Sierra Club offers Outdoor Leadership Training October 4, 2008

Interested in becoming an outings leader for the Sierra Club? Angeles Chapter is home to one of the largest outings programs on the planet – thousands of trips ranging from beach barbecues to mountaineering expeditions.

You can take the first step toward becoming a leader by attending a class offered by the chapter Leadership Training Committee on Saturday, Oct. 4.

The class covers all the basics of leadership. Experienced leaders will tell you how to plan a trip, prevent problems on the trail and make sure that everyone – including you – has a great time. They'll also explain good conservation and safety practices. And they'll give you tips for getting your "O" rating quickly and then, if you choose, pursuing more advanced ratings.

The all-day class at the Griffith Park Ranger Station costs $25. The application is on page 69 of the Angeles Chapter Schedule #308. It’s also online at angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc.

Mail the application and check, payable to Sierra Club, to Steve Botan, LTC Registrar, 18816 Thornwood Circle, Huntington Beach 92646. You also can reach Botan by phone (714-963-0151) or e-mail (sbotan@pacbell.net).

Applications and checks are due Sept. 20. Scholarships are available for those in financial need. Apply to LTC Chair Tina Bowman (tina@bowmanedesigngroup.com)

Angeles Chapter Outings Assembly November 8, 2008 Saturday

Chapter Outings Assembly: Join the Outings Management Committee 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. Get the scoop on what's happening in our chapter, let us know what is working for your entity and how we can help you. Save this date! Meet 9:30 am-4:00 pm at 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 mi. Light breakfast and refreshments provided. Bring your lunch. For more information contact: Kent Schwitkis

Wilderness Travel Course Classes Begin in January 2009

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Offered in 4 SoCal areas, West Los Angeles classes are on Wednesday evenings at Charnock School (near Sepulveda and Venice Blvd) in Palms. Limit of 86 participants in WLA divided into four classes. Enrollment opens September 7th. Classes begin Jan 2009. See WTC website for more information and exact locations in West LA, San Gabriel Valley, Long Beach and Orange County.
www.angeles.sierraclub.org/wtc

Important Dates:
September 9 (Tuesday) Annual HPS Business Meeting, Newcomb's Ranch, Angeles Crest Highway

September 19 - 21 HPS Fall Festival

Jan 24, 2008 HPS Annual Awards Banquet to be held at the Golden Dragon Restaurant in Chinatown.
ACHIEVEMENTS:

List Completion #5
#11 - Tom Hill - 5/17/08 - Sugarloaf Mountain

100 Leads
#40 - Sandy Sperling - 5/17/08 - Gold Mountain
#41 - Bill Simpson - 6/22/08 - Shields Peak

NEW MEMBERS
Scott Gabbert
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Chris Wu - $76
Bob Henderson - $43
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MEMBERSHIP COUNTS:
338 Members (293 primary + 45 household)
52 Subscribers
390 Total

The Hundred Peaks Section Website

The HPS Website is maintained by Karen Isaacson Leverich and Wolf Leverich. It’s really cool and chock full of information: http://angeles.sierraclub.org/hps/

- The HPS List
- Peak Guides
- Peak Maps
- Past Trip Reports
- The Schedule of HPS Activities
- Member Awards
- Member Achievements
- Links to other Sierra Club entities
- Much, much more

Our newsletter, The Lookout, is published six times a year. Final dates for receipt of material are February 1 for the March-April issue; April 1 for the May-June issue; June 1 for the July-August issue; August 1 for the September-October issue; October 1 for the November-December issue; and December 1 for the January-February issue. If you send the back of each photo or cd. Please identify When taking photos please ask participants photos returned please state so and include a or appropriateness. Please send articles, Street, Los Angeles, CA 90066 - 6730, fax to Joe at (310) 301 - 9642; or email to joengeri@ca.rr.com. The Lookout is for the property of the Hundred Peaks Section.
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From the Chair
By Karen Isaacson Leverich

Hurry hurry hurry: volunteers needed to serve on the HPS Management Committee in 2009. If you're interested, contact Doris Duval, Chair of the Nominations Committee: duv14@sbcglobal.net or 323-221-6023.

There will be more about this in the next issue of the Lookout, but we're getting closer to the annual HPS election. Curious who and what will be on the ballot? Join us at the annual business meeting. This year, we're meeting on Tuesday, September 9th, at Newcomb's Ranch on Highway 2. Where better to ponder HPS "stuff" than in our beautiful mountains? 8:30PM for the regular management meeting, 7PM (or so) for the official business meeting.

Expect some peaks being suggested for delisting, a possible new peak, and possible new emblems. Lots of interesting ideas for us to ponder and vote about.

Looking for something a bit more active or festive than a business meeting? Come join us for Fall Festival! We've booked the Tillie Creek Group Campground near Lake Isabella for Friday and Saturday nights, September 19th and 20th. And then scheduled LOTS of hikes for Friday the 19th through Sunday the 21st. Plan on a potluck party Saturday night at the campground and at least one显得 celebration on Sunday... Contact Dave Comerzan for directions to Tillie Creek and camping details. (Lots of nice motels in Kernville if you prefer.) See the schedule of outings elsewhere in this Lookout for details on the hikes. Dave can be reached at comerzan@verizon.net or 695 Aurora Dr, Claremont, 91711.

Are you an HPS or Angeles Chapter Leader? First, and most important, thank you! HPS is rich not only in peaks and scenery, but in the outings you've been leading to our peaks. But a reminder: we're now required to refresh our skills and first aid every four years. If it's been awhile since you took first aid (or since you reported to one of your Outings Chairs that you did so) or if you haven't yet read one of the various documents that satisfy the OLT 101+ requirement, please please find time and do so, ASAP. You can learn about OLT 101 in the lower half of http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ttc/

After taking first aid (Standard Red Cross first aid is sufficient for renewal) or reading OLT 101, drop a note to karen@mtpinos.com with the date and details.

Not yet an Angeles Chapter Leader? The next seminar will be at Griffith Park on October 4th, and the deadline for registering is September 20th. There's a form on page 69 of the current Schedule of Activities. Or drop me a note and I'll send you a copy... Fee is $25, which includes a copy of the Leaders Reference Book. Do it! We'd LOVE to have you lead for the Hundred Peaks Section!

Looking to learn but not quite ready to lead? Marlen Mertz (and many others) recommend the Angeles Chapter's Wilderness Travel Course (WTC), which happens January to March 2009. Marlen writes:

"Plan ahead for this very popular 10-week Sierra Club course that has been offering classroom instruction and field experiences to Los Angeles and Orange County outdoor enthusiasts for the past twenty years. The Wilderness Travel Course teaches basic mountaineering skills for mountain and desert travel. Class includes navigation instruction using topo maps and compass, rock scrambling techniques, how to choose equipment, backpacking food and nutrition, snow travel, wilderness first aid and lots more. Includes ten evening classes, 2 full-day, and 2 weekend outings with bus transportation provided. Classes are offered in four SoCal areas -- West Los Angeles, Long Beach, Orange County and the San Gabriel Valley. Enrollment opens September 7th. Classes begin Jan 2009. See WTC website http://www.angeles.sierraclub.org/wtc/ for more information and exact locations."

Meanwhile, stay safe! I hope I'm wrong, but we're getting into the time of year when it seems our forests are always burning.

And ... hope to see you on trail! (Or at the business meeting. Or at Tillie Creek!)
THE NAVIGATION CORNER

By Bob Myers

As the new navigation chair for the Chapter’s Leadership Training Program, this is my inaugural effort to share navigation information with fellow HPS members. This article will focus on maps. Future articles will address other topics of interest to HPS members. But first an overview of our navigation program.

LTP Navigation Is Open to Everyone

The Leadership Training Program offers numerous navigation events every year. From the Beginning Navigation Clinics expertly led by Diane Dunbar and Richard Boardman to our checkouts in local mountains and deserts, we welcome participation by all Club members. With the GPS being used by more and more leaders, we also offer a GPS class twice a year. Together, these outings provide opportunities not only for those currently on the road to an I, M, or E rating, but also for leaders who want to brush up on rusty skills, prospective leaders who are thinking about getting an advanced rating, C-rated leaders who want to pick up some navigation skills, and Club members curious about how to use a map and compass. In other words, our navigation program offers something for everyone. All of our examiners want to help you succeed with your navigation objectives.

Maps Are Important

One of the ten essentials of wilderness travel is a map. If you take a survey of participants on a typical Sierra Club outing, many do not bring a map. They rely on the leaders to get them to their destination and back to the trailhead. Although it’s a safe bet that your HPS leaders know where they are going, it is still a good idea for all participants to carry a map and know how to use it. Indeed, looking at a map to measure your progress on a trip is a great way to improve your map reading skills.

The importance of maps was highlighted in an August 2008 Associated Press story that was headlined “Convoy rescued after GPS led them to Utah cliff.” The story is a warning to those who venture into the wilderness without a map.

A GPS device led a convoy of tourists astray, finally stranding them on the edge of a sheer cliff. With little food or water, the group of 10 children and 16 adults from California had to spend a night in their cars deep inside the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. They used a global positioning device to plot out a backcountry route Saturday from Bryce Canyon National Park to the Grand Canyon. But the device couldn’t tell how rough the roads were. One vehicle got stuck in soft sand, two others ran low on fuel. And the device offered suggestions that led them onto the wrong dirt roads, which ended at a series of cliffs. The group was so lost it couldn’t figure out how to backtrack and started to panic.

Types of Maps

Maps come in all sizes and shapes and are used for a variety of purposes. While standard road maps and verbal descriptions are used to get from home to the trailhead, more specialized maps are needed for wilderness travel. The maps used by Sierra Club hikers typically fall within three different categories:

- 7.5-minute topographic maps
- Commercial Maps
- Computer Generated Maps

Each of these maps will be discussed below.

7.5 Minute Maps

Produced by the United States Geological Service (USGS), 7.5 minute maps, usually referred to as "topos" or "quads" (from quadrangle), are the standard reference tool for navigation. These maps show a small area in great detail, so subtle features of topography can be identified. Most topo maps use miles and feet as the units of measure, but some are in kilometers and meters.

They are called 7.5 minute maps because each map covers an area of 7.5 minutes of longitude by 7.5 minutes of latitude. Because a minute of longitude (except at the equator) covers less distance than a minute of latitude, these maps vary in the area covered, ranging from 64 square miles at latitude 30 degrees north to 40 square miles at latitude 40 degrees north. It takes about 57,000 maps to cover the conterminous 48 States, Hawaii, and territories.

The unique feature of a topographic map is the use of contour lines. Topographic contours are shown by brown lines. Because each contour is a line of equal elevation, contour lines never cross. They show the general shape of the terrain. To help the user determine elevations, index contours are wider and elevation values are printed in several places along these lines. The narrower intermediate contours found between the index contours help to show more details of the land surface shape. Contours that are very close together represent steep slopes. Widely spaced contours or an absence of contours means that the ground slope is relatively level. The elevation difference between adjacent contour lines, called the contour interval, is selected to best show the general shape of the terrain. The contour interval is printed on the bottom margin of each USGS map. In Southern California, the contour interval is typically 40 feet, with notable exceptions—San Jacinto Peak is 80 feet; Malibu Beach is 25 feet.

