



# THE LOOKOUT

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## Hundred Peaks Section Holds Annual Election

There are eight candidates running for HPS Management Committee. The candidates are Wayne Vollaire, Karen Leverich, Lynda Armbruster, Dave Comerzan, Wolf Leverich, Jim Fleming, Ingeborg Prochazka, and Greg de Hoogh.

There is one bylaw change proposed. This proposal would allow the HPS membership to modify, add or remove achievement awards (such as the Pathfinder Achievement) without having to change the bylaws themselves and without having to take such changes to the Chapter Executive Committee for approval.

There are also proposals to remove Palomar Mountain (6140'), Buck Point (6433'), and San Sevaine Lookout (5240+') from the List.

Candidate statements, arguments about the proposed bylaw change, and arguments about the proposal to remove each of those peaks from the List are included inside this issue of **The Lookout**. They will also be included with the election packages which will be mailed separately to all HPS members.

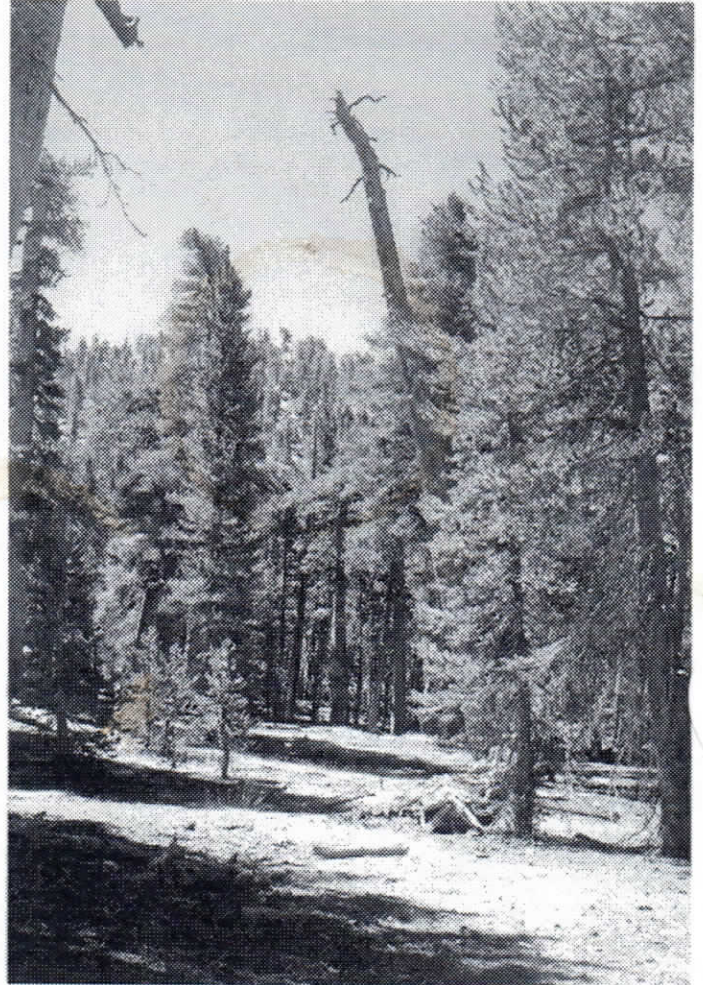
This is the first year where winning candidates are being elected to staggered terms. This election is the transition. The top four vote-getters will be elected to two-year terms. The next two vote-getters will serve one year terms. These six, plus Winnette Butler who will be Past Chair, will comprise the seven members of the HPS Management Committee for 2007. (In next year's election there will be three open positions.)

Your ballots and election materials will be mailed separately. Ballots must be returned by December 1, 2006 in order to be counted. If you have not received your ballot packages, or if your ballot packages do not contain one ballot for each HPS member in your household, please alert Doris Duval, Election Committee Chair. Contact Doris at 447 Mt. Washington Dr. LA, CA 90065. Her email address is [duv14@sbcglobal.net](mailto:duv14@sbcglobal.net).

## Angeles Chapter Holds Election

The Angeles Chapter Executive Committee consists of sixteen representatives of the regional groups and nine members elected at large by the entire Chapter membership. At large members serve staggered two year terms. This year there are eight candidates for four open at large positions. These candidates are Darrell Clarke, Mike Sappingfield, Henry Schultz, Joel Levin, Joe Young, Kent Schwitkis, John Fries, and Mary Morales.

The percentage turnout in Chapter elections has not been good. **YOUR VOTE COUNTS!** Ballots will be included with the November issue of the Southern Sierran.



*Drury Peak from Little Round Valley. Photo by Wynne Benti.*

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### Mark your calendars:

The Hundred Peaks Section Annual Awards Banquet will be held on January 20, 2007 at Taix Restaurant, 1911 Sunset Blvd. Program is highlight of wilderness preserves by April Sal of the Nature Conservancy. Silent auction for donated items. 5 PM social hour (no host bar), 6:30 PM dinner. Send \$30 (HPS), specify beef, fish, or vegetarian entree (tickets held at door), email, H & W phones to reservationist Greg de Hoogh, 24771 Mendocino Ct, Laguna Hills, CA 92653.

# HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION MEMBERSHIP REPORT SEPTEMBER 2006

By Greg DeHoogh

## ACHIEVEMENTS:

### List Completion #7

#5 – George Wysup – 8/6/06 – San Rafael Peak

### List Completion #2

#46 – Dave Comerzan – 7/22/06 – Waterman Mountain

#47 – Winnette Butler – 9/3/06 – Crafts Peak

### List Completion #1

#255 – Brent Crookham – 10/20/05 – West Big Pine

#256 – Lilly Fukui – 9/2/06 – Morris Peak

#257 – Val Saubhayana – 9/2/06 – Morris Peak

#258 – Diana Estrada – 9/9/06 – Goodykoontz Peak

#259 – Jorge Estrada – 9/9/06 – Goodykoontz Peak



### 100 Peaks

#1085 – Bill Simpson – 7/12/06 – Silver Peak

#1086 – Bruce Craig – 7/29/06 – Ontario Peak

### 100 Pathfinders

#41 – Dave Comerzan – 7/12/06 – Lake Peak

## NEW MEMBERS:

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Ellis Crasnow  
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Edmond Bergeron - \$10  
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Sheldon Slack - \$10  
Janet Bartel - \$10  
Daniel Adler - \$25

## NEW SUBSCRIBERS:

Carrie Jaffe  
Mike Ouellett

## MEMBERSHIP COUNTS:

382 Members (332 primary + 50 household)  
63 Subscribers  
445 Total

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## The Hundred Peaks Section Website

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

This website, maintained by Karen Leverich and Wolf Leverich, is loaded with information:

- ◆ Upcoming events
- ◆ Peak List
- ◆ Peak Guides (Note: Use at your own risk!)
- ◆ Trip write-ups (achives)

- ◆ List of members and their achievements
- ◆ Awards, HPS and Chapter, won by HPS members
- ◆ Bylaws
- ◆ Links to other climbing sections, the Angeles Chapter, and to the national Sierra Club

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## Birthdays in November and December

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Carol Hunter-Inman	11/03
David Hunter-Inman	11/03
William Simpson	11/04
Terry Morse	11/04
Gene Mauk	11/06
Agustin Medina	11/07
Cheryl Gill	11/07
Lonnie De Cloedt	11/07
James Carden	11/09
Michael Bayer	11/09
Nancy A. Keating	11/12
Charla Coupland	11/12
Karen Cassimatis	11/14
Mike Gosnell 1	11/15
Janet Bartel	11/15
Carl P. Siechert	11/17
Barbara Reber	11/18
Byron Prinzmetal	11/18

Maureen Cates	11/18
Francis D. Cooke	11/20
Mary McMannes	11/21
Rich Gnagy	11/21
Jane Welgan	11/24
Phyllis Trager	11/25
Alan Pincus	11/26
Dotty Sandford	11/26
Robert M. Myers	11/28
Larry Campbell	11/29
Erik Siering	12/01
Donald Croley Jr.	12/02
Debbe Nye	12/03
Harvey Ganz	12/04
Marc Ratner	12/04
John Monsen	12/06
Craig Coupland	12/06
Maura Raffensperger	12/08

Eric Christensen	12/10
Rick Kent	12/11
Joe Young	12/14
Daniel Adler	12/14
Snezana Zdravkova	12/15
Ralph Turner	12/15
Charlotte Feitshans	12/16
Suzu Hermann	12/16
Ronald R. Zappen	12/17
Bob Fielding	12/17
Daniel Rosenthal	12/20
Jan Rayman	12/21
Patrick Vaughn	12/22
Jack Russell	12/22
John Hellman	12/26
David Reneric	12/30



**Come get high with us.**

## Advance Schedule of Hundred Peaks Section Activities November 4, 2006 - April 29, 2007

*By Karen Leverich*

**Nov 4 Sat WTC, Hundred Peaks**

Rescheduled from October 1 due to fires

I: San Rafael Peak (6666'): Moderately strenuous 10 mile round trip, 2400' gain hike in the Sespe Wilderness (Los Padres National Forest) via trail and cross country route to San Rafael Peak. Apart from forest dominated by Jeffrey pines, pinyons and sagebrush, the area contains many fascinating geological formations - including Mutau Flat Rock, a sacred site to the Chumash Indians. Send email (preferred) or sase, with contact info and recent conditioning to Leader: KATHY RICH Assistant: JANE SIMPSON

**Nov 4 Sat Hundred Peaks, Palos Verdes-South Bay**

I: Crafts Peak (8264'), Butler Peak (8535'), Grays Peak (7920') and Deep Creek Hot Springs (5' deep): 15th semi-annual Fall Deep Creek Hot Springs hike/soak/swim with a few more peaks. Moderately paced 13 miles with cross-country, 3000' gain. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, lugs (swim suit optional). Significant dirt road driving, but high clearance not required. Plan on spending full day - it's near Hesperia via Big Bear. We'll definitely be hiking back in the moonlight. Possibility of doing Delamar Mountain, depending on hiking speed - hot spring is priority. Rain cancels. Send email (preferable - bholchin@cox.net) or sase with conditioning and carpool info to Leader: BARRY HOLCHIN Co-leader: WAYNE VOLLAIRE

**Nov 4 Sat Hundred Peaks**

O: Hildreth Peak (5065'), Old Man Mountain (5538'), Monte Arido (6010'): Hike all three of the peaks from the Potrero Seco Road. This will be a brisk-paced hike along mostly fire roads. We will hike 20 miles round trip with 6700' of gain. Bring water, lug soles, lunch, and hat. High clearance vehicles will be helpful. Send email to Leaders: PETER DOGGETT, IGNACIA DOGGETT

**Nov 4 Sat Hundred Peaks, Palos Verdes-South Bay**

I: Exploratory trip to Valyermo Peaks 6621 and 5316: From South Fork Campground on the Antelope Valley side of the San Gabriels we explore prominent peaks so remote they are unnamed. For Peak 6621, strenuous 2 miles round trip, 2000' gain via an ascent that follows a steep ridgeline. For Peak 5316 afterward if time permits, moderate 2 miles round trip, 800' gain that features vistas of the tortured rockscapes of Devils Punchbowl. We will place registers on the summits. Optional Sat night carcamp that would fit well with the Mt Lewis exploratory hike on Sunday. Send sase or esase with recent conditioning and experience to Leader: TOM HILL Co-leader: ASHER WAXMAN

**Nov 5 Sun Hundred Peaks**

O: Peak Mountain (5843'), McPherson Peak (5749'): Join this very easy hike to two Santa Barbara County peaks. The total hike will be about 1 mile round trip with 400' of gain. High clearance vehicles will be helpful. Send email to Leaders: PETER DOGGETT, IGNACIA DOGGETT

**Nov 5 Sun Hundred Peaks**

I: Mount Lewis (8396') from the North: We revisit the steep cross-country ascent of Mt Lewis from the Antelope Valley side of the San Gabriel Mountains; strenuous 7 miles round trip, 3700' gain. A tough but adventurous trip for strong hikers. Send sase or esase with recent conditioning and experience to Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: PAT ARREDONDO, LAURA JOSEPH, ASHER WAXMAN, GEORGE WYSUP

**Nov 5 Sun Hundred Peaks**

I: Heald Peak (6901'): Postponed to November 17th. (See below).

**Nov 5 Sun Hundred Peaks**

New Outing, first time published.

I: Hawes Peak (6751'): Rather than Heald (originally scheduled for this date), we'll do a different "starts with H, five letter peak" ... Hawes. 5 miles round trip, 1300' gain on trail and cross-country through pinon forest. Depending on hiker interest and energy, might include a few more peaks such as nearby Shay, Little Shay and/or Ingham. E-mail or SASE early to Karen. Karen. Leaders: KAREN LEVERICH, CHERYL GILL

Nov 6-7 Mon-Tue Hundred Peaks

O: Hildreth Peak (5065'): Let's do a second moonlight hike to this peak which is much more interesting at night than at daytime. The distance is 14 miles round trip with 2500' gain going in and 2500' gain coming out. Email leaders for meeting time and place. Leaders: INGBORG PROCHAZKA, DAVE COMERZAN

Nov 11 Sat Sierra Peaks, Hundred Peaks

I: Owens Peak (8453'): Join us for our Third Annual Armistice Day outing. This year is a joint celebration of the 88th anniversary of the end of The War to End All Wars, and the 50th anniversary of the first SPS outing to Owens Peak. This will be a moderately paced, mostly cross-country loop hike on steep ridges, 7 miles round trip, 3200' gain. Phone or email leader the week prior to the trip for information. Snow cancels. Leader: GARY SCHENK Assistants: TOM HILL, LAURA JOSEPH, GEORGE WYSUP

Nov 11 Sat WTC, Hundred Peaks

I: Bernard Peak (5430'), Little Berdoo Peak (5440'): Two lesser traveled HPS peaks in Joshua Tree National Park with views into the Coachella Valley. 7 miles round trip, 1800' gain, entirely cross county. AWD or 4WD vehicles preferred, due to sandy nature of road. Send email (preferred) or sase, with contact info & recent conditioning to Leader: ROBERT MYERS Co-Leaders: SUSAN RICHMOND, JANE SIMPSON

Nov 11 Sat Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks

New Outing, first time published

O: Winston Peak (7502'), Winston Ridge (7003'): This 6 mile round trip, 1100' gain loop will begin and end at Cloudburst Summit. Meet 8:30 AM La Canada rideshare point with water, lunch, good footwear, suitable clothing layers. Leaders: ROSEMARY CAMPBELL, SOUTHERN COURTNEY

Nov 11-12 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks, K-9

I: Scodie Mountain (7294'), Onyx Peak #2 (5244'), Heald Peak (6901'): Three strenuous hikes along Highway 178 involve some cross-country and a little dirt road driving. Well-behaved dogs OK. Scodie involves 7 miles round trip, 2300' gain; Onyx, 4 miles round trip, 2200' gain. Camp or motel in area Saturday PM. Sunday bag Heald (10 miles round trip, 3500' gain). Meet 7 AM at Sylmar rideshare on Saturday. Bring water, lunches, sturdy boots. Call or email leader for meeting time and place on Sunday. Bad weather cancels. Leader: JOE YOUNG Assistants: WYNNE BENTI, JULIE RUSH

