Hundred Peaks Section
Holds Annual Awards Banquet

Attendance at this year's banquet was approximately 150 people, a fabulous turnout. Guest speaker John Robinson gave a wonderful talk on "Peaks and People" and kept everyone's attention.

Awards presented this evening were as follows:

- R. S. Fink Service Award: Virgil Popescu
- John Backus Leadership Award: George Wysup
- Bill T. Russell New Leader Award: Maura Raffensperger and David Beymer

See inside for lots of pictures from the Banquet, and the complete text of John Robinson's remarks.

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Penelope May with her first view of Mt. Everest. See Penelope's spectacular program at the joint meeting of the HPS, DPS, and SPS

Monthly Meetings of Management Committee Scheduled

February 5 Wednesday

The Joint Meeting of the Hundred Peaks Section, the Desert Peaks Section, and the Sierra Peaks Section

Meet 7:30 PM at the Grande Room at the LA Zoo. The program will be presented by HPS member Penelope May, and covers her Mt Everest base camp expedition.

The HPS Management Committee will meet at 6:00 PM immediately prior to the joint meeting, in the same facility.

There will be no meeting of the Management Committee on February 13.

March 13, April 10 Thursdays

Management Committee Meetings: Please join us for our regular monthly open management committee meetings which will be held at Laura Joseph's Home, 2386 East Del Mar, Apt. # 328, Pasadena. Phone: (626) 356-4158; email ljoseph2@earthlink.net

Hanna Shay, 1926-2003

Hanna, 76, passed away peacefully Friday morning (January 24, 2003) after a five year battle with cancer, just 6 days after the HPS banquet and 4 days before our 53rd wedding anniversary. She had wanted to go to the banquet but her condition precluded it. She eagerly listened to my description of the event, and asked about those of her friends who attended. Her last hike was to Emma and Old Emma on January 7, 1998. She never finished the list, not wanting to do any more backpacking. At that time she had only the Big Three, Big Four, Cobblestone and White to go, and we had plans for the last two when her cancer was discovered.

Despite her not having finished the list, she was a prolific hiker of HPS peaks, having climbed 200 peaks 3 times and 100 peaks 5 times. Her most adventurous hike was on big Rabbit (Rabbit #2), which is described on the HPS Web site under that peak. I know those who knew and hiked with her will miss her. I will. Carleton Shay
MEMBERSHIP REPORT
For Period November 24 2002 to January 24 2002
By Laura Joseph, Membership Chair

All achievers can order the NEW HPS achievement emblem (see inside back page)

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A super-achiever this month, George received the 2002 leadership award at the HPS banquet and was elected chair of HPS for 2003.

List Completion No. 1
Not one in 2 months! Get moving all you 200 plus peak baggers (Zobeida, Jean, Kathy)!

100 Peaks Emblem

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Bill reached his objective on the occasion and place of Joe Young's 57th birthday celebration.

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We all thought Wolf was on his second list finish: He's been too busy leading and webmastering to bag peaks.

Snow Shoe Emblem

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Sandy is the first to achieve the brand new snow shoe emblem. With her usual knack for optimizing occasions for partying, Sandy achieved peak #25 via showshoe on her birthday.

NEW MEMBERS

Kay Neumann
Dean Stewart
Bruce Corning
Peter Neumann

NEW SUBSCRIBERS

Gerald Palmer
John Kishel
Stan Combs
Brian W. Park
Paul Garry

Ann Marie Seitz
Carol Fahy
Joseph Dossen
Natalie Trees

RENEWALS

There have been 60 renewals between October Nov 23, 2002 and Jan 24, 2003

There are 15 overdue renewals (Expiration dates before February 28).

If you need to renew (sticker next to your mailing label) please see the back page AND RENEW PROMPTLY

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

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Mark the dates: May 17-18 Saturday and Sunday Spring Fling!
The HPS Almost Annual Spring Fling weekend at Foster Lodge near Julian in San Diego County.

Join the HPS revelers for a grand time at a weekend of peak bagging in the San Diego spring time. Hikes for beginners through tigers planned to all the San Diego peaks (some appear below). World famous happy hour and potluck dinner Sat night, followed by the HPS game, "Which Peak am I?" Breakfast Sun morning hosted by HPS Management Committee. Camp in the trees around the lodge, sleep in your mobile motel, in the lodge’s unisex dorm rooms, or in a Julian B&B. Between hikes and happy hour, relax in the beautiful grounds surrounding the lodge and watch the sun set. Send sase, $10 per person for Sat night only/$20 for Fri and Sat to Reservationist: RAY WOLFE. Co-leader: LAURA JOSEPH

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make the banquet a success.
The Easy Chair
By George Wysup

I sit at the keyboard contemplating my HPS situation. Somehow I got elected. With 12 candidates running for HPS ManCom I figured I might escape. No such luck. Thank you for your vote, I guess. When the 6 “winners” arm wrestled for the offices at the December meeting I hoped for “At Large”, but Mars Bonfire beat me out. Mars has a huge advantage in that he is the HPS Luddite, refusing to leap into the PC-driven 21st C. [I often envy him for that]. Mars should hire wearing a buckskin suit and coonskin hat, carrying a muzzle loader for protection against bears. Mars is in charge of “hiker relations” and will contribute to Mountain records.

The others told me that Chair was the easiest of the remaining offices. I fell for it, so I ended up with the job. It looks like it may be more than I bargained for. I look to Past Chair Karen Leverich to set my course and bail me out of trouble. Thankfully, the voters elected a fine lot of officers, which promises to make my job easier. Ray Wolfe, the consummate team player, is back as Vice Chair and Safety Chair. Popular and talented Kathy Cheever eagerly tackles the important job of Secretary. Laura (Lefty) Joseph is the Programs Chair, and has a full plate already as Membership Chair and is in charge of our peak booted ski. She will be relying on YOU for help at our various social events.

Brian (Wolf) Leverich is the official Treasurer, but will rely on appointee Sandy Burnside to continue last year’s excellent treasurer work, freeing him to head Mountain Records and continue as Webmaster (talk about a full plate!). Wolf is an expert software developer and is a successful entrepreneur. Look for an interesting year with our website, maps, and peak guides. Karen takes the thankless Outings Chair job, which includes new leader development.

We appointed Tom Hill as Conservation Chair. Tom is not one to do a half vast job and he has some interesting ideas for the position. He will be working with the leaders to bring more conservation into our outings. Many of you know Joe Young as the HPS Lookout editor. He is also our official Historian. What you may not know is that Joe has long been the glue that holds HPS together. He has long been invaluable to HPS ManCom boards for his general knowledge of Section bylaws and procedures and for his sage advice. Over the years he has been our quasi-official Election Committee and Awards Committee Chair.

Carleton Shay continues in the thankless job of Lookout mailer. This job may sound easy, but it can be rife with headaches—like when someone doesn’t receive his or her copy. He always promptly mails our rag when it is hot off the press. Perhaps you have noticed that our newsletter is invariably on time in your mail box. Bobcat Thompson continues as hardcopy Peak Guide provider. Currently there are no hardcopy maps available, a possible problem for the computerless members. Mountain Records is working this issue.

OK, that’s us for 2003. If you want to watch us work, you are welcome to attend our business meetings. We represent you, the HPS membership. If you have ideas for improving HPS, or criticism about the way HPS operates, please contact your favorite ManCom member. We reserve the right to ignore outright insults and dumb suggestions.

The election results were interesting. You voters impressed me with your sanity and astuteness. You rejected some flawed bylaws amendments, rejected adding some new peaks, and restated your aversion to arbitrary delisting of several summits. We again have on our List the high point of the Santa Rosa mountains (Toro Peak). We have a new emblem (Winter Mountaineering), subject to Chapter approval.

As Chair, I will do my best to keep the sort of things that you rejected overwhelmingly off the ballot for 2004. However, I do have some possibly inane ideas. I will propose one or more emblems to encourage an HPS life after the List finish. Those who climb 1000 (or 2000?) or more HPS summits (no drive ups, please) should be entitled to recognition. This might be of interest to those who love to hike, but can’t finish the List due to some handicap—like acute acrophobia, or just can’t climb Big Rabbit for whatever reason.

What’s coming up? Do you have a great chili recipe, or just like to pig out on chili? Mark your calendar for March 15/16. The traditional annual DPS chili cookoff will be a joint HPS/DPS event this year. Whet your appetite Saturday morning with a hike (with Diane Dunbar and me) to Queen Mountain in Joshua Tree. The glutoniy will commence in the afternoon. Join the usual DPS happy hour Saturday eve and camp out to get an early start climbing Pinto Mountain (DPS list) on Sunday. This promises to be a fun weekend.

You may find that climbing DPS and SPS peaks is an interesting change from HPS peaks. Why not expand your scope? They have no Cleghorns or McPhersons on their lists, but there are some led hikes suitable for novices.

Come on down to Foster Lodge in San Diego County’s Cuyamaca area for Spring Fling on May 17 & 18. There will be several hikes catering to people of all abilities. Or just hang out at the lodge, enjoy the surroundings, and do a bit of partying.

Want to become a Sierra Club Outings Leader? HPS always wants to sponsor new leaders. Contact Outings Chair Karen (or me) for advice.
(Above left) Karen Isaacson Leverich congratulates Virgil Popescu after presenting him with the R. S. Fink Service Award. Virgil has been Chair and Vice Chair, in charge of outings of the Hundred Peaks Section. As Vice Chair, Virgil had to cope with challenges posed by having to schedule outings in the Angeles Chapter Schedule of Activities, The Lookout, as well as the ever-changing HPS website. Virgil's tenure on the Management Committee encompassed years of transition. In addition, Virgil constructed the glass cases which house the HPS perpetual trophies in the Chapter headquarters.

(Above right) Karen presents George Wysup with the John Backus Leadership Award. George has been a most prolific leader for the HPS for several years. He also has served on the Management Committee as Treasurer, and has been a member of the Mountain Records Committee. George will assume the duties of Chair of the HPS in 2003. Earlier, George had presented Karen with a special plaque for her service as Chair in 2002. (Below) Maura Raffensperger and David Beymer won this year's Bill T. Russell New Leader Award. They became rated leaders just five years ago, and have led many outings for the HPS since then, almost always together.
(Above left) Bob Cates, Chapter Historian, (right, seated) watches as Frank Goodykoontz takes his seat when Banquet emcee Karen Isaacson Leverich asked only those to remain standing who had finished the HPS List ten times. Only Carleton Shay, standing, could stand at that point. (Above right) Later on, when the emcee asked for those to remain standing who had led the HPS List at least four times, it was Frank Goodykoontz' turn to be the only one to remain standing. Seated next to Frank is John Connelly, HPS Secretary for 2002. (Below) Kathy Cheever, left, and Winnette Butler hold special raffle prizes, hiking boots with flower arrangements. Kathy and Winnette handled distribution of the more than sixty raffle prizes this evening.
PEAKS and PERSONALITIES
By John W. Robinson
Presented at the HPS Annual Awards Banquet
January 18, 2003

The theme of my talk this evening is about people and peaks - people who climbed them, people who named them, and people whose names were bestowed on them. Many of the stories you will hear tonight are well known and well documented. Anyone who studies the local mountain ranges - the San Gabriels, the San Bernadinos, the San Jacintos, the Santa Monicas - is faced with an overwhelming amount of information.

But despite this vast storehouse of written material, there remain mysteries still unsolved, some of which I will touch upon tonight.

I'll start with a mystery involving our Sierra Club founder John Muir. Muir's life has been extensively studied by - at last count - nine serious biographers. The latest to appear is an account of Muir's many visits and friendships in Southern California by the Angeles Chapter's own Elizabeth Pomeroy, entitled John Muir: A Naturalist in Southern California. We know that Muir's first visit to the Southland was in 1877, when he came south at the bequest of two friends from his University of Wisconsin days, Dr. Omar Conger and Jeannette Carr. He enjoyed what he described as "a fine, shaggy five day excursion", climbing from Eaton Canyon to a 4600-foot summit near Mount Lowe. Thanks to the efforts of Sierra Clubber Wanda Lee Thompson, that diminutive dynamo of a woman who led hikes for the Club in the 1940s, the summit Muir is believed to have reached in his 1877 excursion is now named Muir Peak. Muir came to Southern California often during his later years and is known to have reached the summit of one of our 100 peaks - Mount Wilson - by horseback in 1885. The unsolved mystery involving John Muir I previously mentioned revolves around whether or not he ever climbed to the summit of San Jacinto Peak. There is a famous quote, repeated by HPS founder Weldon Heald and many others, that John Muir, upon watching the sunrise from the summit, exclaimed, "the view from San Jacinto is the most sublime spectacle to be found anywhere on this earth." But did Muir ever climb San Jacinto Peak? Neither Liz Pomeroy nor I have uncovered any evidence that he did. The closest he ever got to the mountain was a brief visit, as a member of the National Forest Commission, to Garner Valley and Idyllwild in 1896, and to Palm Springs with his daughters Wanda and Helen in 1905. Muir's detailed daily journals for those years are on microfilm at the Holt-Atherton Library in Stockton and prove that he made no summit excursions in those years. It should be noted that Muir's mountain climbing days were in the 1870s; by the 1890s his mountain excursions were strictly by horseback or wagon. Even though Muir probably never climbed the peak, the quotation attributed to him accurately portrays the view from the summit.

I'm now going to mention some names that are probably unfamiliar to most of you: Robert Stockton Williamson, Josiah Dwight Whitney, George Montague Wheeler, R. U. Goode, Donald McLain. These are the names of leaders of government surveys that, over the years from the 1850s to the 1920s, bestowed most of the peak names in use today.

Lieutenant Robert Stockton Williamson led a Pacific Railroad Survey party that explored the flanks of the Southern California ranges in 1853. The Pacific Railroad Survey was an effort by the Army's Corps of Topographical Engineers, directed by Secretary of War Jefferson Davis and approved by Congress to find possible routes for a transcontinental railway. Six cross-country railroad routes were explored by the Army topographical engineers.

Lt. Williamson and his men named only one peak in the San Gabriels. The high summit near the eastern end of the range - what we now know as Mt. Baldy - was labeled Qui-Qual-Mungo on their map, the name given to them by the Serrano Indians they met near today's Rancho Cucamonga.

