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Angeles Chapter

Hundred Peaks Section Holds Spring Fling – April 18-19, 2009 Foster Lodge, Laguna Mountains North San Diego County

It's spring and a young (or old) man's (and woman's) fancy turns to hiking. Join us for several days of hiking in the Northern San Diego County area during the day and relaxing at the Lodge in the evening. So far, eight great hikes have been scheduled in the area for that weekend.

Facilities include two bunkrooms with foam mattress to sleep on. Tent space is also available. Two bathrooms provide hot water, sinks and flush toilets, but no showers. The kitchen is equipped with stove/ovens, refrigerators, a microwave oven, toaster and coffee pots. Cookware, utensils and dishes are provided. A large living/dining room with a beautiful stone hearth and fireplace provide ambiance and heat. Parking is available at the Lodge. If the Lodge is not for you, there are some nice motels in the nearby Julian area.

A potluck will be held Saturday night beginning about 6 PM or whenever you are done hiking.

Once again there will be **no charge** to participants. We just need to know who is coming. Send SASE for information/reservation to the address below. Reserve early. Space is limited.

Copy this page or cut here and send registration form.

HPS Spring Fling Registration Form: (Please print legibly)
Name(s) _____

Address: _____

Email address or phone number: _____

Number of people in your party: _____

Sierra Club # _____

Staying at the Facility: Yes ___ No ___

Attending Potluck (Potluck only welcome):

Yes ___ No ___

Mail form with SASE to: Dave Comerzan
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New Hundred Peaks Section Peak List Enclosed

Inside this issue of **The Lookout** is the newly revised Peak List. The List is substantially revised to reflect the removal of seven peaks (Cannel Point, Pilot Knob, Cleghorn Mountain, Cajon Mountain, Sugarpine Mountain, Monument Peak #2, and Cuyapaipa Mountain) and the addition of Bailey Peak (5699'). With these changes there are now 270 peaks on our List.

The Peak List consists of an eight page document that comprises the middle eight pages of this issue; therefore it may be removed easily.

Hundred Peaks Section Holds Annual Awards Banquet

On Saturday, January 24, 2009 The Hundred Peaks Section held its forty fifth Annual Awards Banquet. (The first Banquet was held on January 21, 1965.)

Most of our banquets have been held at Les Freres Taix Restaurant on Sunset Blvd in the Echo Park area of Los Angeles. This year we held our banquet at the Golden Dragon Restaurant in Chinatown. There were ninety one paid attendees.

This year we decided that the program should begin immediately after the dinner, and prior to the presentation of awards.

Winners of our awards are as follows:

- R. S. Fink Service Award: George Wysup
- John Backus Leadership Award: Mars Bonfire
- Bill T. Russell New Leader Award: Marlen Mertz
- Special Award: "Bookie of the Century": Sandy Burnside

Please read 2009 Chair Jim Fleming's article about the banquet inside this issue.



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HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION MEMBERSHIP REPORT – JANUARY 2009

By Greg DeHoogh

ACHIEVEMENTS:

Lead List Finish #1

- #13 – Ignacia Doggett – 1/4/09 – Cuyama Peak
- #14 – Peter Doggett – 1/4/09 – Cuyama Peak

Lead 100 Peaks

- #43 – Harvey Ganz – 11/15/08 – Rabbit Peak #1
- #44 – Ted Lubeshkoff – 12/6/08 – Rosa Point

3000 Peak Ascents

- #1 – Peter Doggett – 9/24/2006 – Thomas Mountain

2000 Peak Ascents

- #1 – Bobcat Thompson – 4/17/02 – Mt. Lukens
- #2 – George Wysup – 10/15/05 – White Mountain #2
- #3 – Ron Zappen – 9/25/08 – Will Thrall Peak
- #4 – Peter Doggett – 7/17/99 – Lake Peak

1000 Peak Ascents

- #1 – Bobcat Thompson – 9/9/83 – San Gorgonio Mountain
- #2 – Karen Isaacson Leverich – 8/7/04 – Cornell Peak
- #3 – Zobeida Arauz – 11/17/07 – Meeks Mountain
- #4 – Dorothy Danziger – 8/2/01 – Delamar Mountain
- #5 – Byron Prinzmetal – 4/30/01 – Luna Peak
- #6 – Ron Zappen – 6/29/00 – Three Sisters
- #7 – Bill Simpson – 3/13/08 – Dragons Head
- #8 – Frank Dobos – 11/20/93 – Lizard Head
- #9 – David Eisenberg – 8/22/92 – Marion Mountain
- #10 – Peter Doggett – 7/24/93 – Mount Akawie
- #11 – Southern Courtney – 12/12/04 – Mount Lowe
- #12 – Rosemary Campbell – 12/10/08 – Mount Lukens

100 Peaks Emblem

- #1110 – George Christiansen – 12/2/08 – Eagle Rest Peak
- #1111 – Brock Dewey – 12/13/08 – Toro Peak
- #1112 – David Coons – 12/11/08 – Martinez Mountain

Our
Newest
Achievements!

MEMBERSHIP COUNTS:

330 Members (284 primary + 46 household)
45 Subscribers
375 Total

NEW MEMBERS

David Waxman
James Liotta
Shannon Whitaker

DONATIONS

Cyndi Runyan – \$10
Daniel & Zoe Adler- \$10
Wasim Khan - \$10

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View from the Chair

January, 2009

By Jim S. Fleming

Well, it is great to be back in the saddle again! As Incoming Chair for the HPS, I look forward to many great times this year! We have an outstanding group of people on the Management Committee this year-many of whom are reprising their roles of the last year. I would like to give my heartfelt thanks to all of those leaders and individuals who make the HPS the successful entity that it is.

Returning to the MComm this year are Wayne Vollaire (Vice Chair, Lookout Mailer, and Merchandise); Greg Daly (Secretary); Greg de Hoogh (Membership); Dave Comerzan (Programs); Karen Isaacson Leverich (Co-Outings/Safety); Wayne Bannister (Mountain Records); Tom Hill (Access Chair); Joe Young (Lookout Editor and HPS Historian); Sandy Burnside (Treasurer); Bobcat Thompson (Peak Guide Mailer); Mark Allen (Register Box); and yours truly (Chair, Co-Outings/Safety, and Adopt-a-Highway). We also have new Committee members in Patrick Vaughn (Outreach), Winnette Butler (Conservation), and Wolf Leverich (Webmaster). Without all the help of these fine folks, there would not be an HPS! THANK YOU to all of you who do the work! I look forward to working with you all eagerly.

We have an outstanding group of leaders for the Section as well, and 2009 promises to be another banner year for our outings program. Now that we have approval to do outings on the "Quick Turnaround" basis with the approval of Chapter Outings, we can organize hikes in the most "efficient" (as Mars Bonfire might say) way possible. So, there is no end to the possibilities to become creative and have fun.

Speaking of fun, we had a GREAT deal of it at our annual Awards Banquet this past Saturday, January 24th, 2009! If you missed it, you can read all about it in other articles and with pictures in this issue of the Lookout. Also, check out our up-coming events in the Advance Schedule, including many marvelous hikes and events-don't forget to put our annual Spring Fling on your calendar (April 18th/19th) at Foster Lodge in the Laguna Mountains of San Diego County; Mt. McDill exploratory on April 11th (what, a NEW peak??!); my Adopt-a-Highway cleanup and hike on May 2nd (climbing Mt. Deception and Occidental Peak); and last, but certainly not least, our wonderful Waterman Mtn. Rendezvous (July 25th-hikes to be planned as of this writing).

Looks like many terrific times on the way!
Happy Trails, Jim Fleming

HPS Awards Banquet -- January 24, 2009

by Jim S. Fleming, Incoming Chair

This year, the Management Committee decided to do a few things differently. Our chosen venue for the

event was not at Taix Restaurant (as has been the case for most of the years past). We looked into several alternative sites, and chose the Golden Dragon in Chinatown for this year, just to see how it might work. Other groups have had events there in the past, and we had a good time at our preliminary dinner there last year. Well, we had over 90 people in attendance this year (a few no shows and a few late arrivals, as usual). It was really great to see everyone there, some of whom I only get to see at the Banquet! I was very busy getting the silent auction items set up (with much help from Mark Allen), and we had quite a generous group donating them! Many thanks to those who contributed-Janet Howell, Mark Allen, Ingeborg Prochazka, Dotty & Mike Sandford, Mars & Kathy Cheever-Bonfire, Lilly Fukui, Zobeida Arauz, and George Wysup provided great things! See below for the items and who the successful bidders were.

Our Past Chair (twice now), Karen Leverich, welcomed the group to the event and dedicated the Banquet. We held a moment of silence for those climbers and fellow HPSers who passed away in 2008. We lost some great people, including Bill Bradley (who mainly did DPS and SPS climbs, but was also active in our group); Hugh Blanchard (leader and member since the 1990's); and Cuno Ranschau (a very, very fast hiker who finished the HPS, DPS, and SPS lists all on the same day!). The dinner followed, with many courses of food served on the rotating platters. Our program was presented next, introduced by David Comerzan. The speaker was Bill Burke, who is an HPSer and has climbed seven of the eight highest mountains of each continent (including Antarctica). He spoke about his quest to climb Mt. Everest, focusing on his first attempt in 2007 (wherein he climbed almost all the way to the South Summit before he had to turn back!). It was an excellent program, and inspiring to see one of "us" doing something so incredible!

After the program, Karen reflected on the great year passed and introduced the outgoing 2008 MComm. Then, it was my turn to be introduced; and I introduced our wonderful committee for 2009. After giving recognition to the great leaders of the Section, we had our traditional Recognition of Achievements, with the whole group standing and being lauded for their many accomplishments. The last HPSer standing, again this year, was Mars Bonfire. Mars has completed the List twelve times, and is working on nos. 13, 14, and 15-whew! The newly minted 1000 Peaks, 2000 Peaks, and 3000 Peaksemblems were announced for the first time, as well as Pathfinders, Snowshoe, Explorers, and Leading the peaks of the List.

Finally, it was time for the presentation of the Awards. This duty was shared with me by Karen Leverich, who read some amusing accounts for a Special Award given very deservedly to our Treasurer, Sandy Burnside. We dubbed this award "Bookie of the Century" for her continuing, hard working efforts of maintaining solvency for HPS.

The Bill T. Russell New Leader Award was given by Karen to Marlen Mertz, who not only has been doing

excellent leading since 2004, but has given great parties! She is our 'poet laureate'. I was pleased to present the John Backus Leadership Award to Mars Bonfire. Mars has mentored many HPS leaders and hikers, and has led the List once (and is working on twice).

Our highest award, the R.S. Fink Service Award, was very deservedly given to George Wysup. George has been an extremely active leader for many years (only one of a few to have led the List twice) and has served the Section as Treasurer, Outings Chair, on the Mountain Records Committee, Nominations Committee, and as Chair. He has climbed all the peaks on the List NINE times!

Thanks to all of you who received awards and the great help of the people who put the Banquet together- Dave Comerzan, Karen and Wolf Leverich, Joe Young, Greg Daly (who provided a neat DVD of HPS photos as a take home gift), Wayne Vollaire, Ingeborg Prochazka, Greg de Hoogh, and I hope I haven't forgotten anyone!

Silent Auction - donations by, item and (who won them)!

Janet Howell - Fuel bottle with white gas (Peter Lara)
 Janet Howell - Snow booties (Winnette Butler)
 Janet Howell - Snow hat (Winnette Butler)
 Janet Howell - Hikers billfold (Marlen Mertz)
 Janet Howell - Gaiters (George Wysup)

Janet Howell - Basic Mitts shell (Marlen Mertz)
 Janet Howell - Tikka head lamp (George Kenegos)
 Janet Howell - Compression sack (Sandy Burnside)
 Janet Howell - Stuff sack (Tom Hill)
 Janet Howell - Several books on travel and climbing (won by various-Marlen, Winnette, etc.)
 Mark Allen - Orange Safety vests (Wayne Bannister)
 Mark Allen - ArcTeryx backpack (Maura Raffensperger)
 Mark Allen - Marmot backpack (Sandy Sperling)
 Mark Allen - 2009 Sierra Club Engagement Calendar (Bruce Craig)
 Mark Allen - Several books on climbing and travel (won by various-Jim and Ginny Heringer, Bruce Craig, and Laura Webb)
 Ingeborg Prochazka- Victorinox Travel Bag (Kathy Cheever-Bonfire)
 Dotty & Mike Sandford - Signed original lithograph - "Sunny Winter Day" (Marlen Mertz)
 Dotty & Mike Sandford - Ansel Adams photo- Half Dome (Sandy Sperling)
 Mars & Kathy Cheever-Bonfire - Specialized Epic mountain bike (Dave Cannon)
 Lilly Fukui - four photo cards (Karen Leverich)
 George Wysup - Sigg Tourist cook kit (Peter Lara)
 George Wysup - Gloves with liners (Tom Hill)
 George Wysup - two books on climbing (Robert True and Dave Cannon)



Mars Bonfire, left received the John Backus Leadership Award at the Annual Awards Banquet. To his left is Sandy Burnside, who received a Special Award "Bookie of the Century" for her long time service as our Treasurer. To Sandy's left is Keith Burnside.



George Wysup received the R. S. Fink Service Award at this year's Annual Awards Banquet. George has served on the HPS Management Committee in several capacities and has led the HPS List twice, only the third person to do so.

Scenes from the Annual Awards Banquet

Photos By Wolf Leverich



Ignacia Doggett and Peter Doggett hold their certificates at the Banquet. Peter and Ignacia are the thirteenth and fourteenth persons to lead the Hundred Peaks Section List, and the first married couple to do so.



Karen Isaacson Leverich chaired the Hundred Peaks Section in 2008. Karen was the eleventh person to lead the Hundred Peaks Section List, and the first woman to do so.



Marlen Mertz holds her plaque recognizing her as the Bill T. Russell New Leader Award winner. To Marlen's left stands Jim Fleming, who will chair the Hundred Peaks Section in 2009. Jim is the first person to chair the Hundred Peaks Section three times.



