



THE LOOKOUT

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Frank Goodykoontz Memorial Hike To Be Held July 23, 2005

Please join us on Saturday, July 23 for a memorial hike in honor of Frank Goodykoontz, our "All time, Preeminent Leader," who passed away on January 1 of this year. Several hikes will be led. Leaders JOE YOUNG, DAVID F EISENBERG, DIANE DUNBAR, DAVID MICHELS, FRANK DOBOS, WINNETTE BUTLER, and JOHN CONNELLY will be leading slow and moderately paced hikes. Meet at 8:00 AM at the La Cañada rideshare point to join the slower paced hike which will be suitable for beginners. Meet at 9:00 AM at La Cañada to join the faster paced group. Both groups will rendezvous on the summit of Mt Williamson (8244'). 8 miles round trip and 1500' of gain. Bring water, sturdy boots, hat, sunscreen, and stories about Frank and goodies to share.

In addition, MARS BONFIRE, KATHY CHEEVER, WOLF & KAREN LEVERICH will lead a hike which may visit the summit of peak 7558' which has been proposed to be named in honor of Frank. Exact route to be determined, but this very strenuous outing may involve 7 to 10 miles or so of hiking, 3,000' to 4,000' of gain, some on trail, some cross country. This group will rendezvous with the other groups on the summit of Mt Williamson. E-mail or SASE to Karen for more information.

Frank Goodykoontz



Upcoming Meetings of the Management Committee

July 12	Tuesday	At Winnette Butler's
August 9	Tuesday	At Winnette Butler's

Please let us know if you plan to attend.

Pencil in these dates on your calendar:

Waterman Rendezvous: July 16, (+ a backpack)
(Several hikes to choose from) Saturday
See details on hikes on page 7

Annual Business Meeting: September 13, 7:00 PM
Eaton Canyon Nature Center Tuesday

The HPS Round Up September 24, 3:00 PM
Saturday

Hosted by Stag and Nami Brown

This special commemorative event celebrates the 50th anniversary of the first HPS Round Up in 1955
Chilao Picnic area on the Angeles Crest Highway

The Round Up follows the Adopt-A-Highway Clean Up

Angeles Crest Highway Said to be Closed "Indefinitely" Beyond Islip Saddle

According to sources at Caltrans and at the USFS, the Angeles Crest Highway will be closed "indefinitely" between Islip Saddle and a point a few miles west of Big Pines. Caltrans is said to be working to clear the highway of numerous rock falls, but there is no estimate of when the road will be reopened.

Numerous HPS outings may be affected by this closure. Please check the HPS website for up to date information about the status of road conditions.

<http://angeles.sierraclub.org/hps/>

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HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Greg DeHoogh

ACHIEVEMENTS:

100 Peaks

#1069 – Rick Kent – 11/16/2003 – Josephine Peak

#1070 – Dave Garrison – 4/16/2005 – Palm View Peak

100 Peaks Explorer

#3 – George Wysup – 2/25/2005 – Little Bear Peak

200 Peaks

#414 – Lloyd Johnson – 2/27/2005 – Granite Mountain #2

25 Peaks Snowshoe

#9 – Keith Burnside – 4/6/2005 – Heart Bar Peak

#10 – Patty Rambert – 4/6/2005 – Onyx Peak#1

Sixth List Completion

#8 – George Wysup – 4/17/2005 – Caliente Mountain

NEW LIFE MEMBER

Tom Armbruster

NEW MEMBERS

Laura Stockton →

Dave Garrison

Pamela Rowe

NEW SUBSCRIBERS:

Finau Mau

Ann Kominski

Membership Counts:

404 Members

(347 primary + 57 household)

81 Subscribers

485 Total



Les Stockton, the Red Baron



Don Croley, Laura Stockton, George Wysup

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November-December issue; and please write your name on the whether digital or film. **When sunglasses!** If you want the SASE. Articles may be edited etc to Joe Young, 12551 (310) 301 - 9642; or email to the Hundred Peaks Section.

Take a look at the Hundred Peaks Section's website. Its address is

<http://angeles.sierraclub.org/hps/>

This site contains information about the Section, upcoming events, the entire peak guide, historical information, achievements of our members, peak access concerns, and much more.

Check it out!

From the Chair

By Wolf Lernerich

I remember showing up for my first HPS hike. I obviously weighed too much, I moved with the grace of a beached whale, my attire and gear were wildly inappropriate, and pretty much every atom in my body was screaming out "NEWBIE!" to everyone gathered at the trailhead. And the leaders took me on the outing and tolerated my goofs, the participants were wonderfully friendly, and I was hooked.

Newbies are important to HPS. We need the fresh blood and their energy. They keep HPS vibrant and alive. All our heroes, from Weldon Heald to Frank Goodykoontz, will live on as long as there are new folks reading their trips reports and hearing the stories of things they did on our mountains.

But newbies don't just happen, and they don't affiliate with HPS by accident.

We can deliberately bring newbies into HPS. Some of the best sources are other Angeles Chapter organizations. Leading a hike to a HPS peak for another group/section/committee is a good way to get folks started. Just about every participant on a conditioning hike is a potential peakbagger. And just talking about HPS in other parts of the AC is always a good way to raise awareness and attract newbies. As you do the HPS mountains, you'll undoubtedly run into other folks out on hikes. If you're gregarious, say "Hi" to these folks and introduce them to HPS if the opportunity arises.

Your friends, neighbors, co-workers, and family are all potential peakbaggers. If you know folks who might enjoy hiking, by all means invite them to participate in a HPS outing.

And there are many, many other things we can do to get new folks involved with HPS. Do what you can. Remember, introducing a new person to peakbagging is doing them a huge favor. Participating in HPS is good for the body and great for the soul.

So, a newbie shows up for a hike you're leading or participating in. What should you do?

First of all, just be friendly. Just about every newbie is nervous on their first hike, and a little kindness goes a very, very long ways. And be tolerant. Newbies are slow, have the wrong gear, don't understand how to efficiently use a rest break, and often behave in ways that can even seem downright rude to folks who have participated in many HPS outings. The newbies can't help it – they don't know any better. You can try to teach them, but it may be better just to be patient and figure they'll learn from experience.

And have fun, and let them know you're having fun. Some parts of peakbagging are just flat nasty: the cold, the heat, carrying the pack, slipping on lousy terrain, eating the bugs, being eaten by the bugs, ... Something you need to show the newbies is that you're having fun in the midst of all the suffering. Show the newbie how to put the "1" under the little mountain next to their name in the register, point out other HPS peaks you can see, and just let newbie see that you're having a good time.

Unfortunately, sometimes newbies just don't fit on an outing. They're too slow, too inexperienced, or just too something to fit in. Don't suggest they go buy a boat. Do suggest they find a more appropriate outing, and let them know how to do that. Karen and I lead at a slow, consistent pace and many of our smaller hikes are appropriate for newbies, and many other leaders also have newbie-friendly outings. Suggest that the newbie look for outings with modest statistics, and that they contact the leaders in advance to verify that the pace will be right for them.

So let's go get some newbies started in HPS. Maybe they'll turn out like me: still overweight, still as graceful as a beached whale, but at least I've got the gear (mostly) right and I'm having an absolute blast doing the peaks!

Happy trails, Wolf.

Angeles Chapter Fundraiser Tahiti 10-day Cruise from \$1095 December 10-20, 2005

C: This Angeles Chapter fundraiser aboard Princess Cruise's Tahitian Princess with all-day port calls of Pape'ete, Mo'orea, Nuku Hiva (where "Survivor" was filmed), Bora Bora should be your next trip! Here's in a most affordable way, while enjoying guests in the ports. This first-class small passengers features all dining room meals, lodging, all included in your cruise price. Robert Louis Stevenson, W. Somerset Michener and Herman Melville came to and we'll show you a very secret, small include airfare, taxes and port charges. Travel at 800-301-9673, e-mail at cruisebooklet/info. Leader: Bob or e-mail at bobcat237@sbcglobal.net



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May 2005 Report of the Mountain Records Committee

By Wolf Leverick

15E LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN #2 HIKING ROUTE 2

- (1) Change gain to from 2200' to 2800'. The additional gain comes from the fact we now park 300+' lower and some saddles were not included in the old number.
- (2) Change time to 6-7 hours, reflecting extensive deadfall now littering the route.
- (3) Add 4260' as the elevation of the lower trailhead.

23F BLACK MOUNTAIN #4 (Kudos to Dave Cannon and Lynda Armbruster) (1) For Route 1 the gain should be 1200' total, 800' out plus 400' on return.

- (2) Also for Route 1, the 3rd bullet under Hiking Route 1 should read "bump that is *southwest* of bump 5990".
- (3) For Route 2 the gain should be 1400' total, 960' out plus 440' on return.

28H PALM VIEW PEAK

(1) Change gain to from 1600' to 2000' to reflect saddles. (2) Change parking area elevation from 5340' to 5430' to correct dyslexic error.

28J PYRAMID PEAK

(1) Change gain to from 1700' to 2000' to reflect saddles. (2) Change parking area elevation from 5340' to 5430' to correct dyslexic error.

28K PINE MOUNTAIN #2

(1) Change gain to from 1550' to 2300' to reflect saddles. (2) Change parking area elevation from 5340' to 5430' to correct dyslexic error.

28L LION PEAK

(1) Change gain to from 1500' to 2000' to reflect saddles. (2) Change parking area elevation from 5340' to 5430' to correct dyslexic error.

32F STONEWALL PEAK (Kudos to Edith Liu)

(1) "The write-up says 2.5 miles round trip. It is definitely 4 miles. Maybe in the old days the endless amount of switchbacks didn't exist." (Wolf verified this – there are now a large number of low-gain [some under 20' vertical] switchbacks in place.)

Karen's amendments:

Proposed change (with light tunes for Icehouse Canyon, Cow Canyon Saddle, etc.) to Baldy Village driving directions, impacts MANY peak guides:

- Take the Baseline exit from the 210 freeway
- Go briefly west on Baseline, then turn right (north) on Padua - Go 1.8 miles north on Padua to the intersection with Mount Baldy Rd. - Turn right and continue 7 miles to Baldy Village

Note: There's a good parking lot for ridesharing in this area. To get there, after turning west on Baseline, continue past Padua a short distance to Mill, then turn north on Mill and continue to Mount Baldy Road. The parking lot is at the NE corner of this intersection.

Just in from Tom Hill, for 29D Thomas Mountain: Current hiking directions read, "Hike southwest about 500' to the summit. There is usually no register." Tom suggests (and I agree) that that should be northwest.

Updates to 15A Monrovia Peak. Wolf and I recent led Route 3, and to be honest, we're lucky we got the peak. Distance should be 20 miles (not 14).

Second and third bullet of hiking directions currently reads so: - Turn right, cross a bridge, and go up the paved road for 1/2 mile to Sawpit Dam. Continue on this road past the turnoff to Trask Boy Scout Camp. About 1/4 mile further is the

Ben Overturff Trail marked by two stone pillars and a map. You can take either the trail or the road for the next 2 miles (the trail is quite scenic). On the trail, after about 1 3/4 miles there is a junction signed "Cabin" and "Road". The right fork leads back to the road in about 100'. The left fork continues to climb for another 0.3 mile to another junction signed "Cabin" and "Road". The right fork leads to the road in about 100 yards. The left fork ends at Deer Park, the site of an old lodge. - Continue on the road to White Saddle (very obvious).

In addition to being longwinded and confusing, the above text also incorporates the VERY old route, munged in with the sort of old route. (In the early 1980s, the route stayed left, then crossed the dam. Now it stays right and doesn't cross the dam.)

