



THE LOOKOUT

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The Official Newsletter of the Hundred Peaks Section

Welcome to this new issue of **The Lookout**.



From the Editor:

I'm not a very good hiker. I admit it. I'm slow, I'm old, my joints ache, my feet hurt, I complain a lot, but I do enjoy the sport of peak bagging that we all participate in. What I really enjoy is the comradery shared with my fellow hikers and friends, and the encouraging words and advice they offer. I know I still have a lot to learn. Every hike is unique, and every peak has its own personality and challenges. These times spent with others are priceless.

As I approach the finish line of completing **The List**, I want to enjoy the about 3-dozen I have left to yet experience. I've managed to do most of the more difficult peaks earlier in my pursuit, and recently have survived some of the remaining difficult ones: i.e. Ross, Monrovia, Lizard Head, and Rosa Point. Don't remind me that I still need to do Charlton, Jepson, and Dobbs! I can honestly say that I wouldn't have achieved these without the support of my fellow hikers and the caring, experienced leaders we all rely on. They all have my appreciation.

We hear that our numbers are dwindling, that there aren't as many new hikers and Sierra Club members. Modern society offers many distractions and people have much to do in their busy lives. Maintaining your personal fitness and interacting with others is still important, and is perfectly accomplished by our hiking groups. Encourage your friends and their friends to try a hike with the HPS or another Sierra Club hike. Encourage your favorite HPS leaders to plan and put together new hikes that everyone can enjoy. Spread the word about the benefits of our hiking. Participate and encourage the participation of your friends and family.

A good opportunity is the **Spring Fling 2013** coming up **April 26-28** and happening in Area 2, near Lake Isabella. Popular leader Mat Kelliher is organizing the event as part of his new duties as Co-Outings Chair. Contact him with any questions and see information regarding this event on **pages 10-11** in this issue. A group campsite has been secured, and local motels are available for those who prefer to not "rough it" so much. It's a beautiful area with many great peaks to explore, or revisit. I hope to see you there! ~Chris Spisak

It is with great sadness that as I complete the layout of this newsletter I have learned of a death in our HPS family of **Darrick Danta**, husband of Sara Danta, and experienced mountaineer. Information is not complete at this time, but it appears he perished while climbing New York Mountain, in the Mojave Desert Preserve.

Our love and support is with Sara in these trying times. Every moment together is priceless.

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On this website you can find:

- ✓ HPS Archives
- ✓ Peak List
- ✓ Peak Guides
- ✓ Trip Reports
- ✓ Maps to the peaks
- ✓ Member achievements
- ✓ Summit summaries
- ✓ Advance Schedule of outings
- ✓ Back issues of **The Lookout**
- ✓ Much, much, more

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In January, the **HPS** celebrated another year of personal accomplishments at our annual **HPS Banquet**. A few photos from the event will appear throughout this issue.

Plan on attending next year's event, and the other HPS events that occur during this year. It is another chance to see old friends and acquaintances, and to meet new HPS members and their families.

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Mountain Records Committee Report

HPS Peaks That Are Suspended:

In the area still closed due to the *Station Fire*:

10E Granite Mountain #1
10F Rabbit Peak #1
10G Iron Mountain #3
10H Round Top
11A Josephine Peak
11B Strawberry Peak
11C Mount Lawlor
11D Barley Flats



Also suspended, because all roads in area are closed (although it's OK to hike/mountain bike/etc. to the peak from the pavement)

06M Hildreth Peak

Delisted:

03B Black Mountain #3

Several roads that we frequently use have warnings that **headlights must be turned on**. These include, but are not limited to sections of the Angeles Crest Highway, Highway 138 near Wrightwood, and highways between Lake Arrowhead and Big Bear. Penalties for failure to observe this requirement are very expensive. **Don't get a ticket! Turn on your headlights when required!**

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HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION MEMBERSHIP REPORT – January 2013

ACHIEVEMENTS:

Lead the List #4

#2 – Mars Bonfire – 1/2/13 – Monte Arido

100 Peaks Led

#52 – Bruce Craig – 12/12/12 – Meeks Mountain

200 Peaks

#468 – John Slagle – 4/24/11 – Quail Mountain

DONATIONS:

Yasuhide Iemori – \$10

NEW MEMBERS:

Jimmy Quan

MEMBERSHIP COUNTS:

301 Members (255 primary + 46 household)

31 Subscribers

332 Total

Greg de Hoogh, HPS Membership Chair

Set aside the dates of Friday April 26 through Sunday April 28 and mark your calendars now!! Then come and join us on our **2013 Annual Spring Fling** as we welcome in the spring with a fun and festive weekend full of outstanding peak bagging, spectacular wildflower viewing, and hearty evening partying in the Southern Sierras!!

