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Letter From The Chair

Hello hikers!

I hope you are still able to keep getting outdoors in spite of the weather. The banquet, held again at the Reef Restaurant in Long Beach was a big success. Sixty-two people attended and we got to hear an amazing talk by Wildlands Conservancy Regional Director Jack Thompson. Jack presented some fascinating information about the Conservancy at its work, and played some breathtaking drone videos of the various lands they manage. Honestly, when I saw it, it made me want to visit all 30 of them. We may run a story about them in a future Lookout for those who couldn't attend.

We gave out certificates and awards; The Bill T. Russell New Leader Award went to Lidia Barbosa, who both completed the list and completed leading the list in just over one year; The John Backus Leadership Award went to Sharon Moore, who has led the most outings in the past year of any Angeles Chapter leader, and the R.S. Fink Service Award to our departing Treasurer, Laura Newman, who has diligently worked to maintain our finances for nine years. Many thanks go out in particular to Mike Dillenback, who organized the event and worked very hard to pull it all together, Mat and Tonya for working the front desk again, Mark Allen for the Silent Auction and prizes, Sharon Moore for centerpieces, Coby King for the program, and others who worked behind the scenes to make it a success.

The Hundred Peaks Section remains one of the most active in the chapter, with an amazing 225 outings in 2023. Thanks go to our great leaders, as well as our amazing members and participants, for this extraordinary record.

Work continues on developing the new website. I'm very happy with the progress so far but we need more help from our members. Please contact me if you have some time to devote to this, and we will find some tasks suited to your talents.

Keep getting out there and enjoying life!

Jim Hagar and the Management Committee

Jim Hagar

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HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION MEMBERSHIP REPORT

January February Lookout Issue, Steve Russell, HPS Membership Chair

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

New Emblems

List Finish:

Larry Pond #345 Monrovia Pk 11/11/2023

Chris Feifer #346 Goodykoontz Pk 12/2/2023

Sharon Moore #347 Eureka Pk 12/3/2023

Louie Rodriguez #348 Vetter Mtn 12/9/2023

Gordon Jenkins #349 Allen Pk 1/1/2024

200 Peaks:

Tao Zhang #520 Smith Mtn 4/30/2023

100 Peaks:

Jefferson Loftfield #1235 Grouse Mtn 7/3/2023

Isabelle Galan #1236 The Pinnacles 11/12/2023

Allison Zieman #1237 Ross Mtn 11/25/2023

Robert Williams #1238 Ryan Mtn 12/30/2023

Pathfinder 200:

Catherine Rossbach #25 Sugarpine Mtn 11/19/2023

Lead List:

Larry Pond #23 Monrovia Pk 11/11/2023

Lidia Barbosa #24 Iron Mtn #1 11/18/2023

Lead 200:

Sharon Moore #33 Mt Marie Louise 12/13/2023

New Members

James Guay

Kim La

Demetria Villanueva

Raymond Thompson

HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION MEMBERSHIP REPORT, cont.

Monica Meier

Tony Santana

New Subscriber

Marciel Perez Lovisolo

Reminder to subscribers, if you are a Sierra Club member and have climbed 25 peaks on the official HPS list, then you can apply for membership into the section. Send your list of peaks climbed with dates, and your Sierra Club membership number to: lookout_membership@hundredpeaks.org.

