list rather than drive them. I'm very interested in HPSer's sentiments on this whole issue. Take a look at the little survey in the box with this article and **send me a response** via email or snail mail (see addresses on back page).

#### DRIVE-UPS OPINION SURVEY

What do you think HPS policy on drive ups should be?

What is your own opinion of drive ups; that is, do you prefer to do them whenever possible, only when the alternative is mediocre, or never?

Should we deList peaks which simply cannot be hiked without going on a paved road?

Should drive up routes be shown in our peak guides?

Should drive ups be scheduled by HPS leaders?

If you are comfortable with drive ups, would you support a policy that allowed driving up a peak once to suffice for all future List finishes?

What are your other thoughts, feelings, ideas on this subject?

**THE LOOKOUT** Editor adds the following for your information:

From the May 1, 1964 issue of "100 Peaks," the predecessor of **THE LOOKOUT** :

"Gripe-of-the-Month: I am offering a suggestion that drive-up peaks be eliminated, that is not counted. The 100 Peakers are all good hikers and I can't see any need for drive-ups. Les Gamp"

Contrast the above quote with the following excerpts from The Hundred Peaks Idea, 1946:

"The only rules in the Hundred Peaks Game are:

1. It counts one, if you reach a peak by foot, horseback, car or helicopter...
2. No matter how many times you climb the same mountain, it only counts the first time...

(Signed) Luella Todd, Jack Bascom, Weldon Heald"

# HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION, ANGELES CHAPTER

## Minutes: Management Committee Meeting

Thursday, March 14, 2002, Laura Joseph's Home

Call to Order (6:35 p.m.)

Attending:

Karen Leverich (Chair), Sandy Burnside, (Treasurer), John Connelly, Secretary, Laura Joseph (Membership), Joe Young (Lookout Editor), John Monsen (Conservation), Virgil Popescu (Prior Chair).

Minutes from the February meeting

M/s/p without revision

Announcements

None

Old Business

**Trophies:** M/S/P: Virgil was authorized to purchase a trophy cabinet (approximately \$150) for HPS plaques and trophies, which reside at the Chapter office on Wilshire Blvd.

New Business

1. **Joe Young, HPS Historian:** Joe acquired an old tape from Bob Cates with about 8 hours of dialog of hikes and other material. He has proposed that we have it converted to a CD medium for our use. It was M/S/P to share costs with the Friends of the Chapter.
2. **Website:** The committee received Brian Leverich's report in his absence, which updated us on his progress in expanding and improving the website. On using credit cards to subscribe online to the Lookout and/or join HPS, M/S/P to implement such a system. Proposal filed with the minutes.
3. **Drive Ups:** Laura is organizing a committee to explore the issues on those peaks that may involve driving to the summit.

Committee Reports

1. **Treasurer's Report (Sandy Burnside)**
2. **Conservation:** John Monsen will report monthly at our meeting and try for a monthly email. Also discussed would be regular feature articles in the Lookout.
3. **Membership Report (Laura Joseph):**
  - Laura is working through our lists to purge them of old records. She is sending out letters to non-renewers.
  - She reported 4 new members plus 44 renewing members for a total of 48.
  - We had previously approved an Ad for the

Southern Sierran, which will start appearing soon. Joe Young will check with Dave Eisenberg about placing an ad in the Chapter Schedule.

- We will try to get John Robinson to speak at our next awards banquet. It was also suggested that he might be asked to lead some form of "history hike."
  - Octoberfest, 2002:** We will use Mill Potrero Park in the vicinity of Frazier Park this year. Laura is coordinating. Will be more of a campout/barbeque, in contrast to the accommodations at Harwood Lodge.
6. **Mountain Records: (Byron Prinzmetal):** Sandy Burnside will prepare a by-laws amendment for a Snowshoe Emblem to be voted on by the membership with the annual ballot.
  7. **Outings Report (Byron Prinzmetal):**
    - Byron emailed a lengthy report to committee members, which was received in his absence and filed with the Secretary's minutes.

Adjourned 8:00 PM..

Thursday, April 11, 2002, Laura Joseph's Home  
Call to Order (6:35 p.m.)

Attending:

Byron Prinzmetal (Vice Chair), Sandy Burnside, (Treasurer), John Connelly, Secretary, Laura Joseph (Membership), Joe Young (Lookout Editor), Virgil Popescu (Prior Chair).

Minutes from the March 14 meeting

M/s/p without revision

Announcements

None

Committee Reports

1. **Treasurer's Report (Sandy Burnside)**
  - Received. Balance is \$8,907.60 as of 3/31/2002
2. **Conservation:** No report
3. **Website (Brian Leverich):** Brian circulated a report via email. Received and filed with Secretary's Minutes.
4. **Membership Report (Laura Joseph):**
  - Gains in renewing subscribers. Total members on rolls 575, compared with 514 last report.

- Emblems for new members. M/s/p to give these to new members. Much discussion about a new design for our patch. Joe played a transcript from an old tape discussing the origins of the design for the patch. No action.
  - Kevin Dixon's possible departure for England. John Connelly agreed to draft a thank you letter and submit it to Karen Leverich.
  - Price structure for members. Laura felt our current system acted as a disincentive for people to renew and discussed the idea of a \$12 fee, with a \$3 discount for timely renewals. No action. We will revisit when we have more information on expenses, such as the pending ad in the *Southern Sierran*.
  - **Octoberfest, 2002:** We will use Mill Potrero Park in the vicinity of Frazier Park this year. Laura is coordinating. Will be more of a campout/barbeque, in contrast to the accommodations at Harwood Lodge.
6. **Mountain Records: (Byron Prinzmetal):**
- M/s/p: Revised peak guides for Butler (LO) and Sunday.
  - Discussion about combining related groups of peaks that are typically done as a single outing, e.g., The Big Four and the Big Three. There was general consensus that such guides would be helpful, in addition to the individual peak write ups. George Wysup had circulated one for the Big Four. No action.
  - Toro and Kitching Peaks: The committee is in favor of taking steps toward the eventual re-listing of these peaks. Before a ballot proposal can be submitted, we must **schedule** exploratory hikes. Byron will pursue this.

4. **Outings Report (Byron Prinzmetal):**

- No report

**Old Business**

**Section Tapes:** Joe has reproduced tapes on eight separate CDs of taped conversation with HPS people from the 60s. The total cost was \$776. M/S/P to reimburse Joe for one half of this expense, with the remaining half coming from other Chapter sources.

**Byron's Resolutions:** Byron submitted four general goals for the 2002 HPS Management Committee, arising from our meetings in January and February. M/S/P. Filed with the secretary's minutes. A digest:

1. Increase new members
2. Have more hikes
3. Get more I-rated leaders

4. Help pass the Federal Wild Heritage Wilderness Bill S2535 (Boxer)

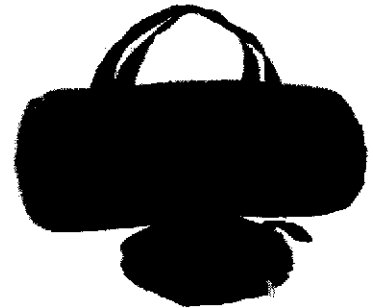
**New Business**

1. Staggered Terms for HPS Officers: John Connelly circulated a ballot proposal from the DPS, in which one half of the committee is elected each year to serve for a two-year term. The committee felt this was worth pursuing as a by-laws amendment. John is preparing an actual proposal for consideration at the May meeting.

Adjourned 8:20 PM.

"Every good thing, great and small, needs defense." — *Samuel Johnson*

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