Lieutenant Williamson's party continued eastward, plotting a railroad route, through the San Bernardino Valley and on into the desert via San Gorgonio Pass. As he traversed the pass, Williamson wrote: "The high mountain of San Bernadino is the highest in the coast range. Its height is not known with accuracy but approaches 9,000 feet. Southeast of this is the peak of San Gorgonio, nearly as high. These two mountains, whose peaks are 30 miles apart, approach each other at their base, and the open pass between is known as the pass of San Gorgonio." The Williamson party thus labeled today's San Gorgonio Mountain as "San Bernardino" and the present San Jacinto Peak as "San Gorgonio", an error that confused map makers for many years. As late as 1888, the Rand McNally map of Southern California still called the San Jacinto range the "San Gorgonio Mountains."

Although none of Williamson's peak names are in use today, William Blake, geologist for the survey, was first to use the term "Transverse Ranges" for the San Gabriels and San Bernadinos, noticing their eastwest
orientation in contrast to the general north-south
direction of most Western mountain ranges.

The next government party to investigate the
Southern California ranges was Josiah Dwight Whitney’s
California Geological Survey in the years 1860 to 1865.
William Brewer, a young botanist just out of Yale University’s prestigious Sheffield Scientific School, was
appointed by Whitney to examine the mountains south of
the Sierra Nevada. Many of you are probably familiar
with Brewer’s splendid book, Up and Down California in
1860-1864, superbly edited by Francis Arquhar and
reissued many times, in which the young Yale-educated
scientist vividly describes his explorations into the front
range of the San Gabriels and his climb of the high point
of the Santa Anas, today’s Santiago Peak, which Brewer
called “Mt. Downey”, after California’s governor at the
time, John Downey.

In his 1885 geological report, Whitney wrote: “The
San Gabriel Range as we denominate it, is a vast mass
of mountains, extending from Cajon Pass on the east,
and joining with the Santa Monica and Santa Susana
Ranges to the west. It is fully 60 miles long, and from 20
to 25 miles broad from north to south, forming an
extensive region of lofty and rugged mountains, of the
interior topography of which nothing is yet accurately
known. Even the name of its dominating peak, San
Antonio, has not yet found its way on to any map.”

So the Whitney Survey map was first to label the
range San Gabriel and its highest peak San Antonio,
although both names date from Spanish days. San
Antonio was used by Father Garces for the creek
emitting from San Antonio Canyon as early as 1774, and
Sierra de San Gabriel, along with Sierra Madre, are in
Spanish mission records dating from 1776.

The next government survey - one that gave names
to peaks other than San Antonio, San Bernardino, and
San Jacinto alias San Gorgonio - was the U.S. Army’s
Wheeler Survey, an ambitious project to map the United
States west of the 100th Meridian under the direction of
Lieutenant George Montague Wheeler, undertaken
between 1871 and 1878. For the first time, the interior of
the Southern California ranges were explored and
mapped. Fortunately, the Wheeler Survey published
detailed annual reports of their work, giving us full
descriptions of their explorations and peak climbs.

Atlas Sheet 73, based on surveys done in 1875 and
1876, shows the first appearance on any government
map of Mount Gleason, Sister Elsie, San Gabriel Peak,
Disappointment Peak, and Cucamonga Peak, along with
San Antonio Peak, the only summit in the San Gabriels
noted by the Whitney Survey ten years earlier. Thanks to
the Wheeler annual reports, we know the stories behind
some of these names.

A Wheeler Survey party under Lieutenant C. W.
Whipple, while mapping the Santa Susana mountains,
took note of a prominent summit in the front range of the
San Gabriels which appeared to be a good place for a
triangulation station. Whipple sent his chief topographer,
Dr. F. Kampf, to set up a survey station on the peak.
Kampf and two assistants, lugging heavy survey
equipment, struggled to the head of the Arroyo Seco,
thrashed their way through thick brush to the
unnamed summit. The exhausted surveyors were
dismayed to discover that their view eastward was
obstructed by a nearby peak at least a hundred feet
higher. They named the first summit they reached
Disappointment Peak and continued on to the higher
summit, which they named San Gabriel Peak, where
they set up their tripod and commenced triangulation.
They then traversed eastward, thrashing through more
brush and unstable terrain to Wilson’s Peak, as it was
then called, and descended Benjamin Wilson’s trail to
the San Gabriel Valley.

The mountain we know today as Mt. Lukens was
labeled Sister Elsie Peak on the Wheeler map, and
herein lies a mystery. Who was Sister Elsie? Grace
Overbeck, in her 1937 history of the La Crescenta
Valley, wrote that Sister Elsie was a Roman Catholic nun
in charge of an orphanage for Indian children known as
El Rancho de Dos Hermanas, much loved for her
kindness, who lost her life in a smallpox epidemic. The
trouble is that there is no solid basis for this legend.
Msgr. Francis Weber, archivist for the Catholic diocese
of Los Angeles, says that there is no record of a nun by
the name of Elsie, nor was there a Catholic orphanage
called Dos Hermanas, or Two Sisters. Nor have any
historians of Tujunga, Sunland, and the San Fernando
Valley found any such evidence. So Sister Elsie will
probably always remain an unsolved enigma. To hazard
a guess, might she have been a sister of one of the
Wheeler surveyors?

Another Wheeler Survey party under Lieutenant
Eric Bergland explored and mapped the eastern end of
the San Gabriels. From the head of Lytle Creek,
Bergland and his men ascended a miner’s trail to Baldy
Notch, making note of gold mining activities in Lytle
Creek, at the Notch, and in San Antonio Creek. On July
1, 1875 Louis Nell, chief topographer of the party, made
the first recorded ascent of San Antonio Peak, known as
Old Baldy to the miners, and calculated its altitude as
10,120 feet above sea level. I say “first recorded
ascent”, as it is very possible that the miners, who had
been working in the area since the early 1860s, may
have strolled to the top. And centuries before that,
perhaps an Indian reached the summit, although Native
Americans had no particular interest in peak bagging.

Lieutenant Bergland and several of him men made
a considerably more difficult ascent of Cucamonga
Peak. There was no miner’s trail to follow here, and the party almost met with disaster. Two of the party became separated from the rest and lost. "When found by the guide sent out in search of them," to quote the report, "Thompson was found completely exhausted and insensible at the bottom of a deep ravine, and Hasson about a hundred yards further on, much exhausted and just able to drag himself along on his hands and knees. Both would have perished in a very short time. Neither had tasted food or water for forty-three hours." Today we climbers think of the San Gabriels as an easy range, with a network of roads and trails that ascend to the top, or near to the top, of most of the major peaks – Iron Mountain excepted. But things were quite different in the 1870s, with only a few miners and livestock trails leading into the heart of the range and none – except for Benjamin Wilson’s – climbing a summit. The thick blanket of chaparral that coats eighty percent of our local mountains was a daunting challenge to early climbers.

The Wheeler Survey then moved eastward into the San Bernardino Mountains. A survey party under Lieutenant Willard Young, one of the many sons of Mormon leader Brigham Young, after mapping the Bear Valley region (the site of today’s Big Bear Lake), climbed southeast to set up a topographical station, to quote, "on a point on the divide between the headwaters of the Whitewater and Santa Ana creeks." From this point the lofty southeastern corner of the San Bernadinos was mapped. The completed Wheeler Survey map showed today’s San Gorgonio Mountain as Grizzly Peak and fixed the elevation as 11,725 feet above sea level. How they arrived at the name “Grizzly” for southern California’s highest summit is a matter for speculation. Was it because they encountered grizzlies in the area, a beast that inhabited the southern California mountains until early in the last century, or because the long grayish ridge reminded them of a grizzly at rest? The Grizzly name failed to take hold. People living in the San Bernardino Valley continued to know it as “Old Grayback.”

The Wheeler Survey did place San Bernardino Peak in its present location west end of the long Grayback ridge. The Wheeler map also was first to label Strawberry Peak and Arrowhead Peak.

The Wheeler Survey made a cursory examination of the San Jacinto Mountains and was first to label San Jacinto Peak by its proper name, although "San Gorgonio" continued to appear on some maps, including Rand McNally’s into the late 1880s.

It was the United States Geological Survey that finally produced first rate topographical maps of the United States. The U.S.G.S. was established by act of Congress on March 3, 1879 and superseded all of the other federal surveys. The U.S.G.S. topographical survey, under the guidance of Chief Topographer Henry Gannett, brought a degree of excellence to map-making unequaled by previous surveys. Among the improvements was the use of contour lines, rather than the old hachures, or hash marks, to indicate elevation.

The triangulation surveys to map Southern California took place during the years 1894 to 1906. Under the direction of regional topographer R. U. Goode, and assisted by a corps of young, able surveyors such as Arthur Davis, Joseph Lippencott, T.G. Gerding, Edmund T. Perkins, and Albert H. Sylvester, U.S.G.S. topographical parties, lugging 60-pound plane tables, theodolites (mountain transits), and various other instruments, struggled up chaparral-coated slopes and timberline ridges to set up survey stations atop the higher peaks. They worked for weeks on end, weather notwithstanding, to map every stream, every mountain wrinkle, every summit. The resultant topographical maps, most of which appeared in the years 1901 to 1906, were splendid examples of the cartographer’s skill. At last there were accurate maps of the mountains.

Most, but not all, of the peaks’ names we know today were placed there by U.S.G.S. surveyors. We don’t have time to name them all, but some examples will have to make do. In the San Gabriels, Wilson’s Peak became Mount Wilson as we know it today. Mount Lowe first appears, replacing the old name Oak Mountain. San Antonio Peak is labeled such on the U.S.G.S. map, even though almost all the locals knew it as Old Baldy or Mount Baldy. Some peak names on the early U.S.G.S. maps failed to last: Sister Elsie later became Mount Lukens, North Baldy was changed to Mount Baden-Powell in 1931 to honor the founder of the Boy Scouts.

In the San Bernadinos, U.S.G.S. topographer Edmund T. Perkins placed the name San Gorgonio Mountain on the government map, instead of the locally-favored name “Old Grayback” or the Wheeler Survey’s Grizzly Peak.

It was in the San Jacintos where Edmund Taylor Perkins, Jr. really made his mark. Perkins and several hired assistants spent weeks in the San Jacinto high country in 1897 and 1898, supplied by a weekly pack train from the town of San Jacinto. Perkins supplied most of the peak names in use today.

The summit was labeled San Jacinto Peak, rather than San Gorgonio, or Mount San Jacinto, and was calculated to be 10,805 feet above sea level, only a foot of today’s accepted elevation of 10,804 feet.

Two of the women in Perkins’ life grace summits south of the main peak. Marion Mountain he named for Marion Kelly of White Cloud, Michigan, a young school teacher employed at the Morongo Indian Reservation near Banning. Perkins met her when she camped with
friends in Strawberry Valley (today's Idyllwild). The story goes that Miss Kelly fell deeply in love with Perkins, who was described as tall and very good-looking, but he kept putting her off by saying he was married to his work. But he did think enough of the young woman to place her name on the mountain. Another young lady was in Perkins' mind, too, one he had previously met while surveying in northern California. She was Jean Waters of Plumas County, California. He put her name on the neighboring summit - Jean Peak. Marion was destined to be disappointed. Jean was more fortunate; she and Edmund Perkins were married in 1903.

Cornell Peak, a needle-like summit above Tamarack Valley, Perkins named for Cornell University, alma mater of geologist Robert T. Hill. The story here is that Hill was camping with Perkins in Round Valley when the former looked up and exclaimed, "That peak looks like the campanile tower at Cornell!", or words to that effect. Perkins placed it on the map.

Two names Perkins placed on the U.S.G.S. map of the San Jacintos are shrouded in mystery - Folly Peak and Antsell Rock. There are several stories concerning the naming of Folly, but none can be verified. The most common is that the peak received its name after a disoriented climber ascended it instead of San Jacinto Peak, then fell and injured himself as he tried to hurry over to the main summit. Another tale is that it was named for the daughter of Albert Sylvester, a fellow U.S.G.S. surveyor who mapped the lower regions of the San Jacintos.

Antsell Rock is more of a mystery. The most common story is that it was named for an artist Perkins met at Keen Camp who was painting a picture of the craggy peak. The trouble with this tale is that there was no Keen Camp in 1897-98. John and Mary Keen, owners of Keen House in Idyllwild, didn't move their resort down to near today's Mountain Center and name it Keen Camp until 1905. There was a Dr. Thomas Antsell with the Pacific Railroad Survey in 1885, but there is no evidence that he came anywhere near the peak. Some speculate that it might be named for Ansel Adams, but the famous photographer was not born until 1902, one year after the U.S.G.S. map appeared with Antsell Rock labeled. So we'll probably never know how this challenging summit, one of the very few on the HPS List that requires third class climbing, received its name.

Lily Rock is so named by the U.S.G.S. survey and remains as the official name today, named for the lemon lilies then abundant along Strawberry Creek, and despite the efforts of the rock climbers to change it to Tahquitz Rock. The rock climbers evidently feel that Lily Rock is too feminine and degrades their efforts.

Another name needs to be mentioned in regard to the naming of many peaks in the San Gabriels, San Bernadinos, and San Jacintos - Donald McLain. Thanks to Glen Dawson, I first met McLain, then living his final years in Altadena, in 1967 while researching the history of El Picacho del Diablo, Baja California's highest peak. McLain made the first known ascent of El Picacho in 1911. McLain, at various times during his long career as a surveyor and topographer, worked for the United States Geological Survey, the U.S. Forest Service, the National Park Service, the U.S. Army, and the Security First National Bank mapping department. In the years 1918 to 1920 he was hired by Rush Charlton, supervisor of Angeles National Forest, to redo the forest map. In this capacity he added numerous place names still in use today. Sister Elsie he changed to Mt. Lukens, in honor of Theodore P. Lukens, former Pasadena mayor, founder of the forest nursery at Heninger Flat, known as the "Father of Forestry" in Southern California. Mount Mooney memorializes a young forest ranger who died serving his country in World War I. Dawson Peak was named for Ernest Dawson, Los Angeles bookseller and early Sierra Club leader. Over in the San Bernadinos - it should be noted that the San Bernardino Mountains were part of Angeles National Forest from 1908 to 1925 - McLain named Charlton Peak for the forest supervisor who hired him, Jepson Peak for Willis Linn Jepson, University of California botanist who made a botanical survey of the San Bernardino Mountains in the early 1900s and wrote several books; Grinnell Mountain for Joseph Grinnell, University of California botanist who made animal studies in the eastern San Bernadinos in the years 1905 to 1907; Anderson Peak for Lou Anderson, district ranger stationed at Barton Flats in the early 1920s; and Shields Peak for Leila Shields, manager of Camp Radford in the '20s. Previous to McLain's Angeles Forest map, published in 1921, only San Gorgonio Mountain and San Bernardino Peak were named in what later became the San Gorgonio Wilderness.