The best place to purchase 7.5 maps is directly from the USGS at its online store. The website is:

http://store.usgs.gov

Each 7.5 minute map is $6.00. I have ordered hundreds of maps from the USGS store and always received them in a timely manner. Whether you order one map or 20, the shipping fee is $5.00 (more for overnight service). Therefore, it makes sense to order multiple maps at the same time.
You should exercise caution in purchasing 7.5 minute maps from on-line vendors other than the USGS. USGS maps are not copyrighted and some vendors sell inferior quality copies. Some of these copies are slightly enlarged or reduced, producing an incorrect map scale. Others use paper of lesser quality than the maps sold by the USGS.

Commercial Maps

Tom Harrison Maps and Trails Illustrated Maps are readily available in local stores. With numerous titles to choose from, these maps cover the Santa Monica Mountains, local national forests, the Sierras, and all of California's national parks. The scales of these maps vary, but are generally not as fine as the 7.5 minute USGS topo maps.

The great benefit of these maps is that they provide a much bigger picture of the area. If you want to know what a distant peak is, you might not find it on your 7.5 minute map, but it may be on one of these bigger picture maps. They also have trail mileage between different points, something not found on the 7.5 minute maps.

Computer-Generated Maps

There are a number of commercially available programs that will produce topographic maps. The one most commonly used by Sierra Club hikers is National Geographic's TOPO! program. The California edition of the program gives you access to every 7.5 minute map in California. This is a great program and makes trip planning very easy.

Recently, the USGS has made all of its 7.5 minute maps (as well as older 15 minute maps) available for download. Using the Google Maps programming interface, the new Map Locator at the USGS store allows you to find topographic maps by searching zip code, address, or navigating on an interactive map. You can pan, zoom, change the map to see satellite imagery or a seamless USGS topographic map view. The Map Locator gives you the option to order printed maps or download a scanned map image in PDF format. To access the Map Locator, go to the USGS store and click the "Map Locator" button.

There are also many places on the internet where you can download topographic maps. For example, Google Maps now has a topographic map feature (use the "Terrain" button) – although it is not the same as a USGS topographic map.

Got Questions?

Maps and knowing how to use them are a tool to help you enjoy the outdoors. The more you use a map, the more you will be able to read the contour lines. If you know how to use a map, you won't end up lost in the wilderness on the edge of a cliff.

I welcome your navigation questions or ideas for future articles. Contact me at rmmyers@ix.netcom.com.

The Banquet is A-Coming

By Dave Comerzan, Program Chair

Before we know it, our Annual Banquet will be upon us. The date is Saturday, January 24, 2009. After a number of years of wonderful memories at the Taix, the membership felt it was a time for a change.

This year's banquet will be held at the Golden Dragon Restaurant located at 960 N. Broadway in Chinatown. Located just north of College on the East side of the street. Valet parking is available just south of the restaurant. The Metro Gold Line stops one block away from the restaurant. For schedules, call Metro at 800-266-6883.

The Social Hour will be from 5 to 6 pm. Dinner will start at 6:00. The Program Speaker will follow dinner. After the program we will have the remarks of the Outgoing and Incoming Chairs and our Ritual of Recognition of Achievements. The format for dinner will be a little different this year. It is buffet style. 10 different entries will be brought to the table including Peking duck, shrimp, beef, chicken and entries for vegetarians. We are being charged a set price for a table so it is important that we fill one table before we open another. Each table will hold 10 people. Despite rising food costs, we are holding the charge to $30 per person if received by January 17th ($35 if received after the 17th). To reserve a spot send you check payable to HPS to Dave Comerzan, 695 Aurora Dr, Claremont, CA 91711. The charge will include 2 bottles of wine per table.

Our speaker this year is Bill Burke. Bill, a local hiker who many of us have hiked with, has an impressive hiking resume. Since of May of 2002, he has summited McKinley (20,320'), Aconcagua (22,834'), Kilimanjaro (19,339'), Elbrus (18,510'), Vinson Massif (16,067'), Kosciusko (7910'), Carstensz (16,023') and two attempts at Everest. All this and he turned 65 in March of 2007, a real inspiration to all of us. Bill and his wife Sharon reside in Orange County. Bill will talk about his 2 Everest attempts and his up-coming attempt.

As usual, we will have our Silent Auction, so clean out those closets and help us raise some money. You can give your donated articles to any Management Committee member. Also, we will have a recycle bin for you used printer cartridges and old cell phones.

So Mark your calendars and join us for this annual event.
Angeles Chapter Fundraising Trips
By Roxana Lewis

APR 14-24, 2009 Tue-Fri

O: Hiking the Italian Riviera. Experience the seaside towns via footpath and day hikes from centralized hotels. Join Italophile, Roxana Lewis who has been tramping Italy's back roads for 23yrs. Visit Portofino, Santa Margherita Ligure, Rapallo and the special area called the Cinque Terre using local bus or train transport to trailheads. This trip is for experienced hikers and is not suitable for those who cannot walk at least 9-14 miles per day. Cost $2750 ($2800 non-member) airport transfers, standard hotels (2sharing), breakfast. Group airfare can be arranged for those registered by Oct 1st. To reserve send $700 deposit, 2 sase, SC#, address, phones, email, recent hiking experience to the Ldr: Roxana Lewis, Co-lrd: Dotty Sandford. mailto:ROXTLEWIS@aol.com
Registration after November 15th add $275.

JULY 14-24, 2009 Tue-Fri

C: ZEN ADVENTURE IN JAPAN & Mt. FUJI CLIMB: A total Zen immersion spending 7-days in Kyoto, the cultural capitol of Japan. We will visit a sampling of the 1836 temples & gardens succumbing to everything Zen. An added treat is the Gion Festival, considered one of the three best in the country. Day trips via Bullet train & bus to Hiroshima, Nara, Miyajima, Chikubushima, Hikone. We will then proceed to the Mt. Fuji area for a climb to the summit with a final day at Lake Kawaguchi to recover before flying home. Ability to walk approx. 7-12 miles daily. $2575 ($2625 non-mem) includes standard western hotel (2share), breakfast, 7day rail pass. Airfare is additional; arranged on request. To reserve send $700 deposit/2sase/SC#/phones/email/recent hiking experience to Leader: Roxana Lewis/16304 St Andrews Pl/Garden Ca 90247/310-532-2933/email ROXTLEWIS@aol.com

SEP 13, 2008 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. 6:30am-8:30pm. Ability to walk 11 mi. $75($95 non-mem) includes, train fare, refreshment. Send check, SASE, SC#, phones, email to Leader Roxana Lewis, 16304 St Andrews Pl, Garden Ca 90247, 310-532-2933, email roxtlewis@aol.com mailto:Roxtlewis@aol.com Co-leader: Dotty Sandford. Registration after Aug 13, add $30.

NOV 8, 2008 Sat

O: Santa Barbara Coastal Train & Hike: Depart Union Station at 7:30am for Carpinteria. Hike 12.8 mi to Santa Barbara, moderate 20 min. per mile pace. Picnic lunch on enroute. Time to saunter the historic downtown area, shop or sit at an outdoor cafe and sip the local vino. Return train from Santa Barbara station gets us back to L.A. at 9:45pm. $68 ($89 non-mem) rail fare, donation. Bring water, snacks, lunch (restaurant opportunity). Send check/sase/SC#/phone&email to Leader: Roxana Lewis, 16304 St Andrews Place, Garden Ca 90247, (310) 532-2933, email roxtlewis@aol.com. Co-leader Bruce Hale. Registration after Oct 8 add $25.

DEC 6-7, 2008 Sat-Sun

O: Trail-By-Rail Weekend in Torrey Pines. Amtrak from Union Station to Solana Beach and then a local bus to our Torrey Pines State Park trail head. We will hike the extensive coastal system before heading to our motel in Del Mar for an over night. Short Sunday hike before returning via Amtrak to L.A.’s Union 700am-8:30pm. Ability to walk 12 mi. $195. ($220 non-mem) Includes, train fare, motel (2sharing). Send check, SASE, SC#, email, phones to Leader Roxana Lewis, 16304 St Andrews Pl, Garden Ca 90247, 310-532-2933, email roxtlewis@aol.com; Co-Leader Dotty Sandford. Registration after NOV 6 add $30.

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Joel Goldberg 10/01
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Mark Jones 10/01
Darryl Kuhns 10/03
Shane Smith 10/04
Richard Summers 10/12
John McCarty 10/13
Barbara Lilley 10/14
Winnette Butler 10/15
Sharon Moore 10/15
Peter Kennedy 10/15
Christine Soskins 10/19
Robert H. Hethmon 10/19
Diane Dunbar 10/19
Paul Garry 10/24
Coby A. King 10/29
100 Leads-Finally!
By Patrick E. Vaughn

I never planned to lead 100 HPS peaks. Just like I never planned to finish "The List" or even to become a Sierra Club leader. These kind of things just sneak up on you when you least expect it. This whole leading thing started just by chance when I decided to take WTC just to get back into a little hiking and back packing at least that's what I had told myself and had even convinced my wife Connie aka the Warden that was what I was doing. One of the requirements to graduate from WTC is to complete two I-rated back pack experience trips so I signed up for six. I finished the two required trips the first couple of weeks after finishing the 10 weeks of classes and decided to go on the remaining 4 trips. The 3rd trip was in the Sierras and the altitude kicked my butt so I decided not only did I need more hiking at altitude but more hiking in general so I started taking off some Wednesdays from work to hike with Local Hikes in the San Gabriels. The bug had bitten me somewhere along the way so before the end of the summer I had taken leadership training completed all six trips and had joined the staff of WTC. I figured leading is like driving a car the more you drive the better you will get. Intuitively someone who has been driving longer is better than someone who has just learned to drive or who has not driven at all.

So I decided it was finally time for me to lead some trips. My O-provisional lead was Josephine from Colby Canyon. At the rido shpe location my evaluator Susan Richmond saw I was getting antsy and asked if I was okay. I replied yes but not everyone who signed up had made it and I wanted to get going on time and didn't want to wait. She asked how many do you have here. I said 14 participants are here. She said you have more than enough participants but it is up to you if you want to wait a bit for a few more. Since no one had called to say that they would be late I made my announcements and we left. This was the start of me getting a reputation for not waiting for late participants. We met at least one of the late participants Jerry Keating on our way down from the peak. Near the end of the hike Darrick Danta decided that he wanted to play around and threatened to do something silly that would result in me having to write up an incident report on my first lead. I promptly told him you can sign out and then you are free to do what ever you want. Needless to say he chuckled and we finished without incident.

