Hundred Peaks Section Holds Annual Election

It's time again for the annual HPS election of officers to serve on the Management Committee. In addition, there will be one item on the ballot concerning the creation of an "Explorer Emblem," whereby recognition will be given to those who ascend 100 peaks by THREE different routes.

Doris DuVal chaired the Nominating Committee. She reported to the Section at its annual business meeting on September 14, 2004 that the following are competing for the opportunity to serve on the 2005 Management Committee:

- Lynda Armbruster
- Karen Isaacson Leverich
- Charlotte Feitshans
- Joe Young
- Wolf Leverich
- Winnette Butler
- Greg De Hoogh

Ballots, candidate statements, and bylaw arguments will be sent to members by first class mail by the end of October. If you do not receive a ballot, or if you do not receive a ballot for each household member, please notify Kathy Cheever at (310) 391 - 2596. Ballots must be returned by December 1, 2004.

Angeles National Forest Closed To Hiking
Cuyamaca Rancho State Park Trails Now Open!

As of this writing (October 4, 2004), virtually all hiking in the Angeles National Forest if prohibited. NONE of our Listed peaks in the Angeles National Forest may be climbed. We are told that this situation will last until we have some good rains.

The other national forests in Southern California are considering similar measures.

However, trails in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park are now open, and all four of our peaks within the park are now accessible.

Trail closures and area access will probably be volatile for the foreseeable future. Please monitor the Hundred Peaks Section website for up to the date information.

The Hundred Peaks Section Website address is http://angeleschapter.org/hps/
The site has information about upcoming events, hikes, fire closures, HPS history, and much, much more.


Tom Amnues, Paul Lipsohn, Les Stockton and Ella Power (Wheelock) Pass Away

Tom Amnues, to whom the HPS presented the John Backus Leadership Award last January; Paul Lipsohn, former HPS Chair, leader, recipient of several HPS and Angeles Chapter awards; Les Stockton, former Chair, leader, recipient of several HPS and Chapter awards; and Ella Power (Wheelock), long time companion of the first Chair of the HPS, Walt Wheelock, have all passed away in recent months.

Please look inside this issue of The Lookout for more information about all four of these individuals.

Hundred Peaks Section Annual Awards Banquet Set For January 29, 2005.

The very first Hundred Peaks Section Annual Awards Banquet was held in 1965 at Les Freres Taix restaurant. Forty years later we're having our Annual Awards Banquet at the same place!

Please look inside this issue of The Lookout for more information about our upcoming banquet.

Inside this issue...The advance schedule of HPS activities begins on page 10.

The first five issues of The Lookout in 2004 have included a copy of the comparable issue from 1964. There was no November - December 1964 issue of The Lookout.
LETTER FROM THE CHAIR
By Kathy Cheever

Where were you at the evening of the annual meeting!!! We had a wonderful cake beautifully decorated with the HPS logo to celebrate the HPS 50th anniversary and meeting!! It was delicious! You should have had some!!

We began the program with a moment of silence for the following who have passed away this year: Tom Ammeus, Paul Lipsohn, and Ella Powers (Wheelock). Since then we have learned Les Stockton aka the Red Baron, who chaired the HPS in 1968, passed away last April. On behalf of all of us, may I express our condolences for your loss to family and friends who knew and loved these people.

We had a good group of HPSers’, plus we were joined by Christopher Reynolds, a writer for the Outdoor Section of the L.A. Times. Didn’t know it, but he was there to check us out for an article he was writing for the L.A. Times. And indeed, it came out in the Tuesday, September 28 edition. If you haven’t seen it, many of us have copies and would be glad to share! It’s a great article which hopefully will inspire folks out there to join us!! Thank you, Chris! – hope we’ll be seeing you on a peak!!

We have a great slate of candidates for the 2005 MComm! Lynda Armbruster, Winnie Butler, Charlotte Feischans, Greg DeHoog, Karen Isaacson Leverich, Wolf Leverich, and Joe Young. Also we supported to include on the ballot the addition of a new emblem – the Explorer Emblem which is recognition for approaching peaks from 3 different routes! So look for your 2005 ballots which should be coming to your homes by the end of October!! We also talked about some items for consideration to the 2006 ballot: 1) addition of Bartolos Peak and 2) bylaws change which would involve 2-year revolving MComm positions. Does this interest you or get your gender up? Well, we’ll look forward to seeing you at next year’s meetings!!

You know, I don’t know who designed the blueprint for bear cubs, but they certainly had a handle on “cute”!! The other day I was hiking solo, minding my own affairs along the trail. When I walked around a bit of a bend which then headed into and out of a small ravine, I heard a noise from something ‘bigger than a breadbox’ in the brush. In 2 nano-seconds, the following occurred. I heard a noise in the brush. Up a tree scampered a little bear cub. I said to myself, "what a cute little bear cub up a tree", followed immediately with "but oh, where’s mama?" Up two other trees scampered a 2nd little bear cub and one mama bear (whew, there she is). So there I was on the trail and about 30 feet away I managed to tree 3 bears in 3 different trees. I looked at them, they all looked at me. Now what???

Figured maybe I could scoot on by and all of us could go about our business. My step forward was met with loud sounds of flying tree bark and 3 bears 6 inches further up the trees. Hmm. That didn’t work. I returned my foot to its original stance. I made myself look BIG (spread out arms and walking sticks). Bears continued to look at me, but didn’t appear impressed. Ah, remembered that hitting poles together might work – did that – more loud sounds of flying tree bark and 3 bears 6 more inches up the trees. Hmmm. Well, let’s try this – slowly back away. All it took was one step backward – down the trees came 3 bears and they clambered through the brush around to the other side of the rather large rock (about 15 feet high) immediately adjacent to the trees. Now one little cub had further to go down, further to go up around the rock and was having a little trouble with the brush. Mama is now on top of the rock observing the progress of her 2nd cub and what I was up to. I was still slowly backing away, hoping 1) mama is convinced I am not a threat and 2) I wasn’t going to fall off of the trail. Within a moment, 2nd little cub is now safely with mama and all 3 are looking at me just a bit up the ravine from the big rock. Guess they really didn’t want to move along too much. So, figuring it was time for me to varmooze, I took a step forward and they just looked at me. I scurried across the ravine to the other side and after about 20 feet looked back to confirm 3 fuzzy creatures weren’t bearing down on me (no pun intended). What I saw was 3 faces peering around a big tree, one atop the other, still checking me out. I printed these sites to memory and went along my way.

So, what do you think? Did I do the “right thing”? Is there a “right thing”? What would you do if you encountered a bear while hiking? These are important things to think about and we should all consider what we would/should do if we encounter bears and other wildlife. We need to make it a point to respect both the ‘wild’ and ‘life’ in the word ‘wildlife’. Each is important and not mutually exclusive. Read books, read the pamphlets at the ranger stations, talk with experts (i.e., forest rangers, etc.), converse among one another and learn from experiences. Each incident is unique to itself. What we will do will depend entirely on our preparation for it. I’ll leave you with this one. Going back, there I am on the trail. My camera just happens to be in my hand. The light in the ravine is good, but a photo would require a flash. Here’s the question. How important is a photo at this time? They’d be once-in-a-lifetime photos. But, what do I know about the effect a camera flash could have on a mammal bear who, as far as I know, has no idea what a camera flash is? Would she perceive it as my opportunity for a lasting memory? Or, would it startle her and now am I a potential threat whereas before I was benign? What would you do? What did I do? Well, you’ll notice that I offer no photos with this story.

Go out! Go hiking!! Be safe!!!
MEMBERSHIP REPORT
By Lynda Armbruster

Achivement Date Peak Name Sequence
List Finish #4 Dorothy Denziger Heald Peak #13

New Members
Oliver Pemberton
James Austin
Frank Hernandez

New Subscribers
Damien Gutierrez
Maryann Avilasakul
Jeff Hamilton

Lester Sapitula
Christopher John Davis
Sharon Moore
Debbie Lowder

Membership Summary
Total Active Members 435 Subscribers 90

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REGISTER BOX
By Jim Adler

Since my last report, two missing registers were removed from the list, two were upgraded to deficient, and three were added to the missing list. Reports were received from Peter Doggett, Joe Young, Gabriel Rau, Mark Allen, and Cody Machler. Missing and deficient registers:

3E Tehachapi Mtn. deficient 9-03
5A Caliente Mtn. deficient 11-03
9C Condor Peak deficient 2-03
9E Mt. Lukens missing 7-04
11A Josephine Peak missing 6-04
11B Strawberry Peak missing 2-04
12A Mt. Deception deficient 8-04
12C San Gabriel Peak deficient 8-04
12F Occidental Peak missing 3-04
13F Mt. Williamson missing 7-04
13I Winston Ridge deficient 10-03
14A Waterman Mtn. missing 7-04
14B Twin Peaks missing 7-04
14F Mt. Hawkins missing 8-04
14H Mt. Burnham missing 6-02
16F Thunder Mtn. missing 8-02
16G Mt. Harwood missing 5-04
20G Little Shast Mtn. missing 6-04
21G Bertha Peak missing 7-04
26C Queen Mtn. deficient 3-04
32E Cuyamaca Peak missing 5-03

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 jimadler@ mindspring.com, or from the HPS web site. 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.)

Edith Liu has prepared a number of nesting can registers. Please let her know if you are willing to carry a couple of registers with you on hikes.
In Memoriam

Ella Power Wheelock (1916 - 2004)
By Wynne Bentl

Ella Power Wheelock was perhaps best known to all of us as the longtime friend and companion of Walt Wheelock, HPS Chair Emeritus, and founder of La Siesta Press.

Walt Wheelock and Ella Power at a recent HPS Annual Awards Banquet

A clerk for the Los Angeles Municipal Courts until she retired, Ella Elizabeth Petroff, was born June 26, 1916 in Phoenix, Arizona. Her father, Konstantin, was born in Kiechta, Siberia in 1884. Her mother, Vera, was born in Lithuania in 1894. Vera met Ella’s father when he rented a room in her mother’s house. She was only 11 and he, 21. A few years later, they married and left Lithuania for America: Phoenix, Arizona to be exact. It was 1913.

