



# THE LOOKOUT

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## Hundred Peaks Section Election Results

An excellent 46% of members returned ballots in this year's election.

The proposal to add an Explorer Emblem was approved.

After meeting on December 14, 2004, the six top vote-getters selected positions on the 2005 Management Committee. These are as follows:

Chair/Webmaster/Mountain Records	Wolf Leverich
Vice Chair	Winnette Butler
Outreach/Merchandise	Lynda Armbruster
Secretary	Charlotte Feitshans
Social Programs	Joe Young
Outings/Safety	Karen Leverich

These six join outgoing 2004 Chair Kathy Cheever to form the seven voting members on the committee.

The complete Management Committee will be determined at the January committee meeting.



Jack Goldberg, long time HPS member and leader, List finisher #71, passed away on November 21, 2004. He was active in the Wednesday hikers committee and the Cabrillo Section. He also worked as a volunteer in the Angeles Chapter office for 22 years. This photo was taken in 1983 in Pinnacles National Monument. (Credit: Alice and Jack Goldberg and the Angeles Chapter Archives.)

The Hundred Peaks Section Website address is  
<http://angeleschapter.org/hps/>

The site has information about upcoming events, hikes, restricted areas, HPS history, and much, much more.

## Annual Awards Banquet To Be Held on Saturday, January 29, 2005

The 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Hundred Peaks Section Annual Awards Banquet will be held at Les Freres Taix restaurant, 1911 Sunset Blvd., in Los Angeles, just as it was in 1965. No host bar begins at 5:00 PM, dinner 6:30 PM. Traditional HPS acknowledgment of member achievements follows. This evening is devoted to the memories and recollections of HPS members about the early days of the HPS.

**Please be prepared to share your memories with us!**

The HPS will hold a silent auction instead of the usual raffles.

You have a choice of three entrees:

- ◆ Roast Top Sirloin
- ◆ Grilled Filet of Salmon
- ◆ Special Vegetarian Polenta with vegetables and sauces

No sase is required. Send name, email address or phone number, choice of entrée(s), and \$30 per person (make check payable to HPS), to reservationist Sandy Burnside, 256 S. Craig Drive, Orange, CA 92869 - 3773. Tickets will be held at the door.

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 film photos please write your name on the back of each photo. Please identify all subjects in each photo whether digital or film. **When taking photos please ask participants to remove sunglasses!** If you want the film photos returned please state so and include a return SASE. Articles may be edited for length or appropriateness. Please send articles, photos, etc to Joe Young, 12551 Presnell Street, Los Angeles, CA 90066 - 6730, fax to Joe at (310) 301 - 9642; or email to [joengeri@comcast.net](mailto:joengeri@comcast.net). **THE LOOKOUT** is the property of the Hundred Peaks Section.



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## Letter From The Chair

*By Kathy Cheever*

The time has come to say "Goodbye" to our 50th anniversary year!! It started out at last January's annual banquet and Joe Young's wonderful narrated photo presentation of the past 50 years!!! So much to celebrate over the years and I hope everyone had a chance this past year to participant in an event or hike that was special to them either in memory or as something new to remember for the 100th anniversary!!

The Grande Finale! The 2005 HPS Annual Banquet!! In lieu of our usual program, this banquet is our opportunity to salute, sing praises (well, maybe not sing, but you get my drift) and yell "all hail" to the people who make this all possible – the HPS leaders!!! We'll be concluding the 50th anniversary events at the January 2005 banquet where we honor our HPS leaders! How very much we need to remember, appreciate, and thank those who take the time to think of a peak to climb, figure out a way to get up it, scout out ahead of time to make sure it all works as expected, write up the opportunity for The Lookout or sometimes 6 months in advance for The Schedule, gather names, phone numbers, email addresses, etc. etc., organize meeting places, give advise to want-a-be participants, get up awfully early, collect everyone at the trailhead, guide everyone skillfully and carefully up the hiking route, make it to the top (HURRAY) and safely back down to the cars. From there, off everyone goes, back on their own again, reminiscing about the hike's adventures and

sharing stories. Perhaps a photo and one of these stories will be shared in The Lookout! How many of us would never have gotten up to at least 1 peak without the help of our wonderful leaders? I can personally think of a whole bunch of peaks and a whole bunch of leaders – and while I sit and think of this, I come up with more and more! Bet you can too! The upcoming banquet is your opportunity to let them know how much you've appreciated their hard work, remarkable skill, and sometimes incredible patience as these folks help us to achieve our goals (the emblem list is ever growing), but mostly as they allow us ever expansive opportunities to enjoy and protect our beautiful peaks and inspiring wildernesses!! Don't miss out on the opportunity to say "Thanks!" – see you at the Banquet!

It's been a wonderful year being chair! My parting words? Keep up the good work!! Go hiking!! Be safe!!! Have fun!!! Does it get any better than that!!

### News Flash!

While trails in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park are open to hiking, hiking off routes is prohibited. This includes hiking to the summit of Middle Cuyamaca Peak. Therefore Middle Cuyamaca Peak is **suspended** for six months. Please do not attempt to hike to its summit.

## Sierra Club Angeles Chapter Fundraiser Trips

*By Roxana Lewis*

Feb 18-21 Fri-Mon PRESIDENT'S DAY WEEKEND/CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION  
O: San Francisco Chinese New Year Celebration: Fly to Oakland, Bart to the city for a total immersion weekend celebrating the Year of the Rooster. Leave L.A. at 4pm, carry on only. 6mi, 200' gain walking tour of Chinatown, Taoist temple, stop at local herbalist for this year's snake cure. SAT. 8mi, 330' gain, ferry to Angel Island (the Ellis Island of the west), picnic lunch, return to Chinatown for famous New Year's parade. SUN 7mi, 100' gain walk to Golden Gate Park's . Enjoy Dim Sum; visit new Asian Art Museum. MON. 5.5mi, 200' gain morning hike over the Golden Gate Bridge. Bart to airport, Fly to LAX, 5pm return. \$505(\$525 non-member), includes airfare, hotel (2share), ferry, dim sum, donation. Send check/sase/SC member#/email/phones to Leader: Roxana Lewis, co-leader: Maggie Belknap

May 5-14 Thur-Sat HIKING THE ITALIAN LAKES  
C: Hiking the Italian Lakes: From Lake Como to Lake Maggiore and in between, you will have the opportunity to hike pristine hillsides offering panoramic vistas of lakeside villages with the Italian Alps as a backdrop. Visits to the Borromeo Islands, the castle town of Angera, the real Bellagio, Lugano. This is an independent adventure involving no tour buses. You must be willing to walk 7-10 mi per day. \$2,366.00 (\$2416 non-mem); includes airfare, hotels (2share), breakfast, transfers, donation. To reserve send \$500 deposit/2SASE/SC# to Leader: Roxana Lewis Co-leader: John Connelly.



Roxana Lewis may be reached at 11222 S. La Cienega Blvd #460, Inglewood, CA 90304 - 1104, phone (310) 532 - 2933, work phone (310) 670 - 3884, email roxtlewis@aol.com

# MEMBERSHIP REPORT

*By Lynda Anmbruster*

ACHIEVEMENT	DATE	PEAK A ME	SEQUENCE
<b>100 Peaks Emblem</b>			
Paul Gerry	November 6, 2004	Pyramid Peak	1066
Don Cwik	November 11, 2004	Gobbler's Knob	1067
Lynn Nebus	December 4, 2004	Combs Peak	1068

## 200 Peaks Bar

Ruth Boyer	October 1, 2004	Toro Peak	409
Calvin Boyer	October 1, 2004	Toro Peak	410
Dave Cannon	November 6, 2004	Ingham Peak	411
Ginny Herringer	October 5, 2004	Black Mountain #2	412
Ignacia Doggett	December 4, 2004	Lookout Mountain #1	413

## List Finish #1

Larry Campbell	November 7, 2004	Black Mountain #4	249
Tom Connery	November 14, 2004	Scodie Mountain	250

## List Finish #4

Dorothy Danziger	August 11, 2004	Heald Peak	13
Ron Zappen	October 4, 2004	Black Mountain #5	14

## List Finish #8

Mars Bonfire	September 13, 2004	Lookout Mountain #1	3
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## 200<sup>th</sup> Pathfinder

Peter Doggett	November 26, 2004	Lost Horse Mountain	7
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## 200<sup>th</sup> Peaks Leadership

Wolf Leverich	November 5, 2004	Rattlesnake Mountain	16
Tom Hill	December 4, 2004	Sheephead Mountain	17

