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Duane T. McRuer

(October 25, 1925 - January 24, 2007)

Duane Torrance McRuer was an avid mountaineer and contributor to the Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club, which he joined in 1962. He was instrumental in creating the Leadership Training Program that serves as the model for the entire Sierra Club and wrote and then edited several versions of the Leadership Reference Book (LRB). McRuer met the demand from the Angeles Chapter for leadership standards, certifications, and training. Duane conceived the training system, wrote much of the LRB, organized and ran many of the snow, rock, and navigation practices and checkouts and, importantly, set the whole structure off on its own power, tapping various people on the shoulder, urging their involvement, encouraging their efforts. He served as the Chair of the Sierra Peaks Section of the Club in 1976 and continued to be an active climber and mentor. He climbed all of the 297 mountains contained on the Sierra Club Sierra Peaks List by 1985, and by 1997 had visited or climbed the high point in all fifty states, save one, Mount McKinley in Alaska. He also climbed all of the 97 mountains contained on the Sierra Club's Desert Peaks list twice. Duane also completed the Hundred Peaks Section List twice, completing it the second time at age 70. He was awarded the National Sierra Club's Oliver Kehrlein Award for Outings Leadership (1997) and the Sierra Club Angeles Chapter's Lifelong Service Award (1998) among many other honors. The Hundred Peaks Section presented Duane with the John Backus Leadership Award in 1999. Duane continued to climb peaks well into his eightieth year. His energy, endurance, and knowledge of geology made him a favorite and inspirational companion to all who accompanied him on the many hiking trails and climbing routes here in California and across the United States.



Upcoming HPS events

Spring Fling	March 24 - 25
Waterman Rendezvous	July 28
Annual Business Meeting	September 11

Hundred Peaks Section Holds Annual Awards Banquet

One hundred and two attended the 2007 Annual Awards Banquet.

Awards were presented as follows:

- R. S. Fink Service Award - Tom Hill
 - John Backus Leadership Award - Peter Doggett
 - Bill T. Russell New Leader Award - Ignacia Doggett
- Special Awards were presented to Karen Isaacson Leverich and to Wolf Leverich.

The silent auction was very successful, and the HPS made approximately \$1,700 from it.

Advance Schedule of HPS Activities begins on page 6

HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION MEMBERSHIP REPORT – JANUARY 2007

By Greg DeHoogh

ACHIEVEMENTS:

List Finish #4

#15 – Tom Hill – 1/6/07 – Rosa Point

List Finish

#263 – Bob McEwan – 12/9/06 – Mount Deception

200 Peaks

#428 – Pamela Rowe – 12/3/06 – Lookout Mountain #2

#429 – Laura Franciosi – 9/4/06 – Dragons Head

#430 – Bill Simpson – 1/2/07 – Rabbit Peak #2

100 Peaks

#1094 – George Kenegos – 11/25/06 – Birch Mountain



NEW MEMBER:

Greg Daly

NEW SUBSCRIBERS:

Lyn Graham Gary Kinsley
Leslie Lynch Dave Fujiyama

DONOR:

Greg Daly - \$20

MEMBERSHIP COUNTS:

368 Members (318 primary + 50 household)

59 Subscribers

427 Total

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Final dates for receipt of material are June 1 for the July-August issue; June 1 for the November-December issue; film photos please write your name on each photo whether digital or film. **sunglasses!** If you want the film articles may be edited for length or appropriateness. Please send articles, photos, etc to Joe Young, 12551 Presnell Street, Los Angeles, CA 90066 - 6730, fax to Joe at (310) 301 - 9642; or email to joengeri@ca.rr.com. **THE**

The Hundred Peaks Section Website

The HPS website is located at <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/hps/>.

The website is maintained by Wolf Leverich and Karen Isaacson Leverich, who keep it up to date and loaded with information:

- ◆ Upcoming hikes and other events
- ◆ Peak List
- ◆ Climbing guides
- ◆ Archived trip reports
- ◆ HPS awards
- ◆ Much, much more

Check it out!



**Hundred Peaks Section
Spring Fling - March 24 - 25, 2007
Mission Creek Preserve**

Welcome in the spring with a fun and festive weekend at Mission Creek Preserve (part of the Wildlands Conservancy network) near Joshua Tree National Park. The Preserve is located just west of highway 62. Turn left onto dirt road 1.6 miles beyond Pierson Road turn off from highway 62. (This is approximately 5 ½ miles north of I -10.) Join us for peak-bagging in the area and camping (with potluck Saturday night). Camp at the Preserve, nearby Black Rock Canyon Campground in Joshua Tree, or stay at motels in Yucca Valley. Send \$5 fee (per person), SASE or fax for information/reservation to the address below. Reserve early! Space is limited!

cut here and send reservation form with \$5/person



HPS Spring Fling Registration Form
(Please print legibly)

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Email address or phone number: _____

Number of people in your party: ____ Amount enclosed (\$5.00 per person): _____

Mail form with SASE and check payable to HPS to:

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Management Committee Meetings

The Management Committee meets every other month. All members of the Hundred Peaks Section are welcome and encouraged to attend. We need your input. For an Agenda and the exact location of the meeting, contact the Chairperson, David Comerzan:

March 23rd: Yucca Valley (@ Spring Fling)
May 8th: Pasadena Area
July 10th: Newcomb's Ranch Inn
Sept 11th: Annual Business Meeting, Eaton Canyon

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From the Chair

By Dave Comerzan

Let me introduce myself. I am the new Chair of HPS for 2007. They tell me I have the easiest job. All I have to do delegate. So they tell me. Seriously, it is with great pleasure I accept this new responsibility. Every time I look at the history of this organization, I am amazed. It has been around almost as long as I have. In today's fast paced, multiple demands on a person's time, that's quite a feat.

2006 was a banner year for HPS. 60 emblems were awarded for the period of January 1, 2006 to January 20, 2007. 2006 will be known as the Year of the Woman. Women achieved 24 of the 60 emblems. Especially notable were Dorothy Danziger who joined that rarified air of List Finish #5 and Karen Leverich the first woman to lead the List. Congratulations to all. It stands to reason that if this many people were achieving that many emblems, we must be hiking a lot. And we were. HPS had 341 scheduled hikes in 2006. Our thanks goes out to those hard working leaders who go through the effort to schedule hikes well in advance of their dates. After all, we don't do it for the pay. Keep up the good work and let's see if we can beat those figures in 2007.

The year ended with another successful banquet. Over 100 people attended, renewing old acquaintances, and making new friends. Our Silent Auction, thanks to the generous contribution of Lynda Armbruster, raised over \$1700 for the section. The following awards were given out at the banquet:

Bill T. Russell New Leader: Ignacia Doggett
 John Backus Leadership: Peter Doggett
 R.S. Fink Service: Tom Hill
 Special Award:
 Inspiration and Encouragement: Karen Leverich
 Special Award:
 Spirit of Volunteerism: Wolf Leverich

The evening ended with an excellent presentation by April Sall of the Wildlands Conservancy. Many of us have hiked on their lands, including Bear Paws, Wind Wolves, Pipes Canyon and their newest acquisition, Mission Creek, where our Spring Fling is held this year.

My message for this year: Involvement. Hike as much as you can for that's what we are all about. Let fellow hikers know where and when you're hiking, both formally as scheduled hikes and informally via email lists, phone calls. I can only hike during the week. I maintain a list of people who can hike during the week also and send out an email every time I go hiking. If not a leader, become one. If "O" rated, become "I", if "I", become "M". Support the organization by participating in the special hikes we have such as Spring Fling (3/24,25), Waterman (7/28), Fall Festival (10/6,7) and our banquet next January. Finally, support the organization by giving input. All of the Mcom members have email and phone numbers. Let us know what you're thinking. And, most important, consider running for Mcom. We have a great

group of people on Mcom this year. In fact with few exceptions, it is the same as last year. While I am looking forward to working with this group, and the commitment is not that great, people do get tired and any organization needs new input to survive. Shortly, we will be coming to you to ask you to run for Mcom. Think about it.

The following people were awarded certificates at our banquet. While recognition of emblem achiever takes place all year, certificates are handed out at the banquet. The time frame for this year was from January 1, 2006 to January 20, 2007. Next year and each succeeding year, we will be using from banquet date to banquet date as the time frame for awarding certificates. Those who were not at the banquet will be mailed their certificate. While every effort is made to accurate, we are only human. If you earned an emblem in the above time frame and are not mention, please let Greg de Hoogh, Membership Chair know.

100 Peaks:

Wayne Bannister	Pat Vaughn
Edd Ruskowitz	Melissa Kane
Ted Lubeshkoff	Greg de Hoogh
Bill Simpson	Bruce Craig
Anne Howell	Gloria Miladin
Kirt Smoot	Keith Christensen
Markey Neighbors	Robert Neighbors
Lyndon Dyer	George Kenegos

200 Peaks:

Cheryl Gill	Chris Wu
Wayne Bannister	Pamela Rowe
Laura Franciosi	Bill Simpson

List Finish #1:

Ignacia Doggett	Brent Crookham
Valapa Saubhayana	Lilly Fukui
Diana Estrada	Jorge Estrada
Don Cwik	Mei Kwan
Kent Schwitkis	Bob McEwan

List Finish #2

Zobeida Arauz	Dave Comerzan
Winnette Butler	Tina Bowman
Virgil Popescu	

List Finish #3:

Sandy Burnside	Kathy Cheever
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List Finish #4:

Tom Hill

List Finish #5

Dorothy Danziger

- List Finish #7
George Wysup
- List Finish #8
Peter Doggett
- List Finish #11
Mars Bonfire
- List Finish #12
Mars Bonfire
- Snowshoe 25:
George Wysup
Edith Liu
- Pathfinder 100:
Laura Joseph
- Explorer 100:
Tom Hill
- Explorer 200:
George Wysup
- 100 Peaks Leadership:
Dave Comerzan
Pat Arredondo
- List Leadership #1:
Tom Hill
Virgil Popescu

- John McCarty
Kent Schwitkis
- Dave Comerzan
- Zobeida Arauz
- Ignacia Doggett
- Karen Leverich



Dave Comerzan, HPS Chair for 2007, addresses the crowd at the Banquet.



David Eisenberg, editor of the Angeles Chapter Scheule of Activities, is recognized for having led the HPS List twice. At his table are Maureen Cates, Bob Cates, and Keats Hayden.



Dave Comerzan presents the Past Chair Award to Winnette Butler, Chair in 2006. Winnette served as emcee for this year's Banquet.



Dorothy Danziger is acknowledged as the first woman to finish the HPS List five times.



George Wysup stands alone as the first person to earn an "Explorer 200" achievement.



Advance Schedule of Hundred Peaks Section Activities March - October, 2007

By Karen Isaacson Leverick

Come get high with us.

Mar 3 Sat WTC, Hundred Peaks

I: Quail Mountain (5813'): Moderately strenuous 8-10 mile loop hike, 1800' gain, to the highest peak in Joshua Tree National Park, via Samuelson's Rocks through spectacular desert scenery. Substantial cross-country travel with some rough, rocky portions. Bring your camera (optional), 4 quarts water (mandatory), and good footwear (mandatory). Send email (preferred) or SASE, with contact info & recent conditioning to Leader: CHARLES IRVING Assistant: ASHER WAXMAN

Mar 3 Sat WTC, Hundred Peaks, 20s & 30s

I: Sugarloaf Mountain (9952'): Snowshoe in the San Bernardino Mountains. Destination may change with snow conditions. Strenuous 10-12 miles round trip, 2700' gain. Send sase/esase, conditioning to Leader: ERIC SCHEIDEMANTLE Co-Leader: MELODY ANDERSON

Mar 3-4 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Mayan Peak (6106'), Butterbreed Peak (5997'), Cross Mountain (5203'), Chuckwalla Mountain (5029'): Hike these southern Sierra Peaks north of Mojave and camp in Red Rock Canyon State Park. Saturday: Mayan and Butterbreed, total 6 miles/3000' gain. Sunday: Cross and Chuckwalla, total 12 miles/4000' gain. Lots of dirt road driving. Join us for one or two days. Contact leader (e-mail preferred) for details. Leader: TED LUBESHKOFF Co-leader: PAMELA ROWE

Mar 3-4 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks, Desert Peaks

I: The BIG Rabbit: Rabbit Peak #2 (6640+), Villager Peak (5756'): Traditional, very strenuous desert backpack near the Salton Sea, 21 miles round trip, 8000' gain overall. Terrain is steep, rocky, and infested with groves of cholla, agave, and other thorny obstacles. Must carry all water for the overnight camp near Villager. For trip details send recent conditioning, backpacking experience, and phone & rideshare information to Leader: TOM HILL Co-leaders: GREG de HOOGH, MARLEN MERTZ, JOHN RADALJ

Mar 6-7 Tue-Wed Lower Peaks

I: Keys Peak (4483'), Mt. Mel (3814'), Monument Mtn (4834'), Mastodon Peak (3371'): Hike these splendid Joshua Tree N.P. peaks. Tuesday Mt Mel and Keys from Indian Cove; 9 miles, 2200' round trip. on Boy Scout trail with some rugged desert cross-country, including high class 2 scrambling on both summits. Tuesday night car camp. Wednesday 6 miles, 2000' gain cross-country to Monument (high point of the Hexie range) after some dirt road driving, followed by a separate hike of 3 miles, 400' gain round trip to Mastodon, with scramble to the summit; both mtns near Cottonwood entrance. Great views of the park. Email Dave for details and permission. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, GEORGE WYSUP

Mar 8 Thu Lower Peaks

Annual Lower Peaks Committee Meeting: Plan to attend the Annual meeting of the Lower Peaks Committee. 7:00 PM at Knowlwood Restaurant, 150 S Harbor Blvd, Fullerton. Peak additions and deletions will be discussed. Copies of the Lower Peaks Guide will be available. For further information, contact Chair: WAYNE NORMAN

Mar 10 Sat Hundred Peaks New Outing, first time published

O: Iron Mountain #2 (5635'), Condor Peak (5440'), Fox Mountain (5033'): Moderate day hike in the Angeles National Forest. The total hike will be 11.5 miles round trip with 3600' of gain. Bring water, lug soles, lunch & jacket. Contact the leaders to find meeting information. Leaders: PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT

Mar 10 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Cajon Walking Tour: Cleghorn Mountain (5333'), Cajon Mountain (5360+), Sugarpine Mountain (5478'), Monument Peak #2 (5290'): Downed trees usually block the roads in winter but you can join this strenuous walking tour near Cajon Pass and give your wheels a rest. First three peaks 16 miles round trip, 3300' gain, beginning with the PCT section up to Cleghorn Ridge then continuing along rocky roads through high forested ridgelines. Monument Peak (optional) adds 5.5 miles, 700' gain. For trip details send recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: LILLY FUKUI, DON CWIK, CHRIS SPISAK