How about this instead:

- Turn right on the road towards Trask Boy Scout Camp. Continue on this road past various landmarks (Sawpit Dam, Trask Boy Scout Camp, the start and end of the Ben Overturff Trail) for about 5 miles, to White Saddle (very obvious).

Further on, the guide suggests hiking 0.4 mile to some power lines and going up a ravine. But (per Route 4), it's actually 1.0 miles to the ravine, and there are no power lines. Suggestion: change the mileage and zap the power lines.

ANGELES CHAPTER FUNDRAISING TRIPS

by Roxana Lewis

AUG 15 Sun

O: 4th Graze Little Tokyo: Total immersion walking, eating tour of Little Tokyo. Start with a Docent tour of Japanese American Natl Museum, do some nibbling on Lotus root, cured bamboo, pressed shark, pounded rice as we wend our way to a Buddhist Temple and finish with an opportunity to see the Nisei Week Parade. An enriching experience for those souls who always wanted to know about unusual Asian food but were afraid to ask. Easy. 1.2mi. 9am-3pm. \$30 (\$50 non-mem) inclds museum, ample grazing, donation. Send chk, sase, sc# to Ldr. Roxana Lewis, co-ldr Margaret Belknap

SEPT 19-29 Mon-Thur

C: Hiking the English Lakes & Edinburgh. Fly LAX to Manchester and spend a heavenly week walking the charming English Lakes of Grasmere, Ullamere, Windemere, all made famous by William Wordsworth. Stays will be in small local bed and breakfast inns. The Lakes walk will be followed by 3 days in historic Edinburgh, the cultural capitol of Scotland. This is not a bus trip; ability to walk 8-10 miles daily. \$2500 (\$2550 non-mem) includes airfare, hotels (2share), breakfast, railfare, donation. To reserve send \$500 deposit with 2SASE/SC#/H&W phones/email to Ldr. Roxana Lewis. Co-ldr. Dotty Sandford.

OCT 22-23 Sat-Sun

O: Train/Hike Weekend to Santa Barbara: Board the 9am train to Carpinteria. Hike 12.8 mi to Santa Barbara, moderate pace; tides allowing a portion on the sand. Overnite at Beachside Inn(2share), hot tub to sooth the aches, then cruise hip State St for local brew/vino. Morning opp to saunter the historic downtown area, shop or sit at an outdoor café. Return train from Santa Barbara station at 2pm, arr L.A. 5pm. \$201 (\$221 non-mem) rail fare, hotel, donation. Bring water, snacks, lunch (restaurant opportunity). Send check/sase/sc# to Ldr. Roxana Lewis, co-ldr Maggie Belknap

NOV 5 Sat

O: Train/Ocean Hike Solana Beach & San Elijo Lagoon: Union Station to Solana Beach daytrip includes Cedros Design District, docent walk thru San Elijo Lagoon and a beach walk from Cardiff to Encinitas (Self Realization). Coaster to Oceanside for return Amtrak to L.A. 630am-830pm. Ability to walk 11 mi. \$71 (\$91 non-mem) inclds, train fare, coaster, donation. Send chk, SASE, sc# to Ldr Roxana Lewis, co-ldr Maggie Belknap.

ADVANCE NOTICE

March 27-April 6, 2006 Mon-Thur

C: Hiking in Turkey & the Solar Eclipse. Fly LAX to Ankara, Hittite capitol of Turkey, where after a brief overnight we proceed to an unpublished spot where the exactly 12:04pm; the sun will be blotted year younger. After the Earth in its infinite we proceed to Cappadocia where we will an area created centuries ago by the Turkish hiking adventure continues as we hotels along a coastal route that many Western Europe. Our trip finishes in trip; ability to walk 8-12 miles daily. \$3884 hotels(2share), breakfast, local transport and guide, donation. To reserve send \$700 deposit with 2SASE/SC#/H&W phones/email to Ldr. Roxana Lewis. Co-ldr. Joe Young





**Advance Schedule of Hundred Peaks Section Activities
April 30, 2005 through January 21, 2006
By Karen Isaacson Leverich**

Jul 1 Fri Hundred Peaks

New Outing, not in Schedule

I: Bighorn Peak (8441'), Ontario Peak (8693'), Sugarloaf Peak (6924'): Strenuous 12 mile, 4200' gain loop hike with steep and loose cross-country on the descent (or ascent, if we're feeling creative) via Falling Rock Canyon in the Mt Baldy area. No beginners. Wilderness permit limits group size. Send sase or esase early to Karen. Co-Leaders: KAREN & WOLF LEVERICH, MARS BONFIRE

Jul 3 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: San Bernardino East Peak (10,691'), San Bernardino Peak (10,649'), Anderson Peak (10,840'), Shield's Peak (10,680'): Very strenuous, 20 miles round trip, 5000' gain hike along the San Bernardino Ridge. Group size limited by permit. Send email (preferred) or SASE to Leader: LAURA JOSEPH Co-Leader: WAYNE VOLLAIRE

Jul 4 Mon Pasadena

O: Moonlight Hike to Mount Lowe from Eaton Saddle: Join us for this popular event. Enjoy Rose Bowl fireworks from high above Los Angeles Basin on moderate 4 mile, 700' gain hike in Front Range. Meet 6:45 PM La Cañada rideshare point with water, snack, lugsoles, flashlight, binoculars helpful. Leaders: DON BREMNER, BYRON TAYLOR

Jul 6 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: Camp Glenwood to Winston Peak (7502'): Partly on the old Pacific Crest Trail. 7 miles round trip with 1100' of gain. Meet La Cañada rideshare point at 9 AM with water, lunch, good footwear. Leaders: BETH MIKA, DAN BUTLER

Jul 8 Fri Hundred Peaks

I: Tehachapi Mountain (7960'), Black Mountain #3 (5686'): 8.5 miles round trip, 3750' gain through conifer forest on Tehachapi and oak, sage brush, and cattle pasture on Black. Near town of Tehachapi. Slow pace. Call Mars during four days before event for status and details. Leader: MARS BONFIRE Co-Leaders: KAREN & WOLF LEVERICH

Jul 9 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Constance Peak (6645'), Heart Bar Peak (8332'): Pick up two relatively easy peaks north of Redlands, adjacent to the San Geronio Wilderness, grand views, moderate pace. Do one or both, 7 miles round trip, 1600' gain. Can also join leaders next day for nearby Sugarloaf Mtn. Call or email leader week of hike for trip details. Leader: MARLEN MERTZ Co-Leader: TOM HILL

Jul 9 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Thunder Mountain (8587'), Telegraph Peak (8985'): Two wonderful peaks with a springtime view in the Mt. Baldy area. This will be a bit of a strenuous outing. 13 miles round trip, 3300' gain from Manker Flat area. Meet 7 AM at Mt. Baldy rideshare. Bring 10 essentials, water, lunch, goodies, and more goodies. Leader: VIRGIL POPESCU Co-Leader: LILLY FUKUI

Jul 10 Sun Hundred Peaks

O: Sugarloaf Mountain (9952'): Enjoy this isolated summit that towers above the south side of Big Bear Lake, moderate 8 miles round trip, 1900' gain. High clearance vehicles recommended due to 6 mile dirt road driving to reach trailhead. Call or email leader week of hike for trip details. Leader: MARLEN MERTZ Co-Leader: TOM HILL

Jul 12 Tue Hundred Peaks

New Outing, not in Schedule

I: Grinnell Mountain (10,284'): We will start at the Lost Creek Trailhead and take off cross country for this pathfinder route of 12 miles, 4500' gain. Expect an early start, so we can take advantage of the beautiful scenery and terrain. There are plenty of trees and a little brush. Moderate pace. Email Sandy the week before the hike for details. Leader: SANDY BURNSIDE Co-Leaders: MARS BONFIRE, GREG deHOOGH

Jul 12 Tue Hundred Peaks

Management Meeting: Please join us for our monthly open management committee meeting. It will be held at the home of Winnette Butler, 1141 N. Columbus Ave, Glendale. 6:30 PM.

Jul 13 Wed Hundred Peaks

New Outing, not in Schedule

Mount Burnham (8997'), Mount Baden Powell (9399'), Ross Mountain (7402'): Strenuous 9 miles round trip, 4500' gain (most on the return, in the warm afternoon), in San Gabriels on trail and use trail. Email/sase early to Karen. Co-Leaders: WOLF & KAREN LEVERICH, DAVE COMERZAN

Jul 13 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: Kratka Ridge (7515'): 6 miles round trip with 1200' of gain. Car shuttle. Fun ups and downs. Meet at 9 AM La Cañada rideshare with water, lunch, good footwear. Leaders: SOUTHERN COURTNEY, BOB THOMPSON

Jul 15-16 Fri-Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Waterman Mountain (8038') Backpack and Rendezvous: Everyone else will arrive mid-day on Saturday, so here's the best way to get a good seat at the Waterman Rendezvous Potluck and Party: backpack in the night before and camp! It'll be a dry camp, so you'll need to carry all your water, but you won't need to carry it all that far – the total hike will be 8 miles, 1200' gain. We'll start hiking in late afternoon or early evening. Option of nipping over and visiting Twin Peaks (7761') on Saturday morning, before the rendezvous would mean more water, more miles, more gain. SASE or e-SASE early for more details to Leaders: WOLF & KAREN LEVERICH Co-Leader: WINNETTE BUTLER

Jul 16 Sat Hundred Peaks

The 12th Annual Great Waterman Mountain (8038') Rendezvous and Informal Pot Luck: HPS invites you to join us for our annual party atop Waterman Mountain. Plan on spending some time on top getting acquainted and having fun (and eating) as most hikes won't be returning to the cars until late afternoon or early evening. Be sure to bring lots of food and drink to share with other hungry hikers. Rain cancels.

Jul 16 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Waterman Mountain (8038'): Beginners welcome on this easy moderately paced hike. 8 miles 1200' gain. Picnic on top of the peak. Meet 9:30 AM La Cañada rideshare point. Leaders: FRANK DOBOS, LAURA QUINN, DIANE DUNBAR

Jul 16 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: West Twin (7596'), Twin Peaks (7767'), Mt Waterman (8038'): Meet the HPS membership and friends atop Waterman by 1 PM for the celebrations, via pathfinder route from Twin Peaks. Also, be one of the few to visit the beautiful stepsister, West Twin. Stats about 12 miles, 4200' gain on road, trail, use trail, and steep, loose mountainside, with a bit of scrambling. For experienced, conditioned hikers. Bring 4 liters liquid and treats to share. Meet 5:30 AM at La Cañada rideshare. Leader: GEORGE WYSUP Co-Leaders: GREG DE HOOGH, KENT SCHWITKIS, WAYNE VOLLAIRE

Jul 16 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Waterman Mountain (8038') By Mountain Bike: 7 miles round trip, 1300' gain on fire road. Meet 9 AM La Cañada rideshare point. Bring good quality mountain bike, riding helmet, spare tube, and cable lock, and don't forget some goodies to share with all those hiker dudes who will be looking at you funny as you arrive on two wheels. Leaders: KATHY CHEEVER, MARS BONFIRE

Jul 17 Sun Hundred Peaks

New Outing, Not in Schedule

I: Jean Peak (10,670'), Marion Mountain (10,320'): Let the Palm Springs Tram take you up to the trailhead for this moderately strenuous but picturesque route to Jean and Marion, 10 miles round trip, 2500' gain. Permit limits group size, so call or email leader in advance to reserve a spot. Leader: VIRGIL POPESCU Co-Leader: PAT ARREDONDO