This year the Hundred Peaks Section will be holding its annual **Spring Fling** on the western shore of Lake Isabella from Friday April 26 - Sunday April 28. We'll be centrally located for relatively quick access to many of our peaks in the beautiful Southern Sierra Nevada (HPS Areas 1 and 2). As we get closer to the event, check the HPS Website at <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/hps/> Or the Angeles Chapter online Schedule of Activities at: http://angeles2.sierraclub.org/find_hike_trip_event to find specific outings to be offered and contact the outing leaders directly for details.

We've reserved a group campsite for Saturday night (April 27) at the Tillie Creek Campground near the town of Lake Isabella. The campground is equipped with a shower, flushing toilets, and potable water. Our campsite has picnic tables, a BBQ, and a fire ring. For those who prefer not to camp out, the nearby communities of Lake Isabella, Wofford Heights, and Keyesville offer a variety of lodging choices.

Saturday night we'll have a big Happy Hour/Potluck at the campsite, with plenty of opportunity to socialize and hang out around a roaring campfire with old and new friends. Whether you're camping out or staying in town, everyone is welcome and all are encouraged to attend. If you're planning on camping out with us, be sure to make reservations in advance. For questions, campground, driving directions, potluck suggestions and reservations, contact:

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Photo:

Lake Isabella - photo from www.kernsheriff.com



**FLOWER LIST – On Cross and Chuckwalla
(From our departed but not forgotten George Wysup)**

By **Lilly Fukui**

After our hike to Cross and Chuckwalla, George Wysup sent an e-mail:

"Hello hikers, In case you are interested, here is a (partial) list of the wildflowers we encountered on our March 8 (2009) hike to Cross and Chuckwalla. I've probably forgotten a few. It was a surprisingly good display and the blooms should hold for another few weeks." George

Bladderpod *Isomeris arborea* (seen as we drove along the roadside)

Coreopsis bigelovii (that multitude of large daisies)

CA Poppy *Eshcholtzia Californica*

Phlox, white (species?)

Checker Fiddleneck (Devil's Lettuce) *Amsinckia tessellata*

Goldfields (those small daisies)

Phacelia, Notch-leaved

Baby Blue Eyes *Nemophila menziesii*

Blue Dicks (wild hyacinth)

Desert Pincushion

Redstem Storkbill (filaree) *Erodium cicutarium*

Bolander's Monkeyflower

Chia *Salvia columbariae*

Spring begins on March 20th! Keep your eyes open for the above and other beautiful spring flowers as you hike and enjoy the exquisite and blooming nature of the outdoors.

HIKERS / LEADERS OF INTEREST - JANET YANG / DAVID ZALEWSKI

By Lilly Y. Fukui

Former HPS leader Janet Yang moved to Indiana in March of 2004, to join her hiker hubby David Zalewski who had moved there four months prior, and had started his job at Eli Lilly in November of 2003.

Janet became an HPS leader around 2002. David is not an HPS leader, but he has helped Janet scout trails before she led official hikes, often co-leading with Kate Rogowski. Janet states: "I appreciated being led to so many beautiful places by many excellent leaders so I thought I might follow their steps and inspire some other new comers."

Janet is currently a legal assistant with the United States Attorney's Office in Indianapolis, and she says she enjoys what she is doing, by "putting criminals behind bars and that it's a privilege to be a federal employee."

Here is what David says he is up to lately: "Over the past few years, I have worked in State and Federal Government in the Midwest. These days, I am more useful, formulating new nutraceuticals and blogging, and it sure would be nice to be back in the L.A. area hiking with you all . . . soon, I hope!"

Janet and David are also avid runners (no, not on the trails), but doing marathons. Janet and David did a full marathon last September (Air Force Marathon, in Dayton, Ohio). They also just signed up for the Indy 500 Mini Marathon, 2013, saying: "With so many corn fields around, running a race is a way to stay in shape. Tecumseh Trail Marathon was one of the marathons we did closest to a BIG

HIKE - 3500 ft. gain with 2000 ft. loss in which we got it done within seven hours!" Way to go, you two!