Mar 10 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Mount Lowe (5603'): 10 miles round trip, 3800' gain, moderately strenuous, good conditioning hike. We will hike up Sam Merrill trail to Echo Mountain, then Castle Canyon trail to Mount Lowe summit. Meet at the top of Lake Ave in Pasadena at 7:30 AM. Bring 10 essentials, lunch, and water. Leader: MARY JO DUNGFELDER Assistant: GEORGE WYSUP

Mar 10 Sat Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks New Outing, first time published

O/I: Snowshoe Mt Pinos (LO) (8831'): Hopefully snow conditions will permit continuing on to Sawmill Mountain and perhaps Grouse Mountain as they sparkle in winter beauty. 8 miles round trip, 2000' gain route will be moderately paced, but strenuous, and requires good conditioning but no previous snowshoe experience. Lack of snow will change the outing to a hike. 4wd vehicles a plus. Meet 7:30 AM Sylmar rideshare point with water, lunch, snowshoes, sturdy waterproof hiking boots, hiking poles with snow baskets, warm and waterproof clothing layers, hat, sunscreen, sunglasses. Leader: ROSEMARY CAMPBELL Co-Leaders: SOUTHERN COURTNEY, BRENT COSTELLO

Mar 10-11 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Granite Mountain #2 (5633'), Whale Peak (5349'): Day hikes with optional overnight camp in San Diego County. Saturday: Whale, 9 miles, 2300' gain; Sunday Granite 8 miles, 3000' gain. Expect lots of brushy, slow going terrain. EMAIL/SASE with conditioning info and for meeting time/place to Wynne. Leaders: WAYNE VOLLAIRE, WYNNE BENTI

Mar 11 Sun Hundred Peaks New Outing, first time published

O/I: Mount Lukens (5074') & Cole Point (5604'): Moderate day hike above La Canada. The total hike will be 14 miles round trip with 3700' of gain. Bring water, lug soles, lunch, cookies (for the Leader) & jacket. Contact the Leaders to find the meeting information. Leaders: PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT Co-Leaders: MARS BONFIRE, KATHY CHEEVER

Mar 13 Tue Hundred Peaks New Outing, first time published

O: Sawtooth Peak (5200'), Burnt Peak (5788'), Liebre Mountain (5760'): Let's visit the lovely Area 8 peaks near San Andreas fault. 10 miles, 2600' gain on firebreak and road. Extensive dirt road driving requiring AWD vehicles. Pray for no earthquakes. Apply to either leader with contact information. Co-Leaders: JENNIFER WASHINGTON, GEORGE WYSUP

Mar 17 Sat Hundred Peaks, Verdugo Hills

O: Mount Hillyer (6200'): 4 miles round trip, 1000' gain easy hike. Spring flowers could be blooming, or we can collect mistletoe. Meet 8:30 AM La Canada rideshare point. Bring water, lunch, hiking boots. Rain cancels. Leaders: FRANK DOBOS, MANOOSH YEREMIAN

Mar 17 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Round Mountain (5272'), Luna Mountain (5967'), Rattlesnake Mountain (6131'): Moderately strenuous loop tour, up to 10 miles round trip, 3000' gain in the Hesperia Backcountry east of Cajon Pass. We combine roads, trails, and desert fringe cross-country trekking for this adventure as we search for peaks to climb. Much dirt road driving; high clearance vehicles recommended. For trip details send recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: MARKEY & ROBERT NEIGHBORS

Mar 17 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Mount Lukens (5074'): Join us on this St Patty's Day Hike to the highest point in the City of L.A. Hike from Deukmejian Park in La Crescenta via Crescenta View Trail and fire road. Return via Haines Canyon Trail with short car shuttle. Spring wildflowers and great views to Catalina. 9 miles round trip, 3000' gain. Well-mannered K-9's welcome. Meet 8 AM Deukmejian Park (from 210 Fwy, exit Pennsylvania Ave, N. to Foothill Blvd, L to New York, R to top of New York, L on Markridge 1 block to park entrance on right.) Bring 3 L's (Lunch, Liquids, Lugsoles) and St. Patty's Day goodies to share. Leader: BOBCAT THOMPSON, JIM FLEMING

Mar 17 Sat Hundred Peaks, K-9 New Outing, first time published

I: Chuckwalla Mountain (5029'): St. Patty's Day List Finish. Bring your hiking dogs and green champagne for a nice St. Patty's Day walk up Chuckwalla near Mojave for Wynne's List finish (22 years in the making), on same-named peak as her DPS list finish. 1400' of gain, 4 miles round trip. Bring lunch, plenty of water for your dog, leash and something green to share up top. Conditioned canines ok. Email or snail mail Wynne for meeting spot. Leaders: WYNNE BENTI, JULIE RUSH

Mar 18 Sun Hundred Peaks

O: Skinner Peak (7120'): Excellent peak about 35 miles northwest of Mojave. The total hike will be about 8 miles with 1900' of gain. Bring water, lug soles, lunch & jacket. Contact leaders to find the time & place to meet. Leaders: PETER DOGGETT & IGNACIA DOGGETT

Mar 20 Tue Hundred Peaks

I: Snowshoe in the local mountains (wherever the conditions permit): Approximately 10 miles, 2500' gain. Pace will be moderate. Email Sandy the week before for instructions. Leaders: SANDY BURNSIDE, MARS BONFIRE

Mar 23 Fri Hundred Peaks New Outing, first time published

I: Mount Inspiration (5560'): Start the Spring Fling weekend right with a warm-up hike on Friday afternoon, and pick up a pathfinder while you're at it. 5 miles, 1100' gain. This will be all cross-country on a route that starts northeast of the peak. Contact Greg for meeting time and location. Leader: GREG de HOOGH Co-Leader: SANDY BURNSIDE

Mar 24-25 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks

HPS Spring Fling Weekend at Mission Creek Preserve near Joshua Tree: Welcome in the spring with a fun and festive weekend at Mission Creek Preserve near Joshua Tree National Park. Join us for peak-bagging in the area and camping (with potluck Saturday night) at the Preserve, nearby Black Rock Canyon Campground in Joshua Tree, or motels in Yucca Valley. Send \$5 free, sase or fax for information/reservations to Reservationist: JIM S. FLEMING

Mar 24 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Chaparrosa Peak (5541') or Black Mountain #4 (6149'): Chaparrosa Peak was burned over in the Sawtooth Fire of summer 2006. If the area has reopened for hiking, we'll hike 6 miles, 1200' gain, on trail, and see the damage from the fire and the area beginning to recover. If the area is still closed, we'll instead do nearby Black Mountain #4, outside the burn perimeter: 4 miles and 1200' gain, all cross-country, in interesting desert terrain. Contact Wolf (e-mail preferred) in the weeks before the outing to learn which peak and when/where to meet. We'll finish in time for the Spring Fling potluck! Leaders: GREG de HOOGH, WOLF LEVERICH

Mar 24 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Quail Mountain (5800'): Start out the Spring Fling weekend with a fun ascent of this Joshua Tree peak. 10 miles, 1750' total gain (400' of this on return), cross-country and trail. Meet at 7:30 AM at the corner of La Contenta Road and Hwy 62 (about 2.8 miles past SR 247). We will drive about 9.4 miles on a dirt road possible for passenger vehicles. We plan on finishing in time to enjoy the outstanding potluck at the Mission Creek Preserve. Rain or extreme weather conditions cancel the hike. If you have questions or concerns, please contact one of the leaders via email. Leaders: SANDY BURNSIDE, LAURA JOSEPH, SANDY SPERLING

Mar 24 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 Leaders: KIM HOMAN Co-Leader: KAREN LEVERICH

Mar 24 Sat DPS, Hundred Peaks New Outing, first time published

I: Pinto Mountain (3983'): We'll cross the Pinto Basin (perhaps if lucky, covered with spring bloom) from near Fried Liver Wash, then hike up one ridge to the summit and down another. Beautiful cactus blossoms and possible reptile sightings along the ridges of this lovely desert peak. 2400' gain, 9.5 miles round trip. Then join the Spring Fling potluck Saturday night. Leader: WYNNE BENTI Co-Leader: JULIE RUSH

Mar 24 Sat Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks New Outing, first time published

O: Hermit Trail Loop: Marvel at Hermit's Castle - an abandoned abode hidden in our forest - on our 8 mile round trip, 1500' gain moderately paced hike which begins near Newcombs store on Hwy 2, takes us through Bandido and Horse Flats Campgrounds and lunch on Mount Hillyer. Meet 8:30 AM La Canada rideshare point. Bring water, lunch, good footwear, layered clothing. Leaders: SOUTHERN COURTNEY, ROSEMARY CAMPBELL

Mar 25 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Ryan Mountain (5457'), Lost Horse Mountain (5313'): Greg likes avoiding the boredom of the trails on these two, so we're doing them mostly cross-country. 8.5 mile, 2300' gain, one-way with a car shuttle. Send email (preferred) or sase, with contact info & recent conditioning to Leader: GREG de HOOGH Co-Leaders: WOLF & KAREN LEVERICH

Mar 25 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Warren Point (5103'): Finish up the weekend with a relaxing hike this delightful peak in Joshua Tree. 4 miles round trip, 1000' gain. Mostly trail, some cross country. Contact leaders for meeting time and place. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, LYNDY ARMBRUSTER

Mar 25 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Queen Mountain (5680') from Indian Cove: Need an Explorer Route to Queen? How about capping off Spring Fling with this adventurous cross-country route. The hike is a strenuous but rewarding 10 mile round trip with approximately 3600' of gain for experienced desert hikers. Send email (preferred) or SASE, with contact info & recent conditioning to Leader: PAUL GARRY Assistant: GEORGE WYSUP

Mar 25 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Eagle Crag (5077'): Challenging peak in northern San Diego County east of Temecula, strenuous 18 miles round trip, 3500' gain on trail, road, and cross-country, with some dirt road driving. Add 6 miles and 1000' gain if the dirt road access is closed, which would move us to the paved trailhead at Dripping Springs Campground. For trip details send recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: PAT ARREDONDO, MARLEN MERTZ

Mar 25 Sun Hundred Peaks New Outing, first time published

I: Chuckwalla Mountain (5049'), Cross Mountain (5203'): Beautiful day hike in an area North of Mojave. Hopefully see some gorgeous wild flowers. The total hike will be about 11 mi rt with 4000' of gain. Bring water, lug soles, lunch, jacket & camera. Contact the leaders to find the meeting information. Leaders: PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT Co-Leaders: MARS BONFIRE, KATHY CHEEVER

Mar 31 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Heald Peak (6901'): Enjoy a beautiful spring hike near Lake Isabella with possible wildflowers. 10 miles round trip/3500' gain. Bring 3 qts of water, lunch, 10 essentials. Contact leader (preferably by e-mail) for details. Leader: TED LUBESHKOFF Co-Leader: GEORGE WYSUP

Mar 31 Sat Lower Peaks, Orange County

O: Simi Peak (2403'): The Simi Hills are often overlooked because of their famous neighbor, the Santa Monica Mtns. Enjoy old pastoral grazing lands, valley oak woodlands, wildflowers, all on good trails. 6 miles round trip, 1200' gain. Meet 7 AM at North Orange County or 8:30 AM at Woodland Hills rideshare. Bring water, lunch, lug soles. Rain cancels. Leaders: GABRIELE RAU, JOHN and DANA HUNTER

Apr 1 Sun Hundred Peaks

M: Five Fingers (5174'), Onyx Peak #2 (5244'): Enjoy rocks and wildflowers in the Southern Sierras on these two steep, rocky desert-like peaks, do either or both. First peak is a scree-and-climb of 3 miles, 1600' gain (summit is 3rd class rock). Second peak is a scree-and-scramble of 4 miles round trip, 2300' gain. Some dirt road driving for Five Fingers, high-clearance vehicles recommended. For trip details send recent experience, phone & rideshare information to Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: GEORGE WYSUP, PAT ARREDONDO, GARY SCHENK

Apr 1 Sun Hundred Peaks

O: San Gabriel Peak (6161'), Mount Disappointment (5960'), Mount Deception (5796'): Fun hike on April Fools Day, up and down on road and trail. 5 miles round trip, 1800' gain. Bring friendly spirit, lunch, water, goodies to share. Wear hiking boots. Meet 8:30 AM at La Canada rideshare point. Rain cancels. Leaders: FRANK DOBOS, MEI KWAN

Apr 4 Wed Hundred Peaks

I: Fox Mtn #1 (5167'), Peak Mtn (5843'), McPherson Peak (5749'): Knock off this cluster of peaks in the far NW outback of Santa Barbara County. First peak via a new ridgeline approach, 5 miles round trip, 2200' gain. Remaining peaks afterwards, up to 6 miles, 800' gain, depending on group wishes. Much cross-country travel in easy scrub brush and sometimes steep slopes. Much dirt road driving, high clearance vehicles needed. For trip details send recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Leader: TOM HILL
Co-Leader: PATRICK VAUGHN

Apr 4 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: Colby Canyon to Josephine Peak (5558'): 8 miles round trip, 2100' gain on trail and dirt road. Moderate pace. Meet 9 AM La Canada rideshare point with water, lunch, good footwear. Leaders: DON SIMINSKI, JENNIFER WASHINGTON

Apr 7 Sat Hundred Peaks

Outing revised from previous publication

I: Lizard Head (5320'), Cuyama Peak (5878'): Strenuous but moderately paced 11 miles round trip, 3200' gain via trails, firebreaks, and cross-country. Great spring hike in Santa Barbara County. Much dirt road driving, high-clearance vehicles needed. Possible wildflowers. Contact leader (e-mail preferred) for details. Leader: TED LUBESHKOFF Co-leader: WAYNE VOLLAIRE

Apr 7 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Monte Cristo Loop: Rabbit Peak #1 (5307'), Granite Mountain #1 (6600'), Round Top (6316'), Iron Mountain #3 (5040'): Strenuous but classic pre-Easter loop hike to nearby Angeles Forest peaks, 14 miles round trip, 4200' gain on roads and sometimes steep firebreaks. Experienced hikers meet 8 AM La Canada rideshare point. Bring some water, good footwear, and lunch for the top. Rain cancels. Leaders: TOM HILL, LILLY FUKUI, PAT ARREDONDO, CHRIS SPISAK

Apr 7 Sat Hundred Peaks, Wilderness Adventures

I: Barley Flats (5600'), Mount Sally (5408'), Mount Vetter (5908'), Mount Mooney (5840'), Mount Hillyer (6200'): Bag 5 easy peaks or pick and choose as we attempt all five. Approximately 7 miles for all five and about 1200' gain. Meet 8 AM La Canada rideshare point. Bring lunch and 10 essentials. Leaders: HARVEY GANZ, PAMELA ROWE

