

100 PEAKS

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Flash!

Twenty-eight new peaks. That's the number the Sierra Peaks Section has released - and Hundred Peaks can have 'em!

These peaks lie between Tehachapi Pass on the south and Walker Pass on the north. They are in a beautiful area with spectacular scenery. They range in altitude from 5006' (Piute Pk) to 8432' (Chuckwalla Mtn.). For a complete list come to the next business meeting.

It has been suggested that Calif. Highway 178 be the dividing line between the territories of the Sierra Peaks and Hundred Peaks Sections.

Exactly how these peaks can be added to the list has not been determined yet. As you know, in the past additions have only been made at the annual picnic and it states so in the by-laws. However, it may be that there is another way this could be handled after due consideration and study of the peaks.

Your editor believes these peaks will add new zest to the 100 Peaks Section, a shot of adrenalin, so to speak. Let's have opinions.

New List Out

The new list of 100 Peaks has just been issued. If you want one, send Bill Rietkerk a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Coming Events

Schedule Meeting:

March 20th, 7:30 - home of Bill Rietkerk. If you have any hike suggestions come to the meeting or send them to Bill. Glenn Stevenson our Schedule Chairman has moved (see Pg. 3). If you've never led a hike and would like to do your part, why not volunteer to assist? Assistants are always needed, ditto transportationists.

Business Meeting:

April 17th, 7:30 - home of Hazel Elbinger.

Purpose: discussion of by-laws revision tentatively prepared by by-laws committee members Dick Worsfold, Bill Britton, Mary Meisel

the 28 new peaks
scouting reimbursement
leadership training
peak dinners
and miscel.

If at all possible, please call Bill and Hazel if you intend to attend.

January Business Meeting

Among subjects discussed was leadership training. It was suggested by Bill Britton that the Section write its own guide.

Hike conflicts was also discussed. It was decided to contact the sections involved, asking for their cooperation in eliminating the problem.

The chairman gave her report on her request for \$150 from the L. A. Chap. Executive Committee to be used for scouting reimbursement and/or trail work. It was denied. However,

Chairman Edwin Woodhouse recommended that permission be granted to request voluntary donations at hikes to be used for this purpose. The Executive Committee concurred. It was decided at the Section meeting to sound out members on hikes and to ask for opinions through this bulletin. Drop a post card, saying yes, no, or ? So far, the majority has approved.

Parker Severson moved that matters discussed at business meetings be published for the enlightenment of the general membership and be voted upon at the subsequent meeting. The motion was carried.

A by-laws committee was formed as described on Pg. 1.

Welcome!

To new Section Members:

- Ben Romero - 26 peaks
- Patrick W. Donnanan - 27
- Alan Volkman - 50

(Ben actually has lots more, that's all he sent in.)

Many, Many Thanks

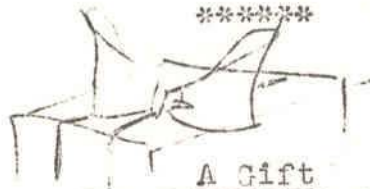
For all the correspondence and many comments received while hiking. The letters were interesting and helpful. As the writers will notice, your advice is being followed in many cases. Among those who wrote were: Weldon Heald, Robert Gregg, Andy Smatko, Walter Henninger, W. Von Pertz, Court Olmstead, How Bailey, Mary & Cal Turner, Bill Utterback, Peter Roien, Vic Miller, Edward Ford, Glenn Stevenson, John Costello, Doug Duckmaster.

Thanks also to those generous (anyone who parts with these precious items is generous) people who sent trading stamps: John Frost, Steve Molnar, Vic Miller, W. Von Pertz, Andy Smatko, Edward Ford.

The contest (naming the bulletin) isn't over yet. Deadline is Mar. 20. There were many excellent names suggested. The judges will have a tough time.