Nov 12 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Skinner Peak (7120'): Moderate exploratory route in semi-desert terrain to this peak in the Southern Sierras, 8 miles round trip, 2300' gain. Some steep ridgelines; great scree slope descent. Significant dirt road driving. Consider staying over from the Owens Peak Saturday trip in the area. For details send sase or esase to Reservationist: GARY SCHENK Leader: TOM HILL Assistants: GEORGE WYSUP, LAURA JOSEPH

Nov 12 Sun WTC, Hundred Peaks

I: Lost Horse Mountain (5313'), Ryan Mountain (5457'): We will visit Lost Horse Mine and learn about the history of these two peaks in Joshua Tree National Park. Lost Horse is 5 miles round trip, 900' gain. Ryan is 3 miles round trip, 1100' gain. Send email (preferred) or sase, with contact info & recent conditioning to Leader: ROBERT MYERS Co-Leaders: SUSAN RICHMOND, JANE SIMPSON

Nov 12 Sun Hundred Peaks

O: Gobblers Knob (6955'), Circle Mountain (6875'): Climb these two bumps near Wrightwood. Circle should be an Explorer Peak for most. The entire hike will be about 5 miles round trip with 2000' gain. Meet 9 AM Pomona rideshare point. Bring water, lug soles, windbreaker & lunch. Leaders: PETER DOGGETT, IGNACIA DOGGETT, ALICE GOLDMAN

Nov 15 Wed Lower Peaks

I: Red Rock Mountain (3991'): Join us for a hike of this geologically interesting Lower Peak near Castaic Lake. This hike is 6 miles and 1200' of gain. Contact leaders a few days before for meeting place and time. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, GEORGE WYSUP

Nov 15 Wed Hundred Peaks

New Outing, first time published

O: Buck Point (6433'), San Sevaine (5240'+): Two modest (or not) peaks near Cajon Pass. Route will depend on access, but could be 20-some miles and 5000' of gain. (Hopefully a lot less!) High clearance vehicles recommended. E-mail or SASE to Karen for more information. Leaders: TOM HILL, KAREN & WOLF LEVERICH

**Nov 17 Fri Hundred Peaks**

Rescheduled from November 5th

I: Heald Peak (6901'): Karen addresses yet another orphan. 7 miles, 3400' gain over demanding terrain only for determined and conditioned hikers. Slow pace. High clearance 4WD advised. E-mail or SASE early to Karen. Leaders: KAREN & WOLF LEVERICH, MARS BONFIRE

**Nov 18 Sat Hundred Peaks**

O: Chilao to Horse Flats, Mt Hillyer (6200'+): Moderate, 6 miles round trip, 1000' elevation gain. Visit Bandido Tiburcio Vasquez country. A beautiful hike thru magnificent stands of Jeffrey pine and interesting rock formations, with great views along the way. Meet 8 am La Canada rideshare point. Bring water, lug soles, 10 essentials. Rain cancels. Leader: CHRIS SPIŠAK Co-Leader: LILLY FUKUI

**Nov 18 Sat Hundred Peaks, Wilderness Adventures**

O: Brush Mountain (7040') and San Emigdio Mountain (7495'), Frazier Mountain (8013'): Moderately paced 8 mile, 1300' gain, hike near Mount Pinos. Meet 7:45 AM Sylmar rideshare point. Will do last peak as a drive-up. Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, lugsole boots, warm clothes, 10 essentials. Leader: TED LUBESHKOFF Co-Leader: ANN PEDRESCHI

**Nov 18 Sat Hundred Peaks**

I: Hawes Peak (6751'), Little Shay Mountain (6635'), Ingham Peak (6355'), Shay Mountain (6714'): Loop hike near Big Bear in somewhat challenging burnt-out woodlands with patchy poodledog growth, moderately strenuous 10 miles round trip, 3200' gain. Lots of dirt road driving. Send sase or esase to Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: GEORGE WYSUP, PAMELA ROWE

**Nov 18-19 Sat-Sun Lower Peaks, Desert Peaks**

I: Careys Castle, Monument Mountain (4834'): Off-trail desert day hikes in Joshua Tree National Park. Saturday, adventurous 9 miles round trip, 1400' gain to visit remote and renowned Careys Castle. Primitive carcamp and kickass happy hour that evening. Sunday, 5 miles round trip, 1600' gain to attain the high point of the Hexie Mountains. 4WD helpful. Email/sase to Leader: WAYNE NORMAN Co-Leader: ERIK SIERING

**Nov 18-19 Sat-Sun HPS, WTC, DPS**

I: Villager Peak (5756'), Rabbit Peak #2 (6640'): Very strenuous cross-country backpack to these Santa Rosa Mountain peaks. Early Saturday start to Villager will be 7 miles, with nearly 5000' gain carrying all your water for the weekend, ugh. The desert terrain is steep and rocky with abundant cholla. Saturday evening relax and enjoy a traditional Sierra Club happy hour. Early Sunday start to Rabbit, return to camp, pack up and hike back to cars, 14 miles, 3000' gain, carrying much less water. Rain cancels. Send esase (preferred) or 2 sase, phone, recent conditioning/experience to Leaders: WAYNE VOLLAIRE, RON CAMPBELL

**Nov 18-19 Sat-Sun LTC, WTC, Hundred Peaks**

New Outing, first time published

I: Indian Cove Navigation: Navigation noodles to satisfy the Basic (I/M) level navigation requirements. Saturday for practice, skills refresh, altimeter, campfire. Sunday for checkout. To receive homework assignment, send navigation experience/training or WTC, rideshare info, phones, SASE to Leader: HARRY FREIMANIS Co-Leader: PHIL WHEELER

**Nov 19 Sun Hundred Peaks**

O: Barley Flats (5600'+), Mount Lawlor (5957'), Strawberry Peak (6164'): Start and finish at Red Box. The entire hike is about 10 miles round trip with 2600' of gain. Some adventure. Not intended for beginners. Meet 8 AM at La Canada rideshare point. Bring water, lug soles, lunch, and hat. Leaders: PETER DOGGETT, IGNACIA DOGGETT

**Nov 19 Sun Hundred Peaks**

O: Mount Islip (8250'), Mount Hawkins (8850'), Middle Hawkins (8505'): Hike to three peaks in the San Gabriels starting from Islip Saddle. Approximately 3500' feet gain and 10 miles roundtrip. Send sase or e-sase with recent conditioning and experience to Leader: VIRGIL POPESCU Co-Leaders: PAT ARREDONDO, LILLY FUKUI

**Nov 21 Tue Hundred Peaks**

New Outing, first time published

O: Pine Mountain #2 (7054'), Pyramid Peak (7035'), Lion Peak (6868'): 12 miles, 2500' gain, moderate pace. Experience the desert divide on a cool (hopefully) fall day. Email Sandy the week before the hike for information. Leaders: SANDY BURNSIDE, MARS BONFIRE

**Nov 22 Wed Hundred Peaks**

O: Mount Lukens (5074'): The highest point in the city of Los Angeles is on the HPS List! Join us for a visit to this unique spot, moderately strenuous 10 miles round trip, 3200' gain, on trails and roads. Usually great views during late fall. Storms may cancel. Call or email leader week of trip for details. Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leader: GEORGE WYSUP

**Nov 22 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks**

O: Iron Mountain #2 (5635'), Condor Peak (5440') from Mendenhall Ridge Road: 11 miles round trip, 1500' gain plus 1350' on the return. Moderate pace for this ambitious hike. Meet 8 AM at La Canada rideshare pt with water, lunch, good footwear and suitable clothing. Leaders: RON ROSIEN, GARY BICKEL

**Nov 25 Sat Hundred Peaks**

I: Old Emma (5063'), Mount Emma (5273'), Cole Point (5604'): Enjoy the Emma Ridgeline near Palmdale with a short car shuttle on paved highway. Moderately strenuous 10 mile traverse, 3000' gain, mainly on firebreaks with some steep slopes along the way. Storms may cancel. Call or email leader week of trip for details. Leader: GEORGE WYSUP Co-Leader: TOM HILL

**Nov 25 Sat Hundred Peaks, Verdugo Hills**

O: Vetter Lookout: Post Thanksgiving hike and picnic. Work off your weight gain after Thanksgiving with hike to Vetter Mt lookout. Picnic afterwards at Charlton Flats. Bring food and drinks to share for 8 persons. Meet 9 am at La Canada rideshare. Rain, snow cancels. Leaders: FRANK DOBOS, BRUCE HALE, DELPHINE TROWBRIDGE

**Nov 25 Sat Hundred Peaks**

I: Allen Peak (5795'), Birch Mountain (7826'): Strenuous, moderate pace, 14 miles round trip, 4000 gain on road, trail and cross-country. This route crosses private property and permission must be obtained well in advance of day of the hike. Send sase or esase with experience and conditioning to Leader: VIRGIL POPESCU Co-Leader: PAT ARREDONDO

**Nov 26 Sun Hundred Peaks**

O: Mount Lowe (5603'): Climb this Mighty Peak near Pasadena via the Castle Canyon Trail. The hike will be 13 miles round trip with 3800' of gain. Meet 8 AM La Canada rideshare point. Bring water, lug soles, windbreaker & lunch. Leaders: PETER DOGGETT, IGNACIA DOGGETT

**Nov 26 Sun Pasadena, Hundred Peaks**

O: Mount Lowe (5603') from Lake Avenue: Moderately strenuous, moderate pace, 13 miles round trip, 3800' gain scenic loop hike past historic Echo Mountain to Inspiration Point, via Castle Canyon trail and on to the summit of Mount Lowe. Return via Sam Merrill trail. Wonderful view of LA Basin. Meet 7:30 AM North end of Lake Ave (from I-210 in Pasadena, exit Lave Ave, N to end). Bring water, lunch, boots. Rain cancels. Leaders: MEI KWAN, LINDA HILLMAN

**Nov 26 Sun Hundred Peaks**

Rescheduled from October 15, 2005

O: Buck Point (6433'), San Sevaine (5240'+): Two modest peaks near Cajon Pass. Route will depend on access. High clearance vehicles recommended. Email/call leaders week of hike for meeting time and place. Leaders: VIRGIL POPESCU, PAT ARREDONDO

**Nov 28-29 Tue-Wed Lower Peaks**

O/I: Little Pine Mountain (4459'), Cathedral Peak (3333'): Join us for one or both of these days in the lovely country just above Santa Barbara for these two great Lower Peaks. Little Pine is 12 miles and 3400' of gain, mostly on trail. Cathedral is 6 miles and 2300' of gain on trail and class 2/3 cross-country. Contact leaders a few days before for meeting places and times. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, GEORGE WYSUP

**Nov 29 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks**

New Outing, first time published

O: Mount Lukens (5074') from George Deukmejian Wilderness Park: 9 miles round trip, 3000' gain to the highest point in the city of Los Angeles. Meet 9 AM Deukmejian parking lot (from I-210 E or W in La Canada, take Pennsylvania Ave exit N to Foothill Blvd, L [W] on Foothill, R [N] on New York Ave to top [Markridge Rd], L 1 block, R into park). Bring water, lunch, good footwear. Leader: DON SIMINSKI, JENNIFER WASHINGTON

**Dec 2 Sat Hundred Peaks**

O: Mount Emma (5273'), Old Mount Emma (5063'): Hike these two easy peaks in Los Angeles County. The hike will be 4.5 miles round trip with 2000' of gain. Brisk pace. Meet 8 AM at La Canada rideshare point. Bring water, lug soles, lunch, and hat. Leaders: PETER DOGGETT, IGNACIA DOGGETT

**Dec 2 Sat Hundred Peaks**

**O:** Fox Mountain #2 (5033'): Try out the Condor Peak Trail on this excursion through canyonlands from Big Tujunga in a nearby part of our local San Gabriel Mountains, strenuous but moderately paced 14 miles round trip, 3000' gain. Experienced hikers and strong beginners meet 8 AM at La Canada rideshare point. Bring lunch, liquids, sturdy footwear, warm clothes. Rain cancels. Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leader: LILLY FUKUI

**Dec 2 Sat Hundred Peaks, Wilderness Adventures**

**I:** Eagle Rest Peak (6005') and Antimony Peak (6848'): Moderately paced 11 mile, 5300' gain hike near Mount Pinos. Meet 7AM Sylmar rideshare point. Bring 3 quarts water, lunch, boots, 10 essentials. Be prepared to hike in dark and cold. Leader: TED LUBESHKOFF Co-Leader: WAYNE VOLLAIRE

**Dec 2 Sat Pasadena, Hundred Peaks, Orange County**

**O:** Mount Wilson (5710') from Sierra Madre: Moderately paced, strenuous 15 miles round trip, 4700' gain, on historic Mt. Wilson Trail. Meet 7:30 AM at Mt. Wilson Trail Park (from I-210, exit Baldwin, go north, east on Mira Monte to end of road) Bring 3 quarts water, lunch, suitable clothing, boots. Rain cancels. Leaders: MEI KWAN, JOHN HUNTER, DANA HUNTER

**Dec 3 Sun Hundred Peaks**

**New Outing, first time published**

**I:** Scodie Mtn (7294'): Moderately strenuous 9 miles round trip, 2600' gain in the Kiavah Wilderness near Walker Pass featuring scenic canyons and ridgelines. Send email (preferred) or sase, with contact info and recent conditioning to Leader: KATHY RICH Assistant: JANE SIMPSON

**Dec 3 Sun Hundred Peaks**

**O:** Mount Sally (5408'), Mount Mooney (5840'+), Vetter Mountain (5908'), Winston Peak (7502'): Hike these four nice peaks in the Angeles Forest. The entire hike will cover about 6 miles round trip with 1650' of gain. Brisk pace. Meet 8 AM at La Canada rideshare point. Bring water, lug soles, lunch, hat, and windbreaker Leaders: PETER DOGGETT, IGNACIA DOGGETT

**Dec 3 Sun Hundred Peaks Rescheduled from Sept 23**

**I:** San Guillermo Mountain (6602'), Lockwood Point (6273'), Frazier Mountain (8013'): Come enjoy easy peaks in Ventura backcountry. First San Guillermo, 2 miles round trip, 800' gain, cross country. Short drive to Lockwood. Lockwood is 5 miles round trip and 700' gain on trail and cross country. Drive up Frazier Mountain on way back to L.A. Moderately paced, newcomers welcome. Some dirt road driving. Meet 8 AM at Sylmar rideshare point. Bring minimum 2 quarts. water, lunch, Forest Service Pass. Recent rain cancels. Leaders: VIRGIL POPESCU, PAT ARREDONDO