In recent years your Hundred Peaks Section has been instrumental in naming local summits. Thanks largely to the efforts of Wanda Lee Thompson and 100 Peaker Steve Wilkie, Will Thrall Peak now appears on the U.S.G.S. topo map. Will Thrall was a legend in his own time. Hikers in the San Gabriel Mountains during the 1930s and '40s often came upon a short, wiry gentleman dressed in khaki, wearing a wide-brimmed hat and World War I-type leggings. After a few cheerful words of greeting, the elderly man would bound up off the trail, moving at a vigorous pace, and disappear from view as he scrambled up a nearby summit. The startled hikers had just met Will Thrall, the energetic editor of Trails Magazine and author of "Today's Hike", which appeared every Sunday in the Los Angeles Times. Thrall was best known as editor of Trails Magazine, published
four times a year from 1934 to 1939, with two issues in 1941 before terminating with the attack on Pearl Harbor. The little magazine was a gold mine of information on hiking trails, peak climbs, and history of the local mountains. It sold for ten cents an issue, thirty cents for a year’s subscription. Issues are extremely scarce today. In 1975 I paid $125 at Dawson’s Book Shop for a complete set. Recently Ron Woolsey, who is writing a biography of Will Thrall, bought a complete bound set from Kenneth Thompson, Wanda Lee’s son, for $600. Individual issues, when they can be found, sell for $25.

Will Thrall died at the age of 89 in 1963. Thanks again to Wanda Lee, Steve Wilkie and other members of the HPS, Will Thrall’s name graces the second highest summit on Pleasant View Ridge.

Another legend in his own time, and active Hundred Peaker, was Sam Fink, who climbed our mountains from the 1920s through the 1980s. The retired Santa Ana Fire Department Captain spent many hours, days, weeks blazing the Sam Fink Trail on the Desert Divide from Apple Canyon Saddle north past Antsel Rock and South Peak to Red Tahquitz. It is only fitting that, through the efforts of Hundred Peakers, Sam’s name is immortalized on a summit above Caramba in his favorite range, the San Jacintos.

There is work yet to be done. Jess M. Southwell manned the Tahquitz Peak lookout throughout most fire seasons from 1946 to 1967, twenty-one years of public service. He founded “The Ancient and Honorable Order of Squirrels”, awarding a membership card to those who visited Tahquitz Peak lookout tower. After Southwell’s retirement in 1967, his friends in the Forest Service and the Sierra Club proposed to bestow Jess’s name on a prominent summit on the Desert Divide between Red Tahquitz and Antsell Rock. The U.S. Board of Geographic Names in Washington D.C., citing a policy of not naming landmarks for living persons, turned the proposal down. But a compromise was reached: The summit would be named South Peak, with the understanding that the name would become Southwell Peak after Jess’s passing. Jess Southwell died some fifteen years ago, but the change has never been made. I ask the Hundred Peaks Section to get involved in this matter and give Jess Southwell the honor he so richly earned.

The U.S.G.S. over the years, have done outstanding map work, but they have made some major errors. Strays Creek on the north side of Mt. Wilson should be spelled S T R A I N, after A. G. Strain who established a resort there in 1889. The USGS has it spelled incorrectly S T R A Y N. Inspiration Point overlooking Castle Canyon on the old Mount Lowe Railway should be in the notch, where the view tubes are, rather than atop the ridge to the west. Mt. Williamson is not placed on the highest bump of the Williamson ridge.

The most monumental USGS error involving peak names is the mix-up of Lion Peak and Pine Mountain on the San Jacinto’s Desert Divide. In 1977 I interviewed Jim Wellman at his ranch in Morris Canyon above the Garner Valley. Jim was the son of Frank Wellman, cattleman after whom Wellman Cienega and Wellman Divide are named. Jim was a cattleman himself. Mountain lions were preying on the herds to such an extent that a fifty dollar bounty was offered by the cattlemen of the San Jacintos for every lion kill. Jim Wellman was the top bounty hunter, with some forty kills to his credit during the 1920s, ’30s, and ’40s.

One of Jim’s kills was a large-size lion caught near the summit of a rocky peak on the Desert Divide, above his ranch. Jim called the peak Lion Rock and told the USGS surveyors so when they visited him at the ranch. But when the USGS Palm View topo came out in 1954, the summit Wellman and the other local ranchers knew as Lion Rock was labeled Pine Mountain and a forested bump to the south was listed as Lion Mountain. The correct peak names were reversed on the map. Needless to say, Jim had a rather low opinion of the USGS.

I suggest that the Hundred Peaks Section take it upon yourselves to correct this error and work to bestow the correct names on these two summits on the Desert Divide, and work also to give Jess Southwell the credit he deserves.

And I would caution the HPS to think carefully about placing too many names of recent climbers on unnamed summits, many of which are mere bumps on a ridge. Newton Drury Peak, a name recently given to a slight nob below Jean Peak, is a prime example of this problem, not because Newton Drury is undeserving - it was largely through his efforts that San Jacinto State Park was established in 1937 - but because he deserves a far more prominent peak.

In Donald McLain’s words, mountains should be named for those who contribute to the area’s heritage. Will Thrall, Jess Southwell, and Sam Fink all contributed, over many years, to our knowledge and understanding of our mountains, and it is fitting that their names should grace summits. But names of HPS emblem holders - even List finishers - should not be frivolously placed on insignificant nobbies merely because they climbed many mountains.

Overall, many of the peak names on our Southern California mountains reflect our rich heritage. Cucamonga, Tahquitz, and Cahuilla peaks honor the original native Americans. The three saints as Weldon Heald called them - San Antonio, San Gorgonio, and San Jacinto memorialize the Spanish and Mexican
California period in our history. Names such as Wilson, Islip, Cleghorn, and Spittler are derived from early Anglo pioneer settlers. Lukens, Jepson, Grinnell, and Drury honor naturalists and conservationists. Names such as Strawberry and Sugarloaf derive from their appearance in the minds of early travelers. And then there are the mystery names that defy intensive research - Sister Elsie, Bertha, Folly, and Antsell Rock. All of the varied peak names in the Southern California ranges play their part in the saga of the mountains, and all make worthwhile climbs for we Hundred Peakers.

(Left) John Robinson (left) stands with 2003 HPS Chair George Wysup. (Below, left) John Robinson addresses the audience. (Below, right) Bob Cates, Angeles Chapter Historian for twenty-five years, introduced John Robinson to the audience.
(Above) View of part of the audience listening to John Robinson at this year's Annual Awards Banquet.
(Below) The Hundred Peaks Section was honored with the presence of two very special Sierra Club members this evening. On the left is Tom Amneus, now ninety-six years old. Bob Cates recognized Tom especially for his efforts to open up the membership into the Sierra Club to people of all races and creeds forty years ago. Tom has also been a strong and prolific leader for the Hundred Peaks Section. On the right is Glen Dawson. Bob introduced Glen by asking all members of the audience to stand who led their first hike for the Sierra Club over seventy years ago. Only Glen Dawson was entitled to stand at that point. Glen Dawson has been a leader, hiker, and pioneer for the Sierra Club throughout his adult life.
Advance Schedule
February through July 4, 2003

Feb 1 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: Mayan Peak (5108'), Butterbreek Peak (5997'): Enjoy the desert at its finest with these short, strenuous, sand hills near Mojave. Mayan is 3 miles round trip cross-country, 1800' gain. Butterbreek is 3 miles round trip cross-country, 1200' gain. Moderately paced, newcomers with conditioning welcome. 3:30 pm. Bring min 2 quarts water, lunch. Rain cancels. Leader: DAVID BEYMER Co-Leader: MAURA RAFFENSPERGER

Feb 2 Sun Hundred Peaks
I: Crafts Peak (8264'): Snow shoe hike in the Lake Arrowhead area. Destination may change depending upon conditions. Up to 8 miles 2500' gain, all cross-country, moderate pace. A few days before hike. email or call Leader: BYRON PRINZMETAL Co-Leaders: SANDY BURNSIDE, PATTY RAMBERT, KENT SCHWITKIS, KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH

Feb 5 Wed Hundred Peaks, Desert Peaks, Sierra Peaks
Joint Meeting: Visit Mt Everest Base camp with world traveler Penelope May. Penelope has trekked world-wide and takes on a trek in Nepal. Bring gear to trade or sell before the meeting. Swap meet: 6:30 pm. Show: 7:30 pm at the LA Zoo Grand Room.

Feb 6 Thu Hundred Peaks
O: Condor Peak (5440'), Fox Mountain #2 (5083'), Iron Mountain #2 (5635') Beautiful views, fairly strenuous walk, 12 miles round trip, 3600' gain. Not a hike. Meet at 7 am La Cañada ride share point. Bring water, lunch, luggages. Rain cancels. Leader: DAVE COMERZAN Assistant Leader: INGEBORG PROCHAZKA

Feb 8 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: Rosa Point (5083'): Strenuous xc desert hike on slippery, steep terrain. Moderately paced, 13 miles rt, 4600' gain via Smoke Tree Wash. Limited to a small group of adventurers. Send sase with H&W phones, recent conditioning/expereince and ride share info to Leader: GARY SCHENK Co-Leader: GEORGE WYSUP

New Outing, not in the Schedule
Feb 9 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Santiago Peak (5687'), Modjeska Peak (5496'): Join us to climb the two great Orange County HPS Peaks! Fast paced, strenuous 17 miles, 5256' round trip hike over road and trail routes. E-mail hiking resume to leader. Rain cancels. Co-leaders: LAURA JOSEPH, KATE ROGOWSKI

New Outing, not in the Schedule
Feb 11 Tue Hundred Peaks
I: Pinyon Peak (6805'): Enjoy a beautiful forest hike on this 6.25 mile round trip, 2500' gain. Experience great views and clean air. Contact leader either by phone or email 2-3 days before hike for details. Bring water, lunch, and luggages. Rain cancels. Provisional Ldr: DAVE COMERZAN ldr @eol.com Co-Ldr: BYRON PRINZMETAL

Feb 15 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: Mount Wilson (5710'): From Sierra Madre. Snowshoe trip possible if enough snow near summit. 15 miles round trip with 4800' elev gain. For info and reservation, a few days before trip, call or email Leaders: GEORGE WYSUP, SANDY BURNSIDE

Feb 15 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Mount Lawlor (5967'), Strawberry Peak (6164'): Moderately paced 7 miles round trip, 1800' gain to hike these classic peaks overlooking Mt. Wilson and environs. Meet 8 a.m. La Cañada ride share point. Bring lunch, water, luggages, rain/wind gear, Forest Service Pass. Rain/snow cancels. Leaders: PETER GLOVER, SUSANNE WEIL

New Outing, not in the Schedule
Feb 22-23 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks
I: Mount Waterman (6038'): The Second Annual "Gray Days of Winter" Snow Camp and Snowshoe Adventure. Last year it was Mt Pinos in the Los Padres N. F. For this year we have selected the beautiful and moderately angled west ridge of Mt Waterman in the Angeles N. F. Saturday, backpack on snowshoes 2 miles and establish base camp. Sunday, snowshoe to summit, celebrate, return to camp and pack out. Around 4 miles round trip, 2300' gain. Send e-SASE to KAREN LEVERICH or SASE to MARS BONFIRE. Leaders: SANDY BURNSIDE, WOLF LEVERICH, GEORGE WYSUP, KAREN LEVERICH, VIRGIL POPESCU, MARS BONFIRE

Feb 22 Sat Hundred Peaks, K-9 Committee
I: Iron Mountain #3 (5040'), Round Top (6316'), Granite Mountain #2 (5633'), Rabbit Peak #1 (5307'): Escort your pooch as he/she bags four peaks in the San Gabriels. Strenuous but moderately paced cross-country, brushy in spots. 14 miles round trip, 4000' gain. Meet 7 am La Cañada ride share point. Bring water for you and your k9 friend, leash, lunch, luggages. Rain cancels. Leader: VIRGIL POPESCU Co-Leader: MAGGIE WILSON

Feb 22 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: San Jacinto Peak (10,804'): Moderately paced but strenuous snowshoe day hike. 10 miles round trip and 2400' elevation gain from the Palm Springs Tram (fee required). Weather and snow conditions could affect plans. Send sase or sase with conditioning and snowshoe experience to Leader: SCOTT NELSON Assistant Leader: MARA ROA

Mar 1 Sat Hundred Peaks, Palis Verdes-South Bay, Natural Science
I: Antimony Pk (6848'), Eagle Rest Pk (6005'): Enjoy pine forests and the picturesque high country of our San Emigdio Range. Take time to learn from our naturalist about the flora and fauna. The hike is a strenuous 10 mi, 5500' gain route on trail and steep brushy rocky xc. We will climb Antimony twice, once on the way to Eagle Rest and once back. Eagle Rest is classified with a class 2 summit block. With luck, we will see eagles. Send esasae/sase, recent conditioning, H&W phones, ride share info to Ldr: KENT SCHWITKIS Co-Ldr: BARRY HOLCHIN. Naturalist: SHERRY ROSS

Mar 1 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: Little Cahuilla Mtn (5042'), Cahuilla Mtn (5635'): These are two very different peaks in Riverside County. Moderately paced 9 mi rt, 1800' gain with some bushwhacking. Call/email week of hike Ldr: DAVE BEYMER Co-Ldr: MAURA RAFFENSPERGER

Mar 1 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Mt Lowe (5603'), Mt Markham (5742'): Come for a hike for health on an easy, slow paced 6 mi rt, 1100' gain from Eaton Saddle. Beginners welcome. Meet 8 a.m. La Cañada ride share pt. Bring water, lunch, luggages. Rain cancels. Ldr: PING PFPEFFER. Co-Ldrs: FRANK GOODYKOONTZ, PAT ARREDONDO