Staff

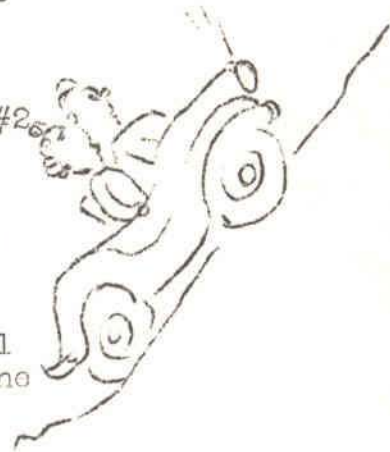
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A Gift

Here's a gift for you - well, not exactly, but almost. Due to several requests, below is a list of drive-ups or almost drive-ups, provided by Mountain Records Committee Chairman Steve Molnar. Some cannot be driven at all times of the year due to snow or fire closure, and some are not suitable for all types of cars, or may involve miles of dirt road driving.

- Mt. Abel (Cerro Noroste)
- Mt. Pinos
- Liebre Mtn.
- Burnt Pk.
- Mt. Gleason
- Santiago Pk.
- Black #1
- Rouse Hill
- Table Mtn.
- Strawberry #2600
- Heaps Pk.
- Keller Pk.
- Onyx Pk.
- Tiptop Mtn.
- Thomas Mtn.
- Morgan Hill
- Boucher Hill
- Mt. Josephine
- Dutler Pk.
- Mt. Wilson



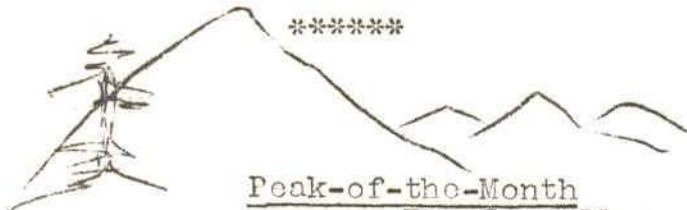
almost drive-ups or very, very short

- Mts. Vetter, Sally, Mooney
- Mojeska Pk.
- Alamo Mtn.
- Mt. Waterman (take chair lift)
- Royes Pk.

So you need more for that 100 or even for 25. Well, check the above.

Gripe-of-the-Month

Why is there no register on peaks that have a lookout, other than in the lookout itself? If the building is closed, there's no register to sign. How about another register - outside the lookout?
Anon.



"If Majella would not be afraid, I know a place, high up on the mountain, where no white man has ever been, or ever will be. I found it when I was following a bear. The beast led me up. It was his home, and I said then it was fit hiding place for a man."

Thus, according to Helen Hunt Jackson in "Ramona" Allesandro describes the valley that now bears his real name: Juan Diego Flat, which lies between Cahuilla Mtn. and Little Cahuilla Mtn. Later when the couple moved to the valley to escape persecution by the white settlers, Mrs. Jackson writes:

"It was a wondrous valley. The mountain seemed to have been cleft to make it. It lay near midway to the top and ran transversely in the mountain's side, its western or southwestern end being many feet lower than the eastern. Both the upper and the lower ends were closed by piles of rocks and fallen trees. The rocky summit of the mountain itself made the southern wall; the northern was a spur, or ridge, nearly vertical-----."

This was published 80 years ago. Think what chances have been made within a hundred miles. But how changeless are the mountains! George Wharton James in "Through Ramona's Country (1908) shows a picture of a trail used by Ramona around Cahuilla Mtn. that looks exactly the same today. His picture of Ramona at her husband's grave in a little cemetery guarded by huge boulders

makes the scene easily identified today. A headstone for Ramona has been added as well as stones and crosses for many of her relatives and neighbors.

As Little Cahuilla Mtn. is in the San Bernardino Nat'l. Forest, it will probably remain unchanged for some time. Cahuilla Mtn., Juan Diego Flat, and the Tripp Flat area east of the Cahuilla saddle were homesteaded by the sons of Judge Tripp of San Jacinto. He was the prototype of Judge Wells of the Ramona story. The property was kept in the family until a few years ago. Mr. Firestone of the Tire and Rubber Co. flew over Cahuilla Mtn. and Juan Diego Flat; he liked it and bought it. Tripp Flat is now being subdivided.

Dirt roads and trails now make access to the Cahuillas somewhat easier than when Allesandro followed the bear, but the unavoidable tangles of brush near the summits remind one of Allesandro, "where no white man has ever been, or ever will be." (He didn't know us!)

Little Cahuilla Mtn. 5024'
Cahuilla Mtn. 5624'

- Bob Hawthorne

Ed note: For the factual side of getting to the top, write Bob. He knows it well, having gone to considerable trouble to scout it for the hike he led.



