



"IT IS CHARACTERISTIC OF WISDOM NOT TO DO DESPERATE THINGS."

THOREAU

FROM THE FRONT OFFICE

1. Don't forget the full membership Annual Business Meeting on Thursday, October 9, 1969 and the Annual Banquet on January 10, 1970. Details elsewhere (pages 2 and 4). Mark your calendar now!
2. I cannot stress safety too strongly. Anyone can climb a mountain. The majority of our climbing accidents occur on the descent. Climbing a mountain safely requires care and attention. Fortunately, this year our mountain accidents have been relatively minor, but our automobile difficulties have been more disastrous. We are traveling long distances to get to our more remote peaks. If you are tired, trade drivers! On my last trip home from Big Bear, three separate damaging tailender accidents involving 14 cars were seen in a 25 mile section of freeway. Let's keep the Section intact!
3. Autumn is upon us. This season is easily the best climbing time. With an early start in brisk, "insectless" weather, under a warming sun, a relatively effortless climb is totally enjoyable. We have some real fun climbs scheduled with enough variation to satisfy the "gung-hoer's" and the "nature trailers." Hope to see you there!
4. The large and active San Fernando Valley group has made Conservation Now available for inclusion with this LOOKOUT mailing. We do thank our fellow section and congratulate them on their continuing drive toward a most desirable objective.

VITAL STATISTICS

New 100 Peak Emblem Holders

Fern Tanzen #210
Joyce Davis #211
Marge Gurtler #212

New 200 Peak Bar Holders

Pete Redheffer #29
Heddy Redheffer #30
Donald B. McLellan #31
Paul Lipshon #32

Mascot Applicants

Gary Sanchez
Sharron Sanchez
Warren Sanchez

Membership Applications

Ronald Barnes
Arthur Becker
Donna J. Herz
Don Lee
John Magnuson
Greg Nowell
Elmer A. Omohundro, Jr.
Betty Sanchez
Dario Sanchez

MOUNTAIN RECORDS REPORT

The Mountain Records Committee recommends the following changes in the Section Peak List:

DELETIONS

EAGLE PEAK (Tehachapi area)	Must pass over hostile (!) private property. Property Holder does not desire trespass for any reason.
HEAPS PEAK (San Bernardino area)	Drive-up - No scenic value - Private buildings on top.
STRAWBERRY PEAK #2	Drive-up - Lookout - No scenic value.
ORTEGA HILL (Ojai area)	Lack of definitive summit - Bushwack - No area value.
TEHACHAPI MT. 6695'	Replaced by new Tehachapi Mt. (Woody's Peak) 7960'

ADDITIONS

TEHACHAPI MT. 7960'
CROSS MT. 5192'
BUTTERBREAD PEAK 6000'
SORREL PEAK 7702'
CACHE PEAK 6608'

CHANGES

THREE SISTERS 8080'
To conform to Topo Map Section 26, 1956 State Map and 1959 Forest Service Map, the location of THREE SISTERS should be corrected. (We have been climbing the wrong mountain!)

WARREN VON PERTZ

PROFILES IN MOUNTAIN HISTORY - NO. 4: THE PEAKS ABOVE CRYSTAL LAKE

Behind Crystal Lake is a line of peaks that are exceeded in elevation only by Baldy. Two high points exceed 9000 feet, six others top 8000 feet. The derivation of their names follow, listed east to west, north to south.

MT. BADEN-POWELL (9399'): USGS surveyors in the 1890s listed this peak as North Baldy, and for almost forty years this name stood. In 1931, the Forest Service and U.S. Board of Geographic Names sanctioned a request by C. J. Carlson, Western Regional Boy Scout Director, to rename the peak Mt. Baden-Powell, after Lord Robert Stevenson Smyth Baden-Powell (1847-1941), a British army officer who served in the Boer War and founded the Boy Scout movement in 1907. The official dedication of the new name took place on May 30, 1931, when a large party of Los Angeles area Boy Scouts erected a plaque and flagpole on the summit. Three years later, CCC workers constructed the present four-mile zigzagging trail from Vincent Gap to the top. For the next two and a half decades the peak was all but forgotten by the Scouts; the plaque disappeared and the flagstaff became bent and rusted. This sad situation was brought to the attention of Michael H. (Wally) Waldron, member of the Executive Board of the L. A. Area Council of the Boy Scouts. Under Waldron's inspiration, over 2000 scouts took part in a nine week project to erect a permanent bronze and cement monument on the summit. The official rededication took place on September 28, 1957. Since then, the Scouts have made an annual "Silver Mocassin" pilgrimage across the San Gabriels to the peak. On the summit ridge is a grove of ancient, weather-bent Limber Pines, discovered by Forest Supervisor Sim Jarvi in 1962. One of the largest specimens is named the "Waldron Tree," in honor of the volunteer scout leader who organized the Boy Scout homage to the mountain-top.

MT. BURNHAM (8997'): This bump on the ridge between Baden-Powell and Throop was named in 1951 in honor of Major Frederick R. Burnham (1861-1947), a British army officer and explorer who later was active in the Boy Scout movement. He authored the Scout Classic "Scouting on Two Continents."