New Outing, not in the Schedule
Mar 2 Sun Hundred Peaks
I: Chaparrosa Pk (5541'), Black Mtn #4 (6149'): Two interesting peaks near Pioneertown. Moderately paced 13 mi rt, 2200' gain on trail and xc. Some dirt driving to Black. Call/email week of hike Ldr: GEORGE WYSUP Co-Ldr: MAGGIE WILSON
Mar 9 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Hiidrehid Pk (5058’): Hike Hiidrehid by the interesting and moderately challenging 16 mi, 3700’ gain xxc route from Agua Caliente Hot Spring on the south side of the peak near Santa Barbara. In contrast to the boring road hike that is usually done, this route follows a river through a beautiful valley with opportunities to swim in clear pools or soak in hot springs. Short brushy area. Car or tent camp Sat night near the trailhead for an early start Sun morning. Send sase/email to Ldr: LAURA JOSEPH, Asst: GEORGE WYSUP

Mar 11 Tue Hundred Peaks

O: Tahachapi Mnt (7960’): Enjoy the beautiful forest high country on this 4½ mi rt, 2000’ gain. Experience great views and clean air. Enjoy a walk on the nature trail. Phone/email Ldr: DAVE COMERZAN, Asst: INGEBORG PROCHAZKA

Mar 13 Thu Hundred Peaks

Management Meeting: Please join us for our monthly open management meeting which will be held at Laura Joseph’s Home, 2366 East Del Mar, Apt. # 328, Pasadena. Phone: (626) 356-4158; email ljoseph2@earthlink.net

Mar 15 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Luna Mtn (5967’), Round Mtn (5272’), Rattlesnake Mtn (6131’): Join us for a comfortably paced 12 mi rt, 3000’ gain hike to bag three peaks near Hesperia. Meet 7 am Pomona ridgeline pt. Bring water, munchies, warm clothing. Rain cancels. Ldr: VIRGIL POPESCU. Co-Ldr: MAGGIE WILSON

Mar 15 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Snowshoe in the San Gabriels: Enjoy a moderately paced snowshoe hike to one or more peaks in the San Gabriels. Anticipate 4-8 mi, 1000-2000’ gain, depending on conditions. Send email/sase to Ldr: SANDY SPERLING, Asst: SANDY BURNSIDE

Mar 16-18 Sat-Sun Desert Peaks, Hundred Peaks

I: Chili Cookoff Challenge, Queen Mtn (5880’), Pinto Mtn (3983’): Want to cook, judge or eat hand-crafted chili? Prepare right there in the desert on a camp stove? Tell your best99er whoo99 the campground! Or just experience the desert in early spring with the possibility of seeing wildflowers or desert critters? Then join us for all or part of this 11th annual chili cook-off weekend! Location this year will be in a primitive camping area just northeast and outside of Joshua Tree National Park. Sat morning climb HPS-listed Queen Mtn (4 mi rt, 1000’ gain) led by HPS. Sun morning pancake breakfast and optional climb of Pinto Mtn (NE route, 7 mi rt, 2000’ gain) led by DPS. Well-behaved 99ers on leash in camp only. Cooks come free, tasters $5. Prizes will be awarded to winners. Send money, sase indicating whether you will be a cooker/taster to Reserv/DPS Ldr: SUZANNE MAMEDLIN, DPS. Ldres: LECRA JONES, IGOR MAMEDLIN. HPS Ldres: GEORGE WYSUP, DIANE DUNBAR

Mar 22-23 Sat-Sun Natural Science, Hundred Peaks, Los Serranos O: Caliente Mtn (LO) (5106’), Carizo Plain: Sat hike or mountain bike to the summit of Caliente, the high point of San Luis Obispo County via the ridge trail, 19 mi rt, 3000’ gain on road and trail, seeing (hopefully) a variety of wildflowers on route. Motel or camp Sat night. Sun explore Carrizo’s wonders (prounghorn, burrowing owls, Peined Rock archaeological site) on a series of short hikes at leisurely pace. Join us for one or both days. Send sase/email, conditioning (if climbing Caliente) to Reserv/Ldr: GEORGE WYSUP. Ldres: SHERRY ROSS, SANDY BURNSIDE, WINNETTE BUTLER. Nature Walks: KATHY KEANE, SHERRY ROSS

Mar 29 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Backus Pk (6695’), Russell Pk (6668’): Moderately paced, strenuous xxc hike to rugged peaks near Walker Pass, named after two of HPS’ most respected leaders. Xc to Backus, then along ridge with some class 2 rock to Russell. 8 mi loop, 3500’ gain. Meet 7:30 am Canyon Country ridgeline pt (park in row of spaces facing Soledad Cyn Rd). Ldr: DAVE BEYMER. Co-Ldr: MAURA RAFFENSPERGER

Mar 29 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: List Finishers’ Special - Black Mtn #6 (5244’), Red Mtn (5261’): Visit two remote peaks in NE Kern County. Moderately strenuous hikes at a relaxed pace over rocky steep xc terrain, totaling 14 mi rt, 3000’ gain. Long day with dirt road driving to each peak. Requires 4wd vehicles. This hike is part of a series that helps hikers who are nearing HPS list completion, but anyone up for a challenge is welcome to participate. Send email/sase to Ldr: WOLF LEVERICH, KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH

Mar 29 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Sunset Pk (5796’): Join us for an easy paced 7 mi rt, 1300’ gain walk on a fire road near Mt Baldy. Well behaved 99ers on leash are welcome. Meet 8:30 am Mt Baldy ridgeline pt. Wear sturdy tennis shoes suitable for dirt trails; bring water, snack. Rain cancels. Ldres: RON & LEORA JONES

New Outing, not in the Schedule

Mar 30 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Sheephead Mtn (5889’), Cuyapalpe Mtn (6378’): Two obscure peaks in the Laguna Mtns of San Diego, much tougher to reach than you might think. Moderate pace through brushty terrain, 6 mi rt, 1400’ gain. Winter gate closure may add gain and distance. Call leader week of hike for info and confirmation. Leader: TOM HILL. Co-Leader: VIRGIL POPESCU

Mar 30 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Mayan Pk (6108’), Butterbredt Pk (5997’): Stay over a day and continue exploring the remote peaks of Kern County. Easy paced hikes on moderately steep scree on xc route in treeless area north of Mojave. Moderately strenuous, 6 mi rt, 3000’ gain. Do one or both peaks. Beginners welcome. Dirt driving with high clearance recommended. Meet 8 am McDonald’s in Mojave. Bring 10 essentials, 3 qts water, lunch. Rain cancels. Ldres: WOLF LEVERICH, KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH

New Outing, not in the Schedule

Apr 5 Sat Palos Verdes-South Bay, Hundred Peaks

M: Strawberry Pk (6162’): Moderate 6 mi rt, 2600’ gain via Colby Canyon. Experience and comfort on class 3 rock required. Meet 9 am Colby Canyon parking area (11mi from La Canada, 1 mi beyond Angeles Crest/Angel’s Forest junction). Bring good boots, something with "strawberries" to share on top. Rain cancels. Ldres: RICHARD BOARDMAN, BOB BEACH

Apr 5 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Martinez Mtn (5560’), Sheep Mtn (5141’): Long, very strenuous day hike in the rugged Santa Rosa Mtns south of Palm Springs, via the Cactus Springs trail. Moderately paced 18 mi rt, 5500’ gain with much xc in desert terrain and some steep rock scrambling. Send sase/email, recent conditioning/hiking experience, H&W phones to Ldr: DAVE BEYMER. Co-Ldr: MAURA RAFFENSPERGER

Apr 5 Sat Hundred Peaks, Wilderness Adventures

I: San Rafael Pk (6666’): 10 mi rt, 2400’ gain, moderately paced, strenuous hike on trail and xc in the Frazier Park area of Los Padres National Forest. Not for beginners. Send email/sase, recent conditioning/experience, H&W phones, ridgeline info to Ldr: BILL VALENTINE. Asst: HARVEY GANZ

New Outing, not in the Schedule

Apr 6 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Asbestos Mtn (5255’), Cahulla Mtn (5353’), Little Cahulla Mtn (5042’): Add these 3 Riverside Co. peaks to your list. Moderately paced 11 mi rt, 3000’ gain on trail and brushy xc with some dirt driving between peaks. Call/email week of hike Ldr: GEORGE WYSUP. Co-Ldr: MAGGIE WILSON

Apr 9 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: Mt Lukens (5074’) via Stone Cyn Trail: 7 mi rt, 3300’ gain. A real climb at a moderate pace to the highest point in the City of LA, with views in all directions. Meet 9 am supermarket parking lot (NE corner Foothill Blvd and Mt Gleason Rd - Thomas Guide p 503-H3) with water, lunch, suitable clothing, good footwear. Ldres: RON ROSEN, ROSEMARY CAMPBELL
Apr 10 Thu Hundred Peaks
Management Meeting: Please join us for our monthly open management committee meeting which will be held at Laura Joseph's Home, 2386 East Del Mar, Apt. # 328, Pasadena. Phone: (626) 356-4158; email ljoseph2@earthlink.net.

Apr 10-13 Thu-Sun Hundred Peaks, Palos Verdes-South Bay, Natural Science, WTC: I: Big Four: Samon Pk (6227), Big Pine Mtn (6900), West Big Pine (6490), Madulce Pk (6536): Strenuous, 4 days, 3 nights, moderately paced backpack in Los Padres National Forest wilderness areas north of Santa Barbara. The totals for the trip are 45 mi, 8000' gain on road, trail, and steep, slippery, brushy xc. Besides bagging the peaks, we will take time to learn from our naturalists about the fauna and flora. Open to all strong hikers, including WTC students. Send email/see, H&W phones, recent conditioning/backpack experience to Ldr: KENT SCHWITZKOS. Co-Ldr: BARRY HOLCHIN. Naturalist: SHERRY ROSS.

Apr 12 Sat Hundred Peaks, K-9 Committee
O: Mt Hillyer (6200): Easy 6 mi rt, 900’ gain hike on pleasant trail from Chilao campground area through lovely country to forested peak. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water for you and your k9, lunch, leashes, lugsoles. Rain canceels. Ldr: CHARLOTTE FEITHSHANS, TAMMY SOLKO.

Apr 12-13 Sat-Sun Desert Peaks, Hundred Peaks
I: Eagle Mtn #1 (5250), Ryan Mtn (5457), Lost Horse Mtn (5313): Spend a weekend in Joshua Tree and climb a few peaks. DPS Eagle is 9 mi rt, 2400’ gain. HPS Ryan is 3 mi rt, 1100’ gain. HPS Lost Horse is 5 mi rt, 500’ gain. Meet 8:30 am La Cañada rideshare pt with water, lunch, lugsoles, clothing to match weather. Rain/snow canceels. Ldr: WINNETTE BUTLER. CATHY CHEEVER. WOLF LEVERICH. KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH.

Apr 17 Thu Hundred Peaks
O: Chaparras Peak (5541): Enjoy this beautiful desert peak on a 5 mi rt, 1200’ gain hike suitable for beginners. Experience great views and clear air. Contact Ldr: INGEBORG PROCHAZKA. Asst: DAVE COMERZAN.

Apr 19 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Easy Peaks of Southern California - Tecuya Mtn (7160): Moderate hike is Los Padres National Forest involves 3 mi rt, 500’ gain. Some dirt road driving. Beginners welcome. If gate is still closed, the hike will be 6 mi rt, 2100’ gain. Meet 8 am Flyin J truck stop (Frazier Park exit from I-5). Bring water, lunch, 10 essentials. If you need how long hikes will be, send email week of hike to Ldrs: WOLF LEVERICH. KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH.

Apr 20 Sun Hundred Peaks
I: List Finishers’ Special - Antimony Pk (8648), Eagle Rest Pk (6005): Moderately paced, but strenuous, 10 mi, 5500’ gain route will climb Eagle Rest, crossing over Antimony each way. Steep, slippery, rocky, brushy xc terrain. This hike is part of a series that helps hikers who are nearing HPS list completion, but anyone up for a challenge is welcome to participate. Send email/see, conditioning, H&W phones to Ldrs: KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH, WOLF LEVERICH.

Apr 23 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Mt Lipp (3590) from Islap Saddle: 7 mi rt, 1500’ gain on scenic trail past Little Jimmy campground and spring. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare pt with water, lunch, lugsoles. Ldrs: DORIS DUVAL, DAN BUTLER.

New Outing, not in the Schedule
Apr 26 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: San Gabriel Peak (6161): Moderate 4 mi, 1400’ gain hike in the front range of the San Gabriel Mtns. Enjoy the spring flowers and the view of the city and the ocean. Meet 8:30 am at the La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles. Be prepared for any kind of weather. Rain or snow canceels. Ldr: FRANK COBOS, DIANE DUNBAR.

Apr 26 Sat Hundred Peaks, Palos Verdes-South Bay
I: Pinnacles (5737), Mt Marie Louise (5507) and Deep Creek Hot Springs; 12th semi-annual Deep Creek Hot Springs hike/saok/swim, with some more peaks. Moderately paced 14 mi, 2500’ gain with considerable xc via exploratory route. High clearance vehicles desirable for dirt road driving. No beginners. Plan on spending full day - it’s near Hesperia. Send email/see to Ldr: BARRY HOLCHIN. Co-Ldr: GEORGE DENNY.

Apr 26 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Queen Mtn (5880), Warren Pt (5103): Visit two great peaks in beautiful Joshua Tree National Park. Moderate hike with moderate pace, 6 mi rt, 1200’ gain for each peak. Do one or both. Send email/see to Ldr: PAT ARREDONDO. Co-Ldr: BOB BEACH, GEORGE WYSUP.

New Outing, not in the Schedule
Apr 28-29 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks
I: Cuyama Peak (5876), Lizard Head (5350), Fox Mtn #1 (5167): Opportunity to do the usually driven Cuyama by the interesting ridge route along with two traditional hikes in the same area on a moderate but fast paced back pack. Meet in I-5 parking lot at 7:30 am and climb the highest peak 1.5 mi, hike Lizard Head, 3200’ gain, 8 mi rt; Sat night pot luck. Sun pathfinder to Cuyama, 6 mi rt, 1700’ gain; pack out to cars, Fox on way out, 5 mi rt, 2300’. Email leader for meeting place and time. Ldr: LAURA JOSEPH. Co-lrd: MAGGIE WILSON. This is Laura’s "I" provisional back pack.