Ella fondly remembered the Phoenix of her childhood: the clapboard and adobe houses, dirt streets and board sidewalks. She was so sickly as a child, her father sent the family to live in Los Angeles, near the ocean, hoping that the sea air would improve her condition. They settled in a Russian neighborhood near downtown Los Angeles, and later in Belvedere. She married in 1934. Sadly, her husband was diagnosed with TB and spent most of his time in sanitariums leaving Ella alone to raise their adopted son, Ron. Realizing what a burden his sickness was on Ella, her husband suggested they divorce. They did and she met and married Bransford Power who had a daughter, Pat, which Ella raised as her own. Unfortunately, Bransford was the victim of a hit and run car accident that left him lying on a Los Angeles street. He lived, but suffered major head injuries that went undiagnosed for several years, affecting him for the rest of his life. Brain surgery years after the accident relieved some of the pressure but he was haunted by hallucinations and given to erratic behavior that was a constant source of frustration and strain.

In the 1940s Ella and Bransford joined the Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club primarily to learn folk dancing at Harwood Lodge. It was on a folk dancing excursion in 1952 at Harwood that Ella first met Walt Wheelock, but both were married. Seventeen years later, she decided to sign up for a Sierra Club trip to Baja. While sitting on the bus, a man asked how she was doing; it was Walt Wheelock. He was divorced, and told her that he was writing and had established La Siesta Press. They fell in love, but alas, Ella was married and though, “Walt filled her thoughts,” it went nowhere. However, as luck would have it, Ella went home early one day from work and overheard her husband telling someone on the phone how his wife refused to give him a divorce, to which Ella quickly responded, “Oh yes I will!” And with that, their 22-year marriage ended. She called Walt with the news and they immediately started going out, a relationship that continued for the next thirty years. She said later of Walt, “Certainly he is a character and one of a kind. He lets his hair and beard grow too long and even neglects to comb his hair at times. His houses, when I first saw them, were messy to say the least. He likes them that way. His papers were piled feet high on tables and chairs. There wasn’t a bare surface in the house. He has many, many books and papers all of which he reads and uses for references in his work. He is dogmatic and irascible . . . He lives an exciting life and belongs to many groups like the Death Valley 49ers, Westerners, Historical Societies . . . I do things in advance and he procrastinates. He has a filing system but can never find papers when he needs them for which I am eternally looking.’’

They loved Baja, the HPS, and traveled the world together. The last time I saw Ella and Walt happy and together was at the Trees Motel in Bishop. The next time I saw them, Walt was in a coma and died a few days later in a Glendale hospital. Andy Zdon and I took Ella on what would be her last trip to the Grand Canyon and Zion. She bought a beautiful Navajo necklace made of old 1920s American coins from a roadside vendor.

Ella spent her last years living at the foot of San Sevaine and Buck Point. She was cared for by her granddaughter, Cynthia Holbrook and her husband, John, in their home with their many children (five on last count). It was the best of all possible worlds. And so it was only fitting that she took her last breath in the peace and comfort of her own bed on Friday, August 13th. We'll all miss Ella.
Tom Amnues
By Bob Cates, Angeles Chapter Historian

Tom Amnues began leading chapter outings in 1956, and over the following ten years led dozens of trips—for HPS, the Local Hikes Committee, Mule Pack Committee, SPS, DPS, Natural Science Section, and the San Fernando Valley Group.

In 1960 he taught the first Mountaineering Training Course. The following year, he taught the first series of courses in mountain rescue. These were the precursors of what we now call the Leadership Training Course.

In the days when Tom joined the Sierra Club, you had to be sponsored by two members. But in addition, at least in the Angeles Chapter, you had to pass inspection by a Membership Committee that over the years had taken on the responsibility to see that prospective members were morally and ethnically acceptable—which became a ruse for excluding blacks and Jews. As Chair of the Angeles Chapter in 1959, Tom worked with other local and national club leaders, such as John Robinson and Nathan Clark, to lead a successful battle to end this form of racial discrimination in our chapter.

The Hundred Peaks Section presented the John Backus Leadership Award to Tom at last January's Annual Awards Banquet.

Mt. San Jacinto (10,831')
May 10-11, 1959
By Tom Amnues

On Saturday, May 10th 36 knapsackers left Idyllwild with hopes of climbing three peaks during the weekend. A gentle rain which started during lunch diminished the number to 20 who continued to Round Valley, pausing to visit Hidden Lake on the way. After spending a night camped on bare spots between deep snow banks we awoke to find goose down scattered around the campsite. This turned out to be from John Robinson's sleeping bag, which had caught fire during the night.

Jerry Keating took this photo of Tom Amnues on October 25, 1964, on an SPS climb of Muah.

Photo by Jerry Keating

During breakfast it began to snow, and after a talk by leader John Robinson strongly intimating that things would be miserable as—I on the summit and that no one would enjoy it, but that he would lead anyone up who wanted to go, 12 started out. After a climb over steep icy snow 7 reached the summit of San Jacinto during a blizzard. No one suggested climbing the other peaks, so we returned to camp and hiked out through a gentle snowstorm, which changed to rain as we approached Idyllwild.

Frank Sanbom and Jerry Keating hiked into Long Valley late Saturday, and Jerry climbed Cornell Peak but didn’t meet the rest of the group 'till arriving at the cars.

Les Stockton (1916 - 2004)
"The Red Baron"
By Laura Stockton

My Dad was born on October 29, 1916. He died on April 19, 2004 after a long battle with melanoma cancer. He is survived by his wife, Abby "Pudgy" Stockton, one sister Dorothy Fast of Asheville, North Carolina, and one daughter Laura Stockton, formerly of...
Vancouver, Washington. Laura is currently residing in Santa Monica, Calif. to take care of her mother, Abby, who is very ill.

My father was a Colonel in the United States Air Force for over 35 years. After his retirement from active duty, he became very involved in leading Sierra Club hikes and teaching in the BMTC course for many, many years.

He and my mother were some of the pioneers of the Muscle Beach phenomenon in the 40's and 50's. They were featured in many magazine and newspaper articles as well as books on Muscle Beach.

My Father also collected butterflies for many years and his extensive collection (over 800 display boxes) were donated to the LA County Museum by my Mother and I after his death. We are hoping some of his boxes will be put on permanent display. His interests in butterfly collecting eventually evolved into the collection of high altitude specimens which is how he began climbing mountains. This eventually led to his involvement with the Sierra Club.

I think I can honestly say that his years in the mountains were some of his happiest. I know he thoroughly enjoyed the people he hiked with, led and lectured to. His good humor and positive attitude were an inspiration to all who knew him. There was always a lot of laughter when he was around! He was known for many years in Sierra Club circles as the "Red Baron." He even had a red VW Beetle for many years with a license plate that said "RED B." I also know that some of my father's finest and favorite moments were when he was the Master of Ceremonies for the Hundred Peaks and Desert Peaks banquets. His entertaining anecdotes kept the evenings moving right along with never a dull moment.

How Did Les Stockton Earn The Nickname "The Red Baron"?
(From an interview with Ken Ferrell In 1969)

Ken Ferrell: "How did you happen to get started on the red kick, Les?"

Les Stockton: "Well, actually, Ken, it's kind of a long story. I was climbing Rabbit, solo, of course the wrong way to do it. But I camped at night and I left early in the morning before daylight and I actually was unable to locate my camp when I returned. The story's a little more involved than that, Ken, but, I finally got back to the car and John Wedberg flew me over a couple of days later to see where the camp was and we located it because of the red pack. So from that time on I started on the red kick. And now I'm pretty completely red. I tried to die the boots one time on a Kofa and Castle Dome trip and this only lasted for that one trip. Otherwise I'm pretty complete red."
Paul A. Lipsohn
Sierra Club Mountaineer
Active Leader 1969-2001 (33 Years)
By Bob Cates, Angeles Chapter Historian

Sierra Club Activities:
Hundred Peaks Section (Chair, 1971; Mountain Records, 1972-76)
Desert Peaks Section (Vice Chair, 1972; Chair, 1973; Conservation, 1974)
Sierra Peaks Section (Treasurer, 1972; Chair, 1973; Echo Newsletter, 1974-75, Mountain Records, 1976)

Awards:
Hundred Peaks Section John Backus Leadership Award (1970); Angeles Chapter Special Service Award (1974);
Hundred Peaks Section R.S. Fink Service Award (1974); Angeles Chapter Chester Versteeg Outings Award (1978)

Mountaineering Accomplishments & Exploits:
Hundred Peaks Section Emblem #186, Nov 1968
HPS 200 Peaks Bar #32, Sep 1969
Desert Peaks Section Emblem #197, Nov 1969
DPS List Finisher #10, Oct 1974
Sierra Peaks Section Emblem #232, Sep 1971

Paul Lipsohn was the driving force behind having a peak named after Weldon Heald, the founder of the Hundred Peaks Section and noted conservationist. Paul has been a great explorer of new territories and in 2002 completed his project of walking the perimeter of the United States.

Paul Lipsohn, right, on the summit of Heald Peak, April 27, 1974. Paul led the dedication climb that day for the Hundred Peaks Section. R. S. "Sam" Fink, left holds a sandstone rock from the Chiricahua's where Weldon Heald had lived. Also pictured are Lipsohn's long-time hiking companion Fred Bode and Maureen Cates, Chair of the HPS in 1974.

Paul Lipsohn shows Phyllis Heald, the widow of Weldon Heald, the plaque that was to be secured on the summit of Heald Pk prior to the dedication climb in 1974. Behind them, Sam Fink (left) and Jack Bascom look on.

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Mr. Paul A. Linsohn  
Mountain Records Chairman  
109 Peaks Section, Angeles  
Chapter, Sierra Club  
9152 Olive Street  
Bellflower, California 90706

Dear Mr. Linsohn:

We are pleased to inform you that at its November meeting, the Board on Geographic Names approved for Federal use the name Heald Peak. This decision will be published in Decision List 7304 and the entry will read as follows:

Heald Peak: peak, elevation 2,080 m. (6,934 ft.), in the Pinto Mountains, 5 mi. S of Weldon; named for Weldon F. Heald, 1901-1967, writer and consultant to the Secretary of the Interior; he was a leader in many conservation projects in California especially in the region where this feature is located; Kern Co., Calif.; sec. 10, T 27 S, R 34 E, Mount Diablo Mer.; 35°35'20" N, 118°18'35" W.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Donald J. Orth  
Executive Secretary  
Domestic Geographic Names

[Image: The plaque as it looks today on the summit of Heald Peak. Photo by Edith Liu.]
Sierra Club Angeles Chapter Fundraiser Trips
By Roxana Lewis

TRAIN WEEKEND TO KARUCHNER CAVERNS
DEC 11-12 Sat-Sun
0: 4th Trail-by-Mail to Kartchner Caverns: Train buffs, cave dwellers, insomniacs, partiers will enjoy this chance to leave L.A. at 9:55pm on an overnight train to Tucson. On arrival at 8:35am, toothbrush & breakfast opportunity. A brief tour, of historic Tucson. Charter bus to Kartchner Caverns (rivaling Carlsbad). Opened this Fall, the Great Room is a new gem in the caverns crown. Tour caverns, lunch opportunity then return to Tucson airport. Fly home Sun arrive 8pm. Metro to Union Station from LAX. $250 ($270 non-mem) Includes rail & airfare, charter bus, entrance fee, donation. Send check/sase/scf to Leader: Roxana Lewis, co-leader Maggie Belknap.