## New Members

John Barrett  
William Joyce  
Ryan Gilmore  
Ted Lubsehkoff

Rich Kent  
Patrick Vaughn  
Anne Howell  
Dave Black  
Ursula Gerhard Guendera  
Gary Bickel

## New Subscribers

Susan Sorenson  
Jim Tomasek  
Mark Jones  
Michael Birnbaum

<b>Membership Summary</b>	Total Active Members	427	Subscribers	90
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# Hundred Peaks Section Adopts Resolution Concerning Safety and Other Complaints

*By Kathy Cheever*

This past year we've received requests for clarity on how to proceed with complaints, official or implied. Guess they do come up from time to time. After looking over the Sierra Club policies, etc. we resolved the following:

## A RESOLUTION Concerning Safety and Other Complaints

(A) WHEREAS, the proper handling of safety and other complaints is of the utmost importance to the safety and enjoyment of participants and leaders of Hundred Peaks Section (HPS) outings and events, and

(B) WHEREAS, there is no legitimate basis for anonymous complaints, and a malicious and unjustified anonymous complaint can disrupt the responsible handling of legitimate safety and other complaints and unjustly inflict great personal distress upon the subject of the complaint, and

(C) WHEREAS, the leaders and participants involved in outings are always a critical source of information in understanding how and why incidents occur on those outings, and

(D) WHEREAS, National Bylaws and Standing Rules of the Sierra Club, SR 2: Civil Disobedience states: 1. The Sierra Club will not encourage, request or direct any person to violate the law. No chapter, group, or other entity of the Club shall encourage, request or direct any person to violate the law. 2. "The Club recognizes that it cannot control the private actions of its members, and in particular cannot prevent its members from engaging in acts of civil disobedience", and

(E) WHEREAS, the policy of the Sierra Club, SR 15-1-1, clearly states that there is no place in Sierra Club events or outings for libelous or defamatory statements, unfounded claims of libel or defamation, or harassment (sexual or otherwise) of leaders or participants. Such action by any Sierra Club leader or participant will not be tolerated. Violation of this policy will result in disciplinary action, including loss of leadership status and loss of the privilege of participating in Club events or outings.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

(1) HPS will not encourage, request or direct any person to violate the law. HPS hikers and leaders are required to follow the Bylaws and Standing Rules of the Sierra Club and laws of the prevailing land management on scheduled outings and official HPS events or documents. HPS strongly encourages adherence to the rules of these governing organizations at all times.

(2) HPS will not tolerate libelous or defamatory

statements, unfounded claims of libel or defamation, or harassment (sexual or otherwise) of leaders or participants on scheduled outings, or other official HPS events or document (such as, but not limited to, the annual banquet, The Lookout, HPS websites & listservs, provisional leader evaluations, ballots, etc).

(3) HPS will not consider or act upon any complaint unless the alleged incident occurred on a scheduled outing or other official HPS event or document. HPS will consider all incidents not associated with scheduled outings or official HPS events or document as strictly the responsibility of the individuals concerned. Those individuals are solely responsible for their actions and/or repercussions of such actions.

(4) HPS will not consider or act upon any anonymous complaint unless the information in the complaint is corroborated by a named source.

(5) HPS will always contact the leaders and/or participants named in any complaint at the outset of an investigation, and will fully consider (but not be unduly swayed by) what information the leaders and/or participants can provide.

(6) HPS will call upon the Angeles Chapter Safety committee and other Chapter entities to implement procedures at the Chapter level consonant with Sections (1) through (5) above.

**Take nothing but pictures; leave nothing but footprints.**

## PALM SPRINGS TRAM DISCOUNT CARDS

Another benefit available to **The Lookout** Subscribers is eligibility for an Alpine Club Card, which gives you 15% discount on tram rides for up to 4 people (plus 10% discount in the restaurant and gift shop). There are 7 HPS peaks in that area and it's not too soon to start planning your next expedition. Leaders may ask for a few extra cards for trip participants. Send your SASE and card request to:

Lynda Armbruster, HPS Membership Chair, PO Box 12177, Orange, CA 92859



## Advance Schedule of Hundred Peaks Section Activities

January 1, 2005 through July 24, 2005

By Karen Isaacson Leverich

Jan 1 Sat Hundred Peaks, Palos Verdes-South Bay, Natural Science

I: San Jacinto Peak (10,804'), Folly Peak (10,480'), Drury Peak (10,160'), Marion Mountain (10,320') via Snowshoe: Moderately paced, strenuous over varying terrain from the tram. We will attempt up to 4 peaks, resulting in 10 miles and 3500' gain. The leaders have made this San Jacinto pilgrimage for 5 years. Mt Charleston and the Channel Islands have often been visible. Take time to learn from our naturalist about the fauna and flora. Bring 10 essentials, lunch, and water. Esase (preferred) or sase with recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Leader: KENT SCHWITKIS.  
Co-Leader & Naturalist: SHERRY ROSS

Jan 1 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Rattlesnake Peak (5826'): Rescheduled to February 21.

Leaders: KAREN & WOLF LEVERICH

Jan 5 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: Mount Hillyer (6200+'): 7 miles round trip, 1000' gain. Hike through manzanita, scrub oak, Jeffrey pine, around a maze of giant granite boulders. Meet 9 am La Cañada. Bring water, lunch, good footwear, and hat. Leaders: MARY PATTERSON, DAN BUTLER

Jan 7 Fri Hundred Peaks

I: Asbestos Mountain (5265'): A short and pretty peak south of Palm Desert, 3 miles round trip, 1000' gain, mainly in desert (can you say "lots of prickly plants"?) terrain. Mid-day start. Possibility of sneaking in a visit to not-especially-nearby (but one of the leaders needs it) Indian in the morning. Indian might be a drive up, or a 6 mile, 1300' gain, hike along a dirt road, or something in between, or purely a fantasy. E-mail or SASE early to Leaders: KAREN & WOLF LEVERICH

Jan 8 Sat Hundred Peaks, Orange County Sierra Singles

I: Eagle Mountain (5350'): 9 miles 2400' gain moderately paced DPS day hike in Joshua Tree for well conditioned, experienced desert hikers. Lots of climbing through boulders, cactus and loose sand/scree with beautiful desert views. Rain cancels. Email conditioning and rideshare info to Leaders: ROBERT and MARKEY NEIGHBORS

Jan 8 Sat Hundred Peaks, WTC

New Outing not in Schedule

I: Quail Mountain (5813'+): Join us in this moderately paced 12 mile round trip, 3000' gain, to the highest peak in Joshua Tree National Park. Mostly cross-country on some steep slopes and some boulder scrambling. We will be visiting Samuelsons Rock on the return. Bring 10 essentials, 3 liters of water minimum, snacks, lunch, lugsoles, clothing layers for possible windy conditions and long pants or gaiters are recommended. Storms may cancel. Send email (preferred) or SASE, with H&W phones, recent conditioning/hiking experience to Leader: WAYNE VOLLAIRES Assistant: RON CAMPBELL

Jan 8 Sat Hundred Peaks

New Outing not in Schedule

O: Queen Mountain (5680'+), Warren Point (5103'): 10 miles round trip, 2200' gain. Join us on a steady paced hike through beautiful Joshua Tree National Park. Meet 7:45 AM in the parking lot next to the Denny's in Yucca Valley. Leader: IGNACIA DOGGETT Co-Leader: WOLF LEVERICH

Jan 10 Sun HPS

I: Bernard Peak (5430'), Little Berdoo Peak (5440'): By popular request, two fun but difficult-to-reach (by Joshua Tree National Park standards) peaks. 7 miles round trip, 1800' gain, entirely cross country. AWD or 4WD vehicles preferred, due to sandy nature of road. (The drive sometimes seems to take longer than the peaks.) Send e-mail or SASE with vehicle information to Leaders: WOLF and KAREN LEVERICH

Jan 12 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: Vetter Mountain (6200'): 7 miles round trip, 1400' gain. Ramble from Shortcut on the Silver Moccasin Trail to Charlton Flat, then on to peak. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare. Bring water, lunch, good footwear, and hat. Leaders: MARY PATTERSON, ROSEMARY CAMPBELL

Jan 22 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Mt Wilson (5710'): Get back in shape with this classic conditioning hike up the historic Mount Wilson Trail. Moderately paced 15.2 miles round trip, 4740' gain total. Meet 7:30 am in Sierra Madre at the roadhead - N from I-210 on Baldwin Ave to Miramonte Ave; turn right (E) 2 blocks; park. Bring minimum 3 quarts water, lunch. Rain, or snow on summit, cancels. Co-Leaders: DAVE BEYMER, MAURA RAFFENSPERGER