Apr 27 Sun Hundred Peaks
O: Onyx Pk #2 (5244): Wildflowers and sweeping views from this peak near Lake Isabella. 4 mi rt with some steep xcs, 2300’ gain. Meet 8 am Flyin J truck stop (Frazier Park exit from I-5). Ldrs: WOLF LEVERICH, KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH.

May 3 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Mt Lawlor (5957), Strawberry Pk (6164): Moderately paced hike to prominent peaks in lower San Gabriels. 7 mi rt, 2200’ gain. Meet 8:30 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Ldr: DAVE BEYER. Co-Ldr: MAURA RAVFENSPERGER.

May 3 Sat Hundred Peaks, Wilderness Adventures
I: Mt Pinos (LO) (8811), Sawmill Mtn (8818), Grouse Mtn (8652), Cerro Noroeste (Mt. Abel) (8280): Join us on a scenic hike among the pines on this ridge route connecting some of the highest peaks in Kern County. Moderately paced 12 mi rt, 2170’ gain hike, most on trail, some short xcs. Meet 7 am Sylmar rideshare pt. Bring 2 qt water, lunch, boots, 10 essentials. Ldr: BILL VALENTE. Co-Ldr: HARVEY GANZ.

New Outing, not in the Schedule
May 4 Sun Hundred Peaks
I: Iron Mtn #1 (8007): A long dayhike to the Big One in the San Gabriell Mountains. We hike at a moderate but steady pace up the standard route from Hesston Flat, very strenuous, 14 miles, 7200’ gain round trip. Send email/see, conditioning and experience to Leader: TOM MILL. Co-Leader: VIRGIL POPESCU.

May 4 Sun Hundred Peaks
O: Easy Peaks of Southern California - Liebre Mtn (5768): Rested pace will get us through this 6 mi rt, 2100’ gain hike up the PCT. See a variety of flora, maybe even some flowers, on the north face of this westernmost peak of the San Gabriels. Beginners welcome. Meet 9 am Sylmar rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, sturdy shoes, fsp. Ldrs: WOLF LEVERICH, KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH.

May 8 Thu Hundred Peaks
Management Meeting. Please join us for our monthly open management committee meeting which will be held at Laura Joseph’s Home, 2386 East Del Mar, Apt. # 328, Pasadena. Phone: (626) 356-4158; email ljoseph2@earthlink.net.
May 9-11 Fri-Sun Hundred Peaks
I: List Finishers’ Special: Sewart Mtn (68514), Cobblestone Mtn (6733), White Mtn #2 (6250), Snowy Pk (6532), Black Mtn #2 (6202), McDonald Pk (6870), Alamo Mtn (7387): Car camp and bag peaks in Sespe Wilderness of Los Padres National Forest, near Gorman. Join us for one, two or three days. Day 1 is Alamo and McDonald, 4 mi rt, 1050’ gain. Day 2 is Sewart, Cobblestone and White, 18 mi rt, 6500’ gain. Day 3 is Sewart (again, if anyone missed it the first time), Snowy and Black, 10 mi rt, 3900’ gain. Except for Alamo and McDonald, expect some steep, brushy, occasionally slippery terrain, and for a significant part of the gain to be on the return. Long dirt road driving requiring high clearance vehicles. Send email/sase to Ldr: WOLF LEVERICH, KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH

May 10 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Reyes Pk (7514), Haddock Mtn (7431): Get two peaks in the Los Padres National Forest and a good workout. Moderately paced, strenuous, 17 mi, 4500’ gain loop over trail routes. We’ll take the Chorro Grande Trail rather than driving Pine Mtn Rd to visit those especially beautiful forested peaks. Send email/sase to Ldr: LAURA JOSEPH. Co-Ldr: KATE RCGOWSKI

May 11 Sun Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
O: Mt Pinos (LO) (8831), Sawmill Mtn (8818), Grouse Mtn (8582): Great views and beautiful flowers make this moderately paced 8 mi rt, 2000’ gain hike a spring favorite. Meet 8 am Sylmar rideshare pt with water, lunch, suitable clothing layers, good footwear for steep sections. Ldrs: SOUTHERN COURTNEY, ROSEMARY CAMPBELL

May 13 Tue Hundred Peaks
O: Greys Pk (7920): Enjoy the beautiful forest high country on this 6 mi rt, 1200’ gain suitable for beginners. Experience great views and clean air. We will be doing Route 1, starting from the trailhead at the Grout Bay Picnic area. Email/phone Ldr: DAVE COMERZAN. Asst: INGEBORG PROCHAZKA

May 14 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Waterman Mtn (6038): Yet another way to this fine old peak. We will take our time up a new dirt road which at times will be steep. We will view things of interest along the top then follow the leader down a fun way to the cars. If snow, we will do Josephine. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare pt with water, lunch, good footwear. Ldrs: SOUTHERN COURTNEY, ROSEMARY CAMPBELL

May 17 Sat Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks

May 17-18 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks
O: The HPS Almost Annual Spring Fling Weekend at Foster Lodge near Julian in San Diego County: Join the HPS revelers for a grand time at a weekend of peak bagging in the San Diego spring time. Hikes for beginners through tigers planned to all the San Diego peaks (some appear below). World famous happy hour and potluck dinner Sat night, followed by the HPS game, “Which peak am I?” Breakfast Sun morning hosted by HPS Management Committee. Camp in the trees around the lodge, sleep in your mobile motel, in the lodge’s unisex dorm rooms, or in a Julian B&B. Between hikes and happy hour, relax in the beautiful grounds surrounding the lodge and watch the sun set. Send sase, $10 per person for Sat night only/$20 for Fri and Sat to Reserv: LAURA JOSEPH

May 17 Sat Hundred Peaks, Palos Verdes-South Bay, Natural Science
I: Granite Mtn #2 (5633): a HPS Spring Fling Outing: Start the Spring Fling off right with a strenuous hike, mostly sc/bush, in desert terrain 17 mi east of Julian in San Diego County. Some dirt road driving. Moderate pace, 8 mi rt, 3000’ gain, 8 hours. LTC credit offered for leaders. Send email/sase, rideshare, vehicle info, H&W phones to Ldr: KENT SCHWITKIS. Co-Ldr: BARRY HOLCHIN. Naturalist: SHERRY ROSS

May 17 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Middle Pk (5883), Cuyamaca Pk (LO) (6512), Stonewall Pk (5730): a HPS Spring Fling Outing: Start your Spring Fling weekend right with a moderate but briskly paced ramble over this especially beautiful loop hike on maintained trails for 12 mi, 3700’ gain. We will stop along the way to learn about the interesting flora and fauna from our naturalist. Satisfies one day of the Natural Science requirement for prospective "I"-rated leaders. We’ll finish in plenty of time to enjoy happy hour and Foster Lodge. Send email/sase to Ldr: LAURA JOSEPH. Co-Ldr: JOHN CONNELLY. Naturalist: GINNY HERINGER

May 17 Sat Hundred Peaks, Natural Science
O: Oakzanilla Pk (5054): a HPS Spring Fling Outing: Start Spring Fling with this relatively easy and very relaxed pace warm-up, leaving ample time for socializing at Foster Lodge. Beginners welcome on this 5 mi, 1000’ gain trail hike in Cuyamaca State Park. Driving is on paved roads. Meet 9 am junction of Hwy 79 and County Hwy 51 (5 mi S of Julian). Ldr: PING PFEFFER. Co-Ldrs: FRANK GOODY/KOONTZ, GEORGE WYSUP

May 18 Sun Hundred Peaks, Palos Verdes-South Bay, Natural Science
I: Oakzanilla Pk (5054), Palomar High Pt (LO) (6140), Hot Springs Mtn (6533), Boucher Hill (LO) (5438): an HPS Spring Fling Outing: Join us for easy hikes as we leave Foster Lodge for home. We’ll decide exactly which peaks to do at Foster Lodge. Total 8 mi rt, 1800’ gain. Take all day with long dirt road driving between peaks; high clearance vehicles preferred. Centered 40 mi SE of Temecula in San Diego County. Send email/sase, rideshare, vehicle info, H&W phones to Ldr: KENT SCHWITKIS. Co-Ldr: BARRY HOLCHIN. Naturalist: SHERRY ROSS

May 18 Sun Hundred Peaks
I: Sheephead Mtn (5996), Cuyapalme Mtn (6378), Monument Pt #1 (6271), Garnet Mtn (5880), Garnet Pk (5880): an HPS Spring Fling Outing: Add any or all of these to your collection. Up to 11 mi rt, 3100’ gain. Beginners welcome. Meet 9 am Foster Lodge. Ldr: GEORGE WYSUP, SANDY BURNSIDE, MAGGIE WILSON

May 24 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: Granite Pks (7527): We will be attempting a new route to this lovely peak near Big Bear over unknown terrain at a moderate pace. Send email/sase, recent conditioning, vehicle info to Ldr: BYRON PRINZMETAL. Co-Ldrs: WOLF LEVERICH, KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH

May 24-26 Sat-Mon Sierra Peaks, Hundred Peaks
I: Sirretta Pk (9977), Cannell Pk (6314), Taylor Dome (5802), Pinyon Mtn (6805), Owens Pk (6453): Car camps. Moderate pace. Sat 8 mi rt, 3200’ gain; Sun 8 mi rt, 3800’ gain; Mon 8 mi rt, 3200’ gain. Come for 1 or all 3 days. Send email/2 sase to Ldr: SARA WYRENS. Co-Ldr: GEORGE WYSUP

May 26 Mon Hundred Peaks

May 31 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Ruth Lee Dobos Memorial Hike To Josephine Pk (5559): Climb the peak where Frank and Ruth first met. Potluck on the summit, 6 mi rt, 1900’ gain on fire road. Meet 8:30 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, lugs/soles, food item for 8 to share. Rain or fire closure cancels Ldrs: FRANK DOBOS, LAURA QUINN, DAVID F EIENBERG

New Outing, not in the Schedule
May 31 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: Via West Ridge to Josephine Peak (5559): Memorial Hike and Rendezvous, in memory of Ruth Dobos. We will join the main group on the summit. The West Ridge is a classic route, rugged but beautiful. The number of participants is strictly limited: call or email leader before the outing for information and approval. Leader: TCM HILL. Assistant: GEORGE WYSUP
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HPS PEAK LIST

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CHANGES (From the Peak List dated Jan 2002):
The addition of Toro Peak by a vote of the membership in the 2002 HPS election.

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Emblem status is awarded to those active members in good standing who have climbed 100 peaks and have been members for over six months. Other awards include the 200 peaks bar, list completion, multiple list completion, pathfinder emblem (100 peaks by two different routes), and leading 100, 200, and all peaks.

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UTM COORDINATES

UTM (Universal Transverse Mercator) coordinates are useful for specifying locations on a map: peaks, road junctions or points on a climbing route. The UTM grid is defined by fine black lines on recent maps and by blue tick marks along the edges of older maps. The lines (or tick marks) are one kilometer apart and each has a unique two digit identifying number. A location to the nearest 100 meters is given by a six-digit number. The first two digits are the eastward coordinate from the top or bottom edge of the map and the third digit is the number of tenths of a kilometer to the east of the grid line. The fourth and fifth digits are the northward coordinate obtained from the right or left edge of the map and the sixth digit is the number of tenths of a kilometer to the north of the grid line. For example, Etiwanda Peak (17F), which is not named on the map, has UTM coordinates of 473874. This means that Etiwanda is 300 meters east (third digit) of the grid line defined by the blue tick marks that are numbered "47" on the top and bottom edges of the map. Similarly, it is 400 meters north of the grid line numbered "87" on the left and right edges of the map.
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May 31-Jun 1 Sat-Sun WTC, Hundred Peaks
I: Mt Burnham (8997), Throop Pk (9138), Mt Hawkins (8850), Mt Isip (8250), Mt Williamson (8214) and Moro: Strong WTC students and others are welcome on this strenuous weekend backpacking trip in our local San Gabriel Mtns. We will backpack and hike 12 mi, 5100' gain on Sat with some daypacks, some off trail on steep terrain, then camp at Little Jimmy Campground. See spring's response to the Curve Fire firsthand. A night hike is planned to Mt Isip. The next morning we will pack out to Isip Saddle and change to daypacks for the hike over Mt Williamson and do some nc: navigation to find "Goodykoontz Pk" (7556). Second day is 8 mi, 3200' gain/4000' loss (if our students find the correct route). Two short car shuttles. No early checkouts. Send sase or easse, WTC group name, conditioning, H&W phones to Ldr: K C REID. Co-Ldr: SANDY SPERLING

May 31-Jun 1 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks, Palos Verdes-South Bay, Natural Science I: Nichole Pk (6807), Lightner Pk (6430), Bald Eagle Pk (6181), Orxy Pk #2 (5244): Weekend of peak bagging in Lake Isabella area with some dirt road driving. Sat 6 mi yr, 2700' gain; evening camp in area. Sun 13 mi yr, 2700' gain. Take time to learn from our naturalist about the fauna and flora. Email/erase, recent conditioning, phone, rideshare to Ldr: KENT SCHWITKIS. Co-Ldr: BARRY HOLCHIN. Naturalist: SHERRY ROSS

May 31-Jun 1 Sat-Sun Palos Verdes-South Bay, Hundred Peaks O: Split Mtn (6835), Black Mtn #5 (7438), Sunday Pk (8295), Bonita Pk (6760): Moderate hike to first two on Sat, 10 mi yr, 2700' gain. Happy hour and car camp in area. Sun two easy/moderate hikes to second with two driving between total 7 mi, 2400' gain. Send email/sase. H&W phones, recent conditioning/experience, rideshare info to Ldr: BOB BEACH. Co-Ldr: KEITH MARTIN

Jun 1 Sun Hundred Peaks O: South Mt. Hawkins (LO) (7783): Moderately paced hike is suitable for beginners in good shape. This is the 22nd annual first Sunday in June hike with Stag. Hike on trail and road explores area burned in the Curve Fire in the Angeles National Forest. Witness the vastness of the burned area, but also fire ecology at work! : 7 mi yr, 2000' gain. Meet 8 am at Azusa rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, sturdy boots, goodies to share on summit. Ldr: JOE YOUNG. Asst: TAG & NAMI BROWN

Jun 4 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks O: Pacifico Mtn (7124) from Mill Creek Summit: 12 mi yr, 2200' gain with half mile steep climb at end to reach peak. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare pt with water, lunch, good footwear. Ldrs: BOBCAT THOMPSON, SOUTHERN COURTNEY