Apr 7 Sat Hundred Peaks

New Outing, first time published

I: Beauty Peak (5548'), Iron Springs (5755'): Day hike these two brushy peaks in Riverside County. The total hike will be 8.5 miles round trip with 2700' of gain. Bring water, lug soles, lunch & jacket. Contact the Leader to find the meeting information. Leader: PETER DOGGETT Co-Leaders: IGNACIA DOGGETT, MARS BONFIRE, KATHY CHEEVER, BILL SIMPSON

Apr 7 Sat Pasadena, Hundred Peaks

O: Mount Muir (4300'): Moderate pace, 9 miles round trip, 2900' gain scenic loop hike via historic Echo Mountain and Castle Canyon trail to Inspiration Point and on to the summit of Mount Muir. Return via Sam Merrill trail. Wonderful view of LA Basin. Meet 7:30 AM N end of Lake St, Altadena. Bring water, lunch, boots. Rain cancels. Leaders: MEI KWAN, DANA HUNTER

Apr 8 Sun Hundred Peaks

New Outing, first time published

O: Boucher Hill (5438'), Combs Peak (6193'): Day hike these two easy peaks in San Diego County. The total hike will be 6 miles round trip with 1500' gain. Bring water, lug soles, lunch & jacket. Contact the leaders to find the meeting information. Leaders: PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT

Apr 11 Wed Hundred Peaks

O: Barley Flats (5600'), Mount Lawlor (5957'), Strawberry Peak (6164'): Explore the old Nike missile launch site as we waltz the short way to Barley. Then a 6+ miles round trip, 2800' gain hike on trail and use trail from Red Box for the other 2. For variety there will be a short, very steep romp, complete with yucca, along the old Nike communication line to the summit of Lawlor. Moderate pace. Contact (email preferred) George a few days before the hike for permission and details. Leaders: GEORGE WYSUP, TOM HILL, BRUCE CRAIG

Apr 11 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: Strawberry Peak (6264'): 6 miles round trip, with 1564' gain. Red Box to 2.3 miles to saddle 600' gain, saddle to peak 0.7 miles 964' gain. Meet at 9 AM La Canada rideshare pt with water, lunch, good footwear. Leaders: ROSEMARY CAMPBELL, SOUTHERN COURTNEY

Apr 14 Sat Lower Peaks, Orange County

O: Saddleback Butte (3651'), CA Poppy Preserve: If the winter has decent rains the wildflowers should be fantastic. Easy paced 4 miles, 1000' gain round trip, all on trail. Meet 7 AM at North Orange County rideshare or 8:30 AM at Canyon Country rideshare. Going to the Poppy preserve is, of course, optional. Bring water, 10 essentials. Rain cancels. Leaders: GABRIELE RAU, GEORGE WYSUP

Apr 14 Sat Hundred Peaks, Palos Verdes-South Bay I:

Luna (5967'), probably Round (5272'), possibly Rattlesnake (6131') and certainly Deep Creek Hot Springs (5' deep): 16th semi-annual Spring Deep Creek Hot Springs hike/soak/swim with a bit more adventure. We'll attempt to gain access to the hot springs from Luna via an exploratory cross-country route and another exploratory cross-country route back to Round. Then time permitting, we'll do one or both of the other peaks. Moderately paced 11 miles, 3400'

gain, mostly cross-country, with additional 3 miles and 1000' gain for the other two peaks. Bring 10 essentials, towel (swim suit optional). 4wd vehicles desirable for dirt road driving. No beginners. Plan on spending full day - it's near Hesperia. Rain cancels. Send email (preferable) or sase with recent conditioning and CARPOOL INFO to Leaders: BARRY HOLCHIN Co-Leader: WAYNE VOLLAIRE

Apr 14 Sat Hundred Peaks New Outing, first time published

O: Smith Mountain (5111'), Sunset Peak (5796'): Day hike these two peaks at a brisk pace. The total hike will be about 19 miles round trip with 4600' gain. Bring water, lug soles, lunch, hat & jacket. Contact the leaders to find the meeting information. Leaders: PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT

Apr 15 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Eagle Rest Peak (6005'), Antimony Peak (6848'): Visit the striking sedimentary rock uplift of Eagle Rest near Frazier Park by following the ridge from Antimony if the dirt roads are open, otherwise we'll take the creekside bushwhacking route. Very strenuous 11 miles round trip, 4500' gain in steep terrain, brushy, with some rock scrambling at the top. Some dirt road driving possible if Antimony accessible. For trip details send recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: GEORGE WYSUP, PAT ARREDONDO

Apr 17-18 Tue-Wed Lower Peaks

O: Agua Tibia Mtn (4779'), Wild Horse Pk (3277'): Join us for two days in the Cleveland NF. Agua Tibia is 17 miles r.t., 3200 ft gain. Wild Horse is 10 miles r.t., 1800 ft gain. Both of these strenuous hikes start at the Dripping Springs Campground, about 10 miles east of Temecula. Early departures for both. Contact leaders for meeting time and place. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, INGEBORG PROCHAZKA

Apr 18 Wed Hundred Peaks

I: Bare Mountain (6388'), Barley Flats (5600'): Enjoy Bare and optional Bare-ly on this sometimes steep but moderately paced trip. First peak is a relatively isolated summit east of Mt Pacifico in Angeles Forest, up to 10 miles round trip, 1800' gain from near Alder Saddle, depending on road conditions. May visit "Barely Flat" or other nearby peak afterward if all goes well. Contact (email preferred) Tom a few days before the hike for permission, details, and status. Leaders: TOM HILL, GEORGE WYSUP

Apr 21-22 Sat-Sun WTC

I: Quail Mountain (5814'): Easy paced but moderately strenuous 14 mile round trip 1800' gain, backpack to Quail Mountain, highest point in Joshua Tree National Park using mostly cross-country route. Saturday easy paced 4 miles to camp, set up, then 5 miles round trip to Quail and back to camp for happy hour. We will encounter some rough, rocky sections on Quail. Great opportunity to practice your navigation skills and photograph desert wildflowers! Send esase or sase, contact info and recent conditioning to Leader: KIM HOMAN Assistant: JANE SIMPSON

Apr 21-22 Sat-Sun LTC, WTC, Hundred Peaks New Outing, first time published

I: Indian Cove Navigation: Navigation noodles at Joshua Tree National Park to satisfy the Basic (I/M) level navigation requirements. Saturday for practice, skills refresh, altimeter, campfire. Sunday for checkout. To receive homework assignment, send SASE, navigation experience/training, any WTC, phones, email to Leader: HARRY FREIMANIS Assistant: BOB BRADSHAW

Apr 22 Sun Hundred Peaks

O: Black Mountain #1 (7772'): Excellent trail to beautiful peak in the San Jacinto area. The total hike will be 8 miles with 2700' of gain. Bring water, lug soles, lunch & jacket. Contact leaders to find the time & place to meet. Leaders: PETER DOGGETT & IGNACIA DOGGETT

Apr 22 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Lizard Head (5320+'), Cuyama Peak (5878'): The remote, twisted canyons and ridgelines of Santa Barbara County await us on this strenuous but moderately paced 11 miles round trip, 3200' gain via trails, firebreaks, and brushy cross-country. Coagulation Party afterwards on nearby Cuyama with grand views. Much dirt road driving, high-clearance vehicles needed. For trip details send recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: PAT ARREDONDO, MARLEN MERTZ

Apr 25 Wed Hundred Peaks

O: Smith Mountain (5111'): Maybe the Hwy 39 gate will be open (if not, add 6.8 miles, 1400' gain on bikeable pavement). 7 miles round trip, 1800' gain at moderate pace, mostly on good trail but that last bit is steep. Contact (email preferred) George a few days before the hike for permission, details, and status. Leaders: GEORGE WYSUP, TOM HILL, BRUCE CRAIG

Apr 25 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: Bare Mountain (6388'): 6 miles round trip, 1800' gain from Pinyon Flats, 800' gain on return. Meet 9 AM La Canada rideshare point with water, lunch, good footwear, suitable clothing. Leaders: GARY BICKEL, RON ROSIEN

Apr 27-29 Fri-Sun Hundred Peaks, Natural Science 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. Car camp 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

Apr 28 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: South Mount Hawkins (7783'): 7 miles round trip, 2000' gain to the top to see the burned down lookout tower and enjoy a striking view. Hike on dirt road and trail. Meet 9 AM at Azusa ride share point with lunch, liquid, wear lugs. Rain cancels. Leaders: FRANK DOBOS, LAURA QUINN

Apr 28 Sat Palos Verdes-South Bay, Hundred Peaks New Outing, first time published

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

Apr 28-29 Sat-Sun WTC, Hundred Peaks New Outing, first time published

I: Quail Mountain (5800'), Samuelson Rock: Saturday hike 5 miles in Joshua Tree National Park, moderate gain to Juniper flats and set up camp. Navigation workshop on the way. Sunday cross-country 2 miles, 1000' gain and boulder scrambling. Optional Sunday cross-country trip to Samuelson Rock. Send email/sase, contact info, recent conditioning to Leader: DAVID MELTZER Co-Leaders: GARY & KAY NOVOTNY

May 5-6 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Hildreth Peak (5065'), Old Man Mountain (5538'), Monte Arido (6010'): Get these back country peaks in Ojai area via the Potrero Seco road (4WD vehicles required by USFS for permit). Saturday, strenuous, moderately paced 14 miles round trip, 5000' gain to Hildreth, mainly on steep, scenic fire road. Car camp at 3 Sisters rocks Saturday night. Sunday, some more driving then 6 miles round trip, 1600' gain hike, mainly on fabulous fire road. For details, email (preferred) or SASE George with contact information and recent conditioning. Leaders: GEORGE WYSUP, TOM HILL

May 5 Sat Hundred Peaks, Verdugo Hills

I: Mount Emma (5273'), Old Emma (5063'): 4 miles round trip, 1000' gain for these peaks with some up and down between them. Great views to Antelope Valley and Edwards AFB. Bring water, lunch and hiking boots. Meet 8:30 AM La Canada rideshare point. Rain cancels. Leaders: FRANK DOBOS, MARY McMANNES

May 5 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Mount Disappointment (5960'), San Gabriel Peak (6161'), Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup: Easy peaks in Angeles National Forest and easy cleanup of our section of Route 2. Hike total is 6 miles round trip, 1700' gain. Refreshments provided by the HPS, after we give a little back to the mountains. Help celebrate Cinco de Mayo! Meet 8 AM La Canada rideshare point. Bring water, lugsoles. Rain cancels. Leader: JIM S. FLEMING Assistant: WINNETTE BUTLER, LYNDIA ARMBRUSTER

May 5 Sat Hundred Peaks, Palos Verdes-South Bay, WTC New Outing, first time published

I: Ken Point (6423'), Butterfly Peak (6228'): Moderate 10 miles round trip, 3000' gain hike on road/cross-country in Desert Divide area, hopefully encountering wildflowers and beautiful views. We may have an opportunity to do Rock Point (5280'). Bring 10 essentials, lunch, and water. Potluck in evening. Esase (preferable) or sase with recent conditioning, phones & rideshare info to Leader: BARRY HOLCHIN Co-Leaders: WYNNE BENTI

May 6 Sun Hundred Peaks, Palos Verdes-South Bay, WTC New Outing, first time published

I: Cone Peak (6800'): Strenuous 11 miles round trip, 2900' gain hike on trail/x-country in Desert Divide area, hopefully encountering wildflowers and beautiful views. We may have an opportunity to do Rock Point (5280'). Bring 10 essentials, lunch, and water. Esase (preferable) or sase with recent conditioning, phones & rideshare info to Leader: BARRY HOLCHIN Co-Leaders: TOM KIRWIN

May 9 Wed Hundred Peaks

I: Combs Peak (6193'), Palomar High Point (6140'), Boucher Hill (5438'): Short but interesting set of hikes to this group of easy peaks in northern San Diego County, 8 miles round trip, 1800' gain. We begin on the PCT in Anza Borrego to access the fire recovery area around Bucksnot Mountain, then climb a cross-country ridge to top-of-Palomar, then visit Palomar Mountain State Park itself (entry fee) to stroll a scenic park trail to a mountainous "Hill". Extensive dirt road driving; high-clearance vehicles recommended. Contact (email preferred) Tom a few days before the hike for permission, details, and status. Leaders: TOM HILL, GEORGE WYSUP

May 12 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Will Thrall Peak (7845'), Pleasant View Ridge (7983'): Strenuous 14 miles round trip, 3900' gain, hike in San Gabriels on trail and use trail. Email/sase stating recent conditioning to Leaders: PAT ARREDONDO, VIRGIL POPESCU

May 12-13 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks

I: The BIG THREE: McKinley Mountain (6200'), San Rafael Mountain (6593'), Santa Cruz Peak (5570'): Very strenuous, moderately paced backpack in central Santa Barbara County, two-day total 31 miles, 8100' gain, following roads and often overgrown trails. For trip details send recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: GARY SCHENK, WAYNE VOLLAIRE, MARLEN MERTZ

May 15-16 Tue-Wed Lower Peaks

O: El Montanon (1808'): This peak on Santa Cruz Island is in the Channel Islands National Park. This trail hike is 9 miles round trip with 1800' gain on open ridges with great views of the ocean and the island. Overnight camp 0.5 mile from the dock, hiking the peak and returning to Ventura Harbor the second day. Please contact leaders well ahead of the scheduled dates to arrange for transportation and campsites. Leaders: INGEBORG PROCHAZKA, DAVE COMERZAN

May 16 Wed Hundred Peaks

I: Wilson Ridge Cleanout: Mount Deception (5796'), Mount

Disappointment (5960'), San Gabriel Peak (6161'), Mount Markham (5742'), Mount Lowe (5603'), Occidental Peak (5732'), Mount Wilson (5710'): Let's hike all these little beauties the easy way. Not that easy; 10 miles with 3400' elevation gain total at moderate pace. Mostly trail, some cross-country. Short car shuttle. Contact (email preferred) George a few days before the hike for permission and details. Leaders: GEORGE WYSUP, TOM HILL, ASHER WAXMAN

May 19 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: The BIG IRON: Iron Mtn #1 (8007'): Try this long dayhike to a tough San Gabriel peak near Mount Baldy. We hike at a moderate but steady pace following the standard route from Heaton Flat, very strenuous, 14 miles round trip, 7200' gain. Group size limited by permit, so apply early with recent conditioning information to Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: MARLEN MERTZ, PATRICK VAUGHN

May 19 Sat Hundred Peaks, Sierra Peaks, WTC

M: Big Iron (8003') via North Ridge: A seldom-led, adventurous route pioneered by Bill T. Russell, up E. Fork and Fish Fork San Gabriel River, with 30+ significant stream crossings, followed by a bushwhack and a steep (including some class 3) climb up a north ridge to summit, down usual (steep) south ridge route, blessedly ending with 5 miles on trail, approximately 7000' total gain, 20 mile loop. Predawn start, possible after dark finish. Contact Asher Waxman w/phone, relevant experience. Leaders: ASHER WAXMAN, ERIK SIERING