Membership Stats

Members: 207

Life and Honorary Members: 20

Subscribers: 9

Total: 236

Expired: 6

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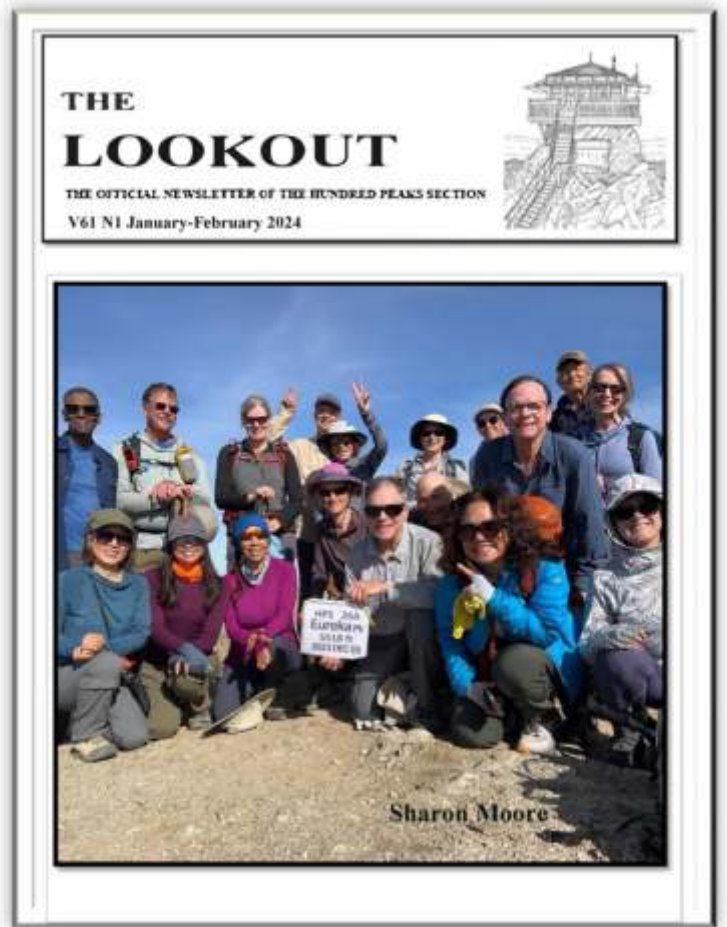


Ron Campbell



Anjna Bhagnangee

Bill Simpson.



Cover: Eureka Peak, December 3, 2023. Sharon Moore finishes the list!



Mark S. Allen

Louie Rodriguez Finishes the List on Vetter Mountain Dec 9, 2023



Holiday Hoopla 2023

LEADER CONTACT INFO

The 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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More Pictures.....



Mark S. Allen



Jason Park

**Advance Schedule of Hundred Peaks Section Activities
January – February 2024
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 Feb 11 2024. These outings cover the period ranging from Feb 17 through Jun 15, 2024. 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 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 trails soon!!



Sat Feb 17 Hundred Peaks

I: Hike to Condor Peak (5440 ft+), Fox Mountain #2 (5033 ft) - Join us for this challenging, strenuous hike on trail, dirt road and use trails to two special peaks in the front range of the Angeles National Forest. Condor Peak was named for the endangered California Condor (*gymnogyps californianus*), whose range once included this peak. Total round-trip distance will be about 14 miles, and total elevation gain for the day will be around 4800 feet. Bring headlamp, liquids, lunch, snacks, layers, hiking footwear, sunblock and hat. Also, hiking poles may be useful but are optional. This back country outing requires the completed paper Local Outing Medical Form to be reviewed by the Primary Leader at the trailhead prior to the hike. Contact Primary Leader for status and details. Primary Leader: *LARRY POND*, Co-Leaders: *BILL SIMPSON, SHARON MOORE, LIDIA BARBOSA*.

Sat Feb 17 Hundred Peaks

I: Cahuilla Mountain (5635'), Little Cahuilla Mountain (5042') - Join us on a trip into the Cahuillas wilderness, perfect for winter hiking. We will follow the Alessandro Trail to Red Mountain Road (6S22). From there we will continue south on the use trail frequently used to summit Little Cahuilla Mountain. We will return to Red Mountain Road and walk east to the Cahuilla Mountain Trail, which we will follow to the summit of Cahuilla Mountain. The total for the day will be around 17 miles and 4400' gain. Bring 3~4 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: *JASON PARK*, Co-Leader: *SUNNY YI, PETER DOGGETT, IGNACIA DOGGETT, CATHERINE ROSSBACH*.

Sat Feb 24 Hundred Peaks

I: RABBIT RAMP-UP HIKE #3 -- Rosa Point (5,083') - Join us for the third in a series of five every-other-Saturday hikes. The Seventh Annual Rabbit Ramp-Up hike series will culminate with a hike to Rabbit Peak #2 in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. With around 23 miles and about 8300 feet of elevation gain round trip, Rabbit Peak is the toughest day hike among the Hundred Peaks Section's 280 peaks. The Rabbit Ramp-Up series is designed to provide the desert hiking experience and conditioning necessary to handle the "BIG Bunny." Rosa Point is an HPS Star Peak, and it has phenomenal views of the Salton Sea basin. We will hike at a moderate pace cross-country on desert terrain. Some sections of the route will be very steep and infested with hazardous cholla and other cacti. Be especially careful around the Teddy Bear cholla (having needle nose pliers at the ready isn't a bad idea). The hike will be about 12 miles round trip with around 5,000 feet of elevation gain. Bring food, beverage, hiking footwear, layers, headlamp, hat and sunblock. This back country outing requires the completed paper Local Outing Medical Form to be reviewed by the Primary Leader at the trailhead prior to the hike. Contact Primary Leader for status and details. Primary Leader: *BILL SIMPSON* Co-Leaders: *JASON PARK, SUNNY YI, LARRY POND, RON CAMPBELL, LIDIA BARBOSA, JIM HOYT, ROB KUNC, MAT KELLIHER*

