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Letter from the Chair



Hello everyone!

Last week was the Angeles Chapter Awards Banquet, where I had the honor to accept a special “Citation of Merit” on behalf of the section, which was recognized for its long history of outstanding contributions to the Chapter. To top it off, Ignacia Doggett also received a Special Service Award, and I don’t have to tell anyone how much she deserves that! It was a real honor for us to get recognition for our service.

If you haven’t heard the good news, the entire Angeles Forest has opened up. You will be seeing outings to Angeles Forest areas starting immediately. Apparently the fire damage is not too extensive in the more western reaches of the prior closure area. In addition, the western half of Yucaipa Ridge has also opened up.

Mark your calendars for the Waterman Rendezvous on June 25 and come and hike and hang out with friends you may not have seen for a while.

We are finally caught up on tallying expired memberships and will be sending out renewal notices very soon. If your membership has expired, please don’t forget to renew! If you know people who would like to join or just receive the Lookout, please encourage them as well.

We are in the early stages of planning a banquet dinner or luncheon for awards etc. More information will be coming.

Happy trails everyone!

Jim Hagar

HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION MEMBERSHIP REPORT

May/June 2022 Lookout Issue, Steve Russell, HPS Membership Chair

This report covers emblems achieved since the last Lookout and cases where reporting was missed.

Emblem lists on the HPS website are in the process of being updated. Contact the Steve Russell if you have applied for an emblem but do not see it listed on the website or the list below.

Contact email: lookout_membership@hundredpeaks.org

100 Peaks Emblem Charles

Corbett #1228 **Fifth List**

Finish Iemori Yasuhide #17

200 Peaks

Jeff Buchholz #514 Missed in last
report. **List Lead 200 Peaks**

Larry Pond #31

The HPS currently has 180 up-to-date subscribers. There are 186 subscriptions that are either expired or have not been able to be confirmed. This likely resulted from issues over the past couple of years which resulted in reminder notices not being sent. We will be initiating a process to send out reminders. Please review your expiration date listed in your Lookout email and renew if you would like to continue your subscription. We will provide ample time for renewing before terminating subscriptions and reclassifying folks as inactive.

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Angeles Chapter Banquet



Welcome and Introductions
 Silvia Darie, Banquet Chair
 Sharon Koch, 2019 Chapter Executive Committee Chair and Mistress of Ceremonies
 Morgan Goodwin, Senior Chapter Director
 And Dyana Pena, Chapter Chair 2022

Award Presentations for 2019
 Presented by David Haake - Chair, West Los Angeles Group

Lifelong Service Award
 Don Bromnor

2019 Special Service Certificate Awardees
 Rob Soltzer, Ellen Bradley, Dr. Michael Stevenson, Brian, and Jo Anno Decker, Peter Kosonko, Kathy Stevens, John Nilsson, Greg Klinger, Ignacia Doggett, David Morrow, Ken Kerner, Kathleen Smith, Judy Herman, Pat Kramer, Toshiro Tokunaga, Melanie Berringer, Pamela Sivula

Special Public Policy Award
 Assembly Member District 65, Al Muratsuchi

Donna Specht Fundraising Award
 Joan Jones Holtz

Membership & Fundraising Service Award
 The Central Group - Barbara Hensleigh accepting

Special Media Award
 Shawnté Salabert

Special Conservation Award
 South Bay Parkland Conservancy - Deirdre Brand and Jacob Varvarigos accepting

2019 Conservation Certificate Awardees
 Patricia McPherson, Robert McDuff, Jerry Burnham and Robert Bobcat Thompson, Brian Jobst, Raj Patel, C. Robin Smith

Citation of Merit
 Hundred Peaks Section - Jim Hagar accepting

Extraordinary Achievement Award
 Patrick McKusky

2019 Outings Service Certificate Awardees
 Anne Mullins, Sherri Sisson, Kate Miller, Phil Bates, Jeremy Evans, Ron Domash, Paul Garry

Emil Lawton Political Service Award
 Ray Hiemstra

Chester Versteeg Outings Award
 Keith Martin



**Los Angeles Sierra Club Chapter Banquet
Griffith Park Friendship Auditorium, May 1, 2022**



Dyana Pena with Jim Hagar and Morgan Goodman, Sr. Chapter Director.



Sylvia Darie, Banquet Chair introduces Jim Hagar on stage with David Haake, Banquet Awards Presenter.



Dyana Pena with Keith Martin another longtime HPS member and Chester Versteeg Outings Award Winner. At right, Morgan Goodman, Senior Chapter Director.



Donna Specht, organizer of 2022 Chapter Banquet with Chapter Chair 2022 Dyana Pena with Senior Chapter Director, Agent Morgan Goodman



Sharon Koch, 2019 Chapter Executive Committee Chair and Mistress of Ceremonies



Dyana Pena with award winners including Paul Garry, center. Paul is a long time HPS participant and Sierra Peaks member



Bobcat Thompson, long time HPS Member, (center) receives award dating back to 2019 for conservation.

LEADER CONTACT INFO

Following is contact information for Leaders who are offering outings in this edition of The Lookout. When signing up for an outing, follow the instructions given in the trip listing to find out about meeting time and location.

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The Hundred Peaks Section is an Activity Section of the Sierra Club - Angeles Chapter

Our newsletter, The Lookout, is published six times a year.

Final dates for receipt of material have changed to accommodate our membership: They are January 2nd for the January-February issue, March 2nd, for the March-April issue, May 2nd, for the May-June issue, July 2nd, for the July-August issue, September 2nd, for September-October issue, and November 2nd for the November-December issue.

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If you send photos or CD's, please include your name on the back of each. Please identify the location and each subject in all photographs, whether digital or film. When taking photos, please ask participants to remove hats and sunglasses.

Please include SASE if you want material returned. Submit material for the Lookout Newsletter to Mark S. Allen, Editor at: Lookout-

editor@<http://www.hundredpeaks.org> or Mark S. Allen, 11321 Foster Road, Los Alamitos, CA 90720

Advance Schedule of Hundred Peaks Section Activities
May - June 2022
Mat Kelliher, HPS Outings Chair

The following is a listing of all HPS Outings submitted and posted to the Angeles Chapter online Schedule of Activities as of May 8, 2022. These outings cover the period ranging from May 4 through Sep 24, 2022. Note that **new HPS outings are added to the online schedule of activities (aka "Campfire Events") all the time**, often only a few days prior to when a trip is scheduled, so if you haven't found what you're looking for in this edition of The Lookout, be sure to check for newly added outings on the HPS online Schedule of Activities frequently for last minute additions. Follow this link to the HPS Schedule of Activities site:

<http://www.hundredpeaks.org/outings.htm>

And if you're still looking for something other than what's being offered on any given day with HPS, check out the Angeles Chapter online Schedule of Activities (Campfire Events) for a selection of outings options offered by all of the various Groups, Sections, and Committees of the Angeles Chapter. The Angeles Chapter Schedule of Activities is located here:

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

HPS outings are open to everyone; you don't need to be a member of either the Sierra Club or the HPS to join us! However, to participate in an outing, you will be required to sign a participation agreement. Additionally, you will be required to complete, print out, and submit to the leader of the outing a Medical Form listing allergies, medications, and general medical information at the trailhead prior to the start of the outing. Your medical form will be kept confidential and will be returned to you at the conclusion of the outing. And if you're feeling unwell, please do not participate on the outing.

