Hundred Peaks Section
Fall Festival - September 29 - 30, 2007
Hurkey Creek Park

Welcome to another fun and festive weekend at Hurkey Creek Park in the San Jacinto Mountains near Idyllwild (Lake Hemet). Join us for peak-bagging in the area and camping with potluck Saturday night. Camp at the Park or stay at motels in Idyllwild. The campground has showers and toilets. No Charge to participants! Send SASE or fax for information/reservation to the address below. Reserve early! Space is limited! IT'S FREEEEE!

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HPS Fall Festival Registration Form
(Please print legibly)

Name(s) ________________________________

Address: ________________________________

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Email address or phone number: ________________________________

Number of people in your party: __________

Mail form with SASE to
Jim S. Fleming
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WILDERNESS FIRST AID COURSE
Foster Lodge – October 20-21, 2007

The equivalent of Advanced First Aid.
1. Especially recommended for Sierra Club COL(Chapter Outings Leader) II Outings Leaders.
2. Fulfills the three-year renewal requirement for Standard First Aid for COL I Outings Leaders.
3. Instruction will be led by Steve Donelan, American Safety & Health Institute.
4. A textbook is included with the course.
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Expect to build confidence and develop the essential skills needed to assess, stabilize and care for sick and injured persons when medical facilities are more than four hours away.

FEATURED SEGMENTS:
Recognition of acute medical conditions • Stabilization of fractures • Wound debridement and care• Extraction of a victim without causing further harm • C-spine assessment

One overnight stay is required at Foster Lodge and excellent meals will be provided.
The fee is $125 for COL II, $140 for COL I.

Class size is limited. Optional Friday night stay if desired ($10 extra)
Members of the Sierra Club who are not Chapter Outings Leaders may enroll for $150.
For non-members, the fee is $170 and includes Sierra Club membership. Volunteer cooks are needed.

IF INTERESTED, PLEASE FILL OUT THE APPLICATION BELOW AND RETURN BY OCTOBER 4, 2007
Signing up early will allow textbook delivery prior to class
For more information, contact John Plander at (858) 488-9750 or jplander@san.rr.com

COL WILDERNESS FIRST AID
October 20-21, 2007
Sponsored by the San Diego Chapter of the Sierra Club

APPLICATION

Name: ____________________________________________

Phone: ___________________________ E-mail: ____________________________

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Circle One: COL II ($125) COL I ($140) SC Member ($150) Non SC Member ($170)
-Please include $10 extra for Friday night stay-

Send this application and your check (made out to the Sierra Club) to: John Plander, 820 Brighton Ct., SD 92109

Note: COL II Outings Leaders who complete this course may be eligible for a $50 rebate from National. More information will be available in the Chapter Outings Leaders' Newsletter.
HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION MEMBERSHIP REPORT
JULY 2007
Greg de Hoogh, HPS Membership Chair

ACHIEVEMENTS:

List Finish #8
#5 – George Wysup – 6/13/07 – Frazier Mountain

List Finish #5
#10 – Ron Zappen – 5/15/07 – Cannel Point

List Finish #1
#265 – Ginny Heringer – 6/23/07 – Cannel Point

200 Peaks
#434 – Michael Saltwasser – 6/3/07 – Palm View Peak

100 Peaks
#1096 – Wasim Khan – 5/23/07 – Brush Mountain
#1097 – Gloria Nafel – 11/21/06 – Pine Mountain #2

NEW MEMBERS:

Michael Dougherty

NEW SUBSCRIBERS:

Rena Beyale
Jerry McBrearty, Sr.
Sharon Kirk
Christine Soskins

MEMBERSHIP COUNTS:

359 Members (312 primary + 47 household)
59 Subscribers
418 Total

Hundred Peaks Section
Annual Business Meeting
September 11, 2007 Tuesday 7:00 PM
Eaton Canyon Nature Center
Business meeting immediately follows the Management Committee meeting

Our newsletter, THE LOOKOUT, is published six times a year. February 1 for the March-April issue; April 1 for the May-June issue; August 1 for the September-October issue; October and December 1 for the January-February issue. If you send the back of each photo. Please identify all subjects in each taking photos please ask participants to remove photos returned please state so and include a return SASE. appropriateness. Please send articles, photos, etc to Joe Young, 12551
90065 - 6730, fax to Joe at (310) 301 - 9642; or email to
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The Hundred Peaks Section Website
The HPS website is located at http://angeles.sierraclub.org/hps/. The website is maintained by Wolf Leverich and Karen Isaacs Leverich, who keep it up to date and loaded with information:

- Upcoming hikes and other events
- Peak List
- Climbing guides
- Archived trip reports
- HPS awards
- Section bylaws
- Links to Sierra Club and Angeles Chapter
- Much, much more

✓ Check it out!

Final dates for receipt of material are June issue; June 1 for the July-August issue; November-December issue; film photos please write your name on photo whether digital or film. When sunglasses! If you want the film Articles may be edited for length or Presnell Street, Los Angeles, CA
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Upcoming Meetings
The Management Committee meets every other month. All members of the Hundred Peaks Section are welcome and encouraged to attend. We need your input. For an Agenda and the exact location of the meeting, contact the Chairperson, David Comerzan:

Sept 11th: Annual Business Meeting, Eaton Canyon. This meeting immediately follows the Management Committee meeting which begins at 6:30 PM.
From the Chair
By Dave Comerzan

Here it is September already. Where has the year gone? I won’t be sad to see fall arrive with, hopefully, some cooler temperatures. Speaking of heat, the Zaca fire continues to burn out of control. Many of our peaks are within that area. For a list of those peaks, check our website. I’m sure some those will be considered for suspension at our September management meeting.

September is the month for our Annual Business meeting. It will be held at the Eaton Canyon Nature Center. We will hold a regular management meeting, followed by the Annual Business meeting. This is where we review proposals to add or delist peaks, by-laws changes, nominations for next years management committee and any other matters that will be put to the membership for a vote in November. It is still not too late to add your favorite peak, or suggest we get rid of ones we love to hate. Also, got a new emblem you would like to achieve? Now is the time to present it. Remember that it takes 25 signatures to get a proposal on the ballot. Be an active member. Attend this meeting and give your input.

Our next major event is this years Fall Festival. We have reserved a group campsite at the Hurkey Creek Park just south of Mountain Center in the San Jacinto Mountains. For those of you familiar with this campground, know it is one of the best in the area. Located in beautiful Garner Valley, it boasts flush toilets, hot showers, fire pits, running water, tents OK (no hook-up, though). We will be in Site C (near the restrooms). HPS is picking up the cost for members; you just need to reserve with Jim Fleming. Four hikes are already scheduled (could be more by the time it starts). Even if you don’t hike, it is a beautiful place to spend the weekend. And don’t forget the potluck Saturday night.

July and August (as of the 15th) were busy months for emblem achievers. We had three List #1 finishers - Bill Simpson, Wayne Bannister and Pamela Rowe. Pam also led her 100th hike. Peter Doggett did his 200th lead. Go Peter. Completing 100 peaks were Chris Speak and Greg Dally. If I missed anybody, my apologizes.

That’s it for now. See you in the mountains.

September 11, Tuesday Annual Business Meeting at Eaton Canyon Nature Center

All are welcome to attend our annual business meeting, where nominations are finalized for next year’s Management Committee. In addition, proposals for Bylaw changes, peak additions and deletions and other matters on which members will vote are discussed and votes are taken on whether to put them on the ballot. The business meeting follows the monthly Management Committee meeting. Refreshments provided by the committee. 6:30 PM management meeting; 7 PM (or thereabouts) business meeting. Eaton Canyon Nature Center, 1750 N Altadena Dr in Pasadena. From 210 freeway eastbound, exit Altadena Dr, north 1.5 miles to park entrance on right. From 210 westbound, exit Sierra Madre Blvd, west 1 block to Altadena Dr, north 1.5 miles to park entrance on right. Enter parking area on right shortly after crossing New York Drive.

Join the Sierra Club

If you are a Sierra Club member, you receive the Angeles Chapter Schedule of Activities (if you live in Los Angeles and Orange counties). That way you have ALL the addresses (email and regular mail, as well as telephone numbers) of ALL leaders. However, you must be a Sierra Club member to receive the Schedule of Activities. To become a member, make a copy of this form, fill it out and mail it with appropriate check amount to the address indicated.

The dues include subscription to Sierra Magazine. If you live in Los Angeles or Orange Counties, your dues also include a subscription to the Southern Sierra newsletter and to the Angeles Chapter Schedule of Activities.

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Membership Categories

Introductory □ $25
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Send this form and a check payable to the Sierra Club to Sierra Club, P. O. Box 52968, Boulder, CO 80322.

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Chapter Outings Assembly
October 27, 2007

Join the Chapter Outings Management Committee on Saturday for a session on the present and future of the chapter’s outings program. All Sierra Club members are invited, especially outings leaders, provisional leaders and outings chairs. We’ll meet at 9:30 AM and finish around 4 PM. Location is the Eaton Canyon Nature Center. Light breakfast and refreshments provided. Bring your lunch. OMC Chair: KENT SCHWITKIS
HPS Leader Achievements
By Wolf Leverich

These are the recent HPS Leader Achievements of which I'm aware. If I've missed someone, don't be shy: drop me a note at <wolf@hundredpeaks.org>, and I'll include you in my next report. Congratulations to the new leaders, and thanks to their evaluators (who are named in parentheses).

I - Level Achievements
07/28/07  I  Greg Mason (T. McDonnell, A. Waxman)
07/29/07  I  Wayne Bannister (W. Voltaire, T. Hill, G. Wysup)

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07/18/07  O  Greg Daly (P. Doggett)
08/01/07  O  Agustin Medina (V. Popescu)

Congratulations!

Just a reminder: the next Leadership Training Program seminar is 13 Oct 2007. IMPORTANT: this is the last reminder you'll receive in The Lookout. Details are at: http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc/. Sign up early, take a Red Cross CPR/Standard First Aid course in advance, and you can walk out of the Seminar as a " Provisional O" leader. You can lead your provisional the next day, and get started Leading The List!

July 2007 MRC Report
By Wolf Leverich

HPS Mountain Records is working on extending and updating the cartographic information available on the Website.

The first thing we've done is upload Brent Washburne's map collection, which documents HPS routes circa about 1990. These maps are in black and white, in PDF format, and have been digitally re-scanned and reprocessed from the original paper masters to be as readable and as fast to download as possible.

You do not need any special software besides a PDF viewer (probably built into your Web browser, or downloadable for free from Adobe.com) to use these maps.

All 165 of the maps can be seen at: http://angeles.sierraclub.org/hps/maps.pdf.html

Karen tells me that she'll link them into the Website in a more permanent way in a bit.

These maps are being provided because they're historically interesting and because the topography itself hasn't changed much in the last 15-20 years. Do be aware, though, that many routes have changed, and the current peak guides and TOPO!-based maps should be used as guides for actual climbs.

After the Washburne maps have been uploaded, we'll be updating Byron Prinzmetal's TOPO!-based maps and ultimately we'll do an updated set of downloadable PDF maps.

San Rafael Peak: A New Trailhead
By Peter Doggett

Recently Ignacia Doggett, Peter Doggett, Bill Simpson and Sonia Arancibia hiked to San Rafael Peak. We noticed that the normal trailhead (from near Mutau Flat) has been destroyed. Another, new trailhead has been constructed that has room for many more cars plus has Bathrooms. The new Johnston Ridge Trailhead is reached by driving beyond the Halfmoon Campground and taking a left at a sign about 3.6 miles from the turnoff from the dirt road leading to the Thom Point trailhead. The new trail begins next to the restroom. The new trail leads down to Mutau Flat and is slightly longer than the old route. The former route to the Wash was 1.0 mile (each way) and the new trail is about 1.25 miles with 100' additional gain. The new total distance is about 10.5 miles round trip with 3,300' of elevation gain. The September fire burned away most of the Brush and hiking along the ridge over many bumps was fairly easy.

About 3 miles before one drives to the new trailhead there is a large puddle crossing the dirt road. This puddle is just after the left turn one needs to make to depart from the road going to the Thom Pt trailhead. In most summers this puddle is only about 3" deep. This year I thought that water would be almost completely gone. Well, I was wrong and the puddle was about 8" deep. One certainly needs high-clearance and 4-WD would be a good thing to have to keep from getting stuck in the mud.
It's time to consider global warming!
By Ingeborg Prochazka and Edith Liu

As Sierra Club members and citizens of this world, we need to be more and more concerned about the threat of Global Warming, and need to think about ways to reduce the carbon footprint of the Chapter’s many outings sections, including HPS.

We are bothered by the huge consumption of fuel when driving our SUVs to dirt road trail heads. Some peaks require long drives for short hikes; Cannel Point being a good example of this. The peak is located 230 miles plus from the LA area and the hike is 2 miles round trip long.

With global warming, now even uttered by President Bush, the life style we have become accustomed to, needs changing. Even though most members resist delisting peaks, is it not time to take the lead and make changes in the peak bagging contest? Some changes the HPS might want to consider:

- Establish a deadline of January 2009 for these changes, so everyone who is working on a specific list can achieve their present HPS goal.
- Reduce the List to 100 “eco-friendly” peaks (example: eliminate peaks with extremely long drives and short hikes, and those which require SUVs to get to the trail heads).
- Keep peaks off the List which cause a safety hazard due to dense brush (clipping is no longer allowed).
- To satisfy the competitive personalities, create new “eco-friendly” emblems, like ascend local peaks a hundred times (Mt. Baldy, San Jacinto, San Gorgonio as an example)

The Section has gone through changes before, most notably when it increased the number of peaks from the original 100. We are now being confronted by another change, due to the imminent danger to our environment.