May 19 Sat WTC, Hundred Peaks

I: Grinnell Mountain (10,284'): Practice navigation for Sunday's checkoff on this 13.5 mile round trip, 3500' gain hike in the San Gorgonio Wilderness. We will take a cross-country route to Grinnell and practice micro-navigation skills along the way. Send email (preferred) or sase, with contact info & recent conditioning to Leader: ROBERT MYERS Co-Leaders: JANE SIMPSON, ADRIENNE BENEDICT

May 20 Sun Hundred Peaks

O: South Mount Hawkins (7783'): Hike this peak the long way from Islip Saddle. The total hike will be about 12 miles with 3500' of gain. Bring water, lug soles, lunch & jacket. Contact leaders to find the time & place to meet. Leaders: PETER DOGGETT & IGNACIA DOGGETT

May 20 Sun Hundred Peaks

O: Thorn Point (6920') Third Generation List Finish: Join Shane Smith as he completes the HPS list introduced to him by dad and granddad in the early 70's. 2000' gain, 8 miles round trip on trail. Meet 9 AM - Flying J Gas Station at I-5 and Frazier Mtn Road or 10 AM - Thorn Meadow Campground. Bring water, windbreaker & lunch. Forest closure postpones. Leaders: STEVE SMITH, GEORGE WYSUP

May 20 Sun LTC, WTC, Hundred Peaks New Outing, first time published

I: Grinnell Ridge Navigation: Navigation noodle in San Bernardino National Forest for either checkout or practice to satisfy the Basic (IM) or Advanced (E) level navigation requirements. To receive homework assignment, send SASE, navigation experience/training, any WTC, phones, email to Leader: HARRY FREIMANIS Assistant: PHIL WHEELER

May 23 Wed Hundred Peaks

I: Explore O'Neil Peak (6338'), Tecuya Mountain (7160'), Frazier Mountain (8000'): Loop hike to first two peaks, moderately strenuous 11 miles overall, 3000' gain, beginning with unlisted O'Neil then onward to pick up Tecuya from the east. Possible brush near summit of unlisted O'Neil, otherwise hike mostly on OHV roads and tracks. Third peak depends on earlier success. Contact (email preferred) Tom a few days before the hike for permission, details, and status. Leaders: TOM HILL, GEORGE WYSUP, ASHER WAXMAN

May 23 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: Timber Mtn (8303;) with return via Chapman Trail: 11.5 miles round trip, 3300' gain. Strenuous. Moderate pace up Icehouse Canyon via Columbine Spring, returning on Chapman Trail. Meet at 8:30 AM at Public Parking lot at intersection of Mills Av and Baldy Rd. Bring water, lunch, appropriate footwear. Leaders: DORIS DUVAL, DAN BUTLER

May 25-28 Fri-Mon Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks O: Pine Mountain #1 (9648') and Dawson Peak (9575'): Pacific Crest Trail backpack from Silverwood Lake to Vincent Gap. Hike through your homeland in the San Bernardino and San Gabriel Mountains. Moderately paced 4 day, 46 mile, one-way backpack on PCT. Dayhike side trip to Pine and Dawson, north of Mt. Baldy, 6 miles/2600' gain round trip. Starting at Silverwood Lake, we will cross Cajon Pass, pass through Mormon Rocks, and ascend Upper Lytle Creek Ridge and Blue Ridge south of Wrightwood. Learn about the natural history of the area. Average day will be 12 miles with 2500' gain/loss. No layover days/no beginners. Participants will need to share in expense of rental van. Send email (preferred) or SASE with H&W phones, city, recent conditioning and backpack experience to Leader: TED LUBESHKOFF Co-leader: SUZANNE SWEDO

May 26-28 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks New Outing, first time published

I: Big Four: Samon Peak (6227'), Big Pine Mountain (6800'), West Big Pine (6490'), Madulce Peak (6536'): Three day, two night backpack mainly on dirt roads and trails in Santa Barbara County (Big Pine is the high point of Santa Barbara County) with some steep cross-country. Total statistics: for all four peaks, the distance is 50 miles, the gain is about 9900', though individual days will be under 20 miles and approximately 3000' gain. The whole experience is strenuous. Please e-mail or SASE with conditioning and backpacking experience at least a week before the outing to Leader: WAYNE BANNISTER Assistant Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: GEORGE WYSUP, PAMELA ROWE

May 30 Wed Hundred Peaks

I: Indian Mountain (5790'), Castle Rocks (8600'), Black Mountain #1 (7772'): Experience three wildly different approaches and summit areas on this unusual set of peaks south of Banning, moderately strenuous 12 miles round trip, 2600' gain. Do one or all. Much dirt road driving, high-clearance vehicles recommended. Contact (email preferred) Tom a few days before the hike for permission, details, and status. Leaders: TOM HILL, GEORGE WYSUP, ASHER WAXMAN

May 30 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: Winston Pk (7502'), Winston Ridge (7003'): Our favorite 7 miles round trip, 1110' gain loop will begin and end at Cloudburst Summit, Meet at 9 AM La Canada rideshare with water, lunch, good footwear, suitable clothing layers. Leaders: ROSEMARY CAMPBELL, RON ROSIEN

Jun 2 Sat Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks New Outing, first time published

I: Ontario Peak (8693') via Fir Draw, Sheep Canyon and Falling Rock Canyon: Except for brief sections at the beginning and end, this hike will be entirely cross-country and will involve plenty of rock scrambling. Although total mileage is only about 6 miles, plan on 8 hours to complete this moderately strenuous 3500' gain hike. Bring water, lunch, boots, 10 essentials. Call leader for starting point and time. Leader: BRENT COSTELLO Co-Leader: HARVEY GANZ

Jun 2-3 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Mount Jenkins (7921'), Black Mountain #5 (7438'), Split Mountain (6835'): Moderately paced, strenuous hikes near Lake Isabella mainly on steep cross-country terrain; some brush. Jenkins on Saturday 3 miles round trip, 2500' gain from Owens trailhead. Dirt road driving, AWD high clearance. Car camp Saturday night. Remaining peaks on Sunday 10 miles round trip, 4000' gain from Black Mountain Saddle. For details email (preferred) or SASE George with contact information and recent conditioning. Leaders: GEORGE WYSUP, TOM HILL, PAMELA ROWE

Jun 3 Sun Hundred Peaks, Local Hikes, K-9

O: San Gabriel Peak (6161'): Beginners in good shape welcome on this introductory hike. 1400' gain and 5 miles round trip on hike in front range of San Gabriel mountains in the Angeles National Forest. This is the annual first Sunday in June hike with Stag. Well-behaved dogs on leash OK. Meet 8 AM La Canada rideshare point. Bring sturdy boots, water, lunch. Leaders: JOE YOUNG, STAG BROWN

Jun 5-6 Tue-Wed Lower Peaks

O: Silver Peak (1804'): On Catalina Island. 12 miles, 2800' gain round trip on steep road. Great island and ocean views. Contact leaders at least two weeks ahead to arrange for ferry and camping reservations. Ferry cruise and short walk from dock to tent cabins at Two Harbors on first day. Second day hike and return to San Pedro. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, INGEBORG PROCHAZKA

Jun 8-10 Fri-Sun LTC, Harwood Lodge, WTC

C: Wilderness First Aid Course: Runs from 8 am Fri to 5:30 pm Sun. Includes lodging, meals, practice first aid kit. CPR within previous 4 years required to enroll. \$190 with SC#/\$200 non-member (full refund thru May 5). For application, contact Ldr: Steve Schuster.

Jun 9 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Galena Peak (9324'): Creek bed bouldering and gnarly scree climb of the "Headwall" brings us to the highest point on Yucaipa Ridge near Redlands. Strenuous 10 miles round trip, 3300' gain. Number of participants limited. For trip reservation send recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: WAYNE VOLLAIRE, ROBERT & MARKEY NEIGHBORS, JOHN RADALJ, PAMELA ROWE

Jun 13 Wed Hundred Peaks

O: Reyes Peak (7514'), Haddock Mountain (7431'): Moderately paced 8 miles, 1500' gain round trip hike on trail through the pleasant pines north of Ojai with fine vistas of sedimentary formations. Dirt road driving. Contact (email preferred) George a few days before the hike for permission and details. Leaders: GEORGE WYSUP, TOM HILL, BRUCE CRAIG

Jun 13 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: Kratka Ridge (7515'): A new way to Kratka Ridge via some fun ups and downs on old roads and good use-trail, no exposure. Round trip about 6 miles, with 1200' gain. Meet at 9 AM La Canada rideshare point. Bring water, lunch, good footwear, and a sense of adventure. Leaders: SOUTHERN COURTNEY, ROSEMARY CAMPBELL

Jun 15-17 Fri-Sun WTC, Hundred Peaks

I: San Bernardino Peak (10,649'), San Bernardino East Peak (10,691'), Anderson Peak (10,840+'), Shields Peak (10,680+'): Friday long backpack at an easy pace on trail 6 miles 4000' gain to Trail Fork Camp. Saturday bag the peaks in an easy 7 mile loop, 1800' total gain with much xc and minor boulder hopping. Also visit 1852 survey monument. Sunday easy backpack out. Send sase/email conditioning/experience (WTC leader if applicable) to Leader: GARY BICKEL Co-Leader: PAT VAUGHN

Jun 16 Sat LTC, WTC, Hundred Peaks

O: GPS Class: Intro to Global Positioning System at Eaton Cyn Nature Center, Pasadena. Start 9AM indoors, no registration at door, apply early. Includes features, selection, operation, use with maps (provided) in field, hands-on field practice in afternoon. Bring a GPS, but we have loaners. Send sase, phones, email, GPS experience & model, \$15 (LTC-no refund later than 5 days prior) to Co-Ldrs: Harry Freimanis, Phil Wheeler

Jun 16-17 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks

M/O: Lily Rock (8000'), Suicide Rock (7528'), Indian Mountain (5790'), Black Mountain #1 (LO) (7772'): Spend a weekend camping and hiking near Idyllwild. Saturday: Lily and Suicide, 17 miles, 3000' gain/loss. Climb these two sentinel peaks on a one-way loop going up the South Ridge Trail and down the Deer Springs Trail. Sunday: Indian Mountain, 6 miles/1300' gain round trip and Black Mountain, 8 miles/2700' gain round trip. Two separate peaks with a drive between. Join us for one or both days. Contact leader (e-mail preferred) for details. Leader: TED LUBESHKOFF Co-leaders: WAYNE VOLLAIRE, PAMELA ROWE

Jun 16-17 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks

O: Big Bear Car camp to Little Bear Peak (7621'), Delamar Mtn (8398'), Bertha Peak (8201'), Butler Peak (8535'), Grays Peak (7920'), Crafts Peak (8364'): Enjoy six easy-to-moderate forested peaks overlooking Big Bear Lake. Saturday first three peaks, moderate 9 miles round trip, 2400' gain, do any or all. Camp in the area overnight. Then Sunday final three peaks, 11 miles round trip, 2600' gain, do any or all. Much dirt road driving both days; high-clearance vehicles recommended. For trip details send recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: GEORGE WYSUP, LILLY FUKUI, CHRIS SPISAK

Jun 17 Sun Hundred Peaks

O: Tahquitz Peak (LO) (8846'), Red Tahquitz (8720'): Beautiful hike to two fine peaks in the San Jacinto area. The total hike will be 12 miles with 3200' of gain. Bring water, lug soles, lunch & jacket. Contact leaders to find the time & place to meet. Leaders: PETER DOGGETT & IGNACIA DOGGETT

Jun 23 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Baldy from the Back: Wright Mountain (8505'), Pine Mountain #1 (9648'), Dawson Peak (9575'), Mount San Antonio (10,064'), Mount Harwood (9552'): Experience the Real Devils Backbone on this very strenuous 14 miles round trip, 5800' gain jaunt up the backside of Mt Baldy from Blue Ridge near Wrightwood. Trail is steep and rugged, adding to the experience. Those satisfied with 5000' gain can enjoy a second lunch on top of Baldy while diehards visit Mount Harwood and return. For trip details send recent conditioning, phone information to Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: DON CUIK, JOHN RADALJ

Jun 23 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Tahquitz Peak (LO) (8828'): Moderate hike on beautiful trail in the San Jacinto Wilderness. Hike total is 9 miles round trip, 2400' gain. Permit limits group size. Send SASE or fax to Leader: JIM S. FLEMING Co-Leaders: MIKE & DOTTIE SANDFORD

Jun 23 Sat WTC, Hundred Peaks

I: Mount Hawkins (8850'), Copter Ridge (7499'), Middle Hawkins (8505'): 11 miles round trip 3500' gain moderate pace on trail and cross-country from Islip saddle to peaks. Send sase/esase with experience and conditioning to Leader: PATRICK VAUGHN Co-Leader: SARAH MYERS

Jun 27 Wed Hundred Peaks

I: Constance Peak (6645'), Heart Bar Peak (8332'): Pick up two relatively easy peaks north of Redlands adjacent to the San Geronio Wilderness, 8 miles round trip, 1800' gain total for both peaks. Routes combine roads, trails, and sometimes steep forested ridgelines. Contact (email preferred) Tom a few days before the hike for permission, details, and status. Leaders: TOM HILL, GEORGE WYSUP

Jun 27 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: Pallet Mtn (7760'): 12 miles round trip, 2200'+ gain at moderate pace. Involves steep use trail from Burkhart Saddle to peak. Meet 8 AM at La Canada rideshare with water, lunch, layered clothing, appropriate footwear. Leaders: DORIS DUVAL, DON SIMINSKI

Jun 30 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Cerro Noroeste (8280'), Grouse Mountain (8582'), Sawmill Mountain (8818'), Mount Pinos (8831'): Enjoy this classic high-elevation ridge walk west of Frazier Park, featuring expansive views of Los Padres National Forest. Moderately paced 10 miles round trip, 3000' gain. For trip details send recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: GEORGE WYSUP, LILLY FUKUI, CHRIS SPISAK

Jun 30 Sat WTC, Hundred Peaks

I: Pallett Mountain (7660'+), Goodykoontz Peak (7558'): Strenuous approximately 15 miles round trip, 4500' gain on trail and cross-country by way of Burkhart trail. We will ascend up a seldom ventured ridge route to Goodykoontz. Send sase/esase with experience and conditioning to Leader: PATRICK VAUGHN Co-Leader: ERIC SCHEIDEMANTLE

Jun 30-Jul 1 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Castle Rocks (8600'), Black Mountain #1 (7772'), Marion Peak (10,320'): Join us for one or both of these days on a fun and different weekend in the San Jacinto Mts. Saturday, our leisurely day, we hike Castle Rocks and Black Mountain #1 (8 miles roundtrip, 1500' gain) returning early evening to a local campground. Sunday, our strenuous day, we hike to Marion Peak via the Marion Mountain and Deer Creek Springs trails (12 miles roundtrip, 4000' gain). Both days includes some cross country travel. Group size limited by permit. Send SASE or email early to Leader: ROBERT NEIGHBORS Co-Leader: MARKEY NEIGHBORS

Jul 4 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: South Hawkins (7783'), Middle Hawkins (8505'): 8 miles round trip with 1800' gain. Park below Windy Gap two miles beyond Islip saddle. This assumes that the highway east of Islip Saddle is open. If not, will do something else in the area. Meet at 8 AM La Canada rideshare with water, lunch, good footwear. Leaders: DAN BUTLER, JOHN DePOY

Jul 7 Sat Hundred Peaks, WTC New Outing, first time published
I: Mt. Lewis (8396'), Throop Peak (9138'), Mt. Hawkins (8850'), Copter Ridge (7499'), South Mt. Hawkins (7783'), Middle Hawkins (8505'), Mt. Islip (8250'): Strenuous grand tour dayhike in the forested San Gabriel Mtns. high country. 20 miles, 6500' gain/loss. Mix of road, trail, and off-trail. Contact leader with city, phone, recent conditioning, and experience. Leader: TED LUBESHKOFF
Co-Leader: KATHY RICH

Jul 12-16 Thu-Mon Mule Pack
O: Rush Creek Mule Pack: Hike in 6.5 miles, 2500 gain, from Silver Lake trailhead on June Lake Loop. Packer-led mules carry your gear (45 lbs per person) to our base camp along Rush Creek (9400') east of Waugh Lake in Ansel Adams Wilderness. Trip limit: 12 people. Trip cost: \$220 (\$25 non-refundable deposit on acceptance, balance of \$195 by May 12). Apply to Co-Leader: LAURA JOSEPH
Leader: JOHN KAISER Co-Leader: WINNETTE BUTLER

Jul 28 Sat Hundred Peaks New Outing, first time published
The 14th Annual Great Waterman Mountain (8038') Rendezvous and Informal Pot Luck: HPS invites you to join us for our annual party atop Waterman Mountain. Plan on spending some time on top getting acquainted and having fun (and eating) as most hikes won't be returning to the cars until late afternoon or early evening. Be sure to bring lots of food and drink to share with other hungry hikers. Rain cancels.