David on top of Mt. Fuji



THE NAVIGATION CORNER:

USING THE SUN AND STARS FOR NAVIGATION

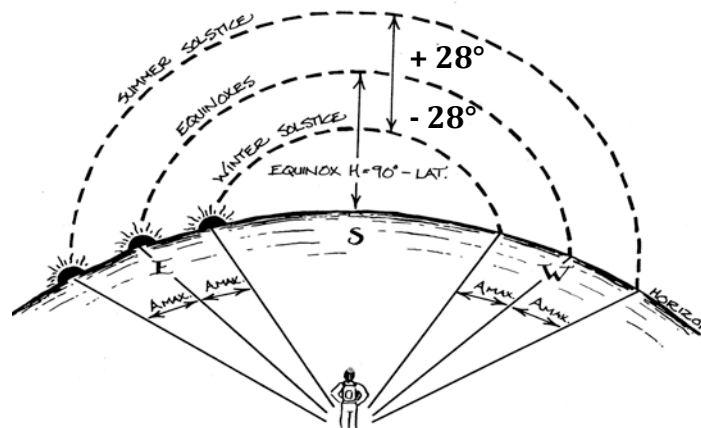
By Bob Myers, LTC Navigation Chair

In this issue of the Navigation Corner, we will briefly review using the sun and stars as a navigation aid. Obviously, celestial navigation is no substitute for a compass. However, if your compass is lost or broken, you may have no choice but to turn to other navigation aids.

The Sun

The sun rises in the east and sets in the west. On the vernal and autumnal equinoxes, the sun will be due east (90° bearing) at sunrise and due west (270°) at sunset. However, the sun's location will change depending on the seasons. Thus, unless you take these changes into account, all the sun's location will tell you is a generally east and west.

At our latitude, the location of the sun will change by 28° between the equinox and the solstice as demonstrated in the following illustration:



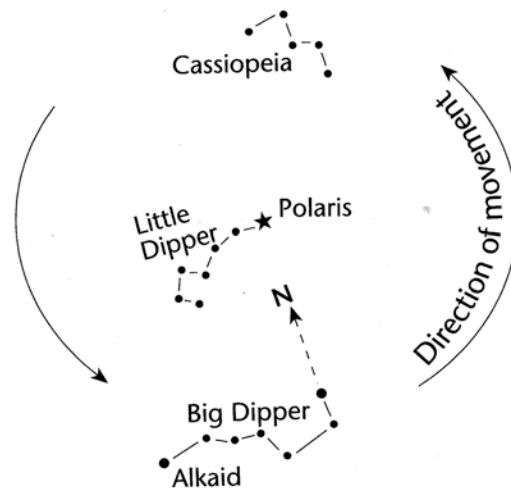
Vernal Equinox:	March 20, 2013
Summer Solstice:	June 21, 2013
Autumnal Equinox:	September 22, 2013
Winter Solstice:	December 21, 2013

What this means is that the sun's location in the eastern sky can range from 62 to 118 degrees. Thus, during much of the year, the sun's location does not provide a precise bearing to either east or west.

The North Star or Polaris

Polaris lies roughly one half degree from the North Celestial Pole, so this particular star appears to remain stationary hour after hour and night after night. Between the Equator and the North Pole, the angle of Polaris above the horizon is a direct measure of latitude. "Latitude" is the angular distance north or south of the Earth's Equator. At the geographic North Pole (90° north latitude), Polaris is directly overhead at an angle of 90°. At the Equator (0° latitude), Polaris is sitting on the horizon with an angle of zero.

Look at the North Star and point one arm straight at it, and then hold your other arm level with the horizon. The angle between your arms is roughly the degrees of latitude of your location. Alternatively, if you know your latitude, you can use it to help locate Polaris in the night sky. In southern California, you will find Polaris to your north at a 34° angle above the horizon. The Big Dipper is an excellent pointer toward Polaris.



Polaris provides a more consistent bearing than the sun because it does not change position in the sky during the year.

Upcoming Navigation Events

Our two-day Warren Point Navigation Noodle on April 20 and 21, 2013, is a great place to learn new navigation skills. Saturday is spent with instruction and field practice. Sunday is for check off for those who are ready and an additional practice day for others. We will be car camping starting on Friday afternoon.

Our next Beginning Navigation Clinic is on May 4, 2013. In June, I'm leading a navigation practice to Heart Bar Peak on June 1, 2013, and we have our Grinnell Ridge Navigation Noodle on June 2, 2013.

I welcome your navigation questions. Contact me at rmmyers@ix.netcom.com.

Dear Hundred Peaks friends and hikers ... I am honored, awed, and grateful to have been the recipient of the 2012 R. Sam Fink Award. I am so sorry not to have been at the banquet to thank you in person. As some of you already know, my father had been struggling with bad health for several years and died the day before the banquet. He would have been proud, too ... he vicariously enjoyed my peak bagging and bragged to friends that I had climbed McKinley (not enlightening them about its being the McKinley in Los Padres Forest rather than, you know, that other McKinley.)

Although I've currently wound down most of my HPS activities due to personal matters, I'm intending to become more active in 2013 and hope to see all of my friends, old and new, on several of our peaks, perhaps at Waterman or Fall Festival or Mars' 39th List finish or...