Wed Feb 28 Hundred Peaks

I: Pinyon Peak (6,805') -- Join us for a challenging Wednesday in the Scodie Mountains near Walker Pass on this interesting outing into the Kiavah Wilderness to

summit this fine Southern Sierra peak. We'll travel at a moderate pace on cross country to the summit. Total round-trip distance will be about 5 miles with around 3000' of gain (2550' going in, 450' on return). This back country outing requires the completed paper Local Outing Medical Form to be reviewed by the Leader at the trailhead prior to the hike. Bring hiking footwear, water, lunch, snacks, layers, hat and sunblock. Contact Leader for trip status and details. Leader: *LIDIA BARBOSA*
Co-Leaders: *LARRY POND, JIM HOYT*

Sat Mar 2 Hundred Peaks

I: Hike to Scodie Mountain (7,294') - Come join us for an exciting and challenging hike to Scodie Mountain, which is located in Kern County, about 15-miles east of the town of Weldon, 150 miles from Los Angeles. It is in Sequoia National Forest and Kiawah Wilderness. Scodie Mountain is the high point of the Scodie Mountains, a small range at the southeastern end of the Sierra Nevada just south of Walker Pass. The mountain and the range were named for William Scodie, an early pioneer who settled nearby and made a living selling provisions to would-be miners and stockmen. Total hike statistics for the day: about 7.0 miles round trip and around 2,400' of elevation gain. This back country outing requires the completed paper Local Outing Medical Form to be reviewed by the Leader at the trailhead prior to the hike. Contact Leader for trip status and details. Leader: *PAUL MAURIN*, Co-Leader: *SHARON MOORE*.

Sat Mar 2 LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS, LPC, HPS

I: Navigation - Mt. Pinos Navigation Practice on Snowshoes -- Ever wonder what it is like to navigate in snow? Find out on this navigation practice as we take a cross-country route to Mount Pinos (8831). Four miles round trip, 700 feet gain. Snowshoes required. Send email with contact info (mailing address, telephone numbers), navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to Leader: *ROBERT MYERS*. Assistant: *ANN PEDRESCHI SHIELDS*. (This is a backcountry outing; a medical form will be required.)

Sat Mar 9 Hundred Peaks, Desert Peaks

I: RABBIT RAMP-UP HIKE #4 -- Martinez Mountain (6,560+') and Sheep Mountain (5,141') - Join us for the fourth in a series of five every-other-Saturday hikes. The Seventh Annual Rabbit Ramp-Up hike series will culminate with a hike to Rabbit Peak #2 in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. With around 23 miles and about 8300 feet of elevation gain round trip, Rabbit Peak is the toughest day hike among the Hundred Peaks Section's 280 peaks. The Rabbit Ramp-Up series is designed to provide the desert hiking experience and conditioning necessary to handle the "BIG Bunny." Martinez Mountain (an HPS Star Peak) and Sheep Mountain are beautiful and demanding peaks in the 72,259-acre Santa Rosa Wilderness in the Santa Rosa Mountains of Riverside and San Diego Counties. Stunning views will include those of the surrounding mountains, Palm Desert and the Coachella Valley. We will hike at a moderate pace. Total distance should be around 20 miles, and total gain should be about 6,000 feet. Bring food, beverage, hiking footwear, layers, headlamp, hat and sunblock. This back country outing requires the completed paper Local Outing Medical Form to be reviewed by the Primary Leader at the trailhead prior to the hike. Contact Primary Leader for status and details. Primary Leader: *BILL SIMPSON*