Jun 7 Sat Hundred Peaks O: Grays Pk (7920), Keller Pk (LC) (7882), Slide Pk (7841): Easy to moderately paced, 6 mi yr, 1200' on beautiful trail with great views of Big Bear Lake, then short drive to Keller LC followed by climbing Slide Pk. 1 mi yr, 300' gain on a new firebreak. Meet 7 am at Diamond Bar rideshare pt. Bring luggages, lunch, water Ldrs: LUELLA FICKLE, GABRIELE RAU

Jun 12 Thu Hundred Peaks Management Meeting: Please join us for our monthly open management committee meeting which will be held at Laura Joseph's Home, 2396 East Del Mar, Apt. #325, Pasadena. Phone: (626) 366-4158; emailjoseph2@earthlink.net

Jun 14 Sat Hundred Peaks O: Easy Peaks of Southern CA - Rouse Hill (5189), Thomas Mtn (6825), Indian Mtn (5790), Santa Rosa Mtn (8070), Toro Pk (8716): Let your high clearance vehicle do most of the work for a change, see some beautiful, very varied terrain near Idyllwild, and incidentally bag 5 HPSs. If you value your paint, the hike to Indian is 6 mi yr, 1300' gain. Meet 7:30 am Pomona rideshare pt. Ldrs: WOLF & KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH

New Outing, not in the Schedule
Jun 15 Sun Hundred Peaks I: Black Mtn #5 (7438), Split Mtn (6835): A strenuous hike to two of our most northern peaks, 12 miles round trip, 3700' gain, including much brush and some moderate rock scrambling amidst occasional forest. The trip to these challenging peaks is usually long, hot, and dry, so bring a positive attitude and enjoy them with us. Send sase, recent conditioning, contact info to leader: VIRGIL POPESCU, Co-Leader: TOM HILL

Jun 15 Sun Hundred Peaks I: List Finishes' Special - Sam Fink Pk (7339): Please join us as we hike from one side of the San Jacinto Range to the other and back again to visit a peak that Sam Fink surely enjoyed. Moderately paced, but very strenuous, 13 mi yr, 5000' gain on trail and steep xc. Space limited by permit. This hike is part of a series that helps hikers who are nearing list completion, but anyone up for a challenge is welcome. Send email/sase with H&W phones to Ldrs: WOLF & KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH

Jun 19 Thu Hundred Peaks O: Circle Mtn (6875), Gobbler's Knob (6955): Enjoy the beautiful forest high country on this 3 mi yr, 1300' gain suitable for beginners. Experience great views and clean air. Email/Phone Ldr: INGEBORG PROCHASKA. Asst: DAVE COMERZAN

Jun 21 Sat Hundred Peaks O: Wright Mtn (8505), Pine Mtn #1 (9648), Dawson Pk (6957), Mt San Antonio (Salby) (10.064): Join us for a very strenuous hike up the north side of Baldy, bagging a few other peaks along the way. 11 mi yr, 8200' gain. Send email/sase, conditioning, contact information to Ldr: SANDY SPERLING. Asst: SANDY BURNSIDE

New Outing, not in the Schedule
Jun 21-22 Sat-Sun Wilderness Adventures, WTC, Hundred Peaks O: Sawmill Mtn (8815), Grouse Mtn (8682): Streusen moderately paced 17 mi yr, 5000' gain backpack on trail and xc in beautiful Los Padres National Forest. Overnight camp at Lily Meadows. Optional peaks - Mt Pinos (8831), Cerro Noroceste (8286). Rain postpones. Send sase or E-mail, recent conditioning/backpack experience, carpool info to Provisional Ldr: BILL VALENTINE. Assistant-Ldr: GAREN YEGPARIAN

Jun 22 Sun Hundred Peaks O: Easy Peaks of Southern CA - Mt Williamson (8214), Mt Isip (8250): Join us for two relaxed paced hikes. We'll do Williamson first 5 mi yr, 1500' gain. Then Isip, 7 mi yr, 1700' gain. Beginners welcome. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare pt. bring lunch water, e.g. Ldrs: WOLF & KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH

Jun 25 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks O: Mt Burnham (8997) from Dawson Saddle: 6 mi yr, 1700' gain through at least partially burnt high country. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare pt with water, lunch, luggages. Ldrs: DORIS DUVAL, DON SIMINSKI

New Outing, not in the Schedule
Jun 27-29 Fri-Sun Palos Verdes-South Bay, Hundred Peaks, WTC M: Moses Mtn (9331), North Magee Mtn (10.234): Fri backpack 4 mi, 1000' gain from Mtn Home SP in Western Sierra to camp and climb Moses, 4 mi yr, 2500' gain. Sat climb North Magee, 5 mi yr, 3400' gain. Sun leisurely pack out. WTC or equiv exper reqd. Email recent condition/experience. H&W phones & rideshare info to Leaders: RICHARD BOARDMAN, BOB BEACH

Jun 28 Sat Hundred Peaks I: Langellis Peak (9358), Cornell Pk (9750): Easy, moderately slow paced hike of 2000', 9 mi yr on trail and steep xc with some class 2 rock. Some want to name the peak Luella Todd after the first HPS woman to earn the 100 peaks emblem She was instrumental in setting up our section, picking the first set of peaks, served on our management committee and hiked with us for over 30 years. Meet 8 am Monrovia rideshare pt. Bring food to share, lunch, water. Ldr: BYRON PRINZMETAL. Co-Ldr: SOUTHERN COURTNEY, KENT SCHWITKIS

Jun 28 Sat Hundred Peaks I: Sam Fink Pk (7339): Moderately paced, strenuous trail/chx hike to peak near Idyllwild named after HPS's most illustrious leader. 16 mi yr, 4500' gain. Send sasenmail, recent conditioning/experience, contact information to Ldr: DAVID BEYMER. Asst: MAURA RAFFENSPERGER
Current Trip Reports

Winston Peak and Winston Ridge
December 7, 2002
Ron and Leora Jones

With the threat of rain predicted, and a navigation trip drawing a lot of folks, our group was significantly diminished! We had one participant, and we were delighted to have her. Sonya Arancibia met us at the La Canada carpool point from where we carpooled to the Cloudburst summit parking area. Sonya is working on her second go-around of the HPS list. Just before the parking spot there was a down motorcycle. We offered to help and all he needed was a hand righting his big road bike, and Ron assisted. The biker had hit black ice, fortunately at slow speed, and he slid to the edge of the road, without injury, but he couldn’t pick his bike up.

It was cool but sunny and wearing layers and gloves, we ascended the usual use trail to the left of the parking area toward Winston Pk. In less than 40 minutes we summited, and found no register or signs of one. We took a brief break then headed down slope toward the saddle for Winston Ridge. There were significant snow patches on the north side which we mostly avoided. At the junction with the PCT, we followed it briefly then headed left on the use trail toward Winston Ridge. From summit to summit we took our time, talked a lot about travel and Chile, and were there in 1 hr and 40 minutes.

Great views of both Palmdale and Pasadena, ominous clouds over the Mt. Baldy area, and beautiful sunshine. Not another soul around that we saw. We had lunch, signed in the register (which was placed in July 2001 by Niles Sorenson and Judy Ware) and headed back. We took the same trail back to the PCT, stayed on it till it intersected the dirt road, where we disturbed a beautiful coyote, and then we returned on the dirt road to the parking area. It was an easy hour and 30 minutes from Winston Ridge to the car, and my new total hip replacement worked fine. I’ll try to get out more often on it. It was a wonderful day, good to smell the clean air and pine trees, and glad to have met Sonya.

Hawes, Little Shay, Ingham, and Shay
7 January 2003
Custom hike led by Mars Bonfire
By Karen Isaacson Leverich

Mars Bonfire and Dorothy Danziger were going to do these peaks late last year, but the date they chose turned out to be the first of several winter storms, and the trip was cancelled.

Time passed. The storms (temporarily, at least) stopped. It warmed up. The wind blew. Snowshoeing on nearby Grays Peak, it looked to Mars as if Shay and friends might be almost unencumbered with snow. Meanwhile, Wolf Leverich had notched his peak count up to 196 (including some truly novel pairings along the way, such as Circle and Marie Louise).

So it was that several of us (Mars, Dorothy, Wolf, myself, Janet Howell, Ingeborg Prochazka) met at the Cajon Pass McDonald’s, snowshoes (just in case) in the backs of most of our vehicles, and headed towards Little (Big?) Pine Flat from the Hesperia side. Working our way through the various road closures (they seem to be doing maintenance on every road between Apple Valley and the mountains), we headed up past Round, Luna, and Rattlesnake. I wasn’t in the same car as Janet, but suspect we almost didn’t make it past those three peaks: they’re on the very short list of peaks separating her from a list finish. Why do I think she’ll be back up there any day now? (It’s now a few weeks later, Janet did go back, and she’s currently fifteen peaks away from a list completion. Except I hatched an Evil Plan to delay her: the current brainstorm is that she, Kathy Cheever, Joanne Griego, and Wolf Leverich all finish the list this

Black Mountain No. 6
December 14, 2002
Leaders: Joe Young & Bobcat Thompson
By the leaders

Joe celebrated his 57th birthday on this hike today. He remembers back in 1972 when he often drove up and down Highways 395 and 14, looking at this peak for miles and miles. When asked to first lead for the HPS his first thought was to lead this peak, then referred to as the El Paso Mountains. The official exploratory was led in 1973; the peak was voted onto the List in 1974, and received the name Black No. 6. Today’s route one approximates the way Joe first climbed the peak, but there was no use trail nor ducks to the summit back in the early 70s.

Six hikers joined the leaders at 7:00 AM at the Sylmar rideshare point for consolidation into three vehicles. The hike began at 9:45 AM under cloudy skies. Rain was anticipated but none developed during the hike. Joe led the group a bit off route but luckily encountered the memorial for Burro Schmidt near the top of peak 5080’. We arrived on the summit at about 12:15 PM. There we celebrated Bill Byrne’s 100th peak with some Korbel champagne. Joe and Bobcat felt compelled to serenade Bill by gurgling “Amazing (dis)grace” with the Korbel. Bill rewarded Joe for leading him successfully to the summit by presenting Joe with a card and a quarter, dime, and nickel minted in 1945, the year of Joe’s birth. The group marveled at the excellent register with signatures dating back to 1966. We stayed on the windy summit just about a half hour.

After return to the vehicles, some stayed in the area to investigate the Burro Schmidt tunnel, while others drove on back and later joined Joe for a birthday dinner at Viva’s Mexican restaurant located adjacent to the equestrian center near Griffith Park.
summer on Toro, and maybe I'll finish my 2X and Mars his 6X and 7X and Sandy Burnside her 3X and ..., well, you get the drift here. huh?)

As it turns out, snow was in relatively short supply in them thar hills. The snowshoes didn't make it onto or feet nor into our packs; they stayed sensibly with the cars.

What ensued was a very mellow day of peak bagging. The Willow Fire was before my time, but seems to have left navigation substantially less challenging than once it was. I think that will change. If you're sensitive to poodle dog (the botanical variety), there were places where it has totally taken over. I don't know how someone allergic to poodle dog will be able to do these peaks. And there's a lot of deadfall, too. There seems to be a conspiracy on its part: given a choice where to fail, your typical falling tree doesn't care a flit whether it makes a noise or anyone was listening. What it does to get attention is lands directly across the trail. Without fail.

Getting muddled a few times as to just which peak was which (and in fact referring to one as silly, since it seemed to be downhill instead of uphill – thus do we reward our more innovative peaks!), but finding registers on all that disambiguated things, I'm able to authoritatively state that Wolf Leverich's 200th peak was our last for the day: Hawes, no no, Ingham, no wait, I've got it! Shay! Which Shay? Big Shay...

The only problem is, we had so dawdled long along the way that it was almost dark. Mars had in mind to shortcut back to the cars, even though the terrain isn't exactly cooperative – all the ridges and drainages conspire to send you south and east when you really want to trend north and east. Stubbornly refusing to let the terrain dictate to us, off we went. Down and up and down and up and down and up and... The problem with going a different direction than the ridges and washes is that, of course, you get to cross all of them. Having ascended a particularly annoying ridge, we were getting tired and cranky. This wasn't as much fun in the dark as it might have been. Not to worry, Mars reassured us. There were only "a few" more of these irregularities remaining.

I suppose. With time, they did get shorter and less annoying. Eventually, we were down in more easily walkable terrain, our only obstacles the occasional barb wire fence. When we hit the trail, Ingeborg and Janet zipped off, while the rest of us enjoyed a pleasant night-time stroll. (We surely weren't tired!)

The bottom line: Dorothy got three peaks towards her 3X, Wolf hit #200, I got four peaks towards my 4X, and Mars, Ingeborg, and Janet had a fine time. At least, hope they did!

Xmas at Night
December 21-22, 2002
Leaders: Stag Brown, Bobcat Thompson and Joe Young
By the Leaders

Twelve adventurous souls, including the leaders, met at the LA School Administration building parking lot at a minute before midnight for this annual event. One participant, a teacher, had found out that her school was going to dispose of a large number of rations of concentrated food because the expiration date was at hand. So she grabbed as much of the rations as she could and brought them to this outing to distribute to the homeless. The rations were packets of something that looked like compressed granola bars, with eight bars in each packet.

The Wednesday prior to the hike a family had dropped off some extra clothing with Stag just as he was preparing to lead his regular Wednesday evening hike in Griffith Park. Stag kept the clothing and distributed it along with the aforementioned rations to the twelve participants on the Xmas at Night hike.

Needless to say, the food rations and extra clothing added a lot of bulk and weight to our own packs, so we wasted no time or energy and headed directly to some areas we knew were fertile grounds for the homeless, specifically Los Angeles Street and Third, Fourth, and Fifth Streets. We were not disappointed. Hundreds and hundreds of homeless living in boxes, under rags, makeshift tents, or in a few cases actual camping tents lined the sidewalks, some sleeping but most wide awake and anxious to receive the food and clothing. Some of the homeless encampments were quite lively.

We encountered the first homeless within a half hour of starting the hike, and had exhausted our food and clothing by about 1:30 AM.

The weather was threatening, as it had been for a couple of days, so instead of continuing the crisscrossing of downtown Los Angeles, Stag led us back to the LA School Admin bldg, with a diversion through the Third Street tunnel and to the Music Center with its bright lights, huge Christmas tree, and the fountain in full operation. We were back at the cars at 2:00 AM.