Bill Burke poses for Wolf's camera next to his projector at the Banquet. Bill's program was about his two attempts to climb Mount Everest.

The Joy of HPS

By Peter & Ignacia Doggett



“An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity.” (Martin Luther King)

HPS is an opportunity and framework that helps us walk that walk and “live”. HPS is what it is in its present form because in its history, time after time, individuals have chosen altruism over narcissism. Some take on the various duties of the management committee and keep the machine that is HPS running strongly. Some are willing to take on the responsibilities that leading a hike entails. And, as Tom Hill has noted, many are the generous-natured who are willing to volunteer their cars for carpools.

Leading, however, is not just responsibility, it is a privilege and a pleasure. Participants trust that we will lead a hike that is enjoyable and that we will return them safely to their cars. The participants themselves make this a much easier task. They are honest, generous, hardworking – these and other traits contribute to a wealth of comradery and good humor on even the most strenuous of hikes.

Humor can be in such abundance that the laughter competes with the hard breaths necessary to ascend a steep slope. Or, the need to concentrate has to be invoked as we negotiate a narrow section of the trail in the midst of Cederbergisms like “Remember, pain is an opportunity to heal!” or “My altimeter is better than your altimeter; it compensates for arrogance and sarcasm...”

Besides being debonair, good looking and humble, one of us has a rapid sharp wit. A while back, leading a large group up a narrow trail, Peter suddenly had us stop and step to the side. A woman leading a dog on a leash came down towards us and said to Peter “Don’t be afraid. He won’t bite.” To which Peter promptly responded, “Oh, it’s not dogs I’m afraid of; only pretty women.” It’s not too far from the truth. Besides keeping lists of such things as leads and pathfinders, Peter has a list titled “Bears, Rattlesnakes, and Naked Women”. How many of you ave had the experience of hiking the lovely trail to Suicide in Idylwild and had to step aside for a woman coming down the trail doing her morning jog topless???

HPS hikes are a cornucopia of experiences. The hike to Thorn Point yielded an extensive close-up observation of condors perching and flying to and from the tower. On a descent from San Gorgonio, I had to abruptly stop and hush the group at Half Camp as a massive bear straddled the trail, then suddenly faked a charge. Bill Simpson leaned over my shoulder and whispered, “You know Ignacia, the South Fork trail is looking pretty good right now.”

Whereas, additional sightings of bears and other animals were by chance, the search for flowers was more deliberate. The surreal slopes of Onyx; the lush valley on the way to Cross; the golden fields of the Carrizo plain; and, the golf course slopes of Caliente

were feasts that could not be repeated enough. Also, they reinforced the value of returning to a place at a different time of the year to see the remarkable transformation wrought by different seasons; by the slightly different angle of the sun’s light; or, by silver wisps of clouds dancing lightly over the mountaintops.

Clouds of another kind toyed with our plans to lead the Big 3 and the Big 4 near the end of 2008. Early in ‘08, we had once and again been lucky with decisions to follow through with hikes despite ominous weather predictions for Rosa Point and other peaks (“Luck is where preparation meets opportunity.” – Peter’s expertise and experience were key to the “lucky” decisions). The end of 2008, however, brought rain, snow, and canceled hikes. But valiant and daring Lorraine Daly, Greg Daly, John Cederberg, Kathy Rich, Ron Hudson, and Bill Simpson were willing to do the tough work of mountain biking and, by December 30, only Cuyama Lookout was left unled.

On January 4, 2009 Ignacia and Peter Doggett completed leading HPS groups to all of the HPS peaks. The Doggetts are the first married team ho have finished Leading-the-List. The List Finish lead was one of a rendezvous of 3 hikes to Cuyama Peak. While Lilly Fukui, Chris Spizak and the Bonfires led the other 2 hikes, the Doggetts took a group up a gorgeous trail along Tinta Creek from Lower Tinta Campground.

Thank you to the many people who encouraged and helped us, and continue to help us organize, publish and lead our hikes.

Thank you to all those brave souls who have hiked with us over he past years. Many of the Doggett hikes are at a brisk pace or over adventurous terrain. But, by going over these non-standard routes, we get a fuller taste of life’s great treats.

While it was the arrival at a destination that was marked, ultimately it is the journey and people that is most important.



Come get high with us.

Advance Schedule of Hundred Peaks Section Activities March 1 2009 - November 14, 2009

By Karen Leverich

Mar 1 Sun Hundred Peaks

New Outing, first time published

I: Quail Mountain (5800'+): Strenuous hike to Quail, the highest point in Joshua Tree National Park, by way of Juniper Flats. Lots of desert-style cross country, 14 miles round trip, 2300' gain. For details contact Leader: WAYNE BANNISTER Co-Leader: WAYNE VOLLAIRE

Mar 7 Sat Hundred Peaks, K-9

O: Caliente Mountain (5106'): Hike the scenic and unique ridge road to this historically significant peak west of Maricopa, 15 miles round trip with 2900' gain. Moderate pace suitable for conditioned hikers. High clearance vehicles advised. Well-mannered K-9's on leash welcome. For trip details contact Leader: JIM FLEMING Co-Leaders: WINNETTE BUTLER, KAREN LEVERICH

Mar 7 Sat Hundred Peaks, Airport-Marina

I: Beauty Peak (5548'), Iron Spring Mountain (5755'): Moderately paced hike east of Temecula in Riverside County. Rugged terrain and cross-country. 9 miles round trip, 2700' gain. Email leader for info. Leader: TED LUBESHKOFF Co-Leader: PATRICK VAUGHN

Mar 8 Sat Hundred Peaks, Airport-Marina

I: Cross Mountain (5203'), Chuckwalla Mountain (5029'): Pretty hike (except for the motorcycle trails) to these desert summits north of Mojave. 10 miles, 4400' gain. Some dirt road driving. Email or call George for info. Co-Leaders: GEORGE WYSUP, JENNIFER WASHINGTON, PATRICK VAUGHN

MAR 14 Sat Airport Marina

O: Alice Spring Memorial Trail-By-Rail to Carpinteria Seal Rookery: Depart L.A. Union Station on Amtrak at 7am to Carpinteria. We will walk a short 1.5 mi. to the cliffside seal rookery. Volunteer docent guide will provide background on the California seals. Time to enjoy a picnic lunch at the beach, explore the asphaltium deposits or the Salt Marsh. Return to L.A. at 5:30pm. \$65 (non-mem \$85) includes rail fare, snack. Send check payable Sierra Club, sase, SC#, phone & email to Leader.Roxana Lewis/16304 St

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Mar 14 Sat Hundred Peaks, Airport-Marina
Rescheduled from March 21

I: Eagle Crag (5077'): Celebrate the first day of Spring on this strenuous hike southeast of Temecula in San Diego County. 24 miles round trip, 4500' gain. Early start from Dripping Springs Campground. For info, email leader with recent conditioning and experience. Leader: TED LUBESHKOFF Co-Leaders: WAYNE BANNISTER, PATRICK VAUGHN

Mar 14-15 Sat-Sun Desert Peaks, Hundred Peaks

I: Martinez Mountain (6560'+) and More: Join us on this nearby (in desert terms!) hike/camp/party. Saturday hike of DPS/HPS co-listed Martinez will be a full day, 3700' gain, 18 miles, 12 hours, mostly just trail-walking. Camp that evening at Pinyon Flats campground with traditional and famous DPS potluck happy hour and dinner. Sunday will be flexible and feature HPS peaks in the area, depending on the group's energy and desire. Rain/snow cancels. Send email/sase phones, experience/conditioning to Leader: GARY CRAIG Co-Leader: SUE HOLLOWAY

Mar 14-15 Sat-Sun Desert Peaks, HPS

I: Pinto Mountain (3983'), Queen Mountain (5680'+): Join us for two easy climbs in Joshua Tree National Park, and maybe some wildflower and cactus bloom displays. On Saturday, we'll climb Pinto (9 miles round trip, 2400' gain) and proceed to a campground near Queen for an excellent DPS potluck. Sunday climb Queen (4 miles round trip, 1100' gain). All vehicles OK. Send email/sase to Leader: DAVID PERKINS Co-Leader: ANN PERKINS

Mar 15 Sun Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published

O: Mount Lowe (5603'), Mount Markham (5742'), San Gabriel Peak (6161'): Hike three peaks near Mount Wilson, approximately 6 miles, 1500' gain total if you do

all, at a moderate pace; friends, newcomers, kids welcome. This hike marks 25th anniversary of leader's first lead (also of these peaks), as well as birthdays. Bring drink (warm or cool, depending on weather) and lunch. Meet 9 AM La Canada rideshare point. Leader: ASHER WAXMAN Co-Leaders: FRANK DOBOS, MARY McMANNES, DAN RICHTER, KAREN LEVERICH...

Mar 17 Tue Hundred Peaks
I: Granite Mountain #2 (5633'): A strenuous cross country hike on steep and loose ground for 8 miles round trip with 3000' gain to a peak southeast of Julian. Suitable only for experienced and conditioned hikers. High clearance 4WD advised. Moderate pace. Contact Dave for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Mar 21 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: Eagle Crag (5077'): Rescheduled to March 14 (see above).

Mar 21-22 Sat-Sun Lower Peaks, HPS
O: Silver Peak (1804') on Catalina Island: 12 miles round trip from Two Harbors, 2300' gain to the peak, 500' gain on return. Enjoy spectacular views of ocean and Catalina's coves. Help celebrate Diana/Jorge Estrada's and Laura Franciosi's Lower Peaks List Finish. Plan to spend the weekend on the island. We will hike Silver on Saturday, party some more in the evening and do a nice leisurely hike on Sunday before boating back home. You can camp, rent a heated cabin, a cabin tent, or stay in a bed and breakfast. There is a two night minimum for cabins or B&B. Send email to Wayne for meeting time/location and info about the cabins. Leaders: MARLEN MERTZ, GEORGE WYSUP, WAYNE VOLLAIRE

Mar 22 Sun Hundred Peaks
O: Mount Lukens (5074'): Join Karen on her birthday and visit the highest point in the City of Los Angeles on a reprise of her very first Sierra Club lead. 10 miles round trip, 2200' gain. Meet 9 AM La Canada rideshare point with water, sturdy shoes, snack. Rain cancels. Leaders: KAREN & WOLF LEVERICH, LILLY FUKUI, CHRIS SPISAK

Mar 22 Sun Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
O: Mount Lukens (5074'): Mountain bike the highest point in Los Angeles for 10 miles round trip with 2200' of gain and meet the birthday group on top. Bring helmet, spare tube, and light. Moderate pace. Contact Mars for status and details. Leaders: KATHY CHEEVER BONFIRE, MARS BONFIRE

Mar 25 Wed Local Hikes, Lower 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 Chantry Flats, lower parking lot, with water, lunch, appropriate footwear. If road is closed (call leader) we will meet La Canada rideshare point for alternate hike. Rain cancels. Leaders: DORIS DUVAL, BROOKES TREIDLER

Mar 25 Wed Hundred Peaks
Rescheduled from February 4
I: Santa Cruz Peak (5570'), San Rafael Mountain (6593'), McKinley Mountain (6200'): We liked it so much, we decided to do it again. 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. Contact leaders for details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Mar 28 Sat Hundred Peaks, K-9
O: Smith Mountain (5111'): Canceled.

Mar 28 Sat Hundred Peaks, Airport-Marina
New Outing, first time published
O: Modjeska Peak (5496'), Santiago Peak (5687'): Strenuous hike in Orange County on the Holy Jim Trail. 22 miles round trip, 5000' gain. Sunset is around 7 PM. For info, email leader with recent conditioning and experience. Leader: TED LUBESHKOFF Co-leaders: WAYNE BANNISTER, PATRICK VAUGHN

Mar 29 Sun Hundred Peaks, Airport-Marina
O: Mount Lukens (5074'): From Deukmejian Park in La Crescenta, 9 miles round trip with 3000' gain. Visit the high point of the City of Los Angeles. The hike is mostly on trail with some hiking on fire road. Spectacular views of the Los Angeles basin and surrounding mountains from the summit. Bring lunch, water, lugsoles, suitable clothing. Rain cancels. For details, contact Leaders: PAT ARREDONDO, VIRGIL POPESCU, PATRICK VAUGHN

Mar 31 Tue Hundred Peaks
Rescheduled from February 10
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

Apr 1 Wed Hundred Peaks
Rescheduled from February 11
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

Apr 3-5 Fri-Sun Hundred Peaks, WTC
I: Big Four: Samon Peak (6227'), Big Pine Mountain (6800'), West Big Pine (6490'), Madulce Peak (6536'): Three day, two night backpack mainly on dirt roads and trails in Santa Barbara County (Big Pine is the high point of Santa Barbara County) with some steep cross-country. Total statistics: about 51 miles and 8000' gain. This trip satisfies WTC experience trip requirements. Email leader with recent conditioning and experience, city, and phone. Leader: TED LUBESHKOFF Co-Leaders: WAYNE VOLLAIRE, WAYNE BANNISTER

Apr 3 Fri Hundred Peaks, Airport-Marina
New Outing, first time published
I: Hawes Peak (6751'), Little Shay Mountain (6635'), Ingham Peak (6355'), Shay Mountain (6714'): Moderate paced hike to peaks in the Big Pine Flat area northwest of Fawnskin. The hike will be 10 miles round trip with 3200 feet of gain on trail and loose and steep cross country. Lots of dirt road driving. High clearance 4WD advised. Contact leaders with recent conditioning for details. Leaders: PATRICK VAUGHN, PAT ARREDONDO, GEORGE WYSUP

Apr 4 Sat Outdoor Leadership Training
Interested in becoming an outings leader for the Club? You can take the first step toward becoming a leader by attending a class offered by the chapter Leadership Training Committee on Saturday, April 4. The class, usually taught in Los Angeles, will take place this time in Orange County. 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 Costa Mesa Community Center costs \$25. The application is 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 March 21. Scholarships are available for those in financial need. Apply to LTC Chair Tina Bowman (tina@bowmandesigngroup.com).