This applies to Sierra Peaks, Desert Peaks, and other Sections as well. Let’s set an example and be a leader in the fight against global warming.

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Exchange of Letters Regarding Access to Kitching Peak (6598’)

July 30, 2007
San Gorgonio Ranger Station
34701 Mill Creek Road
Mentone, CA 92359

Re: Access to Kitching Peak

Sirs:

Attached is a copy of one section of the USFS map of the San Bernardino National Forest. I have circled the area in question. The map indicates a parking area at the end of a road leading from Millard Canyon. Beyond this parking area the map shows a trail leading northeasterly, then turning south to the summit of Kitching Peak. The parking area is located in an off-color area along something called “East Br.”

Is travel by foot allowed past the parking area? Is travel by foot to the summit of Kitching Peak permitted? Are there any restrictions along this route (e.g., Indian or other private property, wildlife, fire closure, etc)?

Thank you in advance for your reply.

Sincerely,

Joseph F. Young

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United States Department of Agriculture
Forest Service
San Bernardino National Forest Front Country Ranger
District
Mill Ck. Ranger Station 34701 Mill Creek Road
Mentone, CA 92359 909-382-2886

August 3, 2007
To: Joseph Young
Subject: Kitching Peak

Mr Young:

I regret to inform you that the area in question is closed to public access. The Morongo Indians closed their reservation to the general public last year, this in turn closed the access roads to the Kitching Peak trailhead. The area you referred to on your map is the East branch of Millard Canyon which is located within the San Gorgonio Wilderness. The Forest Service has not closed the area, but we have stopped writing wilderness permits for that particular trailhead. At this time there is no anticipated date for the area to reopen. Please feel free to call me at the number provide if you need any additional information.

Thank you.

Bill Tibbits
Mill Creek Ranger Station
909-382-2886
Advance Schedule of Hundred Peaks Section Activities

By Karen Isaacson Leverich

Sep 1-2 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks I: Weldon Peak (6320'), Plute Lookout (8326'), Sorrell Peak (7704'), Cannel Point (8314'): Moderate, leisurely Labor Day Weekend visit to the forested regions around Lake Isabella. First 3 peaks in the Plute Mountains on Saturday, total 9 miles round trip, 2200' gain for all three peaks. Camp or motorize Saturday night. Final peak Sunday, 2 miles round trip, 900' gain. Both days involve extensive driving on generally fine dirt roads as we tour and hike the scenic backcountry. Send e/e/e to Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: GEORGE WYSUP, PAT ARREONDO, MARLEN MERTZ

Sep 5 Wed Hundred Peaks I: Black Mtn #3 (5686'), Tehachapi Mtn (7960+): Separate hikes to the two remaining HPS peaks in the Tehachapi, near town of Mojave. Moderately strenuous overall. First peak has "most cow patties on the List", 3 miles round trip, 1500' gain from a subdivision. Second peak 5 miles round trip, 2000' gain from a park campground. Paved road driving. Contact Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: PATRICK VAUGHN, GEORGE WYSUP

Sep 5 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks O: Winston Ridge (7003'): Leisurely hike down to Cooper Canyon Campground. Then up along PCT and out to top of Winston Ridge. 6 miles with 1600' gain. Meet 8 AM La Canada rideeshare point with lunch, water, good footwear. Leaders: BETH MIKA, DAN BUTLER

Sep 8 Sat Hundred Peaks, 20s & 30s I: Bighorn Mtn (10,997'), Dragons Head (10,866'), San Gorgonio Mtn (11,489): Rescheduled to Sunday, September 16th.

Sep 8 Sat Pasadena, Hundred Peaks, Orange County C: Bighorn Peak (8441'): Strenuous but moderately paced 10 miles round trip, 3400' gain hike via Kelly's Camp. Meet 8 AM at the Icehouse Canyon beyond Baldy Village. Bring 2-3 quarts water, lunch, hiking boots. Leaders: MEI KWAN, DANA HUNTER

Sep 8 Sat Hundred Peaks C: Mount Williamson (13143'): Climb this pleasant peak and see Edwards AFB in the high desert. 3 miles round trip, 1500' gain, easy for beginners. Meet 8:30 AM La Canada rideeshare point. Bring water, lunch, wear boots. Rain cancels. Leaders: FRANK DOBOS, DIANE DUNBAR

Sep 8 Sun Hundred Peaks New Outing, first time published C: Thorne Point (6920'): Beautiful, moderate hike via nice trail to a great Los Padres Lookout Tower. Perhaps we'll see some condors. The total hike will be 8 miles round trip with 2000' of gain. Bring: Water, Lunch, Jacket & Hat. Contact the leader for meeting place & time. Leader: PETER DOGGETT Co-Leaders: IGNACIA DOGGETT, BILL SIMPSON

Sep 11 Tue Hundred Peaks Annual Business Meeting. This meeting immediately follows the Sep Management Committee meeting which begins at 9:30 PM. Eaton Canyon Nature Center, Altadena.

Sep 12 Wed Hundred Peaks I: Three Sisters (8100'), Onyx Peak #1 (9113'): Let's see how these peaks and the ancient junipers southeast of Big Bear survived the Millard Complex Fire, which almost reached this area all the way from I-10 last year. Moderately strenuous 8 miles round trip, 2500' gain, mostly cross-country in pinyon-juniper woodlands. Some easy dirt road driving for first peak. Contact Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: GEORGE WYSUP, WAYNE BANNISTER

Sep 12 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks O: South Peak (7840+): Fine hike to a nice peak via Apple Canyon. The total hike will be about 8 miles (Round Trip) with 2500' of gain. Bring: Water, Lunch, Jacket & Hat. Contact the leader for meeting place & time. Leader: PETER DOGGETT Co-Leader: BILL SIMPSON

Sep 12 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks O: Middie Hawkins (6505') from Islip Saddle: 8+ miles round trip, with 2000' of gain with a down hill return. Many great views. Meet 9 AM La Canada rideeshare point with water, food, good footwear. Leaders: DON SIMINSKI, JENNIFER WASHINGTON

Sep 15 Sat Hundred Peaks C: Winston Peak (7502'), Mount Akawa (7283'): Introduction to the San Gabriel Mountains! Easy hikes along the Angeles Crest Hwy are suitable for beginners in good shape. Hikes on trail involve 4 miles round trip and 1000' of gain. Bring water, sturdy boots (no tennis!) and goodies to share on the summit. Meet 8 AM La Canada rideeshare point for 30 mile drive to trail head at Cloudburst summit. Leaders: JOE YOUNG, STAG BROWN

Sep 15 Sat Hundred Peaks, 20s & 30s I: Silver Peak (6756'), Arctic Point (8338'), Gold Mtn (8235'): Enjoy these three peaks north and east of Big Bear Lake on the fringe of the Mojave Desert. Moderately strenuous with much cross country, 12 miles round trip, 3000' gain. Significant dirt road driving, high clearance vehicles recommended. Send e/e/e to Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: PAMELA ROWE, WAYNE BANNISTER
Sep 15 Sat  Hundred Peaks, 20s & 30s
New Outing, first time published
O: Waterman Mountain (8039'): Join us for an easy to moderate hike to Waterman Mountain. 8 miles round trip with 1200' gain. Meet 7:30 AM La Canada rideshare point. Bring lunch, good footwear, 2 1/2 L of water, clothing layers (including raingear), and hat. Leader: LOUIS KWAN Co-Leader: JENNIFER WASHINGTON

Sep 16 Sun  Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
O: Timber Mountain (8303'): Moderate hike to a nice peak via a trail from Lytle Creek. The total hike will be about 13 miles (round trip) with 4300' of gain. Bring: Water, Lug Sore, Lunch, Jacket & Hat. Contact the leader to find the meeting information. Leader: PETER DOGGETT Co-Leaders: IGNACIA DOGGETT, GREG DALY

Sep 16 Sun  Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: 10,000 Foot Ridge (10,084'), Lake Peak (10,161'), Grinnell Mountain (10,284'): Moderately paced, very strenuous on trail and over steep, slippery, brushy, rocky cross-country terrain. 14 miles round trip, 3500' gain. Dirt road driving with high clearance recommended. Permit limits group size. Send email to Leaders: VIRGIL POPESCU & PAT ARREDONDO:

Sep 16 Sun  Hundred Peaks, 20s & 30s
Rescheduled from September 8th
I: Bighorn Mtn (10,997'), Dragos Head (10,866'), San Gorgonio Mtn (11,499'): Visit the wilderness roof of Southern California from the east side on this classic trek 40 driving miles east of Redlands. Very strenuous, 19 miles round trip, 4600' gain. Dirt road driving 7 miles to trailhead, high-clearance vehicles recommended. Permit limits group size. Sase/esease to Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leader: GEORGE WYSUP

Sep 18 Tue  Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
O: Timber (8303'), Telegraph (8095'), Thunder (8587'): 12 miles, 5000' gain. Strenuous. Enjoy a quiet weekday hike in the local mountains and bag the Three T's. Pace will be moderate, and a short car shuttle will make this a lot easier. Contact Sandy the week before the hike for details. Leaders: SANDY BURNSIDE, MARS BONFIRE

Sep 19 Wed  Hundred Peaks
I: Twin Peaks (7781'): End-of-summer trip to this classic highpoint near Mt Waterman, but without the rush-rush of the July Rendezvous. Moderately strenuous, 11 miles round trip, 3200' gain including 1200' on the return. Contact Leader: TOM HILL. Co-Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, WAYNE BANNISTER

Sep 21-24 Fri-Mon  Wilderness Adventures, HPS
Of: Rose Mountain (7402), South Mount Hawkins (7783') and Pacific Crest Trail Backpack from Vincent Gap to Three Points: Hike through your homeland in the San Gabriel Mountains. Moderately paced 4 day, 36 mile, one-way backpack on PCT. Starting at Vincent Gap, we will spend the night on the summit Mt. Baden-Powell (9399'). The next day, we will climb Ross Mountain, 2000' down and then back up. Then, a side trip to the site of the So. Mt. Hawkins Lookout. We will travel through Islip Saddle, Cooper Canyon, and Cloudburst Summit. Learn about the natural history of the area. Average day will be 10 miles with 2500' gain/loss. No layover days/no beginners. Participants will need to share in expense of rental van. Send email with H&W phones, city, recent conditioning and backpack experience to Leader: TED LUBESKOFF Co-Leader: SUZANNE SWEDO

Sep 22 Sat  Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Dobbs Peak (10,459'), Jepson Peak (11,205'), San Gorgonio Mountain (11,499'): Need some more pathfinders? Let’s climb these high ones via Dobbs west ridge and return via Vivian Creek trail. Strenuous with some steep cross-country to Dobbs. Moderately quick pace. About 14.5 miles, 5600' gain. Space limited by permit. Email George, supplying recent conditioning to get more information. Co-Leaders: GEORGE WYSUP, JOE YOUNG, BILL SIMPSON

Sep 22 Sat  HPS, PV-SB, Long Beach, Natural Science
New Outing, first time published
M: Indian Mountain (5780'), Suicide Rock (7528') Lily Rock (8000'): Moderately paced, strenuous over varying terrain. First stop Indian; 6 miles and 1300' gain. Then it’s off to Humber Park and experiencing the steep but short climbers trail to Suicide and Lily Rock (5 miles and 3140'). Take time to learn from our naturalist about the fauna and flora. Perhaps celebrate someone’s 200th peak. Bring 10 essentials, lunch, and water. Easase (preferred) or sase with recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Leaders: KENT SCHWITKIS, Naturalist: SHERRY ROSS

Sep 23 Sun  Hundred Peaks
I: Pyramid Peak (7035'), Pine Mtn #2 (7054'), Lion Peak (6868'), Palm View Peak (7160'), Cone Peak (6800'): A combination of PCT trail and off-trail boulder and use-trail scrambles through some difficult countrysides in the Desert Divide near Idyllwild gets this 5-peak area done. Strenuous, 17 miles round trip, 3800' gain with much of the mileage on a beautiful stretch of the PCT. Paved road driving. Sase/esease to Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: GEORGE WYSUP, WAYNE BANNISTER

Sep 26 Wed  Hundred Peaks
O: Rouse Hill (5168'): How about hiking this peak instead of driving to the top? A scenic hike south of highway 74 in the area near Idyllwild, 10 miles round trip with 2000' gain. Contact leader for meeting place and time. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, INGEBOG PROCHAZKA

Sep 26 Wed  Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Mt Lukens (5074') via Stone Canyon Trail: 7 miles round trip, 3300' gain. A real climb at a moderate pace to the highest point in the City of Los Angeles with views in all directions. Meet 8:55 AM in the supermarket parking lot on the NE corner of Foothill Blvd and Mt Gleason Rd (Thomas Guide -503-H) with water, suitable clothing and good footwear. Leaders: RON ROSIEN, GARY BICKEL
Sep 28-30 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks
Fall Festival. Join us near Idyllwild for the HPS Sort-of-Annual Fall Festival. We’ll be staying at Hurkey Creek Campground. Potluck Saturday night. More details will be available at the HPS Web site. Or contact the Reservationist: JIM FLEMING

Sep 29 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: Rock Point (5280+), Butterfly Peak (5240+), Ken Point (6423+): Here’s a challenging West-to-East traverse through a puzzling stretch of the southern Desert Divide near Idyllwild to pick up these three interesting peaks. Strenuous, 14 miles one-way trek, 3200’ gain, with some easy rock scrambling. Paved road driving; car shuttle 5 miles between trailheads. Send sase/ess to Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: JOHN RADALJ, MARLEN MERTZ

Sep 29 Sat Hundred Peaks, 20s & 30s, Long Beach
O: Tahquitz Peak (LO) (8846), Red Tahquitz (8720), Southwell Peak (7840): Fall Festival hike to three lovely peaks and a fire lookout in the San Jacinto area. Moderate pace of 17 miles, 3700’ gain. Mostly trail, some cross country. Permit limits group size. Submit recent conditioning and hiking experience to Leader: PAMELA ROWE Assistant: GEORGE WYSUP, TODD WILLIAMS