PRESIDENT’S DAY WEEKEND/CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION
Feb 18-21 Fri-Mon
0: San Francisco Chinese New Year Celebration: Fly to Oakland, Bart to the city for a total immersion weekend celebrating the Year of the Rooster. Leave L.A. at 4pm, carry on only. 6mi, 200’ gain walking tour of Chinatown, Taoist temple, stop at local herbalist for this year’s snake cure. SAT: 8mi, 330’ gain , ferry to Angel Island (the Ellis Island of the west), picnic lunch, return to Chinatown for famous New Year’s parade. SUN 7mi, 100’ gain walk to Golden Gate Park’s. Enjoy Dim Sum; visit new Asian Art Museum. MON. 5.5mi, 200’ gain morning hike over the Golden Gate Bridge. Bart to airport, Fly to LAX, 5pm return. $505($525 non-member), includes airfare, hotel (2share), ferry, dim sum, donation. Send check/sase/SC member#/email/phones to Leader: Roxana Lewis, co-leader: Maggie Belknap

HIKING THE ITALIAN LAKES
May 5-14 Thur-Sat
C: Hiking the Italian Lakes: From Lake Como to Lake Maggiore and in between, you will have the opportunity to hike pristine hilltops offering panoramic vistas of lakeside villages with the Italian Alps as a backdrop. Visits to the Borromean Islands, the castle town of Angera, the real Bellagio, Lugano. This is an independent adventure involving no tour buses. You must be willing to walk 7-10 mi per day. $2,366.00 ($2416 non-mem); includes airfare, hotels (2share), breakfast, transfers, donation. To reserve send $500 deposit/sase/scf to Leader: Roxana Lewis Co-leader: John Connelly.

Roxana Lewis may be reached at 11222 S. La Cienega Blvd #460, Inglewood, CA 90304 - 1104, phone (310) 532 - 2933. work phone (310) 670 - 3884, email roxdlewis@aol.com

PALM SPRINGS TRAM DISCOUNT CARDS

Another benefit available to The Lookout Subscribers is eligibility for an Alpine Club Card, which gives you 15% discount on tram rides for up to 4 people (plus 10% discount in the restaurant and gift shop). There are 7 HPS peaks in that area and it's not too soon to start planning your next expedition. Leaders may ask for a few extra cards for trip participants. Send your SASE and card request to:
Lynda Armbruster, HPS Membership Chair, PO Box 12177, Orange, CA 92865

Former HPS Chair Virgil Popescu stands on the summit of Mt. Elbrus (18,509), the highest peak in the European continent on July 9, 2004, just two days after his 65th birthday.
Advance Schedule of Hundred Peaks Section Activities
November 2004 through May 2005
By Karen Isaacson Leverich

Nov 5 Fri Hundred Peaks
New Outing not in Schedule
O: White Mountain #1 (7727'): As a warm up for
Saturday's Big Pine Flat adventure, join us for a short (6
or less miles round trip, 1000' or less gain) visit to White
Mountain #1. If there are sufficient 4WD vehicles, it's
possible we'll drive nearly to the top. If not, ordinary cars
can park close enough to walk (6 miles, 1000' gain...).
E-mail or SASE early to Leaders: WOLF and KAREN
LEVERICH

Nov 6 Sat Hundred Peaks, Palos Verdes-South
Bay, Natural Science
I: White Mountain #1 (7727') and Deep Creek Hot
Springs: 13th semi-annual Deep Creek Hot Springs
hike/swim with another peak. Moderately paced 10
miles, 1800' gain. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, lugs
(swim suit optional). Take time to learn from our naturalist
about the fauna and flora. High clearance vehicles
 desirable for dirt road driving. Plan on spending full day -
it's near Big Bear, then Hesperia. Rain cancels. Send
email (preferable - bholchin@cox.net) or sase to Leader:
BARRY HOLCHIN. Co-Leader: KENT SCHWITKIS.
Naturalist: SHERRY ROSS

Nov 6 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Pyramid Peak (7035'), Lion Peak (6968'), Pine
Mountain #2 (7054'): Three lovely peaks along the
southern Desert Divide. Moderately paced 12 miles
round trip, 2050' gain on trail. Meet 7:30 AM at the East
San Gabriel Valley rideshare. Bring minimum 2 quarts
water, lunch. Rain cancels. Co-Leaders: DAVE
BEYMER, MAURA RAFFENSPERGER

Nov 6 Sat Orange County Sierra Singles, HPS
I: Quail Mountain (5813'): Moderately paced 14 mile
round trip to highest peak in Joshua Tree National
Park. Approximately 1500' gain. Great views in all directions.
Bring 2-3 liters water minimum. Send e-mail/SASE, H&W phones, recent conditioning/hiking experience to Leader:
TOM KIRWIN. Co-Leader: MARKEY NEIGHBORS

Nov 6 Sat Hundred Peaks
New Outing not in Schedule
I: Shay Mountain (6714'), Little Shay Mountain (6635'),
Ingham Peak (6355), Hawes Peak (6751): Almost
entirely cross-country, through thickets of poodle dog
(warning: some are allergic to this stuff), we'll hike about
11 miles, 3500' gain, to bag the Big Pine Flat Four. Bring
your headlamp, just in case. E-mail or SASE early to
Leaders: WOLF and KAREN LEVERICH

Nov 6-7 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks
I: San Rafael Mountain (6593'), McKinley Mountain
(6200'), Santa Cruz Peak (5570'): The Big Three on a
weekend! Strenuous, moderately paced 32 miles round
trip 8000' gain backpack on road and cross-country in
San Rafael Wilderness. Comfortable camping with water
at McKinley Springs. Send email or SASE with recent
conditioning and backpacking experience to Leader: VIRGIL
POPESCU. Co-Leaders: PAT ARREDONDO

Nov 6-7 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks
O: Joshua Tree Camp; Peakbaggers can add three
to their lists. We'll meet at 9 AM Saturday, and hike
Mount Inspiration (5580') 2 miles, 700' gain, and Lost
Horse Mountain (5313') 5 miles round trip, 700' gain.
Saturday night we'll carpark and enjoy a potluck dinner
in Yucca Valley at the Stirratt ranch. On Sunday, we'll
hike Warren Point (5103') 4 miles round trip 1000' gain.
Email LAURA QUINN to receive additional information.
Leaders: FRANK DOBOS, DIANE DUNBAR, LAURA
QUINN

Nov 7 Sun Hundred Peaks
I: Black Mountain #4 (6149'): Moderately paced 4 miles
round trip, 1000' gain hike, all cross-country, some brush,
steep in places. Dirt road driving means high clearance
vehicles are welcome! We will enjoy wonderful views
from this peak between Big Bear and Joshua Tree and
the chance to practice your navigation skills. Please wear
long pants & lugs, bring plenty of water, 10 essentials.
Possible optional "hike" to additional nearby peak if
it allows. Send email or SASE with your recent
conditioning and hiking experience to Leader: LYNDA
ARMBRUSTER, hiker@eocal.rr.com Assistant: KAREN
LEVERICH

Nov 7 Sun Hundred Peaks
O: Reyes Peak (7510'), Haddock Mountain (7416'): Even
if you "have" these peaks, why not show support and
courage a new HPS leader? Marlen and Tom
guarantee memorable experiences as we enjoy autumn
on the high ridge trails north of Ojai in Ventura County
with spectacular views of the Los Padres wildlands.
Moderate 8 miles round trip, 1700' gain. Call or email
leader week of hike for trip details, including weather and
road conditions. Leader: TOM HILL. Co-Leader:
MARLEN MERTZ

Nov 7 Sun Hundred Peaks
New Outing not in Schedule
I: Brush Mountain (7048'), San Emigdio Mountain
(7492'), Cerro Noroeste (8280+'), Lockwood Peak
(6261'): Easy peak bagging extravaganza. 3 short hikes
Nov 9 Tue Hundred Peaks
New Outing not in Schedule
O: Paltlett Mountain (7760’+), Will Thrall Peak (7845’), Pleasant View Ridge (7863’): Strenuous, 13.5 miles round trip on trail and a bit of use trail, with 3800’ gain going and another 1300’ gain on the return to Burbank trailhead. In short, a great way to kill 8 hours or so on a Tuesday. Early start with optional breakfast with leaders in La Canada. Email (SASE if necessary) recent conditioning to Leader: GEORGE WYSUP. Co-Leader: SANDY BURNSIDE, KENT SCHWITKIS

Nov 10 Wed Hundred Peaks
O: Thunder Mountain (5587’), Telegraph Peak (8905’), Timber Mountain (8303’): Known as the three “T” in the Angeles National Forest near Mt. Baldy. We will do this as a car shuttle. 13 miles round trip with 3800’ of gain. Contact leader 2-3 days before hike for details. Bring water, lunch, and lugs. Rain cancels. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, INGEBORG PROCHAZKA

Nov 11 Thu Hundred Peaks
New Outing not in Schedule
I: Backus Peak (6651’), Russell Peak (6698’): Join us as we celebrate Armistice Day in the Southern Sierra. A short car shuttle will make for a nice loop trip, 8.5 miles, 3100’ of gain. Meet at the Monument on Walker Pass on HWY 178 (Lake Isabella direction) 8.5 miles west of HWY 14 at 8 AM. This is 41 miles north of Mojave town. Bring your 10 essentials. Rain cancels. Leader: GARY SCHENk Assistant: GEORGE WYSUP

Nov 13 Sat Hundred Peaks
HPS Historical Hike
O: Mount Hillyer (6200’+): Past and future List finishers are invited to help the leader celebrate the historical anniversary of his List finish by helicopter in 1988. This time we will all hike the 6 miles round trip, 900’ gain. Pace will be easy. Propeller beans and similar nonsense are acceptable, as are refreshments on the peak. Newcomers welcome. Meet 8 am La Cañada rideshare pt. Bring water, food, boots, Adventure Pass, and your List finishing stories. Leader: RON JONES. Assistant: LEORA JONES, LYNDA ARMBRUSTER