Our Dinners

What's your opinion on how the dinners should be organized? Should they be by reservations only? However, no one should be stuck with reservations that aren't filled. Any suggestions as to restaurants which don't require reservations but which can handle groups easily at a moment's notice?



(dinners - continued)

How about several members getting together to produce a home-cooked dinner, a real special one. Or how about a pot-luck?

We'd like to honor our members who have 200 or more peaks. How many of you would be interested in attending a dinner for them?

A Suggestion

Stock up on a supply of post cards. They're mighty handy for jotting down suggestions, opinions, etc. They're economical and fast. (No stamp licking, or hunting for an envelope.)

Odds-'N-Ends

Glenn Stevenson - has moved to Calif. City completely now. He's given up his Hollywood office. Glenn wrote a letter describing the scenic attractions of his desert and nearby mountains, a portion of which will be printed in another issue.

Walt Wheelock - retires from the Glendale Police in July.

Bill Rietkerk - if he ever gets tired of being an architect could be a baker. He bakes delicious bread.

W. Von Pertz - moved to Goleta. 6691 Abrego Road, Apt. 16

Extra Energy?

If you'd like to do some extra bagging, why not send in your name and it will be published. In that way, peakers scouting a hike who want company or those wanting to get some extras in, can get in touch with you.

Lost & Found

Found - small, round suction-type thermometer on Fox #2, Jan. 25th.

Found - pair of leather gloves Fox #2, Jan. 25th.

Found - Starflash Camera, lost by Riverside Chap. member fm Rialto, Nov. 23rd, Mineral Mtn. trip. Lost by young girl who had her sister with her & rode in Mary's jeep. Anybody know her?

Contact Mary Meisel with regard to any of the above.

Puzzle

This is a new feature. We may be accused of being copycats, but this suggestion of Andy Smatko's is fun. Guess what peak the drawing represents. Here's a sample.



ans.: Daisy Peak. (Of course there's really no such peak.)

O.K. Now that you've got the idea, here's the puzzle:



(answer next issue)

Wanted!

- Trip write-ups
 - Trail news
 - Hiking food preferences
 - Personal news
 - Historical Info.
 - Gripes
 - Facts on seldom done peaks
 - Lost-and-found items
 - Mountain-type jokes
 - Cartoons (pertaining to hiking)
- N E W S

Donations

If you haven't sent in your donation (\$1.00) yet, and intend to, don't put it off - do it now! Donations are needed to keep the bulletin going. Paper costs money and so do stamps. It is hoped to keep this newsletter published until it is donation time again next year.

Hike - May 16-17
in the Santa Barbaras
(see schedule)

It may prove impossible to do these 4 peaks, at least in 1 weekend. The leader was misled by incorrect information given her. Andy Smatke, who is a darned fast hiker, says it is absolutely impossible to get them all in 2 days, and 2 with fast hiking is all that can be done. For further details check with the leader about a week before the hike.

Anybody interested in a possible scouting trip (2 days) during Easter vacation, contact the leaders.

Publisher Needed

Dorothy Cutler volunteered to help out by running off the first 2 editions. She cannot be expected to do it forever. She is on the Executive Committee, L. A. Chapter and besides has been Southern Sierran editor. We don't want to push her generosity too far. Can anyone run the bulletin off? Dorothy has been doing it on an A B Dick at work, and puts out good clear copy. If by any chance you have a machine at home or handy to use after working hours, the bulletin staff will run it off so you won't have any work to do at all.

Paper

Can anyone get the Section mimeograph paper and/or stencils at wholesale prices? It would be a big help in making limited funds stretch out the year. Contact the editor if you can.

Membership List

In a future issue an up-to-date (it is hoped) membership list of peakers will be published. It will be saved for an issue which isn't quite as fat as this one. Thereafter, it will be published once a year. Please notify the mailing committee of any address changes.



"I can't wait until the first time my son and I go on a hike together."

(lifted from the L.A. Times)

Not a Peak - But Important

May 15th - Onion Valley
Tree Planting

While there's no peak involved, this is still worth attention. If you're not peak bagging on this date, save it for this worthy cause. It will be a well spent weekend.