Sep 30 Sun Hundred Peaks
I: Sam Fink Peak (7339): Panoramic vistas of the Desert Divide await you on this isolated peak named for famed area pioneer Sam Fink. Moderately paced but strenuous 14 miles round trip, 4200’ gain, counting significant return gain mostly on trail. Group size limited by permit. From Humber Park; paved road driving. Send sase/ess to Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: MARLEN MERTZ, PATRICK VAUGHN

Sep 30 Sun Hundred Peaks
O: Tahquitz Peak LO (8846): Via South Ridge trail from Idyllwild. Via South Ridge trail from Idyllwild. 6 miles round trip, 2400’ gain at moderate pace to (probably) hosted lookout in a beautiful area. We will take frequent nature breaks. Bring water, lunch. Meet 8 AM at HPS Fall Roundup site or contact George. Co-Leaders: GEORGE WYSUP, GINNY HERINGER

Sep 30 Sun HPS, PV-SB, Long Beach, Natural Science New Outing, first time published
I: Palm View Peak (7160’), Lookout Mountain #1 (5590’): Moderately paced, strenuous over varying terrain. First stop is Palm View Peak (8 miles and 2000’), then finish with Lookout #1 along the PCT (2 miles and 860). Take time to learn from our naturalist about the fauna and flora. Bring 10 essentials, lunch, and water. Ease (preferred) or sase with recent conditioning, phone & ride share information to Leaders: KENT SCHWITKIS, Naturalist: SHERRY ROSS

Sep 30 Sun LTC, WTC, Hundred Peaks
I: Grinnell Ridge Navigation: Navigation Noodle in San Bernardino National Forest for either checkout or practice to satisfy Basic (UM) or Advanced (E) navigation requirements. To receive homework assignment, send navigation experience/training, ride share, phones to Leader: HARRY FREIMANIS Assistant: PHIL WHEELER
Oct 3 Wed Hundred Peaks
I: Mount Williamson (8244’), Paliott Mountain (7760’), Goodykoontz Peak (7558’): Strenuous loop hike with short car shuttle on trail and steep, loose cross-country in San Gabriel backcountry. Up to 11 miles, 5000’ gain for this serious hike, not for beginners. Email George with contact information and recent conditioning. Co-Leaders: GEORGE WYSUP, TOM HILL, ASHER WAXMAN

Oct 6 Sat Hundred Peaks, 20s & 30s
I: Granite Peaks (7527’), Mineral Mtn (7238’), Tip Top Mtn (7823’): Cruise pinyon-juniper woodlands to these peaks that dominate a mining district far to the southeast of Big Bear Lake. Strenuous overall, 13 miles round trip, 3200’ gain. Much cross country travel with some steep terrain and boulder scrambling, except final peak where we hike a poor road. Sase/escue to Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: PAMELA ROWE, WAYNE BANNISTER

Oct 6 Sat Hundred Peaks, 20s & 30s
I: Sugarloaf Peak (6924’): Climb this sore thumb on the side of Ontario Peak via the very steep, picturesque Falling Rock Canyon. 4 miles round trip, 2000’ gain (seems like more) at moderate pace. Email George for info. Co-Leaders: GEORGE WYSUP, LAURA JOSEPH, JOHN RADAJL

Oct 6 Sat Angeles Chapter Fundraiser
O: Trail-By-Rail to the 20th avocado Festival: Train from historic Union Station to Carpenteria for one of California’s best festivals celebrating the avocado. Along with the beach side event, out group will enjoy a short hike along this scenic bit of our coastline. Return via Amtrak to LA. 7am-5pm. Ability to walk 7 mi. $83 ($83 non-mem) Includes, train fare, donation. Send check, SASE, SC#, phones, email to Leader Roxana Lewis/16304 St Andrews Pl/SanGo CA 92047/310-532-2933/Email roxlewis@aol.com, Co-leader Dotty Sandford

Oct 7 Sun Hundred Peaks
I: Mill Peak (6670’), Keller Peak LO (7882’), Slide Peak (7841’): Forested area near Running Springs. Pathfinder routes to all 3 on trail and cross-country, with car shuttle to avoid hiking the paved road. Lookout will probably be open for a tour. Moderate 6 miles, 2800’ gain with some easy bushwhacking. Email George for info. Co-Leaders: GEORGE WYSUP, PAT ARREDONDO

Oct 7 Sun Hundred Peaks
I: Mount Deception (5798’), Mount Disappointment (5980’), San Gabriel Peak (6161’), Mount Lowe (5603’): Bag 4 easy peaks or pick and choose as we attempt all four. Approximately 13 miles and about 4000’ gain. Meet 8 AM La Canada rideshare point. Bring lunch and 10 essentials. Leaders: HARVEY GANZ, BRET COSTELLO

Oct 10 Wed Hundred Peaks
I: Deer Mtn (5536’), White Mtn #1 (7727’): Let’s do these separate hikes east of Lake Arrowhead before hunting season. Moderate overall, with first peak a steep, tricky 4 miles round trip, 1800’ gain, with some brush; for second peak we visit both summits (high point and register), with state to up to 8 miles round trip, 1200' gain depending on vehicle types. High clearance needed for much dirt road driving. Contact Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: GEORGE WYSUP, PATRICK VAUGHN

Oct 10 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Williamson (8214’) from isap Saddle: 5+ miles round trip, 1700’ gain to final point and return. Meet 9 AM La Canada with water, lunch, good footwear. Leaders: DON SIMINSKI, DORIS DUVAL

Oct 13 Sat Hundred Peaks, 20s & 30s
O: Little Cahuilla Mtn (5042’), Cahuilla Mtn (5635’): Visit this unusual pair of isolated peaks between Temecula and Idyllwild, moderate 9 miles round trip, 2400’ gain. Separate hikes, do one or both. A few miles of easy dirt road driving, high clearance recommended. Contact Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: PAMELA ROWE, LILLY FUKUI, CHRIS SPISAK

Oct 13 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: Josephine Peak (5558’): Climb this peak and enjoy the panoramic view. We will remember Ruth Dobos, this was her favorite peak. 4 miles round trip, 1900’ gain. Meet 9 AM La Canada rideshare point. Bring lunch, water, good foot wear. Rain cancels. Leaders: FRANK DOBOS, DELPHINE TROWBRIDGE, ELISABETH ROBERTS

Oct 13 Sat LTC, WTC, Hundred Peaks
I: Mount Lowe (5603’) Beginning Navigation Clinic: 5 miles, 500’ gain. Spend the day one-on-one with an instructor, learning/practicing map and compass. Beginners to rusty old-timers welcome. Not a check off. Many experienced leaders will attend, many “A” rated leaders started here in the past. Recent no-shows require $25 deposit, refunded at trailhead. Send SASE, deposit (Sierra Club), phones to Leader: DIANE DUNBAR Co-Leader: RICHARD BOARDMAN

Oct 13-14 Sat-Sun WTC, Hundred Peaks
I: Queen Mountain (5860’): Easy paced, but moderately strenuous, backpacking trip in Joshua Tree National Park. Enjoy spectacular desert scenery from the top of Queen Mt, visit historic Pine City and learn about the Wilderness Travel Course or satisfy WTC requirements on this “really last chance” graduation trip. Substantial cross-country travel with some steep, rocky portions. 10 miles round trip, 1500’ gain. Send email (preferred) or sase, with contact info & recent conditioning to Leader: ROBERT MYERS Co-Leader: CHI CHOI

Oct 13-14 Fri-Sun Tehachapi Park Task Force, Kern-Kaweah Chapter, HPS, PV-SB, Long Beach, Natural Science, Santa Clarita
I: Tejon Ranch, Wind Wolves and Unnamed Peak (-5152/322137mE, 3862979mN): Enjoy pine forests and the picturesque high country of our San Emigdio Range and the grasslands of Wind Wolves. We will be immersing ourselves into an environment that is very similar to Tejon Ranch, by visiting the Wind Wolves Preserve. We will be touring the proposed development areas, as well as the highly unique areas within Wind Wolves. Take time to learn from our naturalists about the fauna and flora and help us plan the next stages in our goal to create a new state or national park. Lots of driving. Some easy,
Oct 14 Sun Hundred Peaks, SPS, DPS
O: Duane McRuer Memorial Hike to Mount Baldy (10,064'): Join us on what would have been Duane's 82nd birthday to celebrate his life in the mountains he loved. From Manker Flat to the summit via the Sierra Club Ski Hut, the hike will be 8 miles round trip, 3900' gain. Strenuous but moderately paced. Ski lift option available ($10) and potluck immediately following the hike. Email Mary Mac for additional info. Meet 8AM at Manker Flats, 9AM at the ski lift, or 7:15AM at the parking lot at the corner of Mikes Avenue and Mt. Baldy Road. Bring food, water, good hiking shoes, good memories to share. Leaders: MARY MCMANNES, DOUG MANTLE Co-Leaders: TINA BOWMAN, BOB HICKS, WOLF LEVERICH, GENE MAUK, MIKE MANCHESTER, BYRON PRINZMETAL, JOE YOUNG Honorary leaders: BETTY and LARA MCRUER

Oct 14 Sun Hundred Peaks
O: Middle Hawkins (8505'), South Mount Hawkins (7783'): Hike these peaks the long way from Isip Saddle. The total hike will be about 12 miles with 3900' gain. Bring water, lunch & jacket. Contact leaders to find the time and place to meet. Leaders: LAURA JOSEPH & PAT ARPREDONDO

Oct 16 Tue Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
O: Cucamonga (8859'), Etowanda (8662'): 19 miles, 5000' gain. Strenuous. Take another day off work and enjoy these two peaks in the Cucamonga Wilderness. Pace will be moderate. Contact Sandy the week before the hike for details. Leaders: SANDY BURNSIDE, MARS BONFIRE

Oct 17 Wed Hundred Peaks
I: Cuyapaipe Mountain (8378'), Sheephead Mountain (5896'): Visit this pair of San Diego peaks by thrashing along obscure paths and bushy slopes, more difficult to find and reach than they might seem. Moderately strenuous 7 miles round trip, 1700' gain total for both peaks. May visit easier nearby peaks for stress relief afterward if all goes well. Contact Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: GEORGE WYSUP, WAYNE BANNISTER

Oct 17 Wed Hundred Peaks
New Oouting, first time published
O: Clevorn Mountain (5333), Cajon Mountain (5360'), Sugar pine Mountain (5478), & Monument Peak (5290'): Hike these four peaks in San Bernardino Forest. The total hike will be only 3 miles (Round Trip) with 1100' of Gain. Bring: Lug Soles, Water, Lunch & Jacket. Contact the leader for meeting information. Leader: PETER DOGGETT Co-Leader: BILL SIMPSON

Oct 20 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Mount Sally (5408'), Mount Mooney (5840'), Vetter Mtn (5908'), Mount Hilary (6200'): Leader retracts last year's List Finish celebration, some peaks but without the hoopla! Each peak is a separate, easy hike averaging 600' gain in the same area of Angeles National Forest, do any or all. Paved road driving. Meet 8 AM La Canada rideshare point. Bring some water, some footwear, some lunch, some friends. If storm threatens, contact Leader. TOM HILL Co-Leaders: CHRIS SPISAK, LILLY FUKUI

Oct 20-21 Sun-Sat Hundred Peaks
New Oouting, first time published
I: Grinnell Mountain (10,284'), Lake Peak (10,161'), 10K Ridge (10,094'): A chance for fun Fall camping in the San Gorgonio area. We'll hike to camp at Dry Lake on Saturday (7 miles, 2700') and end the day with a happy hour. On Sunday we'll climb cross-country to three high peaks (6 miles, 1800' gain) then pack out. Participants limited by permit. Send experience, conditioning, phones via email to Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-Leader: JOE YOUNG

Oct 21 Sun Hundred Peaks
New Oouting, first time published
O: Modjeska Peak (5496'), Santiago Peak (5687'): Easy hike to connect both ends of Orange County's Saddlesback on this ridgeline trek, 7 miles round trip, 1400' gain. Much dirt road driving to reach trailhead. Meet 9 AM at Park & Ride log, Orangetherm exit from 101 South, on right hand side next to the 91 Freeway. If rain threatens contact Tom Hill for trip status. Leaders: TOM HILL, PAT ARREDONDO, MARLEN MERTZ

Oct 21 Sun LTC, WTC, Hundred Peaks
I: Indian Cove Navigation: Navigation noodles at Joshua Tree National Park for either checkout or practice to satisfy the Basic (VM) level navigation requirements. To receive homework assignment, send navigation experience/training, any WTC, rideshare, phones, email to Leader: HARRY FREIMANIS Assistant: PHIL WHEELER

Oct 24 Wed Hundred Peaks
O: Middle Peak (5883'), Cuyamaca Peak (6512'), Stonewall Peak (5730'), Oakzanita Peak (5054'): Possible "Cuyamaca Cleanout" as we enjoy regrowth in our favorite park in San Diego County. First three as a moderately strenuous 12 mile loop, 3200' gain. If all goes well we may add easy Oakzanita afterward, 4 miles round trip, 1000' gain. Paved road driving. Contact Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: JENNIFER WASHINGTON, GEORGE WYSUP