THROOP PEAK (9138'): Originally this mountain was called Dougherty Peak, after an early pioneer in the area. In 1916, four college students arbitrarily placed the following notation in the summit register:

To Whom it may concern -

I, the undersigned, on the 28th day of the seventh month in the year of our lord 1916, do hereby name this peak MOUNT THROOP after my Alma Mater, Throop College of Technology.

signed: Samuel V. Broadwell
witnesses: Alex W. Anderson
Carroll Woodworth
Philip A. Leighton

Throop Institute, founded in 1891 by Amoz G. Throop (1811-1894), later became known as Cal Tech. The name change for the peak was accepted by the Forest Service and the U. S. Board of Geographic Names, despite attempts to name it North Baldy after the latter summit was changed to Baden-Powell.

MT. HAWKINS (8850'): Named in the early 1900s by an admirer of Miss Nellie Hawkins, beautiful and popular waitress at the Squirrel Inn (later to be called Coldbrook Resort). Middle Hawkins (8505') and South Hawkins (7783'), warts on the ridge leading south from Mt. Hawkins, are take-offs from the same name.

MT. ISLIP (8250'): Named in honor of George Islip, an early mountaineer who homesteaded in the San Gabriel Canyon in the early 1880s. Around 1910, a group of Occidental College students led by Pete Goodell built a huge cairn on the summit which stood for many years as the Occidental Monument. Attempts to rename the peak Occidental were unsuccessful (later Goodell was successful in having the peak west of Mt. Wilson named for his alma mater).

MT. LEWIS (8248'): Named for a USGS topographer by Donald McLain, who revised the maps and supplied many place names in the San Gabriels in 1919-1920. Lewis specialized in what was known as rapid reconnaissance topography, and did some surveying work in and around the San Gabriels between 1906 and 1919.

MT. WILLIAMSON (8248'): Donald McLain named this peak for Lieutenant (later Major) Robert Stockton Williamson (1824-1882), U. S. Army topographical engineer who made a reconnaissance of the north side of the San Gabriels for the Pacific Railroad Survey in 1853.

SMITH MTN. (5111'): This minor bump on the divide between the North Fork, San Gabriel River and Bear Canyon is claimed for two Smiths. Will Thrall wrote that it was named for Eslies Smith, a Pasadena businessman who, around 1905, was brought to Coldbrook Camp more dead than alive suffering from Consumption. The refreshing mountain atmosphere seems to have worked a miracle, and after a year he returned to the valley fully recovered. Another story has the peak named for "Bogus" Smith, an early miner in San Gabriel Canyon.

Next issue: Profile #5: Peaks of the Back Country - Waterman to Emma

JOHN ROBINSON

BANQUET PROGRAM

The Silver Anniversary edition of the HPS annual Banquet is set for Saturday, January 10, 1970. The theme of "Through the Years" provides opportunities for pleasant reminiscing through our history, accomplishments, and personalities. Ken Ferrell is organizing this part of the program and would like to obtain slides that could contribute to this part of the presentation.

Ken asks that you check your personal inventory of favorite slides for ones which would be appropriate to the theme. He guarantees safe conduct and will duplicate or photograph items if necessary.

Please enclose information (who-where-when) and any special instructions in addition to your name. Send to (now): Ken Ferrell, 1436 West 130th Street, #9, Gardena 90249.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Frank McDaniels announces the following members are in the race for your consideration as nominees to the Central Committee, 1970: (You will vote for six at the October 9th meeting.)

John Backus
Vicki Duerr
Vic Gleason

Lew Hill
Paul Lipshon
Penny Markworth

Don McLellan
Bernie Petitjean
Lou Petitjean
Jerry Russom

SCHEDULE PREVIEW

Nov. 1 - 2	Pinyon, Scodie, Onyx	Wally Henry
Nov. 8	San Jacinto	Sid Davis
Nov. 8 - 9	7 on Desert Divide	Paul Lipsohn
Nov. 13	(Death Valley)	Ken Ferrell
Nov. 15	Tecuyah, Ant., S. Emig., Brush	John Backus
Nov. 16	Pacifico from North	Jerry Russom
Nov. 22	Bare Mt.	Vicki Duerr
Dec. 6 - 7	Villager, Rabbit	Les Stockton
Dec. 11	(Mt. Ranier)	Vicki Duerr
Dec. 13	San Jacinto	Sid Davis
Dec. 13 - 14	Beauty, Iron Springs, Combs	Ken Ferrell
Jan. 3	San Gabriel TRAIL WORK	Bruce Collier
Jan. 10	San Jacinto	Sid Davis
Jan. 10	ANNUAL BANQUET	
Jan. 17 - 18	Cross, Butterbread, Mayan, Nichols	How Bailey
Jan. 31 - Feb. 1	Joshua Tree Monument	Bob Van Allen
Feb. 7	Kitching TRAIL WORK	Lew Hill
Feb. 12	(Climbing, and butterflies)	Les Stockton
Feb. 14	San Jacinto	Sid Davis
Feb. 14 - 15	Santiago TRAIL WORK	Warren Von Pertz
Feb. 21 - 22	2 Cahuillas, Lookout + ?	Bruce Collier
Feb. 28 - Mar. 1	Hildreth	Hill, Pettijean