You can preview the participation agreement here:

<https://www.sierraclub.org/sites/www.sierraclub.org/files/sce/leadership-training-committee-and-outings-management-/Angeles-Outings-Sign-In-Waiver-Oct2019.pdf>

And the Medical Form here:

<https://www.sierraclub.org/sites/www.sierraclub.org/files/sce/leadership-training-committee-and-outings-management-/Local%20Outings%20Medical%20Form.pdf>

Unless otherwise indicated, contact the leader of the outing(s) you'd like to join for trip status and details. Leader contact information is included in this edition of The Lookout.

We hope you'll join us out on the trail with soon!!

Wed May 4 Hundred Peaks

I: Hike--Beartrap Bluff (6160+') - Join us on this hike to Beartrap Bluff and the magnificent rock slabs. We hike from the Reyes Creek trailhead and follow the Gene Marshall - Piedra Blanca National Recreation Trail. We continue up the national recreation trail until reaching the Beartrap campsite. At the campsite we will turn left and follow a gully up the side of the massive rock slab. Then using use trails we hike to the large summit block. The numbers for the hike are around: 12 miles, 3800 ft gain, 7-8 hours. HCV not required. This is a Sierra Club Backcountry outing that requires everyone to submit a hard copy print out of their completed Local Outings Medical Form to the leader at the trailhead prior to the start of the hike. The Medical Form will be returned to each hiker to be carried in their pack. Email Sharon Moore at justslm@earthlink.net for details. *Leader: SHARON MOORE. Co-Leaders: SREEDAR "REDDY" YETUR, LARRY POND.*

Wed May 4 Hundred Peaks

I: Cleghorn Mtn (5333'), Cajon Mtn (5360'+), Sugarpine Mtn (5478'), Bailey Pk (5699'), Monument Pk #2 (5290') - Take in views of Silverwood Lake, Mt Baldy, and the high desert as we visit the Lake Arrowhead area and 5 peaks with geologic or historical significance. Starting with the San Andreas Fault-carved pass and ending at the point that honored the padre who blazed El Camino del Diablo (later known as Old Spanish Trail; the priest was also part of the Juan Bautista de Anza expedition), this trek highlights places of import to Southern California history. High clearance vehicles advised; 4x4 preferred. These 5 separate hikes total 6 mi rt & 1500' gain. Cleghorn & Cajon, which are 4.5 miles and 1200' of the total, have brushy sections. Negotiating a route around Cajon's buckthorn may cause time delays; completing the remaining hikes is not guaranteed. Please bring liquids, lugsoles, layers, lunch and hat. [Classified a Sierra Club backcountry outing, it requires a completed medical form hard copy be presented to leader at trailhead prior to hike.] Contact peterdoggett@aol.com for trip details. *Leaders: PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT; JIN OAK CHUNG*

Fri May 6 Hundred Peaks

I: Wild View Peak (7258'), Pine Mtn Ridge (7440'+) - Join us for a hike to one of the most remote and pristine areas in LA County. Along with stunning views of the northern face of San Antonio Ridge, from its crest to the depths of Upper Fish Fork, we'll enjoy a panorama of magnificent peaks: Baldy, Big Iron, Ross, and Baden-Powell included. Totals for the day will be about 8 miles rt with 1600' gain (as much as 15 mi rt, 3200' gain if road gates are still closed). High-clearance vehicles advised. Hike-experienced dogs with well-behaved owners welcome (no pitbulls, rockweillers, or Dobermans). Please bring liquids, lugsoles, layers, lunch and hat. [Classified a Sierra Club backcountry outing, it requires a completed medical form hard copy be presented to leader at trailhead prior to hike.] Contact peterdoggett@aol.com for trip details. *Leaders: PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT; JIN OAK CHUNG; LAWRENCE LEE*

Sat May 7 Hundred Peaks

I: Hike--Reyes Peak (7510' +), Haddock Mountain (7416') - Join us for two peaks near Ojai in the Los Padres National Forest. These two peaks are surrounded by beautiful Jeffrey pines, sugar pines and white fir trees. If we are lucky, we can see some wildflowers. We will hike to Haddock Mountain first, following the route 1 from HPS peak guide. We will pick up the trail on the north side of Reyes Peak for 1.5 miles and then another 2.5 miles further east to Haddock Mtn. Afterwards we will return the same trail ~ 2.5 miles on the trail to our 2nd peak - Reyes Peak. It will be a short climb from there, about 0.5 mile, 500 ft gain to summit and 1- mile downhill back to trailhead. Total statistics for the day are about 8 miles and 2800 ft gain. This is a Sierra Club Backcountry outing that requires everyone to submit a hard copy print out of their completed Medical Form to the leader at the trailhead prior to the start of the hike. The Medical Form will be returned to each hiker to be carried in their pack. Email May Tang at hitomitang@hotmail.com with contact information, recent conditioning, and experience to receive trip status and details. *Leaders: MAY TANG, JEFF BUCHHOLZ, LARRY POND, SHARON MOORE*

Sun May 8 Hundred Peaks

I: Wright Mountain (8505'), Pine Mountain #1 (9648'), Dawson Peak (9575'), Wild View Peak (7258'), Pine Mountain Ridge (7440'+) - Join us Sheep Mountain Wilderness travel. We will start from PCT and hike to Wright Mountain, then follow the North Backbone Trail to Pine Mountain #1 and then to Dawson Peak. After that, we will return to Pine Mountain #1 and descend along Pine Mountain Ridge to Wild View Peak. Then we will hike Pine Mountain Ridge and descend to Fish Fork. The total loop trip for the day will be about 12 miles and 3500' gain (If Forest Service Rd 3N39 gate is closed extra 4.5 mi and 1900' gain). We will do it at a moderate pace. The hike will be strenuous, fit and experienced participants only. Bring 5-6 liters of water, lunch and other essentials. This is a Sierra Club Backcountry Outing, which requires everyone to submit a completed Medical Form to the Leader at the trailhead. *Leader: SUNNY YI* (sunnyyi1125@gmail.com), *Co-Leaders: JASON PARK, KAT JANKAEW, JIN-OAK CHUNG*