Jan 29 Sat Hundred Peaks

Annual Awards Banquet: The Hundred Peaks Section Annual Awards Banquet will be at Les Freres Taix Restaurant, 1911 Sunset Blvd, in Los Angeles. No host bar at 5 PM, dinner 6:30 PM. *See front page for details.*

Feb 5 Sat Hundred Peaks

New Outing not in Schedule

I: Fox Mountain #2 (5033'), Condor Peak (5440'): 13 miles round trip, 3600' gain. A strenuous but moderately paced climb of two San Gabriel beauties. We might throw in Iron #2 and Gleason depending on the group. Bring lunch and 10 essentials. Meet 6:30 AM La Cañada rideshare pt. Rain cancels. Leader: GARY SCHENK Assistant: GEORGE WYSUP

Feb 5-6 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks, Orange County Sierra Singles

I: Whale Peak (5349'), Asbestos Mountain (5265'): Saturday we hike Whale, approximately 9 miles 2300' gain cross-country with bouldering and lots of cactus in Anza-Borrego State Park. Car camp in the park Saturday night, State Park use/parking fee applicable. Sunday AM drive to Asbestos for a short 3 miles, 1000' gain hike in desert terrain, approximately 2-3 hours round trip. Rain cancels. Email conditioning and rideshare info to Leaders: ROBERT and MARKEY NEIGHBORS

Feb 9 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: San Gabriel Peak (6161'), Mount Disappointment (5960'), Mount Deception (5796'): 6 miles round trip, 1700' of gain. Meet 9AM La Cañada with water, lunch, good footwear. Leaders: SOUTHERN COURTNEY, DAN BUTLER

Feb 12 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Mount Markham (5742'), Mount Lowe (5603'): Get ready for Spring with this great conditioning hike up historic Mount Lowe. Moderately paced 11 miles round trip, 4200' gain total. Meet 8:30 am at the north end of Lake Ave in Altadena. Bring minimum 3 quarts water, lunch. Rain, or snow on peaks, cancels. Co-Leaders: MAURA RAFFENSPERGER, DAVE BEYMER

Feb 15 Tue SMS, SPS, DPS, HPS, LPC

Annual Joint Meeting: This year hosted by the Ski Mountaineers. Meet and make plans with your friends and learn activities of these groups. Each group will give a presentation of their scope and upcoming plans. 7:30 pm Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium (4730 Crystal Springs Dr in Griffith Park).

Feb 19-20 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks, Palos Verdes-South Bay

I: Mayan Peak (6108'), Butterbreth Peak (5997'), Skinner Peak (7120'): Three peaks in Jawbone Canyon area. Moderately paced, strenuous over varying terrain. Dirt road. Both days 8 miles 3000' gain. Saturday night car camp. Bring 10 essentials, lunch, and water. Esase (preferred) or sase with recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Leader: KENT SCHWITKIS. Co-Leader: BOB BEACH

Feb 19-20 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks

O: Lost Horse Mountain (5313'), Warren Point (5103'), Chaparrosa Peak (5541'): The desert plateau at Joshua Tree National Park should be picturesque and pleasantly cool this time of year. First two peaks Saturday on separate easy hikes of about 4 miles round trip, 1100' gain each. Sunday visit nearby Yucca Valley for a loop trip within a new nature preserve, 7 miles round trip, 1300' gain. Car camp possible. Come for either or both days. Call or email leader week of hike for trip details. Leader: TOM HILL. Co-Leader: MARLEN MERTZ

Feb 21 Mon Hundred Peaks

I: Rattlesnake Peak (5826'): Originally scheduled on January 1 as a celebration of the anniversary of Wolf breaking his leg (on Chuckwalla on New Years Day, 2002), we now have no good excuse to visit to this brushy peak above Azusa. Well, it's on the List? Expect a slow pace as we do these 9 miles of cross-(brushy)-country, 3700' gain. Did I mention there might be brush? E-mail or SASE early to Leaders: KAREN & WOLF LEVERICH

**Feb 23 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks**

O: Colby Canyon to Josephine Peak (5558'): 10 miles round trip, 2100' gain. Moderate pace. Shorter hike to Josephine Saddle optional. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare point with water, lunch, appropriate footwear. Leaders: DORIS DUVAL, DON SIMINSKI

**Feb 26 Sat Hundred Peaks**

O: Mount Lukens (5074'): Visit this nearby peak, the highest point in the city of Los Angeles, moderately strenuous 10 miles round trip, 3200' gain. Usually great views during the winter season. Storms may cancel. Call or email leader week of trip for details. Leader: GEORGE WYSUP. Co-Leader: TOM HILL

**Feb 26 Sat Hundred Peaks**

O: Agua Tibia (4779'): Join us on this long 17 mile round trip, 3200' gain, but easy paced hike on trail and overgrown road in the Agua Tibia Wilderness. Easy short climb to peak. Perhaps an optional side trip for strong hikers to Eagle Crag (5077') after Agua Tibia, depending on weather and many other factors, adding 7 miles and 500' gain to an already strenuous outing. Meet 5:30 AM at North Orange County Rideshare or 7:00 AM at Dripping Springs Campground. Wear light covered pants as we may run into ticks ( Ask George Wysup-HPS resident tick magnet) if the winter turns out to be mild. Bring water, lunch, lug soles, flashlight, Adventure Pass. Rain cancels. Leaders: GABRIELE RAU, DON CWIK

**Feb 26 Sat Hundred Peaks**

I: Whale Peak (5349'): A popular and pretty peak in the Anza-Borrego, Whale by Route 2 is 5 miles round trip, 1400' gain. This route involves some quite gnarly dirt road driving (if we wimp out along the way, expect to walk an additional few miles and climb some extra feet -- more details will be provided closer to the trip date). Expect boulders, plants with thorns, and awe inspiring desert scenery. E-mail or SASE early with information about your 4WD or high clearance vehicle (if you have one!) to Leaders: KAREN & WOLF LEVERICH

**Feb 27 Sun Hundred Peaks**

I: Granite Mountain #2 (5633'): You got Whale with us on Saturday and don't want an orphan? You didn't come on Saturday because the road was scary, but heard that there wasn't such an issue for Granite? It's true, we'll be doing a slight variant on Route 2, and parking on pavement. The hike will be 8 tough miles round trip, 3000' gain, some boulders, some brush, and it's not quite so pretty as Whale, but the views are still good, and it's on the List. E-mail or SASE early to Leaders: KAREN & WOLF LEVERICH

**Feb 27 Sun Hundred Peaks**

I: Mount Pinos (LO) (8831'), Sawmill Mountain (8818'), Grouse Mountain (8682'): 10 miles, 2500' gain snowshoe hike includes highest points in Kern and Ventura Counties. Moderate pace. Email with brief info regarding rideshare, conditioning, and snow experience to Reservationist/Leader: GEORGE WYSUP. Co-Leader: SANDY BURNSIDE

**Mar 5 Sat Hundred Peaks**

I: Snowshoe in the San Gabriels: Enjoy a moderately paced snowshoe hike to one or more peaks in the San Gabriels. Anticipate 4-8 miles, 1000'-2000' gain, depending on conditions. Send esase/sase to Leader: SANDY SPERLING. Co-Leader: SANDY BURNSIDE

**Mar 5 Sat Hundred Peaks, Desert Peaks**

I: Rosa Point (5083'): Join us in this 14 mile, 4500' gain, desert hike. Moderately paced but strenuous hike on loose, steep terrain. Not recommended for beginners. Bring ten essentials, 4 liters of water minimum, snacks, lunch, and lugsoles. Gaitors are recommended for protection from abundant cholla. Send email (preferred) or SASE, with H&W phones, recent conditioning/hiking experience to Leader: WAYNE VOLLAIRE, avollaire@adelphia.net, 951 544-9763 Assistant: KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH

**Mar 5 Sat Hundred Peaks, Wilderness Adventures**

I: Pacifico Mountain (7124'): Hike Pacific Crest Trail from Three Points to Mill Creek Summit, ascend Pacifico Mtn. off trail from the east via pathfinder route. Moderately paced 16 mile 2500' gain/loss one way hike in remote area of San Gabriels. Great desert views. Long car shuttle required. Meet 7:30 AM La Cañada rideshare point. Bring 3 quarts water, lunch, lugsole boots, raingear. Leader: TED LUBESHKOFF Co-Leader: DAVE COPLEN

**Mar 5-6 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks, Natural Science**

I: Jean Peak (10,670'), Drury Peak (10,162'), Marion Mountain (10,362'): Snowshoe to Tamarack Valley Sat from tram station to set up basecamp. From there we'll tag up to 3 peaks (and maybe San Jacinto) before packing out Sunday afternoon. Moderately paced weekend of about 10-12 miles, about 3000' gain, identifying critter tracks and major flora along the way. Esase (preferable) or phone leader SHERRY ROSS with h & w phones, carpool info, recent conditioning, snow camping & snowshoe experience. Leaders: SHERRY ROSS, HARVEY GANZ

**Mar 9 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks**

O: Strawberry Peak (6164'): 6 miles round trip, 1600' gain. On the popular route from Red Box to the spectacular view at the top. Shorter options. Meet 9 AM La Cañada rideshare with suitable clothing layers, water, lunch, good footwear.