My I-provisional day hike was 4 months later and it happened to be on the hottest day of the hottest weekend of May. Did I say that this was in the Eagle Wilderness at the east end of J-Tree? Everyone arrived at the trail head on time and I suggested we cancel. After all it was nearly 100 degrees and it was only the morning but the 10 hearty souls along with my evaluator Garen Yegarian were raring for an adventure so off we went. The hike went well until we were headed back when one participant started having trouble with the heat. We made a lot of stops and extra long ones whenever we could find a sliver of shade. We all got out safely and stopped in Chirico Summit to eat afterwards. I couldn't believe not once did anyone ever complain during the hike and I always checked and asked how everyone was doing and made sure they were well hydrated. The good news is that everyone except one person said that they would not do the trip again. One participant even emailed me to thank me for getting her out of the canyons and that she was forever in my debt and that she looked forward to hiking with me again. I never heard from her again. It left such a good impression that another participant Bob Myers led the same trip as one of his I-provisional back packs. However while we were eating the one person who had heat issues said that she was tempted to tell me to leave her in the desert in one of canyons to let her die. Then another participant said me too, and then a third said me too, and then a fourth said me too... Garen turned to me and reassured me that he would not have allowed that to happen.

My I-provisional back pack was in the forest and nothing could go wrong. After all it was on a perfect weekend and the weather forecast was superb. My evaluator Bob Beach, 11 hikers and I were off to a great trip. After setting up camp we headed to bag the first peak but things went a little slower than planned. I noticed one participant then a second her boyfriend was having trouble but their hiking resumes seemed to be in order so things should work out okay. RRRight! After a lunch break on the peak I asked how everyone was doing and announced that we were heading off to the next peak. No response from the couple who was having trouble as they lie on their backs not budging. Following a few pros with a hiking pole they were up and we were off to the next peak. Needless to say the couple had to wait at the saddle as the rest of us went up to the peak. When we returned Bob Beach said okay mister leader you have two participants who have not only run out of water but cannot go out the way you planned. You need to find us another way out of here and get us back to
camp. No problem I took out my map and compass and plotted another less strenuous route out that didn’t involve climbing back over any of the other peaks and away we went back to camp.

Since I have been leading there have been many adventures and many tales as a result along with other issues. One issue that I have had is finding enough time to hike without the warden getting upset. Several HPS buddies have offered advice over the last couple of years. Lynda Armbruster suggested that I get a new wife. She said it as easy as that just trade her in for one who won’t mind you hiking. Umm...Then a hand came out of nowhere and slapped me upside the head and I heard a voice say you should have had a V-8. Zoobia aka Molina who now goes by Aruaz and I have had many discussions about this hiking affliction. She said “Pat it is a sickness and when you get the bug no one can understand it, not your family or coworkers or your close friends. Only other crazy people like us. Everything will be okay.”

Now back to leading. Tom Hill would always say “if you need it lead it”. So when George Wysup solicited leaders to lead the Big 4 I quickly signed on. The trip was to be two nights but Tom suggested we could offer up an option to those who want to do it as an overnighter while George and his group did the trip as planned. Again I signed on to lead the overnighter option. Tom had hurt his back and on the way off of Samon he decided he had to bow out. Fortunately Pamela Rowe was along and filled in as my co-leader for the rest of the trip so we were able to continue as planned.

I was also fortunate to get several multiple leads when others had to bow out for one reason or another and I became the replacement. Notably Yucaipa Ridge with Mars Bonfire when Karen Leverich offered up her leads to me. Several others came by way of others who had injuries or other personal conflicts that prevented them from participating and I was solicited to replace them. Most of my leads as well as many HPS outings have been with the old guard Tom Hill and George Wysup. These two have led more hikes over the last couple years than there are stars in the sky so it is not surprising that I have picked up a few bad habits along the way. When it comes to going cross country to a peak George GPS Wysup says that he has never done a peak exactly the same way to the top and yeah I guess he’s right because I seem to find myself in that same predicament. Tom doesn’t use a GPS and from him I have learned the art of staying found. After a while most of the terrain looks the same on the approach to a lot of our peaks so one must learn to act like you know where you are going even when you’re lost. Once you are sure everyone else is following you like a bunch of ducklings call for a break. Pull out the map say a few um-ums and ah-haw’s and then pray that you can find some semblance of the use trail when you start back hiking.

All kidding aside I finally made my 100th lead on Grouse Mountain July 9, 2008. The warden thought this meant that I would lead less now but I made the mistake by informing her that I still have several trips planned out through November of this year. Now she insists on helping me plan future outings to make sure that I don’t get carried away with too much hiking. Oh well let me see. Okay no more V-8 moments.

Don’t get a ticket. Turn your headlights on between La Cañada and the intersection with the Angeles Forest Highway when you drive the Angeles Crest Highway.

Don’t forget: The Hundred Peaks Section Fall Festival is September 19 - 21. Join us for a weekend of peakbagging and other fun near Lake Isabella.

There are THIRTEEN different hikes to choose from this weekend!
Advance Schedule of Hundred Peaks Section Activities
September 2008 through February 2009
By Karen Isaacson-Leverich

Sep 1 Mon Hundred Peaks
I: Allen Peak (5795'), Birch Mountain (7826'): Join us for this Labor Day hike to two great peaks on the lower end of the Yucaipa Ridge. The entire hike should be about 12 miles round trip with 3900' gain. Please bring: water, lunch, lug soles & hat. Contact the leader for meeting information. Leader: PETER DOGGETT Assistant Leaders: IGNACIA DOGGETT, BILL SIMPSON

Sep 1 Mon Hundred Peaks
O: Middle Hawkins: Pleasant forested hike on PCT from Islip Saddle. 8 miles round trip, 2000' gain, wonderful views. Contact Karen at least three days before the hike for details. Leaders: CHERYL GILL, KAREN & WOLF LEVERICH

Sep 2 Tue Hundred Peaks
O: Plute Lookout (8326'), Sunday Peak (8295'): Plute is a near drive-up and Sunday is a moderate hike of 3 1/2 miles round trip with 1000' of gain. Both are in the Sequoia National Forest near Lake Isabella. Slow pace. High clearance 4WD advised. Call Mars (661 609 8218) during four days before event for status and details. Leaders: DAVE CANNON, MARS BONFIRE

Sep 3 Wed Hundred Peaks
I: Lookout Mountain #2 (6812'): Climb this peak near Mount Baldy following a ruggedly beautiful canyon from the east. Route choice will be either Kalember Gulch (pioneered by Laura Joseph) or Erv Bartel Canyon (pioneered by Diane Dunbar), depending on group preference. Moderately strenuous, 6 miles round trip, 2800' gain, with many steep slopes, downed logs, and areas of alpine brush. Paved road driving. For details contact Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: WAYNE BANNISTER, BRUCE CRAIG, PAT VAUGHN

Sep 3 Wed Hundred Peaks
O: Mill Peak (6670'), Keller Peak (7882'), Slide Peak (7841'): A drive up and two easy hikes totaling 3.6 miles round trip with 900' of gain to peaks in the Big Bear area. Slow pace. Call Mars (661 609 8218) during four days before event for status and details. Leaders: DORIS DUVAL, MARS BONFIRE

Sep 3 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Mill Creek Summit to Pacifico Rocks (6800'): A leisurely hike up dirt road and jeep trail to great views of the San Gabriels and Antelope Valley. 7 mi rt, 1800' gain. Meet 9 am La Canada ride share pt. Bring 2-3 qts water (depending on temp), lunch, lug soles. Leaders: BROCKES TREIDLER, DAN BUTLER

Sep 3 Wed Pasadena Group Monthly Meeting and Candidate Forum
Bob Cates, chair of the Angeles Chapter History Committee, will present "Golden Youth: The Adventures of Glen Dawson Growing Up in the Sierra Club," featuring photos and
descriptions of early Dawson visits to local mountains and farther afield, along with accounts of his rock climbing and ski mountaineering exploits. The program will be followed by a Candidate Forum of candidates for the Angeles Chapter Executive Committee. Information on the group's hikes, outings, and conservation activities. Newcomers are always welcome. Social hour begins at 7:00 pm, program starts at 7:30 pm, at Eaton Canyon Nature Center, 1750 N Altadena Dr in NE Pasadena. For info contact Group Chair Elizabeth Pomeroy.

Sep 6 Sat Hundred Peaks, Airport-Marina
O: Cucamonga Peak (8859'), Etiwanda Peak (8662'): Enjoy a spectacular canyon route on this long trail hike from Lyle Creek to these favorite peaks via the seldom-visited Middle Fork Trail, very strenuous 16 miles round trip, 5400' gain. A long day with many rewards. Permit limits group size. Some dirt road driving to reach trailhead; high clearance vehicles recommended. For details, contact Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: WAYNE BANNISTER, BRUCE CRAIG, PAT VAUGHN

Sep 6 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Mount Islip (8250'): Hike the PCT from Islip Saddle to Windy Gap, then follow the Mount Islip trail to the top of Islip, 6 1/2 miles round trip, 1600' gain. Lovely forest, with wonderful views of the city below. The pace will be slow and newcomers are definitely welcome. Meet 8:30 AM La Canada ride share. Wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots, and bring water, a snack and a sense of humor. Rain cancels. Leaders: KAREN & WOLF LEVERICH, LILLY FUKUI, SUZY HERMANN, WINNETTE BUTLER

Sep 6 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: Mount Baden-Powell (9399'), Ross Mountain (7402'): Climb these grand mountains in the middle of the Angeles National Forest. The entire hike should be about 13.5 miles round trip with 4800' gain (2800' up & 2000' back). This will be a moderate hike for strong hikers. No beginners. Could be hot. Much steep, sunny cross-country. Please bring: water, lunch, lug soles, hat & stamina. Contact the leader for the meeting information. Leaders: PETER DOGGETT Assistant Leader: IGNACIA DOGGETT

Sep 9 Tue Hundred Peaks
Annual Business Meeting: 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. Join us at 6:30 PM for the management meeting; for 7 PM business meeting, at Newcomb's Ranch on Highway 2, about 27 miles from I-210.
Sep 10 Wed Hundred Peaks
O: Cleghorn Mountain (5333'), Cajon Mountain (5360'+), Sugarpine Mountain (5478'), Monument Peak #2 (5290'), explore Bailey Peak (5699') Join us as we visit the four traditional HPS peaks just east of Cajon Pass and explore the area high point, a nice little rocky summit that may be worthy of replacing the others. Much dirt road driving; high clearance vehicles recommended. For details contact Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: JENNIFER WASHINGTON, WAYNE BANNISTER

Sep 10 Wed Hundred Peaks
O: Indian Mountain (5790'), Roush Hill (5158'), Thomas Mountain (6825'); Three drive-ups in the San Jacinto area. High clearance 4WD advised. Call Mars (661 609 8218) during four days before event for status and details. Leaders: DORIS DUVAL, MARS BONFIRE

Sep 10 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Waterman Mtn (8038') Loop from Buckhorn: 7 mi loop, 1800' gain from Buckhorn CG exit. Meet 9 am La Canada rideshare pt with water, lunch, lugsoles. Leaders: BETH MIKA, DAN BUTLER

Sep 12 Fri Hundred Peaks
O: Peak Mountain (5843'), McPherson Peak (5749'), Cuyama Peak (5076'), Frazier Mountain (8000'); Three drive-ups and an easy hike of 1 mile round trip with 400' gain to peaks near Mariposa and Frazier Park. Slow pace. High clearance 4WD advised. Call Mars (661 609 8218) during four days before event for status and details. Leaders: DORIS DUVAL, MARS BONFIRE