Sun May 8 Hundred Peaks

O: ☆ Strawberry Peak (6164') - Join us for a fun hike to the highest summit in the front range of the San Gabriel Mountains. Enjoy the phenomenal 360-degree view of San Gabriel Peak, Mt. Disappointment, Josephine Peak, and Mount Lukens. Strawberry is a "STAR" peak. The trailhead will be the Red Box picnic area. This moderately paced hike will be 6 miles round trip with 1500 ft of elevation gain. This is a Sierra Club Backcountry outing that requires participants to submit a hard copy print out of their completed Medical Form to the leader at the trailhead prior to the start of the hike. The medical form will be returned to each hiker to be carried in

their pack. For trip status, details, and a blank Medical Form, email Lidia Barbosa at lidia.barbosa3@gmail.com Leader: LIDIA BARBOSA, Co-Leader: SHARON MOORE

Wed May 11 Hundred Peaks

I: Throop Peak (9138), Mount Burnham (8997), Mount Hawkins (8850) -

Join us for a pleasant day hiking in a newly reopened part of the Angeles Forest. We will start from Islip Saddle to hike Hawkins, then Throop and Burnham. Total 11 miles 4000' gain for all peaks, moderate pace. Bring liquids layers lugsoles and lunch. Email primary leader Jim Hagar at jhagar1@gmail.com for meeting time and place. This is a backcountry outing so please bring a completed medical form with you <http://bit.ly/scmedicalform>. Leaders: JIM HAGAR, LARRY POND, SHARON MOORE, SREEDHAR YETUR

Wed May 11 Hundred Peaks

I: ☆ Lizard Head (5250'), Cuyama Peak LO (5878') - Enjoy views of wild mountains and canyons as we hike up a steep, then undulating route whose ridge and summit resemble one of the prevalent life forms in this area: the Small-scaled Tree Lizard (*Vrosaurus microscutatus*). After this 11 mile rt and 3900' hike, we'll drive to the lookout tower topping our second summit and its superb 360-degree views. Cabins atop and below now collapsed, this 1934 tower was used by the AWS civilian volunteers of WWII; then, occupied as a fire lookout as late as 1970. High clearance vehicles advised, 4x4 preferred. Hike-experienced dogs with well-behaved owners welcome (no pitbulls, rockweillers, or Dobermans). Please bring liquids, lugsoles, layers, lunch and hat. [Classified a Sierra Club backcountry outing, it requires a completed medical form hard copy be presented to leader at trailhead prior to hike.] Contact peterdoggett@aol.com for trip details. Leaders: PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT; JIN OAK CHUNG

Sat May 14 Hundred Peaks

I: Marion Mountain (10,320'+), Jean Peak (10,670'), ☆ San Jacinto Peak (10,804), Folly Peak (10,480'+), Drury Peak (10,160'+) -

Bagging 5, 10k Peaks: Join us for a day in the San Bernardino National Forest to Bag 5, 10k Peaks. We will hike these fine peaks starting from the Marion Mountain Trail head. We then join the Pacific Crest Trail before meeting up with the Deer Springs Trail. The hike is on trail and cross country. Total round-trip distance will be about 14.5 miles, and total gain will be around 5000' feet. May take 14 to 15 hours. We will start in the dark and may end in the dark. Strenuous hike at a Friendly pace but, not for beginners. Please bring lugsoles, layers, beverages, lunch, snacks, sunblock, headlamp and hat. This back country outing requires the completed paper Local Outing Medical form to be submitted at the trailhead prior to the hike. The form will be returned to be carried in their backpack. For trip details contact leader at syetur@yahoo.com. LEADER: REDDY YETUR Co-Leader: LARRY POND

Sun May 15 Hundred Peaks

I: Pleasant View Ridge 5 Peaks Travel - Mount Williamson (8244'), Goodykoontz Peak (7558'), Pallett Mountain (7760'+), Will Thrall Peak (7845'), ☆ Pleasant View Ridge (7983') -- Join the Pleasant View Ridge hike for majestic peaks and spectacular views of the San Gabriels and desert basin. We will start from Islip Saddle and hike along the PCT to climb Mount Williamson first, then follow Pleasant View Ridge to Goodykoontz Peak, Palette Mountain to Burkhart Saddle, and then to Will Thrall Peak and Pleasant View Ridge Peak. We will then return to the Islip Saddle along the Pleasant View Ridge. This hike will be Jin-oak's 200th HPS Pathfinder and Jae's 200th HPS. The total round trip for the day will be about 14.5 miles and 6400 gain. We will do it at a moderate pace. The hike will be strenuous fit and experienced participants only. Bring 5-6 liters of water, lunch and other essentials. This is a Sierra Club Backcountry Outing, which requires everyone to submit a completed Medical Form to the Leader at the trailhead. *Leader: SUNNY YI (sunnyyi1125@gmail.com), Co-Leaders: JASON PARK, KAT JANKAEW, JIN-OAK CHUNG*

Wed May 18 Hundred Peaks

I: ☆ Cucamonga Peak (8859'), Etiwanda Peak (8662'), Bighorn Peak (8441) - Join us for this beautiful spring hike to these classic peaks near Mount Baldy. We will go up Icehouse Canyon which should be very beautiful right now to ascend to Cucamonga, then to Etiwanda on rough trail. On the way back take a quick run up Bighorn for the views. Beautiful forest, magnificent views. Strenuous, moderate pace. Total of 14 miles rt, 5500' gain. Early start to get parking at trailhead. Bring liquids, lugsoles, layers, lunch, hat, and sunscreen. Contact primary leader Jim Hagar at jhagar1@gmail.com for meeting time and place. This is a backcountry outing so please bring a completed medical form with you <http://bit.ly/scmedicalform>. *Leaders: JIM HAGAR, LARRY POND, SHARON MOORE, SREEDHAR YETUR*

Sat May 21 HPS Spring Fling

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\$10 per person charge for overnight. Due to the limited number of available campsites, reservations are required if you're planning to camp, and we'll be filling them up on a first come, first served basis, so sign up early! Email Sunny Yi at sunnyyi1125@gmail.com no later than Thu May 19 to make your reservation. Sierra Club procedures for a Front Country overnight trip apply to this event; participants must sign the Participant Agreement to attend. Front Country COVID-19 protocols will be in effect; social distancing will be practiced, if it cannot be maintained, masks will be required. If you are sick, are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, or have been exposed to COVID-19, do not attend this event. *Event Leaders: SUNNY YI, MAT KELLIHER*

Fri **May 20** **HPS Spring Fling Outing!!**

O: Hike---Suicide Rock (7528)---Start the Spring Fling weekend early with this moderate hike to the storied Suicide Rock peak. We will hike at a moderate pace and follow route 2 from the HPS peak guide. This out and back route starts on the Deer Springs Trail then, at the junction, changes to the Suicide Rock Trail. Totals for the hike are 6.6 mi, 1850 ft, and 4-5 hrs. Off highway parking, HCV not required. Please bring your Local Outings Medical Form along with liquids, lug soles, layers, lunch and hat. This is a Sierra Club Backcountry outing that requires everyone to submit a hard copy print out of their completed Local Outings Medical Form to the leader at the trailhead prior to the start of the hike. The Medical Form will be returned to each hiker to be carried in their pack. Email Larry Pond at larryhikes17@yahoo.com for details. *Leader: LARRY POND. Co-Leader: MAY TANG*