**Dec 3 Sun Hundred Peaks, K-9**

**I:** Tehachapi Mountain (7960'+), Black Mountain #3 (5686'): Moderate hike of Tehachapi involves 5 miles round trip and 2000' gain. Black #3 is 3 miles round trip and 1700' gain. Well-behaved dogs OK. No dirt road driving. Meet 7 AM at Sylmar rideshare. Bring water, lunch, sturdy boots. Bad weather cancels. Leader: JOE YOUNG Assistant: JULIE RUSH

**Dec 3 Sun LTC, Hundred Peaks**

**New Outing, first time published**

**O:** GPS Class: Intro to Global Positioning Systems at Eaton Canyon Nature Center. No registration at door; apply early. Includes features, operation, use with maps, field practice following lecture. Bring a GPS, but we have loaners. Send SASE, phones, \$15 (LTC - no refund 5 days prior) to Leader: HARRY FREIMANIS Co-Leader: PHIL WHEELER

**Dec 5-6 Tue-Wed Lower Peaks**

**O:** Woodson Mountain (2894'), Iron Mountain (2696'), Eagle Peak (3226'): Join us for one or both of these days in the San Diego area for these three great Lower Peaks. Woodson and Iron, both in the Poway area, will be climbed on the first day. Woodson is 3.2 miles and 1200' of gain. Iron is 6 miles and 1000' of gain. We will hike Eagle (south of Julian) the next day, after some easy dirt road driving. It is 5 miles and 1100' of gain. Email leaders at least a few days before for information. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, INGEBORG PROCHAZKA

**Dec 8 Fri Hundred Peaks**

**New Outing, first time published**

**I:** White Mountain #1 (7727'): This might be IT! Up to 6 miles round trip, 1000' gain. We may drive that (it's a 4WD road), hike it, or snowshoe it. But unless something totally dramatic occurs to stop us (like a storm, then we'll reschedule), we're heading for White! And probably a nice party afterwards. Contact Karen for more details. Leaders: WOLF & KAREN LEVERICH, MARS BONFIRE

**Dec 9 Sat Hundred Peaks**

O: Mount Lowe (5603'), Mount Markham (5742'): Easy - 4 miles round trip, 600' elevation gain. Join us on a hike suitable for beginners to two of the Front Range of the San Gabriel peaks, and at one time the most popular of Southern California's attractions. Meet 8 am La Canada rideshare point. Bring water, lug soles, 10 essentials. Rain cancels. Leader: CHRIS SPISAK Co-Leader: LILLY FUKUI

**Dec 9 Sat Hundred Peaks, OCSS**

O: Oakzanita Peak (5054'), Sheephead Mountain (5896'): Moderately paced hikes in San Diego County. Do one or both peaks. Each peak done separately with a drive in between. Oakzanita is 5.5 miles roundtrip, 1000' gain and Sheephead is 3.5 miles roundtrip, 1000' gain. Consider a stay over for Sunday's trip to Granite Mountain. E-mail or call leaders for the meeting point and time. Leaders: ROBERT and MARKEY NEIGHBORS

**Dec 9 Sat Wilderness Adventures, HPS**

I: Wonderland of Rocks Traverse in Joshua Tree National Park: Strenuous 8-10 miles, 2000' gain cross-country hike with lots of class 2 scrambling. Start and end at Indian Cove Campground. Visit Rattlesnake Canyon and Willow Hole along way. Optional carcamp Fri/Sat night at Indian Cove. Send email, recent conditioning/hiking experience, H&W phones, rideshare info, interest in carcamp to Leader: BRENT COSTELLO Assistant: HARVEY GANZ

**Dec 9 Sat Hundred Peaks, Verdugo Hills**

O: San Gabriel Peak (6161'), Mount Disappointment (5994'): Peaks on the front range of the Angeles National Forest. Good view of the smog below. 3 miles round trip, 1200' gain on trail. Meet 8:30 AM at La Canada rideshare point. Bring water, food, warm clothes. Rain, snow cancels. Leaders: FRANK DOBOS, BRUCE HALE

**Dec 9 Sat LTC, WTC, Hundred Peaks**

New Outing, first time published

I: Mount Lowe (5603') Beginning Navigation Clinic: 5 miles, 500' gain. Spend the day one-on-one with an instructor learning/practicing map and compass. All welcome. Not an LTC check off. \$25 deposit required for recent no-shows. Send SASE, deposit (Sierra Club - refunded at trailhead), phones to Leader: DIANE DUNBAR Co-Leader: RICHARD BOARDMAN

**Dec 9 Sat Hundred Peaks**

New Outing, first time published

I: Cleghorn Mountain (5333'), Cajon Mountain (5360'), Sugarpine Mountain (5478'), Monument Peak #2 (5290'): Moderate hike, 6 miles round trip, 900' gain on trail and road in San Bernardino National Forest near Fwy 15. Rough dirt road drives between peaks, your high clearance vehicle especially welcome. Road closures will postpone the outing. Email or SASE early to Leader: PAMELA ROWE Co-Leader: TED LUBESHKOFF, KENT SCHWITKIS

**Dec 9-10 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks**

I: Martinez Mountain (6560'), Sheep Mountain (5141'): Santa Rosa Wilderness backpack, strenuous, 18 miles and 5500' gain for the weekend. Saturday backpack 3 miles to Horse Thief Creek to set up camp. Enjoy a modified Happy Hour at night. Sunday traverse cross-country in desert terrain (strenuous) 12 mile loop hike to bag the peaks, then pack out. Space limited by permit. Send E-SASE with conditioning and experience to Leader: SARAH HESS Assistants: TOM HILL, PAT ARREDONDO

**Dec 10 Sun Hundred Peaks, OCSS**

I: Granite Mountain (5633'): Strenuous cross-country in Anza Borrego Desert backcountry. 8 miles roundtrip 3000' gain. We ascend from the sandy wash on the south side of the mountain. Send SASE or esase to Leaders: ROBERT and MARKEY NEIGHBORS

**Dec 10 Sun LTC, WTC, Hundred Peaks**

New Outing, first time published

I: Warren Point Navigation: Navigation noodles at Joshua Tree National Park for either checkout or practice to satisfy the Basic (I/M) or Advanced (E) level navigation requirements. To receive homework assignment, send navigation experience/training or WTC, rideshare info, phones, SASE to Leader: HARRY FREIMANIS Co-Leader: PHIL WHEELER

**Dec 16 Sat Hundred Peaks**

O: LA XMAS by Night: Join us on our annual trek through the streets of downtown LA, giving out clothing and food to the homeless. Meet at midnight Sat night at the Union Station parking lot (\$\$) at 800 N. Alameda St., between the Santa Ana Freeway (US 101) and Cesar Chavez Ave. Bring items to distribute, and dress warmly. Sturdy shoes recommended. Breakfast at the original Pantry, then return approx 6 AM. Leaders: STAG BROWN, JOE YOUNG, BOB THOMPSON

**Dec 16-17 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks, Lower Peaks**

**I: Ruby Mountain (4357'), Meeks Mountain (6277'), Bighorn Mountains (5894'), Black Mountain #4 (6149'), Chaparrosa Peak (5541')**: Desert carcamp just north of Yucca Valley. Ruby Mountain is a candidate for the Lower Peaks List. First three peaks Saturday as separate hikes, 10 miles round trip 2500' gain for the set, with some easy cross-country. Carcamp Saturday night. Sunday climb Black Mountain #4 cross-country through thorny plants from the north, 8 miles round trip, 2000' gain. Chaparrosa is a pleasant option on the driving return, adding an extra 6 miles, 1200' gain. High-clearance vehicles especially welcome. Send sase or esase to Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: GEORGE WYSUP, PAT ARREDONDO, MARLEN MERTZ, PAMELA ROWE

**Dec 16-17 Sat-Sun HPS, WTC, OCSS**

**I: Snow Camping/Cornell Peak (9750') & San Jacinto Peak (10,804')**: Moderately paced and moderately strenuous snow camping and peak climbing trip in the San Jacinto Wilderness. 4 miles, 1500' gain for the first day from the Palm Springs Tram, most with full backpack while on snowshoes. 7 miles of peak climbing, 2000' gain with snowshoes and daypacks the second day, before we pack out 2.5 miles to the tram. Send esase (preferred) or 2 sase, phone, recent conditioning/experience to Leader: LISA BUCKLEY Assistant-Leader: WAYNE VOLLAIRE

**Dec 17 Sun Hundred Peaks**

**O: Modjeska Peak (5496'), Santiago Peak (5687')**: Hike these two fine peaks in Orange County. The total hike will be about 14 miles round trip with 4200' of gain. Brisk pace. Add 4 more miles if gate locked. Bring water, lug soles, lunch, and hat. Send email to Leaders: PETER DOGGETT, IGNACIA DOGGETT

**Dec 19 Tue Hundred Peaks**

**New Outing, first time published**

**I: Rosa Point (5038')**: 12 miles, 5500' gain. A good time to hike in the Anza Borrego area. The pace will be moderate, and we will most likely come out after dark. Email Sandy the week before the hike for information. Leaders: SANDY BURNSIDE, MARS BONFIRE

**Dec 20 Wed Lower Peaks**

**O: Mount Russell (2704'), Margarita Peak (3189')**: Spend the day picking up these two Lower Peaks. Mount Russell is in the Lake Perris area and is 5 miles with 1000' of gain. Margarita, in the southern Santa Ana Mountains, is 3 miles with 800' of gain. Contact leaders a few days before for meeting place and time. Leaders: INGEBORG PROCHAZKA, DAVE COMERZAN

**Dec 23 Sat Hundred Peaks**

**O: Indian Mountain (5790')**: Hike this peak from the south via a dirt road & steep firebreak. The total hike will be about 12 miles round trip with 4000' gain & 500' gain on the return. Bring water, lug soles, lunch & hat. Send email to Leader: PETER DOGGETT Assistant Leaders: IGNACIA DOGGETT, JOE YOUNG

**Jan 3 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks**

**O: Mount Hillyer (6200+')**: Get to peak via Silver Moccasin Trail & Hillyer Trail. After lunch some fun Ridges and use-trials to do our loop. Meet 9 AM La Canada rideshare point with water, lunch, good footwear. Leaders: DAN BUTLER, BETH MIKA, SOUTHERN COURTNEY, BOBCAT THOMPSON

**Jan 6 Sat Hundred Peaks**

**I: Rosa Point (5038')**: Very strenuous cross country trek over steep, rocky terrain covered with ocotillo, agave, and all four varieties of cholla in a remote desert region of the Santa Rosa Mtns near Indio, 12 miles round trip, 5500' gain. Diehards might also consider staying over with leaders in area carcamp to pick up nearby San Ysidro Mountain on Sunday. Paved road driving both days. Send sase or esase with conditioning and recent experience to Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: PAT ARREDONDO, PAMELA ROWE

**Jan 6 Sat Hundred Peaks**

**I: Will Thrall Peak (7845') and Pleasant View Ridge (7983')**: Moderately paced 17 mile, 4700' gain hike in the northern San Gabriel Mtns. Starting at Devils Punchbowl County Park, we will take the Burkhart Trail to Burkhart Saddle and then hike off-trail to the peaks. Great desert views. Meet 7 AM Sylmar rideshare point. Bring 3 quarts water, lunch, boots, 10 essentials. Be prepared to hike in dark and cold. Leader: TED LUBESHKOFF Co-Leader: ROBERT MYERS

Jan 7 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: San Ysidro Mountain (6147'): Easier counterpart to Saturday's Rosa Point adventure in Anza Borrego, northern San Diego County, strenuous cross-country in cholla-infested desert terrain. Up to 10 miles round trip, 3000' gain depending on route. Paved road driving. Send sase or esase with conditioning and recent experience to Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: PAT ARREDONDO, PAMELA ROWE

Jan 10 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: Mount Hillyer (6200+\*) from Three Points: 7 miles loop, gain is moderate. Shuttle Between Three Points and Chilao. Should be a fun hike. Meet 9 am at La Canada rideshare point with water, lunch, good footwear. Leaders: SOUTHERN COURTNEY, GARY BICKEL

Jan 13 Sat WTC, Hundred Peaks

I: Warren Point (5103'): Practice navigation for Sunday's checkoff on this 6 mile round trip, 1300' gain hike in the pinyon pine and juniper region of western Joshua Tree National Park. We will take a cross-country route to approach Warren Point from the west and practice micro-navigation skills along the way. Send email (preferred) or sase, with contact info & recent conditioning to Leader: ROBERT MYERS Co-Leaders: SUSAN RICHMOND, JANE SIMPSON

Jan 13 Sat Lower Peaks, East San Gabriel

O: Echo Mountain (3207'): 5 miles round trip, 1400' gain. Who said you couldn't climb a mountain? Join us on this slow to moderately paced hike to one historical peak in the front range of the San Gabriel Mtns. Great for beginners. Meet 8 AM North Orange County rideshare or 9 AM at end of Lake Ave in Pasadena (Exit I-210 on Lake and follow it to the end, park at curbside). Bring lugs, water, lunch. Rain cancels. Leaders: GABRIELE RAU, HEIDI UDINK

Jan 13 Sat Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks

New Outing, first time published

O: Muir Peak (4688'), Mount Lowe (5603'): 10 miles round trip, 2000' gain hike starting at Eaton Saddle, rounding the east side of Mount Lowe, passing Inspiration Point and out to the peak named for the Sierra Club's founder. Our return will take us to the top of Mount Lowe via the west side trail before returning to trailhead. Meet 8:30 AM La Canada rideshare point with water, lunch, good footwear. Leaders: SOUTHERN COURTNEY, ROSEMARY CAMPBELL

Jan 14 Sun Hundred Peaks

O: Barley Flats (5600'+): Eight miles round trip, 2000' gain. Hike this drive up by a beautiful alternative route. Meet 9 AM at La Canada rideshare. Bring 10 essentials and goodies to share for possible List finish party. Rain cancels. Leaders: VIRGIL POPESCU, JOE YOUNG, PAT ARREDONDO, JAMES CARDEN, LILLY FUKUI

Jan 14 Sun LTC, WTC, Hundred Peaks

I: Warren Point Navigation: Navigation noodles at Joshua Tree National Park for either checkout or practice to satisfy the Basic (I/M) or Advanced (E) level navigation requirements. To receive homework assignment, send navigation experience/training or WTC, rideshare info, phones, SASE to Leader: HARRY FREIMANIS Co-Leader: PHIL WHEELER

Jan 20 Sat Hundred Peaks

Annual Awards Banquet: Program is a highlight of wilderness preserves by April Sal of The Nature Conservancy. Silent auction for donated items. 5 PM social hour (no host bar), 6:30 PM dinner. Alcohol not included. Taix restaurant (1911 Sunset Blvd). Send \$30 (HPS), specify beef, fish, or vegetarian entree (tickets will be held at the door), email, H & W phones to reservationist GREG DE HOOGH.