Co-Leaders: *JASON PARK, SUNNY YI, JIM HAGAR, LARRY POND, RON CAMPBELL, LIDIA BARBOSA, JIM HOYT, KAT JANKAEW, ROB KUNC*

Sat Mar 16 Hundred Peaks, Desert Peaks

I: Overnight to Pinto Mountain (3,983') -- Come join us for an exciting and challenging overnight hike to Pinto Mountain, which towers 2,400' above the broad, flat Pinto Basin. This relatively isolated and prominent peak along the south side of the range overlooks the vast, sandy flatlands of Pinto Basin. Views from the top span an uninterrupted 360 degrees, as there are no higher points close by. Saturday we'll hike 3.0 miles (90' gain) north through soft sand flats and beautiful rippled dunes and establish our overnight campsite. Sunday we'll ascend to the summit of Pinto Mountain for a total of about 4.3 miles and 2,300' gain and then return to camp where we'll pack up and out. This back country outing requires the completed paper Local Outing Medical Form to be reviewed by the Leader at the trailhead prior to the hike. Contact Leader for trip status and details. Leader: *PAUL MAURIN*, Co-Leader: *LIDIA BARBOSA*.

Sat Mar 23 Hundred Peaks, Desert Peaks

I: RABBIT RAMP-UP HIKE #5 -- Rabbit Peak #2 (6,640+') and Villager Peak (5,756') - Join us for the final hike in a series of five every-other-Saturday hikes. The Seventh Annual Rabbit Ramp-Up hike series culminates today with a hike to Rabbit Peak #2 in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. With around 23 miles and about 8300 feet of elevation gain round trip, Rabbit Peak is the toughest day hike among the Hundred Peaks Section's 280 peaks. The Rabbit Ramp-Up series is designed to provide the desert hiking experience and conditioning necessary to handle the "BIG Bunny." Spend a special day in Anza Borrego Desert State Park while hiking to Rabbit Peak #2, an HPS Star Peak, and Villager Peak at a moderate pace. Very strenuous. Hike will start in the dark and end in the dark. Enjoy magnificent desert views throughout the day. Total distance should be around 23 miles, and total gain should be about 8,300 feet. Bring food, beverages, hiking footwear, layers, headlamp, hat and sunblock. This back country outing requires the completed paper Local Outing Medical Form to be reviewed by the Primary Leader at the trailhead prior to the hike. Contact Primary Leader for status and details. Primary Leader: *BILL SIMPSON* Co-Leaders: *JASON PARK, SUNNY YI, LARRY POND, RON CAMPBELL, LIDIA BARBOSA, JIM HOYT, KAT JANKAEW, ROB KUNC*

Sat Apr 6 LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS, LPC, HPS

LTC SEMINAR: Spring 2024 #1 - The Angeles Chapter Leadership Training Seminar is geared towards outings leader candidates at all levels and those wishing to refresh their Outings Leadership Training (OLT). Even if your focus is Conservation or Political Action, we think you'll have interesting things to learn. For this hybrid training (all virtual), you'll need to be a Sierra Club member to access the online e-learning component. If you're interested in attending this Seminar, or need additional information about it, contact *JANE SIMPSON*, or the *LTP Registrar* at ltpseminarregistrar@gmail.com.

Sat Apr 13 Desert Peaks Section, Hundred Peaks MR: New York Mountains High Point (7533), New York benchmark (7461), Linder Peak (5581) - We'll be climbing the New York Mtn peaks on Saturday using the Keystone Canyon route (Route A in the Desert Peaks Road and Peak Guide), which is accessed via Ivanpah Road to the east. New York Mtns High Point involves some class 3 scrambling near the summit, so class 3 climbing experience is necessary. If there is interest, we can descend via New York Mtns east ridge and hike over Keystone Point on the way back to the trailhead. This route will also involve a short section of class 3 along the ridge. Expect 4-5 miles of hiking round trip with 2000 feet of gain. On Sunday, we will hike up class 2 Linder peak, high point of the Castle Mtns Range, which is to the east of the New York Mtns. This hike will be about 5 miles round trip with 1200 feet of gain. Because Saturday is an M (restricted)-rated trip, all participants must be Sierra Club members and comfortable on class 3 rock. Rock helmets are required. A completed Sierra Club medical form will also be required at the start of the hike. Please send Sierra Club membership number and climbing resume including most recent off-trail and class 3 experience to Daryn Dodge at the e-mail address below. Vehicles with reasonable clearance and AWD is highly recommended for the final two miles of dirt road to the New York Mtns trailhead, and for the drive on Sunday to the Linder Peak trailhead. Leaders: *DARYN DODGE* (daryn.dodge@oehha.ca.gov) & *KATHY RICH* (kathrynrich@gmail.com)

Sat - Sun Apr 13 - 14 LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS, LPC, HPS I: Navigation - Mission Creek Preserve Navigation Noodle -- Navigation noodle at Mission Creek Preserve to satisfy the basic (I/M) level navigation requirements. Saturday for practice, skills refresher, altimeter, and homework. Sunday checkoff or additional practice. Medical form required from all participants. Send email with contact info (mailing address, telephone numbers), navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to Leader: *ROBERT MYERS*. Assistant: *ANN PEDRESCHI SHIELDS*. (This is a backcountry outing; a medical form will be required.)