Apr 4 Sat Hundred Peaks, Verdugo Hills
O: Josephine Peak (5558'): Hike to this popular peak enjoy the view, meet others. 6 miles round trip, 1900' gain, slow moderate pace, new hikers, photo buffs welcome. Meet 9 AM La Canada rideshare point. Bring water, lunch, wear lugs. Rain cancels. Leaders: FRANK DOBOS, DELPHINE TROWBRIDGE

Apr 4 Sat Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Cuyama Peak (5878'): Hike this usual drive-up via a gorgeous trail that follows the Tinta Creek. The views are breath-taking! The total hike will be about 12 miles round trip with 3000' of gain on the ascent and 600' of gain on the return. Relaxed pace. Contact the leader for meeting information. Leader: PETER DOGGETT
Assistant Leaders: IGNACIA DOGGETT & KAREN LEVERICH

Apr 5 Sun Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Fox Mountain (5167'): Hike this fine peak in the Los Padres National Forest at a leisurely-paced stroll. We will start at Cox Flat. The total hike will be about 10 miles (7.5 up & 2.5 down) with 2600' of gain. Please bring: water, lunch, lug soles, jacket & hat. Contact the leader for more info. Leader: PETER DOGGETT
Assistant Leaders: IGNACIA DOGGETT & KAREN LEVERICH

Apr 5 Sun LTC, WTC, Hundred Peaks
O: GPS Class: Intro to Global Positioning System at Eaton Cyn 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

Apr 11 Sat Hundred Peaks, Airport-Marina
O: Mount McDill (5187') Exploratory: Exploratory outing to a once (and future?) HPS peak. 12 miles round trip, 2500' gain on PCT and fire road on the Sierra Pelona ridge between Bouquet Canyon and Acton. If we're lucky, there will be fantastic flowers. Meet 8 AM Canyon Country rideshare point. (But check website or drop Karen an e-mail, there may be other options!) Bring water, snack, sturdy shoes. Rain cancels. Leaders: KAREN & WOLF LEVERICH, SUZY HERMANN, PATRICK VAUGHN, KENT SCHWITKIS, JOE YOUNG, JIM FLEMING, WINNETTE BUTLER, ASHER WAXMAN

Apr 14 Tue Hundred Peaks

I: Onyx Peak #2 (5244'): Join us for a day hike of this lovely peak in the Lake Isabella area. With a little luck and some rain this winter, the wildflowers may be in abundance. This hike is about 4 miles round trip, cross country, 2200' gain, estimate 4 hours of hiking. For details, contact Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Apr 15 Wed Hundred Peaks

I: Cross Mountain (5203'), Chuckwalla Mountain (5029'): If Onyx wasn't enough, spend the night in the area for some more strenuous hiking on these two peaks. If done as one hike to both peaks, it is a 12 mile round trip, use trail, 4100' gain, estimate 9 hours of hiking. Other routes possible. For details, contact Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Apr 15 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: Barley Flats (5600') from Alder Creek: Splendid spring hike to former Mike site. 8 miles round trip with 2000' gain. Meet 9 AM La Canada rideshare with water, lunch. Suitable footwear. Leaders: BROOKES TREIDLER, DAN LUKE

Apr 17 Fri Hundred Peaks

O: Boucher Hill (5438'), Combs Peak (6193'), Palomar Mountain (6140'): Get a head start on Spring Fling (see below, April 18 and 19). Short hikes to some easy peaks in northern San Diego County, 6 miles round trip, 1400' gain. Do one, two or all the peaks. Extensive dirt road driving; high-clearance recommended. For trip details contact Leader: JIM FLEMING Co-Leaders: WINNETTE BUTLER, LILLY FUKUI, CHRIS SPISAK

Apr 18 Sat HPS, PV-South Bay, WTC

I: Deer Mountain (5586') and Deep Creek Hot Springs (5' deep): 9th semi-annual Deep Creek Hot Springs hike/soak/swim with another peak. Moderately paced 17 miles, 4300' gain, utilizing another exploratory cross-country loop. Bring 10 essentials, lugs, (swim suit optional). High clearance vehicles desirable for dirt road driving. No beginners. Plan on spending full day - it's near Hesperia. Rain cancels. Send email (preferable) or sase with carpool and recent cond. info to Leader: BARRY HOLCHIN Co-Leader: WAYNE VOLLAIRE

Apr 18-19 Sat-Sun LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS

I: Indian Cove Navigation: Navigation noodle at Joshua Tree National Park to satisfy the Basic (I/M) level navigation requirements. Saturday for practice, skills refresher, altimeter, homework, campfire. Sunday checkout. Send email/sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare, to Leader: ROBERT MYERS Assistant: HARRY FREIMANIS

Apr 18-19 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks

HPS Spring Fling Weekend at Foster Lodge: It's springtime and a hiker's fancy turns to what else? The Annual HPS Spring Fling. This year it is being held at the Foster Lodge in the beautiful northeast part of San Diego County. Explore the hillsides that recently suffered a major burn. Join us for potluck at the lodge Saturday night. To spend the night at the lodge (no charge) or for directions, contact Dave Comerzan by email or sase. Or if you prefer more luxurious quarters, contact the Julian Chamber of Commerce for a list of motels in the area. For any of the scheduled hikes, contact the leaders listed (in this Schedule and/or on the HPS Web site). Reservationist: DAVE COMERZAN

Apr 18 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Oakzanita Peak (5054'), Stonewall Peak (5730'): Two short hikes on trail to easy peaks in northern San Diego County, Oakzanita is 5.5 miles round trip, 1000' gain and Stonewall is 4 miles round trip, 900' gain. We'll be finished in time to join the HPS Spring Fling potluck dinner at Foster Lodge. For trip details contact Leader: JIM FLEMING Co-Leaders: WINNETTE BUTLER, LILLY FUKUI, CHRIS SPISAK, SUZY HERMANN

Apr 18 Sat Hundred Peaks, Airport-Marina

O: Oakzanita Peak (5054'), Middle Peak (5883'): Hike one or both and then join us at Foster Lodge for HPS potluck. Total 10.5 miles and 2500' of gain. Bring lunch, water, boots and 10 essentials. Rain cancels. For trip details contact Leader: PATRICK VAUGHN Co-Leader: BRUCE CRAIG

Apr 18 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Cahuilla Mountain (5635'): Delightful hike, all on trail, to peak near Anza in Riverside County. 6 miles round trip, 1700' gain. We'll take our time enjoying the forest and the views. On the way to Spring Fling down in San Diego County, we'll be in time for the potluck. For details, contact Leaders: WOLF & KAREN LEVERICH

Apr 18 Sat Hundred Peaks

New Outing, first time published
O: Stonewall Pk (5730'), Cuyamaca Pk (6512'), Middle Pk (5883'): It's Spring Fling again, so let's do the traditional loop hike, all on trail and road. Strenuous 13 miles (approx), 3700' gain, but at moderate pace and we'll stop to observe if any interesting botany turns up. Bring lunch, liquid, night light (just in case), extra clothing. Meet 8:30 AM at horse set parking area 1.2 miles south of Cuyamaca dam (see Cuyamaca peak guide, route 2), or ask George about alternate

arrangements. Leaders: GEORGE WYSUP,
JENNIFER WASHINGTON, GINNY HERINGER

Apr 18 Sat Hundred Peaks, Airport-Marina
I: Sheephead Mtn (5896'), Monument Peak #1 (6271'),
Garnet Peak (5880'+), Garnet Mtn (5680'+): Hike these
separate four peaks in San Diego County as part of
HPS Spring Fling, with driving in between. The total
hike will be about 10 miles round trip with 2000' gain.
We will start mid-morning near Foster Lodge. Email
leader for info. Leader: TED LUBESHKOFF Co-leader:
JOE YOUNG

Apr 19 Sun Hundred Peaks, Airport-Marina
O: Monument Peak #1 (6271'), Garnet Mountain
(5680'), Garnet Peak (5880'): Total 6 miles round trip,
1200' gain. Three easy peaks in northern San Diego
County. Do one, two or all peaks. Possibility of
pathfinder routes. Bring water, snack, lugsoles. Heavy
rain cancels. Meet 8:00 AM Foster Lodge. Leader: JIM
FLEMING Co-Leaders: WINNETTE BUTLER, LILLY
FUKUI, CHRIS SPISAK, PATRICK VAUGHN

Apr 19 Sun Hundred Peaks
O: Cuyamaca Peak (6512'), Middle Peak (5883'): A
mellow pace Spring Fling hike in Cuyamaca Rancho
State Park. 7.5 miles and 2000' gain, possible loop or
car shuttle. Parking fee at trailhead. If some are still
feeling energetic afterwards, nearby Stonewall Peak
may be an option. Meet 7:30 AM at Foster Lodge or
8:30 AM in the Day Use parking lot for Paso Picacho
Campground off Hwy 79. Bring food, water, sturdy
footwear. Rain cancels. Leaders: SUZY HERMANN,
KAREN LEVERICH & WOLF LEVERICH

Apr 19 Sun Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Oakzanita Peak (5054'), Middle Peak (5883'),
Cuyamaca Peak (6512'), Stonewall Peak (5730'): Hike
these four nice peaks in San Diego County as part of
HPS Spring Fling. The total hike will be about 16 miles
round trip with 4300' gain. Will leave early from Foster
Lodge. Email leader for info. Leader: TED
LUBESHKOFF Co-Leader: WAYNE VOLLAIRE

Apr 22 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Josephine Peak (5558') via Colby Canyon: 9 miles
round trip, 2100' gain. Meet 9 AM La Canada rideshare
with water, lunch, appropriate footwear. Leaders:
DORIS DUVAL, TERRY BEYER

Apr 22 Wed Hundred Peaks
I: Nicolls Peak (6070'), Heald Peak (6901'): Join us for
a challenging day hike of these two peaks in the Lake
Isabella area. This is a strenuous hike of about 12
miles round trip of use trail and cross country, 4200'

gain, estimate 9-10 hours of hiking. 4WD needed to get
to trailhead. For details, contact Leaders: DAVE
COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Apr 24-26 Fri-Sun Hundred Peaks
I: Big Four: Samon Peak (6227'), Big Pine Mountain
(6800'), West Big Pine (6490'), Madulce Peak (6536'):
Three day, two night backpack mainly on dirt roads and
trails in Santa Barbara County with some steep
cross-country. 48 - 50 miles and 9900' gain. Moderate
pace. Email George with recent conditioning and
experience, city, and phone. Co-Leaders: GEORGE
WYSUP, JENNIFER WASHINGTON, RON
CAMPBELL

Apr 25 Sat Hundred Peaks, Verdugo Hills
O: Mount Sally (5408'), Vetter Mountain (5908'): Easy
peaks in the San Gabriel Mountains 3 miles round trip,
800' gain. One peak with a view, other with a lookout
tower, beginners delight. Meet 9 AM La Canada
rideshare point. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles. Rain
cancels. Leaders: FRANK DOBOS, DELPHINE
TROWBRIDGE

Apr 25 Sat Hundred Peaks, Tejon-Tehachapi,
PV-SB, Long Beach I: Liebre Twins (6413'), nearby
Bump 6803 (GPS NAD83 coordinates Easting 354798
Northing 3868351): A return (and HPS Exploratory
outing) to the HPS historic peak(s?) Liebre Twins and a
nearby neighbor that might be a possible Mount
MacRuer (6803'). Now on Tejon Ranch. Depending on
road conditions, 17 miles round trip and 3500' gain or 7
miles round trip and 2600' gain. Depending on the
winter and weather, a chance for marvelous
wildflowers. And of course a new (to most of us) part of
our wonderful Southern California mountains. For
details, contact Leader: KENT SCHWITKIS
Co-Leaders: SHERRY ROSS, KAREN LEVERICH,
probably more

Apr 25 Sat Palos Verdes-South Bay
M: Strawberry Peak (6164'): Moderate 6 miles round
trip, 2600' gain via Colby Canyon. Experience and
comfort on class 3 rock required. Meet 9 AM Colby
Canyon parking area (11 miles from La Canada, 1 mile
beyond Angeles Crest/Angeles Forest junction). Bring
good boots, something with "strawberries" to share on
top. Rain cancels. Leaders: BARRY HOLCHIN, BOB
BEACH

Apr 26 Sun Hundred Peaks, Airport-Marina
I: Morris Peak (7215'), Mount Jenkins (7921'): Hike to
these two great peaks on the PCT trail from Walker
Pass - approx. 14 miles round trip, 3400' gain. Paved
roads. For details contact Leaders: PAT ARREDONDO,
VIRGIL POPESCU, PATRICK VAUGHN

Apr 28 Tue Hundred Peaks

I: Granite Peaks (7527'): A moderately strenuous cross country hike on steep and loose ground with some rock scrambling for 5 miles round trip with 1200' gain to a peak east of Big Bear Lake. Suitable only for experienced and conditioned hikers. High clearance 4WD advised. Moderate pace. Contact Dave for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Apr 29 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: Mount Hawkins (8850'): Hopefully a newly-opened road will let us reach a favorite peak via the Windy Gap trailhead in a 7 mile round trip, 2000' gain route. Meet La Canada rideshare 9 AM with lunch, water, suitable clothing and good footwear. Rain cancels. Leaders: ROSEMARY CAMPBELL, MARY PATTERSON

May 2 Sat Hundred Peaks

O/I: Mt. Deception (5796'), Occidental Peak (5732'), Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup: Easy peaks in Angeles National Forest and easy cleanup of our section of Route 2. Deception is 4.5 miles round trip, 1100' gain and Occidental is 2 miles round trip, 200' gain. Do one or both peaks. Option to add Mt. Wilson Skyline Park. Refreshments provided by the HPS, after we give a little back to the mountains. Start celebrating Cinco de Mayo early! Meet 8 AM La Canada rideshare point. Bring water, lugsoles. Rain cancels. Leader: JIM FLEMING Assistants: WINNETTE BUTLER, KAREN LEVERICH

May 2 Sat WTC, LTC

I: Nav 'till it Hertz: Intermediate level Navigation Clinic, Malibu Creek State Park. 5 miles, 300' gain. Spend most of day with Navigation Instructors sharpening your skills with map & compass. Not a checkout - but you'll be prepared. Send email (or sase) for required materials to Leader: MARC "ROADKILL" HERTZ Co-Leaders: ROBERT MYERS, ADRIENNE BENEDICT, JANE SIMPSON

May 2-3 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks, WTC

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, two-day total 33 miles, 8600' gain, following roads and often overgrown trails. This trip satisfies WTC experience trip requirements. Email leader with recent conditioning and experience, city, and phone. Leader: TED LUBESHKOFF Co-Leader: WAYNE VOLLAIRE

May 3 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Bare Mountain (6388'), Winston Peak (7502'), Winston Ridge (7003'): Moderately paced hike of 11 miles round trip, 3300' gain for all three peaks on firebreak and trail. Some dirt road driving. Bring 3 quarts water, lunch. Rain cancels. For details contact Leaders: PAT ARREDONDO, VIRGIL POPESCU

May 3 Sun Angeles Chapter

Angeles Chapter Annual Awards Banquet: Save the date! Come to honor and celebrate the achievements of your leaders and colleagues. Banquet to be held at the Brookside Country Club in Pasadena. Email SILVIA DARIE for details, or CATHY KISSINGER for ticket reservations.