Jul 17 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: 10K Ridge (10,094'), Lake Peak (10,161'), Grinnell Mtn (10,284'): Reverse the normal order for doing these peaks and see how it goes on this strenuous trip to visit the dominant ridge east of San Geronio Mountain, 11 miles round trip, 3100' gain. We scramble up steep slopes, admire the "toothpick forest," and generally enjoy ourselves in the beautiful forest along this high wilderness ridge line. Number of participants limited by permit, so reserve early. Send sase/esase to Leader: MARLEN MERTZ Assistant: GEORGE WYSUP

Jul 17 Sun Hundred Peaks

O: Pacifico Mountain (7124'), Granite Mountain #1 (6600+'), Round Top (6316'): Relax after the Waterman Rendezvous, and ratchet up your peak count, by visiting these drive-ups in the northern San Gabriels. Your high clearance vehicle welcome! Depending on road conditions, Pacifico is 0 miles, and 0' gain. Otherwise, 2-3 miles, a few hundred feet gain. Round Top we can park on. Granite is a pretty forested peak and a modest walk: ½ mile round trip, 300' gain. SASE or e-mail early with information about your vehicle (we hardly need to know your conditioning for this one!) to Karen. Co-Leaders: WOLF & KAREN LEVERICH, MARK ALLEN

Jul 18 Mon Hundred Peaks

O: Middle Hawkins (8505'), South Mount Hawkins (7783'): 7 miles, 2400' gain over occasionally steep and loose terrain. This area burned a few years ago, watch for signs that it's making a comeback. Off Angeles Crest Highway in San Gabriel Mountains. Slow pace. Email/SASE early to Karen. Co-Leaders: WOLF & KAREN LEVERICH, DAVE COMERZAN

Jul 19 Tue Hundred Peaks

Rescheduled from November 2004

O: Thunder Mountain (8587'), Telegraph Peak (8985'), Timber Mountain (8303'): Known as the three "T" in the Angeles National Forest near Mt. Baldy. We will do this as a car shuttle. 13 miles round trip with 3800' of gain. Contact leader 2-3 days before hike for details. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, INGEBORG PROCHAZKA

Jul 23 Sat Hundred Peaks

I/O: Frank Goodykoontz Memorial Hike to Goodykoontz Peak (7558'), Reserve this date for a memorial hike to celebrate the life and contributions of Frank. Routes will vary from moderate on trail to strenuous cross-country. See near the front page for details.

Leaders: JOE YOUNG, DAVID F EISENBERG, DIANE DUNBAR, DAVID MICHELS, FRANK DOBOS, WINNETTE BUTLER, JOHN CONNELLY, SANDY BURNSIDE

Jul 23 Sat Hundred Peaks

New Outing, Not in Schedule

I: Frank Goodykoontz Memorial Hike to Goodykoontz Peak (7558'), Mount Williamson (8244'): The main group will celebrate Frank on Williamson and not reach Goodykoontz Peak itself. Do you Want to visit the peak first then join the main group? We haven't settled on a route yet, but figure 7 to 10 miles or so of hiking, 3000'-4000' gain, some on trail, some cross-country. E-mail or SASE to Karen for more information. Leaders: MARS BONFIRE, KATHY CHEEVER, WOLF & KAREN LEVERICH

Jul 23-24 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks, OCSS

I: Jean Peak (10,670'), Drury Peak (10,162'), Marion Mountain (10,362'), Folly Peak (10,460')

Rescheduled to September 24-25.

Leader: BILL GASKILL Co-Leader: GEORGE WYSUP

Jul 23 Sat Hundred Peaks

New Outing, Not in Schedule

I: Etiwanda Peak (8682'), Cucamonga Peak (8859'), Bighorn Peak (8441'): Moderately paced 18 mile, 4600' gain, round trip hike in Cucamonga Wilderness. Ascend via Chapman Trail. Descend via Icehouse Canyon Trail. Cool peaks, great views. Soak feet in refreshing creek after peaks. Wilderness permit limits group size. Email Leader for status and details. Bring 3-4 quarts water, lunch, lugsole boots, hat, sunscreen, small towel. Leader: TED LUBESHKOFF Co-Leader: BRENT COSTELLO

Jul 24 Sun Hundred Peaks

O: Winston Peak (7502'), Winston Ridge (7003'): 6 miles round trip, 1200' gain from Cloudburst Summit. Slow to moderately paced. NO TIGERS. Meet 9:30 AM La Cañada rideshare point with water, lunch, good footwear. Co-Leaders: WOLF & KAREN LEVERICH, MARK ALLEN

Jul 26 Tue Hundred Peaks

I: Cornell Peak (9750'): 5 miles, 1600' gain involving some rock scrambling suitable only for hikers with good rock scrambling skills. In San Jacinto State Park above Palm Springs. Slow pace. Call Mars during four days before event for status and details. Leader: MARS BONFIRE Co-Leader: SANDY BURNSIDE

Jul 27 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: Winston Ridge (7003'): Leisurely hike from Cloudburst Summit down to Cooper Canyon Campground. Then back up the Pacific Crest Trail and on out to the top of Winston Ridge. 6 miles round trip with 1600' gain. Meet at 9 AM La Cañada rideshare point with lunch, water, good footwear. Leaders: BETH MIKA, SOUTHERN COURTNEY

Jul 30 Sat Hundred Peaks, WTC

O: Baldylocks and the Three T's: You know the story: Baldylocks heads out from her Mt. Baldy Village home at the strike of dawn and hikes up 6000' in 6 miles to the top of Mt. Baldy (10,064') where, gazing eastward, she spies Mama T, Papa T and Baby T, aka the Three T's. "A T party!" she exclaims and scrambles over Devil's Backbone, past the ski lift and up Thunder Mt. (8587'), Telegraph Peak (8985') and Timber Mt. (8303') before descending Icehouse Canyon to a waiting car shuttle. "Only 18 miles and 8600' gain -- this hike was ju-u-u-st right!" This will be a very long and very strenuous hike, paced to complete pre-dark. But if you think this hike is just right too, email your conditioning, experience and contact info to Leader: EDD RUSKOWITZ Assistant: MELISSA KANE

Jul 30-31 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks

O: Three Sans in 24 Hours: Peter decided he wanted to hike San Antonio (10,064'), San Jacinto (10,804') and San Gorgonio (11,499') in one 24-hour period. Greg, fool that he is, decided that sounded like fun, though he did convince Peter we don't have to include the time up to the first one or down from the last one in the 24 hours. We're planning to get San Antonio via the ski lift and San Jacinto via the tram on Saturday. Sunday morning we'll be out there early to get San Gorgonio. Fellow fools fleet of foot feel free to join us. About 33 miles and 10,000' gain for the weekend. Space limited by permit. Send email (preferred) or SASE, with conditioning and experience, to Leader: GREG DE HOOGH Co-Leaders: PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT

Jul 31 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Copter Ridge (7499'), Middle Hawkins (8505'), Mt Hawkins (8850') loop: Join us as we climb Copter Ridge on this unusual loop route, never before scheduled, that approaches the summit through the canyon to the west. Enjoy a hidden idyllic stream on this moderately paced but strenuous 10 miles round trip, 4100' gain journey through pristine wilderness. We will return to the trailhead using the standard route up the ridge to Hawkins. Significant gain on the return! Experienced hikers send sase or esase with contact information and recent conditioning to Leader: MARLEN MERTZ Assistant: TOM HILL

Aug 3 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: Throop Peak (9138'), Mount Burnham (8997') from Dawson Saddle: 6 miles round trip, 1400' gain. Meet 9 AM La Cañada rideshare point with water, lunch, good footwear. Leaders: DON SIMINSKI, JENNIFER WASHINGTON

Aug 4 Thu Hundred Peaks

New Outing, not in Schedule

M: Southwell Peak (7840'), Antsell Rock (7879'): Slow paced, strenuous hike on trail and over steep, rocky cross-country terrain, 16 miles rt, 3500' gain. The summit block on Antsell involves 3rd class rock. Email or SASE early to Karen. Leaders: WOLF & KAREN LEVERICH

Aug 5 Fri Hundred Peaks

I: Three Sisters (8100'): A pretty forested peak in San Bernardino National Forest, 7 miles round trip on road and cross-country, 1800' gain. Mellow pace. Email or SASE early to Karen. Co-Leaders: KAREN & WOLF LEVERICH, MARS BONFIRE

Aug 6 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Morris Peak (7215'): Replaced by Middle and South Hawkins (see below).

Aug 6 Sat Hundred Peaks

Replaces Morris Peak.

O: Middle Hawkins (8505'), South Mount Hawkins (7783'): 7 miles, 2400' gain over occasionally steep and loose terrain suitable only for experienced hikers. Off Angeles Crest Highway in San Gabriel Mountains. Slow pace. Call Mars during four days before event for status and details. Leader: MARS BONFIRE Co-Leader: KATHY CHEEVER

Aug 6 Sat Hundred Peaks, Wilderness Adventures

O: Mount Pinos (8831'), Sawmill Mountain (8818'), Grouse Mountain (8650'), Cerro Noroeste (8286'): Moderately paced 10 mile, 2500' gain, one way hike near Frazier Park. Long car shuttle. Cool peaks, great views. Meet 7:45 AM Sylmar rideshare point. Bring 3-4 quarts water, lunch, lugsole boots, hat, sunscreen. Leader: TED LUBESHKOFF Co-Leader: LAURA LATHROP-WARRINER

Aug 9 Tue Hundred Peaks

New Outing, Not in Schedule

O: San Bernardino Peak (10,649'): 18 miles round trip, 4900' gain, strenuous, but moderately paced hike on the San Bernardino Peak Divide Trail out of Angeles Oaks. Come out for a midweek hike to a peak that is traditionally bagged from the East. Email leader the week before for details. Leader: SANDY BURNSIDE Co-Leader: MARS BONFIRE

Aug 9 Tue Hundred Peaks

Management Meeting: Please join us for our monthly open management committee meeting which will be held at the home of Winnette Butler. Please call if you wish to attend.