Jul 28 Sat Hundred Peaks New Outing, first time published
I: Mount Akawie (7283'), Kratka Ridge (7515'), Mount Waterman (8038'): Warm up on easy Akawie (400' gain, optional), then move vehicles to enjoy an interesting cross-country Kratka-to-Waterman loop scramble in forested terrain; total for all three peaks comes to a moderately strenuous 8 miles round trip, 2900' gain, including the easy trail return after the Rendezvous celebration. Experienced hikers meet 7 AM La Canada rideshare point. Bring some water, good footwear, and celebratory items for the Rendezvous. Leaders: TOM HILL, GEORGE WYSUP, JOE YOUNG

Aug 5-11 Sun-Sat Mule Pack
O/I: Purple Lake Mule Pack: The hike in from Mammoth Lakes is 8 miles, 2300' gain to the beautiful, secluded Purple Lake (9960'), close to the John Muir Trail and Duck Lake. Trip limit 15. Trip cost: \$220 (\$25 non-refundable deposit on acceptance, balance of \$195 by June 5). Apply to Co-Leader: YVONNE TSAI Co-leaders: SANDY BURNSIDE, LAURA JOSEPH

Aug 11 Sat Hundred Peaks New Outing, first time published
O: Mt Islip (8,250') 17th Annual Peaknic Hike: Peaknic at Little Jimmy Campground, moderate pace, 6 miles round trip, 1300' gain. Meet 9 AM La Canada rideshare point. Bring lugsoles, water, your best potluck item to share, good cheer. Leaders: MIKE and DOTTY SANDFORD, FRANK DOBOS, LAURA QUINN

Aug 19-25 Sun-Sat Mule Pack
O/I: Virginia Canyon Mule Pack: Our hike-in will be 7 miles with 1500' gain to base camp along Return Creek (9400') in the northeast corner of Yosemite NP. Trip limit 15 people. Trip cost: \$220 (\$25 non-refundable deposit on acceptance, balance of \$195 by June 19). Apply to Co-Leader: GEORGE WYSUP Co-Leader: LAURA JOSEPH

Aug 26-Sep 1 Sun-Sat Mule Pack
O/I: Crown Lake Mule Pack: Trailhead is Twin Lakes (7130'), near Bridgeport. Hike in 8 miles, 2500' gain to campsite at Crown Lake (9500') in the Hoover Wilderness. Packer led mules carry your gear (50# per person) to campsite. Trip limit: 10 people. Trip cost: \$250 (\$25 non-refundable deposit on acceptance, balance of \$225 by June 26). Apply to Co-Leader: SANDY SPERLING Co-Leader: SANDY BURNSIDE

Aug 31-Sep 3 Fri-Mon Mule Pack
O: Backpack Without a Pack to Vogalsang Area in Yosemite National Park: Hike in 6.7 miles, 2500' gain to camp at 11,000' below Vogalsang Peak in Yosemite Ntl Park. Packer-led mules carry your gear (45 lbs per person). Trip cost: \$175. (\$25 non-refundable deposit on acceptance, balance of \$150 by July 1). Apply to Leader: CHRISTINE GUTIERREZ Assistant Leader: DAVID CROSS

Angeles Chapter Fund-raising Outings

JUL 14-24, Sat-Tue Zen Adventure in Japan & Mt. Fuji Climb. Kyoto hub doing daytrips by local train to Nara, Hiroshima, Lake Biwa, and experience the famous Gion Festival. Head north for Mt. Fuji climb. Ability to walk 6-10 mi/day. \$3086 includes airfare.

SEP 19-30, Wed-Sun Hiking in Ireland. Fly to Dublin and enjoy a James Joyce pub crawl. After exploring the Irish capitol we will hike inn-to-inn in the famous Ring of Kerry area with mountain vistas, lakes and meadows. Luggage transported. Climax with stay at an historic castle. \$3500 includes airfare.

For questions/reservations contact Leader: Roxana Lewis, (310) 532-2933, Email: ROXTLEWIS@aol.com. All reservations should be accompanied by SASE, Member #, phones and email info. Reservations received within 45-days of departure ARE subject to A LATE CHARGE. Non Sierra Club members welcomed; inquire about surcharge.

Rideshare points mentioned in the outings in this issue of **TheLookout**:

La Canada: Angeles Crest Hwy (Hwy 2). 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

Sylmar: Encinitas Av, S of Roxford St; Roxford exit from I-5

Woodland Hills: Taft High School parking lot, SW corner of Ventura Blvd & Winnetka Av

Contact information for leaders with outings in this issue of **The Lookout**. (If you don't have e-mail, drop a note several days in advance of the outing to Dave Comerzan, 695 Aurora Dr, Claremont, CA 91711-2925, and he'll forward your request to the leader.)

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Current Trip Report and Recent Pictures

Will Thrall Peak, Pleasant View Ridge

January 6, 2007

Leaders: Ted Lubeshkoff and Robert Myers

By the Leaders

Blustery winds on Friday the day before the hike gave way to clear skies, quite cool temps, but calm winds on Saturday. The leaders plus Joe Young met at the Sylmar rideshare point at 7:00 AM, hopped into Ted's vehicle, and drove to Devil's Punchbowl County Park where they were met by Terrence McCorkle, who had driven from Barstow. The vehicles were parked just outside the main gate to the park because signs indicate that the gates would be closed at sundown, and we were pretty sure that we would be returning after sundown.

We began our hike at about 8:15 AM, first walking through the park, then following signs to the Burkhart Trail. We dropped 800' to Cruthers creek, then followed the excellent trail to Burkhart Saddle, encountering snow patches here and there. A couple of the patches within a quarter mile of the Saddle were slippery, but we gingerly traversed them without incident. We arrived at the Saddle at about noon.

After a short break we headed up the steep ridge to Will Thrall Peak, arriving at its summit at about 1:00 PM. We signed in the register and observed the plaque left by the Hundred Peaks Section in 1964. Soon we

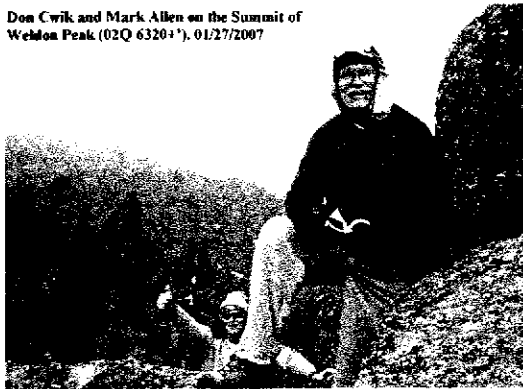
were off to Pleasant View Ridge, attaining its summit at about 1:45 PM. We observed that the bench mark said "Pallett Mountain." This summit, too, had an excellent register. According to Terrence's pedometer, we had traveled 8.7 miles from the vehicles.

We left the summit at about 2:00 PM, re-ascended Will Thrall Peak at about 2:30 PM, and dropped back down to the Saddle. After another quick break we left the Saddle at about 3:00 PM. The icy patches along the trail were still there but the warmer temps during the day seemed to make the patches a little softer, thus easier to cross. We took a break just beyond the creek crossing at the start of the 800' of gain on the trail before making the connections to roads leading back to the Park. We arrived at the vehicles just past 6:00 PM, hiking the last 30 minutes in darkness.

This is a great route to Pleasant View Ridge, complete with spectacular views of the desert and distant mountain ranges, including the Tehachapis. The route also travels through high desert terrain up to beautiful pines of the peaks, plus a creek crossing and an old windmill. We did not see another hiker the entire day and had this magnificent area to ourselves.

Total statistics for the day: 17 miles, 5,000' gain, 10 hours, 34F temperature at both the beginning and end of hike.

Don Cwik and Mark Allen on the Summit of
Webber Peak (02Q 6320+'), 01/27/2007



Edith Liu took this picture of Dorothy Danziger and Mars Bonfire on Red Mountain, crouching behind large gas bottles. Edith points out that the U. S. Government is fully capable of leaving lots of trash on our peaks! How do we remove this trash?

[Comments expressed in trip reports, personal stories, or editorial remarks reflect the views of the writers and may not necessarily reflect the views and policies of the Hundred Peaks Section, the Sierra Club, or the land managers.]

In Search of Shangrila and the Lost Mine of Redrock

Personal Trips

Kevin Dixon

A lost gold mine, hiking in a remote location and no luck from previous HPS'ers - sign me up ! An article in an earlier issue of Outlook had me hooked. The mine was supposedly located on Red Rock mountain above a waterfall up Redrock Canyon, north of Lake Castaic. What could be simpler, drive to the eastern end of Templin Highway, hike up Castaic Creek, take the turning up Redrock Canyon and find a bypass to the waterfall. Whilst scenic, hike one in Apr 2006 ended in dense brush deep up Redrock Canyon and a lack of time and inclination to proceed further. The highlights were a large dollop of Bear scat, a few frogs and the precipitous red cliff of Redrock Mountain looming overhead.

Hike two on 30 May took me via Cienega Campground, Pianobox Prospect and Redrock mountain to 4400' on the ridge looking down into the fabled valley of Shangrila. There was barely enough time to take photos and scan potential routes before heading back for Templin Highway before dark. This was starting to become an obsession so I contacted Hugh Blanchard, who was kind enough to point me at his website, his researches into the mines and provide a map showing the mine locations from when they had last been found in 1980. Bush and poison oak were clearly a problem so I used Google Earth and my photos to assess potential routes.

Armed with this, I set out once again on 11 June for hike three. The weather was kind with overcast skies and a slight breeze, Redrock mountain was reached at 09:15am, surely this time I could not fail. Proceeding over the ridge to the highpoint of 4489, my intention was to hike down the steep ridge south west to the hidden valley of upper Redrock Canyon however there was a rock outcrop two thirds of the way down and the vegetation at the bottom looked a tangle, perhaps it would be easier to continue along the ridge west from 4489 and then drop down the gully containing the mine. After one mile of insane bush whacking and a 1000ft height loss, I was looking down above the waterfall of Shangrila but the gully down to the mine only looked possible with a rope. Desperate as I was to avoid a repeat of the bush whacking, there was no way down to find an alternative route and I had to beat retreat, foiled once again but clearly Cienega, Pianobox was the way in.

The heat of summer was to keep me away but after successfully climbing Kilimanjaro in October, I felt fit enough to tackle Redrock again. With the reduced day hours, Saturday 9 Dec would require an early start, careful attention to time and a very fast pace. Despite starting 30 minutes later, I reached Redrock summit register at 09:15am. The only registered visitors since my June trip had been George Wysup, Hugh Blanchard

and a group on 15 Nov. Unlike the previous three hikes, there was hardly any water in Castaic Creek and Fish Canyon. After watching a couple of deer on the ridge, the valley floor of Shangrila was reached two hours later via the south west ridge from the 4489' peak, there was a scramble bypass to the west of the rock outcrop. It all seemed too good to be true, a short hike down the carved rock stream bed and it opened out to a wide boulder filled floor, a large rock with a broken cairn of rocks atop looked very promising. A small side canyon to the right required beating my way through the brush and climbing a few small rocky falls but no mines. Time for lunch, 1:00pm was to be my absolute leave by time, the overgrown trail back to Pianobox has one or two tricky hairpins and I did not want to be thrashing around in the brush in the dark on my own. At 12:30pm, I had enough time to climb a bit higher, whereupon I could see the ridges, get my bearings and realize I was not far enough down the valley. Running as fast as I could down the canyon, back to the valley floor to find the next canyon along on the right which had a rusty tin and the remains of an old coat lying at the side - eureka ! Climbing up this canyon, there was the mine entrance on the left. It took 30 minutes to GPS, photograph, explore and map the mine but now I was over my allotted departure time.

On my hike up, I had taken a few minutes to view a potential route out, knowing what was on the other side of the ridge from my previous trip, it looked feasible and potentially quicker. Given my time crunch, the gathering ominously dark clouds and the few spots of rain, I figured that it was worth the risk to pioneer a new route on the way back. Following a well worn deer trail, a good sign, up the fir tree filled valley side directly opposite the mine, I reached the ridge I had seen on my way from Redrock summit and then dropped a short distance down to a largely brush free stream bed in a relatively shallow valley, this was followed with a few brush detours to get me back to the main ridgeline and then Redrock summit register at 3:30pm. Periodic raindrops were keeping the pace frenetic. Templin Highway and my car were reached in the dark for a well earned drink and a bite to eat. Fifteen minutes later, the heavens opened and it bucketed down with rain. The end of a perfect day. Did finding a lost gold mine make me rich ? Not financially, but definitely for the experience, this is a wild area with the trails falling into disrepair making it even more remote.