Nov 13-14 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks, Palos Verdes–South Bay, Natural Science
I: Shay Mountain (6714’), Little Shay Mountain (6635’), Ingham Peak (6355’), Hawes Peak (6751’), Little Bear Peak (7621’), Delamar Mountain (8298’), Arctic Point (8336’): Moderately paced, strenuous over varying terrain. Dirt road driving with high clearance recommended. Day 1: 10 miles 3200’ gain. Car camp in Little Pine Flat. Day 2: 5 miles 1600’ gain. Take time to learn from our naturalist about the fauna and flora. Bring 10 essentials, lunch, and water. Easase (preferred) or sase with recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Leader: KENT SCHWITKIS. Co-Leader & Naturalist: SHERRY ROSS

Nov 14 Sun Hundred Peaks
New Outing not in Schedule
O: Smith Mountain (5117’): If Angeles Forest has reopened, join new leader Don Cwik and semi-new leader Karen Leverich as they visit Smith via Route 2. 5 miles round trip on a fire break, 1800’ gain. Meet 9 AM at the Azusa rideshare. Rain or forest closure cancels. Leaders: DON CWIK, KAREN LEVERICH

Nov 14 Sun Hundred Peaks
New Outing not in Schedule
O: Wright Mountain (8505’), Pine Mountain (9648’), Dawson Peak (9575’): 10 miles round trip, 3900’ gain on trail that is steep and a bit gnerally in places. The hike will be strenuous but the sweep's never going to move faster than a gentle amble — no tigers, please. Our efforts will be rewarded with spectacular views in all directions. ESASE or SASE to Wolf. Co-Leaders: MARK ALLEN, WOLF LEVERICH

Nov 20 Sat Hundred Peaks, Verdugo Hills
I: Strawberry Peak (6184’), Mount Lawlor (5887’): Hike to Strawberry from the east and Lawlor from west. 7 miles round trip, 2300’ gain. Steep trail on some sections of the hike. Meet 8:30 La Cañada rideshare point. Bring lunch, water, warm clothes, lug sole boots. Rain snow cancels. Leaders: FRANK DOBOS, MARY McMANNES

Nov 20 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: Little Cahuilla Mountain (5042’), Cahuilla Mountain (5835’), Lookout Mountain #1 (5590’): Visit these isolated summits between Idyllwild and Temecula, moderately strenuous, 11 miles total trip, 3300’ gain for all three. Do one or all. Little Cahuilla will be climbed via a new route that ascends the south ridge cross-country through moderate brush. Final peak optional. Several miles of dirt road driving, high-clearance vehicles recommended. Storms may cancel. Call or email leader week of trip for details Leader: TOM HILL. Co-Leader: GEORGE WYSUP

Nov 20-21 Sat-Sun HPS, WTC, SSSOC, OCSS
I: Mount Inspiration (5560’), Quail Mountain (5800’): Here's a chance to climb Inspiration by a more interesting route and camp in the desert in Joshua Tree, too. On Saturday we'll backpack in about 4 miles, with a mere 444’ of gain, to Juniper Flats and set up camp. Then it's off to find inspiration from the west, 10 miles r.t. and 1200’ of gain on trail and cross-country. On Sunday we'll set off cross-country on a 4 mile r.t., 1000’ gain jaunt to Quail, return to camp, and backpack out. Send e-mail (preferred) or sase, with recent hiking and backpacking experience, H&W phones to Leader: GREG DE HOOGH. Assistant: CHERYL GILL
Nov 20-21 Sat-Sun HPS, PV-South Bay
I: Pyramid Peak (7035' ), Pine Mountain #2 (7054' ), Lion Peak (6668'), Thomas Mountain (8255'), Rouse Hill (5168'), Butterfly Peak (6240'), Rock Point (5280'), Lookout Mountain #1 (5590'): Moderately paced, strenuous over varying terrain. Dirt road driving with high clearance recommended. Day 1: 12 miles 3000' gain. Car camp on Thomas. Day 2: 11 miles 2400' gain. Bring 10 essentials, lunch, and water. Esase (preferred) or sese with recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Leader: KENT SCHWITKIS. Co-Leaders: BARRY HOLCHIN, GEORGE WYSUP, BOB BEACH

Nov 20-21 Sat-Sun HPS, OCSS
I: Pilot Knob (6200'), Scodie Mountain (7294'): Join us for combined SPS/HPS hikes near Kernville. Saturday strenuous hike over steep slippery, brushy cross-country terrain, 6 miles 3400' gain. Car camp in area Saturday night. Sunday hike 7 miles 2500' gain. Parking fee at trailhead. Heavy rain cancels. Cancel conditioning and rideshare info to Leaders: ROBERT and MARKEY NEIGHBORS

Nov 28 Sun Hundred Peaks
O: Gobblers Knob (6855'), Circle Mountain (6880'): Join the turkey crowd for this Thanksgiving weekend romp to pick up two outlying peaks near Cajon Pass in the San Gabriels, 6 miles round trip, 1400' gain, some steep parts. Do one or both. Several miles of dirt road driving for Gobblers, high-clearance vehicles recommended. Storms may cancel. Call or email leader week of trip for details. Leader: GEORGE WYSUP. Co-Leaders: TOM HILL, PAT ARRENDONDO

Dec 1 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Strawberry Peak (6144'): 6 miles round trip, 1564' gain on this popular route from Red Box to the spectacular view at the top. Shorter options would avoid the steep uphill climb to the summit. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare with suitable clothing layers, good footwear, lunch, water. Leaders: ROSEMARY CAMPBELL, SOUTHERN COURTNEY

Dec 4 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: Lookout Mountain #1 (5590'), Asbestos Mountain (5265'): Last year, on Toro, quite the crowd gathered as ten of the HPS Obsessed ascended that mighty mountain to earn eleven emblems. It was such great fun, we're trying it again this year. Probably fewer emblems, but it will still be quite a party. Perhaps two 8th List finishes, two 2nd List finishes, a 3rd List finish, pathfinders, 200 Leads, 200 peaks, 100 peaks, who knows? Well, probably no snowshoe emblems. Anyhow, we'll have enough leaders to do the traditional route, and a pathfinder route, via the PCT, firebreaks, and perhaps a bit of bushy cross-country. Even embroidering a bit, the hike shouldn't be more than a few miles and 600' gain. After the party, those with energy remaining can climb nearby Asbestos Mountain: 3 miles round trip, 1000' gain. Lookout is reached by perfectly fine paved roads. High clearance is very useful for Asbestos. For meeting times and places (we'll probably have more than one), contact Leader: KAREN ISAACSON LEVERICH. Co-Leaders: MARS BONIFIRE, WINNETTE BUTLER, KATHY CHEEVER, GREG DeHOOGH, PETER DOGGETT, WOLF LEVERICH

Dec 4 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: Josephine Peak (5558'), Occidental Peak (5732'): Help the leaders pick off an orphan peak with an optional climb of another orphan - Occidental. Josephine - moderately paced 8 miles round trip, 2100' gain on trail, Occidental - 2 miles round trip, 840' gain on road and cross-country. Meet 8:30 am La Cañada rideshare. Bring minimum 2 quarts. water, lunch. Rain, or snow on peaks, cancels. Co-Leaders: DAVE BEYMER, MAURA RAFFENSPERGER

Dec 4 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Modjeska Peak (5496'), Santiago Peak (5687'): Enjoy the highest point in Orange County during the winter season without the motorized crowd. Strenuous 10 miles round trip, 4000' gain. Most of the hiking is on a firebreak and trail. Usually great views. Storms may cancel. Call or email leader week of trip for details. Leader: GEORGE WYSUP. Co-Leaders: SANDY BURNSIDE, TOM HILL

Dec 4 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Sawtooth Mountain (5200'+), Burnt Peak (5788'), Liebre Mountain (5760'): Hike these peaks with a long dirt road drive on the west end of the Angeles National Forest: 9 miles round trip 1500' gain. Meet 8 AM at the Sylmar rideshare point. Bring water, lunch, hiking boots. Rain cancels. Leaders: FRANK DOBOS, LAURA QUINN

Dec 5 Sun Hundred Peaks
New Outing not in Schedule
O: Pyramid Peak (7035'), Lion Peak (6668'), Pine Mtn #2 (7054'): If you missed Maura and Dave's lead of these peaks on Nov 6th, and also Kent & Co.'s lead of the same on Nov 20th and 21st (with even more peaks thrown in), well, here's another chance. About 12 miles rt, 2400' gain. E-mail or SASE early to Karen. Co-Leaders: KAREN & WOLF LEVERICH, MARK ALLEN

Dec 10 Fri Hundred Peaks
New Outing not in Schedule
I: Bare Mountain (6920'): A moderate or slow pace will cover these 6 miles round trip, mainly on steep fire break, but with a bit of relaxing dirt road thrown in for variety. Great views of the Antelope Valley! E-mail or SASE early to Leaders: KAREN & WOLF LEVERICH

Dec 11 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Mount Mooney (5840'), Vetter Mountain (5908'), Mount Sally (5408'), Barley Flats (5600'): Clean out the Shortcut Saddle area along the Angeles Crest in the middle San Gabriels, moderate overall with 6 miles round trip, 1800' gain. Each peak is a short, separate hike, do one or all. Storms may cancel. Call or email leader week of trip for details. Leader: TOM HILL. Co-Leaders: GEORGE WYSUP, PAT ARRENDONDO
Dec 11 Sat  Hundred Peaks
O: Mount Mooney (5840’), Mount Hillyer (6200+): Join us for a couple of EASY peaks in the San Gabriels. Both of these peaks will be a combined 3.5 miles, with elevation gain of less than 1000’. This hike will be great for beginning Peak Baggies, or more experienced hikers that need these peaks. If the weather and time allow, we may be able to do some additional easy peaks in the area as well. Pace will be slow to moderate, but you should be in good hiking condition. Meet at the La Cañada rideshare at 8AM for a fun day! Bring the 10 essentials, warm clothing, lug soled shoes, lunch, and at least 3 quarts of water, Adventure Pass, rain gear just in case, AND a sense of humor. Rain cancels. Leaders: CHERYL GILL, DON CWIK

Dec 11 Sat  Hundred Peaks
New Outing not in Schedule
O: Mount Wilson (5710’): Join us for Lilly Fukui’s provisional hike! Slow to moderately paced, strenuous 15 miles round trip, 4800’ gain hike from Sierra Madre. Not recommended for beginners and no dogs, please. Bring adequate water (water available for refill at the top), lunch, good inclination and treats to share at the top! Meet 7:30 AM at the trail head on Mira Monte. Rain cancels. Leader: LILLY FUKUI. Assistants: KAREN and WOLF LEVERICH