Aug 10 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: Mount Gleason (6502'): 6 miles round trip, 1000'+ of gain mostly on the Pacific Crest Trail. Good shade most of the hike. Meet 9 AM at La Cañada rideshare point with water, lunch, good footwear. Leaders: SOUTHERN COURTNEY, PATRICK VAUGHN

Aug 12 Fri Hundred Peaks

O: Pine Mountain (9648'), Dawson Peak (9575'): 9 miles round trip, 2730' gain along dirt road and steep, narrow and dangerous ridge suitable only for experienced hikers. In San Gabriel Mountains above Wrightwood. Slow pace. Call Mars during four days before event for status and details. Leader: MARS BONFIRE Co-Leaders: KAREN & WOLF LEVERICH

Aug 13 Sat Hundred Peaks

New Outing, not in Schedule

I: Castle Rocks, (8600'), Black Mountain #1 (7772'): Join us in this San Jacinto Wilderness area hike and enjoy the beautiful trail to Black rather than taking the drive-up route. The high elevation and forested trail should allow us to escape the heat. Fast pace, 16 miles round trip, 3800' gain. Group size limited by permit. Send email (preferred) or SASE to Leader: LAURA JOSEPH Co-Leader: WAYNE VOLLAIRE

Aug 17 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: Mount Wilson (5700'): 6 miles round trip, 800' gain. Hike around the peak. Visit the 100-inch telescope. A docent tells about the old and the new telescopes. Meet 9 AM La Cañada rideshare. Bring water, boots, and lunch. Leaders: JOHN DePOY, JANET BARTEL

Aug 20-21 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks

I: 10,000 Foot Ridge (10,094'), Lake Peak (10,161') and Grinnell Mountain (10,284'): Join us for a leisurely pathfinder by backpack to these 3 peaks in the San Bernardino's! Sat afternoon we'll hike in about 1.5 miles (300' gain) toward 10K via a cross-country ridge from the north, set up camp and enjoy the forest ambiance. Then Sun continue up the ridge to 10K, amble over to Lake Peak, go pick off Grinnell, then shortcut down to Fish Creek Trail and hike out. This will be a slow-paced but still strenuous hike of 15 miles round trip and 3500' total gain for the weekend. 14 miles of dirt road driving to reach the trailhead - your high clearance vehicle especially appreciated! Space limited by permit, so SASE early to Leader: KATHY CHEEVER Assistant: KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH

Aug 20 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Pine Mountain #1 (9648'), Dawson Peak (9575'), Wright Mountain (8505'): Rugged trail scramble north of Mount Baldy for the first two peaks with some rocky stretches for experienced hikers, relaxed pace, 6 miles round trip, 2600' gain. Those with a little extra energy can join us on a short visit to nearby Wright Mountain after the adventure. Call or email leader week of hike. Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leader: LILLY FUKUI

Aug 23 Tue Hundred Peaks

I: Copter Ridge (7499'): 7 miles, 3100' gain on occasionally steep and loose slopes and ridges suitable only for adroit and experienced hikers. Off Angeles Crest Highway in San Gabriel Mountains. Slow pace. Call Mars during four days before event for status and details. Leader: MARS BONFIRE Co-Leader: SANDY BURNSIDE

Aug 24 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: Mount Baden-Powell (9399'): 8 miles round trip with 2800' gain to the second highest peak in the San Gabriels. Start and finish hike at Vincent Gap. Pace will be slow for some moderate for others. Meet 8:30 AM at La Cañada rideshare point. Bring lots of water and appropriate footwear. Leaders: DORIS DUVAL, DON SIMINSKI

Aug 27 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Mount Islip (8250') 15th Annual Peaknic Hike: Peaknic at Little Jimmys Camp Ground Moderate pace - 6 miles rt 1300' gain. Meet at 9 AM at La Cañada rideshare point. Bring lug soles, water, your best potluck item & good cheer. Leaders: MIKE & DOTTY SANDFORD, FRANK DOBOS, LAURA QUINN

Aug 28 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Copter Ridge (7499'), Mount Hawkins (8850'), Throop Peak (9138'): Traverse this classic ridge in the San Gabriels, moderately strenuous but relaxed pace, 12 miles round trip, 3400' gain. More than half the gain is on the return. Celebrate with leaders who are looking for an excuse to party as they duplicate their first outing together (2001). Call or email leader week of hike. Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: WOLF & KAREN LEVERICH

Aug 31 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: Mount Hawkins (8850') from Windy Gap Trail: Join us on this 7 miles round trip, 1500' gain scenic hike (steep from highway to Windy Gap). Shorter or longer options available. Meet 9 AM La Cañada rideshare point. Bring water, lunch, suitable clothing layers, good footwear. Leaders: ROSEMARY CAMPBELL, RON ROSIEN

Sep 1 Thu Hundred Peaks

I: Deer Mountain (5536'): 10 miles, 2100' gain over brushy terrain with downed trees. Might visit one or more area peaks. High clearance 4WD advised. On north side of San Bernardino Mountains. Slow pace. Email or SASE early to Karen. Co-Leaders: WOLF & KAREN LEVERICH, DAVE COMERZAN

Sep 2 Fri Hundred Peaks

New Outing, not in Schedule

I: Galena (9330'): Day hike this steep one in the San Bernardino Mountains. 8 miles, 3200' gain round trip. Moderately paced, very strenuous hike over very slippery, very steep, rocky cross-country terrain. Terrain limits size of group. Esase (preferred) or sase with recent conditioning to Karen. Co-Leaders: WOLF & KAREN LEVERICH, MARS BONFIRE, KATHY CHEEVER, DAVE COMERZAN

Sep 7 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: Throop (9138'), Mount Hawkins (8850') from Dawson Saddle: Beautiful 6 miles round trip, 1300' gain hike, with shorter or longer options available. No car shuttle. Meet 9 AM La Cañada rideshare with water, lunch, suitable clothing and footwear. Leaders: ROSEMARY CAMPBELL, PATRICK VAUGHN

Sep 7 Wed Hundred Peaks

Rescheduled from April

C/O: Apache Peak (7567'), Spittler Peak (7440'): Joint hike with folks from Zen Mountain Center. We invited trainees at ZMC to join our hike to these two peaks (about 14 miles round trip and 2600' gain). Both peaks are near Mountain Center on the Desert Divide. For those who are interested, following the hike there will be a brief introduction to the philosophy and practice of Zen Buddhism. Email leaders a few days in advance. Leaders: INGEBORG PROCHAZKA, DAVE COMERZAN, WOLF LEVERICH

Sep 8 Thu Hundred Peaks

New Outing, not in Schedule

M: Lily Rock (8000+'): Slow paced, strenuous hike on trail and steep cross-country terrain near Idyllwild. 3 miles round trip, 1600' gain. The summit block involves 3rd class rock. Email or SASE early to Karen. Leaders: WOLF & KAREN LEVERICH

Sep 9 Fri Hundred Peaks

I: Cornell Peak (9750'), Jean Peak (10,670'), Marion Mountain (10,320'): 10 miles round trip, 3100' gain in San Jacinto State Park above Palm Springs with Cornell and Marion involving dangerous rock scrambling suitable only for experienced rock scramblers. Tram fee. Slow pace. Call Mars during four days before event for status and details. Leader: MARS BONFIRE Co-Leaders: KAREN & WOLF LEVERICH

Sep 10-11 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks, Palos Verdes South Bay, Natural Science I: San Ysidro Mountain (6147'), Combs Peak (6193'), Palomar High Point (6140'): Moderately paced, strenuous, cross-country/brush. Day 1: San Ysidro 8 miles round trip, 2100' gain. Car Camp. Day 2: 6 miles 1400' gain and lots of dirt road driving. Bring 10 essentials, lunch, and water. Esase (preferred) or sase with recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Leader: KENT SCHWITKIS Co-leader: SHERRY ROSS

Sep 10-11 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks, International Community Section, Sierra Singles Rescheduled from Jun 18-19

I: Charlton Peak (10,806'), Jepson Peak (11,205'), Dobbs Peak (10,459'): Backpack in the glorious high country of San Geronio! 18

miles, 5500' gain on trail and cross country. Potluck Saturday night. Space limited to first 12 people. Send E-mail by Sept 6 to Leader: BILL GASKILL Co-Leader: SANDY BURNSIDE

Sep 13 Tue Hundred Peaks

Annual Business/Management Meeting: All are welcome to attend our annual business meeting, where nominations are finalized for next year's Management Committee. In addition, proposals for Bylaw changes, peak additions and deletions, and other matters on which members will vote are discussed and votes are taken on whether to put them on the ballot. The business meeting follows the monthly Management Committee meeting. Refreshments provided by the committee. To attend the business meeting only, arrive by 7 pm. The management meeting will begin at 6:30 pm at the Eaton Canyon Nature Center, located at 1750 N Altadena Dr in Pasadena. Go north from I-210 on Altadena Dr approximately 1 ½ miles. Enter the Nature Center parking area on your right shortly after crossing New York Dr.

Sep 14 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: Middle Hawkins (8505') from Windy Gap & beyond: 6 miles round trip, 1600' of gain. Meet 9 AM La Cañada rideshare point with water, lunch, good footwear. Leaders: SOUTHERN COURTNEY, ROSEMARY CAMPBELL

Sep 17-18 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks, Palos Verdes South Bay, Natural Science I: Galena Peak (9324'), Ten Thousand Foot Ridge (10,094'), Grinnell Mountain (10,284'), Lake Peak (10,161'): Dayhike this steep one in the San Bernardino Mountains. 8 miles, 3200' gain round trip. Moderately paced, very strenuous hike over very slippery, very steep, rocky cross-country terrain. Carcamp near Heartbar Camp. Sunday - rise early to bag the other 3 peaks, 16 miles round trip, 4200' gain from Aspen trailhead (12 miles round trip, 3400' gain from Fish Creek trailhead). Terrain limits size of group. Bring ten essentials, water, lunch, and potluck. Esase (preferred) or sase with recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Leader: KENT SCHWITKIS Co-leaders: GEORGE WYSUP, SHERRY ROSS, BARRY HOLCHIN, HARVEY GANZ

Sep 17 Sat LTC

Free Chapter-sponsored First Aid class in Los Angeles and Orange County: Advance registration required, limited capacity so sign up early. Send 2 SASE + \$50 check made out to FACH (refunded at class), phone and email contacts to 1st Aid/CPR, 514B Garfield Ave., South Pasadena, CA 91030. See LTC website at <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc/> for more information.

Sep 17 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Pacific Crest Trail from Messenger Flats Campground to Soledad Canyon: Moderately paced 14 mile, 1000' gain/4000' loss, one way hike in remote, northern side of San Gabriel Mountains. Beautiful Fall hike starting at 5900' in spruce, oak and pine forest, with great views of Vasquez Rocks, Southern Sierras, Mojave Desert, and Sierra Pelona Ridge. Be prepared for an all-day decent. Long car shuttle required. 3 miles of good dirt road driving. Meet 7:45 AM Newhall Park and Ride, Fwy 14, 2 miles North of I-5, exit San Fernando Road, turn right. Bring 3-4 quarts water, lunch, lugsole boots. Leader: TED LUBESHKOFF Co-Leader: DEAN WALLRAFF

Sep 17 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Mount Islip (8850'), Middle Hawkins (8505') from Windy Gap: Enjoy ascents of two classic peaks along the spine of the San Gabriels, relaxed pace, 9 miles round trip, 2100' gain. Meet 9 AM La Cañada rideshare point. Bring lunch, water, good cheer. Rain threat or forest closure cancels. Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leader: LILLY FUKUI

Sep 19-21 Mon-Wed Hundred Peaks

I: McDonald (6870'), Alamo (7367'), Stewart (6941'), Cobblestone (6730'), White #2 (6250'), Snowy (6532'), Black #2 (6202'): Join us for 3 days of hiking in the Los Padres National Forest. We will drive in to the saddle, hiking Alamo and McDonald along the way in. With the saddle as base camp, we will do the rest of the peaks over the next two days. Rain or poor road conditions cancels. Contact leaders for details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Sep 24 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Adopt a Highway Clean-Up: The clean-up of the five-mile stretch of the Angeles Crest Highway between Newcomb's Ranch and Cloudburst Summit is the responsibility of the HPS. Join leaders Jim Fleming and Joe Young and help rid this portion of the highway of trash. Hard hats, trash bags and other equipment provided by HPS. After clean-up join the HPS at its Round Up at Chilao picnic area. Meet 8AM La Cañada rideshare point. Bring gloves and something to share at the Round Up. Leaders: JIM FLEMING, JOE YOUNG

Sep 24 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Hundred Peaks Fall Round Up: Celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the first HPS Round Up at the Chilao picnic area along the Angeles Crest Highway. The event starts at 3:00 PM. Bring food, drink, and stories to share. Late start time allows for participation on the Adopt a Highway Clean-Up or local peakbagging prior to the party. Look for signage to the picnic site. Hosts: STAG and NAMI BROWN

Sep 24-25 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks, OCSS

Rescheduled from July

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. Send Esase with h &

w phones, carpool info, recent conditioning, hiking, distance and elevation experience to Leader: BILL GASKILL Co-Leader: GEORGE WYSUP

Sep 27 Tue Hundred Peaks

I: Sunday Peak (8295'), Bohna Peak (6760'): 6 miles, 2300' gain on trails. In Southern Sierra above Isabella Lake. High clearance 4WD advised. Slow pace. Call Mars during four days before event for status and details. Leader: MARS BONFIRE Co-Leader: SANDY BURNSIDE

Sep 28 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: Mount Williamson (8214'): 5 miles round trip, 1600' gain with short and steep use-trail to summit. Meet 9 AM at La Cafñada rideshare with water, lunch, good footwear. Leaders: DORIS DUVAL, MARY PATTERSON

Oct 1 Sat LTC

Leadership Training Seminar in Griffith Park: Required for all potential leaders. Send \$25 check made out to "Sierra Club," name, address, phone and email contacts to Steve Botan, LTC Registrar, 18815 Thornwood Circle, Huntington Beach, CA 92646 by mid-September. See LTC website at <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc/> for more information.