For those of you who like statistics, the fourth hike was 11hours 15 minutes with a gain of 4650ft and same loss of 4650ft and a total 15miles. Photographs in glorious technicolour can be seen at <http://photos.yahoo.com/kdxn> in the Redrock photo album.

The Gift That Keeps On Giving List Finish #12, White Mtn #1, 12/08/06

By: Mars Bonfire

A long time ago Weldon Heald, through the Sierra Club, gave us all a glorious gift. What is that gift? I've said it before and I'll say it again: "The greatest collection of peaks and routes from Santa Barbara to San Diego there ever was or will be, the LIST of the mighty Hundred Peaks Section!" Yet the question is out there: Why do this LIST even once let alone twice, thrice, ...? I'll attempt an answer. If you found Carlos Castaneda's work, *Journey To Ixtlan*, *The Lessons of Don Juan*, to be the most illuminating book you had ever read -- the only one to describe reality as you had experienced it -- would you not read it much more than once? Of course you would! And if you found Kenwood Yulupa Cabernet Sauvignon to be the most complex, mysterious, and delectable wine you had ever drunk would you not enjoy a glass once a month or once a week or -- oh hell, let's throw caution to the wind -- at least once a day and twice on Sunday? Yes! And if you felt dirt bike riding was the most exhilarating and liberating thing you had ever experienced since being run over by the family tractor, kicked in the head by the horse, or falling down the well back on the farm, wouldn't you ride every chance you got? Indeed you would! Well then consider the incredible geographic diversity of the Hundred Peaks LIST -- Santa Barbara to San Diego, Los Angeles to Lake Isabella. Consider the spread of life zones touted in the tram ride up to San Jacinto and existing, to a lesser extent, on others of our peaks. Consider the wonderful people we'll be hiking with or meet out there. Consider the immeasurable health benefits as we breathe in fresh pine scented air and bask in primordial wilderness calm. (Broken only by the sound of those damn drunk dames on dirt bikes!) Consider all this and more and the question inverts to: Why not enjoy these irresistible places and experiences again and again and again as long as the welcome mat is out?

I guess the person I have most influenced with my pro Hundred Peaks hype is myself! And so on 12/08/06 I enjoyed this marvelous collection of peaks and experiences for the 12th time on White Mountain #1. And I was honored and delighted that this occurred at the same moment that Karen Leverich became the first woman in HPS history to lead the LIST!!! One of the most valuable services we could render to HPS and the Sierra Club is to lead others, safely and enjoyably, into the wilds we know and love, in the hope that they too will become admirers and protectors. Karen has done this with legendary sensitivity to the needs and comfort of her group and with laudable skill in timing the event to the season and in knowing the convoluted way to difficult peaks. All so that ever more Southern Californians can experience and appreciate our mountain treasures. For they are truly the gift that keeps on giving.



Mars was recognized at the HPS Annual Awards Banquet for his unequaled accomplishment of completing the HPS List twelve times.

Since there is not much I can add to our excellent peak guide for White Mountain #1, other than to note that the trail head is 10 miles further east, the bearing to the peak is exactly 180° off, and the round trip distance should be Just kidding! (Had you going though, didn't I?) Since the hike is simple and well described, I'll use this event to reminisce about some of the countless adventures Weldon Heald's gift has given me on our internationally unknown and highly underrated hills of Southern California. But first it is important to note that none of these adventures (or misadventures) occurred on a Scheduled Activity of the Sierra Club. As such they are not necessarily reflective of Club policies and procedures nor representative of the types of experiences you might have on a Club outing. So in no particular order of importance or chronology here are some of the highlights from many happy years of hiking with wonderful people to marvelous places -- the unforgettable experiences that keep me coming back for more.

"What The Hell Do You Think You're Doing? I've Got Dogs Here That'll Eat You Alive!"

That was how he introduced himself. And unschooled as I am in the subtleties of human salutations, I immediately sensed something was bothering him. I had just climbed over a gate that had a sign saying something like "Private Property -- No Trespassing -- Keep Out -- This Means You!" Had I inadvertently wandered off public land and onto private land? Mmm ... maybe. I glanced at the dogs. They had that bug-eyed mutant mongrel from hell look that said "We don't give a damn about the American Kennel Club and our owner sure as hell doesn't give a damn about

you.” I looked at the owner. The dogs were right! And with this realization the thumb of my right hand went reflexively to the quick release button of my SOG flash II fighting folder ready to execute the standard linear infighting neural-override engagement technique described in the U.S. Marines Close-Quarters Combat Manual (a book, I understand, every hiker owns and studies to prepare for that inevitable confrontation with an aggressive bird watcher!): 1) Rear hand slash driving the blade through the opponent’s throat/neck area. 2) Withdraw the blade through the opponent’s wound to cause additional trauma. 3) Deliver downward thrusts into opponent’s upper chest cavity through wound as a finishing technique. Okay. Ready ... set ... But before I could get to “go” a pitifully atrophied and seldom listened to voice of reason started screaming: “Empathize Mars! Empathize!! Would you like to have your throat slashed while strolling about your own property?” Mm ... mm ... mm ... mm ... mm ... mm ... probably not. Okay. Plan B. Play dumb. “Oh I’m so sorry. I was descending from Palm View and Cone trying to follow a trail and I got lost. Can you help me?” And I showed him my map. My request for help plus the map in hand greatly diffused the situation. The dogs were called off and a dialogue began. He turned out to be a hunting guide and knew well the area I had just hiked. We talked about Palm View, Cone and other places along the desert divide ridge. We now had common ground and he explained to me how to access the trail from Cone to the end of Morris Ranch Rd while staying on Forest Service land: go through the corral, stay to the right of a fence, and look for a trail taking off to the right near an abandoned pink trailer home. And I’ve been doing Cone that way ever since. We ended up smiling and warmly shaking hands. Whew! I didn’t have to skewer his eat-me-alive dogs on the carbide tips of my Leki trekking poles after all!

The Mother Of All My Senior Moments

Winnette Butler was interested in snowshoeing Winston Ridge. I assured her it would be a simple and enjoyable excursion I knew well having been there many times. We drove up Highway 2 and in the vicinity of Waterman I started looking for the yellow gate on the left I had parked by on all my previous visits to Winston Ridge. To set the stage for what followed I’ll reveal that we were 1) deep into a Bush/Kerry conversation and 2) I cannot multitask. I saw a yellow gate. That must be it! So I parked. We geared up and began our snowshoe hike. About 15 minutes into our walk I began to feel some cognitive unease. The road was going up yet on all the other times I had visited Winston Ridge the road went down. I struggled to make some sense of this and to bring it into harmony with my certainty that we had parked at the trail head. Perhaps the Forest Service, flush with money from the Adventure Pass, had rerouted the road and naturalized the old one. I looked down and kind of convinced myself that I could faintly detect the line of a partially disguised road gradually descending. Okay. Onward! About 30 minutes into the adventure the road started curving to the right. This was extremely puzzling

since on all previous visits the road had curved left and, in fact, the shape of the land wouldn’t allow it to curve right even if we were on a rerouted road. I desperately struggled to resolve this dissonance. Perhaps there had been a slow, rather than violent, shift in the tectonic plates and the authorities, distracted by the war on terror, had delayed telling us that what was left was now right and that what was up was now down. This seemed to require an almost paranoid and cynical view of our impeccably principled politicians that was too much of a stretch even for me, an unrepentant Libertarian, to fully make. Oh well. We were deep into the mystery hike by then. May as well see it through. Which we did, until finally we were standing on an unassailable reality: “Winnette, I don’t know how and I don’t know why, but we are on Akawie instead of Winston Ridge! Sorry.”

Over The Handlebars And Into Unpredictable Predicaments

The mountain bike, which I have renamed the nature bike because of the benign way in which I use it, is my favorite means to visit peaks that otherwise involve a fire road walk. As John F. Kennedy, 35th U.S. President, said: “Nothing compares to the simple pleasure of a bike ride.” And simple and pleasurable it would be if I would just content myself with beach cruising along.

However, the mountain bike magazines are full of ever more action shots of 20-something professional male riders doing amazing jumps and tricks that fire my imagination. And I start thinking: “I should be able to do some of this stuff. Why I’m only 63 and an absolute beginner!” And so I try. Example — the front wheelie. The idea is to push down on the handlebars and then pull up, shifting one’s weight to the back while executing a power stroke to one pedal, thus lofting the front wheel up and over an obstacle such as a log or ditch. In my version the timing is still a little off. Instead of clearing the ditch I come down with full force and at a right angle into the opposite bank. Of course the bike abruptly stops. But not me I keep going!!! And since I have a death grip on the handlebars I rotate around them and end up (so far) on my back contemplating the clouds and asking myself: “What’s wrong with hiking?” I highly recommend this maneuver to other senior citizens if they can fit it in between bingo and shuffleboard. The uncertainty of the landing has the potential to greatly reduce the burden on our social security system. [By the way, our Dear Leader mountain bikes on his ranch in Texas and he can do this! No not the intended up and over the obstacle version (That would be just what the terrorists are expecting.) but the unintended right into the obstacle and over the handlebars version. (So that’s how he keeps our enemies off balance! Brilliant!!!)]

Anyway, reasoning that being paralyzed from the neck down could only negatively impact my already mediocre bike handling skills I’ve started to back off on a lot of these clever techniques. Beach cruising fire roads is beginning to look cool. Way cool.

But what about you? Are you ready to ride? Here are two more inspiring quotes from the International

Mountain Bicycling Association calendar: "When man invented the bicycle he reached the peak of his attainments." – Elizabeth West, Writer and "Cycle trails will abound in Utopia." – H.G. Wells, Writer. And here is the real world progression: The first few times I visited Josephine I was on foot and saw only boot prints in the dirt road. A couple of years later, I started seeing some bike tracks. A couple of years later still, I saw even more bike tracks. Now I see many more bike tracks than boot prints. And some of those bike tracks are my own, for I haven't hiked Josephine in years!

Now And Zen A Hiker Has An Epic

I'm going to use this incident to try to convince you to avoid solo hiking. Yet before I get into it and you start thinking what a pompous hypocrite I am (which I probably am anyway) I'll acknowledge that solo hiking happens. You'll see many register sign-ins indicating the hiker was alone. Some of them will be mine. And you'll pass hikers in the mountains alone. Perhaps me. For the urge to hike always exceeds the capacity of the section to satisfy it with official outings. So some people take chances and go solo. Yet it is certainly not the optimum situation. Two or more heads are usually better than one (unless one of them is mine, in which case the value of the additional heads is pretty much canceled out and we're all in Big Trouble!). And the gear required to handle unexpected situations is more easily spread among several people than carried by one. And in an emergency someone not affected could go for help. Yes solo hiking is dramatically riskier than group hiking. The safest and most sensible way to visit the destinations (I could have said "peaks" but isn't Barley Flats more of a destination than a peak?) on the HPS list is on scheduled outings with a couple of our many experienced and skillful leaders. (Now there's another reason to do the LIST. It makes for more knowledgeable leaders!). If, in spite of all the admonitions against it, you choose to solo hike, the increased risk should at least be acknowledged and thoughtfully attenuated.

Okay. The incident. I had gone through the Zen Center to climb Antsell Rock, which I did by the gully route that leads up to the 5.1 chute, and then I proceeded along the Sam Fink trail to hike Southwell. I was returning along the section of the PCT below the Sam Fink route — the section blasted into the side of Antsell and having steep drop-off to the north — when I thought I saw someone sprawled out in a sleeping bag on the trail ahead. I was surprised that anyone would camp on this part of the trail since one restless move in the night could send them tumbling down the side. As I walked closer I realized there was indeed a person in a sleeping bag on the trail! It was a woman of about 55, looking worn and anxious. Not sure if this was a routine or unusual practice for her, I began with cautious neutrality: "Hi! Scenic campsite you've got. Is everything okay?" But everything was not okay and the ordeal came out.

She was a PCT backpacker heading north when she encountered a rock slide on the trail at the base of one of the gullies coming off Antsell. In attempting to

cross it she slipped and broke her ankle. She had been lying there without water and without encountering another soul for three days. I gave her something to drink and told her I would run down to the Zen Center to call 911 and that she could count on being helped within a few hours. This scenario comforted her and I said some parting words and took off. As I approached the Zen Center I started screaming: "Help! Help!! Emergency!!!" over and over. Finally a door opened and a young fellow of completely unfazed and calm demeanor (maybe we should all get into Zen!) asked what was wrong. I explained the situation and he led me in to use one of their phones to contact 911. Within minutes several fire trucks and ambulances, probably from the Morris Ranch Road station, arrived and I started giving them directions and other details as they geared up with a stretcher and additional equipment for the rescue. I felt very relieved. The desperate woman would not have to spend another lonely, painful, and dangerous night on the mountain.

I mentioned I said some parting words to her before descending for help. I asked her if there was anyone she would like me to call. "No!", she said, "They'll be mad at me. They've asked me so many times not to hike alone." So there you have it. Never hike alone! Never!! Now if only I could just follow my own advice.

Weird Happenings With Wild Things In Wild Places

After hiking to Big Rabbit, Kathy Cheever and I were crossing the desert floor at night towards our vehicle at the base of Coyote Mountain when we saw ahead of us two bright reflections of our headlights. They stayed stationary as we approached and eventually our lights revealed that they were the eyes of a fox. We were now almost within touching distance of the animal yet it did not flee. We stood studying the creature, transfixed by the abnormality of the event. As we moved forward it surprised us again by trotting along, zigzagging back and forth in front of us, and stopping now and then for us to once more get unusually close to a wild animal, if indeed that's what it actually was. This unexpected behavior continued for about 45 minutes and then the creature disappeared. Kathy looked it up on the web and it appears to be a type of fox from another part of the world. We speculated that it could be a pet that escaped and felt rather sad than an animal with which we had formed an unanticipated bond would probably soon be some other animal's meal. Roughly a year later we were again crossing that same stretch of desert at night. We remembered the strange and captivating little fox and laughingly asked ourselves if it was still alive and would it make another appearance, our linear rational minds having already decided that the first appearance was outside the box and, therefore, a second one would be impossibly outside the outside box. And then, to our complete awe, we encountered that same or a very similar fox and it repeated the same mysterious antics. It was an experience beyond words. Does Stephen Hawking have an explanation for this? No matter, Don Juan does!

While returning at night to the Palm Springs

motel where we were staying in preparation for visiting Jean and Marion, Kathy and I saw three women in elaborate evening dress and jewelry walk towards us, look at us, cackle, and pass by. I told Kathy they were not women but three witches straight out of Mexico. And she said: a) "That's it! I'm never spending another night alone with you in a motel. You're crazy!!" b) "Oh, I thought they were just three women who had had a little too much to drink and were returning from a party." c) "Cool!" Actually she didn't say anything, she just gave me a look. (Women, being sensitive, can say so much with a look. Unfortunately, men, being insensitive, can never understand what's being said!)