I first climbed Sam Fink Peak in August 2001, a week or so after my 100th peak. Although I'd heard of Sam Fink, the reality of what he'd done for our section and hikers in general didn't become real until a later climb of Antsell Rock. After scrambling up Antsell via a gully from the Pacific Crest Trail, I was very much looking forward to taking the "Sam Fink Trail" north to the saddle on the PCT below Southwell (or South) Peak. Well. That was hardly a cakewalk, and it certainly wasn't a trail! It was more an agility test through brush and rock, spotting the occasional tag that Sam had left to guide us. And he'd been up there, exploring this terrain, before there was a Pacific Crest Trail! Many of you knew him, but I never had that honor.

Anyhow, once I get my hiking legs back, I'm hoping to revisit Sam Fink Peak. I don't need it for my next List finish (if I ever finish my 4th and 5th Lists, it will be handy for a 6th, not that I'm counting), but it is such a wonderful hike. Next fall, anyone? I'm thinking Devil's Slide, having done it once from the tram and all that gain on the exit, oh my...

Be seeing you soon!

Karen

L-R in back: Sue Ellsworth, Mars Bonfire, Winnette Butler, Karen Leverich, Sandy Burnside, Don Tidwell, Mei Kwan
L-R in front: Kathy Cheever and Dorothy Danziger

This was Winnette's 1st List finish, on 24 November 2002 on Sam Fink Peak. Brian Leverich was the photographer.

I like it 'cause it's a picture where everyone looks good.



**Hundred Peaks Section
Management Committee Meeting
Teleconference
January 8, 2013**

By Mark S. Allen, Secretary

- Call to order. 6: 45pm
 - Bill Simpson, Chair
 - Alice Goldman, Vice Chair
 - Mark S. Allen, Secretary
 - Ron Campbell, Outreach
 - Wayne Bannister, Mountain Records
 - Mathew Kelliher, Programs
 - Christine Soskins, Programs

Also in teleconference: Chris Spisak, Lookout Managing Editor; Marlen Mertz.

- Business
 - Discussion of November 2012 Minutes- Report Tabled
 - Approval of December 2012 Minutes- Report Tabled
- Committee Reports:
 - Treasurer – Sandy Burnside- Report Delayed
 - Membership – Greg de Hoogh- Report Tabled
 - Programs – TBD (Spring Fling, Waterman Rendezvous & Fall Festival)
 - Christine, Mat, Mark on Programs Committee
 - Bill, "Perhaps one person for each major event."
 - Programs Committee to meet or exchange emails
 - Marlen, "Waterman hikes should be staggered times."
 - Banquet – 2013 Monrovia Restaurant
 - Wayne Bannister brings wine
 - Wayne Vollaire says everything OK with Banquet
 - Marlen will check in arrivals
 - 87 paid reservations at this point
 - Agree to secure Speaker earlier in the year for 2013
 - Discussed Karen's award given instantaneously by SKYPE?
- **The Lookout** – Discussed both switching the HPS Club Magazine "**The Lookout**" to quarterly; moving it to online publication. Decision to keep in print.
 - Chris Spisak, Using the printer Joe Young used, (it remains) economically possible to remain in print. Only \$1 an issue to print; good reason to remain status quo.
 - Discussion Ron/Bill: With electronic schedule (OARS) how is printed **Lookout** necessary. How many issues are necessary? Comments that **The Lookout** serves to better inform at this point in time and actually promote the larger activities of the hiking year.
 - Mat, "**The Lookout** the one thing that has been uniquely HPS."
 - Bill: We need to make sure we get the information out to the members by any methodology we have. Six times a year maintains connection to membership.
 - Chris noted: February 1st is **The Lookout** deadline.

Continued:

- 2013 MCOMM Meetings. Bill asked to post them in OARS and The Lookout. Listing of Teleconference Meetings on OARS and the Lookout. Mat will post meetings in OARS.
- Outings and Safety (Jim Fleming/Gary Schenk/Markey Neighbors)
 - Jim Fleming, Adopt a Trail & Adopt a Highway.
 - Trail in Angeles Forest.
 - Clean up Highway in designated area
 - Jim also needs sign-up sheets.
 - Discussion: Why is it necessary to turn in Sign-up Sheets? Resolve to ask Jim this at Banquet. Marlen, "Sign up sheets show closure to hike- legally. "
- Mountain Records (Mat Kelliher/Wayne Bannister)
 - Nothing to report
- Outreach (Ron Campbell) Purpose to gather new members
 - Nothing to report
- Confirm 2012 Awards. Mat/Alice/Approved
 - George Christianson- Bill T. Russell Award
 - Karen Leverich- R.S. Fink Service Award
 - Bruce Craig- Spirit of Leadership Award
 - Dave Comerzan- John Backus Leadership Award
 - Joe Young- Special Recognition Award
 - Wayne Voltaire- Spirit of Volunteerism Award
- Peter Doggett – Bill Simpson will mention and congratulate Peter at Banquet.
- Adjourn meeting. 7:52pm