Oct 1 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Round Mountain (5272'), Luna Mountain (5967'), Rattlesnake Mountain (6131'): 5 miles, 1300' gain over easy to moderate terrain. On north side of San Bernardino Mountains east of Victorville. High clearance 4WD advised. Slow pace. Call Mars during four days before event for status and details. Leader: MARS BONFIRE Co-Leader: KATHY CHEEVER

Oct 1 Sat Hundred Peaks, 20s & 30s

I: Lookout Mountain #2 (6812'): Hike from Mt. Baldy Village through Bear Canyon to Lookout #2, returning to Cow Canyon Saddle. Hopefully temperatures will be cooler as we ascend to enjoy wonderful views of the surrounding area. Short car shuttle will be necessary. 3200' of gain, 7 miles of mostly cross-country with plenty of bushwhacking. Meet 8 AM. Contact leader for meeting point. Bring 3 liters of water, lunch, lug soles, etc. Leader: MICHAEL S. DAINES. Assistants: GEORGE WYSUP, SANDY SPERLING, SHERRY ROSS

Oct 1 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Mount Burnham (8997'), Mount Baden-Powell (9399'), Ross Mountain (7402'): Come join us for a moderately paced, strenuous challenge as we take the shortcut to Burnham. 9 miles, 3800' gain. (Almost 1/2 of this is on the return trip.) Email your qualifications and recent hiking experience to Leader: LAURA JOSEPH Co-Leader: WAYNE VOLLAIRE

Oct 1 Sat Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

New Outing, not in Schedule

O: Winston Peak (7502'), Winston Ridge (7003'): 7 miles round trip, 1500' gain on trail near Cloudburst Summit. Meet 8:00 AM at La Cafñada rideshare point. Bring water, lunch, goodies to share, etc. Rain cancels. Leaders: VIRGIL POPESCU, LILLY FUKUI

Oct 8-9 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks, PVS, Natural Science I: Sheep (6560'), Martinez (5141'), Asbestos (5265'), Toro (8716'), Santa Rosa (8070'): Saturday - Sheep & Martinez - very strenuous, moderately paced on trail and on steep, slippery cross-country beautiful desert terrain 18 mile round trip, 5500' gain hike; may very well come back in dark. Sunday - the rest. Rain postpones. Esase (preferred) or sase with recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Leader: KENT SCHWITKIS Co-Leader: GREG DE HOOGH, GEORGE WYSUP

Oct 12 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: Mount Islip (8250') from Islip Saddle: Moderate pace, 7 miles round trip, 1500' gain via Little Jimmy Campground. Meet 9 AM La Cafñada Rideshare with water, lunch, good footwear. Leaders: DON SIMINSKI, JENNIFER WASHINGTON

Oct 14 Fri Hundred Peaks, Palos Verdes South Bay, Natural Science O: Palm Springs Tram (8450') Moonlight Hike:

Strenuous hike for tigers only, 10 miles, 8300' gain to tram with high probability of including Mount San Jacinto (10,804') (additional 10 miles, 2400' gain). We'll start hiking before midnight, and this time we'll have two groups, one SJ bound and the other naturalizing at a more relaxed pace. Bring money for tram ride and taxi back to cars. Send email (preferable - bholchin@cox.net) or sase with carpool info, conditioning/experience to Leader: BARRY HOLCHIN Co-Leaders: TONY TRULL, KENT SCHWITKIS, SHERRY ROSS

Oct 15 Sat Hundred Peaks, Orange County, OCSS

O: Suicide Rock (7528'): Easy paced 7 miles round trip, 1900' gain hike on Deer Spring Trail to enjoy views of dense forests, rugged granite cliffs, and Idyllwild. Bring lugs, lunch and 2 quarts of water. Permit limits group size. Email leaders at least 4 days before hike for meeting time and place. Leaders: GABRIELE RAU, LYNDIA ARMBRUSTER

Oct 15 Sat Pasadena, Hundred Peaks

New Outing, not in Schedule

O: Mount Wilson (5710'): Strenuous hike, but moderate pace on historic Mount Wilson trail from Sierra Madre. 15 miles round trip, 4700' gain. Meet 7:30 AM at trail head. (From 210 Fwy, exit Baldwin go N, E on Mira Monte to Mt. Wilson Trail Park). Bring 3 quarts water, lunch, suitable clothing, lugsole. Rain cancels. Leaders: MEI KWAN, GARY KINSLEY

Oct 15 Sat Hundred Peaks

New Outing, not in Schedule

O: Buck Point (6433'), San Sevaine (5240'+): Two modest peaks near Cajon Pass with vehicle access limited to fall season. Moderately paced 8 miles round trip, 2000' gain on road and firebreak. High clearance vehicles recommended. Email/call leaders week of hike for meeting time and place. Leaders: JAMES CARDEN, VIRGIL POPESCU

Oct 20-23 Thu-Sun

Hundred Peaks, Wilderness Adventures O: Pacific Crest Trail Backpack from Onyx Summit

(8500') to Holcomb Creek (6500'): San Bernardino Mountains. Moderately paced 3 day, 36 mile, one way backpack on PCT. Side trips to Gold Mtn. (8235'), Bertha Peak (8201'), Delamar Mtn. (8398'), Little Bear Peak (7621'). Experience the Fall in a beautiful forest, climbing peaks and learning about the natural history of the area. Average day will be 12 miles with 2000' gain/loss. We will spend Thurs. night in Keller Ski Hut and start backpacking Fri. morning. No layover days/no beginners. Long car shuttle. Send 2 SASE, H&W phones, e-mail, recent conditioning/backpack experience to Leader: TED LUBESHKOFF Co-Leader: SUZANNE SWEDO

Oct 22 Sat

Hundred Peaks, Palos Verdes South Bay Group I: Eagle Crag (5077'): Strenuous, moderately paced 18 mile round

trip, 3500' gain hike on trail, and cross-country hike in San Diego County, 13 miles SE of Temecula in Agua Tibia Wilderness. 4WD vehicles needed for trailhead approach. Rain postpones. Esase (preferred) or sase with recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Leader: KENT SCHWITKIS Co-Leader: GEORGE WYSUP

Oct 22-23

Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks

I: San Rafael Mountain (6593'), McKinley Mountain (6200'), Santa Cruz Peak (5570'): Often referred to as the "Big 3", moderately paced 32 miles round trip, 7400' gain backpack on road and cross-country in beautiful Los Padres National Forest. Overnight camp at McKinley Spring. E-sase (preferred) or sase with recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Leader. Rain postpones. Leader: VIRGIL POPESCU Co-Leader: PAT ARREDONDO

Oct 29 Sat

Outings Management Committee

Outings Assembly: Join the Outings Management Committee for a session on the present and future of the chapter outings program and learn more about the National Leader Standards. All Sierra Club members are invited, especially outings leaders, provisional leaders, and outings chairs. Save this date! Bring your lunch. We'll meet at 9:30 am-1:00 pm at Eaton Canyon Nature Center, 1750 N. Altadena Dr, Pasadena. From 210 freeway eastbound, exit Altadena Dr, north 1.5 miles to park entrance on right. From 210 westbound, exit Sierra Madre Blvd, west 1 block to Altadena Dr, north 1.5 mi. For more information contact DONNA SPECHT

Oct 29 Sat

Hundred Peaks

O: Reyes Peak (7510'), Haddock Mtn (7416'): Enjoy autumn on the high ridge trails north of Ojai in Ventura County with spectacular views of the Los Padres wildlands. Moderate 9 miles round trip, 1700' gain. Call or email leader week of hike for trip details. Leader: MARLEN MERTZ Co-Leader: TOM HILL

Oct 29 Sat

Hundred Peaks

I: Granite Mountain #2 (5633'): We did Whale then Granite last spring, so this fall, just for variety, we'll do Granite then Whale. We'll follow the route in Schad's "Afoot & Afield in San Diego County": 7 cross-country miles, 3200' gain. Expect brush and boulders, steep ridges, sandy washes, dry waterfalls, nasty sticky plants, fantastic views. E-mail or SASE early to Karen. Co-leaders: KAREN & WOLF LEVERICH, PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT

Oct 30 Sun

Hundred Peaks

O: Caliente Mountain (5106'): Long but fascinating, moderately paced hike on a gated road to view new National Monument from the high ridgelines, 17 miles round trip, 3000' gain. Visit wildlife guzzlers, summit cabin, and high point of San Luis Obispo County. Much dirt road driving. For trip details and reservation send sase or esase to Leader: MARLEN MERTZ Co-Leader: TOM HILL

Oct 30 Sun

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, PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT

Nov 5 Sat

Hundred Peaks, Palos Verdes South Bay

I: Little Bear (7621'), Mill Peak (6670') and Deep Creek Hot Springs (5' deep): 14th semi-annual Fall Deep Creek Hot Springs hike/soak/swim with a couple more peaks. Moderately paced 9 miles, 2000' gain. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, lugs (swim suit optional). Small amount of dirt road driving, but high clearance not required. Plan on spending full day - it's near Hesperia via Big Bear. Rain cancels. Send email (preferable - bholchin@cox.net) or sase with carpool info to Leader: BARRY HOLCHIN Co-Leader: WAYNE VOLLAIRE

Nov 5 Sat LTC Free Chapter-sponsored First Aid class in Los Angeles: Advance registration required, limited capacity so sign up early. Send 2 SASE + \$50 check made out to FACF (refunded at class), phone and email contacts to 1st Aid/CPR, 514B Garfield Ave., South Pasadena, CA 91030. See LTC website at <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc/> for more information.