May 5 Wed Hundred Peaks

I: Morris Peak (7215'): Join us for a lovely day hike in the Owens Peak Wilderness area near Lake Isabella. This hike is 9 miles round trip, 2000' gain, estimate 4-5 hours of hiking. Other routes possible. For details, contact Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

May 6 Thu Hundred Peaks

Rescheduled from January 29

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

May 9 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Tecuya Mountain (7160'+), Antimony Peak (6848'): Two peaks in southern Kern County near Frazier Park. Separate hikes, dirt road driving to reach trailheads. Tecuya is 1.5 miles round trip, 500' gain on sometimes steep dirt road. Antimony is 5 miles round trip, 1600' gain (700' of which is on the return) on dirt road and steep bulldozer track. Meet 7:30 AM Sylmar rideshare point, or 8 AM east of the gas pumps at Flying J truck stop, Frazier Park exit from I-5 about half an hour north of Santa Clarita. Leaders: KAREN LEVERICH, LILLY FUKUI, CHRIS SPISAK, SUZY HERMANN

May 9 Sat Hundred Peaks, Airport-Marina

O: South Mount Hawkins (7783'): Moderately paced 14 miles, 3800' gain, from Islip Saddle. Enjoyable spring 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: PATRICK VAUGHN Co-Leader: BRUCE CRAIG

May 9 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: White Mountain #2 (6250'): A challenging hike at an easy pace, 14 miles round trip, 4600' gain (2200' out and 2400' on return). Hike will be on road, trail and cross-country. This hike is single-purposed: Forget about adding Cobblestone Mountain or any other nearby peaks - this will not happen. Bring water, lunch, snacks, layers, lugsoles and sunblock. Heavy rain cancels. Contact Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-Leader: MARLEN MERTZ

May 9-10 Sat-Sun LTC, WTC, DPS, Desert Committee

I: Places We've Saved Navigation Noodle in Mojave National Preserve: Join us for our seventh annual journey through this jewel of the Mojave; preserved under the California Desert Protection Act, as a result of the efforts of Sierra Club activists and others. A basic to intermediate cross-country navigation day-hike workshop will be conducted out of the Mid Hills campground in the pinyon and juniper forests at 5500'. Potluck and social on Saturday, and for those arriving early on Friday. Limited to 14 participants. Send email/sase to Leader: HARRY FREIMANIS Assistant: VIRGIL SHIELDS

May 10 Sun Hundred Peaks, Airport-Marina

O: Iron Mountain #1 (8007'): Very strenuous hike in San Gabriel Mtns involves 14 mi rt, 7000' of gain over steep, rough trail. Not suitable for beginners. Bring water, lunch, lug sole boots. Excessive heat cancels. Email or call leader for meeting time, place. Leader: JOE YOUNG Assistant: LAURA JOSEPH

May 13 Wed Lower Peaks

Rescheduled from February 17

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

May 16 Sat Wilderness Adventures, HPS,

O: Winston Peak (7502'), Winston Ridge (7003'): 5 miles round trip, 1000' gain shady loop with some very steep downhill sections. Beginning and ending at Cloudburst Summit. Meet 8:30 AM La Canada rideshare point with water, lunch, good footwear, suitable clothing layers. Rain cancels. Leaders: ROSEMARY CAMPBELL, TERRY GINSBERG

May 17 Sun Hundred Peaks

O: Sunset Peak (5796'): List finish celebration and a nice hike to go along with it. We will do an easy 7 miles round trip, 1300' gain, hike at moderate pace and party at the summit. Please bring: water, lunch, jacket & hat. Contact the leader for meeting information. Leader: PAUL GARRY Assistants: GEORGE WYSUP, EDD RUSKOWITZ, GARY SCHENK

May 19-20 Tue-Wed Lower Peaks, HPS

O: El Montanon (1808'): Join us on a great hike on Santa Cruz Island. We will take the ferry out of Ventura Harbor to the island. We will hike the peak on the first day. Totals are 4.5 miles one way, 1800' gain. We will spend the night at the campground. Next day we will spend the day doing whatever catches our fancy and then take the late afternoon ferry back. With luck, we may see some whales. Water is available on the island. Contact leaders by phone, email, or SASE one week prior to hike. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, JOHN RADALJ, DAVE CANNON

May 20 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks

O: Strawberry Peak (6164'): 6 miles round trip, 1600' gain. Redbox to Saddle 2.25 miles, 1000' gain to peak. Meet 9 AM La Canada rideshare. Bring water, lunch, good hiking footwear. Leaders: DAN LUKE, MARY PATTERSON

May 23 Sat LTC, WTC, Hundred Peaks

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 sase, phones, \$25 deposit (Sierra Club, refunded at trailhead) to Leader: DIANE DUNBAR Co-Leader: RICHARD BOARDMAN

May 24 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Liebre Mtn (5750'): 7 miles round trip, 1850' gain on PCT with wonderful views of Antelope Valley. If there is interest and enough high clearance vehicles, may add nearby Burnt and Sawtooth. For details, contact Leader: KAREN LEVERICH Co-Leaders: SUZY HERMANN, LILLY FUKUI, CHRIS SPISAK

May 26 Tue Hundred Peaks

I: Fox Mountain #1 (5167'): A moderately strenuous cross country hike on steep and loose ground for 5 miles round trip with 2000' gain to a peak west of Maricopa. Suitable only for experienced and conditioned hikers. High clearance 4WD advised. Moderate pace. Contact Dave for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

May 27 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Twin Peaks (7761'): 11 miles round trip, 3200' gain (2000' plus 1200' on return). Strenuous hike at slow to moderate pace from Buckhorn. Meet 8 AM La Canada rideshare with water, lunch, appropriate footwear.
Leaders: DORIS DUVAL, DON SIMINSKI

May 30 Sat Hundred Peaks, Airport-Marina
I: Will Thrall Peak (7845'), Pleasant View Ridge (7983'): Moderately paced 13.5 mile, 3600' gain hike in the northern San Gabriel Mtns. Starting at Buckhorn camp ground we will take the Burkhart Trail to Burkhart Saddle and then hike off-trail to the peaks. Great desert views. Contact Leader for meeting time and location. Bring water, lunch, boots, 10 essentials. Leader: PATRICK VAUGHN Co-Leaders: PAT ARREDONDO, JENNIFER WASHINGTON

May 30 Sat Hundred Peaks
I/M: Antsell Rock (7679'), Apache Peak (7567'), Spittler Peak (7440'): Rescheduled to June 13.

May 30 Sat Hundred Peaks, WTC
O: Baldylocks and the Three Ts: Our sixth annual - for Big Bad Wolves only! You know the story: Baldylocks heads out from her Mount Baldy Village home at the strike of dawn and hikes up 6000' in 6 miles to the top of Mount Baldy (10,064') where, gazing eastward, she spies Mama T, Papa T and Baby T, aka the Three Ts. "A T party!" she exclaims, then scrambles over Devil's Backbone, past the ski lift and up Thunder Mountain (8587'), Telegraph Peak (8985') and Timber Mountain (8303') before descending Icehouse Canyon to Grandma's house and a waiting car shuttle. "Only 20 miles and 8000' gain - this hike was ju-u-u-u-st right!" Long, strenuous and paced to complete pre-dark. But if you think this hike is just right, too, email your conditioning, experience and contact info to Leader: EDD RUSKOWITZ Assistant: MELISSA KANE

Jun 3 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Throop Peak (9138'), Mount Burnham (8997') from Dawson Saddle: Hopefully the road will be open to hike 9 miles round trip, 1900' gain and enjoy these peaks once again. Meet 9 AM La Canada rideshare with water, lunch, good footwear, suitable clothing layers.
Leaders: ROSEMARY CAMPBELL, TERRY BEYER

Jun 6 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Twin Peaks (7761'): 14 miles round trip, 2400' gain on trail and steep use trail to one of the beautiful forested peaks of the San Gabriel Mountains. Slow to moderate pace. Meet 8 AM La Canada rideshare point with water, snack, sturdy shoes. Rain cancels. Leaders: KAREN & WOLF LEVERICH, LILLY FUKUI, CHRIS SPISAK

Jun 6 Sat Hundred Peaks, Airport-Marina
Rescheduled from October 4
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: PATRICK VAUGHN Co-Leader: BRUCE CRAIG

Jun 6 Sat WTC, Hundred Peaks, LTC
I: Heart Bar Peak (8332'): Practice navigation for Sunday's checkoff on this 7 mile round trip, 1400' gain hike. We will take a cross-country route to Heart Bar Peak and practice micro-navigation skills along the way. Send email (preferred) or sase, with contact info & recent conditioning to Leader: ROBERT MYERS Co-Leaders: JANE SIMPSON, ADRIENNE BENEDICT

Jun 6 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: Asbestos Mtn (5265'), Santa Rosa Mtn (8070'), Toro Peak (8316'), Lookout Mtn (5590'): Join us for this challenging day in the Santa Rosa Mountains. First and last peaks are walk-ups totaling 7 miles, 2500' gain. The middle two peaks are drive ups totaling 30 miles, round trip, of dirt road driving. High clearance 4WD vehicles are most welcome. Email leader for info. Leader: TED LUBESHKOFF Co-Leader: PAT ARREDONDO

Jun 7 Sun Hundred Peaks, Airport-Marina
O: Liebre Mountain (5760'): This year's "first Sunday in June hike with Stag" is a moderate hike in Angeles National Forest which follows Pacific Crest Trail through beautiful forested terrain. Enjoy late Spring flowers. Hike involves 1900' gain, 7 miles round trip. Suitable for beginners in good shape. Bring water, lunch, sturdy boots. Meet 8 AM Sylmar rideshare point. Leader: JOE YOUNG Assistant: STAG BROWN

Jun 7 Sun LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS
I: Grinnell Ridge Navigation: Navigation Noodle in San Bernardino National Forest for either checkout or practice to satisfy Basic (I/M) or Advanced (E) level navigation requirements. Send email/sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to Leader: ROBERT MYERS Assistant: HARRY FREIMANIS

Jun 10 Wed Hundred Peaks
I: Cannel Point (8314'): Canceled, replaced by Lightner and Bald Eagle (see below).

Jun 10 Wed Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Lightner Peak (6430'), Bald Eagle Peak (6181'): Join us for a day of hiking in the Lake Isabella area. Lightner is 4 miles round trip on trail and cross country, 1600' gain. Bald Eagle is 1½ miles round trip also on trail and cross country. Some dirt road driving. Contact leaders 2-3 days before hike for details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Jun 10 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Islip Peak (8250') from Breezy Islip Saddle: Always a good hike of 6 miles round trip with 1300' gain. Meet 9 AM La Canada rideshare with water, lunch, good footwear. Leaders: BETH MIKA, BRUCE CRAIG

Jun 13 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Throop Peak (9138'), Mt Burnham (8997'): 6 miles round trip, 2400' gain from Dawson Saddle through high elevation pine forest. If there's interest once the group returns to the cars, optional visit to Mt Lewis (8396') on the other side of the highway: it's only 1 mile round trip, but 500' gain means it's steep! Meet 8 AM La Canada rideshare point with water, food, layers, sturdy shoes. Leaders: KAREN LEVERICH, LILLY FUKUI, CHRIS SPISAK

Jun 13 Sat Hundred Peaks, Airport-Marina
O: Mt Baden-Powell (9399'): We hike from Vincent Gap west of Wrightwood, on good trail to the top of Baden-Powell. Moderate, 8 miles round trip, 2800' gain. Paved road driving. Contact Leader: PATRICK VAUGHN Co-Leader: BRUCE CRAIG

Jun 13 Sat Hundred Peaks
Reschedule from May 30.
I/M: Antsell Rock (7679'), Apache Peak (7567'), Spittler Peak (7440'): Strenuous, moderately paced hike along the Desert Divide. Antsell Rock is a Class 3 climb. 12 miles one-way, 4000' gain. We will hike up through the Zen Center, attain the peaks along the PCT, and descend the Fobes Trail using a car shuttle. Participation will be limited by permit. For info, email leader with recent conditioning and experience. Leader: TED LUBESHKOFF Co-Leader: GARY SCHENK

Jun 16 Tue Hundred Peaks
O: San Bernardino Peak (10,649'), San Bernardino East Peak (10,691'): A strenuous trail hike for 15 miles round trip with 4232' gain to peaks above Redlands. Moderate pace. Contact Dave for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Jun 17 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Vetter Lookout (5908'): Car shuttle. We'll take the Silver Moccasin Trail from Shortcut Saddle to the peak

then hike to the Charlton Flats entrance. 5 miles with 1700' gain. Leaders: BROOKES TREIDLER, DAN LUKE

Jun 20 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Ontario Peak (8693'), Bighorn Peak (8441'): Ontario is 12 miles round trip, 3700' gain. A visit to Bighorn on the return adds a few hundred feet of gain and little additional distance, if there's interest. Space limited by permit. For details, contact Leader: KAREN LEVERICH Co-Leaders: LILLY FUKUI, CHRIS SPISAK