Jan 24 Wed Lower Peaks

O: Sierra Peak (3045'), Pleasants Peak (4007'), Bedford Peak (3800'), Bald Peak (3947'): These Lower Peaks in Santa Ana Mtns are short distance hikes from the Main Divide Truck Trail, provided that the dirt roads are open to motor vehicles. Driving will require clearance and possibly 4WD. Call or email Leaders: INGEBORG PROCHAZKA, DAVE COMERZAN

Jan 27 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Josephine Peak (5558'): Nice hike, moderate pace on the Colby Canyon Trail to a local favorite, 8 miles round trip, 2100' gain. Meet 9 AM La Canada rideshare point. Bring lunch, liquids, sturdy footwear, warm clothes. Rain cancels. Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: LILLY FUKUI, GEORGE WYSUP

**Jan 27 Sat Hundred Peaks**

I: Snowshoe in the San Gabriels: Enjoy a moderately paced snowshoe hike to one or more peaks in the San Gabriels. Anticipate 4-8 miles, 1000-2000' gain, depending on conditions. At least two days before trip, send email/SASE to Leader: SANDY SPERLING Co-Leader: SANDY BURNSIDE

**Jan 31 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks**

O: Eightieth birthday potluck and hike: Guess which leader was born on January 31, 1927. Easy and more strenuous hikes will be lead from Deukmejian Park in La Crescenta - (exit the #210 freeway at Pennsylvania Ave & go North to Foothill turn left (W) to New York Ave turn right (N) drive to the top then left (W) on Markridge for a short ways to Park entrance) All hikes should return to park by 12 noon for potluck and festivities. Meet in La Canada at 9 AM or at park at 9:15 for hikes, or by noon just for potluck & fun. Bring water, good footwear, suitable clothing layers, potluck item to share, utensils, folding tables and chairs if convenient, pictures or anecdotes to "roast" or esteemed leader. Rain cancels. Leaders: ROSEMARY CAMPBELL, SOUTHERN COURTNEY, BRUCE CRAIG

**Feb 3 Sat Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks**

I: Snowshoe in the San Gabriel Mountains: Snow conditions will determine actual route. Maximum 10 miles, 1500' gain, moderately strenuous and paced. Route requires good conditioning, but beginning snowshoers are welcome. Lack of snow will change outing to slightly longer dayhike. Meet 8 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, snowshoes, sturdy waterproof boots, hiking poles with snowbaskets, suitable warm and water resistant clothing layers, hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, USFS parking pass. Leaders: BRENT COSTELLO, HARVEY GANZ

**Feb 3 Sat Hundred Peaks**

New Outing, first time published

O: Monrovia Peak (5409'): Moderately paced, 20 mile, 4500' gain, strenuous hike, mostly on dirt roads. Mileage may be shortened by doing a loop on the return. If it is a clear day, we might see Catalina Island. Bring 3-4 quarts of water, lunch, 10 essentials. Email leader for details. Leader: TED LUBESHKOFF Co-Leader: DENELLE ROZELLE

**Feb 7 Wed Lower Peaks**

O: Sugarloaf (3227'), Old Sugarloaf (3326'): Join us in the Santa Ana Mountains for these two great Lower Peaks. Total for the two is 12 miles with 2800' of gain. Contact leaders a few days before for meeting place and time. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, GEORGE WYSUP

**Feb 7 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks**

O: Strawberry Peak (6164'): 6 miles round trip, 1500' gain from Red Box. Slightly shorter option avoids the steep 950' gain from saddle to the Peak but loses the spectacular views at the top. Meet 9 AM La Canada rideshare point with water, lunch, good footwear, suitable clothing. Leaders: GARY BICKEL, PATRICK VAUGHN

**Feb 10-11 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks, Lower Peaks**

I: Malapai Hill (4280+), Lost Horse Mountain (5313'), Ryan Mountain (5457'), Queen Mountain (5680+), Mount Inspiration (5560+), Warren Point (5102'): Enjoy a winter carcamp in Joshua Tree National Park. Much easy cross-country scrambling in desert terrain. Malapai Hill is a candidate for the Lower Peaks List. First two Saturday as a one-way car shuttle trek through area of unusual lava plugs and rockpiles, 7 mile traverse, 1600' gain, with Ryan Mountain as optional afternoon workout for another 1100' gain. Carcamp Saturday night. Final three Sunday as separate cross-country hikes totalling 10 miles round trip, less than 3000' gain if you opt for all three. Send sase or esase to Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: GEORGE WYSUP, PAMELA ROWE

**Feb 13 Tue Lower Peaks**

O: San Mateo Peak (3591'), Los Pinos Peak (4510'), Trabuco Peak (4604'): San Mateo Peak is 6 miles round trip with 900' gain. Los Pinos Peak, just off the Main Divide Truck trail, is about 1.2 miles round trip with 500' of gain. Trabuco Peak is on a short fire break from the Main Divide Truck trail. Hiking these two peaks will depend on road access. Call or email Leaders: INGEBORG PROCHAZKA, DAVE COMERZAN

**Feb 17 Sat Hundred Peaks**

O: Sunset Peak (5796'): We hike the pleasant road to this summit near Mount Baldy with an easy pace suitable for beginners, 7 miles round trip, 1300' gain. Meet 9 AM at the free public parking lot on the corner of Mills Ave and Mt Baldy Road in Claremont. Bring lunch, liquids, warm clothes. Rain cancels. Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: LILLY FUKUI, GEORGE WYSUP

**Feb 21 Wed Lower Peaks**

O: Harrison (4743'), McKinley (3795'): Join us in the San Bernardino Mountains for these two great Lower Peaks. Harrison is 5 miles and 1600' of gain. McKinley is 3 miles and 1500' of gain. Paved road driving. Contact leaders a few days before for meeting place and time. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, GEORGE WYSUP

**Feb 24 Sat Lower Peaks, Orange County**

O: Morton Peak LO (4624'), Cram Peak (4162'): Easy paced hike to two peaks in the San Bernardino Mountains, 5.5 miles one way with 1,200' gain and 1,000' loss on trail. If gate is closed add 1.5 miles, 650' gain. Visit the refurbished Lookout on Morton, then a long ridge walk to Cram. Great views of San Geronio in snow and the Angelus Oaks Dam. Meet 7 AM North Orange County rideshare or 8:15 AM Mill Creek Ranger Station. Bring water, sturdy footwear, lunch. Rain/Fire cancels. Leaders: GABRIELE RAU, DANA and JOHN HUNTER

**Feb 24 Sat Hundred Peaks**

I: Rattlesnake Peak (5826'): Strenuous cross-country, moderately paced outing to a famous brush monster in the San Gabriels, 12 miles round trip, 3700' gain. The trail was in good shape at last visit. Trip highlight is reading the comments from hundreds of previously successful hikers in the several register books. Call or email leader week of hike to confirm. Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: PAT ARREDONDO, MARLEN MERTZ, PAMELA ROWE

**Feb 24 Sat Hundred Peaks**

I: Queen Mountain (5482'): 12 miles and 2000' of hard won cross-country gain on the edge of the Wonderland of Rocks to climb this HPS peak in Joshua Tree National Park, visiting 4 hidden Indian pictograph sites en route. Strenuous scrambling led at a moderate pace. Conditioned cross-country hikers send SASE with phones, conditioning, etc early to Leader: DIANE DUNBAR Assistant: JOE YOUNG

**Feb 28 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks**

O: Big Tujunga to Tom Lucas Trail Camp: 8 miles round trip, 2000' gain through lush riparian habitat, Many stream crossings. Meet 9 AM at NW corner of Vons parking lot, Foothill & Mt Gleason with water, lunch, appropriate footwear, suitable clothing layers. Leaders: JENNIFER WASHINGTON, MARY PATTERSON

**Apr 27-29 Fri-Sun Hundred Peaks, Natural Science**

New Outing, first time published

I: The BIG FOUR: Samon Peak (6227'), Madulce Peak (6536'), Big Pine Mtn (6800'), West Big Pine (6490'). Very strenuous, moderately paced 50 miles, 10,000' gain on road and trail with rugged cross-country to Samon. Visit Santa Barbara County high point. Carcamp advised Thursday evening due to very early start on Friday. Light backpack 9.5 miles to Chokecherry Spring and primitive camp. Possible mule pack option (to be determined). Email with recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to George. Naturalist: GINNY HERINGER Co-leaders: GEORGE WYSUP, TOM HILL, PAT VAUGHN, GARY SCHENK, MARLEN MERTZ

## Letter From the Chair

*By Winnette Butler*

It's been a great time to be in the HPS lately. We've had a run on emblems and list finishes with some marvelous parties. It never fails to amaze me how creative people can be and what they can stuff into a backpack and haul up a mountain to share at the summit. What can be better than ice cold sodas, chilled champagne, crispy-cold shrimp cocktails, cold chocolate liqueurs and a huge variety of wonderful munchies on a very hot day in August or September? And all that surrounded by many good friends and leaders – old and new. Keep an eye on that schedule. I've heard rumors that there are still a few huge parties to attend before the end of this year!

Watch those mailboxes! You'll be receiving two important pieces of mail soon. The ballot for this year's election will be mailed in early November. Please make sure you vote and mail your ballot in time to reach the Elections Committee by December 1<sup>st</sup>. You'll also be receiving an order form for tickets to our Annual Awards Banquet on January 20, 2007. We will have a speaker from Wildlands Conservancy – more details to come.

Hope to see you out on the trails soon. We have a wonderful variety of hikes scheduled over the next few months. Let's hope the fire season ends soon.

**Rideshare points**

La Canada: Angeles Crest Hwy (Hwy2). Just N of Foothill Fwy (I-210). Park on Angeles Crest Hwy only  
 North Orange County: Park-N-Ride, E side of Tustin Av, just S of Lincoln Av, Orange  
 Pomona: Towne Av exit from SB Fwy (I-10), S 1/2 block, park along curb  
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## Current Trip Reports

### Antsell Rock, Apache, and Spitler Sept 17, 2006 by George Wysup

Leading Antsell Rock seemed like a good idea at the time, while relaxed in my family room. So I scheduled it and added Apache and Spitler just to kill the rest of the day. I wanted to make this M-rated trip with real M-rated leaders for a change, and I was able to convince Don Croley and Asher Waxman to help with the lead.

A rather large group of 17 climbers started the hike at the Apple Canyon Zen center at about 9:30 am. Earlier would have been better. The weather was perfect- cool and breezy and sunny. Some I-rated leaders were included in case of unforeseen problems. The leaders were myself, Asher, Don, Gary Schenk, Marlen Mertz, and Pamela Rowe. 6 leaders should be enough for most trips. The "followers" were Bruce Craig, Ellis Crasnow, Mary Jo Dungefelder, Rudy Fleck, Paul Garry, Laura Joseph, Rick "Fluteplayer" Kemenesi, Doug Owens, Laura Stockton, Wayne Voltaire, and Garen Yegparian.

Garen was entitled to another chance at this wonderful summit after, on a trip 5 years ago, the "leader" (who has since fled the state) forbade him and some others from attempting the 3rd class summit, and they were told that they could "count" it anyway. This is a bunch of- uh, how should I say- "Tommyrot".

We hiked through the Zen Center and ascended the feeder trail to the PCT. this is about 1.3 miles with 1400' gain. After a short break we hiked the mile plus on the PCT to the start of the Sam Fink trail which more or less follows the rugged, high 2nd class north ridge. The group was strong and the route went well.

Since I had not ascended Antsell in the past 4 years I scouted it a few days before. I had Wynne Benti, Zobeida, and Jennifer Washington for company. Tough duty. We missed a few turns on the Sam Fink trail, but corrected the errors. I saw no Fink trail markers on the route until we reached the 3rd class crack, where Zobeida spied marker #91 on the ground, hidden in rocks. Where did they all go?

We found something that disturbs me greatly. Please pardon me for the following rant. Some silly #!\*&^ had taken the register can down from the summit and placed it in a neatly built rock nest at the bottom of the crack. I find it impossible to comprehend why anyone would do this. If a person feels compelled to place a can at the bottom of the crack, the person could invest in a second can and leave the official one where it belongs. Anyhow, I carried it back to the summit. But I am sure that this person will persist and take it back down.

One more rant and I promise I'll cease. I hiked Yucaipa Ridge on the following Saturday with Kent's group. Some @\*#&-ing litterbug had tied hundreds of orange flags, many with reflectors stapled to them, along the route. This practice just trashes the route, pure and simple. If any hiker wants to hike this route and enjoy

route-finding, his fun is ruined. If a future leader wants to do a provisional trip here? Forget it. Anyway, the group removed all the flags we saw. Could this twisted trasher be the same person who removes the register cans?

Well, all righty then. The group proceeded along the Sam Fink trail, keeping close. Laura Joseph realized that her mending broken thumb wasn't up to the climb, so she reluctantly dropped out. Then there were 16.

We solved the mystery of the missing Sam Fink trail markers. Some of us spied them in the dirt. They had fallen because the steel wire ties had rusted through. Anyone leading this peak in the future should take some stainless steel wire and retie them to the trees along the route.

We reached the legendary crack and split into 2 groups because of limited space on the summit. One group ate lunch while the other climbed. Don supervised the crack climb and Asher led both groups to the summit. Amazingly, no one exhibited any problem whatsoever getting to the summit. Some wanted to do it again.



I insisted that we go back the same way, avoiding the steep gully short cut down to the PCT. No one objected. The upper part of that gully is just too dangerous for such a large group. It would be fine for 2 to 4 people. I confess that I got a bit lost along the Sam Fink trail in both directions, even after scouting it. I'd like to blame this on my advanced age, but I've been making the same errors for many years.

We picked up Laura near the PCT, then Asher and Marlen led her to Southwell. Rick and Doug opted to sign out and go home early. The rest of us (12) went for Apache and Spitler. I fully expected all of us to get back to the cars in darkness. For future reference, we started at the junction of the PCT and the Zen Center feeder at 3:35 pm. We all bagged both summits, reaching Spitler at about 5:20. On the return we divided into 2 groups, the faster group outrunning darkness to the cars. My small group needed to break out the headlamps for about 15 minutes and we met the rest of the group at about 7:45. All objectives were attained with no problems and all seemed to enjoy the hike immensely, I know I did.

**Galena Peak  
August 18, 2006**

**Leaders: Mars Bonfire and Karen Leverich**  
By Wynne Benti

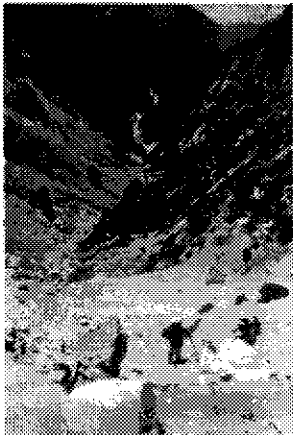
Seven dedicated HPSers met up with leaders Mars and Karen at the trailhead (HPS Route 1). Beneath clear blue skies and reasonably moderate summer temperatures, we were off to Galena via the rugged Mill Creek wash at 9:00am. Mars set a comfortable pace up the wash, taking about a ten minute snack and water break every hour which helped maintain consistent energy levels. We saw two bighorn sheep just above the wash and ran into a few hikers.