Dec 11 Sat  Hundred Peaks
New Outing not in Schedule
I: Ryan Mtn (5457’), Lost Horse Mtn (5313’): Last time Greg led these two peaks on the standard trail routes. This time he's going to avoid trails most of the way and give you the chance to pick up a couple pathfinders. 8.5 miles cross-country and trail. 2300’ gain, one-way with a car shuttle. Send email or SASE with H&JW phones and your recent conditioning and hiking experience to Leader: GREG DE HOOGH. Assistant: SANDY BURNSIDE

Dec 12 Sun  Hundred Peaks
I: Rabbit Peak #1 (5307’), Iron Mountain #3 (5040’): Two little hikes, totaling 6 miles (or less), 2100’ gain (or less) from the vicinity of the Monte Carlo Campground just off the Angeles Forest Highway. 600’ of gain on Rabbit is a bit gnarly, and requires experience or the hardest of newcomers. You don’t need a high clearance vehicle to participate, but if there are enough high clearance vehicles, these hikes are almost drive ups. (If so, Mount Emma for dessert?) E-mail or SASE early to Leaders: KAREN & WOLF LEVERICH, MARK ALLEN

Dec 14-15 Tue-Wed  Hundred Peaks
O: Black Mountain #6 (5244’), Red Mountain (5261’), Mayan Peak (6108’), Butterbredt Peak (5997’): Hike these four peaks in Kern County, spending the night car camping in Red Rock Creek State Park. Black is 4 miles round trip, 1300’ gain, and Red is 4 miles round trip with 1400’ gain. Mayan and Butterbredt north of Mojave are steep, sandy hikes of 3 miles round trip and 1500’ gain, and 2 3/4 miles round trip and 1200’ gain, respectively. Dirt road drive to trailhead requires high-clearance vehicle. We might change the order in which we hike these four peaks. Come for one day or two, as you like. Email leaders for details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, INGEBORG PROCHAZKA

Dec 18 Sat  Hundred Peaks
I: Cole Point (5604’), Mount Emma (5273’), Old Mount Emma (5063’): Explore the entire Mount Emma ridgeline between these peaks near Palmdale, moderately strenuous 10 mile traverse, 2800’ gain, mainly on firebreaks with some steep slopes along the way. Short car shuttle on paved highway. Storms may cancel. Call or email leader week of trip for details. Leader: TOM HILL. Co-Leaders: GEORGE WYSUP, PAT ARREDONDO

Dec 18 Sat  Hundred Peaks
HPS Historical Hike
O: LA by night Xmas hike: Annual stroll through downtown LA streets to spread goodwill, food and clothing to the homeless. Along the way visit Civic Center, Little Tokyo, Chinatown, Bonaventure building, Staples Center, Music Center. Wear warm clothing and sturdy shoes. Rain will abbreviate hike, not cancel. Bring $$ for breakfast. Meet midnight Saturday night at Union Station parking lot. Return to cars approximately 5-6 AM Sunday morning. Leaders: STAG BROWN, BOBCAT THOMPSON, JOE YOUNG

Dec 22 Wed  Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Mount Lawlor (5957’): 6 miles round trip, 1300’ gain. Great view form the peak. Meet 9 am at La Cañada rideshare with water, lunch, and appropriate footwear. Leaders: DORIS DUVAL, LYNDA ARMBRUSTER

Dec 27 Mon  HPS, PV-South Bay, Natural Science
I: Sam Fink Peak (7339’): Strenuous but moderately paced 12 miles round trip, 3700’ gain hike to the remote eastern frontier of San Jacinto Wilderness from the Tram, mostly on trail (final 800’ gain on steep forested cross-country, easy rocks, little brush). Climb spectacular crag the HPS has named in honor of our eminent Desert Divide pioneer. Bad weather postpones. Esase (preferred) or sase with recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Leader: KENT SCHWITKIS. Co-Leader & Naturalist: SHERRY ROSS

Dec 29 Wed  Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Colby Canyon to Josephine Peak (5558’): 10 miles round trip, 2100’ gain. Moderate pace. Shorter hike to Josephine Saddle optional. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare with water, lunch, and appropriate footwear. Leaders: JENNIFER WASHINGTON, ROSEMARY CAMPBELL

Dec 30 Thu  Lower Peaks, Hundred Peaks
O: Jones Peak (3375’): Celebrate leader’s 72th birthday on his peak! Easy paced, 7.5 mi loop trip with 2500’ gain to this peak in the front range. Short car shuttle. Meet 8:00 AM at Diamond Bar Rideshare or 9:00 at Bailey
Canyon Park in Sierra Madre. Coffee and donuts at the park before we start! Bring lugs, water, lunch. Rain cancels. Leader: RON JONES. Assistant: GABRIELE RAU

Jan 1 Sat  HPS, PV-South Bay, Natural Science I: San Jacinto Peak (10,804'), Folly Peak (10,480'), Drury Peak (10,160'), Marion Mountain (10,320') via Snowshoe: Moderately paced, strenuous over varying terrain from the tram. We will attempt up to 4 peaks, resulting in 10 miles and 3500' gain. The leaders have made this San Jacinto pilgrimage for 5 years. Mt Charleston and the Channel Islands have often been visible. Take time to learn from our naturalist about the fauna and flora. Bring 10 essentials, lunch, and water. Esase (preferred) or sase with recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Leader: KENT SCHWITKIS. Co-Leader & Naturalist: SHERRY ROSS

Jan 1 Sat  Hundred Peaks New Outing not in Schedule I: Rattlesnake Peak (5826'): What better way to celebrate the anniversary of Wolf breaking his leg (on Chuckwalla on New Years Day, 2002) than a visit to this brushy peak above Azusa? A hangover cure for sure. Expect a slow pace as we do these 9 miles of cross-(brushy)-country, 3700' gain. Did I mention there might be brush? E-mail or SASE early to Leaders: KAREN & WOLF LEVERICH

Jan 5 Wed  Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks I: Mount Hillyer (6200+'): 7 miles round trip, 1000' gain. Hike through manzanita, scrub oak, Jeffrey pine, around a maze of giant granite boulders. Meet 9 am La Cañada. Bring water, lunch, good footwear, and hat. Leaders: MARY PATTERSON, DAN BUTLER

Jan 8 Sat  HPS, OCSS I: Eagle Mountain (5350'): 9 miles 2400' gain moderately paced DPS day hike in Joshua Tree for well conditioned, experienced desert hikers. Lots of climbing through boulders, cactus and loose sand/screes with beautiful desert views. Rain cancels. Email conditioning and rideshare info to Leaders: ROBERT and MARKEY NEIGHBORS

Jan 12 Wed  Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks I: Vetter Mountain (6200'): 7 miles round trip, 1400' gain. Ramble from Shortcut on the Silver Moccasin Trail to Chariton Flat, then on to peak. Meet 9 am La Cañada rideshare. Bring water, lunch, good footwear, and hat. Leaders: MARY PATTERSON, ROSEMARY CAMPBELL

Jan 22 Sat  Hundred Peaks I: Mt Wilson (5710'): Get back in shape with this classic conditioning hike up the historic Mount Wilson Trail. Moderately paced 15.2 miles round trip, 4740' gain total. Meet 7:30 am in Sierra Madre at the roadside - N from I-210 on Baldwin Ave to Miramonte Ave; turn right (E) 2 blocks; park. Bring minimum 3 quarts water, lunch, Rain, or snow on summit, cancels. Co-Leaders: DAVE BEYMER, MAURA RAFFENSPERGER

Jan 29 Sat  Hundred Peaks Annual Awards Banquet: The 40th anniversary of the first Hundred Peaks Section Annual Awards Banquet will be at Les Freres Taiq Restaurant, 1911 Sunset Blvd, in Los Angeles, just as it was in 1965. No host bar at 5 PM, dinner 6:30 PM. Silent auction during the evening – no raffles! Traditional HPS acknowledgment of member achievements follows. This evening is devoted to the memories and recollections of HPS members about the early days of the HPS. Send $30 per person to reservationist SANDY BURNSIDE. Specify beef (top sirloin), fish (grilled salmon) or a special vegetarian entree. No sase required. Send email address or phone # for confirmation. Tickets will be held at the door.

Feb 5-6 Sat-Sun  HPS, OCSS I: Whale Peak (5349'), Asbestos Mountain (5265'): Saturday we hike Whale, approximately 9 miles 2300' gain cross-country with bouldering and lots of cactus in Anza-Borrego State Park. Car camp in the park Saturday night, State Park use/parking fee applicable. Sunday AM drive to Asbestos for a short 3 miles, 1000' gain hike in desert terrain, approximately 2-3 hours round trip. Rain cancels. Email conditioning and rideshare info to Leaders: ROBERT and MARKEY NEIGHBORS

Feb 9 Wed  Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks I: San Gabriel Peak (6161'), Mount Disappointment (5960'), Mount Deception (5796'): 6 miles round trip, 1700' of gain. Meet 9AM La Cañada with water, lunch, good footwear. Leaders: SOUTHERN COURTNEY, DAN BUTLER

Feb 12 Sat  Hundred Peaks I: Mount Markham (5742'), Mount Lowe (5603'): Get ready for Spring with this great conditioning hike up historic Mount Lowe. Moderately paced 11 miles round trip, 4200' gain total. Meet 8:30 am at the north end of Lake Ave in Altadena. Bring minimum 3 quarts water, lunch, Rain, or snow on peaks, cancels. Co-Leaders: MAURA RAFFENSPERGER, DAVE BEYMER

Feb 19-20 Sat-Sun  HPS, PV-South Bay I: Mayan Peak (6108'), Butterbreek Peak (5937'), Skinner Peak (7120'): Three peaks in Jawbone Canyon area. Moderately paced, strenuous over varying terrain. Dirt road. Both days 8 miles 3000' gain. Saturday night car camp. Bring 10 essentials, lunch, and water. Esase (preferred) or sase with recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Leader: KENT SCHWITKIS. Co-Leader: BOB BEACH

Feb 19-20 Sat-Sun  Hundred Peaks I: Lost Horse Mountain (5313'), Warren Point (5103'), Chaparrosa Peak (5541'): The desert plateau at Joshua Tree National Park should be picturesque and pleasantly cool this time of year. First two peaks Saturday on separate easy hikes of about 4 miles round trip. 1100' gain each. Sunday visit nearby Yucca Valley for a loop trip within a new nature preserve, 7 miles round trip.
1300' gain. Car camp possible. Come for either or both days. Call or email leader week of hike for trip details. Leader: TOM HILL. Co-Leader: MARLEN MERTZ