Sat **May 21** **HPS Spring Fling Outing!!**

I: Lily Rock (8000'+) - Travel to Lily Rock in Idyllwild, a monolith of granite rises that is the biggest in southern California. We will start at Humber Park on a clockwise loop trip. The total loop trip for the day will be about 2.5 miles and 1600' gain. We will do it at a moderate pace. This is a class 3 rock climbing, you should be comfortable with Class 3. Climbing helmets are required. Bring 2-3 liters of water, lunch and other essentials. This is a Sierra Club Backcountry Outing, which requires everyone to submit a completed Medical Form to the Leader at the trailhead. This hike is part of the Spring Fling. If you are planning to join the Spring Fling Saturday evening at Idyllwild Regional Park, make a reservation with Sunny Yi. *Leader: SUNNY YI (sunnyyi1125@gmail.com), Co-Leaders: JASON PARK, LARRY POND, KAT JANKAEW*

Sat **May 21** **HPS Spring Fling Outing!!**

O: ☆ Tahquitz Peak (LO) (8,846) - Join us on our way in to the 2022 HPS Spring Fling for this scenic hike into the San Jacinto Mountains via the South Ridge Trail to climb this beautiful HPS Star Peak that some say is inhabited by the spirit of Chief Tahquitz, a legendary leader of the Soboba People, who is announced by thunder, and lives on the Peak with a rattlesnake and a condor. Expect about 6.0 RT miles with 2,400 of gain at a moderate pace. High Clearance vehicle are

required to reach the trailhead. This is a Back Country Outing; it requires the completed Medical Questionnaire be submitted at the trailhead prior to the hike. Email Mat Kelliher at mkelliher746@gmail.com with vehicle type, along with recent conditioning and experience, for trip status and details. And if you're planning to join us at the Spring Fling Saturday evening at Idyllwild Regional Park, be sure to make reservations in advance with Sunny Yi at sunnyyi1125@gmail.com. *Leaders: MAT KELLIHER, MIKE DILLENBACK*

Sat – Sun May 21 – 22 Hundred Peaks

O2: Cedar Spring Overnight Backpack - Join us for a fun overnight backpack in the beautiful San Jacinto Mountains. We will start at Spitler Trailhead (4928), heading south at Pacific Crest Trail junction and camp at Cedar Spring Campground (6335) on day one. On day two we will hike out via the Cedar Spring Cedar Spring Trailhead, total mileage 13.5 miles. Day one will be very strenuous over a 10-mile stretch (over 4100 of gain) so you should be well conditioned to attend this backpack trip. We plan to summit Palm View Peak (HPS Peak), which is a short distance from the trail, on our way to Cedar Spring Camp. Please send your recent hiking experience to jim_kidder@hotmail.com. No parking fees are required but a car shuttle will be setup between Spitler and Cedar Spring Trailhead (Meeting place is Cedar Spring Trailhead). Bring a pack large enough to hold everything you need for an overnight, such as tent, sleeping pad/bag, clothing, food, water/filter, and a desert to share (there will be water available at the campsite that should be filtered). This is a backcountry outing; medical forms are required. You can download the form here: <https://tinyurl.com/ycy985mt>. Please print it out and bring it with you. It will be returned immediately following the hike. Copies of the form will be available to fill out at the trailhead as well. *Provisional Leader: JIM KIDDER (jim_kidder@hotmail.com) Evaluation Leader: TED LUBESHKOFF (jeannstar@sbcglobal.net).*

Sun May 22 HPS Spring Fling Outing!!

I: ☆ Tahquitz Peak LO (8846), ☆ Sam Fink Peak (7339) - Join us for the HPS Spring Fling Day 2 as we take the South Ridge Trail up to the historic, and still active, lookout built by the CCC in 1937. Then, we'll venture across the alpine forest of the San Jacinto Plateau to our second summit and its splendid summit views; among them are Palm Springs and the Coachella Valley to the east, the Desert Divide to the south. On the Divide, from Red Tahquitz to Antsell Rock, the PCT follows a route first cleared by Sam Fink, one of the original HPSers and first to finish the HPS list. Totals for this strenuous adventure are 17 miles round trip with 5800 gain. Please bring liquids, lugsoles, layers, lunch and hat. [Classified a Sierra Club backcountry outing, it requires a completed medical form hard copy be presented to leader at trailhead prior to hike.] Contact peterdoggett@aol.com for trip details. *Leaders: PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT, SUNNY YI, JASON PARK, JIN OAK CHUNG, KAT JANKAEW*

Sun **May 22** **HPS Spring Fling Outing!!**

O: Suicide Rock (7528') - If you've flung too hard the night before, this is a moderate hike with plenty of time to get home. We'll take the well-maintained Deer Springs Trail to the top of Suicide Rock. Expect approximately 6.7mi, 2000ft gain & breath-taking views. This is a Back Country Outing; it requires the completed Medical Questionnaire be submitted at the trailhead prior to the hike. *Leaders: MEGAN BIRDSILL, JAN MARIE PERRY*

Sun **May 22** **HPS Spring Fling Outing!!**

I: HIKE, Red Tahquitz (8720), ☆ Tahquitz LO (8846)---Join us for this hike to the Red Tahquitz Peak. Our moderately paced hike will be out and back. We will use the South Ridge Trail to catch Tahquitz Lookout on our way. Then we drop into Little Tahquitz Valley to hike on the PCT before turning right to ascend to Red Tahquitz Peak. There is maintained trail and use trail for most all of the hike. The totals for the day will be around 12 mi, 3454 ft, and 8 hrs. Adventure Pass required. HCV required on the access road to the South Ridge Trailhead. Please bring your Local Outings Medical Form along with your head lamp, liquids lunch, snacks, layers, lug soles, hiking poles, hat and sunblock. This is a Sierra Club Backcountry outing that requires everyone to submit a hard copy print out of their completed Local Outings Medical Form to the leader at the trailhead prior to the start of the hike. The Medical Form will be returned to each hiker to be carried in their pack. Email Larry Pond at larryhikes17@yahoo.com for details. *Leader: LARRY POND. Co-Leader: RON CAMPBELL.*

Wed **May 25** **Hundred Peaks**

I: Wild View Peak (7258), Pine Mountain Ridge (7440+), Mount Lewis (8396) - Join us for a pleasant day hiking to one of the less traveled areas of the Angeles Forest, with beautiful views of Mount Baden Powell and Mount Baldy. Totals for the day are 8 miles with 2600' gain xc. Bring liquids layers lugsoles and lunch. Email primary leader Jim Hagar at jhagar1@gmail.com for meeting time and place. This is a backcountry outing so please belong a completed medical form with you <http://bit.ly/scmedicalform>. High clearance or 4WD vehicle required. *Leaders: JIM HAGAR, LARRY POND, SHARON MOORE, SREEDHAR YETUR*