Jun 23-24 Tue-Wed Lower Peaks, HPS
O: Silver Peak (1804'): Join us on a great hike on Catalina Island. We will take the ferry from San Pedro to either Avalon or Two Harbors. Those going to Avalon will take the shuttle to the airport, then hike down to Two Harbors Campground, about 8 miles downhill. Those going to Two Harbors will meet us at the campground. On Friday, all of us will get an early start for Silver. We will do Silver and there are several options for the return to Two Harbors depending on time and hikers energy. 6 miles one way, 2300' gain/500' loss. For details, contact leaders by phone or email one week prior to hike. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, JOHN RADALJ, DAVE CANNON

Jun 24 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Bighorn Peak (8441'): 11 miles round trip 3400' gain. Strenuous hike at slow to moderate pace via Icehouse Saddle and Kelly's Camp. Meet 8 AM at Public Parking lot (intersection of Mills Av and Badly Rd in Claremont) with water, lunch, good footwear. Appropriate clothing. Leaders: DORIS DUVAL, GARY BICKEL

Jun 27 Sat Hundred Peaks, Airport-Marina
O: Mount Hillyer (6200'+), Bare Mountain (6388'): Hike two easy peaks totaling 6.5 miles round trip, 2100' gain. We will first hike Hillyer which is only 1.5 miles round trip and 300' of gain and then hike Bare via route 2 up a fire break to the summit. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles, suitable clothing. Email Pat for information. Rain cancels. Leader: PATRICK VAUGHN Co-Leader: BRUCE CRAIG

Jun 28 Sun Hundred Peaks
I: Shield's Peak (10,680'), Anderson Peak (10,840'), San Bernardino Peak (10,649'), San Bernardino East Peak (10,691'): Very strenuous, approximately 20 miles round trip, 5000' gain hike along the beautiful San Bernardino Ridge. Permit limits group size. Send email, H&W phones, recent conditioning to Leaders: PAT ARREDONDO, VIRGIL POPESCU, WAYNE BANNISTER

Jul 1 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Mount Baden Powell (9399'): 9 miles, 2400' gain at slow to moderate pace. Car shuttle between Dawson Saddle and Vincent Gap. Meet 9 am La Canada rideshare with water, lunch, good footwear, suitable clothing. Leaders: GARY BICKEL, DAN BUTLER

Jul 10-11 Fri-Sat Hundred Peaks, PV-SB, WTC New Outing, first time published
O: Palm Springs Tram (8450'), Mt San Jacinto (10,804')
Moonlight Hike: Strenuous hike, 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 attempt to have two groups, hopefully both SJ bound, one faster, the other naturalizing along the way. Of course, any 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 email (preferable) or sase with carpool info, conditioning/experience to Leader: BARRY HOLCHIN Co-Leaders: WAYNE VOLLAIRE, KENT SCHWITKIS

Jul 11 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Third Generation List Finish on Bailey Peak: Come join Shane Smith as he finishes the List on our most recent List addition: Bailey Peak (1/4 mile rt, 160 ft gain) Meet 8 AM at McDonalds at the intersection of I-15 and Highway 138 or at the Bailey Peak Trailhead (Hiking Route 1) at 9 AM. Leaders: STEVE SMITH, KAREN LEVERICH, WOLF LEVERICH

Jul 19-Jul 24 Sun-Fri Mule Pack
O/I: Charlotte Lakes Mule Pack: Hired packers carry gear of 55 lbs per person while we hike separately with only our daypacks. Sunday morning hike 8 miles, 2600' gain from Onion Valley trailhead (9200') near Independence, over Kearsarge Pass (11,823') to scenic base camp by Charlotte Creek near Charlotte Lake at 10,370' elevation. This trip will especially suit hikers, with options from moderate to difficult including the John Muir Trail over Glen Pass, Rae Lakes, Vidette Meadow, Mt Rixford, Mt Bago and Mt Gould. Monday through Thursday hike, photo, fish, or relax in camp. Enjoy potlucks every night with wine provided. Friday hike out. \$300. Note reserve/cancel policy in Chapter Schedule. Maximum participants 10. To apply, email/phone recent high altitude and distance conditioning to Co-Leader: PAT ARREDONDO Co-Leader: LAURA JOSEPH

Jul 23 Thu Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Fox Mountain #1 (5167'): Moderate cross-country hike for 5 miles round trip with 2000' of gain to a peak

west of Maricopa. High clearance 4WD advised. Moderate pace. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Jul 25 Sat Hundred Peaks
The 16th Annual Great Waterman Mountain (8038') Rendezvous and Informal Pot Luck: HPS invites you to join us for our annual party atop Waterman Mountain. Plan on spending some time on top getting acquainted and having fun (and eating) as most hikes won't be returning to the cars until late afternoon or early evening. Be sure to bring lots of food and drink to share with other hungry hikers. Rain cancels. One outing listed below, but check next Lookout for more options.

Jul 25 Sat Hundred Peaks, Airport-Marina
New Outing, first time published
O: Waterman Mountain (8038') from Cloudburst Summit: 7 miles, 1200' gain on well-used use trail and trail. End at Three Points. Car shuttle. Meet 9 am La Canada rideshare point with ten essentials, hiking boots, 2 to 3 quarts water, goodies to share. Leader: PATRICK VAUGHN Co-Leaders: BRUCE CRAIG, WAYNE BANNISTER

Aug 2-8 Sun-Sat Mule Pack, HPS
O/I: Garnet Lake Mule Pack: Hired packers carry gear of 55 lbs per person while we hike separately with only our daypacks. Sunday morning hike from Agnew Meadows Pack Station (8335'), 7 miles, 2500' gain, to camp at Garnet Lake (9700') with beautiful views of Ritter and Banner Peaks. Monday through Friday hike, photo, fish, or relax in camp. Enjoy planned potluck happy hours every night with wine provided. Saturday hike out. \$275. Note reserve/cancel policy in Chapter Schedule. To apply, email/phone recent high altitude and distance conditioning, and health to Co-Leader: LAURA JOSEPH Co-Leaders: SANDY BURNSIDE, LES WILSON

Aug 5 Wed Hundred Peaks
O: Monte Arido (6010'), Old Man Mountain (5525'): Easy road and trail hike for 6 miles round trip with 1700' of gain to peaks northwest of Ojai. High clearance 4WD advised. Moderate pace. Permit required to drive Potrero Seco Rd. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Aug 9-15 Sun-Sat Mule Pack, HPS
O: Pine Creek Mule Pack: Sunday morning we will hike from the Pine Creek pack station, 6 miles, 2900' gain to our base camp in the Honeymoon Lake / Upper Pine Lake area. This camp is located for convenient access to outstanding hiking areas. For dayhikes, one choice is the Pine Creek trail into French Canyon and its numerous lakes: French, Moon, L, Elba Lakes & more

or continue down French Canyon to Royce Falls. Or take the Italy Pass trail to beautiful Granite Park and on to Italy Pass. Or hike to Golden Lake & Royce Lakes or into lake-filled Chalfant basin. For those inclined to peak bagging, Mt Julius Caesar, Royce Peak & Merriam Peak are available. Only five layover days to try to take it all in. Enjoy daily happy hours and a couple of potlucks. The weight limit for the mules is 50 lbs per person and the cost is \$295. To apply, contact Assistant Leader: WINNETTE BUTLER Leader: JOHN KAISER Assistant Leader: YVONNE TSAI

Aug 20 Thu Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Pleasant View Ridge (7983'): Strenuous trail and steep and loose cross-country hike for 12 miles round trip with 3000' of gain to a peak in the San Gabriel Mountains. Suitable only for experienced and conditioned hikers. Moderate pace. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Sep 2 Wed Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
O: Hildreth Peak (5065'): Strenuous road and trail hike for 14 miles round trip with 5000' of gain to a peak northwest of Ojai. High clearance 4 WD advised. Moderate pace. Permit required to drive Potrero Seco Road. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Sep 16 Wed Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
O: Mount Lewis (8396'): Easy trail hike for 1 mile round trip with 500' of gain to a peak in the San Gabriel Mountains. May be able to add other easy nearby peaks. Moderate pace. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Oct 1 Thu Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Copter Ridge (7499'): Moderate steep and loose cross-country and trail hike for 8 miles round trip with 2550' of gain to a peak in the San Gabriel Mountains. Suitable only for experienced and conditioned hikers. Moderate pace. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Oct 3-4 Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks
Fall Festival 2009: Welcome in the fall with a fun and festive weekend in the Los Padres National Forest. Join us for some outstanding peak bagging in the area. Check the HPS Website, the Lookout or the Schedule of activities for hikes scheduled. Campground to be determined. Join us for potluck on Saturday night. No charges for the campground but reservations are on a

first come, first served basis. Send sase/esase to Reservationist: DAVE COMERZAN

Oct 14 Wed Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Mount Baden-Powell (9399'), Ross Mountain (7402'): Very strenuous steep and loose cross-country and trail hike for 12 miles round trip with 4800' of gain to peaks in the San Gabriel Mountains. Suitable only for experienced and conditioned hikers. Moderate pace. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Oct 29 Thu Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
O: San Sevaive (5240'), Buck Pt (6433'): Easy trail hikes for 4 miles round trip with 1400' of gain to peaks in the San Gabriel Mountains. High clearance 4WD advised. Moderate pace. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Nov 14 Sat PV-SB, Hundred Peaks, WTC
New Outing, first time published
I: Slide (7841'), Keller (7882'), possibly Mill (6670') and Deep Creek Hot Springs (5'1 deep): 19th semi-annual Deep Creek Hot Springs hike/soak/swim with some more peaks. Moderately paced 9 mile, 2000' gain (maybe more depending on road conditions) with some dirt road 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 email (preferable) or sase, along with carpool info, cond/expert to Leader: BARRY HOLCHIN Co-Leader: WAYNE VOLLAIRE



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Turn on your headlights
between La Cañada and
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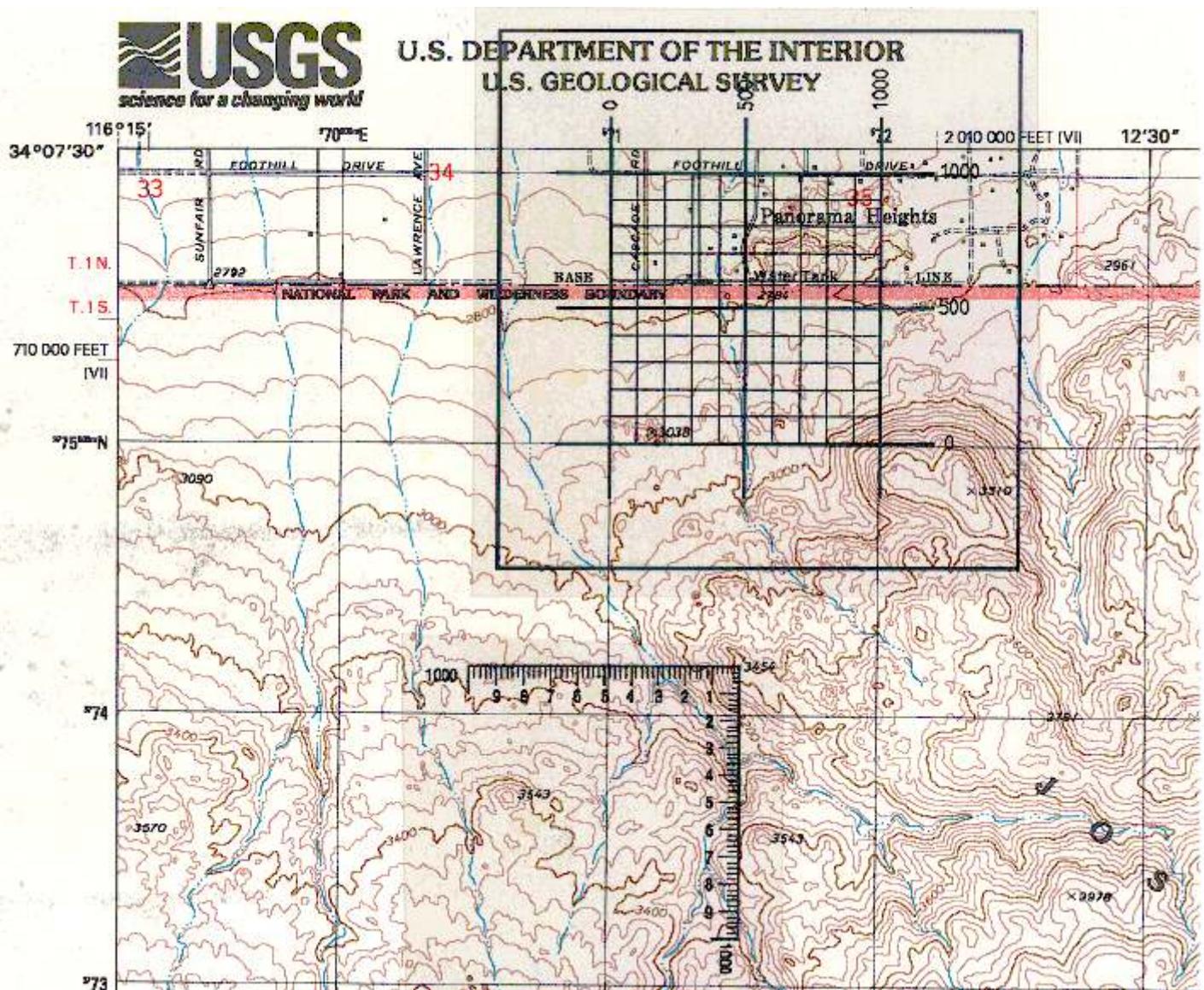
Peter Doggett holds certificates he received at the Hundred Peaks Section Annual Awards Banquet. In addition to his other accomplishments, Peter is the only person to ascend to the summits of HPS Listed peaks over 3,000 times!