Sep 13 Sat Hundred Peaks, Airport-Marina
O: Rouse Hill (5168'), Thomas Mountain (6825'), Rock Point (5280'+), Toro Peak (8176'), Santa Rosa Mountain (8070'); Turn your study ticks into dirty yucks as we do a day of serious driving near Idyllwild. Enjoy 27.5 miles round trip dirt driving for first two, stretch and relax with middle peak; then those able to continue can pick up final two for another 24.5 miles round trip dirt driving. The extravagance is punctuated with hiking totals of 7 miles round trip, 1700' gain. Send vehicle and rideshare information to Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: BRUCE CRAIG, WAYNE BANNISTER, PAT VAUGHN

Sep 13 Sat Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
O: Winston Peak (7502') and Winston Ridge (7003'); 5 miles round trip, 1100' gain scenic figure 8 loop beginning and ending at Cloudburst Summit. Some of trail is steep or narrow. Meet at 8:30 AM, La Canada rideshare point with water, lunch, good footwear, suitable clothing layers. Leaders: ROSEMARY CAMPBELL, TERRY GINSBERG

Sep 13 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Thorn Point Lookout (6920'): Nice fall hike in Ventura County backcountry with beautiful views. 8 miles round trip, 2000' gain on trail. Get this peak done before the road closes for the winter. Email leader for info, Leader: TED LUBESKOFF Co-Leader: GREG DALY

Sep 14 Sun Hundred Peaks
I: Galena Peak (9324'); Up Mill Creek, then climb the notorious (scary, to some) "Headwall" to the highest point on Yucaipa Ridge. Strenuous 10 miles round trip, 3300' gain. Pace not too brisk. Number of participants limited. For details, Email conditioning and experience to George. Co-Leaders: GEORGE WYSUP, PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT

Sep 15 Mon Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Samson Peak (6227'): Mountain bike and hike to a memorable north of Santa Barbara for a strenuous 23 miles round trip with 3400' of gain (19 of those miles will be biked) on good fire road and brush free hiking. Suitable only for experienced and well conditioned hikers and mountain bikers. Bring helmet, spare tube, night light, and locking cable plus the usual hiking gear. Water is available at Chokecherry Spring (Forest Service recommends treating it). Moderate pace. High clearance 4WD advised. Call Mars (661 609 8218) during four days before event for status and details. Leaders: WAYNE BANNISTER, MARS BONFIRE

Sep 16 Tue Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: San Bernardino East Peak (10,691'), San Bernardino Peak (10,649'), Anderson Peak (10,840'), Shields Peak (10,680'); Very strenuous hike to four high elevation peaks in the San Bernardino Mountains above Redlands for 13 miles round trip with 4800' of gain. Suitable only for conditioned and experienced hikers. Permit limits group size. Call Mars (661 609 8218) during four days before event for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Sep 17 Wed Hundred Peaks
M: Josephine Peak (5558'), Strawberry Peak (6164'), Mount Lawlor (5957'); Enjoy this classic introductory rock climb as we scramble the west ridge to Strawberry after an easy warm up on Josephine. Conveniently located in the San Gabriels near Pasadena. Strenuous outing with steep ridge traverse, 10 miles one way, 3900' gain on our way to Red Box for a short car shuttle. Comfort on solid rock with moderate exposure required. Send some indication of your climbing background and conditioning to Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: WAYNE BANNISTER, BILL SIMPSON, PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT

Sep 17 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: PCT to Big Buck Camp: 7 mi rt, 200' gain through alpine and oak woodland forest, where the sky is blue and the air is clear. Lunch at Big Buck Camp amid an alpine forest. Meet 9 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles. Leaders: JOHN De POY, JANET BARTEL

Sep 19-21 Fri-Sun Hundred Peaks
Fall Festival 2008: Welcome in the fall with a fun and festive weekend at the Tillie Creek Campground in the Lake Isabel area. Join us for peak bagging in the area. Stay at the Tillie Creek Campground Friday or Saturday night or both nights and join us for potluck on Saturday night. Or stay in motels in the area. Send sasessa to Reservationist: DAVE COMERZAN

Sep 19 Fri Hundred Peaks
I: Pinyon Peak (6805'); Warm up for HPS Fall Festival on this moderate cross-country ridge line trek near Walker's Pass; 6 miles round trip, 3100' gain. Paved roads. For details contact Leader: GEORGE WYSUP Assistants: LAURA JOSEPH, JENNIFER WASHINGTON
Sep 20 Sat  Hundred Peaks
I: Bohna Peak (6760’), Sunday Peak (8295’): Climb Bohna's east ridge cross-country from Cedar Creek through beautiful Sequoia forest, then switch gears as we enjoy a scenic trail to second peak. Moderately strenuous overall, 9 miles round trip, 3100’ gain. Some easy dirt road driving. Unwind after at HPS Fall Festival. For details contact Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: WAYNE BANNISTER, PAT ARREDONDO, PAT VAUGHN

Sep 20 Sat  Hundred Peaks
I: Morris Peak (7215’), Mount Jenkins (7921’): PCT hike from Walker's Pass with steep cross-country diversions involving some rock scrambling. 14 miles round trip, 3400’ gain. Paved roads. For details contact Leader: GEORGE WYSUP Assistants: LAURA JOSEPH, JENNIFER WASHINGTON

Sep 20 Sat  Hundred Peaks
O: Tehachapi Mountain (7960’+): Beautiful wooded peak near Tehachapi, en route to the Fall Festival. 5 miles round trip, 2200’ gain, slow pace, on road and trail. We’ll finish in time to join the HPS Potluck near Lake Isabella. All driving on pavement. Meet at 8:30 AM at the McDonald’s in Mojave (on east side of Highway 14, about a mile into town when coming from the south). Bring food, water, sturdy shoes, jacket. Co-Leaders: WINNETTE BUTLER, JIM FLEMING, KAREN & WOLF LEVERICH

Sep 20 Sat  Hundred Peaks
I: Head Peak (6901’), Nicolls Peak (6070’): 8 miles, 4000’ gain, strenuous moderately fast-paced cross-country hike over rocky, brushy terrain in conjunction with the HPS Fall Festival near Lake Isabella. Some dirt road driving, high clearance helpful. Meet 7:30 AM at intersection of Vista Grande Road and Highway 178, 0.2 miles west of the Highway 178-Kernville Airport Road intersection, about 11 miles east of the town of Lake Isabella. Bring lunch and at least 3 liters water. Leaders: SANDY SPERLING, WAYNE VOLLARE

Sep 20 Sat  Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Head Peak (6901’), Nicolls Peak (6070’): Visit two of the best peaks. Head has a very remote approach route and the views from Nicolls are outstanding. Brisk pace. The total hike will be about 8 miles round trip with 4100’ gain on a cross-country path. Please bring: water, lunch, lug soles, jacket & a hat. Contact the leader for meeting information. Leader: PETER DOGGETT Assistant Leaders: IGNACIA DOGGETT, BILL SIMPSON

Sep 20 Sat  Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Split Mtn (6835’), Black Mtn #5 (7438’): Strenuous hike over steep, loose, and brushy terrain to peaks NW of Lake Isabella for 11 mi round trip with 3800’ of gain. Suitable only for experienced and conditioned hikers. Slow pace. High clearance 4WD advised. Call Mars (661-609-8218) during four days before event for status and details. Leaders: MARS BONFIRE, KATHY CHEEVER-BONFIRE

Sep 21 Sun  Hundred Peaks
I: Cannel Point (8314’): Climb this remote HPS summit via a new route from the east, beginning at Little Cannel Meadow. Up to 6 miles round trip, 2000’ gain. Moderate cross country in forested terrain with some easy rock scrambling near the summit. Lots of dirt road driving; high clearance vehicles recommended. For details contact Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: GEORGE WYSUP, LAURA JOSEPH, JENNIFER WASHINGTON, PAT ARREDONDO, WAYNE BANNISTER, PAT VAUGHN, MARLEN MERTZ

Sep 21 Sun  Hundred Peaks
I: Bald Eagle Peak (5181’), Lightner Peak (6430’): Canceled, but see above. Leader: GEORGE WYSUP Assistants: LAURA JOSEPH, JENNIFER WASHINGTON

Sep 21 Sun  Hundred Peaks
I: Sunday Peak (8295’), Bohna Peak (6760’+): Two lovely wooded peaks near Lake Isabella. Sunday is 3 1/2 miles round trip, 1000’ gain. Bohna is steeper, 3 miles round trip, 1400’ gain. Slow pace. They are separate hikes, with some easy dirt road driving in between. Meet at 8 AM at the HPS Fall Festival (Tillie Creek Campground) or 8:30 AM at Greenhorn Summit (7.7 miles west of Wofford Heights on Highway 155). Bring food, water, sturdy shoes, jacket. Co-Leaders: WINNETTE BUTLER, JIM FLEMING, KAREN & WOLF LEVERICH

Sep 21 Sun  Hundred Peaks
O: Onyx Peak #2 (5244’), Mayan Peak (6108’), Butterbredt Peak (5997’): Total 10 miles. 5300’ gain, strenuous, moderately fast-paced cross-country hike over mostly rocky terrain. Drive between peaks. Do one, two, or all three as we head toward home. Meet 8 AM at HPS Fall Festival group campsite at Tillie Creek Campground, near Lake Isabella. Leaders: SANDY SPERLING, PETER LARA

Sep 21 Sun  Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Split Mountain (6835’), Black Mountain #5 (7438’): Hike these fine peaks in the cooler days of October. The total hike will be at a strong pace, 8 miles round trip with 3400’ gain on a mostly cross-country route. No beginners. Please bring: water, lunch, lug soles, jacket & a hat. Contact the leader for meeting information. Leader: PETER DOGGETT Assistant Leaders: IGNACIA DOGGETT, BILL SIMPSON

Sep 24 Wed  Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Pallett Mtn (7760’+): 13 mi rt, 3300’ gain (2300’ out plus 1000’ on return) at a moderate pace. Involves good but steep use-tr from Burkhardt Saddle to peak. Meet 8 am at La Canada ride-share pt with water, lunch, layered clothing, lugsoles. Leaders: DORIS DUVAL, GARY BICKEL

Sep 24 Wed  Hundred Peaks
I: Sawtooth Mountain (5200’+), Burnt Peak (5788’), Liebre Mountain (5760’+): Classic set of easy peaks near the Grapevine in northern Los Angeles County. Moderate overall, 10 miles round trip, 2600’ gain. For details contact Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: WAYNE BANNISTER, JENNIFER WASHINGTON

Sep 27 Sat  Hundred Peaks, Airport-Marina
O: Apache Peak (7567’), Splitter Peak (7440’+): Visit these two interesting peaks on the Desert Divide near Idyllwild. Moderately strenuous, 13 miles round trip, 3200’ gain. Permit
limits group size. Paved road driving. For details contact Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: PAT VAUGHN, WAYNE BANNISTER, BRUCE CRAIG