Sat – Mon **May 28 – 30** **Hundred Peaks**

I: The BIG 7!! - ☆ Santa Cruz Peak (5570'), McKinley Mountain (5200'+), San Rafael Mountain (6593'), West Big Pine (6490'), ☆ Big Pine Mountain (6800'+), Madulce Peak (6536'), Samon Peak (6227') -- Join us Memorial Holiday Big 7 Backpacking in the Los Padres National Forest. We will start from Oso Campground and hike up Santa Cruz Peak first, then McKinley Mountain, San Rafael Mountain, West Big Pine, Big Pine Mountain, Madulce Peak, Samon Peak, and then out to Big 4 Gate. Totals for the three days backpacking will be 61 miles with 18,000' of gain. This outing will be a very strenuous and challenging hike, please join fit and experienced participants only. We will do it at a moderate pace. This is a

Sierra Club Backcountry Outing, which requires everyone to submit a completed Medical Form to the Leader at the trailhead. Send email recent conditioning, and experience to *Leader: SUNNY YI* (sunnyyi1125@gmail.com), *Co-Leaders: JASON PARK, JIN_OAK CHUNG, KAT JANKAEW. Transportation volunteer—IGNACIA DOGGETT*

Sat – Sun Jun 4 – 5 Wilderness Travel Committee, Hundred Peaks
I: ☆ San Jacinto (10,839'), Newton Drury (10,160'), Marion Mountain (10,362'), Shirley Peak (10,388'), Jean Peak (10,670') - Join us for a fun but challenging trip to one of California's high points. We'll depart Saturday morning from a trailhead near Fern Basin Campground and backpack through an alpine forest 4 miles with 3300' feet gain to our camp in Little Round Valley. Then we'll bag San Jacinto, 3 miles, 1000' feet gain. That evening we'll enjoy a happy hour. On Sunday, we'll rise early and hike cross-country to Drury, Jean, Shirley and Marion, then return to camp: 3 miles, 2000' feet gain. We'll then reverse Saturday's 4-mile backpack downhill to the trailhead. Preference given to recent WTC students. This trip satisfies one of the two backpacks required for graduation from WTC. This is a Sierra Club backcountry outing that requires submission of a completed 'Medical Form: Local Outings' to the leader at the trailhead; the medical form will be returned at the conclusion of the outing. \$5 wilderness permit fee per person payable at trailhead. Email leader Ron Campbell with conditioning and experience. *Leaders: RON CAMPBELL, TOM McDONNELL*

Sun Jun 12 LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS, Hundred Peaks
I: Navigation - Mt. Pinos Navigation Noodle -- Navigation noodle at Warren Point to satisfy the basic (I/M) or advanced (E) level navigation requirements. Practice skills or checkoff. Send email with contact info (mailing address, telephone numbers), navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to *Leader: ROBERT MYERS. Assistant: ANN SHIELDS.* (This is a backcountry outing; a medical form will be required.)

Sat Sep 24 LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS, Hundred Peaks
I: Navigation - Mt. Pinos Navigation Noodle -- Navigation noodle at Warren Point to satisfy the basic (I/M) or advanced (E) level navigation requirements. Practice skills or checkoff. Send email with contact info (mailing address, telephone numbers), navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to *Leader: ROBERT MYERS. Assistant: ANN SHIELDS.* (This is a backcountry outing; a medical form will be required.)

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THE NAVIGATION CORNER: ONLINE STUDY GUIDE

By Bob Myers, LTC Navigation Chair



The Leadership Training Committee’s navigation program has made a number of improvements during the pandemic. All materials related to navigation noodles are now delivered digitally. To help participants prepare, we have a number of online navigation quizzes geared to the area where the noodle takes place. Among the new resources is an online study guide which can be accessed at: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Navigation Noodle Study Guide](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Navigation+Noodle+Study+Guide)

The study guide is organized in several parts as outlined below:

I. Navigation Overview

- Why navigation?
- Navigation objectives and methods
- Navigation tools
- What is a bearing?
- Compass Declination

II. Coordinate Systems

- What coordinate system for hiking?
- The UTM system
- Datums

III. Visualizing Geospatial Information

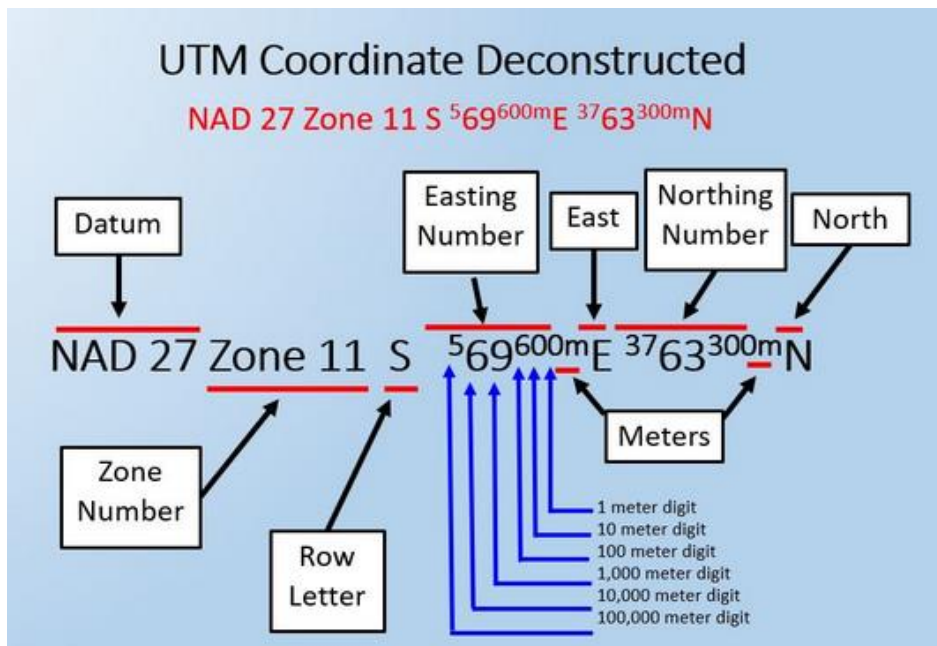
- Terrain recognition strategy

IV. The Future of Mapping

- The National Map
- A look inside US Topo
- The Swiss National Map

V. Conclusion

The study guide is an easy read and provides a good introduction to navigation. It has numerous images, links to websites and videos, and pointers to start you on a successful navigation journey. Here is an example of one of the graphics:



Upcoming Navigation Events

We have navigation noodles schedule for June 12, 2022, and September 24, 2022, at Mt. Pinos.

At all of our navigation events, we can work with beginners. No prior navigation experience is required. All are welcome!!!