Oct 24 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Bighorn Peak (8441'): 11 miles round trip, 3400' gain. Strenuous! Slow to moderate pace via Icehouse Saddle and Kelly's Camp. Meet 8 AM at Public Parking lot (intersection of Mils Av and Baldy Rd.) Bring water, lunch, and good footwear. Leaders: DORIS DUVAL, DON SIMINSKI
Oct 26 Fri  Hundred Peaks  
New Outing, first time published  
O: Pine Mountain (8648'), Dawson Peak (9575'): 9 miles round trip, 2730' gain along dirt road and steep, narrow and spooky ridge suitable only for experienced hikers. In San Gabriel Mountains above Wrightwood. Slow pace. Time allowing, we'll also visit nearby Wright Mountain. Contact Karen for details. Leaders: WOLF & KAREN LEVERICH, MARS BONFIRE, KATHY CEEVER  

Oct 27 Sat  Hundred Peaks  
O: Sunday Peak (6295'), Bohna Peak (6760+): Two separate, picturesque peaks in the Southern Sierras north of Lake Isabella. Each peak easy, total for day 7 miles round trip, 2400' gain. Several miles driving on excellent dirt road. Consider staying over in the area for Sunday's challenging climb of Head/Nicolle.  
Sase/ease to Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: GEORGE WYSUP, MARLEN MERTZ  

Oct 27 Sat  Outings Management Committee  
Chapter Outings Assembly: Join the Chapter Outings Management Committee on Saturday for a session on the present and future of the chapter's outings program. All Sierra Club members are invited, especially outings leaders, provisional leaders and outings chairs. We'll meet at 9:30 AM and finish around 4 PM. Location is the Eaton Canyon Nature Center, 1750 N. Altadena Dr, Pasadena. (From 210 freeway eastbound, exit Altadena Dr, north 1.5 miles to park entrance on right. From 210 westbound, exit Sierra Madre Blvd, west 1 block to Altadena Dr, north 1.5 miles to park entrance on right.) Light breakfast and refreshments provided. Bring your lunch.  
OMC Chair: KENT SCHWITKIS  

Oct 27-28 Sat-Sun  Hundred Peaks  
I: Weidon Peak (6320'), Sorrell Peak (7704'), Plute Lookout (8326'), Bald Eagle Peak (6181'), Cannel Point (8314'): Hike these southern Sierra Peaks near Lake Isabella. Saturday: first 4 peaks, totaling 11 miles/3000' gain. Sunday: Cannel Point, total 2 miles/900' gain. Both days involve extensive driving on generally fine dirt roads. Camp or stay in motel Saturday night. Contact leader (e-mail preferred) for details. Leader: TED LUBESKOFF Co-Leader: WAYNE VOLLARE  

Oct 28 Sun  Hundred Peaks  
I: Head Peak (6901'), Nicolla Peak (6070'): Cross-country climb into Sequoia National Forest to a challenging pair of summits dominating the south shore of Lake Isabella. Strenuous, 14 miles round trip, 5000' gain with some rock scrambling and bushwhacking. Camp Saturday night recommended due to early start. Rocky dirt road driving: high clearance vehicles welcome.  
Sase/ease to Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: GEORGE WYSUP, MARLEN MERTZ  

Oct 31 Wed  Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks  
O: Discover a shortcut to the Fox Trail from Big Tujunga Cyn Road: 10 miles round trip will give us a good lunch spot short of the peak, or add several miles to include peak. Meet 9 AM in the supermarket parking lot on the NE corner of foothill and Mt Gleason Rd in Tujunga (Thomas Guide p 113) Ride share 7 miles to trailhead at mile marker 4.3 on Mt Gleason Rd. Bring lunch, water, suitable clothing layers, good footwear. Significant rain cancels. Leaders: ROSEMARY CAMPBELL, RON ROSEIN  

Nov 2-4 Fri-Sun  LTC, Harwood Lodge, WTC, Hundred Peaks  
C: Wilderness First Aid Basics: Runs from 8 am Sat to 5:30 pm Sun with optional airway/breathing skills Friday evening. Fee includes lodging, meals and practice first aid kit. Airway/breathing skills (7:30-9:30 PM Fri) required for those without CPR during previous 4 years. Fee $160 with SC# $170 non-member; airway breathing skills $15 additional (full refund through Sept 28). For application contact Steve Schuster. Apply at least 8 weeks before class because course always fills early. An additional 1-day bridge course offered on 12/20/07 is necessary to satisfy LTC requirements for the U/M/E ratings.  
Leader: STEVE SCHUSTER  

Nov 3 Sat  Angeles Chapter Fundraiser  
O: Train/Ocean Hike Solana Beach & San Elijo Lagoon: Union Station to Solana Beach daytrip includes Cedros Design District, docent walk thru San Elijo Lagoon and a beach walk from Cardiff to Encinitas (Self Realization). Local bus to Oceanide for return Amtrak to LA. 630am-830pm. Ability to walk 11 mi. $73 ($93 non-mem) includes train fare, donation. Send checks, SASE, SC#, phone, email to Leader Roxana Lewis 18304 St Andrews Pk/Gardena CA 90247 310-532-2033 Email Roxlewis@aol.com Co-Leader: Dotty Sandford. Registration after OCT 3, add $30.  

Nov 3 Sat  Hundred Peaks  
New Outing, first time published  
O: Thomas Mountain (8825'): Don't drive this peak - join us on the beautiful Ramona Trail, 14 miles, 2500' gain, as we do a moderate hike from desert flora to pine forest. Includes Natural Science credit for prospective I-rated leaders. Contact Laura for details.  
Co-Leaders: LAURA JOSEPH and GINNY HERINGER  

Nov 3 Sat  Hundred Peaks  
New Outing, first time published  
I: Lizard Head (5320+), Cuyama Peak (5878): The remote, twisted canyons and ridgelines of Santa Barbara County await us on this strenuous but moderately paced 11-mile round trip with 3200' of elevation gain via trails, firebreaks, and brushy cross-country. Much dirt road driving; high-clearance vehicles needed. Leaders will be co-leading List finish hike for Marlen Mertz on Sunday, November 4 (see Schedule for details). For trip details, send recent conditioning, phone and ride share information to Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-Leaders: TOM HILL, PAT ARREDONDO  

Nov 3 Sat  Hundred Peaks  
New Outing, first time published  
I: Cornell Peak (9750'), Joan Peak (10,670'), Marion Mountain (10,320): Moderately paced 10 miles, 3500' gain hike in the beautiful San Jacinto Mtns. Ride the tram, and then hike cross-country to the peaks. Email city, phone, recent conditioning, and experience to Leader: TED LUBESKOFF Co-Leader: ROBERT MYERS
Nov 4 Sun Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
O: Circle Mtn (6880'): Hike and Party! Visit some grand views near Wrightwood in the beautiful autumn season. Moderate hike via picturesque Horse Canyon from the north, 7 miles round trip, 1900' gain. Then move to Table Mountain Campground for a festive luncheon amidst stately pine trees to celebrate long-awaited Leader's List Finish and Assistant Leaders' October and November birthdays, including one BIG 60th. Dancing included Country Western and 50s. Bring your Cowboy Hats and Bobbie Socks. Meet 7:30 at Pomona/Fairplex park & ride (directions on request) or 8:15 AM at Cajon Pass / Hwy 138 exit, McDonalds parking lot. Email Marlen if you plan to attend so that proper quantities of food and beverage will appear at the campground and for last minute rain or fire closure updates. Leader: MARLEN MERTZ, Assistants: TOM HILL, GEORGE WYSUP, WAYNE VOLLNAIRE, BILL SIMPSON, HOWARD KAYTON, ED LUBIN, MIKKI SIEGEL, WINNETTE BUTLER, CHERYL GILL, PAT ARREDONDO

Nov 7 Wed Hundred Peaks, Lower Peaks
New Outing, first time published
O: Monrovia Peak (5409'), Cima Peak (4360'+): Strenuous workout from city of Monrovia, 16 miles round trip, 4900' gain, combining roads and firebreaks. We will pick up unlisted Rankin Peak (5290') on the return. For details contact Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leader: WAYNE BANNISTER

Nov 7 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
O: Mount Islip (8250') from Islip Saddle: 7 miles round trip, 1500' gain past Littie Jimmy Spring and Windy Gap. Meet 9 AM La Canada rideshare point with water, lunch, good footwear, suitable clothing. Leaders: GARY BICKEL, BRUCE CRAIG

Nov 10 Sat Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
O: Mount Akaa (7283'+), Winston Ridge (7003'), Winston Peak (7502'): Join us for a moderate Fall hike in the Buckhorn area, high in the San Gabriels. Learn a little of the history of the area, and about those for whom the peaks were named. Meet 8 AM La Canada rideshare point. Bring lunch and the Ten Essentials. Rain cancels. Leaders: CHRIS SPIKAS, LILLY FUKUI, VIRGIL POPESCU

Nov 10 Sat Palos Verdes-South Bay, Hundred Peaks, WTC New Outing, first time published
O: Pinnacles (5737'), Mount Marie Louise (5507') and Deep Creek Hot Springs (5' deep): 17th semi-annual Deep Creek HS hike/swim with some more peaks. Moderately paced 14 miles, 2500' gain with considerable cross-country via an exploratory route. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, lugs (swim suit optional). No beginners. Plan on spending full day - it's near Hesperia. Rain cancels. Send e-mail (preferable) to Leader: BARRY HOLCHIN Co-Leader: WAYNE VOLLNAIRE

Nov 11 Sun Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
O: Lightner Peak (6430'), Bald Eagle Peak (6181'): Nice pair of peaks south of Lake Isabella in Kern County. Moderate hikes in picturesque terrain, 7 miles round trip, 2400' gain. Some easy rock scrambling on second peak. High-clearance vehicles recommended. For details send vehicle type / rideshare information to Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leader: PAT ARREDONDO

Nov 14 Wed Lower Peaks
New Outing, first time published
O: Cachuma (4696'), Montecito Peak (3214'): Cachuma is on the way to the Big 3 on the HPS list. We are hiking it all by itself. The hike amounts to 2.5 miles one way with 1600' gain. Montecito Peak is 3.5 miles one way and 2450' gain, mostly on road and trail. Contact leaders for meeting time and location. Leaders: INGEBORG PROCHAZKA, DAVE COMERZAN

Nov 16 Fri Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
O: Thorn Point (6920'), San Guillermo Mtn (6606'), Lockwood Peak (6261'): Join this all-day survey of the Muteau Road cluster of reasonably easy peaks that were affected by Day Fire south of Frazier Peak. Separate hikes to each peak; Thorn Point has the day's gain and distance. Ascending all three peaks involves 16 miles round trip, 4000' gain. High-clearance vehicles recommended. For details send vehicle / rideshare information to Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: BRUCE CRAIG, PATRICK VAUGHN

Nov 17 Sat Hundred Peaks, WTC
New Outing, first time published
O: Mount San Antonio (10,064'): Climb Old Baldy via Harwood Ridge, gaining 2500' in one (very steep) mile, following a warm-up mile. Total (round trip or loop) 6-8 miles, 4000' gain, at a moderate pace. Meet 7:30 AM at Manker Flat. Leaders: ASHER WAXMAN, MIKKI SIEGEL

Nov 17 Sat Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
O: Bighorn Mountains (5894'), Meeks Mountain (6277), and Black Mountain #4 (6149'): Three separate peaks between Joshua Tree and Big Bear. Total stats: 14 miles, 3500' gain. Extensive dirt road driving between peaks. High clearance vehicles needed. Early start time in Yucca Valley. Stay in area on Friday night or drive Saturday morning. E-mail leader with your city, phone, and recent experience. Leader: TED LUBESKOFF, Co-Leader: SANDY SPERLING

Nov 17 Sat Pasadena, Hundred Peaks, Wilderness Adventures New Outing, first time published
O: The Long Road to Lukens: Join us on this rarely led route on a fire road from the Angeles Crest Highway to Mount Lukens, 15 miles round trip, 3000' gain. The grade is gradual and the views are great as the road follows the ridgeline. Meet 9 AM La Canada rideshare point with hiking boots, lunch and 2-3 quarts water. Rain cancels. Leaders: JIM and GINNY HERINGER

Nov 17 Sat Lower Peaks
New Outing, first time published
O: Bonita Peak (3983'): Moderate paced 6 miles round trip, 1900' gain hike to peak with many bonita views of Baldy, Baden and Iron. Meet 7:30 AM Azusa rideshare point. Bring lugs, water and snack. Leaders: JOHN and DANA HUNTER
Nov 17-18  Sat-Sun LTC, WTC, Hundred Peaks
I: Indian Cove Navigation: Navigation noodles at Joshua Tree National Park to satisfy the Basic (UM) level navigation requirements. Sat for practice, skills refresh, altimeter, campfire. Sun for checkout. To receive homework assignment, send navigation experience/training, any WTC, rideshare, phones, email to Leader: HARRY FREIMANIS Assistant: PHIL WHEELER

Nov 18  Sun  Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Snowy Peak (6532'), Black Mountain #2 (6202'): Strenuous trip into the Ventura County Day Fire area near Alamo Mountain, 10 miles round trip, 4000' gain. Expect burnt-out debris and downed trees in steep terrain. Half the gain on the return. High-clearance vehicles recommended. For details send recent experience and vehicle type/rideshare information to Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leader: PAT ARREDONDO

Nov 21  Wed  Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
O: Mt Marie Louise (5507'), The Pinnacles (5737'): Standard routes to these two fine peaks near Lake Arrowhead, moderate 6 miles round trip, 1800' gain. May add 3 extra miles hiking to reach trailhead for first peak if the road is closed or un drivable. For details contact Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: WAYNE BANNISTER, JENNIFER WASHINGTON

23  Fri  Hundred Peaks
Mountain #1 (8007'): Work off that Thanksgiving feast and get on this local hike. It's a strenuous hike - they don't call it nothin'. 7200' total gain (6800' out and 600' on return), estimate 12 hours of hiking. Will start early in morning and probably come out in the dark. Contact leaders for details. Leader: DAVE COMERZAN Co-Leaders: MARS BONFIRE, KATHY CHEEVER