Sep 27 Sat Hundred Peaks New Outing, first time published
O: Mount Islip (8250'): Hike the PCT from Islip Saddle to Windy Gap, then follow the Mount Islip trail to the top of Islip. 6 1/2 miles round trip, 1600' gain. Moderately slow pace; newcomers welcome. Meet 8:30 AM La Canada rideshare. Wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots, and bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Leaders: MAURA RAFFENSPERGER, DAVID BEYMER

Sep 27 Sat Hundred Peaks New Outing, first time published
O: Reyes Peak (7510'), Haddock Mt. (7416'): Enjoyable fall hike in the Ventura Co. backcountry. 10 miles round trip, 1500' gain on trail. Considered by some to be two of the prettiest peaks on the HPS list. Email leader for info. Leader: TED LUBESKOFF Co-Leader: JOE YOUNG

Sep 28 Sun LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS
I: Grinnell Ridge Navigation: Navigation Noodle in San Bernardino National Forest for either checkout or practice to satisfy the Basic (IJM) or Advanced (E) level navigation requirements. To participate, send navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare info, phones, email(s) to Leader: ROBERT MYERS Assistant: HARRY FREIMANIS

Sep 28 Sun Hundred Peaks
M: Anisell Rock (7579'), Southwell Peak (7840'+): Climb a classic HPS peak via the Sam Fink "Trail" up the north side of Anisell. Strenuous outing but moderately paced. 10 miles round trip, 3400' gain. Participants should be comfortable with moderate exposure on solid rock. Permit limits group size. For details send climbing experience to Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: WAYNE BANNISTER, BILL SIMPSON, PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT

Oct 1 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Iron Mtn #2 (5635'), Condor Pk (5440'+) from Mendenhall Ridge Rd: 11 mi rt, 1500' gain, plus 1350' gain on return. Moderate pace for this ambitious hike. Meet 7:58 am at La Canada rideshare pt with water, lunch, lugsoles, suitable clothing. Significant rain cancels. Leaders: GARY BICKEL, BROOKES TREIDLER

Oct 1 Wed Hundred Peaks New Outing, first time published
I: Charlottesville Peak (10,806'): Enjoy the cool weather of early autumn as we take the South Fork Trail to this rugged peak in the heart of the San Gorgonio Wilderness. Strenuous, 15 miles round trip, 4200' gain. Permit limits group size. Paved road driving. For more details contact Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: WAYNE BANNISTER, DAVE COMERZAN

Oct 4 Sat Hundred Peaks, Verdugo Hills
O: Mt Hillyer (6200'): 6 miles round trip, 900' gain easy hike, newcomers welcome. Meet 9 AM La Canada rideshare point. Bring water, lunch, hiking boots. Rain cancels. Leaders: FRANK DOBOS, DELPHINE TROWBRIDGE

Oct 4 Sat Hundred Peaks, Airport-Marina
O: Mount Deception (5796'), Mount Disappointment (5960'), San Gabriel Peak (6161'), Mount Markham (5742'), Mount Lowe (5603'): Enjoy a hike to these historic peaks above Pasadena. Slow to moderate paced 10 miles round trip, 2500' gain. Afterwards we may visit nearby Occidental Peak and Mount Wilson Skyline Park. Rain cancels. Early start, for details contact Leader: PAT VAUGHN Co-Leader: BRUCE CRAIG

Oct 4 Sat Pasadena, HPS, Wilderness Adventures
O: Mt Baden-Powell (9399'): Hike the 41-switchback trail and enjoy views of the high country and the Mojave Desert from the second highest mountain in the San Gabriels, 6 miles round trip/2800' gain. Meet 8 AM in the parking lot of REI's Arcadia store (214 N. Santa Anita) or at Vincent Gap trailhead at 9 AM. Bring water, lunch, hiking boots, jacket. Leaders: JIM and GINNY HERINGER, LILLY FUKUI

Oct 4-5 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Big Four: Big Pine Mt (6800'), West Big Pine (6490'), Madocne Peak (6536'), Samon Peak (6227'): Very strenuous backpack, 50 miles, 10,000' gain if taken in One Big Bite, but this trip will have options. Tentative Saturday plans include a backpack 14 miles along the mainline road to set up camp in the vicinity of Big Pine and West Big Pine, with a refreshment stop at Chokecherry Spring along the way. The rest of the weekend, with a possible Monday extension, depends very much on conditions, group desires, and water supply. Contact Tom Hill for details of the trip as they develop. Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: WAYNE BANNISTER, BILL SIMPSON, PETER DOGGETT, IGNACIA DOGGETT

Oct 5 Sun Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Pine Mountain #1 (8648'), Dawson Peak (9575'), Wright Mountain (8505'): Pathfinder route, in beautiful Blue Ridge high country north of Mt Baldy, to Pine and Dawson via west ridge from near Lupine campground, then trail down to Wright Mtn. Some dirt roads require AWD; 5 mile car shuttle. Strenuous 8.5 miles, 4800' gain, 3200' loss on trail and cross-country, some trail is steep and loose, moderate pace. Contact George Wright (6142) for details and recent conditioning. Leaders: GEORGE WYSUP, JOE YOUNG, BOBCAT THOMPSON

Oct 8 Wed Hundred Peaks New Outing, first time published
I: Santa Cruz Peak (5570'), San Rafael Mountain (5693'), McKinley Mountain (6200'): A long and very strenuous day hike of the Big Three above Lake Cachuma for 25 miles round trip with 7120' gain. A mix of dirt road, firebreak, steep and loose cross-country, and trail suitable only for experienced and conditioned hikers. Expect night hiking. Moderate pace. Experience a new route to San Rafael: Cal Mars (661 609 8218) during four days before event for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Oct 8 Wed Hundred Peaks New Outing, first time published
I: Boucher Hill (5438'), Palomar Observatory "exploratory" (5571'), Combs Peak (6193'), Palomar High Point (5140'): Curious about the ballot proposal to redesignate the summit of Palomar? Join us and you can check out both "summits" on this interesting mix of hikes to some easy peaks in northern San Diego County, 8 miles round trip, 1800' gain. Extensive dirt road driving; high-clearance vehicles recommended. For trip details contact Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: WAYNE BANNISTER, KAREN LEVERICH
Oct 8 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

Oct 11 Sat Hundred Peaks, Airport-Marina
New Outing, first time published
I: Goodykoontz Peak (7558'), Pallet Mountain (7760')
Strenuous loop hike on trail and steep, loose cross-country in San Gabriel back country by way of the Burkhart trail. Up to 15 miles, 4500' gain for this serious hike, no beginners or tigers. Email Pat with contact information and recent conditioning. Rain cancels. Leader: PATRICK VAUGHN Co-Leader: WAYNE VOLLAIRE

Oct 11 Sat LTC, WTC, Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Mount Lowe (5603') Beginning Navigation Clinic: 4 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 checkout. Many expert leaders will attend; many I-rated leaders started here in the past. Send $25 deposit (Sierra Club-refunded at trailhead), phones to Leader: DIANE DUNBAR Co-Leader: RICHARD BOARDMAN

Oct 11-12 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: The Big Three: McKinley Mountain (6200'), San Rafael Mountain (6593'), Santa Cruz Peak (5570')
Very strenuous, moderately paced backpack in central Santa Barbara County. Weekend totals 31 miles round trip, 8100' gain, following roads and often overgrown trails. For trip details send recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leader: WAYNE BANNISTER

Oct 11-12 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Thorn Point (6920'), Haddock Mountain (7431'), Reyes Peak (7514')
Beautiful hikes in Los Padres National Forest. Saturday, after setting up long car shuttle, climb Thorn Point (7.5 miles round trip, 2400' gain). Saturday night camp with happy hour in Thorn Meadows area. Sunday hike Cedar Creek trail and Piedras Blancas National Recreational Trail, then climb peaks and finish at Pine Mountain road parking area (16 miles, 3400' gain, 3200' loss). All hiking at much-slower-than-brisk pace on trail and good use trail. High clearance vehicles helpful. Apply with recent conditioning and contact info to Leader: GEORGE WYSE Co-Leader: JENNIFER WASHINGTON

Oct 14 Tue Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Hawes Peak (6751'), Little Shay Mountain (6635'), Ingham Peak (6355'), Shay Mountain (6714')
Moderate hike to peaks in the San Bernardino Mountains east of Victorville for 10 miles round trip with 3030' of gain on trail and steep and loose cross-country. Suitable only for conditioned and experienced hikers. Moderate pace. High clearance 4WD advised. Call Mars (661 609 8218) during four days before event for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Oct 15 Wed Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Skinner Peak (7120')
Visit one of our picturesque high-desert peaks north of the town of Mojave. Moderate trek in sometimes steep terrain, 8 miles round trip, 2000' gain.

Much dirt road driving. For trip details contact Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, WAYNE BANNISTER

Oct 15 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Mt Wilson Circle Hike: 6 mi rt, 1500' gain. Where the sky is blue and the air clear. Have lunch where everything tastes better outdoors. See 100' telescope and learn about the Chandra telescope. Meet 9am at La Canada rideshare pt. Bring water, lugsoles, daypack, lunch. Leaders: JOHN DEPOY, DAN BUTLER

Oct 17-18 Fri-Sat Hundred Peaks, Palos Verdes-South Bay, NSS, WTC O: Palm Springs Tram (8450')
mt San Jacinto (10604') Moonlight Hike: Strenuous hike for tigers only, 10 miles, 8300' gain to tram with additional 10 miles round trip, 2400' gain to the peak. We'll start hiking before midnight Friday. With the advent of the moonlight aspect of the hike, we've been getting many more successful peak baggers, so we'll have two groups, hopefully both SJ bound, one faster, the other naturalizing along the way. Of course, anyone who wish can head back down at the tram after a mere 8300' gain. Bring money for tram ride and taxi back to cars. Send e-mail (preferable) or SASE with carpool information, conditioning/experience to Leader: BARRY HOLCHIN Co-Leaders: TONY TRULL, WAYNE VOLLAIRE, SHERRY ROSS, KENT SCHWITZ, PAMELA ROWE

Oct 18 Sat Hundred Peaks, Airport-Marina
New Outing, first time published
I: Cobblestone Mountain (6733'), White Mountain #2 (6250'), Sewart Mountain (6841')
Adventurous trip to these very strenuous crux peaks near Alamo Mountain in central Ventura County. 14 miles round trip, 6000' gain. Will feel like more. Some disturbed areas and burnt debris from the Day Fire, but good conditions overall. Half the gain on the return (but thankfully most of it on old forest roads). We expect significant dirt road driving suitable for most passenger cars. For details send vehicle information and recent experience to Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: PATRICK VAUGHN, WAYNE BANNISTER, BILL SIMPSON, PETER DOGGETT, IGNACIA DOGGETT

Oct 18 Sat Long Beach, Hundred Peaks, Natural Science New Outing, first time published
O: Tahquitz Lo (8846'), Red Tahquitz (8738')
Join us for a spooky adventure in the San Jacinto Wilderness to two peaks named after a demon of Native American legend. The lookout offers views to Mexico on a clear day, and haunted Red with its unique coloration overlooks the Desert Divide. 13 mile loop hike, 4000' gain, moderate pace. Permit limits group size. Contact Sharon for details and to reserve your spot.
Co-Leaders: SHARON MOORE, TODD WILLIAMS