If you have any questions, contact me at rmmyers@ix.netcom.com.





Big Iron

April 9, 2022

By Bill Simpson

Reddy Yetur, with assistance from co-leaders Sharon Moore and Bill Simpson, led a group of new hikers To the summit of Iron Mountain #1 (elev.- 8007) on Saturday April 9th. BIG Iron is known for its extreme hiking challenge; the final 2.025 miles to

have about 3600' of elevation gain (and, more disheartening, hikers must go back down this extremely steep and slippery 2.25 miles). The overall hike is about 14 miles round trip and has around 7200' of elevation gain (6600' on the way up; 600' on the way down).

BIG Iron is the mother of all hikes. According to John Robinson, author of **Trails of the Angeles**, "8007 foot Iron Mountain is by far the least accessible peak in the San Gabriels." In this local hiking legend's view, BIG Iron is the most strenuous one-summit hike in the entire San Gabriel range.

[SummitPost.org]

Three of us -- Sharon Moore, Tommy Zandi and yours truly -- had previously visited BIG Iron. In fact, it was my landmark 30th visit. The other six hikers were first-time visitors. Our summit photo shows eight of the members of our group (left to right): Lourdes Garcia, Marie Macapagal, Padamsing Girase, Jeffery Lee, Sharon Moore, Tommy Zandi, Reddy Yetur and Hemanth Kothanda. Special congratulations to the hikers who made it to the summit for the first time!

(Summit photo credit: Bill Simpson.)

Beartrap Bluff

May 4, 2022

Steve Russell



Beartrap Bluff was on my solo list for the end of last year, but I ran out of runway and never got to it. Thanks to Sharon Moore and Reddy Yetur I got my chance Wednesday, May 4th. So it was Sharon, Reddy and two participants, myself and Lidia Barbosa. What a team!!! Since there were only four of us, we had a lot of leeway to make up the rules, so we decided not to rush and spend time to enjoy Sharon's identification of the wildflowers and some interesting fossils. This was going to be a one peak day and there was no reason to get out early and end up in rush hour traffic.



The hike starts by following the Piedra Blanca Trail, crossing from one creek over a ridge into Reyes Creek and, eventually over another ridge into Beartrap Creek and Beartrap Camp. We were treated to thousands of lady bugs at Beartrap Camp. From the camp you leave the trail and ascend a steep corner gully created by a large sandstone slab on the left (west). Route finding is a bit tricky and you have to avoid the temptation to wander too far out on the slab unless you are confident with friction moves. Once you reach the top of the gully, you traverse the large broad top of the bluff to the impressive summit block. The summit block can be climbed using the slab but we elected to use the chimney on the left hand side. It seemed to present a better backout plan if the slab became a problem. The views were excellent, looking out over the eventually, over another ridge into Beartrap Creek and Beartrap Camp. We were treated to thousands of lady bugs at Beartrap Camp.

From the camp you leave the trail and ascend a steep corner gully created by a large sandstone slab on the left (west). Route finding is a bit tricky and you have to avoid the temptation to wander too far out on the slab unless you are confident with friction moves. Once you reach the top of the gully, you traverse the large broad top of the bluff to the impressive summit block. The summit block can be climbed using the slab but we elected to use the chimney on the left hand side. It seemed to present a better back out plan if the slab became a problem. The views were excellent, looking out over the badlands of the San Andreas Fault, along with up close views of Reyes and Haddock Peaks.

Sharon Moore ads:

We enjoyed the views and lunch at the summit before returning mostly the way we came. The descent can be slippery so it's best to stay in the gully. Once back on the trail we enjoyed the spring weather and wildflowers as we made our way back to the vehicles.

Summits

Photo by Eric Chu



Bob Stuard shares the Lookout article stored in the summit register commemorating the naming of Goodykoontz Peak after prolific HPS leader Frank Goodykoontz. Submitted by Steve Russell



Jin Oak Chung and Bob Stuard climbing the ridge to Goodykoontz Peak. Leaders: Peter and Ignacia Doggett and Jin Oak Chung. Submitted by Steve Russell



Nichols Peak
Photo credit to Jon Lieberg for the summit selfie.



May 7th. Goodykoontz Peak

The Big Three Two and Nine-Tenths: Bushwhacking a Star Peak

By Ron Campbell



It seemed like a good idea when Mat Kelliher and I dreamed it up: Do the Big Three in three luxurious days instead of the usual two days. One day to pack in and grab McKinley Peak; another day for the long hike to Santa Cruz Peak, an HPS “star”; a third day to get the third summit, San Rafael Peak, and pack out. Best of all, not one but two happy hours.

Like I said, it seemed like a good idea at the time. Then came a turn in the weather. The afternoon before our Friday start, the forecast called for rain and snow, beginning late Thursday night and ending at 11 a.m. Friday. By evening, the words “wind chill” had entered the forecast. Almost everyone drove up in the morning to avoid the worst of the storm. We left the trailhead at Cachuma Saddle at about 7:30 a.m. Friday. The weather was cold, the sky overcast. We changed layers several times during the 9.6-mile trek to the camp at Cold Springs. A light snow began falling as we set up tents. The camp looks far better than I remember from my last trip in 2005. Most notable improvement: a lean-to outhouse, sheltered on one side by boards. The spring feeds into a large metal barrel with a hinged lid; filtering is strongly recommended. There are also two picnic tables with benches as well as a fire ring.

Mat and I decided to skip the scheduled hike to McKinley and let the group (and ourselves) nap. After Happy Hour and dinner, everyone was in bed before 8 p.m. The threatened wind chill arrived during the night. Saturday morning dawned clear. A quick stroll brought us to McKinley Saddle and a view of the day’s objective, Santa Cruz Peak. In a sign of things to come, we plunged into a thicket of brush before finding the trail that took us 400 feet down a gully and then up a ridge.





This,” Mat and I told each other, “is why we do this.” We soon dropped off the ridge to the base of Santa Cruz Peak, a double summit. The map shows a trail loop-ing around and then over the lower summit to the northeast, then over a saddle and onto the true summit. The map is wrong. There is some slight trace of a trail where the map says, but a wall of brush blocks it. “Brush” in this context is too mild a word. “BRUSH”, all capital letters, is more to the point. Fallen logs? Check. Brush from the ground to above your head? Check. An impenetrable green maze harboring a grudge against hikers? Check. Let us propose an objective measure for bad brush. Call it the “santacruz,” one word, lower case. Let an experienced hiker advance,

say, 200 feet. If he or she requires 15 minutes to do it, that’s one santacruz. That is also, by no coincidence at all, the distance Mat and I struggled through the brush, excuse me, the BRUSH on the northeast slope of the false summit, seeking a marked trail junction. Mat bloodied his arm. We did not find the junction. We turned the group around and edged along the northwestern edge of the false summit until we found a steep firebreak. We climbed that, then traversed to the saddle and onto an obvious trail. Well, it looked like an obvious trail. We quickly ran into yet more brush.