Nov 24  Sat  Hundred Peaks, Verdugo Hills
New Outing, first time published
O: Mount Hillyer (6200'): 6 miles round trip, 900' gain easy hike, newcomers welcome. The route depends on gate closure. Meet 8:30 AM at La Canada ride share point. Bring water, lunch, hiking boots. Rain cancels. Leaders: FRANK DOBOS, DELPHINE TROWBRIDGE

Nov 24  Sat  Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Alamo Mountain (7380+), San Rafael Peak (6640+), McDonald Peak (6870'): Main objective is San Rafael Peak in the heart of the Day Fire area of central Ventura County. Strenuous but moderately paced 11 miles round trip, 3500' gain. Unusual route from the north begins at Little Mutai Trailhead in the Alamo Mountain area. Optional Alamo on the drive in and McDonald (if time permits) on the drive out, each of these adding 500' gain for the day. Expect burnt-out debris and brushy conditions, with half the gain on the return. High-clearance vehicles recommended. For details send recent experience and vehicle type/rideshare information to Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: GEORGE WYSUP, PAT ARREDONDO, PATRICK VAUGHN

Nov 24-25  Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Mount Williamson (8214'), Mount Isip (6250'): Backpack to two lovely peaks in the Angeles National Forest. Saturday we'll backpack to Williamson from South Fork Campground, then hike over to Little Jimmy Campground. Saturday's stats = 11.2 miles with 4400' gain. Sunday we'll walk up to Mt. Isip and then pack out. Sunday's stats = 9.5 miles with 800' Gain. Contact Peter for meeting info. Leader: PETER DOGGETT Assistant: JOE YOUNG

Nov 25  Sun  Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Cobbstone Mountain (5733'), White Mountain #2 (6250'): Very strenuous trip to these crux peaks near Alamo Mountain area in Ventura County, 18 miles round trip, 6500' gain. Difficult field conditions due to the Day Fire, with debris clutter and downed trees in steep terrain necessitating an early start. Carcamp Saturday night recommended or join the San Rafael trip from previous day. Half the gain on the return (but thankfully most of it on old forest roads). High-clearance vehicles recommended. For details send recent experience and vehicle type/rideshare information to Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: PAT ARREDONDO, PATRICK VAUGHN, GEORGE WYSUP

Nov 28  Wed  Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
O: Iron Mtn #2 (5635'), Condor Peak (5440+), Fox Mtn #2 (5033'), Mt Gleason (6520+): Strenuous but cool-weather hike from Gleason Ridge, 14 miles round trip, 4600' gain, following fire roads and firebreaks. More than half of gain on the return. For details contact Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: JENNIFER WASHINGTON, WAYNE BANNISTER, GEORGE WYSUP

Dec 1  Sat  Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Beauty Peak (5548'), Iron Spring Mountain (5755): Hike the 'beauty and the beast', near Chihuahua Valley, by the new PHD route from the south. Long drive to trailhead requires early meeting time, 6 miles round trip dirt road driving. Hiking - 15 miles round trip with 3500' gain on jeep trail and somewhat brushy cross-country. Moderate pace. Contact leader with recent conditioning and contact information. Great Leader: GEORGE WYSUP Humble Assistant: TOM HILL

Dec 1  Sat  HPS, PV-SB, Long Beach, Natural Science
New Outing, first time published
I: Black Mountain #6 (5244'), Red Mountain (5261'): Start your weekend off right with moderate hikes in northeast Kern County. Moderately strenuous, moderate hike over rocky steep cross-country terrain of about 14 miles round trip, 3000' gain. Long day with dirt road driving to each peak. Requires 4x4 vehicles. Take time to learn from our naturalist about the fauna and flora. Bring 10 essentials, lunch, and water. Esse (preferred) or sese with recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Leaders: KENT SCHWITKIS, Naturalist: SHERRY ROSS
Dec 1 Sat  Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Quail Mountain (5800+); Moderate hike to the tallest peak in Joshua Tree. The total hike will be 10 miles round trip with 1800' of gain. Bring: Water, Lunch, Lug Sole, Jacket & Hat. Contact the Leader to find the meeting info. Leader: PETER DOGGETT Assistant: KAREN LEVERICH

Dec 2 Sun  Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Bernard Peak (5430), Little Bearcreek Peak (5440): 7 miles round trip, 1800' gain, moderate pace. Explore and enjoy Joshua Tree National Park - its wondrous trees, rocks, roadrunners and more. Bring water, lug soles, hat, lunch and jacket. High clearance vehicles preferable. Contact Leader: IGNACIA DOGGETT Assistant: KAREN LEVERICH

Dec 2 Sun  HPS, PV-SB, Long Beach, Natural Science
New Outing, first time published
I: Pinyon Peak (6806'): Moderately paced, moderately strenuous over steep, brushy cross-country terrain, 6 miles round trip, 3000' gain. Take time to learn from our naturalist about the fauna and flora. Bring 10 essentials, lunch, and water. Ease (preferred) or sasse with recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Leaders: KENT SCHWITKIS, Naturalist: SHERRY ROSS

Dec 4 Tue  Lower Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Sidle Mountain LO (4631'): This peak became a victim of the Day fire in 2006. 5 miles one way, 2400' gain moderate hike on saved and dirt road and trail. Contact leaders for meeting time and place. Leaders: INGEBORG PROCHAZKA, DAVE COMERZAN

Dec 5 Wed  Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Messenger Peak (6015), Mt Gleason (6520), Col Point (5604+): Cool autumn hike to a set of peaks south of Palmade. First peak not on the List, but it's the westemmost 6000-footer in the San Gabriels, so let's include it in a pleasant loop trip via PCT to Mt Gleason from the west side, easy 2 miles round trip, 500' gain. Final peak is a moderate but steep 4 miles round trip, 1500' gain. For details contact Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: GEORGE WYSSUP, WAYNE BANNISTER

Dec 5 Wed  Orange County, Lower Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Chino Hills/San Juan Hill (1781+): 6 miles, 1000' gain. A lovely hike in the rolling hills of this old, maybe green if there ever been some rain. Meet 8:30 AM on Rim Crst Drive, Yorba Linda, on side of street not posted. Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, iug soles. Rain cancels. Leader: GABRIELLE RAU Assistant: KENNY BEAN

Dec 8 Sat  Pasadena, Hundred Peaks, Orange County
New Outing, first time published

Dec 8 Sat  WTC, Hundred Peaks
I: Warren Point (5103): Practice navigation for Sunday's checkoff on this 8 mile round trip, 1300' gain hike in the pinyon pine and juniper region of western Joshua Tree National Park. We will take a cross-country route to Warren Point and practice micro-navigation skills along the way. Send email (preferred) or sasse, with contact info & recent conditioning to Leader: ROBERT MYERS Co-Leaders: SUSAN RICHMOND, JAN SIMPSON

Dec 8-9 Sat-Sun  Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Mayan Peak (6108), Butterbredt Peak (5967), Cross Mtn (5203), Chuckwalla Mtn (5029): Car and hike to visit four colorful peaks in the Southern Sierras. Much steep cross-country travel both days in sandy desert terrain. First two days Thursday, Saturday, 7 miles round trip, 3100' gain. Stay overnight in area. Second two as an adventurous loop on Sunday, 10 miles round trip, 4200' gain. Significant dirt road driving; your high-clearance vehicles welcome. For details send recent conditioning and vehicle / rideshare information to Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leader: PAT ARREDONDO

Dec 8-9 Sat-Sun  Hundred Peaks, Desert Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Martinez Mountain (6560+): Another installment in Gary Sue's series of HPS/DPS joint hikes and a revival of the "Beers of the World" tradition. Saturday's strenuous hike, Martinez will be a full day, 3700' gain, 18 miles, 12 hours. Brew-tasting and DPS-style potluck dinner that evening. Pinyon Flats campground (camping fee). Sunday we may hit some nearby, easier, HPS peaks before returning home; again, based on the group's desires. Join us with an email detailing experience/conditioning to Co-Leaders: GARY CRAIG, SUE HOLLOWAY

Dec 12 Wed  Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Mt Lukens (5074): Join us for a visit to the highest point of the city of Los Angeles, moderately strenuous 10 miles round trip, 3200' gain, on trails and roads. Usually great views during late fall. For details contact Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: JENNIFER WASHINGTON, WAYNE BANNISTER, GEORGE WYSSUP

Dec 15 Sat  Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Mount Emma (5273'), Old Mount Emma (5093'): 4 miles round trip, 1000' gain for these peaks with some ups and downs between them. Great views to Antelope Valley and Edwards AFB. Meet 8:30 AM at La Canada rideshare point with water, lunch, hiking boots. The terrain is burned recently, so no bush whacking on the way. Rain cancels. Leaders: FRANK DOBOS, MEI KWAN
Dec 15 Sat Hundred Peaks, WTC
New Outing, first time published
O: Santiago Peak (5867'), Mojave Peak (5496'): Strenuous 22 mile, 5000' gain dayhike to the highest points in Orange Co., also known as Saddleback Butte. Mix of trail and dirt roads. Great conditioning hike for prospective WTC students. 10 miles of dirt road driving. Email city, phone, recent conditioning, and experience to Leader: TED LUBESKOFF Co-Leader: WAYNE VOLLAIRE

Dec 15 Sat Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
O: LA Xmas by Night: Join us for our annual nighttime walk of downtown LA and distribute food or clothing to the homeless. The walk starts near Chinatown, proceeds to the areas used by the homeless, then criss-crosses downtown, finally arriving at the Original Pantry for breakfast at about 4 AM Sunday morning. Dress warmly and wear good walking shoes. Bring food such as sandwiches or fruit, or clothing to give to the needy. Meet midnight Saturday night at the Chinatown Metro Gold Line station. Leaders: STAG BROWN, BOB THOMPSON, and JOE YOUNG

Dec 16 Sun Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Caliente Mountain (5106'): Views of Carrizo Plain National Monument ("the American Serengeti") and close-ups of unusual flora, fauna, and fossil outcrops abound on this adventurous excursion to the high point of San Luis Obispo County. Strenuous 12 miles round trip, 3000' gain with much cross-country in steep terrain. Significant dirt road driving but suitable for passenger cars (when dry). For trip information send recent conditioning and experience to Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: PAT ARREDONDO, GEORGE WYSUP, PATRICK VAUGHN

Dec 19 Wed Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Rattlesnake Peak (5826'): Strenuous cross-country, moderately paced outing to a famous brush monster in the San Gabriels near Azusa, 12 miles round trip, 3700' gain. The trail was in excellent condition at last visit. For details contact Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: WAYNE BANNISTER, GEORGE WYSUP

Dec 22 Sat Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
O: Skinner Peak (7120'): Join us along the Pacific Crest Trail as it traverses high desert country in the Southern Sierras from Bird Spring Pass to the summit plateau. Moderate, 8 miles round trip, 1700' gain. Much dirt road driving; your high-clearance vehicle welcome. For details contact Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leader: BRUCE CRAIG

Dec 27 Thu Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Mt Emma (5273'), Old Mt Emma (5063'): Work off some calories on this moderate but steep cross-country hike near Palmdale, 6 miles round trip, 2000' gain. Loop route from Hunt Canyon threads desert scrub and easy woodlands. For details contact Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: WAYNE BANNISTER, GEORGE WYSUP

Dec 29 Sat Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Granite Mountain #2 (5633'): Strenuous, trailless adventure on this loop hike in the Anza Borrego Desert backcountry, 10 miles round trip, 3400' gain. Paved road driving; ascent follows remote eastern ridgelines. Much cross-country travel in desert terrain. For details send recent conditioning and experience to Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leader: PATRICK VAUGHN

Dec 30 Sun HPS, PV-SB, Long Beach, Natural Science New Outing, first time published
I: Lost Horse Mountain (5313'), Mount Inspiration (5560'), Ryan Mountain (5457'): Moderately paced hikes on trail and cross country to some of the finest peaks in Joshua Tree National Park. Moderately strenuous, around 10 miles, 2700' gain hike. Do as many peaks as you wish. Beginners are welcome. Take time to learn from our naturalist about the fauna and flora. Bring 10 essentials, lunch, and water. Essee (preferred) or sase with recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Leaders: KENT SCHWITKIS, Naturalist: SHERRY ROSS

Jan 1 Thu Hundred Peaks, WTC
New Outing, first time published
O: Mount Wilson (5700+'): Enjoy one of leader's favorite SoCal hikes, 14 mile loop, 4000' gain/loss, including some steep ridges on descent. Be prepared for any weather. Contact leader if in doubt. Meet 8 AM at Chantry Flat, upper parking lot. Leader: ASHER WAXMAN Assistant: MIKKI SIEGEL

Jan 1 Tue HPS, PV-SB, Long Beach, Natural Science New Outing, first time published
I: San Jacinto Peak (10,804'), Folly Peak (10,480'), Drury Peak (10,160'), Marion Mountain (10,327') 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 8 years. The ocean, Mount Charleston and the Channel Islands have often been visible. Take time to learn from our naturalist about the flora and fauna. Bring 10 essentials, lunch, and water. Essee (preferred) or sase with recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Leaders: KENT SCHWITKIS, Naturalist: SHERRY ROSS
Jan 5 Sat Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Rosa Point (5038'): Very strenuous cross-country trek over steep, rocky terrain covered with ocotillo, agave, and all four varieties of cholla in a remote desert region of the Santa Rosa Mountains near Indio. Hike is 12 miles round trip with 5500' of elevation gain. Diehards might consider staying over with leaders in area campground (or motel) to pick up nearby Whale Peak on Sunday. Paved road driving Saturday. For trip details send recent conditioning, phone and rideshare information to Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-Leader: TOM HILL

Jan 5 Sat Lower Peaks
New Outing, first time published
O: Temescal Peak (2126'), Saddle Peak East (2800'): Great winter walks on west side with driving between. 14 miles, 2700' gain, mostly on trail or road. Quick moderate pace. Email leader for information. Leader: GEORGE WYSUP Assistant: JENNIFER WASHINGTON