THE NAVIGATION CORNER: UTM GRID OVERLAYS AND CORNER RULERS

By Bob Myers, LTC Navigation Chair

The UTM grid system helps you find the coordinate for any point on the map. USGS 7.5 minute topographic maps include UTM grid tick marks on the top, bottom, and side margins of the map. The UTM numbers along the top and bottom margins of the map are called eastings, which provide an east-west position. The UTM numbers on the left and right margins of the map are called northings, which provide a north-south position. Some maps (such as the Indian Cove Quadrangle below) are printed with a fine-lined UTM grid. If the UTM grid is not printed on the map, it can be constructed from the tick marks spaced at one kilometer intervals on the borders of the map, using a long straightedge and a fine pen. The map below is the northwest corner of the Indian Cove Quadrangle; it uses the North American Datum of 1927 and is in UTM Zone 11S.

Using a UTM Grid Overlay: To determine the UTM coordinate of a location, start by placing the overlay over the grid square in question; make sure the edges of the overlay are lined up with the grid lines. In the example above, the left margin of overlay is on ⁵71 and the bottom margin of the overlay is on ³⁷75. Plot the UTM coordinate by first counting over left to right (East) and then down to up (North). For example, the Water Tank is about 500 meters to the right of the ⁵71 mark and 600 meters to the north of the ³⁷75 mark, resulting in in coordinate of NAD 27 Zone 11S ⁵71^{500m}E ³⁷75^{600m}N. The overlay can also be used to find a known coordinate. For example, if you were given the coordinate of NAD 27 Zone 11S ⁵71^{150m}E ³⁷75^{050m}N, you would place the overlay on the appropriate grid. Reading right and up would identify Peak 3038.



Using a UTM Corner Ruler: To find the UTM coordinate of Peak 3454, the corner ruler is placed on the target location as indicated. The horizontal scale measures the easting; it is found by where the scale intersects the easting gridline. The vertical scale measures the northing; it is found where the scale intersects the northing gridline. The UTM Corner Ruler has 20 meter increments and can produce accuracy to within 10-20 meters. Peak 3454 is 480 meters east of easting ⁵71 and 180 meters north of northing ³⁷74 resulting in coordinate of NAD 27 Zone 11S ⁵71^{480m}E ³⁷74^{180m}N. To find a known coordinate, you move the ruler until the scales intersect the gridlines at the given coordinate.

How to Get a UTM Grid Overlay and Corner Ruler

If you would like a UTM Grid Overlay and Corner Ruler, send me an email with your mailing address. I will mail you one at no charge.

Advance Preview of New LRB Navigation Chapter

The 17th edition of the Leader's Reference Book will be released this year. The navigation chapter has been substantially revised. A copy of the new navigation chapter can be downloaded at the following link:
<http://www.sendspace.com/file/793f3b>

Upcoming Navigation Events

A great place to learn new navigation skills is at our next Navigation Noodle on April 18 and 19, 2009 at Indian Cove. Saturday is spent with instruction and field practice. Sunday is for checkoff for those who are ready and an additional practice day for others. We will be car camping starting on Friday afternoon. Contact me for more information about this enjoyable weekend in Joshua Tree National Park.

I welcome your navigation questions. Contact me at rmmyers@ix.netcom.com.

The Pontiff of Hiking MEET YOUR LEADERS

By Chris Spisak and Lilly Fukui

Photos by Lilly Fukui

VIRGIL POPESCU has accomplished a lot in his hiking and climbing career. He is currently Chair of the Sierra Peaks Section and is working on his Sierra Peaks Emblem and DPS List finish. He has been worldwide in his quest for new accomplishments and along the way he has climbed:

Mount Elbrus - Russia (18,510')
Mount Kilimanjaro - Tanzania (19,330')
Jbel Toubkal - Morocco (12,320')
Chimborazo - Ecuador (15,554')
Iztacc huatl - Mexico (17,158')

Virgil feels that the Kilimanjaro trip was a good accomplishment as he organized and led a group of 12 which included 11 HPS members – all to a successful summit.

Virgil says that his attempt at climbing Aconcagua (Argentina 22,841') was almost successful, however, the group had to turn back due to very cold weather and strong, high winds. Pico de Orizaba (Mexico 18,490') was also attempted but the peak was not reached due to hazardous conditions. He has also climbed Mt. Hood in the winter and Mount Rainier with a group which included George Wysup. Virgil is thinking about possibly climbing Puncak Jaya or Mount Carstensz/Carstensz Pyramid (Indonesia 16,024'), in the near future.

Virgil has completed the HPS List twice and led it

once. He is a well-known leader who has helped many accomplish their goal of completing the List. He has achieved the 200 peaks Pathfinder Emblem and has earned The R.S. Fink Service Award in 2002 and the John Backus Leadership Award in 2005.



Virgil has not always been spending his time in the mountains. He was born in Romania, at sea level, near the Danube River and the Black Sea. His father was an Eastern Orthodox priest and his mother was a teacher. He decided to be an engineer and, when he attended a petroleum college in a town near the base of the Carpathian Mountains, his hiking career began. He joined a University of Bucharest Climbing Team Club and his climbing skills increased from 1st to 5th class climbs. He later worked as a field engineer at the Hydraulic Institute of Bucharest. Fully half of his time was spent in the mountains, living in a large cabin. For his vacations he traveled to and hiked in Czechoslovakia, Poland, and Bulgaria.

Virgil met his wife, Lucia, a biologist, while in college. She, too, enjoyed hiking and was an excellent climber, so they explored the nearby mountains together. His alpine

training, much like our "M" Leader rating, included navigating, backpacking, and rappelling. His climbing skills were tested and he advanced to climbs that were the equivalent of a 5.10 rating. One of his climbs included a winter ice climb with two others, to the top of a peak where there was a Voice of America jamming station. The armed guard with his large dog made them climb back down the face they had labored to climb, rather than take the trail down. His journeys also included a winter ridge traverse of the Transylvanian Alps. Some of his climbing friends were in time killed in an avalanche.

Virgil and his wife fled to Greece in order to emigrate to the United States in 1982 but their children had to remain behind in Romania for a while. Virgil already had his M.S. and Ph.D. but since they were not recognized in the U.S. at that time, he acquired more college studies and received his Professional Civil Engineering License in 1990.

In 1988, while riding on a bus, he discovered a Sierra Club Schedule which someone had left behind, and was soon hiking with the HPS! His first hike was with Charlie Knapke. Since he did not have a car, he got

a ride to the La Cañada rideshare point but after the hikes he had to walk all the way back to his home in Tujunga.

His work involved working on bridges and dams and required many weekend hours, so his hiking time was scarce. He was, however, determined to finish the list and finally did so in 1999. A second List Finish was accomplished in 2006. In 2007 he finished Leading the List. Frank Goodykoontz had trained and encouraged him and also had been his "O Provisional" check-off leader. Carlton Shay encouraged him to become an "I" leader. Virgil later got his "M" leader rating. At present he is still working on leading the DPS, SPS, and HPS lists. He also wants to do peaks in other parts of the United States.

Virgil celebrated his 50 years of hiking in 2003 on El Misti (also known as Guagua-Putina) a stratovolcano in Peru, at over 19,000 feet. At age 70, he says he does not feel his age, is in good health, and will continue to hike and climb many more peaks. We expect a lot more exciting and enviable accomplishments from this well-rounded hiker/climber/leader.



Virgil Popescu, left, chats with Chris Spisak, who interviewed Virgil for this article. Virgil is the twelfth person to lead the Hundred Peaks Section List. Virgil chaired the Hundred Peaks Section in 2001. He received the John Backus Leadership Award in 2005 and the R. S. Fink Service Award in 2002.

Celebrating the Life of a Great Mountaineer and Friend Cuno Ranschau, March 16, 1930-January 21, 2009

By Mary MacMannes

It is with great sadness that I announce the passing of my good friend and mountain mentor, Cuno H. Ranschau, known to all as an incredibly strong and bold climber plus an amazing punster and joke-teller. When Cuno laughed in the mountains, his booming laugh bounced from peak to peak ringing throughout the wilderness. When Cuno laughed in restaurants, people ran out! One of his favorite corny jokes was: What is the favorite salad of newly weds? Answer: Lettuce alone without dressing. Once he said he almost ran over a rabbit, but he missed it by a hare. My favorite line which we girls borrowed from him and Zsa Zsa; "I never hated a man enough to give back his jewelry (or diamonds)."



Cuno and Carol Ranschau

But Cuno was known in the Golden Age of Climbing as being the fastest and strongest climber in the Sierras for nearly two decades, the 1970s and 1980s. He never met a peak he didn't like, and many he climbed over and over again. His true claim to fame was when he orchestrated finishing all three Lists, HPS, DPS, and SPS, on the same day by saving three last peaks which were relatively close to one another. Doug Mantle, Don Sparks, and Cuno camped below Corcoran (Sierra peak near Mt. Whitney) right before midnight. At exactly midnight, Cuno bagged the peak, and the three hiked out (with the light of the full moon) and drove like crazy over to the Inyos to climb New York Butte, (DPS peak). After conquering the Butte for a double List Finisher, it was the mad dash and drive down Highway 395 to climb the last peak, Red Mountain; and Cuno had done what seemed to be the impossible. He was a triple List Finisher before the dawn of a new day. Only one other person has accomplished this feat, and that's Tina Bowman. Not only did Cuno climb extensively here in the U.S., but he did ascents in Mexico, South America, and Europe. He was an E-rated leader leading peak climbs in all sections and taught in B.M.T.C. (the earlier parent of WTC) for several years, plus being editor of the Sierra Peaks Section newsletter, the Echo. He liked

that venue, because he could publish more corny jokes.

There are several Cuno stories which we all have, but one took place at the base of Mt. Williamson (up George Creek) where Maris Valkass and I had spent a death defying day trying to bag Williamson in the snow, the ice, the wind storms. We barely made it back to camp where Cuno was eating his top ramen and tuna. When we bragged that we had made it, he looked up and said, "You only got one peak?" And we all had a good laugh. Of course, this was the fellow who had Sierra days of bagging four and five peaks!

If we were lucky, he'd recite his famous Rindercella which was the story of Cinderella where every two words had the letters transposed. The handsome prince would be the pransome hince and the final admonition to not drop your slipper when running down the stairs was: "when stunning down the rairs, don't slop your dripper." Cuno recited this lengthy story without a hitch hundreds of times and some of us are happy we have tapes of his performance.

When Cuno's knees gave out (probably from running the Griffith Park trails with his ten pound boots) or pacing back and forth like a panther before each climb; he simply changed gears and joined Senior Softball where he was the power hitter for the next decade. The L.A. Times described him at 71 years old, "as running the bases like a wolf pursuing a lamb chop." Various surgeries and a pacemaker didn't stop this powerhouse named Cuno.

Our dear dear friend Cuno was the wildest, the boldest, the tenderest, the funniest mountain man we ever knew and such a loyal friend. He didn't simply pass through, but roared through life with all engines at full throttle. Even before people used the word AWESOME, it was Cuno's favorite expression as all of life was simply and utterly awesome! His was a passionate love affair with Nature and especially the high Sierras. He liked nothing better than on his birthday to



Cuno Ranschau, standing right, with hiking companions Delores Holladay, Roy Ward, and Alice Hawkins Notestine

linger with fellow climbers over dinner and recount every detail of those perfect Sierra days.

A favorite poem was found in his jewelry box written by a 19 year old fatality of World War I (John G. Magee). These could have been Cuno's words.

"Oh, I have danced the skies on
laughter-silvered wings Sunward, I've climbed and
joined the tumbling mirth of sun-split clouds and
done a hundred things you have not dreamed of.

I've chased the shouting wind and climbed
through footless halls of air--

I've topped the windswept heights with easy
grace where never lark or eagle flew.

And while with silent, lifting mind, I've trod...

High enough, high enough--I've put out my hand
and touched the face of God."

The world was a merrier and more ecstatic place when Cuno was present. He is survived by his wife, Carol Ranschau, and several relatives. Cuno will be especially missed by his crew, Dougie, Sparkie, Gregie, Mary, and Bartelli plus all the fortunate people who climbed and partied at the campfires and potlucks with him. Please send stories and condolences to Mary McMannes at marymuir@earthlink.net or write Mary for Carol's snail mail address. All messages will be shared with Carol and family.

The Legend of the Red Baron

Sobering, Instructive and Humorous HPS history

By Marlen Mertz,

Including excerpts of a speech by Les Stockton

Many of you know Laura Stockton. She is our hiking friend who comes, goes, and then comes again. She joined us at the HPS banquet this January and was honored for achieving her 100th Peak emblem on the Big Rabbit!! (See Laura's report in this issue of the Lookout). If you have ever hiked with Laura, she will most probably remember YOU and greet you with a big smile and effusive and friendly greeting.

Laura lived with us in Southern California for several years while caring for her elderly mother. Upon her mom's passing, Laura returned to her home in Vancouver, Oregon. There Laura has served as a long-time member of the local Mountain Rescue Team and is now a hiking leader for the Mazamas Hiking Club.

Not from Laura (who has been modestly quiet about her parent's past), but from the LA Times, I learned that Laura's parents played an important and impressive role in LA's fitness and sports history. When I hiked the Big Rabbit the first time, I learned (also not from Laura) that her dad played a notable role in HPS and DPS history. Les Stockton was, in fact, the "famous" Red Baron. So what are the stories behind mom and dad?

All of you HPS woman hikers, who are proud of your bulging and muscular thighs and calves, will enjoy learning this! Laura's mom was the first person to successfully sell the idea of women's weight and strength training. She was a pioneer female weightlifter and a women's gym owner. Her message was that lifting weights and exercise, in general, was good and healthy

for women and that it would make you a better athlete. This was a new concept. People used to say that if women worked out, it would detract from their femininity and could impact their ability to conceive.

Laura's mother defied this popular belief. She was called "the First Lady of Iron," "America's Barbelle" and "the Queen of Muscle Beach." She was affectionately called Pudgy Stockton. Abbye "Pudgy" Stockton helped put Santa Monica's Muscle Beach on the map in the 1930s and '40s. In 1944, Stockton began writing a regular column on women's training, in Strength and Health magazine, then the most influential fitness magazine in the world

Pudgy and her husband Les Stockton, developed routines that attracted thousands of spectators to Muscle Beach. The 5-foot-1, 110-pound Pudgy could lift her 185-pound Les over her head with one hand. She could hold up a dumbbell while Les sat on her shoulders, or balance him over her head in a handstand. She could stand on his palms and lift a 100-pound barbell over her head.