*Looking up at the headwall. Photo by Wynne Benti.*

Mill Creek Wash terminated at the base of the Mill Creek Jumpoff otherwise known as "the headwall." This was Mars' 16th time up the peak and second time up within the past two weeks. The geology of the wall had changed during the past

winter, so we stayed in the tan dirt and rock just to the left of the gray rock. Mars noted that the sheep trail he followed across the gray rock in years past had eroded away, and that this was the steepest he had ever seen the headwall. By the time we worked our way to the top of the headwall, with sand and rock tumbling down, three had turned back for various reasons. Turning south, we followed the steep ridge to the summit of Galena. It was about 3:30pm. We spent a few minutes



*The headwall, looking down. Photo by Wynne Benti.*



*The upper part of the headwall. Photo by Wynne Benti.*

taking photographs then started back down at approximately 4pm.

As we approached the headwall, another party of seven were attempting to climb it with full backpacks. As we watched them struggle, almost prone, it

demonstrated how really steep the wall was. Two of their group made it, but the rest turned back, followed by the other two. Our group went down parallel to each other in two groups of three each, with Mars taking the first group and I taking the second. At the bottom of the headwall, with Mars' OK, we bee-lined for the cars while he stayed back with a member whose sore knees slowed the pace. The first were back to the cars at 6:30 with the last coming in about 45 minutes later. Thanks to Mars and Karen for leading such a nice hike up this challenging peak.



*On the summit of Galena. Left to right: Mars Bonfire, Chris Wu, Mei Kwan, Cheryl Gill, and Bruce Craig. Photo by Wynne Benti.*

**Newton Drury Peak,  
August 19, 2006**  
By Wynne Benti

This is what happens when you clean out areas and don't finish the list in a timely manner. New peaks are added to previously cleaned out areas (Drury being one) and the old peaks one struggled to get, (like Ortega and Bare) through brush and bullets, are deleted. The neat thing is, that you can revisit an area from a completely different route and gain a whole new perspective on a place in the mountains you thought you knew. Such was my experience with Drury Peak.

In any event, the day before (August 18), I had hiked up Galena Peak with Mars Bonfire and Karen Leverich so was planning to do Drury the easy way via the Palm Springs Tram. However, when I arrived at the tram road at 7:30am, the gate across the road was locked and the tram was closed for repairs. Before coming down from Bishop, I checked out the tram website and saw that it would be closed August 17-18, but would be open on August 19. According to the employee who was standing at the locked gate, the repairs took longer than anticipated.

So, I drove back to SR 243 and the Marion Mountain trailhead and noted a few updates to the HPS Guide driving route notes. where the guide says drive south on SR 243 for 19 miles to a junction with a dirt road, that dirt road is now paved. The signed Marion

Mountain trailhead and parking area have been permanently relocated outside the campground. By 8:10am, I was on the trail. The air temp was a cool 65 degrees, quite pleasant for walking up the sometimes very steep, but very pleasant trail through springs and fern dells, oaks, then granite and pines to Little Round Valley Campground. Walking over to the signed seasonal USFS ranger station (closed and dismantled), I took a bearing to Drury, directly south just to make sure it was the right bump, then gained approximately 480' up through pines, across small outcroppings of granite, beds of pine cones and needles, arriving on the summit by 11:30am.

Downhill on the Marion Mountain Trail was so much easier and uneventful. I was back at my car by 2:00pm and drove home to Bishop, arriving around 7:30pm.

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**Reflections on Four List Finishes**  
**Lilly Fukui and Val Saubhayana**  
**September 2, 2006**  
**Jorge and Diana Estrada**  
**September 9, 2006**  
by Tom Hill

There are times of finest moments in any organization, certainly true within the HPS... When we populate some dramatic high point with a crowd of sympathetic witnesses at the end of a Very Very Long Journey for some special hiker who finally grabs that gold ring... When that last summit register is reached and signed, when the goodies come out, when the "table" is spread and the cameras and bottles of sparkly begin popping... All of these rituals and good feelings echoing the sounds of our own quests and aspirations... Memories too poignant, days too special to be forgotten.

Yet how rare to witness a simultaneous finish, when two partners who have braved the wilds together find their fulfillment on that last summit. Even more incredibly, on back-to-back weekends we were privileged with not one, but two sets of just such dramatic events. And not just ordinary celebrations, but huge events comparable to the Waterman Rendezvous, involving truly wonderful people who just happen to be hikers, who have brightened every trip they've attended over the years.

Lilly Fukui and Val Saubhayana, on a Labor Day weekend Saturday, when Morris Peak was sunny and bright yet still very accessible -- What a moment in the sun, as we congregated in their honor!

Jorge and Diana Estrada, on another fine day in the San Gabriels -- How beautiful the peak we now call Goodykoontz Peak, how pleasant the camaraderie when we gathered yet again!

Did I say special moments? Perhaps. But what about all those hundreds of other special moments, those particularly difficult peaks, those sagas to be related over the years, those peculiar twists and turns arising from weather-borne fate?

In particular, how would you feel if you needed Dragons Head and a rampaging brush fire closed the entire Wilderness just before your scheduled finish? Done! Dragons Head, Lilly and Val, Aug 5, right after the closure was lifted, a close-knit group of six hiking friends on a beautiful sunny day.

How would you feel if Jorge needed Samon Peak and that exact locale is plunged under the smoke, closed down not once but multiple times, pushing your goal ever further into summertime? Done! Samon Peak, Aug 27, with details probably best left to imagination.

Which brings us to their richly deserved "Kudos. Job well done, you four! An absolute Triumph of steadfast perseverance over not just the physical, but over the emotional barriers that separate us from our goals!!"

Peace be with each of you as new paths are forged toward new horizons. And thanks from all of us for brightening our lives during our mutual journeys.

Lilly Y. Fukui

When asked to give a speech, needless to say, I was emotionally "speechless." I am so very grateful to a lot of people - for the leaders taking us on private hikes as well as hiking "buddies" who joined us on those occasions, as well as all the leaders giving their time to scheduled hikes. One leader, after congratulating me, asked me a few questions which I would like to answer here as well, in case some of these Q's are on your mind: My favorite HPS peak? I replied that it was not necessarily the peak, but the enjoyment I got out of the location, the leader(s) and the hikers...but if I must pick one, it is Eagle Crag! My least favorite? BACKPACKING - you know, the BIG 3, and the BIG 4! The backpack in the photos look bigger than me! Yhikes! And my future goal? To lead 100 peaks. After that, maybe, just a big maybe, I may go for an "I" rating. Thank you, everyone, for all the efforts you have put in so that we could have this celebration! This is one special hike which will remain in my memory forever!



Val Saubhayana

I feel like I was on top of the world on Morris, I was so touch! Lilly and Val did it. I like to thank you all

leaders and friends that made this possible from the bottom of my heart.

**George Wysup**

I weighed the pros and cons of attending the great spectacle of the Fukui-Saubhayana List finish on lofty (7215') Morris peak.

The pros:

- a. I get to hang out with a pair of special babes.
- b. I t's only 200 miles from my house.
- c. There will be no danger of freezing to death.
- d. There will be food and booze.

The cons:

- a. I will have to walk 8 miles.
- b. I will have to sing along to some Mertz doggerel, poorly adapted to some familiar (to others) tune.

I went. I was amazed at the crowd that showed up for this event, what with the Doggett's race to Black and Snowy going on. I met some new friends. I ate and imbibed. I sang loudly, if a bit off key (what key?). I almost passed out standing in the sun. I enjoyed.

**Larry Pirrone**

This hike was great fun and it was wonderful to see old friends that I have not seen in a while. Being there to support you was the highlight.

**Sara and Darrick Danta**

So glad we could come!!! Val looked so excited and wouldn't stop smiling or laughing. Lilly you are still my hero....I'm so glad I met you!!!



*Lilly and Val with the boys on Morris. Photo by Bobcat Thompson.*

**Suzy Hermann**

You are a remarkable woman and I feel privileged to be counted among your friends. Here's to more hikes together. I truly enjoyed your FINISH. All the folks who were able to make it made it even more enjoyable. I've been waiting for this day and loved to be able to celebrate with you and Val. Forty-six folks....reminiscent of the hikes in the 60s when 30, 40,

or 50 people would trudge, run, walk, hike and plod up the trails to many of those peaks.

**Laura Joseph**

Congrats again to you and Val. It was a real joy to be part of your celebration and to see so many old hiking buddies. We often lose track of each other and these events are a great opportunity to reconnect. The spirit of the group was inspiring and the food elegant. I look forward to many more hikes with you and Val and the whole gang. We need to keep in touch more regularly.



*Lilly and Val with the girls on Morris. Photo by Bobcat Thompson.*

**Marlen Mertz**

It was fun planning a contribution to your list finishing hike! That was quite an accomplishment!!! I so much enjoyed the day and was thrilled for the two of you. The best part of the day was seeing all the support that the two of you received from your hiking friends. That over 45 people participated in this hike was a tribute to you and Val. All throughout the day, people were remarking about what special people you are and how much they have enjoyed getting to know you over the hike past number of years. Also very special was seeing the joy on both your faces when you took your final steps up to the rocky peak and you and Val took each others hands, holding them up victoriously with the biggest smiles on your faces. It was a happy day for all of us, sharing in your joy and also spending the day with so many of our hiking friends all together on one peak on one very special day. I am glad that I was able to celebrate with you!

**Chris Spisak**

I only met Lilly and Val towards the final few peaks in their pursuit of The List. The excitement had already built, and I was privileged to accompany them, and their leaders, on the planning and quest of their final four peaks. Through this, we have become close friends, and I am constantly amazed by their determination and stamina. I'm sorry that I didn't get to be more a part of the chase.

They are both strong, independent women who are able to shrug off a little pain, and adversity, and forge ahead. This carries through their lives even off the trail. They have a soft, considerate side, too. So it's no surprise that their final party on Morris was attended by so many. I wish them luck on the next trail they set out on, and know they will approach their future, like they so ably did the Hundred Peaks List. Brava!!

Mary Jo Dungfelder

It was a lovely celebration, albeit a little on the warm side. The turnout was great and the line of people zig-zagging up the trail looked like those old black and white photos of the Mule Packs going into the Sierras for an extended stay.

Nothing like a List finish party. China and her girlfriend, Jessica, were quite impressed. Lots of old folks who've still got it. They especially enjoyed talking to Dorothy, as well as shaking Mar's hand . . . I think they half expected him to break into song. They marveled at Tom's strong hiking and leadership abilities.

There were so many folks I had to keep looking for you through the crowd. The great thing about hiking is all the wonderful people we all have met and a list finish party brings us all together. I'm looking forward to your leading me on some of the many peaks I have yet to do. Congratulations again. See you soon on the trail again.

Gary Schenk

It was great to see two such good friends finish together! You both really did something amazing. Now on to the DPS list?

Bruce Cristol

As I was sitting just below the summit of Morris Peak, eating my salmon and rice, I reminisced about what led to my being honored to be a part of Lilly's and Val's celebration hike....Several years ago I was assisting Sharon Hechler gain a few more peaks one Sunday morning. As we descended from Mt. Lawlor, heading toward Barley Flats, I met Lilly and Val, accompanied by Mars Bonfire, who were coming from the opposite direction. Just this past Spring I was reacquainted with the twosome at Whale Peak.

Thereafter, a curious thing happened. I was leaving the Huntington Library one Friday afternoon, when both Lilly and Val were entering. Several days later, as I was socializing with other hikers at Orchard Camp, Lilly arrived. Again, a few weeks later as we four hikers were resting at the entrance to the Cucamonga Wilderness (Icehouse Canyon), here come Lilly, Val, and Larry Pirrone. After chatting awhile I jokingly indicated to Lilly that I would see her the following weekend. Ironically, we both were hiking from Chantry Flats the same Sunday morning...That almost supernatural "bonding" brought us together again this past Saturday.

I was truly moved by the warmth and caring showed both Lilly and Val on their special day by the other forty-four participants this past weekend. The weather was excellent, the scenery exquisite, and verses

written expressly for them by Marlen were very entertaining and enlightening. I met people who I had known before only through the words of Sharon and liked them all. Again, I am thankful to have been a part of that delightful day.

Markey and Robert Neighbor

Be assured it was a real joy for Markey and I to celebrate Lilly and Val's list finish. You two are among our favorite people and we hope to cross paths with you on the trails many more times to come. Your friends always, Robert and Markey.

Bobcat Thompson

What a great day for you and Val! With almost 50 friends, you both accomplished a great feat! With lots of long-time hikers like Tom, George, Joe and others, and all the HPS List Finishers, it was truly a remarkable day! And what a beautiful setting on the Pacific Crest Trail in the Sequoia National Forest atop Morris Peak. A day to be remembered forever. Also, soooooo many goodies and drinks to celebrate with. You and Val are two very remarkable women. Here's a toast to you both, and may you both have many more years and list finishes to celebrate in the coming years. See you on the next mountaintop!

Lloyd Johnson

It was so great to see all the happy faces gathered in one place. All of us knowing the accomplishment and challenges it is to finish the list. You and Val are such nice people, all of us (46) wanted to share the moment. To get outdoors, with nature, and be with individuals who enjoy the same thing is beyond words. All the best to you & Val.

Ginny Heringer

On the Occasion of Lilly and Vals List Finish, 9/2/2007. First it was Lewis and Clark exploring the wilderness, then Thelma and Louise facing their issues, and now its our own famous HPS pair, Lilly and Val, overcoming physical and mental challenges to complete all 276 peaks. And they've remained best friends throughout it all!

We enjoyed hiking the peaks, but I think it would be even more fun with someone to share every step of the way with, whispering about the parts that were really scary even though you didn't let on, grumbling to each other about the sore muscles, ticks, scratches, dirt, sunburn, heat and altitude sickness, but always presenting an upbeat attitude to the rest of us.

Val and Lilly are the most positive participants on our hikes, eager, cheerful, and friendly to everybody as we saw at their well-attended list finish party. With each other and with us, they reached their goal. Congratulations, Val and Lilly!

How fun to hike up to the spine of the Sierra, affording Sound of Music views on both sides. Top that off with a friendly group of HPS'ers out to recognize the efforts of

two wonderful women. The singing of Marlin's cozy Ode to Lilly and Val brought out the kinship of this hearty group, accompanied by Val's cherished laugh. Pictures were taken and speeches were made, and Cokes on ice were enjoyed. In the afternoon golden sunlight lit up spans of graceful hillside. Congratulations Val & Lilly, a nice goal set and accomplished in an activity you enjoy. Kathy Brown

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**Goodykoontz Peak (7558'), et al,  
Diana/Jorge List Finish  
September 9, 2006  
by George Wysup**

Two major groups of hikers successfully attacked Goodykoontz Peak in a delayed pincers strategy in the first ever scheduled HPS trip to this peak. At one instant there were 44 celebrators on this very pleasant summit on this beautiful and cool summer day. There was adequate food and beverage to fatten up an even larger army. Very little of the food offerings might be considered healthful, except possibly by junk food champion Peter Doggett.