Leaders: ROSEMARY CAMPBELL, SOUTHERN COURTNEY

**Mar 19 Sat Hundred Peaks**

O: Mount Lowe (5603'+): Join us in this moderately paced, but strenuous, 12 mile round trip, 3800' gain, hike to Mount Lowe. Not recommended for beginners. Our trail will take us past Echo Mountain and Inspiration Point. Meet at 7:30 AM at north end of Lake Ave in Altadena. Bring 3 liters of water, snacks, lunch, lugsoles, and clothing layers for possible cold and windy conditions. Rain cancels. Leader: WAYNE VOLLAIRE Assistant: LAURA JOSEPH

**Mar 19 Sat Hundred Peaks, OCSS**

I: Queen Mountain (5680') from Indian Cove: Rough tough scramble up a ridge near Rattlesnake Canyon to follow a watercourse through no-man's land. Very strenuous, unique cross-country route with a look at three pictograph sites en route. Approximately 10 miles round trip, 3000' hard won gain. Well conditioned, non-tigers send SASE early with experience, H/W phones to Leader: DIANE DUNBAR Assistants: ROBERT and MARKEY NEIGHBORS

**Mar 19-20 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks, Palos Verdes-South Bay**

I: Whale Peak (5349'), Garnet Mountain (5680+'), Garnet Peak (5880+'), Sheephead Mountain (5896'): Moderately paced, strenuous, mostly cross-country/brush, in desert terrain. Day 1: Whale 5 miles round trip, 1400' gain, bad dirt road driving; Garnet Mountain 1 mile round trip, 200' gain. Car camp at Foster Lodge. Day 2: 6 miles 1500' gain. Bring 10 essentials, lunch, and water. Esase (preferred) or sase with recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Leader: KENT SCHWITKIS. Co-Leader: BARRY HOLCHIN

**Mar 20 Sun Hundred Peaks, Wilderness Adventures**

O: Ken Point (6423'): Celebrate the Vernal Equinox on this moderately paced PCT outing near Idyllwild in semi-desert terrain, moderately strenuous 16 miles round trip, 2600' gain, offering spectacular views of the Coachella Valley. Naturally, we shall also pay our respects to "Barbie" along the way. Paved road driving. For trip details and reservation send sase or esase to Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: MARLEN MERTZ, GEORGE WYSUP

**Mar 20 Sun Hundred Peaks**

I: Granite Peaks (7527'), Mineral Mountain (7238'), Tip Top Mountain (7623'): Strenuous (but at moderate pace) 10 miles round trip, 2800' gain cross-country hiking in pinyon/ Joshua forest near Arrastre Creek East of Big Bear. Some class 2 scrambling; some dirt road driving (please volunteer your high clearance or 4WD vehicle). Phone or email Leader: PAT ARREDONDO Co-Leader: VIRGIL POPESCU

**Mar 26-27 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks**

I: Quail Mountain (5800+'), Warren Point (5103'): Moderately paced desert hikes in Joshua Tree National Park. Saturday do Quail, 10 miles round trip, 1800' gain cross-county. Sunday do Warren Point, 4 miles round trip, 1000' gain on trail and cross-country. Carcamp with Happy Hour Saturday night. Limited campsites; send sase or esase with contact info ASAP to Maura to reserve space. Leaders: DAVE BEYMER, MAURA RAFFENSPERGER

**Mar 30 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks**

O: Mount Lukens (5074') via Stone Canyon Trail: 7 miles round trip, 3300' gain to the highest point in the city of Los Angeles. Hopefully, we will have beautiful wildflowers. Meet 9 AM supermarket parking lot (NE corner Foothill Bl and Mt Gleason Rd in Sunland, Thomas Guide p 503-H3) with water, lunch, good footwear. Heavy rain cancels. Leaders: ROSEMARY CAMPBELL, RON ROSIEN

**Apr 2 Sat Hundred Peaks**

I: Tecuya Mtn (7155'): Join us for what may be carpets of wild flowers and vistas of poppy covered hills near Frazier Park. Moderately-paced 6 miles round trip, 2100' gain ontrail and cross-country. Meet 9 AM at the Sylmar rideshare. Leader: MAURA RAFFENSPERGER Co-leader: DAVE BEYMER

**Apr 9-10 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks, WTC**

I: Queen Mountain (5680'+): Joshua Tree backpack 1 mile to dry camp. Saturday visit Pine City, practice navigation in the desert and climb one of the unnamed peaks. Sunday hike 6 miles 1200' gain cross-country to Queen & pack out. WTC or equivalent required. Send sase or email, H&W phones, recent conditioning/experience, rideshare info Leader: LYNDIA ARMBRUSTER Assistant: CHERYL GILL

Apr 9 Sat Palos Verdes-South Bay, Hundred Peaks

I: Strawberry Peak (6164'): Moderate 6 miles round trip, 2600' gain via Colby Canyon. Experience and comfort on class 3 rock required. Meet 9 AM Colby Canyon parking area (11 miles from La Cañada, 1 mile beyond Angeles Crest/Angeles Forest junction). Bring good boots, something with "strawberries" to share on top. Rain cancels. Leaders: RICHARD BOARDMAN, BOB BEACH

Apr 15-17 Fri-Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Big Four: Samon Peak (6227'), Big Pine Mountain (6800'), West Big Pine (6490'), Madulce Peak (6536'): Three day, two night backpack mainly on dirt roads and trails in Santa Barbara County (Big Pine is the high point of Santa Barbara County) with some steep cross-country. Total statistics: about 50 miles and 9000' gain, though individual days will be under 20 miles and approx. 3000' gain. Please e-mail or SASE with conditioning and backpacking experience at least a week before the outing to Pat Arredondo. Leaders: VIRGIL POPESCU and PAT ARREDONDO

Apr 16-17 Sat-Sun Wilderness Adventures, Natural Science, HPS

O: Carrizo Plain National Monument, Caliente Mountain (5106'), Peak Mountain (5843'), McPherson Peak (5749'): Saturday explore the new National Monument, an area of fascinating geology with a unique biosystem, or join an excursion to view wildflowers in the Bates Canyon area, 6-8 total miles, up to 1500' gain, including the HPS summits of Peak Mtn and McPherson if conditions permit, with Natural Science credit available for LTC candidates. Primitive camp Sat night or search out nearby Maricopa or New Cuyama for more "civilized" accommodations. Sunday rendezvous at the southern end of the Monument for a caravan to the Caliente Mountain trailhead for a long but interesting, moderately paced hike on a gated road to Caliente Mountain, 17 miles round trip, 3000' gain, to view the plains from the high ridges and visit the summit cabin at the high point of San Luis Obispo County. Much dirt road driving. For trip details and reservation send sase or esase to Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: MARLEN MERTZ, GEORGE WYSUP Naturalists: GINNY HERINGER, SHERRY ROSS, RON ZAPPEN

Apr 16-17 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks, Palos Verdes-South Bay

I: Heald Peak (6901'), Nicolls Peak (6070'), Pilot Knob (6200+'): Moderately paced, strenuous over varying terrain. Day 1: 12 miles round trip, 5000' gain. Car camp at Walker Pass. Day 2 "involves the nastiest 6 miles round trip and 3400' gain on the HPS list" Wysup. Bring 10 essentials, lunch, and water. Esase (preferred) or sase with recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Leader: KENT SCHWITKIS. Co-Leader: BOB BEACH