Yet I was certain the witches had put a negative spell on us that could cause us harm on Marion. And from that moment on I kept looking for a sign to go or not to go. We awoke and had breakfast. No sign. We drove to the tram. No sign. We went up the tram. No sign. We got our permit and began the short cut to Jean through Tamarack Campground and we saw a deer. Okay. We've seen deer here before. But a few minutes later we saw another deer, and then another and another and another and another and another! This was more deer than we had ever before encountered around Tamarack. It was beginning to look like a sign. We climbed Jean and dropped down to the plateau heading for Marion when we noticed seven deer a couple of hundred feet to our right calmly paralleling us at our pace. We had never seen deer in this area. And the behavior of these deer was outside our expectation, out of the norm. This was the sign! The seven deer were our familiars protecting us from the negative energy of the three witches. It was okay to climb Marion. After our successful summiting, and descent of the peak I explained in detail the life or death significance of all these happenings to Kathy and she just gave me that look again! But what does it mean!

Alright, lest you think Kathy is playing tricks on me by putting peyote juice in my Accelerade, here is but one example of an encounter that happened while she was hard at work at UCLA. I was trail running an easy section of the PCT enroute to Gleason. I approached a blind curve to my right and as I rounded it, there was a coyote trotting up the trail. The sound of the wind and fact that it was blowing towards me left him completely unaware of my presence. I gained ground on him and reached out and touched his back while saying: "Hey boy." I might as well have poked him with an electric cattle prod. He took off at lightning speed up the trail and is probably running still!

All I Am Saying Is Give Weird Science A Chance

I'm occasionally asked if I take anything special to facilitate regular hiking and biking. Not really. I eat the same certified organic foods from small sustainable family farms as any other conservationist. As a result of my interest in nature mountain biking and nature dirt biking, though, I became aware of sports supplements competitive athletes take before, during, and after an event and sometimes include these in my diet. Should

you use these performance enhancers? (No! They won't increase the size of your penis! Let's keep this discussion serious. Please!) What about negative side effects? Couldn't they be yucky? I have no scientific background to address these concerns, having been raised by Celtic Canadian mystics. Only the three pillars of modern American society — our physician, our attorney, and our political representative — are wise enough to guide us in this area. I can reassure you, however, that, aside from hair loss, impotence, rectal bleeding, leaky heart valves, suspicious lumps, and sores that don't heal, I have experienced little — very little — in the way of negative side effects. And that's after years of using the stuff! Consequently, it is hard for me to understand the alarm regarding these high-tech, state-of-the-art, laboratory created molecules that have never before existed in the universe. We need to be free to be all that we can be! Right?

List Finish Number Twelve, Eh. What Does It Mean?

In terms of a vast array of great adventures and unforgettable experiences, it's priceless. Absolutely priceless. And I am eternally grateful to the Sierra Club and the Hundred Peaks Section for introducing me to the beauty, charm, and potential of our local mountains. Yet in terms of any supposed competition, it means much less than you might think! For there are numbers — numbers of peaks led and numbers of peaks hiked — and then there is quality. Those of you who had the pleasure of being on a lead by the great Frank Goodykoontz will remember his warm, accepting, and encouraging style. He was the first one to suggest to me that I should become a leader and the high quality of his leading style is what I aspire to when I lead. And those of you who had the pleasure of hiking with the great Carleton Shay will remember his uncanny ability to sense the route with little or no reference to map and compass and the easy and confident grace with which he could negotiate any challenging terrain. I remember doing a new route to Sam Fink Peak with Carleton. It was his first time doing the peak and we were attempting to leave the Willow Creek Trail somewhere, cross country, and end up at Laws Camp. He led and he hit it right on! I still have trouble finding that point. In fact, as some of the previous revelations make embarrassingly clear, I still have trouble doing a lot of things. Like I said, there are numbers and there is quality. There are the two masters of the Hundred Peaks List — Frank Goodykoontz, the Master Leader, and Carleton Shay, the Master Hiker. And then there are the pretenders to the throne. I am and always will be in this latter category.

I hope to see you in the great outdoors and I hope you will be enjoying and appreciating it every bit as much as I will be.

Southern Courtney Turns The Big Eight - Oh!

On January 31, 2007 long time Hundred Peaks member Southern Courtney turned 80 years old, and he celebrated this event by leading a hike from Deukmejian Park for the Local Hikers. Southern joined the ranks of hiking octogenarians, and ten of this exclusive club were on hand to welcome Southern into their midst. A song was composed to celebrate the occasion:

Southern's Big 80

These Are A Few Of My Favorite Things



Knit caps and mittens and booties for hiking
Backpacks and parkas and girly gators
Walking sticks, trails and new dental fittings

These are a few of my favorite things

Forerunners and four wheelers and hearing aids and glasses
Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses
Pacemakers, heart monitors and mountains with trees

These are a few of my favorite things

When the pipes leak, when the bones creak
When the knees go bad, I simply remember my favorite things
And then I don't feel so bad.

Hot tea and crumpits and cornpads for bunions
Hot springs and snowshoes with Rosemary a waiting
Nathrobes and heating pads and hot meals they bring

These are a few of my favorite things



Back pains, confused brains and no fear of sinnin'
Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinnin'
And we won't mention his tall lanky frame

When we remember our favorite things

When the joints ache, when the hips break
When the eyes grow dim
Then I remember the great life I've had
And then I don't feel so bad.

~the Monday Maniacs

On January 31, 2007 eleven octogenarians pose for Bobcat Thompson's camera, now joined by their newest member. Back row, left to right: Jim Amos, Joe Douglass, Southern Courtney, Brent Washburne, Robin Washburne, Doug Martin. Front row, left to right: Lee Geisert, Gordon Lindberg, Alice Goldberg, Margaret Vemallis, Mort Green.

Scenes From The Annual Awards Banquet

Thanks to Wolf Leverich for the photos



Tom Hill acknowledges the applause from the crowd as he accepts the R. S. Fink Service Award. Tom has led the HPS List, served as Chair and also served the section (including the latest complete re-writing of our bylaws) in many other capacities. "wō OOO oh!"



Peter Doggett walked briskly to the podium to receive the John Backus Leadership Award. On the table behind Peter can be seen the perpetual trophies which are maintained in the Angeles Chapter office on display for all to see. They're located in the Chapter's library.



Ignacia Doggett received the Bill T. Russell New Leader Award at the Banquet. Ignacia leads many hikes with her husband, Peter, and their hikes are often quite adventuresome.



Karen Isaacson Leverich and Wolf Leverich received special awards for their years of service to the hundred Peaks Section. Karen's award was for Inspiration and Encouragement. Wolf's award was for Spirit of Volunteerism. Karen and Wolf have served the HPS in many areas including Outings, Mountain Records, webmasters, and each has served as Chair of the Section.

Join the Sierra Club!

If you are a Sierra Club member, you receive the Angeles Chapter Schedule of Activities (if you live in Los Angeles and Orange counties). That way you have ALL the addresses (email and regular mail, as well as telephone numbers) of ALL leaders. However, you must be a Sierra Club member to receive the Schedule of Activities. To become a member, make a copy of this form, fill it out and mail it with appropriate check amount to the address indicated.

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Angeles Chapter Establishes Trail Access Committee

Over the years a number of peaks have had to be deListed because access to them had become restricted. Yet these same peaks remain beautiful, dominant summits that beckon hikers and climbers. Many of these peaks used to be scheduled and climbed by HPS and other hiking entities, both within and outside of the Sierra Club. Many of the outings to these peaks took place before 1972, and continued well after 1972. That fact may be able to help us regain access to trails and peaks that have been blocked by private property owners.

The Chapter has determined that in certain cases, if outings to these peaks took place over at least

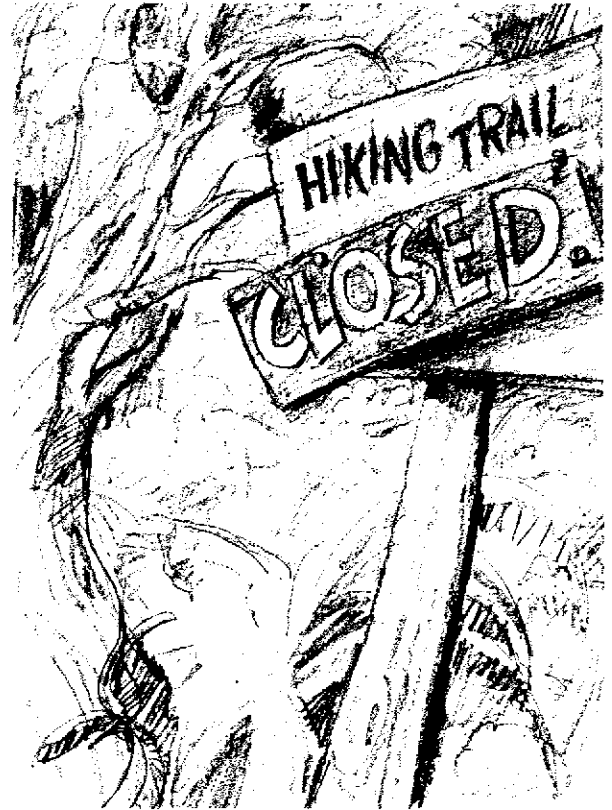
a five year period prior to 1972, the public may have acquired an access right that could still be in effect. Access may have been illegally restricted in some cases. Denial of access even today may be improper.

The Chapter has formed a committee to look at instances where access to trails has been improperly restricted and where we may be able to regain access that should never have been denied.

The implications of this are far reaching. It may be possible to restore a few peaks to our List. It may be possible to restore access to currently listed peaks via routes that had been closed off years ago.

While the initial focus of this committee was trail access within the area of the Angeles Chapter, there may be instances where trail access to HPS peaks outside of this area may be looked at for possible review.

If you are aware of peaks which have been deListed because of limitations related to private property concerns restricting trail access, or limitations on access to currently listed peaks (even if the peak is climbed via an alternate route), please contact any member of the Trail Access Committee. We'd appreciate your support and information in helping us document use of trails prior to 1972, and attempts to use trails since then. The Trail Access Committee meets monthly at the Angeles Chapter headquarters. Its members are Joe Young (Chair), John Hinz, Virgil Shields, and Kent Schwitkis as well as attorneys Michael Partos, Marc Polansky, Leah Russin and Tenaya Rodewald.



REGISTER BOX

By Jim Adler

In the last two months, two new deficient registers were reported and no new "missings", "replaceds" or "finds." Reports were received from Troy & Jeni Nichols, Edith Liu, Kent Schwitkis, and Joe Young. Edith Liu reports that she rescued two wet register books from the punctured register on Black #3 and now that they are dried out would like to give them to someone else climbing the peak who can return them and replace the deficient can.

Missing and deficient registers:

3B	Black Mtn. #3	deficient	1-07
3E	Tehachapi Mtn.	deficient	9-03
6H	San Rafael Mtn.	deficient	12-05
8C	Sawtooth Mtn.	deficient	6-06
11A	Josephine Peak	missing	6-04
12A	Mt. Deception	missing	3-06
12B	Mt. Disappointment	missing	3-06
12C	San Gabriel Peak	missing	3-06
14A	Waterman Mtn.	missing	7-06
14E	Middle Hawkins	missing	8-06
16J	Mt. Harwood	missing	5-04
19C	Sugarpine Mtn.	deficient	1-06
19F	The Pinnacles	missing	1-06
20A	Round Mtn.	missing	2-06
26B	Quail Mtn.	deficient	11-04

29C	Cahuilla Mtn.	deficient	1-07
32E	Cuyamaca Peak	missing	5-06

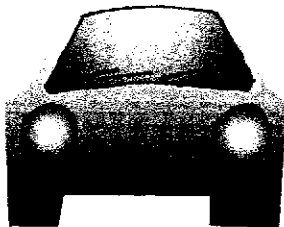
If you are climbing any of the above peaks, please consider bringing a new register can and book. If you discover a peak which needs a new register can, please let me know by mail addressed to Jim Adler, 836 Alandale Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90036-4625, or telephone at (323) 931-6844 or e-mail at jimadler@mindspring.com.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

HPS Birthdays in March and April

Sandy Sperling 03/02
Thelma Whisman 03/03
Chuck Vernon 03/05
Doris Bingo 03/08
Asher Waxman 03/09
Doug Mantle 03/13
Frank Dobos 03/14
Lois A. Ritchie Ritter 03/14
Rosina Mueller 03/14
Robert Beach 03/16
Dorothy Danziger 03/17
Susan Lalicker 03/17
Joe Whyte 03/19
Lynda Armbruster 03/19
Karen Isaacson Leverich 03/22
Susan Ellsworth 03/25
Roy R. Stewart 03/27

Bob Kanne 03/29
Bobcat Thompson 03/29
C. A. Landa 04/02
Jan Brahms 04/02
Alan Coles 04/04
Laura Webb 04/05
Leo Rosario 04/08
Sue Wyman-Henney 04/09
Bart Fenmore 04/10
Dana R. Hanson 04/13
Cheryl Ross 04/13
Tom Neely 04/16
John Connelly 04/16
Karen Stewart 04/17
Russell Cole 04/17
Cyndi Okine Runyan 04/17
Anthony Kitson 04/18

Mars Bonfire 04/21
George Forbes 04/22
Nami Brown 04/22
Bob McEwan 04/24
Jerry J. Keating 04/24
Lyndon Dyer 04/25
Paxton Starksen 04/25
Tom Hill 04/26
Roy S. Nishida 04/26
Robert Emerick 04/26
Bill Byrne 04/26
Eivor Nilsson 04/27
Andrew Baldwin 04/27
Mike Baldwin 04/27
Pete Yamagata 04/29
Wolf Leverich 04/30



Don't get a ticket. Turn on your headlights Between La Cañada and the intersection with the Angeles Forest Highway.

Hundred Peaks Section Angeles Chapter Management Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: **November 14, 2006**

Location: Don Cuco's Restaurant, Glendale

Management Committee Members Present: Winnette Butler, Dave Comerzan, Jim Fleming, Karen Isaacson Leverich, Lynda Armbruster, Greg De Hoogh

Management Committee Members Absent: Wolf Leverich

Appointed Members Present: Joe Young

Guests Present: Tom Armbruster, Don Cwik, George Wysup, Kent Schwitkis

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Winnette, Chair.

Lynda submitted the minutes of the September 12th meeting. Some corrections were made. The minutes, with corrections, were submitted for approval. M/s/p.

Committee Reports:

TREASURER: Sandy Burnside:

Wolf was not available to present the financials. Approval of Sept. and October financials was tabled until our next meeting.

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 was able to attend a Newcomer's meeting in Costa Mesa. She will continue to attend these meetings whenever possible.

PROGRAMS: Jim Fleming:

Fall Festival: It was reported that this was a successful event with 60+ people attending the various events. This included members of DPS and SPS.