In later years, Les Stockton transferred his athletic abilities to Sierra Club activities. Les served as Chair for both the HPS and DPS sections. He was the recipient of section and chapter leadership awards. Les completed the HPS list, and received DPS and SPS emblems. He climbed extensively in both areas. Les served on the Angeles Chapter Executive Committee for six years and reached the Vice-Chairman level.

In 1988, Les Stockton gave a presentation to the DPS Section recounting the tale, which led to his nickname "The Red Baron". At the HPS banquet, Laura shared his talk with me. Here is the story her dad recounted.

Les Stockton worked on Sundays so often did his hiking on Fridays and Saturdays. On one particular weekend, he planned a solo hike of the Big Rabbit from Clarke Lake. Les began his outing at 2:30 pm with a direct climb in order to cut about 4-6 miles off the trek. As the sun set, he began to tire of the cactus attacks he was enduring, and decided to settle down for the evening. He found a depressed area of land that would protect him from the wind and, while taking a compass reading to his car, he also noted that he had climbed about 2,000 ft.

At 3 am, he awoke with the usual business to attend to. After taking care of that, he decided to climb up to the ridge to take a look in the direction of the next day's hike. He didn't want to waste time in the morning figuring out the route. Les was attractively attired in only T-shirt and hiking boots and carried a hiking ice ax (?) and no flashlight. It was a moonless night and he could not see Villager from the first ridge. So feeling restless, he climbed several more until he could finally view the high point and mentally mark the direction and path he would soon be traveling.

Les then turned to return to his pack and walked...and walked...and searched... but to no avail. After a frustrating half hour, he decided to rest on a "comfortable" rock until the first light of day. And now, in Les Stockton's own words...

I knew I was camped in a "saucered" area and I would have to literally step on my campsite before I would see it. I tried to remember if I had gone over thee

ridges or four or two. I made circles checking out each landmark so I wouldn't be going over the same territory twice. It was a hot, dry day. I had consumed no water since 7 pm the night before. As the search, the morning and my frustration progressed, the day got hotter. I would sit in the shade of a large rock to rest, fall asleep, curse myself for leaving my pack and then cut up some barrel cactus that only tasted like damp balsa wood. I probably covered the terrain repeatedly because I couldn't accept the idea that the pack wasn't where I thought it should be. The search covered larger areas. I probably drifted completely away and the day was progressing – no pack, or Rabbit Peak climbing today! **I was in a survival situation!**

Everything I needed was in the car –juices, water, clothes, sunburn lotion – and the campground, which was civilization, was about three miles away on the floor of the desert – not impossible. I had covered the area repeatedly, and it looked like I should consider my options, knowing I was dehydrating from almost frantic, continued, frenzied activity between resting and berating myself. I knew I had better descend and find the car before it got dark, or walk to the campground. Between sunburn in new places, the minor (and major) cactus encounters, my skin was talking to me and my thirst was screaming.

I could now feel my strength leaving me, something that had never failed me in any physical endeavor. This was most upsetting. I would walk for 100 yards and then I would have to rest – ocotillo cactus doesn't give much shade. I recognized the combination of heat and dehydration. Is this the way people die 50 feet from a water hole? Anyway, I was off the mountain and unsteadily, in 100-yard moves, walking toward the dirt road I knew I had to intersect.

As I was lying on the sand resting, I heard a pistol shot coming from the area to my right. Then I heard another shot and stood up, frantically waving my t-shirt and hollering, "HELP" as loudly as I could. After much of this, I heard, "I see you, it's OK" All that effort was too much. Now I was as close as could be to passing out. I didn't feel the hot sand on my sunburned lower body. But I was lucky once more in my life.

My benefactor came wheeling over on one of those small big-wheeled sand bikes and passed me a canteen of water ---hot, hot water, but good!! His two companions arrived soon after – one of them was semi-drunk. The drunken one wanted to know where my clothes were. I told him, "up on the mountain!" "Why are they up on the mountain?" he responded. I reported "That's where I left them". He asked, "Why did you leave them?" How did they get up there?"

This questioning was going on while we were traveling to my Volkswagen, which they had seen, and I

was packing double with the drunken one because he had the only sand buggie big enough so two could ride. We fell down a couple of times but I was being helped and it still felt good. But this was a very new experience for me whose strength had always helped me out of many emergencies and who was used to assisting others, not being helped myself. In MY mind, if someone needed help, it was because he had done something STUPID. That fit me now. It seemed to take a long time to reach my car. I have never seen any work of art as beautiful as that black VW, when we arrived.

I don't know what those three did for a living, but in no time they had the door open with no damage. I pulled on some clothes, drank the juices, and ate some gorp. One of them slid underneath the car, hot-wired something, and the motor started when I turned on the lights! I wasn't interested at the time, but it intrigued me later. I remembered that Jake, the drunken one, stayed with the bikes and the other two went with me, in case we got stuck in the sand or the car stopped. They took me to their campsite. The women put me to bed in the camper and fed me hot soup when I was pleading for cold liquid!

When I returned to the land of normal living, Jake and his buddies were back. They didn't think I should drive home, or look for my pack the next day. I convinced them I was all right. They started my car and told me not to turn off the lights! Later I had a little trouble getting gas with the motor running. Then the motor died as I left the freeway in Santa Monica. I had to walk another two miles. However, it was to HOME this time!

Of the three men, Jake is the only name I retained. The reason they were all in the desert was because

inebriated Jake had taken a motor bike out into the desert alone. When he didn't return, the others followed his tracks and found him sleeping. They gave him coffee and started some pistol practice waiting for him to recuperate. That is when I heard the pistol shots. So...if some joker hadn't, in his inebriated state, ridden out into the desert and another one had not had a pistol, you wouldn't have to listen to this agonizing talk tonight!

When I returned home that night, I found the pistol lying on the floor of the back seat. Now the three men knew my name and where I lived but I didn't know their names. I waited for a phone call that never came. Probably, it didn't matter. Anybody who could open a car and get it running in two minutes, with just his bare hands, may have more than one gun! So...if you ever hear of a anyone telling a story about finding some naked guy in the desert with only his mountaineering boots and ice ax in the summer of 1965...you should believe him and tell him YOU KNOW WHERE HIS GUN IS!

The rest of the story is anti-climatic. That week, at a Sierra Club meeting, I was seeking a recruit for my



Les Stockton on the summit of Rabbit Peak

return search. I lucked out again. (You only have 100 lucks in your entire life and I had already used TWO on this mountain). Lucky for me, John Wedberg was there. He said just hunting for it probably wouldn't work. "We'll fly over and locate it" said Wedberg. So the next Sunday, we circled the area and looked and looked, but NO LUCK! We were about to leave, when we spotted a speck of RED! It was my backpack! We flew so low I thought John was going to land. I pinpointed the landmarks, designated the starting place from the desert floor, drew a map, and the following Saturday, found my red pack, with pinpoint accuracy exactly where I had left it. Windblown and animal littered, but there!



The Red Baron at Red Box!

Thus the RED BARON was born! "Henceforth, I always wore red. I would not buy anything unless it was red -- canteen, stove, pack, and sleeping bag! If anything ever happened to me, I wanted to be found EASILY!"

So now we can understand why Laura Stockton chose the Big Rabbit as her 100th Peak. To honor her dad and his memory, Laura carried his story and picture up to the summit. Laura climbed seven peaks in three days, in order to be recognized for her 100th in time for the HPS banquet. Preceding her 16 hour day trek up Villager and Rabbit, she hiked Sheep and Martinez, Lookout, Rock Point and Asbestos. She most certainly is a chip off the old block(s)!!!

Finally, the lessons to be learned from Les Stockton's story are don't wander aimlessly, keep track of where you are and always **CARRY YOUR TEN ESSENTIALS!** For any newbies out there, if you don't have map and compass skills and are not sure what the ten essentials are, (here's my WTC PR person's plug) sign up for the 2010 Wilderness Travel Course. Enrollment will open Dec of 2009. (Sierra Club volunteer jobs never seem to end!)

100 HPS Peaks – Finally Completed on The Big Bunny (Rabbit Peak #2)

By Laura Stockton

I started working on the HPS list a little over 4 years ago. I have been quite fortunate, during this time, to climb repeatedly with a number of fabulous HPS leaders: Ray Riley, Don Croley, George Wysup, Tom Hill, Pat Arredondo, Laura Joseph, Peter and Ignacia

Doggett, Bill Simpson, Wayne Vollaire, Marlen Mertz, Pamela Rowe, and most recently, Ted Lubeskoff, just to name a few. I thank them all for every hike we shared and everything I learned from them.

But my climbing career started long before. My father was Les Stockton, known as the "Red Baron," in Sierra Club climbing circles. He was a legendary Sierra Club leader and BMTC lecturer from the mid-1960's through the 1980's. Even my Mother completed the HPS 100 Peak Emblem in the 1970's. My first significant peak was Mt. Elbert, at 14,440 feet, in the Colorado Rockies, which I climbed with my Dad. I was only 12 years old. When I started to slow down a couple of false summits from the top, my Dad told me he would give me 5 bucks if I made it to the top. That was a lot of money to a 12-year-old in the 1960's. So I somehow dragged myself up to the true summit, much to my Dad's surprise and delight! I also made sure to collect my 5 bucks!

When I moved back to Southern California in 2004 to care for my ill Mother, after living in the Pacific Northwest for most of my adult life, I decided to join the Sierra Club myself and try some hikes in the local mountains. During my time in the Northwest, I had hiked, climbed, cross-country skied and been on a Search and Rescue Team. So I was no stranger to the outdoors. I even thought I was pretty fit until I met the retired Sierra Club "seniors" in the Santa Monica Mountains "Tuesday Group." They hiked me into the ground!

I met Ray Riley and Don Croley on my first "Tuesday Group" hike in the Santa Monica Mountains in August of 2004. After climbing several HPS peaks in the Angeles Crest with Ray Riley, Don Croley suggested that he and I climb Mt. Wilson. I already knew Don was a very fast and a very strong climber. I wanted to make sure I could keep up with him so he would invite me on future climbs. I knew I could learn a lot from such an accomplished mountaineer! As we started up Mt. Wilson at 7am, he casually mentioned that the fastest he had ever climbed Mt. Wilson was in 2 hours and 35 minutes. But he also added that since I was along it would probably take us around 4 hours. Well! We'll see about that! Don let me lead so I set my sights on the summit and went just as fast as I could. We made it to the top in 2 hours and 45 minutes! Whew! Since the day was still young, I talked Don into climbing San Gabriel Peak too! I think we hiked 20 miles that day with 6000 feet of gain. Don and I have climbed together ever since.

My next HPS peak was a snow climb up the face of Mt. Baldy after a good snowstorm, again with Don Croley. It was very steep, very long and very hard. When we finally got to the top, to my incredible relief, I told him "that was the hardest thing I have ever done in my whole life." I think I have told him that a couple of other times in the last 4 years!

My first HPS scheduled hike was to San Rafael peak and was Pamela Rowe's "I" provisional, assisted by George Wysup. We had over 25 participants. It was incredible how that many people could be led so successfully up to the summit. But Pamela did it! Hunting season had just started so Pamela handed out orange grid ribbon streamers that we all tied to our hats. Gratefully, I think we only saw two hunters!

During the 2 1/2 years I lived in Southern California, I succeeded in climbing 85 HPS peaks. I also got recruited to be on the Wilderness Travel Course (WTC) staff in the WLA group for two years. I even became an "I" Provisional Leader after passing the navigation checkoff and completing Wilderness First Aid and the LTC seminar.

I returned to the Northwest in November of 2006 after my Mom passed away. But I was still determined to continue working on the HPS list. I still had to get my 100th HPS Peak Emblem! I also wanted to keep in touch with my wonderful Sierra Club friends. During a weeklong visit to Southern California in July of 2008 I completed two multi-peak loop hikes with the Doggett/Simpson Leadership team and picked up 8 more peaks. During that same week in between those 2 loop hikes Don Croley and I climbed Mt. Whitney as a day hike! It was my first time up Mt. Whitney and just an incredible experience. Two months later



Laura Stockton on Rabbit Peak

Don and I also climbed five 14'ers in the Colorado Rockies, including a nostalgic return to Mt. Elbert. Back in the Northwest, I continued my climbing to stay in shape for the last big push to get my 100th HPS peak.

I now had 93 HPS peaks! I only needed 7 more peaks to complete my 100th HPS peak! How could I complete 7 peaks during my next visit to Southern California in January of 2009? I desperately wanted Rabbit Peak #2 (The Big Bunny) to be my 100th peak. Rabbit Peak #2 was my Dad's favorite peak. My Dad's most frequent climbing partner, Ken Ferrell, had told me several years ago that my Dad liked to lead Rabbit Peak the most of any of the peaks he had ever climbed. That was saying a lot since my Dad climbed the HPS Peaks, the Desert Peaks and also many of the Sierra Peaks! It is still great fun to read my Dad's trip reports about Rabbit Peak in the climbing archives on the HPS website!

So I came up with a plan! I would climb seven peaks in the Santa Rosa Mountains in 3 days! Ted Lubeskoff was leading Sheep and Martinez on Saturday, January 17th (That would be #94 & #95). I could get 3 easy peaks on Sunday (Rock Pt, Lookout and Asbestos - #96, #97 & #98) and then get Villager & Rabbit on Monday (#99 & #100). Whew! It would be tough but I was ready. Somehow, I convinced Don Croley to accompany me on my 7-peak weekend adventure. I researched the routes to Rock Pt., Lookout and Asbestos on the HPS website myself. But Don's preparations were much more extensive! He did Villager and Rabbit as a backpack in November, then again as a dayhike in early January. He had a GPS track up both peaks, lots of waypoints and detailed printed maps. If we completed my climb up Rabbit and Villager on January 19th, Don would have completed the Villager/Rabbit climb three

times in two months! Is that a record?