*Jorge and Diana Estrada on Pallett Mountain*

This Goodykoontz outing was originally scheduled to originate at Devils Punchbowl because we understood that the closure of Rattlesnake creek and part of the PCT in the Williamson Rock area put the southern Burkhart trail off limits. Over the months between scheduling and executing, the trip underwent quite an evolution.

First, we found that the Burkhart trail was definitely OK to hike, so long as the Rattlesnake creek portion of the PCT is avoided. Also, I determined that hiking from Devils Punchbowl is quite a long hike. Then,



*Laura Joseph looks on as Diana and Jorge celebrate finishing the HPS List on Goodykoontz Peak.*

Diana and Jorge Estrada signed up for the trip, declaring that it was planned to be their List finish!

The leaders determined that the marathon hike from the Punchbowl was inconsistent with the expected huge crowd of celebrants with a wide range of hiking abilities. We finally decided to go the easier way (I didn't say "easy"), from the Buckhorn campground trailhead.

One consideration was that the Estradas needed to bag Pleasant View Ridge on the way to Goodykoontz, and that many didn't really want or need to visit this remote mound. So we opted for 2 groups-- an "early" group to go the long way, to Will Thrall and Pleasant View via Burkhart Saddle, then over Pallett Mtn and south to Goodykoontz. A "late" group would go directly to Goodykoontz, then consider the 3.5 mile extension to Pallett as an option. We decided that the early group, led by Joe Young, Laura Joseph, and me, should meet at 7 a.m. at La Canada rideshare, with the late group, led by Tom Hill and Marlen Mertz, meeting 2 hours later. Here is what happened from the early group viewpoint.

I arrived at La Canada, McDonalds sandwich in hand, at 6:50 a.m. to find a large and enthusiastic group already there. We proceeded to Buckhorn's day use parking area (the Burkhart trailhead). There were 20 of us. We three official leaders noted that there were plenty of experienced potential helpers in Asher Waxman, Ron Hudson, Mars Bonfire, Peter and Ignacia Doggett, Wayne Vollaire, Kathy Cheever, Kathy Rich, and Don Cwik. Others present were the list finishing Estradas, Sonia Arancibia, Dave Heffernan, Dan Luke, Wasim Khan, Ellis Crasnow, and Bruce Craig.

Just before our 8:15 hiking start, Laura Joseph asked to set the pace for the beginning of the hike. No telling why but, sure, why not? The pace was moderate and most everyone was following, their toes at the heels of the person in front. I was sweeping. I made the mistake of stopping to photograph a plant. So I appeared to the rest to be some dratted slug when I finally caught up at a split break pause. When we reached the 5 mile post at Burkhart Saddle I was many yards behind, though my legs were scurrying as fast as they could. Laura approached and asked confidentially, "are you

having a problem today, or just taking it easy?" Ouch! Well, I guess that's it for my hiking career. Now I'm just another pain-in-uranus hiker who slows down the group. From now on I will be relegated to hikes where everyone carries a sleeping pad and has to take a nap every hour. I'll need to carry more extra batteries for my headlamp. Maybe I can start leading for Natural Science Section. I'll be on the permanent wait list for any hike harder than Waterman route 1.

So, I fired Laura and gave the Pleasant View and Will Thrall lead to Joe. Asher and I hung back, our excuse being that we had to stay with "Big Dan" Luke, who doesn't do steep uphill very fast. Dan, at 250 lbs, has been hiking for only about a year. He is improving fast and does much better than his present appearance suggests.

When we neared Pleasant view we met the party that hiked in from Devils Punchbowl. Zobeida "Explorer" Arauz needed explorers on these two peaks. She was accompanied by Pat Brea, Tom Connery, and Larry Campbell (attracted by the 22 miles and 6000' gain for this round trip route).

We killed about 20 minutes back at Burkhart Saddle to doctor a minor leg cramp. Such happens with large groups. Then on up to Pallett and down the other side. I had usurped the lead at this point. We contoured around a gully and attained a ridge that curves in a general N-S direction to reach Goodykoontz after about 1.1 miles. It goes quite well, probably the best behaved of all routes to Goodykoontz.

18 hikers in the "late" group had been on the summit for at least an hour and a half, waiting for us. They were getting quite impatient, realizing that they should not begin pigging out before the Estradas, who were with my group, arrived. I figure it's their own fault for not taking that time to bag Pallett.

This group had come up the south ridge from near the Rattlesnake trail junction. Most of them were complaining about that route. "Steep and slippery," they moaned. Laura J and I had descended this several years ago, on my first trip to scout this peak (the eponymous Frank Goodykoontz was still alive and kicking then) and I remembered it as going quite well. Also present were HPS Chair Winnette Butler and Outings Chair Karen Leverich, presumably picking up pathfinders or whatever



The "early" group on Pallett.

from Islip Saddle via Mt. Williamson and "Airplane Crash Ridge", named for at least three WWII-era plane wrecks up there.

In any case there were 44 people up there at one time, carbo loading for the strenuous trip back. The feed consisted of plenty of chocolatey confections and a half gallon of cookie dough ice cream with bosco topping (courtesy of Marlen, I think). Some health nut brought a veggie tray to spoil the theme. The tableau centerpiece was Diana's pet bear.

The Estradas were presented with a card, signed by all, and Laura showered them with gifts, not of frankincense and myrrh, but a pair of "Dirty Girl" gaiters and a rag of some sort. We elicited a promise from the Estradas that they would continue to hike with us (sure, that's what they all say). Then Marlen passed out lyrics for 2 songs, which we then had to "sing." Lots of fun. Let's get outta here.

We all headed west down to bump 6709 (aka "Bobcat Knob", so dubbed in honor of a human bobcat) and re-coagulated. I led a group of 21, including 2 people who were parked down there because of some difficulty in the ascent, down the southish ridge. Most of those who had come up this way opted to go with Tom down a northwest ridge. My group soon learned that we had grabbed the rectum end of the thermometer. Suffice it to say that I do not recommend anyone ever going this way. I understand that the other route went very well. The other group beat us to Rattlesnake junction, even though they had more distance to cover. It seemed like all were present or accounted for, so we hied, helter-skelter, back up the 750' gain to the vehicles, all arriving before 6:30 p.m.

As best I can figure, the "early" group negotiated 13.5 miles, with about 5100 feet of gain, on our adventure. The "late" group managed perhaps more like 7 miles with 2800 feet of gain, much of it over rugged cross country.

## Mount Baker A Private Outing July 28-30, 2006

By John Connelly and Roxana Lewis

Greetings from Everett, Washington! After retiring at the end of 2005, Evelyn and I vacated SoCal in favor of the Pacific Northwest—and new hiking adventures for me. As a sequel to our 2002 Mount



John Connelly and Roxana Lewis

Rainier climb, Roxana inveigled me into an attempt at 10,781 foot Mount Baker—the northwestern anchor of the Cascades. "On paper," it appeared to be less of a project than Rainier. The backpack to base

camp was shorter, and the gain on summit day was shorter with 1,000' less gain. The reality was different. Due to weather and terrain factors, I rate Baker the harder trip. In 2002, we had two additional colleagues: George Wysup and Virgil Popescu. This time, these gents declined our overtures to come along.

We signed on with Alpine Ascents International, a respected Seattle-based firm leading mountaineering expeditions all over the world. The format was to back pack in on day one and set up a base camp on a snow field at about 6,500'. Day two was for training. We practiced roped glacier travel and various self/team arrest techniques. On day three, we would launch for the summit around 2:30 AM, then hike out.

Roxana and I met at the Alpine Ascents office, in downtown Seattle, for our "gear check" the day before the trek. A daunting equipment list gave me trepidations about lugging all that stuff to our base camp—some six miles and 3,500' gain, the upper part of which was a permanent snowfield. In addition to all our personal gear—for example, crampons, ice axe, headlamp and all kinds of expensive clothes—we were each expected to carry a number of group items, such as tents, ropes, snow shovels, cooking equipment and food. To prepare, I had been hiking Mount Si—a local favorite about 30 miles east of Seattle—carrying loads of up to 45 pounds. Although I never weighed my actual pack on day one, as loaded, I think it was at least ten pounds higher than my "training pack." Roxana, who is about half of me, carried just as much, although I don't know how. Must be her youth. She is one stalwart kid.

In the middle of our second night at base camp, we roped up, turned on our head lamps, started slogging up the slope toward the summit. It was a very fit group. Roxana and I were the senior citizens by a wide margin. We had three rope teams, each with 4 or 5 persons, including two guides. The night was foggy, and a light rain was falling. The weather worsened the higher we got—more fog, rain became snow, and our footing was not conducive to using crampons.

Some six hours later, at an elevation of 9,800, we attained the crater rim, but still a tough 1,000 feet to go. The guide estimated it would take another two hours to summit, and made the decision to turn us around. Under ideal weather conditions, this group would have been on top at this point. Regrettably, that was not to be.

After 9 ½ hours, we were back at the base camp, with snow covering our tents. As we hiked out, the weather gradually improved, so that—by the time we left the snowfield, the falling snow became wind and a slight drizzle. I finally got out of my Gore-Tex about an hour before reaching the cars. All told, a 16-hour day.

Roxana is now suggesting we give it another go next summer. I'm not so sure. I need more time to forget how hard this one was.

A word about peak bagging in the Pacific Northwest. The Seattle Mountaineers function somewhat like our Sierra Club mountaineering sections. My impression is that many if not most of the worthwhile peaks in the Olympics and Cascades have class three or

four summits; moreover, the hiking season is much shorter. The snow level is around 2,000' for several months each year. I would say, that HPS or its sister sections would consider most of the summit climbs as M-rated. In the past nine months, I have done quite a lot of hiking, but have only a few peaks in my bag. My rain gear is getting used a lot. Soon, I must break down and buy snow shoes or change sports for the winter months.

## Hundred Peaks Section Election Information

Instructions: Please read over the candidate statements, bylaw proposal, and proposals to remove three peaks from the List. Mark your ballot, making sure to vote for no more than six candidates running for the Management Committee. Fold the ballot as indicated, seal only with tape (do not use staples), and affix a 39¢ stamp. Ballots must be received by the Election Committee before December 1, 2006 in order to be counted.

### Candidate Statements

I've had a great time being the Membership Chair for the past couple years. Seeing how excited folks can get when they earn a new emblem makes the job a real pleasure. I really appreciate getting to play a small part in all the celebrations.

I've also enjoyed being an elected member of the HPS Management Committee this past year. It's a pleasure to serve a group as active and interested as the HPS members are. If re-elected, I'll continue to do my best to represent the needs and desires of the group, and appreciate any input and feedback that you can give me.

Greg de Hoogh

Member of the Sierra Club since 1971. Former Chair of the Loma Prieta Chapter in Northern California. Long time O-rated leader. HPS List Finisher with 27 to go and struggling towards a second List Finish.

My goal in joining the HPS Management Committee is to move the section closer to the philosophy of the Club, to increase the focus on environmental and conservation issues while keeping the section strong and supporting the attraction of new members.

Ingeborg Prochazka

My fellow peakbaggers: "If nominated, I will not run; if elected, I will not serve"! Remember those words from one Lyndon Baines Johnson in 1968? (Just kidding)! I once again wish to serve you on this August board. I have been a member of the Committee previously, and have much experience there. Member of HPS since 1974, chair on two prior occasions. Would appreciate greatly the confidence placed in me by your vote. Will serve you in the best way to ensure that the next 50 years is as fruitful as the first. Happy trails!  
Jim. S. Fleming

Active "I" leader. HPS Past Chair, current Mountain Records Chair, Angeles Chapter Leadership Training Committee Administrative Chair. I enjoy serving the HPS community.  
Wolf Leverich

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For 20 years, I've enjoyed peak-bagging and socializing with the wonderful members of HPS. These years have brought lifelong friends, many memories, laughter and tears, great trips, beautiful peaks and a few I'm glad are checked off my list, at least for now! I am so thankful for the experiences I've had with HPS, not only on peaks and trails, but wherever we gather.

It's been my pleasure to serve this year as Vice Chair and Outreach, working to increase HPS membership, and pitching in whenever I can contribute. I feel privileged to work with our other members of HPS management committee and hope I'm chosen for another term but pledge my continued service, whatever the outcome.  
Lynda Armbruster

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I am interested in becoming a member of the HPS Management Committee in order to contribute to the work done by that committee. I frequently participate in outings hosted by the HPS and other Angeles Chapter Sections, both as a participant and as an I-rated leader. I believe the MComm provides an important function and, if chosen, I will help in any capacity selected and look forward to those duties.  
Wayne Vollaire

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Has it been a year? Yup, guess so, time for an Mcomm election. In this past year, I've continued to serve as Outings Chair and to maintain the HPS web site. I'd be happy to do so again next year. Or I'd be happy to get someone else spun up, and head out and lead some hikes. Being on Mcomm is great fun (consider running next year, if your name isn't here with mine this year.) HPS is great fun. Leading for HPS is even greater fun. But most of all, spending time in our mountains is great fun. And a great adventure!  
Karen Leverich

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I have been nominated to run for office for the year 2007. The following is my qualifications and philosophy. I have completed my first List and almost done with my second. I have also completed the Lower Peaks list. I am rated "I".

If elected, my goal will be to expose as many people as possible to the wonderful world of hiking. If you look at our current schedule, most hikes are done on the weekends, with good reason. Most people are off from their jobs on the weekends. I hope to lead more hikes during the week for those who can. When I do a

private hike, I post it via email to as many people as possible. I encourage all hikers to do that. Thank you for considering me for an officer.

Dave Comerzan

## Bylaw Proposal

### Section 8. Achievement Recognition

#### *[as currently written]*

Achievement recognition is awarded by the Management Committee to anyone who has been an active HPS member for the preceding six months and has completed the climbing and leading requirements listed below. Applicants must submit a list of peaks showing dates climbed to the Membership Chair. Various patches, pins, and other items approved by the Management Committee are available for sale to those who earn achievements. Certificates of achievement may be issued as appropriate.

1. The 100 Peaks Emblem is awarded for climbing 100 peaks on the List.
2. The 200 Peaks Emblem is awarded for climbing 200 peaks on the List.
3. List Completion is recognized for climbing all peaks on the List.
4. Multiple List Completion is recognized for climbing all peaks on the List multiple times.
5. The Pathfinder emblem recognition is awarded for climbing 100, 200, or all the peaks on the List by two different routes.

6. The Explorer emblem recognition is awarded for climbing 100, 200, or all the peaks on the list by three different routes.