Jan 6 Sun Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Whale Peak (5349'). This hike is 9 miles round trip with 2300' of gain. Expect some brush and slow going. The dirt road to the trailhead is excellent, suitable for most passenger cars. Make it a weekend of hiking and join the leaders Saturday for a hike to Rosa Point. Diehards can stay Saturday night with leaders in area campground (or motel). For trip details send recent conditioning, phone and rideshare information to Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-Leader: TOM HILL

Jan 12 Sat Pasadena, Hundred Peaks, Orange County
O: Mount Lukens (5074'): Moderately paced hike to L.A. City's highest point view the Stone Canyon Trail and fire road. 7 miles round trip, 3300' gain. Meet 8 AM at La Canada ride share point. Bring water, lunch, boots, and suitable clothing. Rain cancels. Leaders: MEI KWN, DANA HUNTER, LINDA HILLMAN

Jan 12 Sat WTC, Hundred Peaks
I: Warren Point (5103'): Practice navigation for Sunday's checkoff on this 6 mile round trip, 1300' gain hike in the pinyon pine and juniper region of western Joshua Tree National Park. We will take a cross-country route to Warren Point and practice micro-navigation skills along the way. Send email (preferred) or sae, with contact info & recent conditioning to Leader: ROBERT MYERS Co-Leaders: SUSAN RICHARD, JANE SIMPSON

Jan 12-13 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks, Desert Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Rabbit Peak #2 (6640'), Villager Peak (5756'): Very strenuous but traditional backpack near the Salton Sea, 21 miles round trip, 8000' gain overall. Terrain is steep, rocky, and infested with groves of cholla, agave, and other thorny obstacles. Must carry all water for the overnight camp near Villager. For trip details send recent conditioning, backpacking experience, and phone & rideshare information to Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: PATRICK VAUGHN, PAT ARREDONDO

Jan 15 Tue Lower Peaks
O: Wilson Peak (4573'): Hike this high point of Pinyon Ridge in Anza Borrego State Park with us during the week. 5.5 miles one way, 900'700' gain. Contact leaders for meeting time and place. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, INGEBORG PROCHAZKA

Jan 15 Tue Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Snowshoe in the local mountains (whenever conditions permit): Approximately 10 miles, 2500' gain. Pace will be moderate. Email Sandy the week before for instructions. Leaders: SANDY BURNSIDE, MARS BONFIRE

Jan 19 Sat Hundred Peaks
Annual Awards Banquet: Program is more socialization between climbers. Silent auction for donated items. 5 PM social hour, 6:30 PM dinner. Tab Restaurant (1911 Sunset Blvd.) Send $30 (HPS), specify beef, fish, or vegetarian entree (tickets will be held at the door), email, H & W phones to Reservationist: JIM S. FLEMING

Jan 19 Sat Lower Peaks
New Outing, first time published
O: Brown Mountain (4486'): Moderate paced 9 miles round trip, 900' gain/1600' gain on return. Historic hike through Mueller Tunnel to Markham Saddle, then down to Tom Sloan saddle. Learn how the mountain was named and share recent updates. Meet 7:30 AM La Canada ride share. Bring lunch, water and snack. Leaders: JOHN and DANA HUNTER

Jan 20 Sun Lower Peaks, Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
O: Eagle Peak (3228'), Oriflamme Peak (4800'): Nice walks in San Diego County with driving between. 9.5 miles, 2000' gain, mostly on trail or road, some cross-country, at quick moderate pace. If time and weather permit, we could add Garnet Peak (HPS) in the area. E-mail leader for information. Leader: GEORGE WYSUP Assistant: JENNIFER WASHINGTON

Jan 23 Wed Lower Peaks
O: Wild Horse Peak (3277'): We plan this hike to start at Dripping Springs Campground outside of the city of Temecula. The hike is 5 miles one way with 1800' gain, mostly on trail, with some cross-country near the top. Contact leaders for meeting time and place. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, INGEBORG PROCHAZKA

Jan 26 Sat Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
O: San Gabriel Peak (6161'), Mt Disappointment (5960'), Mt Deception (5796'): 5 miles, 1800' gain in the San Gabriel Mountains, great views of the LA basin. Meet 9 AM La Canada ride share point with water, lunch, hiking boots a must. Rain, snow cancels. Leaders: FRANK DOBOS, MARY McMANNES

Jan 26 Sat LTC, Sierra Peaks, Desert Peaks, HPS
New Outing, first time published
ME: Local Baldy Snow Practice: Come review snow climbing, rope travel, ice axe, and snow anchors. Practice your skills or
Feb 2 Sat Hundred Peaks, DPS
New Outing, first time published
I: Rabbit Peak #1 (5307’), Iron Mtn #3 (5040+’), Round Top (6316’), Granite Mtn #1 (5600+’); Approximately 12 miles and 4,000’ gain on this classic loop trip. Cell leaders for meeting time and place. Leaders: JOE YOUNG and ASHER WAXMAN

Feb 6 Wed Lower Peaks
O: Agua Tibia (4779’): Strenuous hike of 8.5 miles one way, 3200’ gain on trail and through heavy brush in the Cleveland National Forest from Dripping Springs Campground outside of the city of Temecula. This is for strong, experienced hikers only. Contact leaders for meeting place and time. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, INGEBORG PROCHAZKA

Feb 9 Sat Pasadena, Hundred Peaks, Orange County
O: Mount Lowe (5603’): Moderately strenuous, and moderately pace, 13 miles round trip, 3800’ gain scenic loop hike past historic Echo Mtn and Castle Canyon Trail to Inspiration Pt and on to the summit of Mt. Lowe. Return via Sam Merrill Trail. Wonderful view of LA Basin. Meet 7:30 AM end of Lake St, Atadena. Bring water, lunch, boots, and suitable clothing. Rain cancels. Leaders: MEI KWAN, DANA HUNTER, LINDA HILLMAN

Feb 9 Sat West Los Angeles, Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
O: Eagle Rock, Santa Monica Trail: A grand hike on firebreak & trails from Westridge, some steep climbs near end, approximately 18 miles, 4000’ gain loop. Come prepared to enjoy weather and friendly lunch at Eagle Rock. Plus views and flowers (we hope). Contact leader for meeting time. Leader: MIKKI SIEGEL Assistant: ASHER WAXMAN

Feb 9 Sat LTC, Sierra Peaks, Desert Peaks, Hundred Peaks New Outing, first time published
ME: Local Baldy Snow Practice: Come review snow climbing, rope travel, ice axe, and snow anchors. Practice your skills or brush up on new techniques. Especially for aspiring M & E leader candidates. Restricted to SC members with prior experience with the ice axe. Lack of snow may cancel. Email SC#, climbing resume, email address, phone # to Leader: NILE SORONSON Co-Leader: TOM MCDONNELL

Feb 9-10 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Little Bearfoot Peak (5440+’), Bernard Peak (5430’), Quail Mtn (5800+’), Mt Inspiration (5560’): Carcamp in Joshua Tree National Park (entrance fee). Both days feature cross-country routes in sometimes steep desert terrain. First two peaks Saturday as a moderate loop with much dirt road driving, AWD or 4WD recommended, 7 miles round trip, 1600’ gain. Camp in JTNP after dinner in nearby town. Second two peaks Sunday from paved roads, 16 miles round trip, 3000’ gain total. For details contact Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: JOE YOUNG, PAT ARREDONDO

Feb 12 Tue Lower Peaks
New Outing, first time published
Annual Lower Peaks Committee Meeting: Plan to attend the Annual meeting of the Lower Peaks Committee. 7:00 PM at Knowood Restaurant (150 S Harbor Blvd, Fullerton). Peak additions and deletions will be discussed. Copies of the Lower Peaks Guide will be available. For further information, contact Chair: WAYNE NORMAN

Feb 16 Sat Lower Peaks
New Outing, first time published
O: Simi Peak (2403’), Rocky Peak (2714’): Good winter workout in Ventura Co. Paved road driving between 12 miles, 2400’ gain, mostly on trail or road. Moderate pace. Email leader for information. Leader: GEORGE WYSUP Assistant: TOM HILL, MARY McMANNES

Feb 19 Tue Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Snowshoe in the local mountains (wherever conditions permit): Approximately 10 miles, 2500’ gain. Pace will be moderate. Email Sandy the week before for instructions. Leaders: SANDY BURNSIDE, MARS BONFIRE

Feb 23-24 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Malapai Hill (4237’), Ryan Mountain (5457’), Inspiration Point (5560’): With reunion at Austin and Betty Stirrat’s home. Both days moderately paced in beautiful interior of Joshua Tree National Park. Saturday, Malapai Hill to Ryan, 8 miles, 2100’ gain on mostly cross-country terrain and a car shuttle. Sunday, do Inspiration Point, 2 miles round trip, 700’ gain. Both days include views of great Indian pictographs. Bring water, lunch, lug sole boots. Come for one or both days, or just potluck reunion. Contact Diane for trip information. Leaders: DIANE DUNBAR, JOE YOUNG, FRANK DOBDS

Mar 18 Tue Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Snowshoe in the local mountains (wherever conditions permit): Approximately 10 miles, 2500’ gain. Pace will be moderate. Email Sandy the week before for instructions. Leaders: SANDY BURNSIDE, MARS BONFIRE

May 3 Sat Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
O: Mt. Markham (5742’), Mt. Lowe (5603’), Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup: Easy peaks in Angeles National Forest and easy cleanup of our section of Route 2. Hike total is six miles round trip, 1100’ gain. Refreshments provided by the HPS, after we give a little back to the mountains. Start celebrating Cinco de Mayo early! Meet 8 AM Le Canada ride/share point. Bring water, lug soles. Rain cancels. Leader: JIM S. FLEMING Assistant: WINNETTE BUTLER
Rideshare points mentioned in the outings in this issue:
Azusa: On street next to market, 9th St & Azusa Av N of Foothill Blvd
La Canada: Angeles Crest Hwy (Hwy 2). Just N of Foothill Fwy (I-210). Park on Angeles Crest Hwy only

**Contact information** for leaders with outings in this issue of *The Lookout*. (If you don’t have e-mail, drop a note several days in advance of the outing to Dave Comerzan, 695 Aurora Dr, Claremont, CA 91711-2925, and he’ll forward your request to the leader.)

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**Angeles Chapter Election Underway**

The Angeles Chapter election process is underway. Eight candidates are running for the open positions on the Chapter Executive Committee. Chapter ExCom sets policies for environmental issues within Los Angeles and Orange Counties, as well as outings policies that affect entities such as the Hundred Peaks Section. Historically, Chapter ExCom elections have drawn poor turnout. Your vote counts! Please read the Southern Sierran and/or attend candidate forums which are announced in the Schedule of Activities and in the Southern Sierran and inform yourself about positions of the candidates.
Lois Fracisco Banda (1931-2007)

The bear went over the mountain
To see what he could see
And all that he could see
Was the other side of the mountain

So went a favorite hiking song of Lois Fracisco Banda, an avid supporter of the Sierra Club and prolific outings leader, who journeyed to the ‘other side of the mountain’ on May 28th of this year.

Lois began her Sierra Club career in 1970, leading an outing for the Local Hikes Committee, a group to which she remained closely attached throughout the next 14 years (besides leading numerous outings, she chaired the committee from 1981 through 1984). Lois earned her HPS Emblem in 1972, the 307th person to attain the Emblem.

Lois also led outings for the Natural Science Section, Desert Peaks Section, Hundred Peaks Section, and in particular, the East San Gabriel Valley Group. Although she never chaired the ESGV Group, she was a stalwart who performed many other functions for the group throughout the 1970s. The Angeles Chapter recognized Lois’ contributions by bestowing an Outings Service Award upon her in 1983.

After being widowed in the early 1980s, Lois went back to junior college, earning a degree that would allow her to work in the mental health field. She was subsequently employed by a hospital where she met and married Al Banda.

Those of us who knew her were always amazed at Lois’ indomitable spirit and sheer hardiness on the trail and toward life in general. On one rugged Desert Peaks Section outing she fell and injured herself rather severely—but she kept on going to the summit. Only later, when she saw her doctor, did she discover she had broken a rib. She was out on the trail the following weekend.

At the age of 44, Lois found herself expecting her seventh and last child, Jessica, but she was not about to take time out from her pursuit of climbing 200 peaks on the Hundred Peaks List. She was always quite proud that Jessica had technically qualified to be a member of the Hundred Peaks Section by attaining the summits of more than 25 peaks before even being born!

According to Jessica, Lois was diagnosed with cervical cancer in the early 1980s and was told she had only a short time to live. She pointedly informed the doctors that she didn’t have time to die, and with that attitude Kaiser put her on an experimental treatment. Five years later, she was the only patient in the program that had survived. Those of us who knew Lois on the trail would not have been too surprised.

Ten years later she faced another crisis—this time lung cancer. As was typical of her, she ‘breeze through chemo and the removal of three-quarters of one lung.’

Lois finally succumbed, not to cancer but to the long-term effects of her medical treatments. Remaining strong-willed and clear-headed to the end, she was ushered to the ‘other side of the mountain’ by a large gathering of family and friends singing another one of her favorites . . . ‘Show Me the Way to Go Home.’—Bob Cates, Chair, Angeles Chapter History Committee

Lois Fracisco Banda celebrating her 200th Peak on Whale Peak with daughter Jessica, January 17, 1976.
Photos by Bob Cates.
“Meet Your Leaders” – A Look at Some HPS Leaders

Four Hiking Associates

STAG BROWN, JOE YOUNG, JIM FLEMING, BOBCAT THOMPSON

By Lilly Fukul and Chris Spisak

Four guys, coming from divergent backgrounds, found a common interest in hiking together, and collecting HPS peaks, so much so that this has lasted for well over three decades. Stagalee Brown, Joe Young, Jim Fleming, and Robert “Bobcat” Thompson, have created a hiking association which has taken them all over our mountains, leading numerous hikes, and has even reached into “Skid Row” in the inner city.

