Our New Name

We now have a name, as you can see above. Congratulations to Linda Frost of Santa Ana who has won the prize of a thernic jug. This will be presented at the 100 Peaks Harwood weekend, Aug. 15-16th.

Thanks to all those who submitted names: John Robinson, Irene Charoock, Dora Robbins, Edward Ford, Mary & Col Turner, John Costello, John Mihnaus, Roger Mitchell, Bill Utterback, Doug Backner, Marge Gall, Andy Smatko, Parker Severson, Dick Kenyon, Janis Hawley, Court Olmstead. Some not only one but several suggestions. Thanks again.

Harwood Weekend

On the weekend of Aug. 15-16 we hope to renew an old 100 Peaks custom of a Harwood "round-up."

There will be lots of activities, including: nature walk, peak-bagging, scavenger hunt, 100 Peaks slides, dancing (including square), peak quiz, prizes, etc. It is hoped to have some of our 200-or-more peakers on hand to answer newcomers' questions.

Also included will be a gear swap. If you have an item of hiking equipment or apparel that you cannot use (but is still in good condition, of course) bring it and exchange it or sell it, for a nominal charge.

Sat. eve. supper & Sun. breakfast will be served. Come early. Hikes will start 8 a.m. Sat. Bring Sat. & Sun. lunches.

We hope this will be a real bang-up weekend, and there'll be something doing every minute. So come! This is a chance to bring your non-hiking families or friends. You can hike while they're entertained or just relax. There'll be hikes to all nearby peaks not in a closed area.

Wanted

Cook - for Harwood Weekend

You'll have help, lots of it. A cook is principally needed for the Sat. eve. meal. Contact Mary Meisel if you'll do it.

Business Meeting

Aug. 7th - home of Bill Ristlak 1940 Glenoak Way, LA 28 (call for directions)

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Purpose: by-laws revision, finances, discuss annual meeting, select nominating committee, leadership training, Will Thrall.

You do not have to be an officer to attend. All members and guests are welcome.

Fall-Winter Preview

Here's a sneak preview of forthcoming peak hikes:

Sugarloaf & Berdoo's - Nov. 1
Hawea, Rattlesnake, Luna - 8th
Coahuilla & Thomas - 21st

Whale & Guayapaspe - Dec. 5 & 6
Suicide Ridge - 12 (proposed)

Harvard - Jan. 9th
Circle - 17th (Riverside)
Little Berdoo & Bernard - 23-24
Mt. Wilson - 30th

Lookout & Sunset - Feb. 7
Santa Barbara's - 21-22 (not chosen as of schedule meeting.)

The above list is subject to last-minute changes at the downtown schedule meeting.
Welcome!

To new Section members:
Mary L. Turner (over 25 pks)
Clarence Turner (over 25 pks)
John Costello (over 25 pks)
Lorraine Pearson (30 pks)
David J. Scruggs (over 25 pks)
Janis Hawley (over 25 pks)
Ingolf Dahl (over 100 pks)
Our 86th emblem holder.
Congratulations to sturdy hiker
Laura Oard on her 100th peak!

Odds-'N-Ends

Sue Scheffer - engaged to Larry Tittle of Ski Mtnrs.

Vic Miller has graduated with a B.A. in History from SFVS.

Jetje Worsfold - flies to Holland July 17th

Joe McCosker - and his friendly wife have left for Africa for their daughter's wedding.

Toni Gamero - did you know that he was the designer of the 100 Peaks Emblem?

Peak-of-the-Month - Strawberry Peak

"The trail, twisting like a corkscrew, rose and crossed a shoulder of Strawberry Peak, a rugged summit rising to 5150 feet. It brought me to the base of a perpendicular cliff a couple of hundred feet high, forming the last stage to the summit. The only way up was to scale it as best I could; so, holding on by fingers and toes, and carefully testing the jutting rocks and roots served as pegs to climb by, I got on pretty well until...I happened to look down. Directly under me was an abyssal canyon down whose breakneck side some stones went hurrying with fainter and fainter sound.... I started up once more, clutching at every projecting hold, until finally...I scrambled out on
(Strawberry - cont'd)

top, and lol the kingdoms of the
earth. Twenty five miles eastward,
"Old Baldy", genial giant of the
Sierra Madre...Oceanward...the sea
gleamed, Santa Catalina in its
golden midst.