Feb 26 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Mount Lukens (5074'): Visit this nearby peak, the highest point in the city of Los Angeles, moderately strenuous 10 miles round trip, 3200' gain. Usually great views during the winter season. Storms may cancel. Call or email leader week of trip for details. Leader: GEORGE WYSUP. Co-Leader: TOM HILL

Feb 26 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Agua Tibia (4779'): Join us on this long 17 mile round trip, 3200' gain, but easy paced hike on trail and overgrown road in the Agua Tibia Wilderness. Easy short climb to peak. Meet 5:30 AM at North Orange County Rideshare or 7:00 AM at Dripping Springs Campground. Bring water, lunch, lug soles, flashlight, Adventure Pass. Rain cancels. Leaders: GABRIELE RAU, DON CWIK

Feb 27 Sun Hundred Peaks
New Outing not in Schedule
I: Mount Pinos (LO) (8831'), Sawmill Mountain (8818'), Grouse Mountain (8682'): 10 miles, 2500' gain snowshoe hike includes highest points in Kern and Ventura Counties. Moderate pace. Email with brief info regarding rideshare, conditioning, and snow experience to Reservationist/Leader: GEORGE WYSUP. Co-Leader: SANDY BURNSIDE

Mar 5 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 miles, 1000'-2000' gain, depending on conditions. Send esase/sase to Leader: SANDY SPERLING. Co-Leader: SANDY BURNSIDE

Mar 5-6 Sat-Sun HPS, Natural Science
I: Jean Peak (10,670'), Drury Peak (10,162'), Marion Mountain (10,362'): Snowshoe to Tamarack Valley Sat from tram station to set up basecamp. From there we'll tag up to 3 peaks (and maybe San Jacinto) before packing out Sunday afternoon. Moderately paced weekend of about 10-12 miles, about 3000' gain, identifying critter tracks and major flora along the way. Esase (preferable) or phone leader SHERRY ROSS with h & w phones, carpool info, recent conditioning, snow camping & snowshoe experience. Leaders: SHERRY ROSS (chiross@yahoo.com, HARVEY GANZ

Mar 19-20 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks, Palos Verdes-South Bay
I: Whale Peak (5349'), Garnet Mountain (5680+'), Garnet Peak (5880+'), Sheephead Mountain (5896'): Moderately paced, strenuous, mostly cross-country/brush, in desert terrain. Day 1: Whale 5 miles round trip, 1400' gain, bad dirt road driving; Garnet Mountain 1 mile round trip, 200' gain. Car camp at Foster Lodge. Day 2: 6 miles 1500' gain. Bring 10 essentials, lunch, and water. Esase (preferred) or sase with recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Leader: KENT SCHWITKIS. Co-Leader: BARRY HOLCHIN

Apr 16-17 Sat-Sun HPS, PV-South Bay
I: Heald Peak (6901'), Niclos Peak (6070'), Pilot Knob (6200+'): Moderately paced, strenuous over varying terrain. Day 1: 12 miles round trip, 5000' gain. Car camp at Walker Pass. Day 2 "involves the nastiest 6 miles round trip and 3400' gain on the HPS list" Wysup. Bring 10 essentials, lunch, and water. Esase (preferred) or sase with recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Leader: KENT SCHWITKIS. Co-Leader: BOB BEACH

Apr 30-May 1 Sat-Sun HPSs, PV-South Bay
I: Morris Peak (7215'), Mount Jenkins (7921'), Owens Peak (8453'): Moderately paced, strenuous over varying terrain. Day 1: 14 miles round trip, 3300' gain. Car camp at Walker Pass. Day 2: 7 miles round trip and 3200' gain. Bring 10 essentials, lunch, and water. Esase (preferred) or sase with recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Leader: KENT SCHWITKIS. Co-Leader: BOB BEACH

May 14 Sat HPS, PV-South Bay
I: Old Man Mountain (5525'), Monte Arido (6010'): Moderate 6 miles round trip, 1600' gain hike on road/cross-country in Santa Barbara County with lots of dirt road driving. Inability to obtain special permit cancels trip. Bring 10 essentials, lunch, and water. Esase (preferred) or sase with recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Leader: KENT SCHWITKIS. Co-Leader: BARRY HOLCHIN

Dorothy Danziger took this photo of an image of a lookout carved in rock near the summit of Black Mountain #1.
Mt Williamson (8244')

September 26, 2004

Leaders: Jerry & Nancy Keating

By the Leaders

As part of the HPS' 50th Anniversary Observance, 11 hikers departed Islip Saddle (6680') for Mt. Williamson (8244') on the last day Angeles National Forest was open for hiking until rainfall could counter a severe wildfire danger.

The trip commemorated an October 6, 1957, outing scheduled by Dick Worsfold and Manly Kraum—the first time the HPS was able to start the climb from the recently completed Angeles Crest Highway. Earlier trips had started far below at the South Fork Campground (4500') on the edge of the Mojave Desert.

Our pace was more leisurely than normal to ensure that everyone made the top. Once there, we were treated to an informal lecture by John W. Robinson, whose interest in the highway and the peak is reflected in his hardcover history titled The San Gabriels and softback guide book Trails of the Angeles.

John first climbed Williamson with an HPS party in May 1953 when completion of the Angeles Crest Highway was in prospect but not a reality. The group started at the campground and reached Islip Saddle after several hours of effort. There, the party turned sharply back toward the desert and headed up Williamson.

Research John did for his hardcover showed work on the highway began in 1929. The first 10 miles, from La Cañada/Flintridge to just above Switzer's Camp, were completed in unpaved fashion in November 1932. The grading—but not the paving—reached Red Box Saddle in October 1934. Charlton Flats was reached in the summer of 1937, Chilao in 1939 and Buckhorn in 1940. The route was blasted and tunneled through the craggy south face of Mt. Williamson in 1941. By September it had reached Islip Saddle, but World War II forced a halt in the roadwork. Construction resumed in 1945, but it was not until November 8, 1956, that a formal dedication of the fully paved highway was held at Big Pines.

Thanks to Frank Dobos for assisting with the lead of our commemorative hike and to Charlie Knapke for the role he's played in preserving peak guides and other records of the HPS as well as other climbing groups.

Besides those mentioned, the group consisted of Li Ching Chuan, Don Croley, Jack Grams, Jack Miller and Ray Riley.


Mini-Peakbaggers' Special

July 31, 2004

Leaders: Bob Thompson & Joe Young

By The Leaders

This HPS historical outing celebrated the outings scheduled over the years intended to bag a lot of peaks in a short amount of time. Les Stockton (the Red Baron), Ken Ferrell (the Orange Baron), Don Tidwell, Lew Armack, Frank Goodykoontz, Bobcat Thompson and Joe Young all took their turns at leading these outings. Some of them started at 7:30 AM at Red Box and finished at midnight, one went midnight to midnight, one was spread over three days, and four went 24 consecutive hours. During today's outing Bobcat reminisced about the Peakbaggers' outing in 1984 when 29 peaks were bagged by a couple of people, but Bobcat had become dehydrated and managed "only" 27. Joe remembered his first unsuccessful Peakbagging Olympics in 1986 when bad turns on roads at night, bald tires on a rented van, and other mishaps had ruined his attempt at leading 30 peaks (the group bagged only 20.) But Joe and Bobcat remembered how with a vengeance they had returned in 1987 and had conducted a 24 hour outing and bagged 30 peaks. In 1989 Bobcat and Joe led a group of five to 32 summits in 24 hours; in 1991 Bobcat and Joe led eight to 33 summits in 24 hours.

Today five hikers, Laura Webb, Patrick Vaughn, Mike Baldwin, Bobcat Thompson and Joe Young met at the La Cañada rideshare point at 7:00 AM and all jumped into Joe's GMC Jimmy, the same vehicle that had been used to in Peakbagging Olympics in 1987, 1989, and 1991. (In fact, Joe had specifically purchased this vehicle in 1987 for the 1987 Peakbagging Olympics—he wanted a vehicle that could drive to Little Bear Peak.) They headed out at about 7:15 AM. The weather had been cloudy and foggy in the LA basin, but clear, blue skies prevailed over the Angeles National Forest in which all of our hiking would take place. The temperatures on the peaks were warm but not.

Take nothing but pictures; leave nothing but footprints.
unpleasant. Joe carried with him his original three-ring binder with notes, maps and peak guides he had compiled and used in the Peakbagging Olympics in 1987, 1989 and 1991.

The group drove up the Angeles Crest Highway, noting that the gate on the road to Barley Flats was open. They continued to Dawson Saddle, arriving there at about 8:25 AM. At about 8:40 AM Bobcat, Patrick and Mike headed off for Mt Lewis, with Joe and Laura staying behind at the vehicle. Joe, Bobcat and Laura had walkie-talkies today so they could stay in communication. We used them on every non-drive up today. Bobcat and Laura also had cell phones today, but neither was in range at any point (other than at Dawson Saddle) during the outing. The three hikers returned to the vehicle at about 9:10 AM. Joe drove the group to the trail head for Kratka Ridge at the site of the Vista picnic area. Bobcat, Mike and Patrick hiked this peak. They started the hike at about 9:30 AM and returned at about 10:17. They signed in on the decent register on this peak. There were many fresh signs (tracks, scat and bedding down areas) of Big Horn Sheep on the eastern route where Bobcat & Mike had seen three Big Horn rams two weeks earlier.

After leaving the trail head for Kratka Ridge, the group headed westward on the Angeles Crest Highway towards the trail head for Mt Akawie, but were surprised to see a young black bear, older than a cub but not yet a full adult, scrambling alongside the highway! We saw the bear near mileage marker 59.00. None of us ever had ever seen a bear in the Angeles Forest before today. We all knew that there were bears in the Angeles (for example, bears like to stroll down to LaVerne and relax in Jacuzzi’s), but we had not seen a bear in the Angeles.

In a few minutes we arrived at the trail head for Mt Akawie, and Bobcat, Laura, Mike and Patrick began their hike to this peak at about 10:30 AM, returning at about 11:20 AM. However, long time HPS member Larry Hoak drove to the trailhead during this interval and chatted with Joe about the day’s schedule. Larry had hiked Winston and Winston Ridge earlier today. Joe explained the rest of the day’s likely schedule, and Larry decided to join us for a few peaks. Larry headed off for Mt Akawie. Somehow he and the hikers missed each other en route.