Oct 19 Sun LTC, WTC, HPS
I: Indian Cove Navigation: Navigation noodles at Joshua Tree National Park to satisfy the Basic (I/M) level navigation requirements. Practice or checkout. To receive homework assignment, email/sage, navigation experience training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare info, phones, to Leader: HARRY FREIMAN Assistant: ROBERT MYERS

Oct 21 Tue Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Owens Peak (8453'), Mount Jenkins (7921')
Join us for these two lovely peaks in the Lake Isabella area. Strenuous loop hike of 8 miles, 3500' of gain on use trail and trail. Contact leaders for details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE
Oct 22 Wed Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Black Mountain #4 (6149'); Help us find and enjoy this elusive summit in the countryside near Yucca Valley, moderately strenuous, 6 miles round trip, 1600' gain in rocky desert terrain. Much dirt road driving. For trip details contact Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: WAYNE BANNISTER, DAVE COMERZAN

Oct 22 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Fox Mt Trail: We will use a shortcut to the Fox Trail from Big Tujuunga Cyn Rd. 10 mi will give us a good lunch spot. Possible opportunity to do Fox Pk. Meet 7:58 am at supermarket parking lot (NE corner of Foothill Blvd and Mt Gleason Rd). Bring lunch, water, suitable clothing layers, lugs. Guides: RON ROSENF, DAN BUTLER

Oct 25 Sat Hundred Peaks, Natural Science
O: Thomas Mountain (6825'): Don't drive this peak - join us on the beautiful Ramona Trail as we do a moderate hike (10 miles, 2500' gain) from chaparral to pine forest. Includes Natural Science credit for prospective I-rated leaders. Consider staying to hike another drive-up the next day, Rouse Mountain. Contact Laura for details. Leaders: LAURA JOSEPH, GINNY HERINGER, GEORGE WYSUP

Oct 25 Sat Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Chief Peak (5560'), Hines Peak (6704'), Topatopa Bluff (6367): Visit three spectacular peaks in condor country along Nordhoff Ridge near Ojai. Easy-paced 9 miles round trip, 3000' gain. Expect some rugged scrambling, including a traverse of a severe knife-edge ridge at Hines. We will carpool, but 4WD vehicles are required for driving permits to access the trailheads. For info, email city. phone, recent conditioning, and experience Leader: TED LUBESKOFF Co-Leader: WAYNE VOLLAIRE

Oct 26 Sun Hundred Peaks, Natural Science
O: Rouse Mountain (5185'): Don't drive this peak - join us on the South Fork Trail as we do a moderate hike (10 miles, 3000' gain) through chaparral and riparian areas. Includes Natural Science credit for prospective I-rated leaders. Contact Laura for details. Leaders: LAURA JOSEPH, GINNY HERINGER, GEORGE WYSUP

Oct 26 Sun Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Hildreth Peak (5065'): We take the long, beautiful southern approach from the hot spring to this peak north of the city of Santa Barbara. Strenuous 16 miles round trip, 4700' gain, with some bushwhacking to exit the streambed and gain the main ridge line. Early start time! Much dirt road driving. For trip details contact Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leader: WAYNE BANNISTER

Oct 29 Wed Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: San Rafael Peak (6640'), McDonald Peak (6670'), Alamo Mountain (7360'): Minimal damage from the huge Day Fire makes this northern trail approach to San Rafael a winner. Moderately strenuous 11 miles round trip, 3200' gain, featuring a forested ridgeline cross-country ascent to the summit from the Little Mutau Trail. Half the gain is on the trail return. Last two peaks (optional) are easy summits in the area, adding about 500' gain each. Much dirt road driving. For trip details contact Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, WAYNE BANNISTER

Nov 1 Sat Palos Verdes-South Bay, HPS, WTC
I: Rattlesnake (6131'), Haws (6751'), and Deep Creek Hot Springs (5' deep): 18th semi-annual Deep Creek Hot Springs hike/soak/swim with some more peaks. Moderately paced 14 miles, 3100' gain with considerable cross-country via exploratory routes. Some 4wd driving. Adventure pass required. 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) or eaze, along with carpool information, conditioning/experience to Leader: BARRY HOLCHIN Co-Leader: WAYNE VOLLAIRE

Nov 1 Sat Hundred Peaks, Airport Marina
O: South Mount Hawkins (7783'): Moderately paced 14 miles, 3800' gain, from Islip Saddle. Enjoyable fall hike in the San Gabriel Mountains. Optional short climb to Middle Hawkins on the return. Bring water, lunch, layers and appropriate footwear. Rain cancels, E-mail leader for details. Leader: PAT VAUGHN Co-Leader: BRUCE CRAIG

Nov 2 Sun Hundred Peaks, K-9
O: San Gabriel Peak (6161'), Mt Disappointment (5960'+), Mt Deception (5796'): 5 miles, 1600' gain in the San Gabriel Mountains, great views of the LA basin. Newcomers and well-behaved K-9's welcome. Meet 9 AM La Canada rideshare point with water (for you and your dog), lunch, sturdy shoes. Rain, snow cancels. Leaders: DORIS DUVAL, LILLY FUKUI, CHRIS SPIEK, KAREN LEVERICH

Nov 2 Sun Verdugo Hills, Hundred Peaks
O: Sunset Peak (5796'): Post Harwood Lodge Retreat hike known for its great views. 7 miles round trip, 1500' gain. Meet 9 AM at Harwood Lodge or 9:30 AM at Cow Canyon Saddle (off Glendora Mtn Rd). Bring water, snack, dress for any kind of weather. Leaders: FRANK DOBOS, ELIZABETH ROBERTS, DELPHINE TROWBRIDGE

Nov 2 Sun Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Heald Peak (6901'), Nicasil 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 bashing. Early start time! Some rocky dirt road driving. For trip details send conditioning and experience to Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leader: WAYNE BANNISTER

Nov 5 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Mt. Pacifco (7124') from Mill Creek Summit: 12 miles, 2200' gain hiking on the PCT. Return the same way. Meet 9 AM La Canada rideshare. Bring lunch, water, good footwear. Heavy rain cancels. Join Sarah on her provisional. Leaders: SARAH KORDA, ROSEMARY CAMPBELL

Nov 5 Wed Hundred Peaks
I: Monte Arido (6010'), Old Man Mountain (5538'): We enjoy a pair of elusive peaks in the Santa Barbara backcountry. Moderate hike of 6 miles round trip, 1800' gain ... but a strenuous drive requiring 4x4 vehicles and a permit. Half of the gain is on the return. For trip details send vehicle type and rideshare info to Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leader: WAYNE BANNISTER
Nov 8 Sat Outings Assembly
Join the Outings Management Committee 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. Get the scoop on what’s happening in our chapter, let us know what is working for your entity and how we can help you. Save this date! Meet 9:30 am-4:00 pm at 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 mi. Light breakfast and refreshments provided. Bring your lunch. For more information contact: Kent Schwitzke.

Nov 8 Sat Lower Peaks, Wilderness Adventures
O: Little Pine Mountain (4489’): Looking for a new goal? Try hiking Lower Peaks, finish the list and then have a party! Join leaders in their new Lower Peaks quest! You will get a good workout on this 12 mile, 3400’ gain wooded and scenic outing in the Los Padres National Forest north of Santa Barbara, east of Lake Cachuma. Option to camp or hotel overnight and join Sunday’s outing to Montecito Peak. Contact Leader: MARLEN MERTZ Co-Leader: WAYNE VOLLAIRE

Nov 8 Sat Pasadena, Lower Peaks
O: Mount Zion Loop from Chantry Flat: Moderately paced 10 mile round trip, 1600’ gain hike. Meet 8 AM lower Chantry Flat parking lot. Bring lunch, water, appropriate clothing layers, lugsoles; Rain/fire cancels. Leaders: NORM STABECK, GARY KINSELY

Nov 8 Sat Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Owens Peak (8453’): Some scrambling up steep slopes will bring us to the summit of this prominent peak on the southern crest of the Sierras, involving a moderately strenuous 8 miles round trip, 3100’ gain. The peak is also on the SPS Peak List. Consider staying over for the Sunday hike to Morris and Jenkins in the same area. Much dirt road driving. For trip details contact Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: WAYNE BANNISTER, TED LUBESHKOFF

Nov 9 Sun Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Morris Peak (7215’), Mount Jenkins (7921’): Consider staying over from Saturday’s Owens Peak adventure to pick up this fine pair of peaks just north of Walker Pass. Moderately strenuous with some easy rock scrambling, up to 14 miles round trip, 3600’ gain depending on route. For trip details contact Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: WAYNE BANNISTER, TED LUBESHKOFF

Nov 9 Sun Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
O: South Mt. Hawkins (7783’), Middle Hawkins (8505’): Moderately paced, approximately 14 miles, 3800’ gain, from Islip Saddle. Bring water, lunch, layers. Rain cancels. E-mail leader for details. Leaders: PAT ARREDONDO, LAURA JOSEPH

Nov 9 Sun Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
O: Strawberry Peak (6164’), Mount Lawlor (5957’) from Red Box: 6 miles round trip, 2400’ gain hike for the highest peak in the San Gabriel front range. Meet 8 AM La Canada ride share point. Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, sturdy lugsoles boots. Hiking poles advised for steep descent from Mount Lawlor. Leaders: MIA YANG-GOLDFARB, RON GOLDFARB

Nov 9 Sun Lower Peaks, Wilderness Adventures
O: Montecito Peak (3214’): Join Saturday’s hikers (Little Pine Mountain) or come up just for this outing in the beautiful Montecito area near Santa Barbara. Hike along shady Cold Spring Trail, considered the most beautiful footpath in this vicinity. Enjoy stream pools and small waterfalls. 7 miles, 2450’ gain. Option of an after-hike group dinner in Santa Barbara. Contact Leader: MARLEN MERTZ Co-Leader: WAYNE VOLLAIRE

Nov 12 Wed Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Tehachapi Mountain (7600’): Ascend the western flanks of this fine peak near the town of Mojave. Moderate hike, 7 miles round trip, 2200’ gain in pleasant forest. Paved road driving. For trip details contact Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leader: WAYNE BANNISTER

Nov 12 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Mount Waterman (8038’) from Cloudburst Summit. Climb Waterman and hike down the beautiful West Ridge to Newcomb’s. 2000’ gain, 7 miles. Meet 9 AM La Canada ride share point. Bring water, lunch, good footwear. Leaders: BOBCAT THOMPSON, BETH MIKA

Nov 13 Thu Lower Peaks
O: Sandstone Sextet: Located in the Santa Monica Mountains, these 6 Lower Peaks* Sandstone (3111’), Boney (2830’), Inspiration (2800’), Exchange (2960’), Tri Peaks (3010’), Big Dome (2900’) are usually done as a loop with tentacles. Total for the day: 9 miles round trip, 2100’ gain. Contact leaders for information. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, INGEBOG PROCHAZKA