At 1:20 p.m., 50 vertical feet below the summit, we faced yet another thick green barrier. It might take 15 minutes to reach the summit – or an hour. It was past our turnaround time. We gave up. Four hours later we stumbled into camp. Total stats for this misbegotten day: 11.25 miles, 3,800 feet gain. Sunday went much, much better. After departing camp for McKinley Saddle, we quickly summited McKinley Mountain, encountering only minor brush. There was no register, however.



We then turned to the tallest of the Big Three, San Rafael Mountain. The trail was in excellent condition. Someone has apparently clipped all the brush en route. After signing in and taking the usual photos, we returned to camp and packed out to the trailhead. Total stats for Sunday before packing out: a leisurely 6.7 miles, 1,500 feet gain. In addition to leaders Mat Kelliher and Ron Campbell, participants were Saeed Emamifar, Bill Judson, Gretchen Prince, Jae Kim, Mikey Replan, Tanya Roton, Rachel Wing, Melody Wu, and Tao Zhang.





Caliente Mountain

by Louie Rodriguez

On Wednesday, April 6, 2022, an official HPS trip occurred to climb Caliente Mountain, elevation 5106'. Led by Peter and Ignacia Doggett, the hike started at 9:30 am at the "old" route 2 trailhead, which was just off Soda Lake Road, near a water tank and several cattle holding pens on a side road. Conditions were comfortable and sunny at near 60 degrees.

The route begins by opening a wooden and barbed wire gate to enter a holding pen. Then we had to open another one to get out of the pen. We also had to go through some barbed wire coming and going. We carefully got through each direction. The route would follow a fence line about a mile before going over hill and dale, then connecting to the current route 2 faded dirt road, at about mile 2.5. Now on route 2, the trail goes mostly West SW on the thin road, till it peters out over the next hill or two.

A bevy of wild flowers greeted us on the ridges going forward. A nice change after negotiating the cow dung in the first couple miles. From there, the route winds up a ridge above Abbott Canyon going up and over several bumps. We stashed some water at bump 3518'. After that, we got into some thick brush along the upper ridge. We scrambled up from the last bump of 4613' finding occasional ducks to help us out. At around 1:15 pm we topped out on the connecting ridge with the rough road of route 1. At 1:50 pm, we made the summit. Conditions had warmed up a bit by then, but not unbearable. Maybe 75 degrees with a light breeze.



There was a very decent 360-degree view, with much of the upper Santa Barbara range and Mt. Pinos area visible, along with the Carrizo Plain. We enjoyed a late lunch of sorts around the remains of a lookout tower. Our stay was not long, as we had a long way back to go, as well as a long drive. We followed our tracks back along the same ridges and picked up our water bottles along the way. The heat seemed to increase on the descent, as we lost some of the little breeze that we had earlier.

After a few hours going downhill, the trail flattened out as we arrived at the cattle pen area. We could see the water tank in the distance and knew we were closing in on the finish. At 6:15pm we arrived at the cars. We covered about 14 miles, with about 3800' gain. It was a bit of an adventure, covering a variety of terrain, hazards, gates, some heat, and navigation, yet rewarding with the summit views and group comradery, with Peter, Ignacia, Jin-Oak, Matt, Shuyun, Jaece, Brian, and myself.

Milestones

Kiyoshi Kodama leading the group after a rest at the overlook on the way to Spitler Peak. This was Kiyoshi's provisional lead. March 26, 2022
Evaluator Mat Kelliher.

Submitted by Steve Russell



Passings:

Stag Brown (1931 - 2022)



Hike Leader, Hundred Peaks Section

Outings Service Award Winner (1979)

**Chester Versteeg Outings Award Winner
(2003)**

**Extraordinary Achievement Award Winner
(2014)**

Stag Brown, a 50 year member of the Sierra Club will be remembered for his genuine love of the mountains and leading hikes in them for almost 50 years. He led weekly hikes in Griffith Park for almost 50 years and Hundred Peaks Hikes for the same time period, earning numerous awards from the HPS and Angeles Chapter. He also led hikes he called "LA at Night" for 37 years, giving out clothing and food to the homeless on Skid Row. These hikes would begin at Midnight the Saturday before Christmas and continue until 4 am. The last night hike he led a few years ago had about 225 participants. We will all remember Stag and his wife Nami and daughter Reina for their love of people and of the great outdoors. "Scobie Go!" Stag. We will all miss you!

A Legacy of Leadership

By Ignacia M Doggett

On being asked for an interview by the LOOKOUT editors, Peter and I responded that we thought there were others who were far more deserving; they had served as leaders for much longer and had not yet been interviewed for a story. It was then suggested that I write about one or more of these leaders. Bearing in mind that some of us prefer to keep parts of our life private, I decided to go ahead and try to persuade those leaders to grant me an interview for a "Legacy of Leadership" series. I was then delighted when I was able to get in touch with Carleton Shay and he agreed to answer some of my questions. Below follow the results of our efforts.

Carleton Shay

Some may know only that Carleton Shay did the HPS list 10 times. And while Carleton values this highly, there is much more to know. Even before interviewing him, in my efforts to prepare to lead the 2011 Baldy/Iron/Baldy Boomerang for the Angeles Chapter Centennial, I had been impressed by how often I noted his name in researching the archives to read about the great Bill T. Russell and his explorers. Carleton hiked and led in an era when he, Russell, Paul Lipson, Les Stockton and others --a young Erik Siering, Bobcat Thompson, Diane Dunbar, David Eisenberg, Frank Goodykoontz, David Michaels, Peter Doggett, and Pat Russell (68 yrs.) among them -- had a zest for hiking new peaks and new routes in grand style i.e. Big Iron from 4 directions; the Yucaipa Ridge from Galena. Though their explorations did not take them to the top of the emblem lists, the caliber of their explorations is unequaled within today's HPS. Rather than shying away, but instead with large groups of participants as witness (24 on Baldy to Iron; 23 on Galena to Birch), Russell, Shay, and others took on genuine, original and challenging adventures requiring skills that are now classified as 3 and 4, but that Bill T referred to as class 2.

I asked Mr. Shay what it was like to organize hikes in the last half of the twentieth century. He responded, "About the time the HPS started, the best topo maps available were 30' maps, almost useless except as rough guides. Neither were there GPS's and other aids that are taken for granted now, so hiking and leading posed different challenges entirely. As further illustration of the way things change, I have no experience with organizing hikes with the aid of e-mail; that is 'after my time'."