7. Showshoe emblem recognition is awarded for climbing 25, 100, 200, or all the peaks on the list by use of snowshoes or other flotation device in snow.
8. 100 Peak Leads is recognized for leaders who have led 100 peaks on the List.
9. 200 Peak Leads is recognized for leaders who have led 200 peaks on the List.
10. Leading the List is recognized for leaders who have led all peaks on the List.
11. Leading the List Multiple Times is recognized for leaders who have led the List multiple times. For the leader achievements, being the Leader or Assistant Leader on a scheduled hike for at least half of the ascent is sufficient for the lead to be counted. For the non-completion achievements, peaks that were on the List at the time when climbed or led may be counted. For the completion achievements, all peaks on the List at the time of application are required, except for the multiple completion achievements; in these cases the requirement applies only to the most recent completion.

### Section 8. Achievement Recognition

#### *[proposed]*

1. Recognition of Achievements Achievement recognition is awarded by the Management Committee to anyone who has been an active HPS member for the preceding six months and has completed the requirements for a particular achievement. Applicants must submit a list of peaks showing dates climbed to the Membership Chair.
2. Achievement Requirements: For leader achievements, being the Leader or Assistant Leader on a scheduled hike for at least half of the ascent is sufficient for the lead

to be counted. For non-completion achievements, peaks that were on the List at the time when climbed or led may be counted. For completion achievements, all peaks on the List at the time of application are required, except for the multiple completion achievements; in these cases the requirement applies only to the most recent completion.

3. Changes in Achievement List Achievement additions and deletions and changes to specific achievement requirements may only be made by a vote of the active members in the annual election.

4. Ballot Proposals: Proposals for achievement additions and deletions and requirement changes may be placed on the ballot in two ways:

1. The Management Committee may authorize such a proposal; or 2. A petition signed by at least twenty active members may direct such a proposal, if received by the Chair at least two weeks before the annual business meeting. Any Section member may sponsor a written proposal to the Management Committee for achievement additions or deletions or requirement changes at least two months before the annual business meeting. If the Committee decides against the proposal it shall notify the sponsor at least one month before that meeting.

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### Proposals to Remove Three Peaks From The List

#### Argument for deletion of Palomar High Point

This peak is an average of about 131 miles one way from Los Angeles, plus 13 miles on a dirt road, with a short hike to the summit which is decorated with chain link fences and communication towers. Hiking along an unpleasant dirt road or through brushes in restricted and private areas is not an alternative! In view of Al Gore's 'An Inconvenient Truth' and in accordance with the Sierra Club's position on Global Warming with the goal of reducing the burning of gasoline, keeping this peak on the List is very wasteful and deletion is the conscientious thing to do. (Ingeborg Prochazka)

#### Argument against deletion of Palomar High Point

Not too many people would drive that great of a distance just to do Palomar Mountain. Trips to Palomar are combined with 5 or 6 other peaks in the area.

1. It is a prominent geographic peak in the ranks of Santiago and Modjeska, Baldy, San Gorgonio, and San Jacinto. With its white domed observatory, it can be seen from many peaks at a great distance.
2. If we de-List Palomar on the basis primarily that it is a long drive and a short walk, we will set a precedent for de-listing other peaks with the same criteria, such as Cannel Point.

(Ted Lubeshkoff)

### Argument for deletion of Buck Point and San Sevaine Lookout

Buck Point and San Sevaine have been suspended since the terrible fires of 2003. For two years, the area was closed so it could recover from the fire. The area has been reopened but the peaks have continued to be suspended: unlike all our other fire-suspended peaks, no one has visited these gems and let us know what the situation is.

I think I know why, and it's the reason you are being offered the opportunity to delist them. These two peaks are of very little interest to most of us. With the road apparently permanently closed, they are a 20-some mile trudge on an exposed dirt road. My last visit to San Sevaine found a brush-covered knoll overshadowed by nearby radio towers. The real Buck Point isn't even a peak, but a hunters' overlook. HPS has assigned the name to a nearby bump. I doubt that the fire has enhanced their charm. Looking down from Etiwanda after the fire, we see mile after mile of heartbreakingly burnt trees. Perhaps it is time to move on from these peaks and find some different, more attractive destinations.

Undecided? Join Tom Hill, Patrick Vaughn, and I on November 15th as we trudge up those 20 miles of dirt road to take a look. Not interested? If the November 15th outing sounds unappealing, seriously consider voting to delist these two peaks. HPS peaks should pose a fun challenge rather than pure drudgery. (Karen Leverich)

### Argument against deletion of Buck Point and San Sevaine Lookout

There's a lot to be said for having stability in The List. We obviously have to drop a peak when we lose all legal access. Fortunately this doesn't happen very often, and in those cases we can try to add a peak of similar characteristics.

But if we start delisting peaks because they're painful or they're unaesthetic, we're heading out onto some awfully steep scree. Do we delist Rabbit and Villager because they're too hard? Do we delist Cannel Point or Palomar High Point because they're long drives for a short hike? Do we delist Galena because it's dangerous? Do we delist Barley Flats because there's an open-air cesspool near the summit?

I've heard someone complain sometime about almost every peak on our List. When you vote, think about whether you want to send a message asking for stability, or whether you want to invite wholesale revisions to The List. (Wolf Leverich)

## The Outings Management Committee: What Is It?

By Kent Schwitkis, Chair

OMC, the Outings Management Committee, is the committee responsible for the Outings Program in the Angeles Chapter. Through its sub-committees, it teaches wilderness skills and environmental awareness, promotes and certifies leaders, manages risk by formulating and enforcing safety policy, and provides support to the entity outings programs. Part of these responsibilities demands close cooperation between the OMC and the Entities, e.g. the timely review of proposed outings.

OMC was created some six years ago, to create a more vibrant outings program. The approach was to create a more democratic entity to oversee the program. This requirement is mostly accomplished by the elections held at the annual Outings Assembly. Each entity with an outings program elects a set of representatives to the OMC (5), Safety Committee (1), and the Leadership Training Committee - LTC(I). This year's Assembly is at Eaton Canyon, on Saturday 28 October. Oh by the way, all outings leaders are encouraged to attend.

Organizationally, the OMC is a standing committee and reports directly to the ExComm; the OMC chair is a non-voting member of ExComm. Chapter Safety, WTC, and LTC all report to OMC, and each of their chairs are members of OMC. The entities really don't report to the OMC, but there is substantial influence between the "two," for example, through the acts of leader certification and publication monitoring. The OMC also has significant influence upon the National Committees. This occurs in two ways, through the "Org chart" (OMC "reports" to the Local Outings Support Committee (LOSC)), and through the individuals on OMC who are also members of the National Committees: Outdoor Activities Governance Committee (OAGC - the lead National Committee), the Mountaineering Outings Committee (MOC), and the Outdoor Activities Training Committee (OATC).

Currently, the OMC is made up of the following individuals: Kent Schwitkis(chair), Joe Wankum (Safety chair), Tina Bowman(LTC chair), Steve Nelson (WTC chair), Ann Pedreschi (Assembly Rep(AR)/Vice chair), Silvia Darie (AR), Paul Sailer (AR), Donna Specht (AR/International Trips/Treasurer), and John Hinz(AR/conservation), Joel Goldberg (Bus Insurance), Marc Herz (Local Outings Support Committee, LOSC, liaison), Bill Jackson (Member Advocate/Sec), Wiley Wohlf (webmaster), Lori Ives (records), and Steve Goldstein (CPR/1st aid).

OMC meetings are held at chapter headquarters on the first Monday of the even number months at 7PM. All those involved in the outings program are particularly invited to attend.

## Chapter Outings Assembly October 28, 2006

Join the Chapter Outings Management Committee on Saturday for a session on the present and future of the chapter's outings program. **All Sierra Club members are invited, especially outings leaders, provisional leaders and outings chairs.** See article Page 12 in September Southern Sierran. We'll meet at 9:30 am-4:00 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. Light breakfast and refreshments provided. Bring your lunch.

To remind you, the purpose of the Assembly is two-fold.

A) It is one of the venues where we disseminate important information to our Outings Leaders. It is also another mechanism to information to flow from you and your program back to the OMC and ExComm.  
B) It is also where we elect a new set of OMC members as well as a member for the Safety Committee (SC) and a member for the Leadership Training Committee(LTC). Therefore, it is imperative that you have a representative at the Assembly to insure that you have a voice for your program. Only those outings chairs (or entity chair if the outings chair is absent) may vote.

More details regarding the Assembly will be forthcoming. The assembly will have a similar feel to last year, in that we will have breakout sessions. Topics may include problem participants, risk mitigation, fund raising trips, how to fill out those forms, and how to be an effective outings chair. In addition, we'll have a panel discussion regarding integration of political and conservation elements into our hikes. Hopefully, we'll find some KISS methods.



Kent Schwitkis

## **Wilderness First Aid Classes Available Earn Your Leadership Credentials Or Keep Them Up To Date!**

An introductory class in Wilderness First Aid will be conducted on Saturday, November 4, 2006 at Harwood Lodge. A refresher class in Wilderness First Aid will be held on Sunday, November 5, 2006, also at Harwood Lodge. Topics covered in both classes include scene survey, level of consciousness, patient assessment, controlling bleeding, wounds and burns, head-to-toe examination, vital signs, medical history, fractures and dislocations, and shock. The introductory class also covers strains and sprains, splinting skills, and roller/triangular bandage skills. The refresher course has two realistic wilderness accident scenarios. Wilderness First Aid Course is an independent educational non-profit closely affiliated with the Angeles Chapter.

Applications for these courses are available at <http://wildernessfirstaidcourse.org/application.htm>. To apply please print out the appropriate form, complete the form, and mail it with a check for \$50 (WFAC) to Registrar, Wilderness First Aid Course, P. O. Box 3414, Fullerton, CA 92834. If applying for the introductory course, please include either your Sierra Club membership number and leader rating or a copy of your CPR course certification (regardless of when you took the CPR class). If applying for the refresher course, send proof of completion of a wilderness first aid course of at least 24 hours which you have completed within the last 8 years (unless you took the WFAC).



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### **BEGINNING NAVIGATION CLINIC – MAP/COMPASS WORKSHOP COORDINATORS: DIANE DUNBAR, RICHARD BOARDMAN SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2006**

We teach/practice at all levels. Come practice one on one with an expert instructor. We've held this 2 to 3 times a year for 11 years. Many "I" rated leaders started their nav in this class. Not a checkoff, but taught by Nav Examiners, WTC Leaders between classes, and other expert "I" to "E" leaders.

Send a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope with address, H & W phones and clinic date to: Diane Dunbar, 2351 Chapman Rd, La Crescenta, CA 91214. PLEASE INCLUDE A \$25 CHECK MADE OUT TO THE SIERRA CLUB, TO BE RETURNED AT TRAILHEAD. FOR QUESTIONS, CALL DIANE (818) 248 - 0455.

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### **HPS WILDERNESS FIRST AID REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM**

Been thinking about getting your "I" rating? Now's the time.

Thanks to a generous grant by Mars Bonfire, HPS is capable of providing a little extra incentive for folks considering becoming I, M, and E leaders. For new leaders, we can reimburse \$50 of your tuition cost for Wilderness First Aid. This reimbursement can be used along with any other subsidies that Angeles Chapter and National may provide.

The details of the program follow.

Rules:

- (1) The reimbursement amount is \$50.
- (2) Applicants must complete the requirements for their I, M, or E ratings after 12 September 2006.
- (3) Applicants must be HPS members in good standing.
- (4) Applicants must have led at least two scheduled I, M, or E outings for HPS. Their provisionals may count toward this requirement.
- (5) To apply for the reimbursement, applicants should submit their names and addresses to the HPS Membership Chair after completing the requirements for the reimbursement.
- (6) This program will end when available funds have been disbursed.

Procedures:

- (1) The reimbursement committee consists of: (a) The HPS Membership Chair (chair of the committee), (b) The HPS Treasurer, (c) The HPS Outings Chair, and (d) The LTC Administration Chair
- (2) After receiving an application, the Membership Chair will verify with the HPS Outings Chair and the LTC Administration Chair that the applicant is indeed qualified for the reimbursement.
- (3) After verifying the applicant's qualifications, the Membership Chair will forward the application to the HPS Treasurer for payment.



# September 2006 Mountains Records Committee Report

By Wolf Leverich

## 01A SUNDAY PEAK (source: K. Leverich)

Add:

Special Note

Sunday Peak lies within the Giant Sequoia National Monument.

## 01E CANNEL POINT DRIVING ROUTE 1 (source: K. Leverich and MRCh)

Change:

o Follow this road to Big Meadow.

o Then follow signs to Cannel Meadow.

o Then follow signs to Pine Flat.

o At 29.4 miles, Pine Flat. You have three choices: 24S12B goes to the left, 24S12C is the middle fork, and 24S12 is the right fork and the main road. The middle fork takes you to the Hiking Route 1 trailhead. Once on 24S12C you can drive about 0.5 mile. Park here. The road is overgrown beyond that point.

o If 24S12C is blocked you can continue straight on 24S12 for about 1/2 mile.

o Turn left where the road splits at the intersection of Cannel Meadows Trail and 24S12D. Continue on this road for about 1/2 mile to a wide area. Park here.

To:

o Follow this road to Big Meadow at about 18.1 miles. (Note that you pass 23S07, the turn to SPS' Sirretta Peak, at about 17.8 miles) o Then follow signs to Cannel Meadow. As you pass through Long Meadow at about 24.1 miles, you will fork onto 24S12 as you continue to follow signs to Cannel Meadow.

o Then follow signs to Pine Flat.

o At 29.1 miles, Pine Flat. You have three choices: 24S12B goes to the left, 24S12C is the middle fork (goes straight ahead), and 24S12 is the right fork and the main road. The middle fork takes you to the Hiking Route 1 trailhead. Once on 24S12C you can drive about 0.5 mile. Park here. The road is overgrown beyond that point. o If 24S12C is blocked you can continue right on 24S12 for about 1/2 mile.

o Turn left where the road splits at the intersection of Cannel Meadows Trail and 24S12D. Continue on the road, initially running along the Cannel Meadows Trail, for about 1/2 mile to a wide area. Park here.

## 02C NICOLLS PEAK ROUTE 1 (source: K. Leverich and MRCh)

Change:

Distance: 6 miles round trip cross-country

To:

Distance: 3 miles round trip cross-country

## 07P CHIEF PEAK (source: MRCh)

### ROUTE 1

Change:

Gain: 2100'

To:

Gain: 2300', 2200' out plus 100' on return

### ROUTE 2

Change:

Gain: 400'

To:

Gain: 600', 500' out plus 100' on return

## 07Q HINES PEAK ROUTE 2 (source: D. Cannon, K. Leverich, and MRCh)

Change:

Gain: 1450'

To:

Gain: 1450', 1300' out plus 150' on return

And Change:

\* At 7.2 miles, fork with a sign "Road Ends 5 Miles". Keep left.

\* At 8.4 miles, a sign "Trail 22W08" and road forks. Take the righthand one of the two forks on the left.

\* At 10.3 miles, a permanent barrier and a sign "Trail 21W08". Park here (limited parking). There is more parking available 0.1 mile back.