Nov 15 Sat Hundred Peaks, Wilderness Adventures
I: Iron Mountain #3 (6040’). Round Top (6315”), Granite Mountain #1 (6600’), Rabbit Peak #1 (5307’): Bag 4 moderate peaks and join Leader’s 100th peak lead. Approximately 11 miles and 4150’ gain should be back to the cars at 4 PM. Meet 7 AM La Canada ride share point. Bring lunch and 10 essentials. Leaders: HARVEY GANZ, BRENT COSTELLO, MARYANN MEGGELIN

Nov 15 Sat Hundred Peaks, Airport-Marina
O: Mount Emma (5273’), Old Mount Emma (5063’): 4 miles round trip, 1200’ gain for these peaks with some ups and downs between them. Great views to Antelope Valley and Edwards AFB. Meet 8 AM at La Canada ride share point with water, lunch, hiking boots. Rain cancels. Leader: PAT VAUGHN Co-Leader: BRUCE CRAIG

Nov 15 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: San Gabriel Peak (6161’), Mount Disappointment (5960’), Mount Deception (5796’): 5 miles, 2100’ gain hike in the San Gabriel Mountains, great views of the LA Basin. Meet 9 AM La Canada ride share point with 2 quarts liquid, lunch, lugsoles a must. Come celebrate a birthday. Rain, snow cancels. Leaders: FRANK DOBOS, MARY MCMANNES

Nov 15 Sat Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Topatopa Bluff (6367’), Hines Peak (6704’) and Chief Peak (5550’): Climb these three terrific peaks in Ventura County near Ojai. The total hike will be about 10 miles round trip with 3000’ gain on a combination of trail, dirt road, open ridgeline and path. Please bring: water, lunch, lug soles, jacket & hat. NO beginners. Hines Peak has a difficult section along a ridge. We’ll approach Chief via the southwest ridge. Number of participants limited by the number of 4WD vehicles. Please
contact the leader about meeting information. Leaders: PETER & IGNA CIA DOGGETT Co-leaders: BILL SIMPSON, MARS & KATHY BONFIRE

Nov 15 Sat Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
O: Paciﬁc Mountain (7124’): Beautiful 12 mile round trip, 2200’ gain hike from Mill Creek Summit mostly along the PCT. Moderately paced, but not suitable for beginners. Meet 8 AM La Canada rideshare point with lunch, water, good footwear, suitable clothing layers. Rain cancels. Leaders: MIA YANG-GOLDFARB, RON GOLDFARB

Nov 15-16 Sat-Sun LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS
I: Indian Cove Navigation: Navigation noodle at Joshua Tree National Park to satisfy the Basic (IUM) level navigation requirements. Saturday for practice, skills refresher, altitude, homework, campﬁre. Sunday checkout. To receive participate, send email/sage, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare info, to Leader: ROBERT MYERS  Assistant: HARRY FREIMANIS

Nov 16 Sun Hundred Peaks
New Outing, ﬁrst time published
I: Sheep Mountain (5141’), Martinez Mountain (6560’): This very strenuous dayhike south of Palm Springs will require an early start for its 18 miles round trip, 5000’ gain. Martinez Mountain is also on the DPS Peak List. Much rugged cross-country travel in desert terrain. Seasoned hikers send conditioning and experience info to Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leader: WAYNE BANNISTER

Nov 18 Tue Lower Peaks
O: Verdugo Mountain (3126’): Many routes are possible to hike this peak. Expect no more than 10 miles round trip with 1700’ gain. Contact leaders for meeting place. Leaders: INGE BORG PROCHAKZA, DAVE COMERZAN

Nov 19 Wed Hundred Peaks
New Outing, ﬁrst time published
I: Backus Peak (6651’), Russell Peak (6986’): Join us for this classic, somewhat gnarly traverse of a prominent ridgeline in the high desert north of the town of Mojave. Strenuous non-shuttle loop, 10 miles round trip, 4000’ gain. Paved road driving. For trip details contact Leader: TOM HILL Co-Leaders: WAYNE BANNISTER, DAVE COMERZAN

Nov 20 Thu Hundred Peaks
I: Reyes Peak (7514’), Haddock Mountain (7431’): Moderate hike to peaks north of Ojai in the Los Padres NF for 8 miles round trip, 1200’ gain. Moderate pace. Phone Mars (tt1 609 8218) during the four days before event for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Nov 22 Sat Hundred Peaks, Airport Marina
O: Barley Flats (5600’), Mt Lawlor (9597’): We will hike from Red Box on an old road 3 miles with 1000’ of gain to Barley Flats then do another 2 miles with 800’ gain to Lawlor. Then down the west side of Lawlor to Strawberry saddle, return 2 miles to Red Box. Some loose spots on road between Red Box and Barley along with some bush whacking on trail early along the ridge from Barley to Lawlor. Meet 7:30 AM La Canada rideshare point with water, lunch and lug-soles. Rain cancels. Leader: PAT VAUGHN Co-Leader: BRUCE CRAIG

Dec 2 Tue Hundred Peaks
I: Antimony Peak (6848’), Eagle Rest Peak (6005’): Strenuous hike to peaks west-northwest of Frazier Park in the Los Padres National Forest. 11 miles round trip, 3500’ gain on road and steep and loose cross-country. Suitable only for conditioned and experienced hikers. Moderate pace. High clearance 4WD advised. Contact Mars (661 609 8218) during four days before event for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Dec 3 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Winston Peak (7502’), Winston Ridge (7003’): 5+ miles round trip. 1200’ gain. Celebrate Jennifer overcoming her debacle as we bag these ﬁne peaks. (Be sure to bring a cup.) Meet 9 AM La Canada rideshare point. Bring lunch, water, good footwear, appropriate clothing. Leaders: DAN LUKE, DAN BUTLER
Dec 4  Thu  Lower Peaks
O: Simi Peak (2403'); Simi, a lovely Lower Peak located in the Santa Susana Mountains, is 6 miles round trip, 1200' gain. The trail takes us through China Flat, a beautiful oak woodland. Contact leaders for details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, INGEBORG PROCHAZKA

Dec 6  Sat  LTC, WTC, Hundred Peaks
O: GPS Class: Intro to Global Positioning System at Eaton Canyon Nature Center, Pasadena. Apply early, no registration at door, start 9 AM indoors. Focus on Garmin models includes features, selection, operation, use with maps (provided), hands-on field practice in afternoon. We have loaner GPS. Send email/sase, phones, GPS experience & model, $20 (LTC-no refund later than 5 days prior) to Leader: HARRY FREIMANIS Assistant: ROBERT MYERS

Dec 6  Sat  Hundred Peaks
O: Iron Mountain #2 (5036'); Condor Peak (5440'), Fox Mountain #2 (5033'), Mt Gleason (6520'). Depending on weather and road closures, we'll visit some or all of these peaks in the western Angeles, either as a car shuttle with the hike beginning near Mount Gleason, or as an up-and-back-down hike from Big Tujunga Canyon. Up to 15 miles of hiking (round trip or one way with shuttle) and 3800' gain (much less with shuttle). Meet 8 AM La Canada ride share. Bring clothing layers, head lamp, food, water, sturdy shoes. Rain or snow cancels. Leaders: WINNETTE BUTLER, JIM FLEMING, LILLY FUKUI, CHRIS SPIKAS, SUZY HERMANN, KAREN LEVERICH

Dec 6  Sat  Lower Peaks, Santa Monica Mountains TF, Wilderness Adventures O: Sandstone Sextet: Here's your chance to get six peaks (2800' to 3111') in one day! Wind and wrestle your way through this stunning area of the Santa Monica Mts and bag Sandstone Peak (highest peak in the Santa Monica Mts), Boney, Inspiration, Exchange, Tri-peaks, and Big Dome Peak. 9 miles, 1300' gain. Return on the Mise Mokwa trail, passing Split, Echo, and Balanced Rocks. Enjoy great views and giant sandstone formations. Bring water, lunch. Rain cancels. Meet 8 AM Pacific Palisades ride share pt or 9 AM at trailhead (PCH W just past the Ventura Co line). Yoga Buena Rd N 6 winding mi to parking area L side, 1 mi past Ranger Statio) Leader: MARLEN MERTZ Co-Leaders: HOWARD KAYTON, WAYNE VOLLARE

Dec 6  Sat  Orange County, Lower Peaks
O: Los Pinos Peak (4510'): Join us as we trek to the top of Los Pinos Peak in the Santa Ana Mtns. This is a beautiful (seldom led) route, 10-11 miles round trip, 2800' gain through the pines and onto this Lower Peak. Meet 8 AM where Trabuco Creek crosses Trabuco Cyn Rd (take Live Oak Cyn Rd to Trabuco Cyn Rd). Bring 2+ quarts water, lunch and lugssoles, dress for the weather. Leader: RON SCHRANTZ Assistant: DANA HUNTER

Dec 10  Wed  Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Mount Lukens (5074'); From Deukmejian Park in La Crescenta, 9 miles round trip with 2900' gain. Meet 9 AM at Deukmejian. Exit 210 at Pennsylvania and go north to Foothill and west (left) to New York, north to Markridge and west to park entrance. Bring lunch, water, lugssoles, suitable clothing. Hard rain cancels. Leaders: DON SIMINSKI, JENNIFER WASHINGTON

Dec 11  Thu  Hundred Peaks
O: Sheep Mountain (5141'), Martinez Mountain (6560): Two challenging peaks about 11 miles south of Palm Desert; we will be hiking both of these peaks in one day. A loop consisting of 18 miles round trip, 5500' gain hiking on trail and cross country. Some boulder hopping. For details, contact leaders with hiking history. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Dec 13  Sat  Hundred Peaks
O: Sawtooth Mtn (5200'), Burnt Peak (5780'), Liebre Mtn (5760'); Easy way to bag all 3 peaks in the Llbre range. Approximately 4 miles and 500' gain. Meet 8:30 AM Sylmar ride share point. Leaders: HARVEY GANZ Co-Leaders: MARLEN MERTZ, MARYANN MEGGELIN

Dec 13  Sat  LTC, WTC, Hundred Peaks
O: Mount Lowe (5603) Beginning Navigation Clinic: 4 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 checkout. Many expert leaders will attend; many I-rated leaders started here in the past. Send sase, $25 deposit (Sierra Club-refunded at trailhead), phones to Leader: DIANE DUNBAR Co-Leader: RICHARD BOARDMAN

Dec 13  Sat  Pasadena, Lower Peaks
O: Muir Peak (4688') from Lake Ave: Moderately paced 10 mi, 2000' gain hike. Meet 7:30 am N end of Lake Ave (from 210 Fwy in Pasadena, exit Lake Av, N to end). Arrive early, parking is limited and you may have to walk a distance from your car. Bring lunch, 3 qts water, appropriate clothing layers, hiking boots. Rain/fire cancels. Leaders: NORM STABECK, DANA HUNTER

Dec 13  Sat  Hundred Peaks
O: Santa Cruz Peak (5570'), San Rafael Mountain (6593'), McKinley Mountain (6200'): Mountain bike the Big Three and experience a new route to San Rafael! A long and very strenuous bike and hike adventure to peaks above Lake Cachuma for 26 miles round trip with 7100' of gain. A mix of dirt road biking (17 miles) with firebreak, steep and loose cross country, and trail hiking suitable only for experienced and conditioned mountain bikers/hikers. Bring helmet, spare tube, locking cable, night riding light, and the usual hiking gear. Moderate pace. Call Mars (661 609 8218) during four days before event for status and details. Leaders: PETER DOGGETT, IGNACIA DOGGETT, WILLIAM SIMPSON, MARS BONFIRE