STAG BROWN, christened “Stagalee” by his parents, originated from Arkansas. Stag went to medical school in Texas, and was planning on becoming a medical specialist, but ended up doing clerical work in the Army, and served as a medic during the Korean War. Stag joined the HPS in the 1970’s, hiking with legendary leaders like How Bailey, Frank Goodykoontz, John Backus, and Dick Akawie. Asked if he had finished the HPS List, he said that he had “done the complete List, but not sent it in for official recognition.”

He has been the Wednesday night coordinator and a leader of Griffith Park hikes for over 30 years. After the last fire, the hikes were moved to the Travel Town corner of the park. Stag recently toured 6-10 miles of the burn areas with City Councilman, Tom La Bonge, who is working hard to restore the park to it’s former grandeur, and bring back full-scale Sierra Club hikes.

Stag met his wife, Nami, while hiking in Griffith Park, and they were married there, nearly 20 years ago at Dante’s View. Tom La Bonge and many Sierra Club members were present at the wedding including Joe, Bob, and Jim. Stag did his hiking in a tux that day. They have a 13-year-old daughter, Reina, who has been to Mt. Whitney, but she accomplished this inside her mother, who was pregnant at the time. Stag says that several others who are familiar to the HPS members have met their future mates on Griffith Park hikes. Frank and Ruth Dobos met there, and Stag says that Jim Fleming “met one or two of his wives there, also.” The Tam-O-Shanter was their favorite hangout location after the hikes, and that is where Joe met his wife, Jeri.

Stag has led “LA at Night,” a HPS program, with Joe and Bobcat about 25 times, and they have taken clothing and food to the homeless in “Skid Row” for about 20 years, usually on the Saturday before Christmas. These, and yearly hikes to Mt. Whitney are just a small part of the huge amount of hikes these leaders have led.

Stag has chaired the HPS twice.

JOE YOUNG grew up in North Carolina, and began his hikes with the HPS in the early 1970’s. His first hike with the HPS was in the Spring of 1971 on a “Peak Bagger Special of 20 peaks,” led by Les Stockton and Ken Ferrell, with legendary hikers like then 87 year old Sam Fink in the group. It started at 7:30 in the morning at Red Box, and ended at 11:30 at night, when Joe came off of Round Top and Granite, totally exhausted. He said that his knees were shaking so badly that he could barely keep his foot on the accelerator of his car. Two of the hikers were not satisfied with their accomplishment, and went off and bagged two MORE peaks that night. Joe thought “they were lunatics,” but he was bitten by the HPS bug, and well on his way to the 25 peaks necessary to join the

Nami, Reina, and Stag Brown

Joe Young
HPS on this one hike alone. Joe hiked with many of the legendary leaders while they were still in their prime. Several other multiple-peaks hikes in the 1970's, notably his first hike with John Backus, planted the seed of an idea with Joe. How many peaks could someone bag in a 24-hour period? He calculated the number to be around 30.

In 1984, someone actually successfully led 29 peaks in a day, all in the Angeles Forest. Joe, hearing about this, carefully studied his maps, and figured that if one started doing the peaks all around Big Bear Lake, then move to Wrightwood, and do the peaks westward along the length of the Angeles Crest Highway; you could accomplish 30 peaks in a day. His 24-hour time period would be from 10 or 11 in the morning until 11 the next morning.

By 1986, Joe began the pursuit of his new goal, "The Peak Bagging Olympics." He rented a van to carry their gear and some of the other 12-15 participants on his odyssey. Trouble began early on Delamar when someone took the wrong route back, and the others had to wait for him to return. Another erroneous turn off of Little Shay killed more of their fleeting time. A mis-turn on the road coming from Gobbler's Knob blew the remaining margin of time they had left, and it ended soon after. They had to enjoy it for what it was, but short of their goal.

Joe continued attentively studying his maps, to work on refining his list of peaks in order to eliminate wasted time, and in 1987, bought a new truck which he still drives today. He did a few scouting trips to prepare for his next attempt at a record. Joe and Bobcat, with three others, tried again in June, 1987. All in Joe's vehicle, they did the Big Bear peaks, went to Hesperia for others, and then took-on the peaks along the Angeles Crest. Around midnight, a wrong turn, cost them time. Later, practically sleep walking, Joe was nearly ready to give it up, but a splash of cold water on his head from a fellow hiker, Don Tidwell, got him focused again. They finished Wilson Ridge, arriving at Deception with 20 minutes left to spare. A new record of 30 peaks! Two years later, Joe and Bobcat broke their own record when they accomplished 32 peaks. Finally, two more years later, this time with eight hikers in two vehicles, they achieved 33 peaks in a day! They also had refined their list so that they had more peaks, but less gain.

Joe worked in the Aerospace industry after college, then changed careers and became a registered civil engineer, and worked for a water utility. He retired early from that company as a vice-president, continues his pursuit of adventure, and is the long-time editor of The Lookout, and section historian. He was chief cook at the HPS Oktoberfest at Harwood Lodge for six years.

He has been an "M" rated leader since 1976. To get in shape for their latest Mt. Whitney hike, Joe became obsessed with losing weight, and managed to shed 120 pounds, which he keeps off to this day. Jim says that Joe is the only leader to have received the R. S. Fink Service Award twice, for service to the section.

JIM FLEMING is affectionately known as "Dad" to his hiking buddies, although he seems to be a bit younger than the others. He joined in HPS hiking around 1974-75, but left for a bit to finish school. He studied architecture at the University of Idaho. Jim has enjoyed co-leading with his friends for the past 33 years. He and Bobcat took LTC together in 1975, and he reached his 100th peak at the same time Bob did his 200th on Grinnell. Jim is an "I" rated leader. He loves navigation and studying topo maps. He says that his record-keeping is not the best, but he figures he has led about 100 different peaks. He loves winter sports and is working on his snowshoe emblem.

Jim started hiking when he started a private hiking group in the La Canada area called "The Rovers" with his brother. Bobcat was a neighbor and joined in their group. This group still exists. Joe was also a member of this group at one time. Jim says that once you are a member, you are one for life. The Rovers has evolved into "The Gnarlly Geezer Dudes" according to Jim. They also like to mountain bike.

In 1982, Jim joined with Bobcat and Stag in the first of their annual day hikes to Mt. Whitney. He continued to join them year after year. Jim has held the management position as HPS Chair two times, as well as other positions. He currently serves as Programs Chair. He says that what he loves about the section is that there are always new ideas and that they are always re-inventing the group and the focus.

Starting in 2000, Jim joined The Angeles National Forest Fire Lookout Association, a volunteer group he enjoys participating in. This is the realization of
a dream he had at eighteen of becoming a forest ranger. One of their projects is rebuilding the 1938 South Mt. Hawkins lookout tower that was lost in 2002 in the Curve fire. He has also worked on trail building and repair, and Adopt-a-Highway clean ups.

ROBERT "BOBCAT" THOMPSON is a meticulous record keeper bordering on fanaticism. He says that he wants to have the record of doing the most Hundred Peaks without ever finishing the List a second time. "It will be the ultimate avoidance of List finishing, ever." He has "almost finished the List eight times," without actually finishing the List. He is also very difficult to get a straight answer out of. He would like it if they had an emblem for "a thousand hundred peaks." James 'Dad' Fleming claims to have heard every one of Bobcat's puns at least one time, and knows all of the words of the "Mailman" song which they will perform with very little urging. Bobcat, a retired postman, was also Postmaster of Montrose. At one time, he was paid to hike and carry a heavy pack on his back. Now he does it for pleasure alone. He has an "I" rating.

He says that Josephine was his first HPS peak, back in 1972, and that he has been back to it 30 times. He claims to have learned his fastidious record keeping from Sam Fink, who also kept detailed records. Bobcat says that he did Whitney "20 times in the 20th century," again, bordering on numerology extremism. He keeps track of miles hiked and once celebrated the equivalency of "walking around the world," some 24,900 miles. He also has hiked Mt. Hollywood in Griffith Park every single day of a year. Not all in one year, but every calendar day of the year, all 366. He says he had to go do it before work on some days just to get that day, and not have to wait another year for that particular day. He's also very close to his 1000th ascent of Mt. Hollywood. The fire closure has delayed that "list finish."

In the 1970's, when California came out with their first personalized license plates, Bob applied for "THE FOX," but found that someone had beaten him to it. Being a "real cool cat" (his words), he got his second choice, "BOBCAT," and the name stuck.

Thirty plus years of hiking together, and we are sure that this Gang of 4 will continue their hiking association for many more.

Chapter Fundraising Outings
By Roxana Lewis

OCT 6, 2007 Sat
O: Trail-By-Rail to the 20th Avocado Festival: Train from historic Union Station to Carpinteria for one of California's best festivals celebrating the avocado. Along with the beach side event, out group will enjoy a short hike along this scenic bit of our coastline. Return via Amtrak to L.A. 7am-5pm. Ability to walk 7 mi. $63 ($83 non-mem) Includes, train fare, donation. Send check, SASE, SC#, phones, email to Leader Roxana Lewis/16304 St Andrews Pl/Gardena CA 90247/310-532-2933/Email roxtlewis@aol.com, Co-leader Dotty Sandford

NOV 3, 2007 Sat
O: Train/Ocean Hike Solana Beach & San Elijo Lagoon: Union Station to Solana Beach daytrip includes Cedros Design District, docent walk thru San Elijo Lagoon and a beach walk from Cardiff to Encinitas (Self Realization). Local bus to Oceanside for return Amtrak to L.A. 630am-830pm. Ability to walk 11 mi. $73 ($93 non-mem) Includes, train fare, donation. Send check, SASE, SC#, phones, email to Leader Roxana Lewis/16304 St Andrews Pl/Gardena CA 90247/310-532-2933/Email roxtlewis@aol.com Co-leader: Dotty Sandford. Registration after OCT 3, add $30.

Don't get a ticket!
Turn on your headlights between La Cañada and the junction with the Angeles Forest Highway.
Introduction
Rattlesnake Ascent via Secondary Route
The secondary route (East Ridge) is fairly straightforward. It involves more travel along Shoemaker Road than the primary route, through both tunnels, following the road that becomes an overgrown trail all the way up to the east ridge. Once on the ridge, follow it all the way to the summit (just keep going up). At one point you come across the trail that follows above the East Fork of the San Gabriel (leading to bridge to nowhere I think, near airplane flat - anyone hiked this before?) but you only follow this trail for about 10 yards and then turn left to continue to follow the ridge (there is a small cairn) up to the top. The trail is faint, but not really necessary other than to avoid the thick brush. There is a little bit of elevation loss going over the ramps along the ridge, but less than the primary route. The views are beautiful, offering good view of Iron Mountain, Mount Baldy and the Bridge to Nowhere.

A side note, we saw a trail near the summit coming out of Rattlesnake Canyon just north of the East Ridge that we followed on our ascent. The USGS Map shows that there is a trail that leads part way up the canyon, but then heads back down towards the East fork of the San Gabriel. Based on this find, we assume that you can also ascend Rattlesnake via Rattlesnake canyon, which looks to be a nice route.

Rattlesnake Descent via Primary Route
Baby Rattle Peak
The descent via the primary route (southern Ridge) has a good trail all of the way. It is steep and loose in sections. It does involve about 400 ft of additional elevation gain, the majority to ascend "baby rattle", the biggest bump of the route. Make sure you go down the ridge to the west-southwest that starts at bump 4040'. There is a steel post marking this spot. This trail starts along Shoemaker Road right before the large excavated, 3 terraced triangle (before the first tunnel with a steel pipe). It is not marked and easy to miss (GPS coords N34.24946 W117.76478). The ascent took me 3 hours and it was 5 miles and 3000 ft gain. The descent was just over 4 miles, had an additional 400 ft of gain and took just over 2 hours. The following elevation profile show the gain/loss, however I noticed that the spikes you see along the beginning and end are following the original elevation along the road, but obviously the road cuts most of these out, and the tunnels have large spikes that would result if you hiked over the tunnel, but obviously we didn't, we went through instead. It took me a little to figure these spikes out.

I have also attached a detailed topo map showing the GPS track overlay. This clearly shows the route we took. I do recommend this route, a loop is always better than returning on the same trail, I think.

History of Shoemaker Road
I am an Engineer and often ask "why?". Immediately on this hike I started to ask "why?". Why did they build this road, construct these obviously expensive tunnels, complex drainage systems, rock walls, etc. So I had to search the internet to attempt to answer this question and came up with the following:
Source: http://everything2.com/?node_id=1868467
There are many ridiculous things from the Cold War, backyard bomb shelters, duck and cover drills that would "protect" schoolchildren from a nuclear bomb attack, and then there are those that could have only been conceived from paranoia and government pork. Enter Shoemaker Canyon Road. In the paranoia of the 1950s with the "looming threat" of a possible nuclear attack by the Soviet Union or its allies, concerns were raised to the lack of escape routes from Los Angeles. As a result, potential escape corridors were evaluated, one of those that was approved was a road in the San Gabriel Mountains that went through the East Fork of the San Gabriel River. The road would wind through the East Fork and connect with the Angeles Crest Highway near
the small mountain community of Wrightwood, just miles away from Interstate 15 and the Mojave Desert. The idea of a road through the East Fork was not original, an earlier attempt had been made to make the community of Wrightwood more accessible to the people of the Los Angeles Basin in the 1930s. At the time, the San Gabriel Mountains were full of campers, hikers, fishermen enjoying themselves and dozens of camps welcomed visitors who wanted to spend a rustic weekend. Today, much of the same is true, driving down the East Fork on a Friday afternoon one encounters people fishing on the side of the road or near their car sitting on the side of the road enjoying the lush canyon scenery, but there's still no road that grants direct access to Wrightwood through the East Fork for good reason—it's too difficult.