The Register Can

Missing and Deficient Registers:

8A Liebre Mountain	deficient November 2009
9C Condor Peak	missing April 2009
9D Fox Mountain #2	missing April 2009
9E Mount Lukens	missing March 2008
12C San Gabriel Peak	missing 2011
13B Mount Akawie	deficient April 2010
14D South Mount Hawkins	missing December 2010
21G Bertha Peak	missing November 2010
25A Allen Peak	deficient April 2008
27B Indian Mountain	missing August 2010
29D Thomas Mountain	missing August 2010

If you are climbing any of the above peaks, please consider bringing a new register can and book. If you discover a peak that needs a new register can, please let me know by mail addressed to Mark S. Allen, 11381 Foster Rd., Los Alamitos, CA 90720, or telephone (562) 598-0329 or e-mail at bakhikn@gmail.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.

ADVANCE SCHEDULE OF HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION ACTIVITIES

MARCH - APRIL 2013

By Gary Schenk, HPS Outings Chair

Saturday, March 2 Hundred Peaks

I: Antimony Peak (6,848'), Eagles Rest Peak (6,005'): Join us on a slow paced, but very strenuous hike over dirt road and rough trail to these spectacular peaks in Southern Kern County near Pine Mountain Club. The total hike will be about 11 miles round trip with 5,300' of gain, 3,100' of which we'll get on our way out. Bring plenty of water, food for the day, layered clothing for both cold and hot conditions, headlamp, hat, sunscreen, and the rest of your 10 essentials. Email Mat Kelliher with recent conditioning and experience for trip status and details. Leaders: Mat Kelliher, Jim Fleming, Winnette Butler, Chris Spisak, And Lilly Fukui

Tuesday, March 5 Hundred Peaks

I: Twin Peaks (7761'): A strenuous snowshoe on trail for 11 miles round trip with 3200' of gain to a peak in the San Gabriel Mts. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, & ten essentials. High clearance 4WD with snow cables advised. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Mars Bonfire, Dave Comerzan.

Friday, March 8 Hundred Peaks

O: Bliss (3720'): Join us for a day in the Angeles National Forest, north of Azusa. 9 miles round trip, 3000' of gain, and moderate to strenuous hiking on road. Great views. Possible shorter hike, less gain if the Rincon-Shortcut road is open. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water and 10 essentials. Contact Leaders for details: Dave Comerzan, Mike Johnston.

Tuesday, March 12 Hundred Peaks

I: Mount Pinos (8831'), Sawmill Mt (8818'): A moderately strenuous snowshoe adventure for 6 miles round trip with 1200' of gain to peaks near Frazier Park. High clearance 4WD with snow cables advised. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Mars Bonfire, Dave Comerzan.

Tuesday, March 12 Hundred Peaks

HPS Management Committee Meeting: All are welcome to attend our bi-monthly management committee meeting to discuss the business side of the section and upcoming activities. All are welcome to join us and opportunities to become involved are available. The meeting begins at 6:30 pm via conference call. To receive access information to join in on the conference call, to have items added to the agenda, or to volunteer, please contact the HPS Chair: Bill Simpson

Saturday, March 16 Hundred Peaks

I: Eagle Crag (5,077'): Join us on a slow paced, but very strenuous hike to this beautiful peak in Northern San Diego County near Aguanga. The entire hike will be about 18 miles round trip on trail, dirt road, and cross country with 4,100' of gain, 1,400' of which we'll get on our way out. Bring plenty of water, food for the day, layered clothing for both cold and hot conditions, headlamp, hat, sunscreen, and the rest of your 10 essentials. Email Mat Kelliher with recent conditioning and experience for trip status and details. Leaders: Mat Kelliher, Jim Fleming, Winnette Butler, Chris Spisak, And Lilly Fukui

Monday, March 18 Hundred Peaks

O: Mount Inspiration (5560'): An easy walk on rough trail for 2 miles round trip with 700' of gain to a peak in Joshua Tree NP. Entry fee required. Could involve snow travel. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, & ten essentials. High clearance 4WD with snow cables advised. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Mars Bonfire, Cheryl Gill.

Tuesday, March 19 Hundred Peaks

I: Winston Peak (7502'), Winston Ridge (7003'): A moderately strenuous snowshoe adventure for 5 miles round trip with 1500' of gain to peaks near Wrightwood. High clearance 4WD with snow cables advised. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Mars Bonfire, Dave Comerzan.