Apr 23 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Winston Peak (7502'), Winston Ridge (7003'), Mount Akawie (7283'): Three moderate, pleasant peaks along the Angeles Crest, relaxed pace, 7 miles round trip, 2000' gain. Additional peaks possible. For trip info call or email leader during week before hike. Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leader: GEORGE WYSUP

Apr 23 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Mount Hawkins (8850'): 6 miles round trip 1600' gain hike to this high peak in the Angeles National Forest where the air is still clear. Meet 8:30 AM at La Cañada ride share point. Bring water, lunch, wear boots. Be ready for any kind of weather. Rain, snow cancels. Leaders: FRANK DOBOS, MARY McMANNES

Apr 23-24 Sat-Sun Palos Verdes-South Bay, Hundred Peaks

I: Martinez (6560'), Sheep (5141'), Asbestos (5265'): Saturday very strenuous 18 mile 5500' gain hike to Martinez and Sheep. Car camp and happy hour Sat night in local campground. Sunday easy 3 mile 1000' gain to Asbestos. Send sase/email with recent conditioning and experience, H&W phones, email, rideshare info to Bob. Co-Leaders: BOB BEACH, KEITH MARTIN

Apr 24 Sun HPS, Palos Verdes-South Bay, Natural Science

I: White Mountain #1 (7727') and Deep Creek Hot Springs: 14th semi-annual Deep Creek Hot Springs hike/soak/swim with another peak. Roads closed last time, so we'll try it again. Moderately paced 10 miles, 1800' gain. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, lugs (swim suit optional). Take time to learn from our naturalist about the fauna and flora. High clearance vehicles desirable for dirt road driving. Plan on spending full day - it's near Big Bear, then Hesperia. Rain cancels. Send email (preferable - bholchin@cox.net) or sase with carpool info to Leader: BARRY HOLCHIN. Co-Leader: KENT SCHWITKIS. Naturalist: SHERRY ROSS

Apr 24 Sun Hundred Peaks

O: Mount Lowe (5603'), Mount Markham (5742'): Moderate 6 miles round trip, 1100' gain on road, trail, and a bit of steep use trail. Enjoy panoramic views from atop these peaks. Slow pace, no tigers, newcomers welcome! Sturdy hikers can stay for bonus peaks. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare point. Bring water, 10 essentials. Leaders: MARK ALLEN, CHERYL GILL

**Apr 27 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks**

**O:** Mount Lukens (5074') via Stone Canyon Trail: 7 miles round trip, 3300' gain. A real climb at moderate pace to the highest point in the city of Los Angeles. Meet 9 AM supermarket parking lot on NE corner Foothill Bl and Mt Gleason Rd (Exit 210 Fwy at Lowell N then W) with water, lunch, good footwear. Leaders: DORIS DUVAL, DON SIMINSKI

**Apr 30 Sat Natural Science, Hundred Peaks**

**O:** San Diego Creek Bike ride: Cruise along the San Diego Creek bike trail in Orange County and observe the many Sea, Marsh, and Shorebirds that inhabit this area. The ride will be at a moderate pace (30 miles, 300' gain/loss) with occasional stops at favorable areas for birding. We guarantee a fun time will be had by all. Sorry, no peak included. Trip will be limited to 12 participants. Natural Sciences credit offered. Send ESASE and/or questions to Leader: SANDY BURNSIDE  
**Co-Leader:** SANDY SPERLING **Naturalist:** SHERRY ROSS

**Apr 30-May 1 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks, Palos Verdes-South Bay**

**I:** Morris Peak (7215'), Mount Jenkins (7921'), Owens Peak (8453'): Moderately paced, strenuous over varying terrain. Day 1: 14 miles round trip, 3300' gain. Car camp at Walker Pass. Day 2: 7 miles round trip and 3200' gain. Bring 10 essentials, lunch, and water. Esase (preferred) or sase with recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Leader: KENT SCHWITKIS. **Co-Leader:** BOB BEACH

**May 7 Sat Hundred Peaks, Wilderness Adventures**

**O:** Mount Gleason (6502'): Via Pacific Crest Trail from Messenger Flats Campground to Mill Creek Summit. Moderately paced, 12 mile, 1500' gain/loss one way hike on PCT in remote area of northern San Gabriels. Enjoy this spring hike through a beautiful pine forest with great desert views. Long car shuttle required. 3 miles of good dirt road driving. Meet 7:30 AM La Cañada rideshare point. Bring 3 quarts water, lunch, lugsole boots. Leader: TED LUBESHKOFF **Co-Leader:** BRENT COSTELLO

**May 7 Sat K9 Committee, Hundred Peaks**

**O:** Skinner Peak (7120'): Join us to smell the spring flowers on this Mojave Desert peak on 7 easy miles round trip, 1700' gain. Meet 7:30 AM Sylmar rideshare point or at 6:45 AM for breakfast at Dennys. Bring water for you and your K-9 buddy, leash, lunch & lugsoles. Leaders: JULIE RUSH, MIKE SANDFORD

**May 7 Sat Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks**

**O:** Antimony Historical Mining District, Antimony Peak (6848'): Celebrate Mothers Day by joining our leisurely visit to a World War II mining district, when the U.S. searched out scarce domestic supplies of strategic metals such as antimony, on this moderately paced 9 miles round trip, 1900' gain near Frazier Park. Learn about the metal and the mines while viewing the ancient and modern diggings, explore the remains of the army barracks and the camp left by the Tenneco Corp re-survey in the 1970s, and visit the summit of the nearby namesake peak on the HPS list. Dirt road driving 9 miles total, so high clearance vehicles welcome. For trip details and reservation send sase or esase to Leader: TOM HILL **Co-Leader:** MARLEN MERTZ

**May 14 Sat Hundred Peaks, Palos Verdes-South Bay**

**I:** Old Man Mountain (5525'), Monte Arido (6010'): Moderate 6 miles round trip, 1600' gain hike on road/cross-country in Santa Barbara County with lots of dirt road driving. Inability to obtain special permit cancels trip. Bring 10 essentials, lunch, and water. Esase (preferred) or sase with recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Leader: KENT SCHWITKIS. **Co-Leader:** BARRY HOLCHIN

**May 25 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks**

**O:** Colby Canyon to Josephine Peak (5558'): 10 miles round trip, 2100' gain. Shorter hike to Josephine Saddle optional. Meet 9 AM La Cañada rideshare with water, lunch and appropriate footwear. Leaders: RON ROSIEN, DAN BUTLER

**Jun 1 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks**

**O:** Ring over Waterman (8038'): From Buckhorn parking area up the Waterman Trail to peak. After lunch down to Cloudburst Summit, return on road to cars. Meet 9 AM La Cañada rideshare. Leaders: BETH MIKA, DAN BUTLER

**Jun 4 Sat Hundred Peaks**

**I:** Butler Peak (8535'), Crafts Peak (8364'), Grays Peak (7920'): Pick up a nice grouping of peaks near Fawnskin at Big Bear Lake, 12 miles round trip, 2800' gain. Additional peaks possible. For trip info call or email leader during week before hike. Leader: GEORGE WYSUP **Co-Leaders:** TOM HILL, PAT ARREDONDO

Jun 5 Sun Hundred Peaks, Wilderness Adventures, Natural Science

O: Suicide Rock (7528'): Despite the name this will be a relaxed paced hike of 6.5 miles, 1700' elevation gain on trail to popular rock climbers' destination in the San Jacinto Wilderness. There should be flora galore. Natural Science credit is available. Space is limited by wilderness permit restriction, so reserve early by email (preferred) or phone to Leader/Reservationist: GEORGE WYSUP Co-Leaders/Naturalists: GINNY HERINGER, SHERRY ROSS

Jun 5 Sun Hundred Peaks

O: Liebre Mountain (5760'): Easy hike on pretty trail in the Angeles National Forest east of Gorman. 6 miles round trip, 1800' gain. Celebrate the 24th annual first Sunday in June hike with Stag. Veterans of hikes with Stag are encouraged to share their stories about hiking with Stag. Meet 8:00 AM at the Sylmar rideshare pt. or one hour earlier at Denny's for breakfast. Bring water, sturdy boots, USFS Adventure Pass, and something to share on forested summit. Leaders: JOE YOUNG and STAG BROWN

Jun 5 Sun K9 Committee, Hundred Peaks

O: San Gabriel Peak (6161'): Join us on trip to local peak, 4.5 miles round trip, 1400' gain. Good for beginners. Meet 9 AM La Cañada rideshare point. Bring Forest Adventure Pass, water for you and pal, lunch, leash, lugsoles. Leaders: CHARLOTTE FEITSHANS, TAMMY SOLKO