The East Fork contains some of the most rugged terrain in Southern California—hikes such as those to Iron Mountain and Rattlesnake Peak routinely rank among some of the most strenuous and difficult hikes in the San Gabriels—the river itself is also subject to violent flash flooding during storms. Unsurprisingly, the initial attempt to carve a road in the 1930s (which largely kept close to the riverbed) was obliterated in a large storm and the project abandoned, due to concerns about the stability of the area. Today all that is left is some crumbling evidence of the road bed and a beautiful 1930s-era concrete arch bridge that crosses the East Fork at the Narrows—the deepest gorge in Southern California—almost 5 miles away from the nearest road.

Despite the unforgiving terrain and past history, engineers decided to forge ahead using convict labor from the California Men's Institution in Chino, earning the road the nickname, "Convict Road". To avoid the potential washouts that consumed the earlier road, the new road was constructed high above the East Fork itself. The road starts at the lower end of the canyon at an elevation of approximately 1700' and was intended to join with the Angeles Crest Highway at Vincent Gap with an elevation of 6629'. The terrain is so bad that in the 15 years of construction, from 1954 to 1969, workers only managed to complete 4.5 miles of work to an elevation of 2700'.

By 1969, the lack of progress, budget constraints, and growing ecological concerns regarding the project lead to its demise and work was halted. Despite the abandonment of a road through the East Fork, it appears that the project had become absorbed into the vast California highway system as part of Highway 39. When Shoemaker Canyon Road was abandoned, the connection with Angeles Crest Highway was rerouted to Islip Saddle, more than 8 miles away from the original junction at Vincent Gap. The road opened in 1961, but the 6.2 mile section from Crystal Lake (a small camping area and lake) to Angeles Crest Highway has been closed since 1978 due to unremitting landslides. CalTrans seems to have an interest in restoring the section, but has been thwarted due to lack of funds.

Today, not much has changed. There is still no effect eastern access to the back ranges of the San Gabriels and Shoemaker Canyon Road remains little more than an odd historical footnote in the San Gabriels. It has become a popular day hike for people interested in local history or the simple curiosity of exploring a "Road to Nowhere".

What's Left of this odd, unfinished, and ill-advised piece of civil engineering... aside from the two miles of paved, drivable road? Past the locked gate is an additional 2.5 miles of graded roadway and even two tunnels that were constructed: the first is about 1,000' long, constructed in 1961; the second is shorter at about 700' constructed in 1964. Upon emerging from the first tunnel the roadbed suddenly stops. A footpath continues for a short distance afterwards, but all reports seem to indicate that the poorly maintained trail is hardly worth the bushwhacking necessary to navigate it.

(Editor's note: Travis Linds has written up a number of reports about hikes to HPS peaks. His reports include topographical maps, aerial photographs, elevation profiles, and historical information. Here are some of his reports:


Mount Fuji Climb

Sunday/Monday, July 22, 23, 2007
by George Wysup

Leader Roxana Lewis, assistant Dottie Sandford, and 13 participants toured Japan on a scheduled Sierra Club Angeles Chapter trip. The highlight of the trip for me was the climb of Mount Fuji, at 12,375' the highest point in Japan.

We had spent the previous week in Kyoto, with side trips to Nara, Hiroshima, and Biwa-ko. On July 21 we took a bullet train to Shin Fuji, then a long bus ride to the Fuji 5 Lakes area to an upscale hotel in Kawaguchi-ko (-ko means lake). We were not to enjoy sleeping the night in this hotel because we were to take the 7:30 bus to the 5th station on the north slope of Fuji-san.

The tradition is to start the hike at night and get to the crater rim in time to see the sunrise. Who were we gai-jin to defy centuries of honorable tradition? 12 of us boarded the bus for a ride through the gloomy fog and rain. Scattered thunderstorms were predicted for Shin-Fuji and it was drizzling as we departed Kawaguchi-ko (elev. about 2700'). I didn't think we had much of a chance to attain the summit, figuring there would be heavy rain and lightning on the mountain. My a priori information was that the hike was about
equivalent to climbing Mt San Jacinto and that there is a trail all the way to the summit, and a separate trail for the descent. There is an opportunity to take a wrong trail on the return and end up on the wrong side of the mountain which, being a typical volcano, looks pretty much the same from any direction, especially at night.

Studying a guide that Roxana provided told me that the trailhead elevation at 5th station is about 7550’, so the elevation gain would be about 4900’. This is a rather serious hike. There are a number of huts (with food and drink service), shrines, and outhouses (100 yen suggested donation, about 85 cents U.S.) along the way. We started hiking at 9 pm. A popular tourist diversion is to purchase a pine hiking stick and get stamps burned into the wood at the various stations en route. I always try not to emulate other tourists, so I just used my Leki, which doesn’t burn.

For the first 2 miles the 12 of us hiked slowly along a road through the mist. It was not at all cold, in fact we were all quite comfortable. Those of us at the front of the group eventually realized that the slow pace was a wee bit too fast for the group to stay together. The road ended and we began ascending a steep trail. There were a lot of hikers besides us and staying together was pointless. I soon found myself well behind Bruce Hale, Hassan Kilany, and David and Elaine Baldwin (both of whom are Desert Peaks Section list finishers). The light drizzle had stopped and we could see several stars above us. The clouds were obviously a lower altitude phenomenon and I saw hope that we might actually do this thing. I was ascending with an ever-increasing crowd of Japanese climbers and occasionally hiked with Tina Rozsa and Haesoon Yoon. Tina was handicapped by hiking in a pair of cheap ($16 at resort price) and ill-fitting sneakers. Ouch. I was carrying only 2 liters of water, which I expected to last the entire climb. I didn’t want to have to spend the 500 yen that the vendors were getting for ½ liter of water. I had a mocha triple shot which I consumed at about 2 am to ward off drowsiness. As expected, the temperature diminished and the wind increased with elevation and it was quite nippy (no pun intended) above 10,000’. There were areas of the ‘trail’ that might be considered class 2, with hands required. The path was marked with chains here. At about 11,000’ a large number of hikers caught up with me and there was quite a mass of humanity going for the peak. To the credit of the Japanese hikers, they were all quite polite, not at all pushy. I estimate that there were 2000 to 3000 hikers going for the summit that night. That’s a lot of headlamps!

I reached the crater rim, with its hut and store, just after 4 am and just before the rather ordinary sunrise, to find Bruce, Hassan, and the Baldwins. Shortly after, Haesoon arrived there and the 2 of us elected to go together to the true summit. To get to this point we had to undulate about 2/3 of the way around the rim, about 30 minutes hike each way. There is a plaque near the true summit- in Japanese, naturally- that says the point is at 3775.6 meters above sea level. On the way we passed a shrine, either Buddhist or Shinto (I was too ignorant to determine which) and a post office! Had I known I could have mailed letters, which would have received a Mt. Fuji postmark.

It was now 5 am and I had lost track of the rest of the group. I found the descent trail with ease and headed for the 5th Station bus terminal. I managed to avoid wandering off on the wrong trail and eventually found more of our group. Most had not bothered with the true summit and just wanted to get back and take a long nap. I suppose. I learned that 10 of our group had made it to the summit. Dottie Sandford had gotten sick- probably the altitude and Ms. Gerry Cox stayed with her overnight in a hut. The cost is 7000 yen including meals. The accommodations are rather third world and perhaps not as sparkling clean as everything else in Japan. But it is good to take along an extra 7000 yen as insurance; one never knows. By 6:30 am the sun was up with a fury and it was very warm. There’s another reason to make this hike at night. My 2 liters of water was almost gone and I partly refilled from a snow bank. I bummed a bit of water from Elaine Baldwin to avoid paying that 1000 yen per liter- much more expensive than gasoline, which I calculated to cost about $4.25 per gallon most everywhere in Japan.

After what seemed an interminable hike I reached the bus terminal at about 9 am. Total time up and back was 12 hours, far from a record ascent. I bought a coffee from a vending machine and finished off my trail food for a breakfast. Tina was there, waiting for the 9:35 bus. I learned that Roxana, George Rendell, and Reyna Beyale all made it to the rim and caught the 8:35 bus. So, 10 of the 12 attempting the peak achieved the crater rim. Back at the Route Inn hotel in Kawaguchi-ko I tried to nap, but that cup of coffee turned out to be rather a mistake. This was an unforgettable adventure for me and the companions were outstanding. Another great international trip led by Roxana.
REGISTER BOX
By Jim Adler

Since the last column, there were net two registers removed from the missing list and six new missing or deficient registers added to the list. There were also two peaks reported both "missing" and "replaced." Joe Young, Jean White, Richard Carey, Coby King, Linh Trieu and Peter Doggett sent reports.

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Hundred Peaks Section
Angeles Chapter
Management Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: May 8, 2007
Location: Denny's Restaurant
5630 N. Rosemead Blvd.
Temple City, CA

Mcom Members Present:
Winnette Butler, Dave Comerzan, Jim Fleming, Wolf Leverich, Karen Isaacson Leverich, Lynda Armbruster,

Mcom Members Absent:
Greg de Hoogh

Mcom Appointed Members Present:
Wayne Vollaire

Guests Present:

Meeting called to order:
Dave Comerzan called the meeting to order at 6:30pm
dave Comerzan submitted for approval the minutes of
the January 9, 2007 meeting. M/s/p. (01/09/07 minutes
were modified with auction donations information from
Lynda Armbruster).

Winnette Butler submitted minutes from March 23rd
meeting. M/s/p.

Committee Reports:

TREASURER:
Wolf Leverich submitted for approval the April 30, 2007
balance sheet for HPS. M/s/p. A copy of the balance
sheet will be attached to the archived minutes.

Winnette will save the soft drinks left over from Spring
Fling for another HPS event. (Subsequent to
the meeting, the soft drinks were used at the Adopt-A-
Highway cleanup party.)

MEMBERSHIP:
Greg de Hough was absent but provided Membership
Report. M/s/p. A copy of the Membership Report will be
attached to the archived minutes.

OUTREACH: Lynda Armbruster

Lynda reported we need someone to represent HPS at
the June 28, 2007 (evening) Griffith Park Newcomers
meeting sponsored by the Sierra Singles Group. Also,
need someone to represent HPS at the August 13, 2007
Costa Mesa Newcomers Meeting at 6:30pm sponsored
by OCSS and probably at the Eaton Canyon meeting on
Sept 8, 2007 from 1-4pm. She will email more details
about the times and exact locations of these Newcomer
meetings.

PROGRAMS: Jim Fleming:

No alternate sites have been selected for banquet.

Spring Fling:
Spring Fling 2008, Keller hut – check on sleeping and
parking situation.
(I didn’t note if someone had been asked to follow up on
this item.)

Waterman Rendezvous:
To be noted as Summer Rendezvous
Date set for July 28, 2007

Merchandise:
Jim is working on ordering shirts.

Fall Festival:
Date: September 29-30, 2007.
Hurkey Creek, Idyllwild.

Summer Rendezvous 2008
Date: July 19th, 2008.
Location: Tentatively set for the Mt. San Antonio area.
The decision will be made after we get some feedback
from members about changing the location.

Fall Festival 2008
Dates: Sept. 27th and 28th, 2008
Location: To be Determined

Adopt-A-Highway
Jim Fleming reported that the sign on Highway 2 is up for
our section of the Highway.

Outings:
Wolf is investigating a web design similar to the Sierra
Singles site as a way of scheduling hikes with a shorter
lead time.

MRC:
The following items are in reference to the “May 2007
MRC Report” provided by Wolf. This report is available in
hardcopy and was passed out to the members at
the meeting. A copy of this report will be attached to the
archived minutes for reference.

Items discussed:

Drop 10A Emma Route 2 & 10J Cole Point Route 2
because of Kentucky
Springs Road closure and firing range concerns.

Restore 10D Bare Route 1 to original wording because
the frog closure on that route has been lifted.

Modify 15F Sunset Route 1 by altering the location of the
parking area because the landowner has closed the
large parking area at Cow Canyon Saddle.
Add 31E Beauty and 31F Iron Springs southern approach route suggested by BLM and led by Peter and Ignacia Doggett, Mars Bonfire, and Kathy Cheever.

Conservation:
No update reported.

Angeles Chapter:
No update reported.

Old Business:
New HPS Pin Quotes are being solicited for future pins.

New Business:
Kent Schwitkis is asking for input regarding "altering trails in any way".
Noted – private outings cannot be controlled- This is in conflict with National Sierra Club policy.
A letter requesting input was passed out at the meeting.
The following is in reference to that letter:
Movement to carry item 2
drop the private outing stipulation
bolting is approved by National
drop the second half of item
drop the entire first item

Dave Comerzan noted that ICO requested funds from HPS.

Wolf Leverich will write an article for the Lookout about donating to ICO. (The article appeared on page 5 of the most recent Lookout.)

Nominating Committee:
Doris Duval is looking for suggestions for nominations.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Submitted:
Wayne Vollaire

The summit of Big Iron: Front row: Mike Dougherty, Bruce Cristol, Mikki Siegel, Ted Lubeshkoff. Back Row: Marlen Mertz, Zobeida Arauz, Wayne Vollaire, Tom Hill, Yim Lincoln, Scott Stone, Coby King

Chris Spisak (left) celebrates his 100th Peak on Lily Rock with friends and the leaders, Mars Bonfire, Kathy Cheever, and Virgil Popescu. Photo by Lilly Fukul

Bighorn sheep scramble nimbly near the headwall of Galena. Photo by Paul Garry