Sat - Sun May 4 - 5 LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS, LPC, HPS Wilderness First Aid Course (WFAC) -- The course runs from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm on Saturday and Sunday in Fullerton plus four hours of video lectures (on-demand) during the following week. Review of course notes and completion of pretest (est. 4 to 8 hours) is required prior to course. This course meets the 24-hour WFA requirement for I/M/E leader ratings. Fee includes instruction, skills materials, pdf of course notes and two laminated cards with response protocols. COVID precautions include distancing when possible and required masks for skills activities. Proof of CPR training within previous 5 years, signed release of liability and proof of COVID vaccination status are required to enroll. Fee \$180 (full refund until 4/6/24). This WFA course is only offered twice a year by a dedicated, highly experienced team. For sign-up, see instructions and application at <http://wildernessfirstaidcourse.org>. Leader: *STEVE SCHUSTER*

Sat May 11 LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS, LPC, HPS
LTC SEMINAR Spring 2024 #2 -- The Angeles Chapter Leadership Training Seminar is geared towards outings leader candidates at all levels and those wishing to refresh their Outings Leadership Training (OLT). Even if your focus is Conservation or Political Action, we think you'll have interesting things to learn. For this hybrid training (all virtual), you'll need to be a Sierra Club member to access the online e-learning component. If you're interested in attending this Seminar, or need additional information about it, contact *JANE SIMPSON*, or the *LTP Registrar* at ltppseminarregistrar@gmail.com.

Sat Jun 8 LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS, LPC, HPS
I: Navigation - Mt. Pinos Navigation Noodle -- Navigation noodle at Mt. Pinos 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 PEDRESCHI SHIELDS* (This is a backcountry outing; a medical form will be required.)

Sat Jun 15 Hundred Peaks
2024 Waterman Rendezvous – Save the Date!! Details to come; check the HPS Outings page or email *MIKE DILLENBACK* (dillyhouse1@gmail.com) for updates.

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Show off your HPS pride and help support the section! A variety of items in your choice of two logo styles with different color options are available, and will ship directly to you. Check out the HPS store at HPSMerchandise.redbubble.com. Contact merchandise coordinator Sharon Moore at justslm@earthlink.net for more information.



Traipsing up Cuyamaca, Muddling to Middle

Jan. 20, 2024

By Ron Campbell

A dozen hikers gathered under gray skies at Cuyamaca Rancho State Park to climb two peaks on the HPS List, Cuyamaca Peak and Middle Peak.

After attending to the formalities, we set out on the paved fire road to Cuyamaca. The road passes through Paso Picacho Campground for the first several hundred yards. The campground is on the pricey side -- \$40 per night for a tent site, \$80 per night for one of five small cabins -- but the sites are attractive, well-spaced and forested.

Leaving the campground, the ravages of the 2003 Cedar fire quickly become apparent. Brush has replaced the oak woodland that once covered most of this area. If the trees ever return, it won't be in our life times.

Crowning the top of Cuyamaca is a sturdy example of the unofficial state



tree, a communications tower. Just before we reach it, we break off the fire road, into the brush and among a few trees to the summit and register.

Cuyamaca is the second tallest peak in San Diego County, 21 feet shy of Hot Springs Mountain. On a clear day, the view from Cuyamaca beats Hot Springs, extending from Anza Borrego to the Pacific. With the clouds closing in, we could not see the ocean, but we could see mountains on all sides.

We felt the weather beginning to change as we dropped back to the cars and took the short drive to the trail-head for Middle. As we arrived, Terri Straub announced that she had just checked the weather forecast and that rain was due at 12:42 pm.

Not noon, not 1 pm. 12:42. It was now 11:20 am. Per the all-seeing, all-knowing Google, we had one hour and 20 minutes of dry weather -- enough maybe, to reach the summit. But surely not enough me to get back dry.