Redrock Mtn Trip Report
December 7, 2002
Leaders: Asher Waxman and Luella Fickle

My co-leader checked the Lake Hughes Road approach, the Saturday prior to the hike. He then scouted the trip as far as Piano Box coming in from Templin Hwy exit of Int 5.

By 7AM December 7th, we had 10 people assembled. We carpooled to the headend off the Templin Hwy exit of Int 5 down 6N32. The road is gated at a junction about 1 mile before the Cienaga Creek/Fish
Creek canyon bottom. We hiked 6N32 to Cienaga Campground thru beautiful Fish Creek narrows. From near the outhouses (just up canyon) there is a great view of Redrock Mtn. It completely fills the skyline looking up the fork of Fish Creek that heads toward Piano Box. The lower peak on the left facing up canyon is point 3991.

We followed the old roadbed disclosed in Hugh Blanchard’s peak guide. Where it begins to be washed out (about a mile) there is an old gear box (according to Kyle at least from the 1950’s maybe older) sticking out of the middle of the creek bed. When you see this begin to look for a sharp turn in the canyon. Where the canyon begins to turn away from Redrock Mtn to the northeast look for an old trail going steeply out of the creek bed across the canyon from the old roadbed. We followed this trail to saddle 3150’ on the side of Redrock Mtn. I questioned Hugh about his direction “keep to right of first outcrop and to left of second outcrop.” I saw one outcrop. I’d been watching the peak since Cienaga Campground. Hugh pointed to a little pass in the middle of the outcrop and said you go thru there. What Hugh saw as two, I saw as one. About 15 minutes later, I found out Asher also saw it as one. He was doing lead up the steep slope. He started to continue past this little pass. I shouted up at him to ask Hugh if we shouldn’t be going thru the little pass. Asher stopped and saw a large ditch at this pass.

We reached the summit around 11:30. The views are excellent of Burnt, Sawtooth, Cobblestone, White, Black, Snowy, Fraser, and Alamo.

On the descent there were at least seven falls. None serious as I lead down slowly to below the outcrop to a place where it gets less slippery and Erich lead fast down to pass 3150. Falling is a problem on the slippery slope.

On the hike back thru Fish Canyon we enjoyed the fall colors. I feel this is a good late fall hike, but might be a problem after a hard rain, as there are so many stream crossings.

The participants were HUGH BLANCHARD, DAN BUTLER, KATHY CHEEVER, WINNETTE BUTLER (no relation to Dan), ROBERT YOUNG, KYLE MCDONALD, BARBARA GUERIN, ERICH FICKLE.

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**Tuscany**

_Nov 16-25, 2002_

_By George Wysup_

Roxana Lewis frequently leads Sierra Club fund-raising trips. I mentioned to her, in passing, that I would like to assist her on a trip sometime. Little did I dream that she would draft me to go to Tuscany. Roxana had led essentially the same trip last year, with 11 persons attending. This year she planned on a limit of 16 persons. The cost of $1678 covered round trip air fare from LAX to Florence, and the three star hotel (breakfast included) in Florence which we were to use as a base. Other meals, booze, tickets, etc. were at additional cost. One of Roxana’s personal goals for the trip was to run the Florence marathon (a 42 km run through the streets of Florence). She is a travel agent (a good one!) and has been to Italy countless times, and speaks passable Italian.

The trip was limited to people who were willing to walk 5 to 6 miles per day. This was not a hiking trip, but a great deal of walking can result just from going from hotel to train or bus station, then walking to the sightseeing destination, and in the sightseeing itself. Also, whiners were advised not to apply.

People signed up for the trip despite seeing my name listed as assistant. The limit of 16 was soon reached and
more applied. That softy Roxana accepted more applicants and we ended with a contingent of 25. This could be a management problem if some happened to be a bit cantankerous. I was assigned the duty of dealing with whining about the rainy weather and I was to be the “sweep” on the daily group outings. Another duty was collecting money from individuals for train and bus tickets when Roxana purchased a group ticket.

A pre-trip gathering was held at the Redondo Beach home of Linda and Paul Wooldridge. Most of the other participants attended, and I got a good feeling about the trip as everyone seemed to be very personable and cooperative. Other travelers were: My wife Angie, Linda and Rod Callison (Tucson residents), Emily and Gordon Kane, Reiko Snow, Sue Barr, Mary Beth Oubre and David Hixson, Barbara Greigore and Terry Bass, Debra Duvall and Phil Wheeler, Linda Matthias, Victoria Hinrichs, Terry and Richard Zook, Nicole Temkin (daughter) and Penelope Temkin (mother), and Judy Cheng and Jack Paris.

Saturday, Nov 16: Departure day finally came. We were all to show up at 12:30 pm at LAX Tom Bradley terminal, for the 2:50 Swiss flight to Zurich. Amazingly, all 25 showed up—on time and with passports! We began to get acquainted while waiting to board. The plane was a MD11. The ride was typical, the seating was as cramped as one would expect, and the service aboard was good, with complimentary booze. Darkness came soon, but sleep did not.

Sunday, Nov 17: Sunday arrived as we flew somewhere over eastern Canada, cutting Saturday short. We arrived at Zurich airport just a few minutes late. The connection to Florence was to depart in about 3.5 hours. Roxana led most of the group into downtown Zurich for lunch while the remainder watched the carry-on luggage and gasped at the prices in the few duty free stores. I had already been to downtown Zurich, and I opted not to convert money to Swiss francs (the Swiss are not a part of the European Common Market, and did not adopt the euro as their currency).

The small SAAB 2000 flew us over the cloudy Alps, offering a beautiful sunset, and set us down at Florence airport without incident. We cleared passport control and collected our bags, and found an ATM to convert some $ to euros (the conversion rate is very close to 1:1 at this time), then found that our bus didn’t show. No problem; we took taxis (four to a car) to the hotel. The taxi fare was almost invariably 19 euros; one got ripped off for 29, but got a scenic tour.

The Hotel Botticelli is quite attractive, and the staff took good care of us—throughout our trip. Roxana discovered this hotel on her last trip to Florence and was impressed with its 17th C. ambience and central location, near the stazione (rail station), the San Lorenzo market, and the Duomo (main cathedral, or chiusso). The rooms were spacious enough and clean and comfortable. I should say that it would not have been possible to get our group together in this hotel during prime season. Late

November traveling has many benefits.

The total of the fares paid by our group resulted is a small surplus, part of which Roxana used for a group dinner at the nearby La Toscana trattoria. We tasted some traditional Tuscan foods, such as ribollita soup.

Roxana announced that she was going for a 5:30 run for about an hour every morning, and invited anyone to join her.

Monday, Nov 18: Florence. Having a serious case of jet lag, I was wide awake at 4 am. Why not join Rox for her morning run? No one else bothered. We enjoyed a leisurely jog along the Arno, dodging a few raindrops. We had our first (included) breakfast in the hotel. What at first appeared to be a choice of grapefruit or orange juice turned out to be some sort of watery cocktail (might as well drink the bottled water). We learned later to purchase some fruit at the market for a breakfast supplement. Otherwise, the breakfast was fine—croissants, rolls, prosciuti, cheese, jam, cereal, milk, yoghurt, and coffee (American style!). At 0830 we assembled for a short walk to investigate the central market. There were stalls loaded with fruit and vegetables, others with sausages, breads, cheeses, pastas, olive oil, wine; everyone one could want to put together a picnic. Roxana explained to all how to find the hotel, how to find an emergency restroom (go into a bar and buy a cup of coffee and use their facilities).

We reassembled, with umbrellas and rain coats, for our first walking tour of Florence. Since it is Monday, several of the museums are closed. We proceeded to the Duomo, which several of us proceed to climb (a natural human instinct dictated that we get to the summit). We viewed the bronze baptistry doors by Ghiberti (reproductions), and gaped at the green and white marble exteriors. We went on to the Ponte Vecchio and Palazzo Vecchio. The entire city is vecchio (old); a living museum, as Roxana says. After splitting up for lunch we reassembled and hiked to the Porta Romana (Roman gate) to catch a city bus. First, we had to purchase bus tickets at a nearby tabacchi e sal (tobacco and salt) store. The skies commenced to pour water on us at this point as we waited in a convenient doorway for the #12 bus. The bus ride was characterized by fuzzy views through steamed windows as we returned to near the bus station and strolled (rain had ceased by now) to the chiusso (cathedral, remember?) de Santa Maria Novella, an absolutely charming church containing some famous renaissance art works.

On the way back to base we stopped in the world’s oldest pharmacy, where we had the opportunity to purchase some very expensive soaps and scents (I abstained). Later, we divided for dinner at 3 different trattorias, so as not to overwhelm one with our entire group. I tried the Za-Za, which was quite good.

Tuesday, Nov 19: Florence. Roxana allowed us to sack in (except that I went for the 5:30 jog). At 9:30 we walked
the short distance to San Lorenzo chapel and Laurentian library (they would not let me check out any books). Thence on to the Accademia museum to see Michelangelo Buonaroti's original "David"; very impressive, commanding an 8.50 euro admission fee.

From there, a walk down a main shopping street where we intended to buy chocolate at Gilly (est. 1763), but it was closed for Christmas decorating. So we walked on the Piazza della Repubblica for cappuccino and lunch. A sit down lunch on a main piazza is rather expensive; oh, well. After lunch, a visit to Santa Croce (contains tombs of Galileo, Michelangelo, and many others of distinction). Having seen this already, I went on a solo walk and climbed down the climb to the San Miniato church across the Arno. It's quite a nice chapel (and free admission) with an incredible view of Florence.

I had to meet with a tourist for a tour of the Uffizi gallery at 3:30. We had reservations, which came at a 3 euro surcharge per ticket in addition to the 8.50 euro basic admission. This is supposed to eliminate waiting in line. As it turned out, there were no lines and the 3 euros was a waste. This is another benefit of touring in late November. The Uffizi is a repository of a grand array or renaissance painting. The pieces de resistance are a couple by Botticelli ("Allegory of Spring", for one). I got more than my fill of "Madonna and Child" and "Adoration of the Magi" paintings. I had pizza and Peroni (beer) for my dinner; delicious and quite inexpensive.

Several of us attended a 9 pm baroque music concert (11 euro) at a small church with a big pipe organ and very live acoustics. Featured was a young man with a good countertenor voice.

We noted that the local people do not fit the Italian-American short and fat stereotype. They are almost invariably tall and slender and stylishly dressed. Also, the diet, at least in restaurants, is not overly heavy on pasta. There is a plethora of McDonald's fast food joints, similar to any in the U. S. of A., so the populace has ready access to greasy "beef" if they so desire. Most seem not to be addicted.

We also noted a fair amount of graffiti on walls, train cars, etc. The theme isn't so much gang territory marking as it is social commentary. Interestingly, a few said "boicot McDonalds".

Wednesday, Nov 20: Cinque Terre (Five Lands) is outside Tuscany, but is not too far from Florence. This consists of a group of 5 little villages with no access via highway, each separated by about 3 miles of scenic trail along the Ligurian sea bluffs and through steep terraced vineyards. They are connected by rail from the navy base city of La Spezia. A 3 hour train ride brought us to the first town, Riomaggiore. Here we discovered that the trail was closed due to landslide danger in the rainy season. There were few tourists, a great contrast to teeming throngs of backpackers in the Summer. We toured the interesting town briefly, caught a train for the farthest town, Monterosso, where we enjoyed a delicious seafood lunch and a gelato, then backtracked to Verazza, said to be the most scenic of the five towns.

And scenic it was. Many of us enjoyed prowling the narrow walkways. Some of us found a dusty hatch from a scenic overlook that turned out to be an entrance to a hotel bar. Why not? We entered and quaffed a bit of the house wine at a very reasonable price.

We wandered (via train) back to Florence in small groups. No one got lost. We are finding our way around Italy now without relying on the boss (Rox).

Thursday, Nov 21: Siena and San Gimignano. We caught a direct bus to the famous hill city of Siena, passing on the way through a beautifully bucolic countryside with vineyards and pastures. A short walk from the bus stop brought us to the fabulous Piazza del Campo (see movie 'Room with a View'), where we dispersed into small groups. The adjacent Town Hall has a bell tower which is climableb to get a fine view of the city. A few blocks away is the magnificent Duomo (green and white marble again). Lunch with capuccino at an outside table on the piazza is a must. Have a gelato for dessert.

On to San Gimignano by bus. This is a very scenic hill town, characterized by its 14 towers. One tower is climableb, for a small price. Later, some opted to have a tasting of the fine local wines (Chianti). I purchased 2 bottles and a fancy flagon of limoncini (a liqueur with intense lemon taste).

The bus trip back to Florence required a change at the unlikely-named town of Poggibonsi. The layover (outdoors, in the darkness) was to be over an hour, so we scattered to participate in our favorite sport—shopping. The street near the bus stop proved to have a number of very nice shops. One florist shop had a selection of tiny, gnarled trees, which I assume are called Poggibonsi. I found a bakery with some very yummy chocolate millefoglia for only 0.80 euro each.

Friday, Nov 22: Lucca is a beautifully preserved walled city near Pisa, with two towers to climb. It is the birthplace of Jack Puccini. Don't miss it! Stop at the tourist info office for a map, and perhaps rent their audio guide for a tour. We returned early enough to have dinner, and some of us attended a flamenco-based dance show at Florence's opera house, the Teatro Verdi. Angie and I sat in a 5th level box for 16.50 euro. Lots of foot stomping from the troupe.

Saturday, Nov 23: Pisa. I climbed the leaning Torre Pendente (the campanile) the year before it was closed (for 10 years to remedy the increasing lean problem). It reopened last year. The price to climb the tower is up to 15 euro. One might say that this is a decrease from the previous price of several thousand lire but, translated into dollars, it is a very stiff increase. The adjacent chiusso and baptistry are also notable tourist attractions. Pisa was crowded even in November. Try to imagine it in August. Imagine the wait to tour the tower!

Sunday, Nov 24: Florence marathon day. Though
tempted, I decided not to run this race. I saved myself 70 euro and a lot of aches and pains. Instead, Reiko Snow and I visited the Bargello (the old city prison), which is an outstanding museum, featuring sculptures by Michelangelo, among others. Walking to Boboli gardens we crossed the marathon course several times. The gardens are not at their best in November. Try May or June.