Tuesday, March 26 Hundred Peaks

I: Heart Bar Peak (8332'): A moderately strenuous snowshoe adventure for 5 miles round trip with 1100' of gain to a peak near Big Bear Lake. High clearance 4WD with snow cables advised. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Mars Bonfire, Dave Comerzan.

Monday, April 1 Hundred Peaks

O: Cahuilla Mountain (5635'): A moderate walk on trail for 6 miles round trip with 1700' of gain to a peak near Idyllwild. Could involve snow travel. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, & ten essentials. High clearance 4WD with snow cables advised. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Mars Bonfire, Cheryl Gill.

Tuesday, April 2 Hundred Peaks

I: Scodie Mountain (7294'): A moderately strenuous walk on dirt road and rough trail for 9 miles round trip with 2800' of gain to a peak near Ridgecrest. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, & ten essentials. High clearance 4WD advised. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Mars Bonfire, Dave Comerzan.

Friday, April 5 Hundred Peaks

O: Glendora (3322')

Join us for a day in the Angeles National Forest, north of Glendora. 3 miles round trip, 800' gain, est. 2 hours of hiking on use trail. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water and 10 essentials. Contact Leaders for details: Dave Comerzan, Mike Johnston.

Monday, April 8 to Saturday, April 13 Hundred Peaks

O: Southern Sierra Pacific Crest Trail Backpack from Hwy 58, west of Mojave to Walker Pass. Beautiful trip through the Piute and Scodie Mountains. Possible side trip to Skinner Peak (7120'). Moderately paced, 6 days, 84 miles, one-way. Average day will be 14 miles with 2500' gain/loss. No layover days/no beginners. Participants will need to share in expense of a rental van. Send email with H & C phones, city, recent conditioning and backpack experience to jeannstar@sbcglobal.net Leader: Ted Lubeshkoff, Co-leader: Pat Arredondo Wilderness Adventures, HPS

Tuesday, April 9 Hundred Peaks

O: Mount Gleason (6520'), Iron Mountain (5635'), Condor Peak (5440'), Fox Mountain (5033'): A strenuous walk on road, trail, and rough trail for 15 miles round trip with 4300' of gain to peaks near Palmdale. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, & ten essentials. High clearance 4WD advised. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Mars Bonfire, Dave Comerzan.

Saturday, April 13 Lower Peaks, Hundred Peaks

O: Gilman Peak (1,685') and San Juan Peak (1,781'): 10 miles R/T and 1,800' gain hike in Chino Hills State Park which offers hiking biking, horseback riding on over 65 miles of trails. At 14,102 acres, the park is an undeveloped enclave in the heart of suburbia and is managed as an open space habitat where all plant and animal life are protected. Gilman Peak offers a spectacular view of the lush and green (in winter and spring) rolling hills and deep canyons that typify the Chino Hills Park. Gilman Peak lies at the boundary between Orange and San Bernardino Counties. The view includes the San Gabriel Mountains to the north including Mt. Baldy. To the south one can see the Santa Ana Mountains and Santiago Peak. The park is closed in rain and two days after so check with leaders about possible cancellation. Write to mbmertz@aol.com to sign up. Leaders: Marlen Mertz, Laura Franciosi, and Wayne Vollaire.

Sunday, April 14 Hundred Peaks

O: Mount Lowe (5603'): Hike this somewhat strenuous peak at a moderate pace. We'll cover 13 miles round trip and gain 3800 feet during our loop hike of Mt. Lowe via the Castle Canyon and Sam Merrill trails. Along the way, expect great views of LA and a good workout. Bring water, lunch, and boots. Please contact Leader: Christine Soskins at csoskins@gmail.com for meeting information. Assistant Leader: Bill Simpson

Monday, April 15 Hundred Peaks

I: Little Cahuilla Mountain (5042'): A moderate walk on rough trail for 3 miles round trip with 700' of gain to a peak near Idyllwild. Brushy. Could involve snow travel. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, & ten essentials. High clearance 4WD with snow cables advised. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Mars Bonfire, Cheryl Gill.

Tuesday, April 16 Hundred Peaks

O: Oakzanita Peak (5730'): An easy walk on dirt road and trail for 6 miles round trip with 1000' of gain to a peak near Julian. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Mars Bonfire, Dave Comerzan.

Thursday, April 18 Hundred Peaks

O: Mount Harwood (9552'): A moderate walk on road, trail, and rough trail for 13 miles round trip with 3400' of gain to a peak near Claremont. Could involve snow. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, & ten essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Mars Bonfire, George Christiansen.