SAWMILL MTN. #1, GROUSE MTN.,
CERRO NOROESTE, MT. PINOS

July 26

Leader: PAUL LIPSOHN
Asst: RAY REDHEFFER

Blue skies and rapidly rising temperatures greeted a steadily growing group that ultimately totalled 68 hikers. After consolidating cars and a lengthy caravan to the parking area near Mt. Pinos summit, we began the short downhill hike to Sawmill Mtn., arriving there in about 45 minutes. Following the usual summit refueling break we continued along the ridge to Grouse Mtn. through a nice stand of pines and cedars. At Grouse, 16 hikers decided to return to the cars, while the remainder continued to Cerro Noroeste and lunch. Our return trip retraced the same route, with the group climbing to the relay station to claim Mt. Pinos via a non drive-up route. Congratulations to Elizabeth Cohen were in store in honor of her 100th peak, which we celebrated in the traditional manner.

Our 56 peakbaggers concluded the 7-hour round trip with an early departure for home after a day well spent.

PAUL LIPSOHN

MT. BALDY LOOP

August 2

Leader: BILL WARNER
Asst: DAVE WELBOURN

Forty hikers (including one judged to be just out of diapers) met at Mt. Baldy Village prior to 9:30 a.m. Some of the more venturesome ones left early, drove up to the ski lift and hiked up to the notch. One couple not only hiked up to the notch, but also hiked up to the top of Thunder Mtn. before returning to the notch and the group. A shuttle to the ski lift was set up for the remainder of the hikers. After arranging for a group fare which was collected by the leader, who incidently lost money on the deal, the group took the ski lift up to the notch.

The assemblage was called together, counted, and was then led to the peak by the assistant leader, passing the remains of a few small snow fields on the north slope of Baldy.

The same couple that had hiked Thunder went on ahead to the peak and then on to conquer Dawson Peak and Pine Mtn. Some people just ask for work.

After a short lunch on the peak (all forty hikers having made the peak), the hikers broke up into two groups. A small group hiked to West Baldy and then down to the main trail where they rejoined the main group for the long hike down to Baldy Village.

A very pleasant stop was made on the way down in the Fern Glen of Bear Flats where a cooling stream refreshed the overly warm hikers.

The two "intrepid" hikers reported seeing three Bighorn sheep on their trip. It could be that one of these sheep was the one seen by the leader on the Bear Canyon Saddle while scouting the trail the week before.

BILL WARNER

CACHE PEAK
EXPLORATORY

September 13

Leader: LEW HILL
Asst: HOW BAILEY

After three scouting trips, the owner of Cache Peak was finally located and permission to go in was obtained. However, because the family patriarch is buried very close to the top, permission was granted only for scheduled Sierra Club trips (a key to a locked gate is required), and a charge of \$1.00 per person is made - essentially as a contribution toward the maintenance of some 11 miles of private roads.

Fourteen people finally collected at the Lone Tree Canyon turnoff on Hwy 14, about 14 miles north of Mohave and got into four cars for the safari. Much of this road has been recently constructed and does not show on the topo, and the last two miles were quite soft and rough. The three VW's made it, but our "backup" 4-wheel drive (of all things!) got stuck a mile from Weldon Pond. Here we started walking, up a fairly steep ridge to the east end of the "flat" top, then some fun-type class 2-to-3 scrambling over the last half-mile, which took about an hour, led us to the summit. The view was particularly rewarding since it enabled us to relate the Tehachapis to the Southern Sierra at least up to Walker Pass. (We think we saw Olancho.)

We returned by a somewhat longer but easier route, mostly on a very rough jeep road. Everyone was out to the highway by 4:30, except that we still had to call the Auto Club and go back for the stranded vehicle. Everything was back to normal by 7:30.

HOW BAILEY

PEOPLE SEND LETTERS

Of late there has been an identifiable increase in the number of communications relative to the LOOKOUT material, twenty-six since July. John Robinson's PROFILES drew its usual appreciations; SALT supplied some answers to others; five WHY-DON'T-WE suggestions were noted for current or future action; three thought they were getting full value for the membership fee; but six did not agree with How Bailey's mathematics (Vol. VI-4, page 2 - TRIP NOTICES), Walt Wheelock's comment was characteristic:

"... all I can say is that he is an excellent peakbagger, but a poor mathematician ... unless How expects his entire party to die on said summit, they are going to have to climb that false summit on the way out. So the answer is 3000 feet. At my age and poundage, that last 500 is nothing to overlook."

The COMPLETE story makes HOW BAILEY a good mathematician as well. The LOOKOUT Editor was content to abandon the entire party on the summit and changed How's 3000 to 2500 --- and learned his lesson.

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