2007 Banquet: - April Sall from the Wildlands Conservancy's Pipe Canyon Preserve will be our speaker. Jim will tell her to plan on a 45-60 minute presentation and to include the teaching aspect of Wildlands along with their preservation efforts. - We need to develop a flyer to advertise this event. Jim has a target date of 12/1 to complete the flyer.

- Raffle: We will once again go with the silent auction to raise funds. Members are encouraged to contribute items for auction. We will see if we can get peak guides from DPS/SPS/LPS for auction. - Jim will send Joe the information by Dec 1st for Jan/Feb Lookout.

Spring Fling: The Mission Creek Preserve campground has been reserved for the weekend of March 24-25. Jim will see if we can also reserve for Friday night, the 23rd. The cost is \$5 per person for the weekend. No campfires are allowed. Must use stoves. You will need a parking permit which will come with the reservation. Karen reported 2-3 hikes per day have been scheduled.

Adopt-A-Highway:

The next schedule day for a cleanup hike is scheduled for May 5th. Winnette and Karen will assist Jim as co-leaders.

Waterman Rendezvous:

There followed a discussion on this annual event. Participation has been declining. There were a number of complaints that it was too hot, and that everyone is tired of doing this peak so often. We talked about moving the date and location. It was agreed that the peak should be within reasonable driving distance of LA (i.e. Highway 2 or Big Bear area). There should be easy hikes for newcomers (one of this event's purpose) and multiple approaches. This item was tabled until the next meeting.

Merchandise:

Jim brought up the need for merchandise to sell. Some ideas suggested were bandanas and shirts in the new fabrics available. Jim will follow up on these ideas. There was talk about producing a CD-ROM with peak guides. It was decided that since we put our guides on the web-site, this was not necessary.

OUTINGS: Karen Isaacson Leverich:

Pilot Knob: Nothing new to report on this peak. Still having access problems. It was motioned we continue the suspension of this peak for another 6 months. M/s/p. San Sevine and Buck Pt.: Still having access problems. Nothing new to report. Do not need to renew suspension at this time. It is on the ballot to delist these peaks. Will wait for results of the ballot.

Black #3: No problems in access to this peak.

Beauty and Iron Springs. It is reported that there may be some access problems for these two peaks. Cannot confirm this at this point.

No action taken. Suspension policy: There follow a discussion on what sort of guidelines can Mcom follow on suspension of peaks.

After some discussion on the pros and cons of suspending peaks, the following guidelines were proposed: When the Outings Chair learns from an official source that access to a peak will be denied for at least six months or longer, the Chair will present to the next Mcom meeting a motion to suspend that peak. This policy does not prevent Mcom from unsuspending a peak at any Mcom meeting. M/s/p. (5 for, 1 against)

Suspended Peaks: Based on the above guidelines, the following peaks were suspended: M/s/p.

23I Chaparrosa, 4E Tecuya, 7B Lockwood Peak, 7C San Guillermo Mtn., 7E Thorn Pt., 7F San Rafael Peak, 7G Alamo Mtn., 7H McDonald Peak, 7I Sewart Mtn., 7J Snowy Peak, 7K Black #2, 7L White #2, 7M Cobblestone, 7Q Hines Peak
7S Topatopa Bluff

Leader Access and Addresses: It was brought to the Outing Chair attention that some members do not have computer access and are unable to reach leaders who have trips scheduled in **The Lookout**. Dave volunteered to act as a contact point. His address will be published in each issue. Joe will take care of this.

Proposed new peak: Valcrest Rocks is being considered for addition to the list. A request has made to lead this with only one "I" rated co-leader. After some discussion, it was decided to continue the policy of having two "I" rated co-leaders on new peaks being considered for the list.

MOUNTAIN RECORDS: Wolf Leverich:
No report was submitted for this month.

ELECTION COMMITTEE:
Winnette reported that the ballots have been mailed.

CONSERVATION: Mei Kwan:
Mei emailed a list of various meeting being held in November. Attached is a copy of this email.

ANGELES CHAPTER: Joe Young
Joe reported that Sid "San Jac" Davies recently passed away at age 90. Sid had climbed San Jacinto 643 times.
Joe reported that Kent Schwitkis did an excellent job as chair of the recent Outings Assembly.

OLD BUSINESS:
HPS pins: Joe had nothing to report on this item.

NEW BUSINESS:

Stapler: Edith Liu reported that because changes in the way **The Lookout** is mailed, she no longer has need for the HPS stapler. It was suggested we auction this at the annual banquet.

Chapter 2007 Awards: Recommendations for chapter awards need to be submitted by Nov 1st of each year. We missed the deadline this year so nothing was submitted.

HPS Awards 2007: At a closed session of December meeting, Mcom members must make suggestions for the following awards for January's banquet: R.S. Fink Service Award, John Backus Leadership Award, Conservation Award, Bill T. Russell New Leader Award. Previous winners of these awards are posted on the website.

2007 Joint Climbing Sections Meeting: This meeting has been moved to the fall. It is HPS's turn to chair this meeting. It was recommended that we combine this with the Fall Festival. No decision was reached. Tabled to next month.

2006 Charity Contributions: It was discussed that HPS donate \$150 to Steve Smith's non-profit organization that helped us with the fall festival. Winnette will direct Sandy to send them a check. M/s/p.

Letter to HPS Mcom from Mars Bonfire (see attached): Mars sent a letter in which he raised three issues for discussion. These issues were: 1) Is it a Sierra Club policy that we remove unofficial route markers? 2) Is it Sierra Club policy that we place registers on public land? 3) If we do place registers, should they be at the tops of peaks or where the average nature hiker can safely reach them? There then followed a discussion on these and several other issues. It was reported that since these issues affect the entire club, Mars' letter was forward to Chapter where it is with the Safety Committee. In addition to removing and leaving markers, the issue of trail maintenance was discussed, specifically cutting significant tree limbs to clear a route to a peak. After some discussion, the following points were agreed upon: 1) HPS will discourage leaving markers on official trips, and if left, remove them on the way out. It will also discourage members from removing markers found while hiking. 2) Official maintenance of trails should be done in conjunction with the Land Use Agency for that area. Kent suggested HPS should encourage its members to become involved in trail maintenance. There was discussion of a Conservation Emblem. 3) Registers should be left where originally placed. There is no requirement that someone needs to go to the top to officially count a peak. It should be left to the leader of the trip to determine if a person is capable to make it to the top. Joe will draft a policy statement to reflect these thoughts. Also discussed were articles in **The Lookout** that specifically make reference to a member in a negative way. It was generally agreed that we should discourage these types of articles.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm by Winnette Butler, Chair.
Respectfully submitted: Dave Comerzan

Date: **December 12, 2006**

Location: **Winnette Butler's Home**

Management committee Members Present: Winnette Butler, Dave Comerzan, Jim Fleming, Wolf Leverich, Karen Isaacson Leverich, Lynda Armbruster, Greg De Hoogh

Management Committee Members Absent: None.

Appointed Members Present: Joe Young,

Guests Present: Doris Duval, Tom Armbruster

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Winnette, Chair.

Dave Comerzan submitted for approval the minutes of the November 14, 2006 meeting. M/s/p.

Committee Reports:

TREASURER: Sandy Burnside: Wolf submitted for approval the financials for the months of September, October, November for Sandy. M/s/p.

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

It was noted that Pamela Rowe has completed 200 peaks, however, as of this meeting, her membership check has not been received. Her name was removed from the list and will be reinstated when her check is received. M/s/p. Also discussed was the cutoff date for announcement of achievement awards at the banquet. It was decided to hold a short meeting just before the banquet at 5:00 pm to

approve last minute achievements. These will then be announced at the banquet. We will continue this policy of going from banquet to banquet in announcing various achievement awards. The person who has achieved the emblem must notify the Membership Chair by the night of the banquet.

OUTREACH: Lynda Armbruster: Lynda had nothing new to report since the last meeting.

PROGRAMS: Jim Fleming:

Banquet: - The check for deposit on the banquet has been requested. - Members are to notify Jim of items they will bring for the silent auction. - After some discussion it was decided to insert the flyer in Jan/Feb Lookout and that this Lookout will be mailed first class. M/s/p. -The flyer will be completed by Winnette and delivered to Edith by next Monday.

- Lynda announce we will be doing a fund raiser by requesting members to bring used cellphone and ink jet cartridges. These can be turned in for money.

Spring Fling: - No word yet on whether we will be able to use the campsite on Friday night. - Jim will develop a flyer announcing this event. It will be distributed at the banquet and will be in the Mar/Apr Lookout. - The flyer needs to request that a sase be included with the reservation to send the parking permit back.

Waterman Rendezvous: After some discussion, it was decided to continue to hold this event on Waterman on the last Saturday in July which is July 28th this year. Based on attendance, we will decide whether to continue this event in 2008.

Merchandise: Nothing new to report on developing bandanas for sale to members.

OUTINGS: Karen Isaacson Leverich: Karen submitted a list of leaders that are approved to lead certain "M" rated peaks. The list was reviewed and submitted for approval (see attached). M/s/p.

There then followed a discussion on the rating of some of our peaks. It has been raised that some of our peaks may be unsafe for "I" rated leaders to lead. It was decided that based on our peak guide routes, all of our peaks are safe for "I" rated leaders to lead. This policy will stay in effect unless overruled by Chapter Safety. Wolf will send this response to Chapter Safety.

Karen reported that Buck and San Sevaine remain suspended. Forest Service is not allowing hikers into this area.

MOUNTAIN RECORDS: Wolf Leverich: Wolf submitted for approval the Mountain Records report (see attached). M/s/p.

Election Results: Doris reported on the results of the recent election. Winning 2 year terms were: Wolf, Karen, Jim, Greg. Winning 1 year terms were: Lynda, Dave.

A special thanks to all who ran for Management Committee

The proposal for the by-law change was passed.

The proposal to delist Palomar, Buck and San Sevaine was defeated.

The results were submitted for approval. M/s/p.

CONSERVATION: Mei Kwan: No report on conservation was reported.

ANGELES CHAPTER: Joe Young: Joe gave a report on the recent elections that was held. Only about 1000 ballots were received out of a membership of 50,000. Joe reported that a problem with the postal box has been discovered. Joe will be on the election committee in 2007.

OLD BUSINESS: Joe had nothing new to report on development of the pins.

Summit block tradition. There has been some discussion recently about when is a peak "counted", i.e. is it necessary to climb to the top of a summit block to count a peak? The HPS Management Committee acknowledges that there is no clear definition of what is required to count the peak. We stand by the tradition that summit blocks are optional. M/s/p.

Personal attacks in The Lookout. HPS Management Committee does not believe personal attacks, whether direct or by sly innuendo, belong in The Lookout. We have asked Joe Young, The Lookout Editor, to please help us avoid publication of inappropriate articles in the future.

Trip reports. It was decided that The Lookout should have a disclaimer regarded articles submitted that they are the views of the writer and do not reflect the opinion of HPS.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business was brought up.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm and moved into Executive Session.

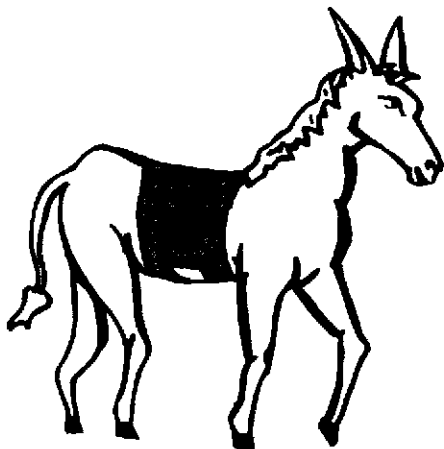
Respectfully submitted: Dave Comerzan

If you love being in the Sierra, you'll love mule pack trips! All the joys of backpacking and more without carrying a pack!

By Laura Joseph

The Mule Pack section conducts camping trips in the Sierra, generally between Lone Pine and Yosemite on the east side of the Range, lasting between four and seven days. Because mules carry up to 55 pounds of each participant's gear, food and supplies, you can enjoy the beauties and activities of the Sierra without the burden of a heavy backpack and with a greater variety of food, a larger tent, and other amenities not possible on a typical backpack trip.

On the first day, mules carry our gear in while we hike to a campsite at an elevation of 9,000 to 12,000 feet in the scenic back country. We set up camp and, for the "layover" days, enjoy hiking, fishing, reading, relaxing, swimming, naturalizing, or whatever other activity the participant chooses. All activities are informal and unscheduled, although leaders typically plan some hike for those who wish to participate. In the evenings, we enjoy the traditional Mule Pack "Happy Hour" -- a potluck that often serves as dinner -- that includes goodies contributed by participants and wine provided by the Section. If regulations allow, a campfire is part of this event. On the last day, the mules return to pick up our gear and we hike out, looking forward to



next year's adventure.

Each participant must bring his/her own gear and food, tent, stove, water filter, and other equipment necessary on a camping trip -- and a chair for luxurious comfort.

Mule packs are great opportunities not just for people who love to backpack and appreciate the opportunity to be free of weight, but for

- Couples who enjoy the outdoors but one of whom does not backpack. Peak baggers (especially those who want to pick up some Sierra Peaks) -- or lake, pass baggers.
- Photographers
- Fishers
- Folks who love to hike and camp and but don't like carrying a backpack
- People who love to enjoy the outdoors in relative comfort

Five trips are planned for 2007. For those who prefer long weekend trips, the season opens July 12 with a trip to Rush Creek in the beautiful Thousand Lakes area, near the John Muir trail with lots of opportunities for lake and pass hikes. This trip is lead by John Kaiser (who is knowledgeable about flowers) with Laura Joseph and Winnette Butler. (Email Laura for trip info)

Three trips last a full-week. Sandy Burnside, Yvonne Tsai and Laura Joseph will lead a trip to Purple Lake. The John Muir trail, Virginia Lake, Ram Lakes, and Franklin Lakes provide many day hike possibilities. For those who love to explore, Laura and Sandy are known for their creative cross-country adventures. (Email Yvonne for trip info)

Next on the calendar is a trip to Virginia Canyon, a spectacular area in the northeast corner of Yosemite. The trip is led by George Wysup -- a legend in the Hundred Peaks section for being the 10th person ever to lead the List and the first to hike 200 peaks by three different routes each. This is the trip for serious hikers to choose. Laura Joseph, also a peak-bagger and mule pack regular, is co-leader. (Email George for trip info)

"The Sandies" (Burnside and Sperling) will lead the trip to Crown Lake in the Hoover Wilderness. The Sandies trips are always popular for fun hikes and great Happy Hours. (Email Sandy S for trip info)

The second short trip, led by Dave Cross and Christine Gutierrez, closes the season over Labor Day Weekend. This year they will head for a campsite below Vogalsang Peak in Yosemite Park. (Email Christine for trip info)

The cost of the trips ranges from \$175 to \$250. Weight limit per person is 45 pounds on the short trips and 50 on the longer ones (plus whatever you want to carry yourself).