In response to my question about leaders that might have taught him valuable lessons, he said: "For most of the time when I was stateside in the Army I was an instructor, being in the 'Mountain Training Group'. My platoon Lieutenant was David Brower, long the Executive Director of the Sierra Club and famous rock climber. In addition to his guidance, the Army always had manuals for everything. The lessons we imparted to our students were laid out minute-by-minute, action-by-action in these manuals. Though the regimentation wasn't helpful, there were positive lessons here and there. In the HPS, the leader I initially wanted to emulate was Dick Akawie, who was an outstanding leader. Later, after Dick died, it was Bill T. Russell. Over the years I have enjoyed hiking with, and have learned much from, many individuals I was privileged to hike with. To name just a few (in alphabetical order): Mars Bonfire, Frank and Ruth Dobos, Peter Doggett, Diane Dunbar, David Eisenberg, Jim Fleming, Frank Goodykoontz, Byron Prinzmetal and George Wysup."

Mr. Shay was on the Management Committee a number of times and chaired it twice. He was the recipient of the John Backus, R.S Fink, and Angeles Chapter Outings Service awards.

Carleton grew up in Burbank, from 1927 to 1951. The Verdugo hills were only a few blocks from his home and he hiked there from an early age. Not long after he entered high school (1939), he joined the "Wilderness Hiking Club". It was started and led by Paul Estes, also a Burbanker and a few years older than Carleton. Along with other school chums, they went on hikes mainly in the San Gabriels. Paul was a member of the Sierra Club and encouraged the others to join, too. Carleton joined in 1940 and became active in the Rock Climbing Section and the Ski Mountaineers. This was long before the existence of the HPS, DPS, and SPS.

Carleton and the others went to Mugelnoos (SMS newsletter) meetings at the "Base Camp" on Griffin Street, where the Mugelnoos was prepared and where some prominent rock climber/skiers lived. It is significant that Carl and three of the others continued hiking and skiing; volunteered for induction into the Army; were members of the 10th Mountain Division in WWII; and continued hiking and skiing after the war (Carleton is the only one still alive.).

Carleton became a full time student at UCLA after the war and didn't do a great deal of hiking then, just mostly in the Sierra. He met his wife to be, Hanna, in graduate school. They were married in 1950. He got a job teaching at Santa Monica High School and worked there until 1962. His first year's salary was only \$1300! Out of necessity he took up woodwork, in particular furniture making, and it later became a hobby. He has also always been an avid photographer.

Carleton and Hanna did a fair amount of hiking during this time, mostly in the Sierra (This was still before the HPS existed.). Paul Estes had become active in the SPS after it was started. Carl would have liked to do likewise, but he made a pact with his wife Hanna that he wouldn't tie up whole weekends on SPS activities; he would instead join the HPS for its day hikes. That he did; and Hanna became an avid HPSer later on too, finishing the list except for the few peaks that required camping out.

After Carleton got his doctorate, he went to teach at Cal State Los Angeles. There, he had the ideal setup for hiking. He taught almost exclusively on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, so he would go hiking on Fridays and one of the weekend days. Hanna was a clinical social worker, and also worked in the evenings so they almost always hiked together. Carleton says "I enjoyed my Friday hikes best which I usually took alone or with Hanna. That doesn't mean I didn't like the weekend hikes, they were just a different kind of enjoyment."

A hike not with his wife, but especially remembered, he described: "This was a hike to Iron Mtn #1, which I co-led with Bill T. Russell. We climbed it from the back after hiking up the San Gabriel River. We camped out just off the summit in a grove of pine trees. During the night it either rained or the trees dumped condensation from the clouds, either way, most of us were soaked before the night was over. There is nothing like a wet sleeping bag! We hiked out in the morning with heavier packs than we had going in. The lesson here was 'Do not camp under trees under similar weather conditions.'"

Carleton has enjoyed hiking in most of the mountain ranges in California, and in the National Parks here and in Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Utah, Colorado and other Western states. He has never sought out high peaks out of the country. But in 2009 he took a trip with his daughter and climbed Mt. Sinai in Egypt. It was an interesting experience both for the historical significance and for the challenge, as he was 85 years old.

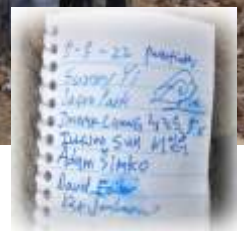
It was no surprise to me that a leader with a history of such high caliber climbing was still taking on challenges at the age of 85. When he agreed to answer my questions, he had just turned 90. I recently mentioned to a few fellow climbers that I was working on a Shay story, and the response was one of instant smiles and reminiscing about Carleton, his adventures and his expertise. I wish to thank Mr. Shay for taking the time to answer my questions. I hope I did well by his responses. He is remembered fondly by fellow HPSers, and regardless of the quality of the writing, they will enjoy knowing more about one of the great gentlemen and climbers of HPS.

Hiking Photography

By Jim Oak Chung



5-10-22



- Jim Hagar – Chair
- Sharon Moore - Vice Chair
- Mark S. Allen - Secretary, Lookout Editor, Merchandise
- George Christiansen - Access and Mountain Records
- Steve Russell - Membership Chair
- Larry Pond - Member At Large
- Sunny Yi, Programs Chair
- Laura Newman - Treasurer
- Meeting Call to order 6:03pm
- Chairs Report, by Jim Hagar: Hundred Peaks Section Membership discussion focus of meeting to improve Membership Data List. Bring accountability up to date. Make lists more inclusive to gather and strengthen membership.
- Proposed MCOMM support of outings-friendly Sierra Club National Leaders M/S/Approved
- Proposed suspension of Heald Peak, M/S/Approved
- Membership Report, by Steve Russel. Discussed progress determining HPS Emblems List and further developing membership plan toward releasing Lookout Newsletter
- Discussion and Approval of 1-11-22 MCOMM Minutes by Mark S. Allen. M/S/Approved
- Discussion of Treasurer's 2/28/2022 Report, by Laura Newman. M/S/Approved
- Mountain Records, By George Christiansen:

**MOUNTAIN RECORDS REPORT MARCH 8, 2022
GEORGE CHRISTIANSEN, LARRY POND**

JIM FIRE

The Jim Fire this past week in the area of the Holy Jim Trail and Santiago Peak. As of March 5, the fire was 60% contained, and burning east of Santiago Peak. The area remains at 553 acres. Potential long-term closure of access to Santiago Peak is yet to be determined.

CURRENT FOREST CLOSURES

Two current Forest Closure Orders are scheduled to expire by April 1. The El Dorado Closure on March 31, and the Bobcat Closure on April 1. Many times, Forest Closures are extended, or modified in size after the original expiration date, so all will be advised of the status after those dates.

CURRENT PEAK SUSPENSIONS

At the present time, thirty-two peaks remain suspended. Eight in the El Dorado Closure Area, twenty in the Bobcat Closure Area, and three in the Apple Closure (closure currently in effect through September 22, 2022). Hines Peak is also suspended, but not due to a forest closure or fire activity (Suspended by HPS due to safety concerns).

- Angeles Chapter Awards Banquet, May 1st, Griffith Park
- 2022 Spring Fling, May 21st and 22nd, Idyllwild County Park
- Waterman Rendezvous, (Now) June 11th
- Meeting Adjourned: 7:15pm