### HIKING ROUTE 2

\* From the parking area, hike past the gate east along the road up to saddle 6000' and over bump 6150'. \* Go down to the next saddle 6000' at the end of the road.

To:

\* At 7.2 miles, fork with a sign "Road Ends 3 Miles". Keep left.

\* At 8.4 miles, a sign "Trail 22W08" and road forks. Stay on the main road (right fork).

\* At 10.3 miles, a permanent barrier and a sign "Trail 21W08". Park here (limited parking). There is more parking available 0.1 mile back on bump 5479'.

### HIKING ROUTE 2

\* From the parking area (5440+'), hike past the gate east along the road up to saddle 6040+' and over bump 6204'. \* Go down to the next saddle 6040+' at the end of the road.

## 07S TOPATOPA BLUFF ROUTE 1 (source: D. Cannon, K. Leverich, and MRCh)

Change:

Distance: 1.5 miles round trip cross-country

Gain: 1100'

To:

Distance: 2.0 miles round trip on trail

Gain: 1000'

And Change:

\* At 7.2 miles, fork with a 4X4 post. Keep left.

\* At 8.4 miles, a sign "Trail 22W08" and road forks. Take the righthand one of the two forks on the left.

\* At 10.3 miles, a permanent barrier. Park 200 yards before this point. (Ample parking).

### HIKING ROUTE 1

\* From the parking area, hike east up the west ridge, following

a use trail and firebreak to the benchmarked summit.

To:

- \* At 7.2 miles, fork with a sign "Road Ends 3 Miles". Keep left.
- \* At 8.4 miles, a sign "Trail 22W08" and road forks. Stay on the main road (right fork).
- \* At 10.3 miles, a permanent barrier and a sign "Trail 21W08". Park at a large area 0.1 mile back on bump 5479'.

#### HIKING ROUTE 1

\* From the parking area, cross the road and hike east up Topatopa Bluff's west ridge, following a steep but marked and maintained Forest Service trail.

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19B CAJON MOUNTAIN HIKING ROUTE 1 (source: K. Leverich)

Change:

Distance: 3 miles round trip on road and cross-country  
Gain: 300'  
Time: 1 1/2 hours round trip

To:

Distance: 4 miles round trip on road and cross-country  
Gain: 500', 400' out plus 100' on return  
Time: 2 hours round trip

Change:

From the parking area (5000'), hike west down the road past the saddle at 4297' and continue about 50' before reaching a shallow saddle 1/4 mile east of the lookout.

To:

From the parking area (5000'), hike west down the road past the saddle at 4927' and continue about 1/2 mile before reaching a shallow saddle 1/4 mile east of the lookout.

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19D MONUMENT PEAK DRIVING ROUTE 1 (source: K. Leverich)

Change:

At 11.4 miles, fork at a saddle with a gated road on the left. Park here. To:

At 11.4 miles, fork at a shallow saddle. Park here.

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20F SHAY MOUNTAIN ROUTE 1 (source K. Leverich and MRCh)

20G LITTLE SHAY MOUNTAIN ROUTE 1

20H INGHAM PEAK ROUTE 1

20I HAWES PEAK ROUTE 1

FOR ALL, ADD 1 MILE TO ROUND TRIP HIKING DISTANCE.

DRIVING ROUTE 1 Change:

- o At 10.5 miles, junction with 3N41 on the left. Go left if the gate is open, otherwise park here.
- o At 10.9 miles, parking area just short of a locked gate. Park here. To:
- o At 10.5 miles, junction with 3N41 on the left. Go left a short distance and park by the gate.

HIKING ROUTE 1 Change:

o From the parking area (5860'), hike south past the gate, following the old roadbed about 1.2 miles to a wide flat area beyond the site of Hawes Ranch, signed "Muddy Springs - 3". To:

o From the parking area (5908'), hike south past the gate, following the old roadbed about .4 miles to another gate.  
o Continue past the gate, following the old roadbed and trail segments about 1.2 miles to a wide flat area beyond the site of Hawes Ranch, signed "Muddy Springs - 3".

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24I SAN GORGONIO MOUNTAIN ROUTE 1 (source: D. Comerzan)

Change:

Distance: 15 1/2 miles round trip on trail

To:

Distance: 17 1/2 miles round trip on trail

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27G CORNELL PEAK ROUTE 2 (source: MRCh)

Change:

Gain: 1300'

To:

Gain: 1600', 1400' out plus 200' on return

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28P SAM FINK PEAK HIKING ROUTE 1 (source T. Lubeshkoff)

Change:

o Take the trail with a sign "Laws Camp" and "Caramba Camp." Follow this trail through Tahquitz Valley and Reeds Meadow for 4 miles to Laws Junction (7400').  
o Turn right. Follow the trail to Caramba Camp (6600').

To:

o Take the trail with a sign "Laws Camp" and "Caramba Camp." Follow this trail through Tahquitz Valley and Reeds Meadow for 2 miles to Laws Junction (7400').  
o Turn right. Follow the trail 2 miles to Caramba Camp (6600').

## ANGELES CHAPTER INCREASES COMMITMENT TO PRESERVING TRAIL ACCESS By Wolf Leverich

The new Angeles Chapter Conservation Legal Committee has some lawyer-members who are interested in helping us preserve access to local hiking trails in Los Angeles and Orange Counties. Please let the HPS Mountains Records Chair <mrch@hundredpeaks.org> know anytime you see a trailhead being blocked that has previously been accessible. Developers sometimes block access through new housing projects, or homeowners block access through gated communities or private land. We would like to keep trail access open as much as possible and can do this only if we're informed of access restrictions soon after they come about.

The Mountain Records Chair, when he receives your report, will augment it with documentation regarding how long HPS has been using the route and other relevant material, then forward the report on to the appropriate folks to work the issue.

Hundred Peaks Section  
Angeles Chapter  
Management Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: July 11, 2006  
Location: Newcomb's Ranch Inn, Angeles  
National Forest

Mcomm Members Present: Winnette Butler, Dave  
Comerzan, Jim Fleming, Wolf Leverich, Karen Isaacson  
Leverich, Lynda Armbruster, Greg De Hoogh  
Mcom Members Absent: None.  
Mcom Appointed Members Present: Bob Thompson,  
Joe Young  
Members Present: Tom Armbruster  
The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Winnette.

Dave Comerzan submitted the minutes of the previous  
meeting. Several changes were made. The minutes,  
with changes, were submitted for approval. M/s/p.

### Committee Reports:

TREASURER: Sandy Burnside: The Balance sheets and  
Income statements for May and June were submitted for  
approval by Wolf for Sandy (see  
attached). M/s/p

MEMBERSHIP: Greg de Hoogh: The Membership report  
was submitted by Greg for approval (see attached).  
M/s/p

OUTREACH: Lynda Armbruster: Lynda reported that  
she attended a Newcomers meeting on 5/8/06 and spoke  
about  
HPS. She will attend the next Newcomers meeting that  
is held in Orange County.

PROGRAMS: Jim Fleming: Jim updated us on the  
following:

Spring Fling 06: Winnette is still in the process of  
collecting all receipts. By our next meeting, we should  
know whether we broke even on this event. Winnette  
reported that the \$200 fee for Foster Lodge covered the  
first 20 people attending. Since the event covered two  
days and multiple hikes, we did not have a firm  
number of how many attended this event. Foster Lodge  
charges \$5 per person over 20. At the time we reserved  
the lodge, we were not aware of this. We negotiated with  
the Lodge to pay them an addition \$50 fee.

Fall Festival 06: Plans for a Powers Well base-  
of-operations have been made. Karen reported that a  
number of hikes are scheduled.

Banquet 07: Since the Schedule of Activities  
deadline is July 3<sup>rd</sup>, it was suggested we put it in the  
schedule with Program to be Determined. Jim is  
trying to confirm a speaker from the Wildlands  
Conservancy. The menu will have three choices. Price is  
remaining the same. We will keep it as a no host bar,

with no wine provided at the tables (though members  
may buy their own).

Spring Fling 07: We are looking at Joshua Tree  
area to hold this event.

OUTINGS: Karen Isaacson Leverich: Karen reported  
that for the next Schedule of Activities, HPS has  
submitted 43 hikes in which we are the main sponsors of  
the hike.

MOUNTAIN RECORDS: Wolf Leverich.

Wolf submitted the MRC report that included  
changes to several peaks for approval (see attached).  
M/s/p.

CONSERVATION: Mei Kwan: No report was submitted  
by Mei.

ANGELES CHAPTER: Joe Young: Joe reported on the  
following: Mike Adams recently quit as Chair of the  
Outings Management Committee. Chapter is looking for  
a replacement. **[Editor's note: Kent Schwtkis  
volunteered to become Chair of the OMC.]** The Sierra  
Club National is reviewing the waiver we currently use for  
possible changes. Chapter is looking into ways hikes can  
be submitted electronically. The 20-30's Section is  
trying this and it seem to be increasing their membership.  
They currently have over 3000 members. One way to  
handle this is to have certain hikes preapproved by  
chapter. As long as the leaders are properly rated for the  
hike, it could be submitted at the last possible date. Joe  
reported that he is working with the Southern Sierran and  
is requesting we send him trip reports on unusual outings  
that might be of interest to the whole chapter.

OLD BUSINESS: List Competition Pin: Joe had nothing  
to report on this at this time.

Nominating Committee: Members of this  
committee must be non-Mcom members. Names must  
be submitted by the September business meeting. Bob  
Thompson agreed to participate on this committee and e  
will also contact Doris Duval and others.

Mars Bonfire Contribution: Mars has contributed  
\$500 to be used as Mcom feels best. It was agreed that  
we could use this money to give a scholarship of \$50 to  
HPS members who attended WFA to become "I" rated  
leaders. Wolf and Karen agreed to setup guidelines to  
present at September meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: HPS Adopt-A-Highway Program: Our  
sign on Angeles Crest has been knocked down. Jim will  
contact Cal-Trans to see how we can have it fixed.

Contributions – San Antonio Ski Hut/Patty  
Rambert The San Antonio Ski Hut sent Winnette a letter

requesting a donation to help with repairs (see attached). We agreed to send them \$100.

**Patty Rambert Memorial:** We discussed what we could do as a memorial for Patty. It was decided that maybe we could dedicate one of the hikes at the Fall Festival for Patty since this was a combined event with HPS/SPS/

DPS. Patty was a member of all three sections.

**Merchandise Issues:** Bobcat reported that he is receiving no requests for maps and suggests we remove them from the Lookout. M/s/p. Bob also suggested we increase the price of Peak Guides to \$39.50 for a set to offset the cost of increased postage. M/s/p. Joe will make the changes in The Lookout.

**Annual Business Meeting:** Winnette reported that if anything is to be voted on by the membership in November, it needs to be reviewed at the September meeting. There are some questions about the Snow Shoe emblem. It may need to be better defined. We will review any changes in September. Bobcat suggested we consider an emblem for four different ways to a peak.

He suggested the name "Navigator". Bobcat will submit a formal request at the September meeting. Joe suggested that for all these emblem changes and additions, we propose a bylaw change that allows Mcom to make these decisions with membership approval. This will eliminate going through Chapter. It was agreed to do this.

**San Sevaine/Buck Point:** The road to these peaks has been closed for over two years and it is unclear when it will ever be opened. It is possible to walk this road, however, it would be 23 miles round trip for two not very exciting peaks. It was agreed that at the Annual Meeting we will make a decision on whether to propose delisting these peaks or not.

**Election Committee and Ballot:** It was decided that we keep the ballot as a separate mailing. We seem to get better turnout by doing it this way. Winnette will let Edith know.

**HPS Email Address:** Karen reported that HPS has an email address that appears in several publications. Right now, e-mail goes to an outdated address for Virgil Popescu and bounces. It was decided that Wolf will change this and that initially it will go to Lynda. If the volumes proves to be high, we can change who receives it.

**Set Mcom Meeting Places:** It was decided to continue with the following meeting places

September 12: Eaton Canyon

November 14: Winnette's

December 12: Winnette's

Joe also reminded us that we can hold special meeting telephonically through Chapter at no cost.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Dave Comerzan

## Angeles Chapter Fundraisers

DEC 9-10, 2006 Sat - Sun

O: Trail-By-Rail Weekend in Torrey Pines.

Amtrak from Union Station to Solana

Beach and then a local bus to

our Torrey Pines State Park

trail head. We will hike the

extensive coastal system

before heading to our motel in

Del Mar for an over night. Short Sunday hike before

returning via Amtrak to L.A.'s Union 700am-830pm.

Ability to walk 12 mi. \$175. (\$200 non-mem) Includes,

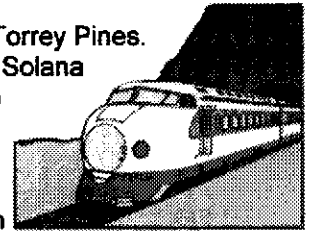
train fare, motel (2 sharing), donation. Send check,

SASE, SC#, email, phone to Leader Roxana Lewis,

11222 La Cienega Bl #460, Inglewood CA 90304, Tel

310-532-2933, Email ROXTLEWIS@aol.com.

Registration after NOV 3 add \$30.



APRIL 5-15, 2007 Thu - Sun

C: HIKING IN HUNGARY: Fly LAX to Budapest and

spend 2-days in the capitol enjoying the pleasures of

goulash and the ancient mineral baths for which the city

is justly famous. We will then commence our walking

adventure along part of the Duna-Ipoly National Park

with vistas of the Danube River. The route takes us over

the characteristic hill of Bvrzsvny and thorough

picturesque villages. Luggage will be transported from

Inn to Inn. The highest terrain is 3,000'. Average daily

mileage is 10 miles. \$3460

(Non-members \$3500) includes

airfare from LAX, hotel/inns (2

share), breakfast, 6 dinners,

luggage transport, donation. To

reserve send \$700

deposit/2SASE/sc#/phone/email

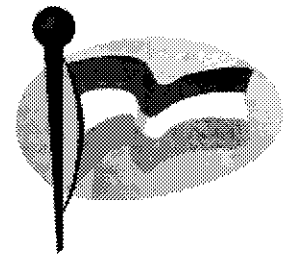
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\$100 by NOV 5, 2006



APRIL 20 - MAY 5, 2007 Fri - Sat

O: Join Angeles Chapter friends on a 16-day tour of

Costa Rica from the Pacific to the Caribbean. Your days

are free to enjoy a wide variety of activities. Destinations

include San Jose, Arenal, Monteverde, Manuel Antonio,

Tortuguero, and Cahuita. The trip fee of \$1195 includes

upgraded accommodations (double occupancy) private

21-passenger air-conditioned coach, 13 meals/happy

hours, some park/entrance fees, guides, and more.

Discounted group airfare

offered. For itinerary and

application, send email with

subject line of "April Costa

Rica" to lajeunes@pacbell.net

(only one "e" in email address.)

Assistant Bobcat Thompson.