Jun 11 Sat Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks

O: Mount San Antonio (10,064'), Mount Harwood (9552'), Ski Hut: Traditional, but always enjoyable, moderately paced loop hike of 12 miles, 3900' gain to the summit of Mt Baldy via the Ski Hut, with a return over nearby Harwood to the chair lift. Call or email leader week of hike for updated information. Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leader: MARLEN MERTZ

Jun 18-19 Sat-Sun HPS, International Community Section, Sierra Singles

I: Charlton Peak (10,806'), Jepson Peak (11,205'), Dobbs Peak (10,459'): Backpack in the glorious high country of San Gorgonio! 18 miles, 5500' gain on trail and cross country. Potluck Saturday night. Space limited to first 12 people. E-mail or SASE by June 16 to Leader: BILL GASKILL Co-Leader: SANDY BURNSIDE

Jun 22 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: Timber Mountain (8303') via Icehouse Canyon: 10 miles round trip, 3300' gain. At slow pace to moderate pace. Shorter option: to Saddle only. Meet 8:30 AM in Public Parking lot at NE corner of Mills Av and Baldy Rd in Claremont with water, lunch, good footwear. Leaders: DORIS DUVAL, LYNDIA ARMBRUSTER

Jun 24-26 Fri-Sun Hundred Peaks, Sierra Peaks

I: Sirretta Peak (9977'), Cannel Point (8314'), Smith Mountain (9533'), Owens Peak (8453'), Mount Jenkins (7921'): Take a three day weekend in the scenic southern Sierra and bag up to three SPS peaks and three HPS peaks. Friday drive through Kernville and several miles up into the mountains to Sirretta (SPS). The hike itself is around 7 miles round trip, 2200' gain. The Sirretta trailhead is a nice place to car camp. Saturday drive on to Cannel Point (HPS), do a brief hike (2 miles round trip, 900' gain) then drive some more and do another brief hike (3 miles round trip, 1000' gain) for Smith (SPS). Then either return to Kernville for Saturday night or proceed out through Kennedy Meadows towards Ridgecrest. Sunday reconvene west of Ridgecrest for Owens (HPS and SPS) and Jenkins (HPS): 12 miles round trip, 4500' gain. Expect some rock scrambling on all five of these peaks. E-mail or SASE to Leader: WOLF LEVERICH Co-Leaders: KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH, GREG DeHOOGH

Jun 25 Sat Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: Memorial Hike for Tom Amneus to Waterman Mountain (8038') from Buckhorn: Please join us on one of Tom's favorite hikes. 6 miles round trip, 1300' gain at a sociable pace. Meet 9 AM at La Cañada rideshare point with water, lunch, good footwear and goodies to share. Leaders: DORIS DUVAL, JOHN ROBINSON

Jun 29 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: Windy Gap trail to Mt Hawkins (8850'): A moderate amount of effort gets us to this peak by lunchtime ⌒ steep in the beginning. Meet in La Cañada at 9 AM with water, lunch, good footwear, and suitable clothing layers. Leaders: ROSEMARY CAMPBELL, MARY PATTERSON

Jul 23-24 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks, OCSS

I: Jean Peak (10,670'), Drury Peak (10,162'), Marion Mountain (10,362'), Folly Peak (10,480'): Glorious backpack and hike in green wooded forest in San Jacinto Wilderness! Hike the scenic Marion Mountain trail! Will set up camp at Little Round Valley. Saturday evening gourmet potluck and camaraderie! Then we will embark on multi-peak cross-country climb of 5 peaks! Bring favorite potluck food. Strenuous pace of about 18 miles, about 9 cross-country and about 4000' gain. Limited to first 12 signups by Wednesday June 16. Send Esase with h & w phones, carpool info, recent conditioning, hiking, distance and elevation experience to Leader: BILL GASKILL Co-Leader: GEORGE WYSUP

## Rideshare Meeting Points

La Cañada: Angeles Crest Hwy (Hwy2). Just N of Foothill Fwy (I-210). Park on Angeles Crest Hwy only.  
 Orange County (N): Park-N-Ride, E side of Tustin Av just S of Lincoln Av, Orange  
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## Current Trip Reports

Circle Mtn, Gobblers Knob  
December 4, 2004  
Tom Hill, HPS Lead #200

Round Mtn, Luna Mtn, Rattlesnake Mtn  
December 21, 2003  
Virgil Popescu, HPS Lead #200

Combined Trip Reports by Tom Hill

A trip report circulated by e-mail last year (but not published) celebrated Virgil's 200th lead. It seems somehow fitting a year later to revisit the events on a very similar trip. What I said on behalf of Virgil applies equally to all leaders who struggle along a very long road that takes years to accomplish.

*Headlines for events of December 21, 2003*

*Virgil Popescu Achieves 200 Leads of HPS peaks  
At 14:00 group celebrates leader on Rattlesnake.*

*Rave Reviews for Fairplex Park & Ride in Pomona  
At 07:05 participants find a port-a-potty in parking lot.*

*Winter Solstice Occurs as Predicted  
At 23:04 Sun begins return to Her own high point.*

### Narrative for Virgil's 200th Lead

HPSers soon discover a simple system. It's fairly easy to grab a few extra peaks here and there when weather and schedule cooperate. Just call around and find some fellow hikers looking for action. For leaders, well...

Leader wannabes pass through some qualifying rounds. You pass, great! Now you're ready to "lead"; i.e. take public responsibility for traipsing around in the wilderness with groups of people who say they are qualified to join you.

Then follow Recipe: Find a few others like you willing to team up for leading trips. Like in a marriage, you dedicate yourselves to cooperate in good times and bad, for better for worse. Proceed to marry several of these soulmates. No arguing, please. Then meet with them and thrash out a realistic plan for each outing you want to schedule. For example, you need a date. Predict the weather next year, choose a day with fair weather, then submit a written proposal to essential authorities and respond to their helpful hints on where you went wrong.

The planned trip draws nigh. Is it a go??? Who knows. Meanwhile field the amazing creativity shown in your participant inquiries, and then... at last... lead! Encounter strange natural phenomena and bizarre behavior on each trip, giving you a unique perspective on the world.

Repeat the Recipe 200 times. That's Virgil

Popescu, who celebrated leading 200 HPS peaks December 21 on Rattlesnake Mtn south of Hesperia. He joins only 13 others who have accomplished this, a small gallery of personalities that reads like an HPS Hall of Fame.

Each trip is unique and memorable, with this one no exception. We met 7am at Fairplex Park & Ride in Pomona. It's next to the I-10, north of the freeway at the Fairplex exit just past the 57 interchange. It was our first experience with this new rideshare venue. A CHP officer pulled in, no doubt to look us over, and simply smiled. One fixture drawing our eagle-eyed attention was a public port-a-potty. Imagine! No more jaywalking across Towne Ave to pound on the church door to see if they are as ready, willing, and able as you are. No more cars scuttling into the local Towne neighborhood to find "safe" parking spots on side streets before everybody leaves.

Then the ten of us took off. Toward a black cloud looming over Big Bear Lake! Naturally we persevered, for this storm was leaving (last week we experienced an incoming storm, quite a different matter). In fact, the day became "sunny and bright" with nothing but "blue skies" smiling at us.

To have a crack at Luna (or its "Lunatic" sidekick at 5604' just northeast of Luna) we chose Route 2, entering the area from the Hesperia side near Bowen Ranch, then turning left at the Luna Vista Ranch turnout just before reaching Bowen's spread. We parked at the bottom of the steep hill climb mentioned in the peak guide – since some of our vehicles were 2wd – and began our first loop. Round Mtn was short and sweet and steep. As a mountain, it's little, but it sure is an unmistakable landmark. Aha, Virgil's lead #199.

Next we undulated cross-country to the jeep road that nudges the desert slopes of Luna. You need to realize that Luna (our "Moon" peak) was chosen as quite suitable for the Winter Solstice, although we hoped to finish before the 11:04 pm timing of this astronomical marvel so celebrated by the ancients: The sun rises! You also need to realize that there had been some discussion about whether or not this peak was accessible because of fire closures. We now report that all gates are open, there's no public notice of any closure, and as evidence of usage we noted a hunter with bird dog romping happily on the NW slopes of the peak. What a difference from Luna's Route 1 (using road 3N59 from the junction with 3N14) with its unassailable barricades and dire warning signs.