After a spot of lunch we proceeded to Santa Croce to catch the marathon finish. We were just in time to see Sue finish, ecstatic since she broke the 5 hour barrier by several seconds. Close behind were Paul and Linda, who accidentally skipped a few km because the course was closing ahead of them and the markings were gone. Roxana came zooming to the finish in 5:11 something. Her time would have been better, but the closing course caused her to add a few blocks in search of the true route. It would be difficult to find a more scenic marathon in any city in the world.

Monday, Nov 25: The problem with a nice vacation trip is usually in the going back. We had to be up and packed and in the lobby at 3:15 am to catch a chartered bus for Bologna airport. [The scheduled flight from Florence would have arrived in Zurich too late for our 8 am connection]. This turned out not to be a big deal. We flew over the Alps again, laid over briefly, and boarded the Swiss MD11 back to LAX. End of adventure.

I would like to thank and compliment all on our tour for being fine traveling companions, and for not whining. Also, thanks to Roxana for guiding us and allowing me to assist on this trek.

For some, the adventure did not end today. What the heck, if you’re already in Italy, why not see some more? Four went to Rome, two to Sicily, and two to Venice. I am just a bit jealous. Here’s a comment about Venice from Phil Wheeler: “Low point in Venice: The pizzeria with a “MacDonalds Pizza”, ingredients include french fries and ketchup!”

I recommend the Michelin green guide to Tuscany for this trip. I used the Michelin Italy guide, which lacks important detail, and Rick Steve’s guide to Florence, which comes up short.

For those interested, Roxana is going back to Italy on another Sierra Club led trip

**Hiking the Amalfi Coast & the Rome Marathon**
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Roxana Lewis, second from left, with some members of her group in Tuscany. Photo by George Wysup
Leaders' Contact Information
by Karen Isaacson Leverich, Outings Chair

Below are the e-mail addresses or phone numbers for most of the leaders whose outings are listed in this issue of The Lookout. There is additional contact information for most leaders in the Angeles Chapter's Schedule of Activities. Members of Sierra Club's Angeles Chapter automatically receive the Schedule. If you're not a member, it's sold at many sporting goods stores.

If you're an active HPS leader and your information isn't listed below, and you'd like it to be, drop me a note at outings@hundredpeaks.org. If your information is listed below and you don't want it to be, also let me know, and it won't be there next issue. Thanks!

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Call for HPS Outings - Schedule 293
by Karen Leverich, HPS Outings Chair

Dear HPS Leader:

You are the lifeblood of HPS! Whether you lead one outing per term or per month or per week or even per day (um, when do you do the laundry, anyhow?), we all depend on you. Yes, it’s that time again: Schedule 293 covers the term from July 5 to October 31. I know that’s a long ways off in the future, but look at it as an opportunity to savor and anticipate the good times we’ll all have together exploring the wonderful peaks of HPS? If you need a co-leader or assistant, feel free to contact me for suggestions. And don’t hesitate to contact me with any of your outings questions!

DEADLINE: Because I have to meet a deadline, you do, too. I need your outings by Monday, March 3rd. Earlier is always better! I have to hand them on the Schedule editor by March 10th. E-mail works best — I’m outings@hundredpeaks.org. But if e-mail doesn’t work for you, don’t hesitate to mail them to me at Karen Leverich, P O Box 6831, Frazier Park, CA 93222. Allow a little extra time if you’re going postal — living up here in the back of beyond, it takes that guy with the horse and wagon a bit longer to lug stuff over the pass and down into our post office. (If you want to schedule stuff sooner in, such as the May/June Lookout, or even as soon as two weeks from now via the HPS Outings & Announcements mailing list, send me the outings any time, preferably as soon as you can, and I’ll handle them. But for Schedule 293, I need them by March 3rd.)

IMPORTANT DATES:
Besides the deadline above, here are some more important dates. Please especially consider leading outings for the following events:

Spring Fling - We’re having Spring Fling this year at Foster Lodge near Julian in San Diego County, on May 17th and 18th, Saturday and Sunday. Several outings are already planned, but more would be even more fun. Obviously, outings on these dates won’t go into Schedule 293, but only in the May/June Lookout.

Waterman Rendezvous - The 10th Annual Rendezvous Hike to Waterman Mountain will be on July 26th, the last Saturday in July. We need easy hikes to Waterman, hard hikes to Waterman, adventurous and innovative hikes to Waterman...

Oktoberfest - We’ll be having Oktoberfest in October, Saturday and Sunday, the 4th and 5th, probably at Mil Potrero Park west of Frazier Park like last year. We’re looking for lots of fun outings in the local Los Padres Forest: Pinos, Sawmill, Grouse, Cerro Noroeste, Tecuya, Frazier, Brush, San Emigdio, Lockwood, San Guillermo, Thorn, San Rafael, anyone? Further afield would be Reyes, Haddock, Hildreth, Old Man, Monte Arido, Lizard Head, Fox #1, Peak, McPherson...

APPROVAL: The Angeles Chapter requires the HPS Outings Chair to approve all HPS trips and write-ups. If you have doubts about ANY part of your outing, please contact me before submitting your trip. Boring details: make sure your Sierra Club and HPS memberships are current. For joint sponsorship, make sure that the other sponsor also approves the trip.

WRITE-UPS INFO: I usually work best from an example. If you do, too, take a look at the various outings in a recent Schedule or Lookout for an illustration of the information I need from you. For those of you who prefer a checklist (or if you’re unsure that you mined everything from the examples in the Schedule and Lookout), I need to know in particular:

Headers:
1. When the outing is to occur — month and date. As a doublecheck, tell me the day(s) of the week. If they don’t match, we’ll guess you’re still using your 2002 calendar or looking at August when you mean October, and can get it all sorted out before it’s too late.
2. Any co-sponsors. If I’m hearing from you, and you don’t specify otherwise, I’ll assume Hundred Peaks is the primary sponsor.

Title:
3. Rating: O, I, M, E, T. I can help you sort this out if you don’t already know.
4. A title, ending in a colon. Here in Hundred Peaks land, we often simply use the name(s) of the peak(s) as a title, but “Mt Wilson Grand Tour” is acceptable, too. (Assuming you’re leading a Mt Wilson Grand Tour, of course!)

Text:
5. Description — order may vary for readability or emphasis: - Difficulty: Terrain, steepness, pace, etc. Unusual situations? - Miles, usually round trip, and gain. Do not state loss unless it’s different from gain. If there’s significant gain on return, let us know about that. - Other: Anything else important not covered already or in 6-8 below. Try not to be too longwinded, however. Gotta share those eyeballs and column space with other outings.
6. Meeting time and place or contact info or e-mail/SASE. For the meeting place, give directions if it’s not a standard
8. Rain cancels or postpones (if rain cancels or postpones...)
Leader information:
9. Ldr, Ldrs, Co-ldr, Co-ldrs, Reserv, Asst, Assts...
10. Names. If the leader is not in the current Schedule (new leaders, recently inactive leaders), include address information. There's a form for this on the Internet at: http://angeles.sierracub.org/info/lrdir.htm Or see the Schedule for a copy of the form (look at SUBMISSION GUIDELINES under ACTIVITIES LISTING.)
Icons:
11. "E" for Education, "C" for Conservation, write out all others. See ICON KEY in the Schedule for a list.
Th-th-that's all! (As if it weren't enough, huh?) HPS has a wonderful tradition of lots of fun outings of various levels of challenge, and I hope to work with you to carry on that tradition. Obviously I need all your help! Thank you for what all the outings you've already led, thanks in advance for all the outings you will lead, and THANK YOU in particular for all the Schedule 293 Outings you'll be sending me by March 3rd!

Sandy Burnside, above, on the summit of Winston Peak. Sandy served on the Management Committee as Treasurer in 2002. Winston Peak was Sandy's twenty-fifth peak climbed by snowshoe. Subject to appropriate bylaw changes, she will have become the first to earn the Emblem for bagging twenty five peaks by snowshoe.

Southern Courtney and Rosemary Campbell

Somebody brought along some bubble makers!

Byron Prinzmetal on the summit. Byron is responsible all the photos on this page.
Dave Comerzan finished the Hundred Peaks Section List on a Wednesday hike to Mt Waterman on November 13, 2002. Pictured, l-r, are List finishers Alice Goldberg, Rosemary Cambpell, Southern Courtney, Dave Comerzan, Edith Liu, Ingeborg Prochazka, and Bobcat Thompson.

Participants posed for the camera on November 17, 2002 on Josephine Peak which was Bobcat Thompson's 30th anniversary of his first official lead for the Hundred Peaks Section. Pictured are (seated) l-r: Janet Damen, Mike Sandford, Karen Stewart (with Madison), Sandy Houston, Reina Lee Brown, Nami Brown, Stag Brown, Joe Young, Yvonne Jamison, and Scott Jamison (with Nevada). Standing l-r are Bobcat Thompson, Mike Baldwin, Jim Fleming, and Roy Stewart.

Wolf Leverich on Shay Mtn. This was Wolf's 200th peak. He is the 393rd person to earn the 200 Peaks Bar.

Bill Byrne becomes Hundred Peaks Section Emblem holder number 1041 on Black Mountain #6, on December 14, 2002. He is holding a sign which reads "100 Black Mtn #6 Volcanic Crater." The rugged HPS register box on this summit contains entries dating from 1968.
HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION
Minutes: Management Committee Meeting
Thursday, December 12, 2002, Laura Joseph's Home, Pasadena

Call to Order (6:40 p.m.)

Attending: Karen Leverich (Chair), John Connelly, Secretary, Laura Joseph (Membership), Mars Bonfire (At Large), Joe Young (The Lookout Editor); Brian Leverich (Website). Also attending: Tom Hill, Larry Hoak and Newly elected officers: George Wysup, Ray Wolfe, Kathy Cheever.

Minutes from the November 14 Meeting
M/s/p without revision

Treasurer's Report (Sandy Burnside)
M/s/p without revision. Report filed with minutes

Announcements
1. Topo! Maps: Karen has received a signed copy of the agreement with National Geographic, which permits us to post our peak maps to our website.
   - The original copy of the signed agreement will be retained in the Secretary's 2002 Minutes Book. A copy will also be turned over to the 2003 Management Committee Chair.
2. Elections: Joe Young reported on behalf of the election committee, the results of which are filed with the minutes and published in The Lookout, with the following note: Tom Hill was among the top six vote-getters but subsequently declined to serve for personal reasons. In his place, Kathy Cheever, as the next highest vote getter, will serve on the 2003 Management Committee.
   - Joe remarked on the number of comments that were added to the ballots. One consistent theme was that our membership is tired of voting down proposals to delist various peaks for any reason other than legal inaccessibility. "Leave the list alone" typified these comments.
   - The election committee was composed of Joe Young, Stag Brown and Nami Brown. The ballots have been delivered to the Secretary, who will retain them for the next six months. The 2002 Management Committee m/s/p our sincere thanks to the election committee for all their work in counting the ballots.
3. Topo! Maps: Karen has received a signed copy of the agreement with National Geographic, which permits us to post our peak maps to our website.

Committee Reports
1. Conservation: No Report
2. Membership Report (Laura Joseph):
   - Report of achievements and membership m/s/p (report file with minutes)
   - The Montrose Post Office Box will be retained "for the time being."
   - Laura sent around an emblem sample for a first-time list finisher. She will have the complete group of emblems very soon.
   - 3 Sections Brochure: George has agreed to pick up our supply for HPS use. We discussed ways in which we could use these brochures. One idea was to put them in the hands of the WTC organizers. Also mentioned was leaving a supply with REI and other stores.
   - Spring Fling: We will go back to Foster Lodge for the third weekend in May, 2003, with a number of hikes in the vicinity being planned. The Outings Chair will solicit additional hikes. Laura is coordinating. Laura estimates a fee of $15 per person, to include dinner and lodging. A $10 additional fee applies for anyone wanting to spend Friday night at the lodge.
   - Awards Banquet: Brian will do a mass email to our membership to advertise the banquet. Many ideas were discussed for how to obtain quality raffle prizes. Kathy reported that Virgil Popescu will pick up certificates. Virgil will also contact REI and Adventure 16. Sandy is doing a crafts project. Laura mentioned the patches

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as raffle prizes. Laura also proposed that we give two complimentary tickets to Bill Siegel for his help with the banquet invitation flyer.

- Merchandise: Laura will take over this duty from Patty Kline.

8. Mountain Records: (Byron Prinzmetal)
- M/s/p the peak and map revisions submitted by Byron. Copy included with the Secretary's Minutes.
- M/s/p to remove the suspension for Cajon, Sugarpine, Monument, and Cleghorn.
- The committee voted table the proposed new routes on the maps to Deer, Thunder, Telegraph, Black # 6, and Pinnacles. To be considered at the January meeting.

5. Webmaster: Brian commented that the climbing guides on the website are the same as the MS Word documents. He recommended to the committee that we spend the $75 to renew the official Angeles Chapter domain name hundredpeaks.org. M/S/P.

New Business

1. Awards Committee: The management committee met in executive session and received the recommendations for the New Leader Award, the John Backus Leadership Award, and the Sam Fink Award. The names of the recipients will be confidential prior to their recognition at the banquet. Since others may be recognized at the banquet, we are encouraged to email our suggestions to Karen.

Adjourned 8:15 PM...

REGISTER BOX
By Jim Adler

There was a net change of only one peak added to the deficient list and no peaks were removed from the missing list. There were some reports of missing or deficient registers which were replaced on the spot, however.

I also received from an unnamed person, two register books and some loose papers and a photograph from the Warren Point register. So far as I know the policy on HPS registers is that they stay permanently on their peaks. I am absolutely positive that even if that policy has changed (which I do not advocate), I am not the repository of old registers. Reports were received from Sandy Sperling, Joe Young, George Wysup, and Gabriel Rau.

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If you are climbing any of the above peaks, please consider bringing a new register can and book. If you discover a peak which needs a new register can, please let me know by mail addressed to Jim Adler, 836 S. Alandale Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90036-4625, or telephone at (323) 931-6844 or e-mail at jmadler @ mindspring.com, or from the HPS website. Also, please advise if you have replaced any of the missing or deficient registers or discover that any of the above reports are erroneous or out of date. (Since register books and pencils are so easy to carry all the time, peaks where only books or pencils are needed are not listed.)

Byron Prinzmetal took this picture of a mountain lion on Cole Point on a recent hike.