Saturday, April 20 Hundred Peaks

O: Hike in the Santa Ana Mountains. Drive btw the peaks requires a 4-wheel drive vehicle. San Mateo Peak is 6 miles R/T and 900' gain and Margarita is 3 miles R/T and 800' gain. On a clear day the Channel Islands, Mt Baldy, San Gorgonio, San Jacinto and Palomar Observatory are some of the sights from the peak. This peak is the high point in the San Mateo Wilderness and allows you to see much of it. Please email mbmertz@aol.com to sign up. Leaders: Marlen Mertz, Laura Franciosi, and Wayne Vollaire.

Saturday, April 20 to Sunday, April 21 LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS

I: Warren Point Navigation Noodle: Navigation noodle at Joshua Tree National Park to satisfy the basic (I/M) level navigation requirements. Saturday for practice, skills refresher, altimeter, homework, campfire. Sunday checkout. Send email/sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to Leader: Robert Myers. Assistant: Phil Wheeler

Sunday, April 21 LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS

I: Warren Point Navigation Noodle: Navigation noodle at Joshua Tree National Park to satisfy the basic (I/M) level navigation requirements. Saturday for practice, skills refresher, altimeter, homework, campfire. Sunday checkout. Send email/sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to Leader: Robert Myers. Assistant: Phil Wheeler

Tuesday, April 23 Hundred Peaks

I: Sheephead Mt (5896'): A moderate walk on dirt road and rough trail for 4 miles round trip with 1000' of gain to a peak near Julian. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Mars Bonfire, Dave Comerzan.

Thursday, April 25 Hundred Peaks

I: McKinley (6200'+), San Rafael (6593'), Santa Cruz (5570'): Joining us for a two day, one night backpack to these peaks in the Los Padres National Forest, north of Goleta in Santa Barbara County. Total for the three peaks 33 miles, 8600' gain. We will spend the night at McKinley Spring. Slow to moderate pace. High clearance vehicle advised. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for details. Leaders: Dave Comerzan, John Radalj.



Friday, April 26 to Sunday, April 28 Hundred Peaks

Spring Fling 2013: Welcome in the spring with a fun and festive weekend full of outstanding peak bagging, spectacular wildflower viewing, and vigorous evening partying in the Southern Sierras. Camp at the group campsite (equipped with showers and flushing toilets!) we've reserved at Tillie Creek Campground on the shores of Lake Isabella Saturday night, or stay in one of many motels in nearby Lake Isabella, Keyesville, or Wofford Heights. Wherever you stay, everyone is welcome to join us for a hearty Happy Hour and Potluck, along with lots of socializing and serious relaxing around a roaring campfire beneath the moonlit spring night skies. Check the HPS website, the Lookout, or the Angeles Chapter's website for scheduled Spring Fling hikes, and contact hike leaders directly for information on specific hikes. No charges for the campground, but reservations are on a first come, first served basis, so be sure to email HPS Programs Committee reservationist - Mat Kelliher early to assure your spot!

Saturday, April 27 Hundred Peaks

I: Heald Peak (6901'): A strenuous walk on rough trail for 7 miles round trip with 3500' of gain to a peak near Lake Isabella. Moderate pace. Bring food water and ten essentials. High clearance 4WD advised. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Mars Bonfire, Mat Kelliher, Kathy Cheever Bonfire.

Saturday, April 27 Hundred Peaks

I: Scodie Mountain (7294'): Join us for the Spring Fling and visit one of the nicest HPS peaks in Kern County via a Pinyon Pine-forested route. The total hike will be about 7 miles Round Trip with 2300' of gain. Please bring Water, lug soles, jacket, lunch and hat. Contact leaders Peter and Ignacia Doggett for meeting information.

Sunday, April 28 Hundred Peaks

I: Pinyon Peak (6805'): Finish the Spring Fling weekend with a nice hike to this HPS peak in Kern County via a route from Hwy 178. The total hike will be about 7 miles round trip with 2500' of gain. Please bring: Water, lug soles, lunch, jacket and hat. Contact leaders: Peter and Ignacia Doggett for meeting information.

Sunday, April 28 Hundred Peaks

I: Lightner Peak (6430'), Bald Eagle Peak (6181'): Join us for a day in the Sequoia National Forest just south of Lake Isabella. Lightner will be Rt. 1, 4 miles round trip, 1600' gain on trail and cross-country. Bald eagle is 1 ½ miles, 600' gain on use trail and cross-country. Other routes are possible. HCV recommended. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details: Dave Comerzan and Matt Kelliher.

Monday, April 29 Hundred Peaks

O: Monument Peak (6271'): An easy walk on trail, rough trail, and road for 3 miles round trip with 500' of gain to a peak near Julian. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, & ten essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Mars Bonfire, Cheryl Gill.