Dec 13  Sat  Hundred Peaks
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. Meet midnight Saturday night at the Chinatown Metro Gold Line station. Bring food (such as sandwiches or fruit), or clothing to give to the needy. Leaders: STAG BROWN, BOBCAT THOMPSON, JOCIE YOUNG

Dec 14  Sun  LTC, WTC, HPS, SPS
O: Warren Point Navigation: Navigation noodle at Joshua Tree National Park for either checkout or practice to satisfy the Basic (I/M) or Advanced (E) level navigation requirements. To participate, send email/sase contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare, to Leader: ROBERT MYERS Assistant: HARRY FREIMANIS
Dec 16  Tue  Lower Peaks
O: Jones Peak (3375'), Hastings Peak (4000'): From Sierra Madre the hike to Jones Peak is 6.6 miles round trip with 2175' gain, followed by Hastings which is another 2 miles round trip and 1000' gain. Contact leaders for meeting place. Leaders: INGEBORG PROCHAZKA, DAVE COMERZAN

Dec 17  Wed  Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: San Gabriel Peak (6161'), Mt Disappointment (5960'), Mt Deception (5796'): 6 miles with 1500' gain. Short car shuttle. Enter at Eaton Saddle and exit by JPL Trail. Meet 9 AM La Canada rideshare point. Bring appropriate clothing, lunch, water, good footwear. Leaders: DAN LUKE, BROOKES TREIDLER

Dec 17  Thu  Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
O: Thomas Mountain (6825'): Why drive up on a long dirt road when we can hike it? The hike is about 13 miles round trip with 2400' gain in the forest near Idyllwild, going up on the Ramona trail. We will take an easy pace to protect our knees and hearts. Contact leaders for meeting time and place. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, INGEBORG PROCHAZKA

Dec 24  Wed  Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Chantry Flats-Mt Zion Loop: 10 miles round trip, 1800' gain through beautiful Big Santa Anita Canyon. Some stream crossings. Meet 9 AM at Chantry Flats lower parking lot with water, lunch, good footwear. Exit 210 freeway at Santa Anita Av, go north 6 miles to Flats. If road is closed (call ranger station, 826-574-5200), will meet at La Canada rideshare for alternate hike. Rain cancels. Leaders: DORIS DUVAL, GARY BICKEL

Dec 31  Wed  Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Josephine Peak (5558'): Last chance this year to climb this nearby peak. 8 miles round trip with 2500' gain via Colby Canyon with great view from the top. Meet 9 AM La Canada rideshare point. Bring lunch, water, good footwear, suitable clothing layers. Rain cancels. Leaders: ROSEMARY CAMPBELL, DON SIMINSKI

Jan 3  Sat  LTC, WTC, Lower Peaks
O: Temescal Peak (2126'): Learn about the Wilderness Travel Course on this hike through oak glons and chaparral in Topanga State Park. Info will be provided on the ten essentials of safe mountain travel. We will hike to the park’s highest peak with spectacular views. 8 miles round trip, 1100' gain on fire road and trail. Meet 9 AM at Trippet Ranch fire parking lot (from Topanga Cyn Blvd, E on Entrada Dr for 1 mi, turning L at every opportunity until parking lot). Leaders: ROBERT MYERS, JANE SIMPSON

Jan 8  Thu  Lower Peaks
O: Cachuma Mountain (4696'), Montecito Peak (3214'): These two Low Peaks in the Los Padres National Forest provide great views. Cachuma is 6 miles round trip with 1600' gain. Montecito from the north is an easy 2 miles round trip. We estimate about six hours of hiking and two hours of driving between peaks. Contact leaders for meeting place and time. Leaders: INGEBORG PROCHAZKA, DAVE COMERZAN

Jan 10  Sat  Hundred Peaks, Crescenta Valley, K-9 Committee O: Mt Lukens (5074'): Join us on this Mid Winter Hike to the highest point in the City of L.A. Hike from Deukmejian Park in La Crescenta via Crescenta View Trail and fire road. Return via Deukmejian West Trail. Great views to Catalina. 9 miles round trip, 3000' gain. Well-mannered

K-S’s welcome, Meet 9 AM Deukmejian Park (from 210 Freeway, exit Pennsylvania Ave, go north to Foothill Blvd., left to New York, right to top of New York, left on Markridge 1 block to park entrance on right.) Bring 3 Ls’ Lunch, Liquids, Lugssoles, goodties to share for Jim’s Birthday, and a spirit of adventure. Leaders: BOBCAT THOMPSON, JIM FLEMING

Jan 10  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 sase, with contact info & recent conditioning to Leader: ROBERT MYERS Co-Leaders: ANN PEDRESCI, JANE SIMPSON

Jan 10  Sat  Wilderness Adventuros, Lower Peaks

Jan 11  Sun  LTC, WTC, HPS, SPS
I: Warren Point Navigation: Navigation noodle at Joshua Tree National Park for either checkout or practice to satisfy the Basic (IVM) or Advanced (E) level navigation requirements. To participate, send email/sase contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare, to Leader: ROBERT MYERS Assistant: HARRY FREIMANIS

Jan 17  Sat  Hundred Peaks
O: Mount Emma (5273'), Old Mount Emma (5063'), Cole Point (5604'): Emma and Old Emma are about 4 miles round trip, 1200' gain for these peaks with some (sometimes steep) ups and downs between them. Short car shuttle on paved road. Afterwards, the optional climb of Cole Point is 4 miles round trip and 1700' gain. Adventurous newcomers welcome. Meet 8:30 AM La Canada rideshare point. Bring clothing layers, food, water, sturdy shoes. Rain or snow cancels. Leaders: GREG DE HOOGH, LILLY FUKUI, CHRIS SPISAK, SUZY HERMANN, KAREN LEVERICH

Jan 18  Sun  Hundred Peaks
I: Ryan Mountain (5457'), Lost Horse Mountain (5313'): 9 miles, 2000' gain, moderately paced hike in Joshua Tree National Park. Hike trail to Ryan Mountain, cross-country over to Lost Horse Mountain. Car shuttle back to Ryan Mountain. Send email / H&W phones/ recent conditioning to Leaders: PAT ARREDONDO, VIRGIL POPESCU

Jan 20  Tue  Lower Peaks
O: Potato Mountain (3422'), Stoddard Peak (4624'): Join us for these two Lower Peaks just north of Claremont. Potato (or is it Potatoes?) is 2 miles round trip, 1000' gain up Evey Canyon. A short drive up Mt. Baldy road brings us to Stoddard. 6 miles round trip, 800' gain. Contact leaders for details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, INGEBORG PROCHAZKA
Jan 24 Sat Hundred Peaks
Annual Awards Banquet: Program will be a presentation by Bill Burke. Bill will talk about his two climbs of Everest and preparing for his Silent auction for 5 PM social hour. PM speaker presentation of Golden Dragon Restaurant (960 N. Broadway, LA). Send $30 (HPS) by January 17 ($35 after January 17), tickets will be held at the door, email, H&W phones to Reservationist: DAVE COMERZAN

Feb 10 Tue Hundred Peaks
M: Five Fingers (5174'): Join us for this challenging peak in the Lake Isabella area. Summit involves some class 3 climbing. In the event of snow or ice, will hike some other peaks in the area. 2 miles round trip, 1600' gain possible all cross country. Consider staying over for Russell and Backus on Wednesday. Contact leaders for details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Feb 11 Wed Hundred Peaks
I: Russell Peak (6696'), Backus Peak (6651'): If Five Fingers on Tuesday wasn't enough, join us for a shuttle hike of these two peaks in the Lake Isabella area. 8 miles round trip, 3800' gain all cross country. Contact leaders for details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Feb 14 Sat Pasadena, Lower Peaks, Orange County
O: Echo Mountain (3207'): Easy paced, 5.4 miles round trip, 1400' gain hike to Echo (cardiogram) Mtn for Valentine's Day. Newcomers welcome. This is a classic hike to historic site. Meet 7:30 AM N end of Lake Av from 210 Fwy in Pasadena, exit Lake Av, N to end. Bring "heart-y" snack to share. 1 quart water, lugsoles. Rain/fire cancels. Leaders: DANA & JOHN HUNTER, PAM ALLEN

Feb 17 Tue Lower Peaks
O: Mission Point (2771'), Rocky Peak (2714'): Join us for one or both of these delightful Lower Peaks just north of Los Angeles. Mission Point is 5 miles round trip, 1200' gain, follows an old road to the top with great views. After a short drive, we will hike Rocky Peak, 6 miles round trip, 1700' gain. This is a road walk to a rocky summit. Contact leaders for details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, INGEBORG PROCHAZKA

Feb 21 Sat Hundred Peaks, K-9 Committee
O: Strawberry Peak (6164'), Mount Lawlor (5957'): Hike to Strawberry from the east and Lawlor from west. 7 miles round trip, 2300' gain. Steep trail on some sections of the hike. Adventurous newcomers and well-behaved K-9's welcome. Meet 8:30 La Canada rideshare point. Bring lunch, water (for you and your dog), warm clothes, lug sole boots. Rain or snow cancels. Leaders: WINNETTE BUTLER, GREG de HOOGH, JIM FLEMING, LILLY FUKUI, CHRIS SPISAK, SUZY HERMANN, KAREN LEVERICH

Feb 22 Sun Hundred Peaks
I: Luna Mountain (5967'), Round Mountain (5272'), Rattlesnake Mountain (6131'): Join us for a comfortably paced 12 miles round trip, 3000' gain hike to bag three peaks near Hesperia. Much dirt road driving; high clearance vehicles recommended. Bring water, lunch, warm clothing. For trip details send recent conditioning, phone & rideshare information to Leaders: VIRGIL PCFESCUCI, PAT ARREDONDO

Feb 25 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Colby Canyon to Josephine Peak (5558'): 9 miles, 2100' gain. Return via dirt road. Rain cancels. Short car shuttle. Meet 9 AM La Canada rideshare point with water, lunch, good footwear. Leaders: DORIS DUVAL, DAN BUTLER
Leaders and Rideshare Points

Rideshare points mentioned in the outings in this issue of The Lookout:
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 Hwy (I-210). Park on Angeles Crest Hwy only

Contact information for leaders with outings in this 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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A view of the approximately 100 hikers assembled on the summit of Waterman, July 26, 2008. Photo by Bob Thompson.
The Register box list count remained approximately the same with reports of 3 registers replaced; two corrections; six deficient or missing registers. Thanks to Robert Boyle, Winnette Buller, Peter Doggett, Karen Leverich, Dan Richter, Pamela Rowe, Sandy Sperling, Linh Trieu, Joe Young, Carol Hunter-Inman.

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Diane Dunbar and Tom Hill listen to a songster at the Waterman rendezvous. Photo by Bob Thompson.

Hikers on the summit of Twin Peaks prior to the gathering on Waterman. Photo by Matthew Hengst.