Nov 5-6 Sat-Sun Desert Peaks, Hundred Peaks

I: Martinez Mountain (6560'), Sheep Mountain (5141'): Join us for a leisurely fall backpack of two fine peaks on the Hundred Peaks list (and as a bonus, Martinez is also a Desert Peak). Weekend totals, 22 miles, 5500' gain. We'll pack in Sat morning 5 mi to Cactus Spring (elevation loss and gain), and climb Sheep (4 mi rt, 1000' gain) in the afternoon. Climb Martinez on Sunday (8 mi rt, 2500' gain from camp) and pack out, probably back to the cars by late afternoon. Be prepared for some brush on the Martinez climb. Send SASE or email with contact information, experience, conditioning to Leader: ANN PERKINS Assistant Leader: TOM HILL

Nov 18 Fri Hundred Peaks, Palos Verdes South Bay Group I: Villager Pk (5756'), Rosa Point (5083'): Extremely strenuous cross-country dayhike to two fine peaks in Santa Rosa Wilderness. 16 miles with 7200' gain over extremely steep/slippy desert terrain. We will be hiking part of the time in the dark at a slow moderate pace. Due to the extreme difficulty of the hike, the outing will be limited to a small group of people who have demonstrated the ability to complete such a hike. Rain cancels. Esase (preferred) or sase with recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Leader: KENT SCHWITKIS Co-Leader: SHERRY ROSS

Nov 22 Tue Hundred Peaks

I: Pilot Knob (6200'): 6 miles, 3400' gain over steep, loose, and brushy terrain with slab walking and rock scrambling suitable only for experienced, skilled, and determined hikers. Parking fee. In Southern Sierra off Highway 178 east of Isabella Lake. Slow pace. Call Mars during four days before event for status and details. Leader: MARS BONFIRE Co-Leader: SANDY BURNSIDE

Dec 3 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Russell Peak (6696'), Backus Peak (6651'): 9 miles, 2500' gain on mostly easy terrain with occasional steep and loose sections suitable only for agile hikers. In Southern Sierra near Highways 178 and 14. Slow pace. Call Mars during four days before event for status and details. Leader: MARS BONFIRE Co-Leader: KATHY CHEEVER

Dec 9 Fri Hundred Peaks

I: Bernard Peak (5360'), Little Berdoo Peak (5440'): 8 miles round trip, 1440' gain along open high desert ridges in Joshua Tree National Park. High clearance 4WD advised. Park entrance fee required. Slow pace. Call Mars during four days before event for status and details. Leader: MARS BONFIRE Co-Leaders: KAREN & WOLF LEVERICH

Dec 14 Wed Hundred Peaks, Local Hikes

O: Barley Flats (5600'+): Join leader on his 60th birthday. Hike in Angeles National Forest involves 6 miles round trip, 1000' of gain, some brush on abandoned road from Red Box. Rain cancels. Bring water, sturdy boots, something to share on extended lunch on summit. Meet 8:00 AM at La Cañada rideshare. Leader: JOE YOUNG Assistant Leader: BOBCAT THOMPSON

Dec 17 Sat Hundred Peaks, Palos Verdes South Bay Group I: Arctic (8336'), Grays (7920'), Silver (6756'): Moderately paced, strenuous, road and cross-country. 3 hikes total - 12 miles round trip, 3000' gain. Bring 10 essentials, lunch, and water. Esase (preferred) or sase with recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Leader: KENT SCHWITKIS Co-Leaders: GEORGE WYSUP, PAMELA ROWE

Dec 18 Sun Hundred Peaks

Q: LA by night Xmas Hike: Join leader STAG BROWN on his annual trek through downtown LA where we also distribute food and clothing to the homeless. Along the way visit Little Tokyo, Music Center, Bonaventure, and many other sites as we criss cross our way to the Pantry for breakfast. Meet at Union Station parking lot at midnight Saturday night. Leader: STAG BROWN Assistants: BOBCAT THOMPSON, JOE YOUNG

Dec 30 Fri Hundred Peaks, PVSBS, Natural Science

I: Ryan (5457'), Bernard (5430'), Little Berdoo (5440'): Moderately paced, strenuous, cross-country and trail. 10 miles round trip, 3600' gain. Some dirt road driving. Bring 10 essentials, lunch, and water. Esase (preferred) or sase with recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Leader: KENT SCHWITKIS Co-Leader: GEORGE WYSUP Naturalist: SHERRY ROSS

Jan 1, 2006 Sun Hundred Peaks, PVSBS, Natural Science

I: San Jacinto Pk (10,804'), Folly Pk (10,480'), Drury Pk (10,160'), Marion Mtn (10,320') via Snowshoe: Moderately paced, strenuous over varying terrain from the tram. We will attempt up to four peaks, resulting in 10 miles and 3500' gain. The leaders have made this San Jacinto pilgrimage for 6 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: GEORGE WYSUP Naturalist: SHERRY ROSS

Jan 21, 2006 Sat Hundred Peaks

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On the summit of Black Mtn #4, April 9, 2005: Karen Isaacson Leverich, Wolf Leverich, Dave Cannon, Bob McEwan, Laura Franciosi, Joanne Griego, Ginny Heringer, (seated) Edith Liu, and Chris Wu.

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Current Trip Reports

Big Iron March 30, 2005 By Edith Liu

An old Japanese Proverb says:

*He who never climbs Mt. Fuji (Big Iron?) is a fool.
He who climbs Mt. Fuji twice (Big Iron?) is twice a fool.*

Well, not so. Although it takes much energy and quadriceps to reach the summit of Iron Mountain, the hike to the summit is without any difficulties.

I remember the first time I conquered this peak in late May of 2001, when we were freezing cold and got wet to our underwear as we brushed against the dew-soaked branches. Then at about 7000' we left the clouds below us and dried out as we hiked the last 1000 feet in warm sunshine.

March 30, 2005, my second climb to Big Iron presented quite different conditions: Mars, Martin and I were prepared for the forecasted strong wind, possible snowfall above 5500 feet. We started to hike around 9:30am; there wasn't a cloud in the sky or any wind. The so-called G.T. trail has been judiciously cleared of Yucca spines and nasty branches. It was well defined all the way up. At lower elevation we could hear the water flowing down a creek bed. At one point we passed a waterfall. As the trail got steeper we got hotter, no breeze to cool us off. Then at around 7500 feet small patches of snow appeared and we were able to safely kick-step our way through. We carried our heavy boots and crampons for nothing! As we approached the snow-covered peak, the temperature dropped about 20 degrees; we shivered as we hurried to don our jackets. And where is the register can? Mars tried to hack at the hard snow pack, but without an ice ax, we realized we had to leave without signing in.

I want to thank Mars for leading us to one of the more challenging peaks on the HPS List.

The Big 4 April 15 – 17, 2005 By Pat Arredondo

Our trip to the Big 4 was planned several months in advance and with all the rain in the past few months, we were thrilled to see clear and sunny weather predicted for our weekend. Access to the trailhead is open, but 4WD or high clearance is recommended. Foothill Rd. was washed out by the recent storms, however there is access via detours around several barricades – even though there are a couple of signs that say the road is closed. The remaining water crossings to the trailhead were not too difficult and there was even a standard low-clearance car parked there when we arrived about 9:30 PM.

Our group of seven (Virgil Popescu, leader, co-

leader Pat Arredondo, assistant, Spencer Berman, Lilly Fukui, Suzy Hermann, Lloyd Johnson, Val Saubhayana) arrived at various times on Thursday evening and camped at the trailhead. It was really cold that night and in the morning, Suzy's thermometer registered a chilly 27 degrees! Just before 7:00 AM on Friday morning we bundled up and started our trek to Chokecherry Spring. We hiked the 9+ miles up the dirt road and arrived at the spring in time for lunch. By this time it had warmed up and the temperature was probably in the mid 70's. We met a couple of hikers at the spring who had been out for several days and reported a huge rock slide, many fallen trees, and snow on the road to the "Pines," but advised it wasn't anything we couldn't get around.

After lunch we walked a quarter mile down the road to the "new route" gully and began our climb to Samon. We made it safely up the gully, crossed the meadow, then up to the ridge, thrashing through brush, climbing over rocks, more thrashing, more rocks, and finally the summit after a couple of hours or so. Back at the spring we loaded up on water and trudged wearily up the road the 1.7 miles, 700 feet gain to Madulce Saddle where we set up our camp. By the way, one could fill a liter bottle at Chokecherry Spring in about three seconds – plenty of water flow this year.

On Saturday we started out for the "Pines" just before 7 AM. It was a beautiful sunny day, with a light gentle breeze. We were able to carefully climb over the rock fall on the road where the big slide had occurred. We continued on past Alamar Station and farther up the road we encountered quite a bit of snow and several fallen trees we had to climb over and/or under – quite an obstacle course! (This section of the road is in serious need of maintenance.)

We did Big Pine first, the high point of Santa Barbara County, after avoiding the snow as much as possible the short distance to the peak (where were my snowshoes?). As we got closer to the turnoff for West Big Pine, there was a bulldozer parked on the side of the road. From that point on, the road had been graded and was in fairly decent condition. We reached West Big Pine and enjoyed the spectacular views of the Santa Barbara backcountry. Of course, our work wasn't over for the day, and back we trudged through our obstacle course of mud, snow and broken trees. Incidentally, there were many places along the trail where one could get water. All the creeks that are usually dry were flowing. Some of us added snow to our water bottles too for a refreshingly cool drink.

We got back to our campsite at Madulce Saddle, had a snack, got more water, rested a while and then started out to tackle Madulce. (A short distance from the trailhead we met another hiker/backpacker who had just spent the night on Madulce.) It seemed like forever, but we finally completed the 23 switchbacks and got to Madulce Peak late afternoon. We were all pretty exhausted by this time and after a break, we wearily made our way back our campsite. We did it! We



Spencer Berman, Val Saubhayana, Pat Arredondo, Virgil Popescu, Suzy Herman with Lilly Fukui behind waving

finished the Big 4! What a great time! Tired as we were, we were all pleased to have achieved our goal. Now all we had to do was get back to the cars the next morning! Only a little over 11 miles to go in the morning! We could do that!

The next morning we packed up and hiked down the road. There were many wild flowers, some just starting to bloom and sweeping vistas, sandstone cliffs, rolling hills now a rich green color with all the recent rains. When we were about a mile or so from the trailhead, a couple of forest service volunteers in trucks drove by. They had been doing trail work off the main Santa Barbara Canyon Road and were on their way home. When we finally arrived at the trailhead and our cars, we enjoyed soaking our sore feet in the cool stream. After our "good-byes" we started home.

I want to thank our leader Virgil Popescu and all the participants who made this trip a memorable one – Spencer Berman, Lilly Fukui, Suzy Hermann, Lloyd Johnson, Val Saubhayana. What a wonderful weekend! Listening to the news at home I found out there was an earthquake centered near Maricopa on Saturday afternoon. Was this caused by us jumping for joy after completing the Big 4???

Lilly Fukui: Now I know why they call it the BIG 4 - ugh. The 50 mile backpacking hike was a real killer! All of us walked like a zombie after we got to our cars. Don't ever want to backpack again is how I feel! But once we reached the car (at the end of our hike), we went to the river and cooled off our swollen feet!

A short story: We left on Thurs. night and got to the trailhead where we set up our tent, at about 10 pm; got up at 5:30 to start hiking (backpacking) in about 10 miles at 6:30 a.m. It was very cold in the morning but about 8 am the sun came out and it turned out to be a warm day. After about 4 hrs. we got to the spring and backtracked a bit to go up the gully (rock climbing) to get to our first peak...it was long and continuous...and what not! We came back down after about 11 hrs. of hiking (w/day packs only), and then we got back to the spring, put back our backpacks to our next hiking area to set up tent. Ugh. Got up at 5:30 again on Sat. to do our 3 peaks....we did em...in the snow, in the fallen trees,



Suzy Hermann, Spencer Berman, Virgil Popescu, Val Saubhayana, Lloyd Johnson, and Pat Arredondo.

climbing over rocks, etc.! Boy...I couldn't wait to get back to our tent! We had a good night's sleep before heading back out 10 miles with our backpacks....beautiful spring flowers on the trail everywhere - purple, yellow, pink, just gorgeous.

Lloyd Johnson: I like the way the hike was planned, meaning, the order in which we hiked the peaks was great. I felt good that I made it. I really liked the way all of us helped each other during the trip.

Suzy Hermann: I learned a lot and enjoyed a lot, well, most of it anyway, but not the brush-whacking. I'd love to hike with all these folks again. They were just delightful and exceptionally helpful (even though I may never backpack again.)