The "Lunatic" was scouted and deemed to be unsuitable for the List, with main drawback being the proximity to Luna herself a mere one mile away. Then it was off to Rattlesnake with an imposing navigational challenge, issued by no less than Virgil himself: Could he find the summit among so many unlikely candidates, leading directly to the correct bump from the vehicles? Up and up we went, until we topped out at (gasp) the summit bump and rockpile containing the register. Two bottles of sparkly and much goodies were passed

around, ably consumed in short order by Virgil and Tom with the help of participants: James Carden, Bob McEwan, Marlen Mertz, Robert True, Gary Schenk, Mary Jo Dungfelder, Paul Garry, and Pat Arredondo.

#### Narrative for Tom's 200th Lead

The trip on December 4, 2004 was similar. We met at the superior Pomona Fairplex rideshare point, then met others at the McDonald's parking lot off Hwy 138 at Cajon Pass. The day was crisp and sunny, with views beautifully limned with snow in unexpected places, low and on the south side of the hills. Even the trailhead parking area for Circle Mtn was reminiscent of a skating rink. We proceeded smoothly to the summit along the firebreak route on a path that alternated between patchy snow and bootloads of snow.

An easy descent (after a celebration of course) found us in short order parked at the first gully crossing on the dirt road that leads to Gobblers Knob. Snow and ice prevented further vehicle advance but a kindly jeep had somehow laid tracks to the upper ridge, rendering the road into a double-track foot trail that made for easy going to this "Thanksgiving" peak.

And we do give thanks, for the circumstances that enable us to enjoy such pleasant days among the forest and mountains, for memories that call us back again and again, for leaders such as George Wysup and Pat Arredondo who provided kindly support this day, and also for the good-natured participants who made the outing into a special occasion: Joe Whyte, Kevin Lahey, David Levine, Hai Huang, Rudy Fleck, Don Croley, and Laura Stockton. An unexpected meeting also added delightful Martin Parsons and Edith Liu to the mix, who showed off their snowshoe skills on Gobblers.

### **Tom Connery Finishes List on Scodie**

**By George Wysup**

On Nov 14, 2004, Tom Connery finished the HPS List on Scodie Mtn (7294'), accompanied by his 2 friends, 7 acquaintances, and 2 people who had never heard of him. Many others were invited but were sharp enough to come up with great excuses not to attend.

We decided to strike while the peak was hot, avoiding the possibility that wintry blasts accompanied by deep snow might arrive on the morrow and remain past the HPS banquet day. Tom has never before stood up in public and he wanted his chance to do this on Jan 29 at Taix restaurant.

We opted to ascend and descend via route 3, from hwy 178 just east of Walker Pass, simply because none of us had ever been that way. Unfortunately, the group appointed George Wysup to lead this private trip and he tried to find route 3 but failed miserably (assuming that the actual route 3 hasn't any class 5 climbing). George was summarily replaced as leader and we all summited in about 2.7 hours, despite having to wait 1/2 hour for Rudy Fleck to go back to find his shirt.

Summit treats included champagne and a

variety of things chocolate. There was more than enough to satiate even this ravenous bunch. After enjoying this orgy we staggered back, arriving at the cars in about 1.7 hours.

### **Sunset Peak October 23, 2004**



*(left) to right: Ignacia Doggett, John Meehan, Rudy Fleck, Gary Schenk, Asher Waxman, Larry Campbell, Mary Jo Dungfelder, Zobeida "Pathfinder" Molina, Tom (our hero) Connery, and Peter Doggett. Laura Stockton is behind the rock. George Wysup took the photo.*



*(front row) Peter and Asher; (rear row) Larry, George, Zobeida, and Tom*

#### **Leaders: Ron Jones and Leora Jones**

I had scheduled this peak as an easy HPS K-9 hike at least four times in the last four years. Once I had to appoint another leader as I had just had surgery for a hip replacement. A second time the trip was rained out. A third time I had another hip replacement and the walk went without me and last year there was a fire closure. This year we lucked out. The weather was perfect and I was able to make the easy hike up the dirt road with our beagle, Hanalei. Hanalei had no K-9 companions and she had to lavish her attention on our small group of four hikers. They were Tim Fairbanks, Pam Koester,

Johanne Larson, and Julie Giraven. Hanalei was well fed at our lunch on the summit. Thanks to my wife, Leora, for an able assist.

## Mt Hillyer History Hike

November 13, 2004

Leaders: Ron Jones, Leora Jones, and Lynda Armbruster

Beneath overcast cloudy skies, ten hikers signed in for an HPS history hike to commemorate the leader's anniversary of the HPS List Finish on this peak by Lou Brecheen and me via helicopter on November 19, 1988. Jon Sheldon and Ruth Feldon led the event sixteen years ago. My wife and assistant, Leora Jones, brought along a scrap book covering the event and before our hike we enjoyed looking at the photographs, the sign-in sheet with 97 participants, the bill from Pete Gillies and Western Helicopter for \$423.50 to cover the flight costs for Lou Brecheen, two cases of champagne and myself from Fontana to the peak and lots of memories. I invited Lou Brecheen to join us from his home near Seattle he couldn't afford the helicopter ride down from Washington.

Lynda Armbruster, who served as a second assistant leader this year, showed up in helicopter propellor beanie. She was appropriately dressed for a children's TV show. The Silver Moccasin Trail was in terrible shape, mountain bike tracks were every where including high up on the banks of the turns in the trail. Erosion and gulying were extreme in the center of the trail. Otherwise the hike was uneventful to Horse Flat Campgrounds and beyond on the Mt. Hillyer Trail past the Mt. Hillyer high point to the rocky outcrop where the summit register is kept. Frank Dobos, the only multiple list finisher on the trip retrieved the register and we signed in during our lunch break. Our other hikers were Wendy Conlon, Pam Koester, M.A. Lower, Zobeida Molina, Fred Smith and Robert True. Thanks to Leora and Lynda for their assistance.



Group prepares for the hike to Mt. Hillyer



Frank Dobos was the only multiple list finisher on Hillyer



Lynda Armbruster wears a propeller beanie hat.



Ron Zappen is congratulated by Byron Prinzmetal and Sandy Burnside on the summit of Black Mountain #5 on October 4, 2004. Ron finished the HPS List for the fourth time on this outing. He is the 14<sup>th</sup> person to finish the HPS List four times.



### Edith Liu Introduces Cousin to Peakbagging in the USA

My cousin, Ursula Gündera from Unterhaching in Germany is an avid climber and has reached many high mountain tops all over the world, 16 of them were over 18,000 feet.

She visited me on two occasions during the last three years and we bagged 25 HPS peaks together. The 25+ include snow shoe hikes to San Jacinto, Baldy, Bighorn, Jean, and her second ascend to San Jacinto was a pathfinder. On the most recent visit Ursula and her husband loved the Colby Canyon route to Strawberry, enjoyed Queen and Villager desert peaks, and Mount Baldy was a special "treat" as we struggled with howling winds and white-outs to the summit.



### Compass in Hand in the Electronic Age By Mark S. Allen



*Diane Dunbar, seated on right, instructs at a Navigation workshop held in Griffith Park*

Meeting at Griffith Park on October 9, the Navigation / Workshop Clinic headed out in search of the fundamentals of compass navigation. Our leader, Diane Dunbar taught the art of "Staying Found" accompanied by a staff of instructors. Interestingly, the class was made up of hikers improving their skills as well as leaders like myself studying for a higher classification.

Recent Forest Service closure of the San Gabriel Mountains made necessary a transfer to Griffith Park from the traditional Mt. Lowe course. There, while hiking the historic Griffith Park trails, we used compass navigation in lieu of GPS gadgetry.

Our hike began at the location of the weekly repeating hikes. We left the merry-go-round at 8:15am. After a short one-on one proficiency quiz, we were matched with our instructors. From there we progressed up the road toward Five Points. There were stops along the way for compass instruction and map orientation. We crossed the range and had lunch at Dante's View. During the day, the importance of peak

bagging gave way to improving compass navigation skills. Admittedly, there was a glance now and then toward the peaks from over the map. But the proficiency gained by this class will forever guide us toward the peaks of the future.

## Hundred Peaks Section Angeles Chapter

**Minutes: Management Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, September 14, 2004 at Eaton Canyon Nature  
Center**

Management Committee call to Order at 6:45 p.m.  
Attending: In attendance were Management Committee  
members Lynda Armbruster, Winnette Butler, Kathy Cheever,  
Karen Isaacson Leverich, Wolf Leverich, Ray Wolfe, and Joe  
Young. Also in attendance were Tom Armbruster, David  
Jenson, Chris Reynolds, Bob Thompson, and Laura Webb,  
Programs Chair.