After returning to the vehicle, Joe was surprised to learn that the Akawie hikers had not run into Larry on return from the summit. But they went on the short distance to the trail head for Winston Peak. Bobcat, Mike and Patrick began their hike of Winston at about 11:30 AM, returning at about 12:03 PM. Mike left a new register can on the summit of Winston. They agreed to drive over to the trail head for Mt Hillyer, have lunch, bag the peak, then head off for Pacifico, Granille, Round Top, and Gleason. At the trail head for Hillyer Larry joined us. We lunched for about a half hour. We talked about the time when Ron Jones and Lou Brecheon finished the HPS List on Hillyer via helicopter, and about the upcoming hike to be led by Ron and Leora Jones (November 13) to celebrate HPS List finishers on Hillyer.

At about 1:00 PM Bobcat, Patrick, Mike and Larry headed off for Hillyer. Laura took the opportunity to observe a number of birds at the trail head: an ash-throated flycatcher, a mountain chickadee, Berwick’s wren, a wrentit, and a blue-gray gnatcatcher. The hikes returned at about 1:40 PM, and we were then off to Pacifico. The five riding with Joe, with Larry in his own vehicle, arrived at the summit of Pacifico at about 2:05 PM. We strolled to the summit and Bobcat led everyone to the hidden register located in a deep crevice in a rock about twenty feet south of the highest rock. There were numerous entries in this register, but it is hard to reach, so it has remained intact for many years. We stayed on the summit about fifteen minutes.

The two vehicles then headed over to the northeastern ridge of Granite Mtn, and here Bobcat, Mike, Patrick and Larry headed off to the summit at about 2:40 PM. They returned at about 3:10 PM. There was no register found on this peak.

[Driving on, Joe reminisced with the group about how his first outing with the HPS, the Peakbaggers’ Special in 1971, led by Les Stockton, had ended on Granite at midnight, and how completely exhausted he felt at the end of the day. Twenty peaks had been led, all NEW peaks for Joe at the time! Two participants at midnight had left to bag Gleason and Iron, so that they could claim 22 peaks for the outing. The group then went their own ways, and Joe remembered being totally confused as he drove down alone, following no one, on roads he’d never seen, in the dark, knees shaking from exhaustion, in his 1969 Dodge Dart down to Mill Creek summit, and seeing a sign saying that Pasadena was to the left; he had expected it to say to the right. Fortunately he had decided to believe the sign and go left on the Angeles Forest Highway to the Angeles Crest Highway, and then be somewhat comforted and yet confused by the sign saying that Pasadena was to the right. Fortunately Joe believed this sign, too, and made his way down to Foothill Blvd, and followed surface streets (there were no 101 or 2 freeways in 1971) like Foothill, Verdugo, Honolulu and Brand to the 101 and other freeways, then home, arriving well after 2 AM. Somehow in spite of this experience Joe came back for another HPS outing in 1971!]

The vehicles then drove the two miles over to Round Top, and spent maybe fifteen minutes there. Joe discovered the register can, and Patrick retrieved it from a rock pile hidden by heavy brush. This can-within-a-can register was notable because there was a screw in the smaller can enabling one to pull the can out of the larger can. After signing the register and taking a few pictures, at about 3:30 PM we headed off to Mill Creek summit, where we restocked water and rested a bit after some bumpy dirt road driving. Here Laura spotted a couple of more birds: some white-headed woodpeckers and some California Quail. We headed to Mt Gleason.

In a half hour we arrived at the locked gate near
the summit of Mt. Gleason, and all of us walked to the summit about a quarter mile away. Larry tried to phone home but the cell phones did not work, even though we were in line of sight of Mt Lukens and Acton. We quickly returned to the vehicles. We had another break here. Larry left us at this point.

The original five of us drove down the Gleason road, spotting a couple of deer crossing the road, to the Angeles Forest Highway, then south on the Angeles Forest Highway, turned onto the Big Tujunga Road and drove its length, spotting one more deer on the road, arrived at the Angeles Crest Highway, drove for maybe 100 yards and then turned onto the Barley Flats Road, after noting that the gate at the Angeles Forest Highway was still unlocked, arriving at the locked gate near the former County minimum security prison facility at about 6:10 PM. Bobcat, Laura, Mike and Patrick made quick work of Barley Flats, returning to the vehicle at about 6:30 PM.

The five then drove back to the La Cañada rideshare point at about 7:15 PM and went their separate ways. This had been a successful day with ten peaks being bagged in good weather, good roads, good hiking companions, and no mishaps. And a BEAR!

HPS Management Committee Meetings
November 9, 2004 Newcomb Ranch restaurant on the Angeles Crest Highway. 7:30 PM
December 14, 2004 The home of Winnette Butler, 1141 N. Columbus Ave, #203, Glendale 6:30 PM

The mini-peakbaggers’s at the roadhead for Hillyer, I - r: Mike Baldwin, Bobcat Thompson, Patrick Vaughn, Joe Young and Laura Webb.

Dorothy Danziger on Will Thrall Peak. Photo by Edith Liu.

Dorothy Danziger with hiking companions Mars Bonfire, Kathy Cheever, and Dave Comerzan on Heald Peak. Dorothy is the second woman to complete the HPS List FOUR times!

Dorothy Danziger – Fourth List Finish!
HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION
ANELES CHAPTER
Minutes: Management Committee Meeting
Tuesday, June 8, 2004 at Winnette Butler’s Place

Management Committees call to Order at 6:40 p.m.

Attending: in attendance were Management Committee members Lynda Armbruster, Winnette Butler, Kathy Cheever, Karen Isaacson Leverich, Wolf Leverich, and Joe Young. Absent: Ray Wolfe. Also in attendance were Tom Armbruster, Doris Duval, and Laura Webb.

Minutes from the May Meeting: Minutes from the May 11th meeting: M/s/p

Old Business –
Angeles Chapter Sierra Club, Schedule of Activities

Joe Young shared an advance copy of the front and back of Schedule 296 (July-October 2004) showing numerous photos of HPS members in color. There are also two additional pages of HPS photos and information in the back of the Schedule commemorating fifty years of HPS history.

New Business –
Treasurer’s Report: The Treasurer’s Report from Sandy Burnside was accepted as presented.

Audit Committee: Wolf Leverich and Tom Armbruster have accepted appointment as members of the Audit Committee and will audit the 2003 records as required by the Angeles Chapter.

Nominating Committee: It was m/s/p that Mars Bonfire, Doris Duval, and Laura Webb are appointed members of the 2004 Nominating Committee. They will recruit possible candidates for the Management Committee. Kathy Cheever will write an article to appear in the next Lookout advising members of their right to submit names to the Nominating Committee, their right to nominate candidates by petition, and their right to submit petitions for proposals to be placed on the 2004 ballot.

Membership Report: Lynda Armbruster presented the Membership Report. The following achievements/emblems and new members/subscribers were voted on and approved:

100th Pathfinder Emblem
#38 Edith Liu - Will Thrall Peak - 5/19/04
100 Peaks Emblem
#1064 Patty Rambert - San Rafael Peak - 4/13/04
#1065 Rick Gordon - San Guillermo Mountain - 5/31/04 (pending documentation)

New Subscribers
Homer Wilson
Matt Peak

June Membership Report
Members 428
Subscribers 111
Total 540

Changes Since May 11th
2 New Subscribers
9 Membership Renewals
0 New Member
17 Non-renewals (Members and Subscribers)
34 Additional Renewals Currently Due

Merchandise Report for June
One Retro Pin was sold for $10.

Membership and Merchandise Report: M/s/p Copies of reports attached to Minutes.

WTC Outings Presentations: Linda Armbruster reported that she attended three of the four WTC Outings Presentations and an Orange County Sierra Singles event - Newcomer/Member Information Meeting. She received a few new subscribers from each group.

Programs Report:

Fall Roundup: Laura Webb reported that the check has been mailed to Harwood Lodge. It was pointed out that information printed in the Schedule of Activities does not contain the price and other necessary information. Laura Webb and Joe Young will meet to finalize plans for the Fall Roundup and will write additional information to be published in The Lookout.

Annual Business Meeting: Winnette reported that the September 14th Annual Business Meeting at Eaton Canyon Nature Center is set up. The check and contract have been mailed. She has requested a liability insurance statement from the Sierra Club Office in San Francisco be faxed directly to the Center.

Annual Banquet: The Annual Banquet will be held on January 29th. Laura Webb will request prices for four different entrees. Joe Young requested a preliminary write-up by July.

Outings Report: Outings Chair Karen Isaacson Leverich requested that outings be submitted to her by July 2nd to meet the deadline for the next Schedule.

Suspended Peaks: It was reported that most suspended HPS Peaks are in areas that have not been reopened yet. It was m/s/p that the following peaks remain suspended:

Peak No.
Buck Point 17G
San Sevaine Lookout 17H
Cleghorn Mountain 19A
Cajon Mountain 19B
Sugar pine Mountain 19C
Monument Peak #2 18D
Middle Peak 32D
Cuyamaca Peak 32E
Stonewall Peak 32F
Oakzanita Peak 32G

Karen will try and get confirmation on status of the suspended peaks. It was m/s/p that the Outings Report be accepted. Beginning with the July Management Committee Meeting, suspended peaks will be included in the Mountain Records Report.

Mountain Records Report: It was m/s/p that Mountain Records Chair Wolf Leverich is authorized to contact the Los Padres Forest Service and volunteer a contribution up to $500 for repair of the “afterburner,” i.e., the water tank, at Chokecherry Springs.

Wolf Leverich presented the Mountain Records Report, and it was m/s/p to make the following peak guide changes and corrections:

- 01G Pilot Knob - Route #1
  Added contact information for the White Blanket Ranch landowner.
- 05A Caliente Mountain
  Changed register location to outside near the pole and benchmark.
- 07A Frazier Mountain (Lookout) - Route #1
  Added note that seasonal gate is about 3 miles above the Chuchupate Ranger Station.
  Added note that, because of repeated vandalism, the summit register has been moved to a pile of rocks very roughly 30 yards northeast of the benchmark.
- 07E Thorn Point (Lookout) - Route #1
  Added note that pavement ends 1.5 miles from the Lockwood Valley Road. Corrected the location of final stream crossings to 8.4, the campground location to 9.1, and the increase from parking before the streams to 0.7 miles each way.
- 13C Pleasant View Ridge - Route #2
  Corrected statistics, which were wrong by 4.5 miles and 1,800'. Corrected wrong road names in driving directions. Corrected distances and standardized hiking directions.
- 13D Will Thrall Peak - Route #2
  Standardized driving and hiking directions. Historical note.
- 13E Pallet Mountain - Route #2
  Standardized driving and hiking directions.
- 22D Sugarloaf Mountain - Route #1
  Corrected sign inscription at saddle 8,972' from "Sugarloaf Mountain" to "Sugarloaf Trail."