The adventure begins... On Saturday morning, nine of us started the Sheep & Martinez climb at 7am. It was 36 degrees and clear. Wait a minute! I thought we were in the desert here! It felt like I was back in the frigid Northwest. But after the sun came up it warmed up and was quite pleasant. We made the summit of Sheep in good time and started the hike toward Martinez across the desert. At the base of Martinez, Ted took us 1800 feet straight up a boulder-filled gully to the summit. What a workout! We managed to find our way back down the ridge as the sun was setting. We hiked back in the dark and made it to the trailhead at 8pm. It was a long 13-hour day with 18 miles and 5500 feet of gain. We were all tired.

Sunday Don and I got a late start on the 3 easy peaks. I started up Rock Pt. at 10am, bagged it and Lookout by 3pm. Then it was on to Asbestos. There was not much daylight left. But if I could just get Asbestos, Rabbit could indeed

be my 100th peak on Monday. Don drove as far as he could on the 2-wheel drive road and said he would wait for me and turn the headlights on when it got dark. The HPS peak guide said it was 3 miles round trip. But I still had 7 tenths of a mile to hike across the desert on the 4x4 jeep road to the base of the climb. When I arrived at the base my GPS said I only had 1/2 mile to reach the summit! No problem! I scrambled up a cactus, brush and rock-filled gully following ducks and recent footprints and powered by pure adrenalin. At the top there was a rock outcropping that was huge and intimidating. But that was, gratefully, not the summit. The summit was around to the back. I found the summit block, climbed it and signed the register! Peak #98 done! Only 2 more peaks to go. My only real casualty of the entire weekend occurred on the way back down the gully! The sun was setting and I was in a hurry. I waved to Don back at the car from the top of the ridge, took 2 steps and walked right into a cactus. My left leg got rather deeply impaled by two very large cactus spines. It was quite painful, very swollen and bleeding profusely when I finally stopped to inspect the damage. But no time to stop now. It was getting dark. I made it back to the car right at dark and we were quickly on our way back to Palm Desert to rest up for Rabbit and Villager. My painful cactus encounter was not going to stop me from climbing on Monday!

Monday we left Palm Desert at 3:45am for the one-hour drive to the Rabbit/Villager trailhead. We started the climb at 5:10am. It was cloudy and warm. Thanks to Don's two previous trips and his GPS track we had no problem finding and staying on the trail right up to the base of the headwall trailhead. We watched the sunrise as we climbed 5000 feet up the ridge to the Villager summit, arriving at 9:45am. Peak #99 done!

A Star is Rising Accomplishments of an HPS Hiker

By Marlen Wertz

Then I saw Rabbit... It was so far away and so much higher! There were also several large ridges to climb up and down. Wow! How would we ever climb that and then get back down the steepest part of the ridge below Villager before it got dark? But Rabbit was my 100th HPS Peak! I was almost there. I must push on! So off we went up and down the ridges until we finally arrived at the base of Rabbit Peak. It was noon, the sky was perfectly clear, the sun was very hot and we had 800 feet to climb up the last ridge to the summit. Somehow, I stumbled onto a ducked route straight up the ridge. We climbed direct and arrived at 1pm! Peak #100 done! My Dad would have been proud! Extreme elation was quickly replaced with total relief. Photos and register signatures were completed and we quickly retreated back down the summit ridge.

Now the goal was to get back down the ridge below the steep rocky portion below Villager before sunset. Up and down the ridges we climbed back down to Villager. The shadows were starting to creep across the desert floor but the afternoon sun was still hot. We were tired! I stopped once just below Villager. My feet hurt, and I was thirsty. The adrenalin rush was wearing off and the 3 days of non-stop climbing were starting to catch up with me! We left the Villager summit at 3:30pm and started down the ridge. The ridge looked very steep, very rocky and very intimidating with huge dropoffs to the west. I didn't remember all this! It seemed much easier going up! We were hiking as quickly as possible to get as low as we could on the ridge before dark. Before we knew it, the sun was setting. I again had to stop to rest my aching feet. I had hiked almost 45 miles with 16,000 feet of gain in 3 days. I was getting very tired. But the sunset was spectacular. A broken cloud cover to the west turned the entire sky orange and then red. We thought we were down the worst of the rocky portion but there was more, much more. Now we were hiking down the ridge by headlamp. We agreed that if we lost the trail we would immediately stop and find it again using our GPS tracks from the climb up. We both had a GPS. We lost the trail several times but found it again quickly. Finally, we were off the last steep rocky ridge. Then I looked up and realized the stars were out! They were magnificent! I insisted we stop again for some quick stargazing. The stars were so beautiful. I could have sat there all night staring up at the sky. The air was warm and there was no wind. What a perfect night! Such a wonderful reward for such a tough weekend! We reluctantly continued down the rest of the ridge, then down the very steep headwall trail, across the desert, and finally arrived back at the trailhead at 8:40pm. 15 ½ hours round trip!

We had done it! I had climbed my 100th HPS peak, Rabbit Pk. #2, in memory of my Dad, Les Stockton, The Red Baron. He would have been proud of me.

Paul Garry started hiking with HPS in 2002. In fact, that is when Paul started hiking. Five years ago, Paul took the Sierra Cub Wilderness Travel Course. This year he serves as a WTC Assistant Group Leader in West LA. Paul is "I" rated and an "M" provisional. Can I take some credit for that? I let him practice his rock belays and falling climber tie-offs on the now wobbly legs of my dining room table.

If you look at Paul's webpage on peakbagger.com, you will see that since his first ascent of Mount Baldy on July 7, 2002, he has climbed fourteen 14ers, 73 Sierra Nevada Peaks and 268 HPS peaks. That would be impressive enough in the seven short years of Paul's hiking career, but read on. Paul has climbed two of the seven summits, the highest mountains on each of the seven continents. In 2004, he reached the top of Tanzania's Kilimanjaro (19,341'). In January of '07, Paul got to the peak of Aconcagua in Argentina (22,841'). If you are still not impressed, in October '08 Paul summited Cho Oyu (26,904'), the sixth highest peak on earth, located in the Himalayas. You would think that Paul's next goal might be Vinson Massif in Antarctica or our own Mount McKinley.

NO! Paul is planning a celebration to honor the list that got him started. Already scheduled on the HPS webpage is Paul's HPS list finish hike, which he has set for May 17, 2009 on Sunset Peak. Paul has been maintaining his conditioning regimen to prepare for that awesome, upcoming climb of Sunset. Several months ago, Paul hopped over to Mexico and tackled the Volcanoes Iztaccihuatl (17,126') and Pico de Orizaba (18,491')

Please excuse my sidetrack, but when Paul told me about his list finish plans, it reminded me that several years ago I climbed Sunset Peak (5,796) from bottom to top all on snowshoes. I am sure that it is not very often that Sunset Peak is totally covered in white stuff. It was hardly a Cho Oyu, but it got me #6 toward my snowshoe emblem.

Well, now that I have impressed everyone, back to Paul. Despite all his accomplishments, Paul claims that he is a better golfer than hiker. He says he developed his mountaineering confidence by starting with easier big mountains (Kilimanjaro) and then working his way up in height and technical requirements, as he gained experience.

When I asked if he aspires to do more of the seven summits, he answered, "Yes, I would like to do all of them but I don't realistically ever expect to climb Everest. I am also eyeing the volcanic seven summits".

Paul reported, "I am pretty conservative about how I climb so that helps me not have moments of fear". But when I asked him if he ever wonders, "what am I doing here?" he answered, "Occasionally I think that it would be a lot better on my couch watching TV than hanging on a rope off the side of a mountain".

Paul said that he had mild hypoxia on summit day of Aconcagua but felt great on Cho Oyu. He added,

"You never know what to expect".

I asked Paul which of the HPS leaders has particularly inspired him. Paul responded, "George Wysup has inspired me more than he probably realizes. Hearing his stories, particularly of Kilimanjaro, made me think that I could do that!" He continued, "I am extremely grateful for all of the people I've meet in the HPS. Hearing about the places that HPSers have gone has

motivated me to travel the same paths and trails and set goals for peaks and lists beyond the Hundred Peaks Section.

I plan to help our international peak bagger celebrate his HPS list finish, and all else that he has accomplished. I hope you can be there too!
Way to go Paul!

Angeles Chapter Fundraising Outings

By Roxana Lewis

MAR 14, 2009 Sat Airport Marina
O: Alice Spring Memorial Trail-By-Rail to Carpinteria Seal Rookery: Station on Amtrak at 7am to Carpinteria. We will walk a short 1.5 mi. rookery. Volunteer docent guide will provide background on the Time to enjoy a picnic lunch at the beach, explore the asphaltium Marsh. Return to L.A. at 5:30pm. \$65 (non-mem \$85) includes rail check payable Sierra Club, sase, SC#, phone & email to Lewis/16304 St Andrews Pl/Gardena CA 90247/310-532-2933/email om. Co-leader Esther Spachner. Registration after Feb 14 add \$25.



Depart L.A. Union to the cliffside seal California seals. deposits or the Salt fare, snack. Send Leader.Roxana ROXTLEWIS@aol.c

MAY 16, 2009 Sat Verdugo Hills
O:Train to Calif Strawberry Festival: Leave L.A. Union Station at 7am for Oxnard. The 26th annual Strawberry Festival is a celebration of the fruit that made Calif. famous. Enjoy strawberry pizza, shakes, chocolate dipped, parfaited. The day includes optional 4mi. walk thru Oxnard to work off the pies/cakes. Return to L.A. by 5:00pm. Includes rail fare,festival admission,donation. Send \$64 (\$84 non-mem) with SASE/SC#/H & W phones/email to Leader: Roxana Lewis/16304 St Andrews Pl/Gardena CA 90247/310-532-2933/email ROXTLEIWS@aol.com, Co-leader Dotty Sandford. Registration after April 13th add \$25.



JUNE 13-14, 2009 Sat-Sun Angeles Chapter Fundraiser
C: Trail-By-Rail Coastal Hike Oxnard to Ventura. bus shuttle to our coastal trailhead. This section avian breeding area at the Santa Clara River experience from Hitchcock's, The Birds. historic Ventura. Omotel overnight. Morning tour by 5pm. Ability to walk 12mi. \$185 (\$205 Send check/SASE/SC#/phones/email to Leader: Ca 90247/310-532-2933. Co-leader Dotty



7:00am Amtrak to Oxnard with a short public of the coast is a special treat as we cross an estuary. The beach walk will present an Dinner on your own at one of many options in of the historic downtown with train back to L.A. non-mem) includes rail fare, motel, donation. Roxana Lewis/16304 St Andrews Pl/Gardena Sandford. Registration after May11th add \$30.

July 14-24, 2009 Tue-Fri Verdugo Hills
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 1,836 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 & piblic bus to Hiroshima, Nara, Miyajima, Chikubushima, Hikone. We will then proceed to the Mt. Fuji area fora climb to the summit with a final day at Lake Kawaguchi to recover before flying home. Ability to walk approx. 7-12 miles daily. \$2850 (\$2900 non-member) includes standard western hotel (2 share), breakfast daily, 7-day rail pass. Airfare additional; arranged on request. To reserve send \$700 deposit, 2sase, SC#, phones, email, recent hiking experience to Leader: Roxana Lewis/16304 St.Andrews Pl/Gardena CA 90247/310-532-2933/email roxtlewis@aol.com.<mailto:roxtlewis@aol.com.> Co-leader Susan Campo.



REGISTER BOX

by Mark S. Allen

Thanks to the following contributors to the Register box: Carol Hunter- Inman and Steve Meier. There remain on the list Six deficient registers and nineteen missing registers.

Missing and deficient registers:

3B	Black Mtn. #3	deficient	1-07	14G	Throop Peak	missing	11-07
3E	Tehachapi Mtn.	deficient	9-03	14K	Krakta Ridge	missing	4-08
6H	San Rafael Mtn.	deficient	12-05	16C	Pine Mtn. #1	missing	5-07
8C	Sawtooth Mtn.	deficient	6-06	16J	Mt. Harwood	missing	5-04
9B	Iron Mtn.#2	missing	4-07	19F	The Pinnacles	missing	1-06
9E	Mt. Lukens	missing	3-08	20A	Round Mtn.	missing	2-06
11E	Mt. Sally	missing	1-09	24K	Lake Peak	missing	10-07
12F	Occidental Peak	missing	4-26	24L	Grinnell Mtn.	missing	10-07
13B	Mt. Akawie	missing	5-08	25A	Allen Peak	deficient	4-08
13D	Will Thrall Peak	missing	5-07	27E	Folly Peak	missing	8-07
13E	Pallet Mtn.	missing	6-07	29C	Cahuilla Mtn.	deficient	1-07
14A	Waterman Mtn.	missing	7-06	32E	Cuyamaca Peak	missing	5-06
14B	Twin Peaks	missing	5-08				

If you are climbing any of the above peaks, please consider bringing a new register can and book. If you discover a peak which needs a new register can, please let me know by mail addressed to Mark S. Allen, 11381 Foster Rd., Los Alamitos, CA 90720. (562) 598-0329 or e-mail: markallen4341@socal.rr.com. Also, please advise if you have replaced any of the missing or deficient registers or discover that any of the above reports are erroneous or out of date.

Sierra Club Will Offer Outdoor Leadership Training April 4

Interested in becoming an outings leader for the 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, April 4. The class, usually taught in Los Angeles, will take place this time in Orange County.

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 Costa Mesa Community Center costs \$25. The application is 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 March 21.

Scholarships are available for those in financial need. Apply to LTC Chair Tina Bowman (tina@bowmandesigngroup.com).

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Calvin Boyer 03/04	Joe Whyte 03/19	Leo Rosario 04/08	Bob McEwan 04/24
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Louis Kwan 03/09	Susan Ellsworth 03/25	Richard Money Harris 04/15	Bill Byrne 04/26
Cheryl McMurray 03/11	Roy R. Stewart 03/27	John Connelly 04/16	Robert Emerick 04/26
Doug Mantle 03/13	Bobcat Thompson 03/29	Tom Neely 04/16	Tom Hill 04/26
Jim Davis 03/13	Bob Kanne 03/29	Cyndi Okine Runyan 04/17	Eivor Nilsson 04/27
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