Val Saubhayana. It was very nice hiking trip. I sure did enjoy it and I got four more peaks!

Spencer Berman: Backpacking into this area of the San Rafael Wilderness is always a treat and especially with the great group we had. Although this remote area has one of the higher concentrations of Black Bear in Los Padres N.F. no recent evidence of any yet. Suspect this will change within another month as more food becomes available up high. With the volume of water flowing at Chokecherry Spring and in gullies on way up to Big Pine— Did not use any supplemental water purification. Hope I'm not wrong.

Bighorn Mountains Meeks Adventure **Private hike, Thursday, Apr 7, 2005** **by George Wysup**

Zobeida "Pathfinder" Molina phoned Wednesday, "I just found out I don't have to work tomorrow. Are you going hiking?" I wasn't, but I never have to work, so why not? I knew she was in need of Meeks and Bighorns (HPS 23 E and A) for List #2. I quickly formulated a plan to get me explorer routes on both, with pathfinder routes for Ms. Z. M. "Meet me at 5:30 am," I instructed. She didn't whine; many would have.

Meeks

HPS is providing more opportunities for strange emblems, which serves to keep many of us neurotic

obsessive-compulsives interested. I planned for us to climb Meeks by hiking the usual road around to the northwest side, then summiting via the west ridge. I had already hiked it from the north and from the east, ergo an explorer by my definition (especially since a private property issue precludes us from hiking from the south side). From there we would drive to Bighorn Mountains route 3, rather than make the easy road hike from the Meeks road. After a gourmet breakfast at Carl's in Yucky Valley we sped in my old 4Runner to the New Dixie Mine Road for the slow, bouncy, 10 mile drive to the Meeks trailhead. 4WD was necessary to negotiate the soft sand starting about 3 miles in. Then there were a couple of small ravines where the water flow had bared a few boulders and created some actual stream banks, also requiring 4WD and high clearance. The plains near Landers were loaded with yellow flora, mostly desert dandelions and related asteraceae. A few miles up the dirt road we were awed by a profusion of brilliant purple from Desert Canterbury Bells (*Phacelia campanularia*). As we got above 5000' the bright colors mostly changed to green and brown.

We started hiking about 1/4 mile short of the ruined cabin. About the only flowers worth noting were the belly flower, Pringle's Woolly Daisy (*Eriophyllum pringlei*), and the Lotuses – or Loti to you Latin speakers – *L. rigidus* and *strigosus*. The hike was short and sweet and uneventful except for an encounter with a 5 foot buzz worm that gave ample warning, even to my aged and malfunctioning ears. The peak had a perfectly good register that has not seen much traffic. The road was almost as drivable as ever.

We had enough daylight left to climb Bighorns from the desert side.

Bighorn

We drove the prescribed 12+ miles north on 247 to Bighorn road, then south 2 miles to Cholla road, then a right turn to search for the road toward Bighorn Canyon, as the peak guide directs for route 3. My memory failed me (as usual). I turned south on the first road I came to, which looked strangely familiar though route 3 was new to me. For the first 0.4 mile this road was fine, but then it began to jar our bones, so I stopped after 0.6 mile. We donned our packs and gear and set forth on this adventure. The road is so bad that even hiking on it is a chore – it is easier paralleling the road. We hiked through the common flora, Desert Chicory, White Tidy-tips, Goldfields, Desert Pincushion (*Chaenactis fremontii*), purple Lace-leaf *Phacelia* (*P. distans*), and violet Notch-leaved *Phacelia* (*P. crenulata*) with the caterpillar shaped flower heads. Some of the less common wildflowers in bloom were Desert Paintbrush, Sand Gilia, Forget-me-not (*Cryptantha* possibly *pterocarya*), Western Tansy-mustard, Whispering Bells (*Emmenanthe pendulariflora*), and Long-beaked *Streptanthella* (*S. longirostris*). Then we came to the cabin. Something was rotten, because there is another cabin exactly like it on route 2. We continued up the gully and the terrain just didn't match the topo (where we were supposed to be),

hard as I tried to force it to match. A quick check with the not-so-trusty Garmin E-Trex revealed that we were, indeed, dead on route 2. We had to salvage our pathfinder/ explorer somehow. We could have traversed east for a mile to join the real route 3, but we decided to go southeast, then south, up a perfectly nice ridge right next to us which joins route 3 just north of bump 5641 on Bighorn Ridge. This ridge went quite nicely with occasional mild class 2.

On the ascent Zobeida yelled, "Hey, pseudo-expert, what's this red flower?" I told her if it is red it has to be paintbrush. It wasn't paintbrush. I looked it up at home. It was a Scarlet Milkvetch (*Astragalus coccineus*), quite a nice bloom and not so common. A bit later Zobeida said, "Oh, oh. Let's get out of here fast!" Then I saw what she saw, a large, dark, fast moving cloud that consisted entirely of honeybees. They passed without bothering to sting us to death. We paused to reflect on life and its fragility. If the bees had decided to sting us en masse it would have mattered not at all that we hiked together and not alone. I know nothing of the inclinations of swarming bees, especially Africanized bees.

Probably they are too busy searching for a suitable new home to bother stinging anything. We were a bit uneasy at the concept. The unusual profusion of wildflowers no doubt increases the likelihood of bee swarms.

On with the hike. No problem We turned westerly along Bighorn Ridge, crossed a few dips, and ended up atop the HPS summit at 5894'. We returned via route 2 to patiently waiting cold beer, 2 more pathfinders/ explorers in our bags.

Naturalizing at Carrizo Plain and Caliente Mountain: A Natural Science Section / Hundred Peaks Section / Wilderness Adventures Section Trip April 16-17, 2005 by Ginny Heringer

On Saturday, April 16, a group of about twenty hikers gathered at the Goodwin Educational Center in the Carrizo Plain National Monument ready to begin a driving tour with a BLM guide. After record winter rains, we were hoping for great wildflowers and the monument had plenty of them: driving into the park, we passed fields of fiddleneck, lupine, and owl's clover, with meadowlarks on almost every fence post.

Our first stop was the Soda Lake Overlook, where we had a rare view of the lake with water reflecting the Temblor Range, surrounded by a rim of white soda. We learned the difference between the similar-looking coreopsis and goldfields and saw the ball-shaped flower heads of chia and a number of rare white delphiniums. Next we went to the edge of the lake and discovered the danger of sinking into the soda and the mud underneath. The guide mentioned that monument visitors occasionally walk into the Education Center with muddy legs and no shoes.

Then we drove south to an area recently visited

by a group of "plein air" artists who sell their paintings for thousands of dollars. The area was lush with poppies, lupines, and goldfields and we saw a living painting free of charge. After plenty of time to take photos, we continued on to the monument's unique destination: Painted Rock, a horseshoe shaped sandstone outcropping that was and still is a place of special significance for Chumash Indians, one of the most important pictograph sites in the country. The stylized paintings are in three colors, red from hematite, black from wood charcoal, and white from shale or gypsum, and represent cultural and religious beliefs that are not yet understood.

At this time of the year, Painted Rock is closed to the public because of bird nesting activity, except for this guided tour once a week. To avoid disturbing the birds, we walked silently while the guide pointed out the features of interest. You can imagine our surprise when a large barn owl suddenly came out of a hole in the rock, circled the small area a couple of times just over our heads, and flew out of the rock enclosure! Then another shock – a rattlesnake warned us to stay away, one of three rattlesnakes we saw in the area. When we walked around the outside of the rock, we were relieved to see the barn owl fly back into the rock enclosure and hopefully back to its nest. Along the way we spotted more flowers – red maids, a red-purple vetch, and locoweed. When the tour ended, some of us went to see the San Andreas Fault at Wallace Creek, while others returned to the California Valley Motel for showers and dinner, and others set up camp at Selby Campground.

We met again on Sunday morning for the second highlight of the weekend, a 17-mile round-trip hike along the Caliente Ridge to the peak. It was a long hike, but we took time to look at the repeated pattern of synclines and anticlines pointed out by our geologist Ron Zappen and at more flowers - baby blue-eyes, cream cups, yellow salsify, Dudley's clarkia, and best of all, chocolate lilies. We were also excited by several sightings of horned lizards and scallop-like bivalve fossils embedded in several rocks jutting from the ridgeline. We reached the peak, topped with the remains of a wooden structure used in World War II by observers watching for Japanese planes. We had a leisurely summit lunch and congratulated our leader George Wysup for his sixth completion of the Hundred Peaks list - that's actually about 1650 peaks! The real celebration took place after we walked the 8 ½ miles back to our cars when we toasted George's accomplishment and a wonderful weekend of camaraderie with cold bubbly drinks and lots of hugs. As we drove out the south end of the park, we were delighted with one last sight the monument has to offer: three pronghorn antelope close to the road.

A list finish, another peak for those of us who are counting, and four completions of the natural science requirement for the "I" rating, plus all those fabulous flowers – a great weekend for all. Thanks to my co-leaders, Tom Hill, George Wysup, Sherry Ross, Marlen Mertz, and Ron Zappen!

The BEEG Four May 29 & 30, 2005 by George Wysup

I need these monsters (Samon, Madulce, Big Pine, and West Big Pine) for list #7 and managed to find several other people, who either had no clue or who had forgotten the previous experience, to join me on this. Many of them decided to go a day earlier. It is wise to spread this 50 miler with almost 10,000' gain over as many days as possible. I am not wise.

After sleeping at the trailhead Saturday night, John Connelly, Roxana Lewis, Sonia Arancibia, and I headed up the road by good moonlight at 4:40 am. Yes, that's right, 4:40. We arrived at Chokecherry Spring at about 9 am to meet some hikers who had climbed the Big Pines on the previous day. They were: Wayne Vollaire, Edd Ruskowitz, Melissa Kane, Diana and Jorge Estrada, and Don Cwik.

The spring was running free; plenty of water pouring into the trough and also down the dirt slope. Liter bottles fill in 3 seconds. There should be ample water even in October this year. I did not filter mine (I'm lazy, and I trust my bad judgment) and, 5 days later, I have no evidence of illness.

Some were nursing blisters from the day before. They had added some extra miles after turning right at the 4.5-mile road junction, an error that they eventually corrected. Then, Zobeida Molina and Tom Connery, who had left the trailhead at 6 am with day packs, caught us just as we were all preparing to bag Samon.

The weather was cool enough, but the air was still. 12 of us headed up that gully to Samon at about 9:30. The gully is beginning to get a bit dangerous because of all the loose rock, and traversing out of the gully to the ridge requires vegetable belays or really good lug soles to avoid plummeting back down. The route is notably more brushy than it was last year, as you might assume after all the rain, but is basically the same as ever, and better than it was about 4 years ago. Without performing surgery on the brush, Samon will soon be back to nature and impenetrable to all but the hardest bush whackers.

The first casualty was Jorge Estrada, who was feeling very poorly, likely the effects of the previous day's effort, so he waited at the meadow. Then there were 11. An easy pace with few routefinding errors got us to the summit before 12:30, with the first timers wondering why anyone would ever do this more than once. Edd measured the route on his GPS, coming up with 2.1 miles for the one-way distance. Edd began to feel quite queasy, so everyone fed him gatorade, GU, Ener-C, and whatever other miracle foods to the point that he felt really queasy. This slowed our return, so we reached the spring something after 3:30. Zobeida and Tom headed back down the hill, having gotten the one peak that they wanted or needed.