I led the group across the highway and, perhaps unsettled by the precise forecast, missed the turn northwest for our trail and marched southwest up Milk Ranch Road. I discovered my mistake about 30 minutes later when we reached the junc on with the Azalea Spring Trail from Cuyamaca Peak.

Traipsing up Cuyamaca, Muddling to Middle

So much for plans. We turned North on the Middle Peak Trail; though apparently little used, this trail is easy to follow. After about 30 minutes we reached the junction with the Middle Peak Fire Road and, moments later, the point where we needed to go cross-country.



It was now 12:42 p.m. And right on schedule it started to rain.

At first, I thought, well, this is nothing. But maybe 50 feet in, we encountered a big log blocking our path. Off came the daypacks, on came the rain gear.

On the map, the cross-country portion of Middle Peak is a scant quarter-mile with perhaps 200 feet gain.



Easy, right? Maybe so, if King Kong is your idea of a cuddly pet.

Think downed trees everywhere, thick brush crowding every step, a high log to edge across and another log to crawl under. It took 1-1/2 hours to navigate that quarter-mile from the trail to the peak and back to

the trail. If you are in a penitent mood, Middle Peak is worth a visit. There is no view, but bushwhacking and crawling to the summit might expiate your sins

My thanks to Lidia Barbosa and Jim Hoyt for their excellent co-leads. In addition to ace weather forecaster Terri Straub, the other participants were Anjna Bhagvanjee, Desiree Gunaji, Judy Akike, Jae Kim, Shana Rapoport, Jeff Taylor, Mary Varalyay, and Rob Williams.



Terry Flood turns 76 and climbs another bump

By Larry Edmonds

On Friday January 15th I along with many friends of Terry Flood met in Anza Borrego Desert State park along Carrizo Creek for a hike to what those of us who know Terry well call Terry's Bump, one of many, to celebrate Terry's 76th birthday. We rib Terry about his bumps though when it comes to significant peaks his accomplishments are beyond those of us who enjoy ribbing him. Mark Allen asked that I submit a report of the day for inclusion in the lookout. Although it was not a hike to an HPS peak or even a significant peak I was OK with writing it for the lookout due to Terry's accomplishments. Terry along with having been a trip leader for the Sierra Club has completed the San Diego 100 peaks list, HPS list, DPS list, LPS list, SPS list, California 14ers list along with additional lists and scores of additional peaks. I suspect some of you reading this article have met Terry and a few may have even been on one of the Sierra Trips he organized and led over the years. After scaling Terry's bump John Allen had eyed a much higher point about a mile south of Terry's bump and got me and Maurice interested in seeing if we could get on top of it. So as the others descended from Terry's bump we continued on out the ridge of the bump where we dropped into a prominent canyon that led us to the base of the peak and fortunately we were able to climb out of the canyon and get on the peak. On our



return from the peak to join Terry's party I noticed one of those dang mylar balloons so I picked it up as I have done way to many times. Since the balloon was still intact when we reached the group for Terry's party I presented the balloon to him saying "A present from the desert store for you. They were out of birthday balloons so I had to settle for a Get Well Soon

balloon, which as we know is also appropriate" Terry laughed as I knew he would, otherwise I would not have said it. The first photo is of the group atop Terry's bump. Left to right in the photo is Maurice Hogue, Steve Skerrit, Jan Skerrit,



me, Jim Leckie, Jan Hawkins, Gary Legerton, Mike St. Marie, John Strauch, Jamie Leckie, Kathy McCormick, John McCormick, and Carol Japp. Kneeling in the front is John Allen and the photo was taken by Susan Smith. On our way up to the bump we passed Terry and his brother Matt who were headed back down for the party. They had gotten a head start on us since Terry has slowed down a bit due to age and health issues in recent years. But kudos to Terry as he is still getting out and doing more bumps. The second photo is of Terry with the balloon and I'm in the background. Had I known I would be producing this report I would have had someone take a photo of me presenting him with the balloon, but I did not think of it at the time.

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Milestones



Suzy Herman, passed away June 18, 2023. She is seen in this 2005 photo on Rosa Point.



Suzy again, at far left in this picture. Suzy, Diana, Cheryl, Jorge, Laura, John.



Larry Campbell's 95th Birthday Celebration. Submitted by Mikki Bondy Siegel