Tuesday, April 30 Hundred Peaks

I: Cahuilla Mt (5635'), Little Cahuilla Mt (5042'): Two moderate walks on trail and rough trail totaling 9 miles round trip with 2400' of gain to peaks near Temecula. High clearance 4WD advised. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Mars Bonfire, Dave Comerzan.

Thursday, May 2 Hundred Peaks

I: Old Man (5525'), Monte Arido (6010'): Join us for a long day in the Los Padres Nation Forest 13 miles northwest of Ojai. 24 miles round trip on mostly road with some cross country and 6100' gain, this is a strenuous hike. Other routes are possible. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water and 10 essentials. Contact Leaders for details: Dave Comerzan, Mars Bonfire.

Saturday, May 4 Lower Peaks, Hundred Peaks

I: Sierra Peak (3045'), Pleasants Peak (4007'), Bedford Peak (3800'), Bald Peak (3947'), Trabuco (4604'), Santiago (5687'), Modjeska (5496'): These Lower and HPS Peaks in Santa Ana Mountains are short distance hikes from the Main Divide Truck Trail, provided that the dirt roads are open to motor vehicles. The driving will require clearance and possibly 4WD. If

the Truck Trail is closed to motor vehicles, then we will hike only Bald and Bedford, 15 miles RT, 2800' gain. Starting in Silverado Canyon, a deep trench with a creek cutting through its center. As the dirt trail climbs out of the canyon and ascends the mountain, the route offers great vistas the entire way. On clear days, the peaks have nice views of the Inland Valley and the surrounding higher mountain ranges. Socializing Snack Hour: After hike, join leaders at the rustic Silverado Café (28272 Silverado Canyon Road, 3 miles down the road from the trailhead). Email mbmertz@aol.com to sign up and get time and driving info Leaders: Marlen Mertz, Laura Franciosi, and Wayne Vollaire

Saturday, May 4 LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS

I: Beginning Navigation Clinic: Spend the day one-on-one with an instructor, learning/practicing map and compass in our local mountains. Beginners to rusty old-timers are welcome and practice is available at all skill levels. Not a checkout, but it will help you prepare. Many expert leaders will attend; many I-rated leaders started here in the past. 4 mi, 500' gain. Send sase, phones, rideshare info, \$25 deposit, refunded at trailhead (Sierra Club) to Leader: Diane Dunbar. Co-Leader: Richard Boardman

Tuesday, May 7 Hundred Peaks

I: Granite Peaks (7527'): A moderate walk on rough trail for 5 miles round trip with 1700' of gain to a peak near Big Bear Lake. High clearance 4WD advised. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Mars Bonfire, Dave Comerzan.

Thursday, May 9 Hundred Peaks

I: Cornell (8750'): Join us for a day in the San Jacinto area, 8 miles west of Palm Springs. We will be taking the tram up (cost approximately \$20 round trip). Estimate 6 miles, 1800' gain on trail and cross country. Other routes possible. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water and 10 essentials. Contact Leaders for details: Dave Comerzan, Mars Bonfire.

Monday, May 13 Hundred Peaks

O: Mount Lewis (8396'), Winston Ridge (7003'): Two easy walks on road, trail, and rough trail totaling 6 miles round trip with 1500' of gain to peaks near Wrightwood. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, & ten essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Mars Bonfire, Cheryl Gill.

Tuesday, May 14 Hundred Peaks

I: Chuckwalla Mt (5929'), Cross Mt (5203'): A strenuous walk on dirt road and rough trail for 12 miles round trip with 4200' of gain to a peak near Mojave. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, & ten essentials. High clearance 4WD advised. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Mars Bonfire, Dave Comerzan.

Tuesday, May 14 Hundred Peaks

Management Committee Meeting: All are welcome to attend our bi-monthly management committee meeting to discuss the business side of the section and upcoming activities. All are welcome to join us and opportunities to become involved are available. The meeting begins at 6:30 pm via conference call. To receive access information to join in on the conference call, to have items added to the agenda, or to volunteer, please contact the HPS Chair: Bill Simpson

Thursday, May 16 Hundred Peaks

O: Deception (5796'), Disappointment (5960'): Join us for a day in the Angeles National Forest 4 miles north of Altadena. Estimate 6 miles, 1500' gain on road and trail. Other peaks and routes possible. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water and 10 essentials. Contact Leaders for details: Dave Comerzan, Mars Bonfire.

Friday, May 17 Hundred Peaks

O: Lockwood Peak (6261'): An easy walk on trail and rough trail for 6 miles round trip with 1200' of gain to a peak near Frazier Park. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, & ten essentials. High clearance 4WD advised. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Mars Bonfire, George Christiansen.

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