At this point 8 of the hikers were up for Madulce— Diana, a recovered Jorge, Don, and Wayne in addition to my foursome. We promptly headed up the

road leaving Edd and Melissa to stay in their camp at the spring. At about 7 pm they were awakened, yes that's right, awakened at 7 pm, by 2 bikers who turned out to be Kathy Cheever and Mars Bonfire returning from another conquest of Big Pine and its westerly cousin.

The 3-day group had told of being awakened the previous night by a large rockslide nearby. We could see it on our way up the road. An unwary camper could have turned into vulture food. Lesson: watch where you pitch your camp at Chokecherry spring. We four hauled our backpacks and a backbreaking load of extra water up to Madulce Saddle so we could camp there. The advantage of this is that we would not have to hike this extra 3.4 miles with 700' of gain twice.

We 8 departed for Madulce a bit after 5 pm, anticipating a post-dark return. This is a good way to turn a pretty and enjoyable hike into a hurry up trudge. The trail up to the junction is as good as ever, but there are many more fallen trees across the upper trail now, making the trek a bit slower. We reached the summit in under 2 hours and spent less time up there than the peak deserves.

On the return we stayed in a group to the trail junction, at which point I figured my group responsibility ended since everyone had lamps. I removed about half a pound of pink plastic tape from the route (why can't people who need to leave this litter remove it on their return?). I reached our camp at the saddle at about 8:45 without needing my headlamp. Others, quite a distance back, turned theirs on. We bade them all a fond adieu as they headed back to rockslide heaven for the night. Sonia, the only one of us with a tent, struggled some to erect it in the dark. A cold "dinner", and we hit the hay after a day of some 22 miles with perhaps 7000' elevation gain, much of it with loaded backpacks.

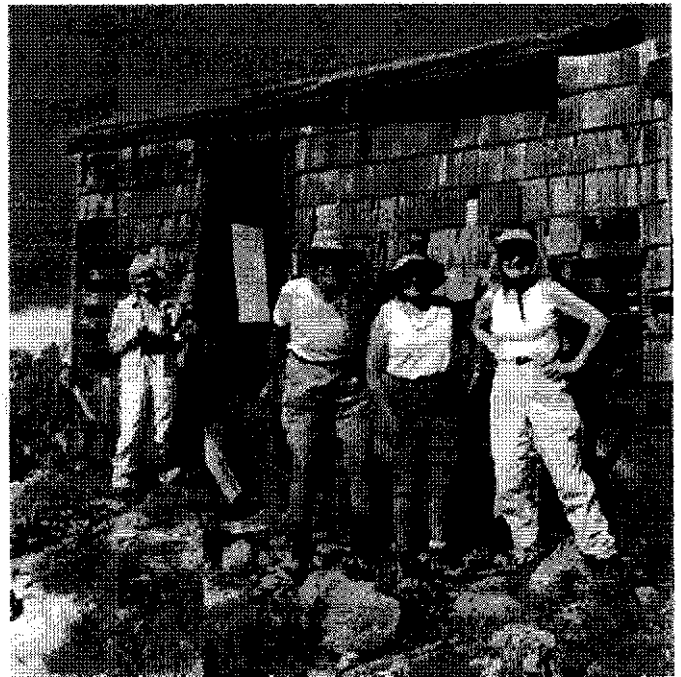
Roxana, true to her usual style, wanted us all to get up at 4 am to start hiking early, presumably so we could get back early to the crime and pollution from which we had just escaped. I got up at 5:30 (for the usual reason), and figured further sleep would help little. My legs were quite out of fuel, but nothing was going to fix that problem quickly. Suck it up and hike, Wysup!

We headed off for Big Pine at 6:22 am, Roxana said. My eyes were too bleary to read my watch face, so I trusted her. Initial (a week earlier) intelligence from Markey and Robert Neighbors was that the road from Alamar was littered with downed trees. We were pleased to hear from Wayne and Co. that the road had been fixed and the trees were gone. So the hike to Big Pine was pretty much the same as always. I had intended to take the shortcut from the summit of Big Pine, heading southwest through the brush down to the road (which I had done a few times with good results), but I changed my mind after seeing that most of the trees had their tops blown off, and I didn't want to spend the rest of the day crawling under logs. The other group had taken that shortcut, or something resembling it, the day before and they pronounced it "extremely brushy". So we descended the way we ascended, more or less along the old road. No big savings from that shortcut anyway.

On the way to West BP we encountered a friendly fellow with mountain bike loaded with panniers fore and aft. He had come up via Oso campground past Little Pine Mountain. He was a Santa Barbara local who, to his credit, had negligible interest in HPS. Signing in on West BP, John noticed that Mars and Kathy (yet another mountain bike adventure) had signed in on the day before. They probably cruised by while we were battling Samon and Madulce; anyway we didn't see them. There are a few newly downed trees on the trail to West Big Pine, but they did little to impede our progress.

We got back to Madulce Saddle at about 12:30. I had been feeling really tired and sore and was even slower than usual. John Con suggested I pop a few vitamin I pills (ibuprofen, in case you haven't heard). This worked amazingly well, making the rest of the hike out almost comfortable. We reached the cars (and my cold beer) at about 6 pm.

We hit the Memorial day homeward bound traffic on I-5 at about the town of Cardiac (sp?) and drove the next 15 miles or so at speeds between 0 and 20. I've got to move out of this rotten, congested, polluted area! But I won't. Question of the week: Why is it that so many otherwise intelligent native English speakers insist on calling Madulce "Mal Dusay"?



"Four Chicks Flick Ticks and Fox Tails Stick"
Caliente Peak, May 27, 2005. Edith Liu, Ingeborg Prochazka, Winnette Butler, and Dorothy Danziger

Delightful Spring Flowers With Snow in Kern County

Sunday, April 10, 2005

By Lilly Y. Fukui

This enjoyable hike to Skinner Peak was led by none other than the ever vigorous Virgil Popescu, on a warm Sunday morning in April. The happy group of six included Virgil, Lilly Fukui, Val Saubhayana, Ginny and Jim Heringer, and Dave Cannon (who just did his "I" provisional the day before, on Black Mountain #4).

We started our two-hour drive from Sylmar and at SR14 and SC 65 we headed out on a dirt road for approximately 14 miles to the trailhead at Bird Spring Pass.* We passed a lot of cows (some fat, some skinny), and saw lots of blooming goldfields (yellow flowers).

We started our hike up the PCT and the names of the yellow, blue, and purple flowers, along with plants (Mormon tea), and trees (Pinyon, Joshua), were provided to us by Ginny while we hiked and saw a variety of them. We also encountered lots of soft snow near the top and a few of us were snacking on same. We got to the peak in less

than two hours, just in time to enjoy our lunch. The view from the peak was spectacular - clear blue sky and puffs of altocumulus undulatus clouds!!

With a full stomach we cheerfully headed

down. By a suggestion from Jim, we all took a nice shortcut to the lower portion of the trail. This was fun. Before we knew it we were surrounded by the beautiful yellow flowers again and sure enough back to our vehicles for a chat and homemade banana bread for all! It was a very nice day, except for the below incident.

****It is important to mention here to all ladies (and guys): DO NOT leave your valuables in your car/truck/Jeep/ SUVs at any***

time!! A theft (Val's purse and Virgil's coins) occurred from Virgil's vehicle sometime during the four hours that we were gone hiking! We did see a young man sitting in his SUV when we got to Bird Spring Pass but he soon got out and started hiking. He did have a backpack on him. There were also quite a few bikers nearby. Still, we just can't figure out who might have done this! There was no sign that Virgil's vehicle was broken into. There is good news, however: A Kern County Sheriff has caught the thief who had a lot of credit cards on him (which didn't belong to him, of course), one of them being Val's!!!



Left to right: Ginny Heringer, Val Saubhayana, Virgil Popescu, Jim Heringer, and Dave Cannon.
Photo by Lilly Fukui



Lilly Fukui in wild flowers. Photo by Val Saubhayana.



Bill Ossa (front) celebrates his 100th HPS Peak on Oakzanita Peak, April 13, 2005. With Bill are Edith Liu, Ingeborg Prochazka, and Mars Bonfire.



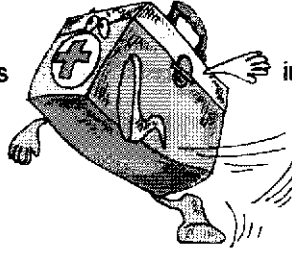
Palm View Peak on April 1, 2005: Karen Isaacson Leverich, Dave Garrison (celebrating his 100th peak), Laura Franciosi, and Mars Bonfire.

Upcoming First Aid and Leadership Seminars

By Lynda Armbruster

July 16 - Free Chapter-sponsored First Aid class in Los Angeles; advance registration required, limited capacity so sign up early. Send 2 SASE + **\$50 check (refunded at class) made out to FACF**, phone and email contacts to 1st Aid/CPR, 514B Garfield Ave., South Pasadena, CA 91030. See LTC website for more information (<http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc/>)

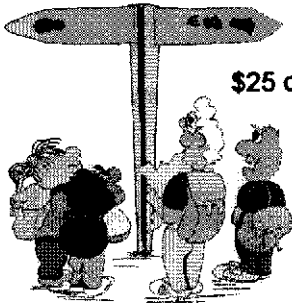
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in Los Angeles AND Orange County; advance early. Send 2 SASE + **\$50 check (refunded at contacts to 1st Aid/CPR, 514B Garfield Ave., for more information**

Nov 5 - Free Chapter-sponsored First Aid class in Los Angeles; advance registration required, limited capacity so sign up early. Send 2 SASE + **\$50 check (refunded at class) made out to FACF**, phone and email contacts to 1st Aid/CPR, 514B Garfield Ave., South Pasadena, CA 91030. See LTC website for more information (<http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc/>)

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October 1 - Leadership Training Seminar in Griffith Park; required for all potential leaders. Send **\$25 check made out to "Sierra Club,"** name, address, phone and email contacts to Steve Botan, LTC Registrar, 18815 Thornwood Circle, Huntington Beach, CA 92646 by mid-September

October 29 - Angeles Chapter Outings Assembly meeting, 9am to 1pm (all leaders and would be leaders welcome; location - TBD)

REGISTER BOX

By Jim Adler

There were numerous register reports from Damon Guizot, Gail Hanna, Kent Schwitkis, and Karen Isaacson Leverich but together they resulted in only one change, the removal of one deficient register from the list.

Gail Hanna has asked me to pass on the suggestion that in painting new register cans if the insides are also painted it would help prevent rust.

Missing and deficient registers:

3E	Tehachapi Mtn.	deficient	9-03
9C	Condor Peak	deficient	2-03
9E	Mt. Lukens	missing	7-04
11A	Josephine Peak	missing	6-04
11B	Strawberry Peak	missing	2-04
12F	Occidental Peak	missing	3-04
13F	Mt. Williamson	missing	7-04
13I	Winston Ridge	deficient	10-03
14A	Waterman Mtn.	missing	7-04
14B	Twin Peaks	missing	7-04

14F	Mt. Hawkins	missing	8-04
16F	Thunder Mtn.	missing	8-02
16J	Mt. Harwood	missing	5-04
26B	Quail Mtn.	deficient	1104
32E	Cuyamaca Peak	missing	5-03

If you are climbing any of the above peaks, please consider bringing a new register can and book. If you discover a peak which needs a new register can, please let me know by mail addressed to **Jim Adler, 836 S. Alandele Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90036-4625**, or telephone at **(323) 931-6844** or e-mail at **jimadler@mindspring.com**. or from the HPS web site. Also, please advise if you have replaced any of the missing or deficient registers or discover that any of the above reports are erroneous or out of date. (Since register books and pencils are so easy to carry all the time, peaks where only books or pencils are needed are not listed.)