A superb view, but...the
thought of that abominable cliff,
which had to be descended...So, turn-
ing face inward to the rock...I let
myself gingerly down through the
crevise toward a narrow shelf. It
proved farther down than I had
reckoned, and my feet dangled in the
air short of it. I was afraid to
drop, lest on landing, I should
pitch backwards into the canon yaw-
ning beneath...I groped blindly with
my feet for some lodging...and
found a \textsuperscript{V} shaped crack in the boulder
face...Then, taking a lower grip
with my hands...I sought to plant
my feet on the shelf of my hopes. To
my alarm...the foot in the crack
could not come out. Suddenly the
rotten granite gave way and I was
standing palpitating on the shelf
beneath. Peering over the edge for
the continuation of the trail, I was
dismayed to find that there was none
- only the canon's gaping maw. I
had followed a blind lead and was at
the jumping-off point on the face of
the precipice. It was the sort of
situation one dreams of after too
rich a supper..."

Thus wrote Charles Francis
Saunders in 1923 of his climb of
Strawberry. This interesting, but
flowery prose is contained in "The
Southern Sierras of California", &
the chapter is captioned "Caught
Fast on Strawberry." The book is
in headquarters library.

This west side route is still a
thrill to climb, but faint painted
arrows show the best route. Old
time Sierra Club members call it the
mountaineers route." One can descend
by walking a firebreak on the east
side now. This was not so in
Saunders time.

Even Sierra Peaks Section
people like a climb on Strawberry
when their favorite range is snowed
in.

According to Gude - "California

Place Names" - it was named by some
wags at Switzer's Camp in 1886 from
its fancied resemblance to a straw-
berry standing end up; but one of
them said: "We called it Strawberry
Peak because there weren't any
strawberries on it." However, I
believe I've read somewhere that
strawberries were grown at Colby's
Ranch right under the peak.

In 1909 a gas balloon filled
with sightseers was blown loose in
Pasadena and came to rest on Straw-
berry in deep snow, from whence
they finally made their way to
Colby's and were saved.

Dick Worsfold

(ans. to last puzzle - Santa Cruz)

Slides

35 mm. slides of 100 Peaks
in all ranges except the San Gibrals
& Santa Anas are needed for Harwood
Weekend. Put your name on them,
what peak they are, & get them to
Dick Worsfold.

Weldon Hoald

See the July issue of Summit
Magazine for an article by the
founder of the 100 Peaks Section.
American Forest recently published
an article by him on the limber
pines of Baden-Powell.

Gripes-of-the-Month

I wish leaders would be much
more careful and consistent in giv-
ing the elevation to be gained as
well as the distance, when writing
up future hikes in the schedule.

The elev. gain is at least as
important as the mileage and it is
usually more meaningful for esti-
mating how hard a hike is going to
be. Its purpose, therefore, is to
help individual readers of the
Schedule to decide whether a par-
ticular hike is going to be too
easy or too hard or "about right" for them. Sloppy and inaccurate estimates of elev. gain are almost worse than no estimate at all because they always under estimate and so encourage weaker hikers to come who end up just slowing up everyone. A few minutes with topo is all it takes to get a good figure.

It is my opinion that this figure should include the ups and downs—not just the net change from starting point to summit—because as I already said—the purpose is to provide an estimate of how hard a hike is going to be. For example, consider this hypothetical case:

Net from cars to peak is 3,000' but I would call the ΔH = 4000'. You actually go up 200 plus 700 plus 100 = 3700' on the way to the top, & you go up 700' on the way home. Those two little dips of 300' & 400' don't look like much but the difference between a 3,000' day & a 4000' day is significant. Here's to more helpful schedule write-ups.

How Bailey

Ed note: And here's to How Bailey for his well-written, to-the-point suggestion.