A copy of the Mountain Records Report is attached to the Minutes.

Certificate of Emblem Completion: Winnette reported that an HPS member had inquired as to why HPS was no longer issuing certificates for completion of the list and for emblem achievements. Edith Liu has volunteered to design a new certificate. After discussion, it was m/s/p that Edith Liu be asked to design a new certificate rewarding completion of a first list finish and specific emblem achievements, to be awarded at the Annual Banquet or at other designated times.

Winner Emblem:

Tom Armbruster discussed the idea of an Explorer Emblem, which would recognize climbing a peak by three different routes. This idea was discussed back in 1989 along with recognition of leadership accomplishments, but was never completed. After discussion, it was m/s/p that Tom Armbruster draft language for an Explorer Emblem to be presented at the September Annual Business Meeting for inclusion in the 2004 ballot.

New Peak Additions:

The proposal to add Sirretta Peak to the list was deferred at this time since it's out of the designated geographic Southern California county areas and would require an Amendment to the Bylaws.

The addition of Bartolus Point near Lake Isabella was proposed as an addition, and will be discussed at future meetings for possible inclusion in the 2004 ballot.

Management Committee Terms:

It was proposed that Management Committee members be elected for two-year terms, with staggered terms beginning in 2005 to enhance continuity of the Committee. This proposal will be discussed in detail at future meetings for possible inclusion in the 2004 ballot.

Mascot Recognition:

Lynda Armbruster proposed that we add a section to the website for Mascot Recognition. Linda will meet with Karen and Wolf Leverich in September to work on the design. This issue will be discussed further at upcoming Management Committee Meetings.

Future meetings will be held at the following locations:

- July 13th Joe Young's Place
- August 10th Winnette Butler's Place
- September 14th Eaton Canyon Nature Center
- October 12th Newcomb's Ranch Inn or (?)

Management Committee meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.
Minutes: Management Committee Meeting
Tuesday, July 13, 2004 at Joe's place

MComm Meeting call to Order (6:50 p.m.)
Attending: In attendance were MComm members Lynda Armbruster, Kathy Cheever, Ray Wolfe, and Joe Young. 
Visiting were Tom Armbruster and Laura Webb. Since 
Winnette was away, the minutes were taken by Laura 
Webb.

Minutes from the June Meeting: Postponed until 
Winnette is back.

Treasurer's Report: Accepted as submitted.

Old Business
* Nominating Committee: Would like to see candidate limit of 8-9.
* List Completion Certificates: Edith Liu designed some lovely List Completion Certificates. Still discussing distribution process.
* Discussed Annual Meeting agenda items:
* Addition of Explorer Emblem
* Addition of Bartoles Peak to Peak List. Possibly do an exploratory next year.
* Discuss MComm 2-year staggered terms

Committee Reports

1. Membership: Lynda Armbruster
   * Ms/p the following new members and emblems:
     * Patty Rambert: 100 peaks – April 13, 2004 on San Rafael Peak
     * Rick Gordon: 100 peaks – May 31, 2004 on San Guillermo
     * Richard Reid: New member – April 7, 2002 on Mt. Josephine

* Lynda mentioned she has been distributing discount Alpine Club Cards for the Palm Springs Tram.

2. Programs: Laura Webb
   * Annual Meeting: This will also be a celebration since it is close the the date that a number of 100 peaks gamers got together and formed a Section! We'll have cake, veggies and dip, champagne, wine, beer, and non-alcoholic drinks. The meeting will include any ballot measures being considered and the Nominating Committee's report.
   * Round Up. We need a better write-up for the August-Sept Lookout. Laura will call and verify Harwood Lodge. Joe will assist Laura with the details (i.e., nature of party – will there be music? dancing? dinner/breakfast, etc.)
   * Annual Awards Banquet. Discussed the menu – choice of salmon, roast beef or vegetarian dish to be decided. Discussing alternative to the raffle – maybe do a silent auction. The banquet will be a celebration of the membership – no formal speaker presentation, but more time to chat and honor our members.

3. Outings: Karen Isaacson Leverich – none

4. MRC: Wolf Leverich – none

5. Safety: Ray Wolfe
   * Will send information to all leaders concerning procedures for "I"-rated leaders leading "M"-rated hikes

New Business
* Awards Committee: Chair appoints Joe Young to be Chair of Awards Committee
* Election Committee: No designated chair yet.
* Joint Meeting: host will be the Ski Mountaineers. The Joint Meeting will be held February 15 at 7:30 at Griffith Park Ranger Station.
* Location of upcoming MComm meetings
  August 10: Winnette's place
  September 14: Annual Meeting at Eaton Canyon Recreation facility
  October 12: Winnette's place
  November 9: Newcomb's Ranch.

MComm meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Minutes: Management Committee Meeting
Tuesday, August 10, 2004 at Winnette Butler's Place

Management Committee call to Order at 6:45 p.m.
Attending:
In attendance were Management Committee members
Winnette Butler, Kathy Cheever, Karen Isaacson Leverich, Wolf Leverich, Ray Wolfe, and Joe Young.
Absent: Lynda Armbruster. Laura Webb, Program Chair, also attended.
Minutes from Previous Meetings:
Minutes from the May 11th, June 8th, and July 13th meetings were approved with corrections.

Old Business

List Completion Certificates:
A discussion was held regarding the method for awarding and distributing List Completion Certificates. It was tabled until the September meeting.

HPS Donations:
After discussion, it was m/s/p that the Hundred Peaks Section donate $100 to each of the following organizations:
Los Padres National Forest Association
Zen Center
Wildlands Conservancy
South Hawkins Lookout - Rebuilding Project
* Subject to information to be obtained by Joe Young that the project already has significant donations to begin the project.

Committee Reports -
Treasurer's Report:
The Treasurer's Report from Sandy Burnside was accepted as presented.
Nominating Committee:
Kathy Cheever reported that the Nominating Committee has six candidates that have accepted nomination for the
2004 ballot. 
Membership and Merchandise Report: 
None.
Programs Report:
* Fall Roundup: 
Programs Chair, Laura Webb, reported that Laura Joseph's name is printed in the Schedule for Fall Roundup reservations. Laura Joseph has agreed to forward all reservations to Laura Webb. Laura Webb and Joe Young have written additional information about the Roundup to be published in the August/September Lookout.
* Annual Business Meeting: 
In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the date that the "100 Peaks Same" originated. Joe Young will order a sheet cake with the HPS emblem for the Annual Business Meeting on September 14th. In addition, the following will also be provided:
Joe Young - Cake and Paper Goods 
Laura Webb - Drinks 
Kathy Cheever - Vegetable Platter 
Winnette Butler - Cheese and Crackers
Measures for inclusion on the 2004 ballot and the Election Committee were discussed and will be decided at the Annual Business Meeting. A recommendation was made that the ballot include space for suggestions from members regarding what they would like to see in the Hundred Peaks Section.
Language for the proposed new Explorer Emblem will be finalized at the Annual Business Meeting.
* Annual Awards Banquet: 
Laura Webb and Joe Young will meet at Taix Restaurant to finalize the menu - possibly salmon, beef, and a special vegetarian dish. Laura Webb was authorized to send a deposit to the restaurant. The program will include a celebration of HPS, its members, and its leaders with no formal speaker and more social time.
Outings Report:
Outings Chair Karen Leverich reported that she and Wolf had attended the Angeles Chapter Outings Management Committee meeting on August 2nd and that the HPS proposal for pre-approved "O" routes did not pass. However, hikes that need to be cancelled for fire or other reasons may be rescheduled and redirected to a different destination as long as the rating of the hike does not increase. Angeles Chapter will soon implement a one-month turnout review process that will provide greater flexibility in scheduling future outings. No further Management Committee action is required, and the HPS Outings Chair may use the expedited system as soon as it is in place.
Karen also announced that Wolf Leverich is the new LTC Administrative Chair, and he will be actively recruiting leaders.
Mountain Records Report: 
Wolf Leverich, Mountain Records Chair, reported that he met with Rangers for the Los Padres Forest Service and the Los Padres Forest Association Volunteers regarding a further donation and projects where HPS members could volunteer services and perform trail maintenance work. It was m/s/p that Wolf is authorized to offer up to $500 for projects directly benefiting areas that are used by HPS members, subject to approval by MComm prior to payment.
Wolf Leverich gave the Mountain Records Report, and it was m/s/p to make the following peak guide changes and corrections:
02I Mayan Peak - Driving Route #1
Added notation that the dirt road at 24.9 miles is "SC123."
08D Cuyama Peak (LO) and 08E Lizard Head - Driving Route #1
Corrected approximate mileage from 1-5 to SR 33, and noted that the "second" juncture of SR 166 with SR 33 is the left turn.
Added notation that the gated road at the Lizard Head parking area is now very obscure.
Added a "special note" describing the Kirschenmann Road driving route that can be used when Foothill washes out.
06B Fox Mountain, 06I West Big Pine, 06J Big Pine Mountain, 06K Lamar Peak, and 06L Medulpe Mission Standardized directions for consistency.
07H Alamo Mountain - Hiking Route #1 Changed leader rating to "I."
14A Waterman Mountain - Route #2 In driving directions, corrected the distance between Clear Creek and Red Rock to 4.5 miles. In hiking directions, corrected gain to 2800'.
The Mountain Records Report was accepted as submitted. A copy is attached to the Minutes.

New Business -
New Supervisor for Cleveland National Forest:
Joe Young distributed an article from the Julian News announcing Tina Terrl's appointment as Supervisor over the Cleveland National Forest and encouraged members to visit and meet with her. A copy of the article is attached to the Minutes.

Paul Lipsohn:
Joe also reported that long-time Sierra Club member Paul Lipsohn passed away on August 5th. Joe will write an article for the Lookout.

New Peak Addition:
After discussion, it was decided that inclusion of Bartolas Peak on the ballot for 2004 be tabled until the 2005 election since it will require an exploratory hike prior to a vote by the membership.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule:
* September 14 Annual Business Meeting at Eaton Canyon Nature Center
* October 12 Winnette's Place
* November 9 Newcomb's Ranch
Management Committee meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.