Kathy Cheever opened the meeting and called for a moment of  
silence on behalf of Ella Power (Wheelock) and Tom Amneus,  
recipient of the 2003 HPS John Backus Leadership Award, who  
both passed away recently, and for Ken Smith who died in a  
climbing accident last January in Mill Creek Canyon

Minutes from Previous Meeting: Minutes from the August 10th  
meeting were presented and approved.

Old Business –  
Chapter Awards: November 5th is the deadline for nominations  
for Angeles Chapter Awards. A nomination form is available on  
the website. The nomination form should be completed and  
mailed to Kathy Cheever for forwarding to Lori Ives. The next  
Angeles Chapter Banquet will be held on May 1, 2005 at the  
Brookside Country Club.  
Kathy Cheever reported that she sent welcome letters to Tina  
Terrell and Gloria Brown, recently appointed Forest Supervisors  
for the Cleveland and Los Padres National Forests. Copies of  
letters attached to the Minutes.

Committee Reports -  
Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report from Sandy  
Burnside was accepted as presented. Wolf Leverich reported  
that the membership income is down slightly from last year.  
Lynda pointed out that many members paid for multiple years in  
2003 so they would not have paid again in 2004. Wolf will have  
checks written for HPS donations that were approved at the  
August meeting.

Membership Report: Lynda Armbruster presented the  
Membership Report. The following achievements/emblems and  
new members were voted on and approved:

List Finish #4 #13 Dorothy Danziger – Heald  
Peak - 8/11/04  
New Members Oliver Pemberton - Tahquitz Peak;  
Jane Austin - Strawberry Peak - 5/04; Frank Hernandez -  
Bertha Peak - 5/25/04

New Subscribers: Damian Gutierrez, Maryann  
Avilasakul, Jeff Hamilton, Lester Sapitula, Christopher John  
Davis, Sharon Moore, Debbie Lowder

September Membership Report: Members 435; Subscribers  
99; Total 525  
+ 7 Extra Copies of Lookout for Chapter  
-64 Household Members  
468 Total Lookouts

Lynda reported that several other people had reported  
achievements, but that no peak lists were sent to her. She also  
requested that the language regarding custom made patches  
needs to be deleted from The Lookout since she will not be  
handling this. Lynda will be attending a Los Angeles Newcomer

Information Meeting at the Eaton Canyon Nature Center on  
Saturday, September 18th to talk about the Sierra Club climbing  
sections. It was m/s/p to accept Lynda's report as presented.

Programs Report:  
Fall Roundup: Programs Chair, Laura Webb, reported that  
alternate plans might have to be made for this event in case of  
fire closure. Management Committee members will have to stay  
in touch with each other and keep posted on forest closure  
updates.

Annual Awards Banquet: Laura Webb and Joe Young met with  
Taix Restaurant to finalize the menu, and have added a  
special vegetarian polenta dish.

Spring Fling: A date and place for Spring Fling will need to  
be decided at the October meeting since the hikes need to be  
sent to the Outings Chair by November 10th for inclusion in the  
next Angeles Chapter Schedule.

Outings Report: Outings Chair Karen Leverich reported that the  
Angeles National Forest might soon be closed to all hiking. She  
will stay in touch with the Forest Service offices and keep the  
Outings Leaders posted.  
Since no new "I" rated leaders wanting to lead "M" rated hikes  
have requested permission, it was m/s/p that Ray Wolf, Safety  
Chair, send the current list to Angeles Chapter Office for  
approval.

Mountain Records Report: No MRC Report. Wolf Leverich,  
Mountain Records Chair, reported that there is an upcoming  
LTC seminar and urged everyone to recruit new leaders.

New Business -

Upcoming Meeting Schedule: October 12 Winnette's Place;  
November 9 Newcomb's Ranch Inn

Management Committee meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

**Minutes: Management Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, October 12, 2004 at Winnette's Place**

Management Committee call to Order at 6:35 p.m.  
Attending: In attendance were Management Committee  
members Lynda Armbruster, Winnette Butler, Kathy Cheever,  
Karen Isaacson Leverich, Wolf Leverich, and Joe Young.  
Absent: Ray Wolfe. Laura Webb, Programs Chair, was also in  
attendance.

Minutes from Previous Meeting: Minutes from the September  
14th meeting were presented and approved as amended.

Old Business –  
Chapter Awards: Joe Young reminded the Committee that  
nominations are due for Angeles Chapter Awards.  
A nomination form is available on the website. The nomination  
form should be completed and mailed to Kathy Cheever.

Committee Reports -  
Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report from Sandy  
Burnside was accepted as presented by Wolf Leverich. Wolf  
also reported that Sandy will mail the previously approved  
donation checks to Winnette who will mail them to recipients  
with cover letters.  
Membership and Merchandise Report: Lynda Armbruster  
presented the Membership Report. The following achievements

/emblems and new members were voted on and approved:

List Finish #8 #3 Mars Bonfire – Lookout #1 –  
9/13/04; List Finish #4 #14 Ron Zappen –  
Black Mountain #5 – 10/4/04; 200 Peaks Leadership  
#15 Karen Leverich – San Rafael Peak – 10/8/04;  
200 Peak Bar #408 Suzy Hermann – Anderson Peak –  
6/23/04

New Members: Ted Lubeshkoff – Mt. San Gorgonio –  
8/28/04, John "Jack" Barrett – Mt. Islip – 9/14/04;  
Ryan Gilmore – San Gabriel Peak – 6/94; William Joyce –  
Cucamonga Peak – 6/19/04; Rich Kent – Onyx Peak –  
3/14/03

Lynda reported that several other people had reported achievements, but that no peak lists were sent to her. Rich Kent also submitted his list for 100 peak emblem achievement, but it can not be approved until he has been a member for six months. Lynda also reported that she will be attending a Newcomers' Meeting at Eaton Canyon Nature Center on Saturday, October 18th to pass out information and answer questions about the Hundred Peaks Section.

**Programs Report:**

**Fall Roundup:** Since all hikes were cancelled due to fire closure and attendance was very low at the Fall Roundup, it was suggested that HPS request a partial refund from the Harwood Lodge Committee. It was m/s/p that a letter be sent requesting a partial refund.

**Annual Awards Banquet:** Winnette Butler volunteered to print recognition certificates to be awarded at the Annual Awards Banquet.

**Spring Fling:** Laura Webb will contact Foster Lodge to check dates available for Spring Fling. April 9-10th was suggested.

**Mountain Records Report:** Wolf Leverich, Mountain Records Chair, provided the following Mountain Records Report:

**Peak Suspensions:** After discussion and a review of information provided by the Cuyamaca State Park Ranger, it was m/s/p that the following peaks are unsuspended immediately since they are now accessible by routes other than the routes that are still closed: #32D Middle Peak; #32E Cuyamaca Peak

**Peak Guide Maintenance:** Some approved changes still need to be uploaded to the website. Updating of the Word versions will

be finished in the next few days.

**Leadership Training Course:** The semi-annual LTC seminar will be held next weekend. HPS has several candidates participating. Candidates will be encouraged to do provisionals with HPS.

A copy of the MRC report is attached to the Minutes.

**Outings Report:** Outings Chair, Karen Leverich, requested outings be submitted soon for the next Chapter Schedule deadline.

**Conservation:** No report.

**New Business –  
Member Birthdays:**

A discussion was held regarding publishing of member birthdays in The Lookout. This practice had been discontinued due to incomplete records, and several members have requested that it be re-instated. Laura Webb and Winnette Butler volunteered to try and re-establish the list.

**Angeles Chapter Safety Committee:** Lynda Armbruster and Joe Young have been nominated for the Angeles Chapter Safety Committee. After discussion, it was m/s/p that HPS would send a letter to Chapter unanimously supporting and endorsing them as candidates for the Safety Committee.

**Upcoming Meeting Schedule:**

December 14 Winnette's Place  
Management Committee meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



**Upcoming Management Committee Meetings**

Monday, January 10, 2005, 6:30 PM  
at the home of Winnette Butler  
1141 N. Columbus Avenue  
Glendale

Tuesday, February 15, 2005, 6:30 PM  
Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium  
(Meeting begins 1 hour before joint HPS/  
DPS/SPS/LPS meeting)

*Gabriele Rau on the summit of Mt Muir sharing her delicious zucchini bread in celebration of her 200<sup>th</sup> lead for the Lower Peaks Section on October 30, 2004.*

*Photo by HPS Secretary Winnette Butler*