Hundred Peaks Section
Fall Festival October 3 & 4, 2009
Fort Tejon State Historical Park, Lebec, CA

It's time again for our annual Fall Classic. This year it will be at the Fort Tejon State Historical Park Campground. Located at the Tejon Pass, just off of Interstate 5, this beautiful campground has showers, flush toilets, fire pits and tables. Nearby are a number of our HPS peaks. A number of hikes are scheduled for this weekend. We have reserved the campground for Friday and Saturday nights.

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

For non-hikers, you can experience the Frontier Army Days 1856. Take a step back in time and experience the daily army life of the soldiers and civilians in early California. See California as it was in 1856. Visitors can witness life at this U.S. Army post of the Far West. Fort Tejon was crossroads of California's many cultures and diverse ideas of the 1850's. Visitors are invited to view the living history demonstrations of everyday life of the common soldier and civilian men, women and children at this mountain post. For more information, visit their website at: www.park.ca.gov.

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 Fall Festival Registration Form:
(Please print legibly)

Name(s)______________________________________
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Address:______________________________________
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Email address or phone number:______________________________

Number of people in your party:_____
Staying at the Campground: Yes_____ No___
Night:_____ Saturday Night:_____
Attending Potluck (Potluck only welcome): Yes____
No_____

Mail form with SASE to: Dave Comerzan
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Or email to Dave at
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Annual Business Meeting

On Tuesday, September 8, the Hundred Peaks Section will hold its Annual Business meeting. All are welcome to attend this meeting, where nominations are finalized for next year's Management Committee. In addition, proposals for Bylaw changes, peak additions and deletions and other matters on which members will vote are discussed and votes are taken on whether to put them on the ballot. The business meeting follows the monthly Management Committee meeting which starts at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be held at Newcomb's Ranch on Highway 2, about 27 miles from I-210. In the event of bad weather, contact DAVE COMERZAN for alternate location.
HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION MEMBERSHIP REPORT – JULY 2009
By Greg DeHoogh

ACHIEVEMENTS:

List Finish #6
#9 – Ron Zappen – 6/14/09 – Weldon Peak

List Finish #1
#279 – Paul Garry – 5/17/09 – Sunset Peak

List Finish #3
#28 – Ignacia Doggett – 7/4/09 – Red Tahquitz

200 Leads
#22 – Bill Simpson – 5/13/09 – Antimony Peak
#23 – Pat Arredondo – 6/20/09 – Toro Peak

200 Pathfinder
#13 – Bill Simpson – 6/13/09 – Iron Mountain #1

200 Peaks
#444 – Greg Daly – 5/9/09 – Madulce Peak
#445 – Anne Howell – 5/24/09 – Black Mountain #5
#446 – Gary Schenk – 3/22/09 – Sawtooth Mountain

NEW MEMBERS
Erik Turner
Lori Rogers
Robb Boyle
Rosmarie Ensat
Finau Mau
Finau Mau

NEW SUBSCRIBERS
Tom Connery - $51
Roxana Lewis - $100

DONATIONS
321 Members (272 primary + 49 household)
46 Subscribers

MEMBERSHIP COUNTS:
367 Total

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The Hundred Peaks Section Website
http://angeles.sierraclub.org/hps/

The HPS Website is maintained by Karen Isaacson Leverich and Wolf Leverich. It's really cool and chock full of information:

The HPS List
Peak Guides
Peak Maps
Past Trip Reports
The Schedule of HPS
Activities
Member Awards
Member Achievements
Links to other Sierra Club entities
Much, much more
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View from the Chair
by Jim S. Fleming

Howdy, pardners and pardnerettes! Hope y'all are having a wonderful summer of hiking and getting out into our wonderful mountain ranges—the HPS is in high gear this season, with many great hikes (particularly to our higher peaks in the San Gabriels, San Bernardinos, and San Jacinto Mountains). Now that Angeles Crest Highway is re-opened between Islip Saddle and through to Wrightwood, we have our normal access to the beautiful high country near Mt. Baden Powell and environs.

This past weekend, we had another successful Waterman Rendezvous, with nine separate hikes, approximately 100 total participants, much good food and drink, and great weather! It was good to see so many of you there, old-timers and newcomers alike, to enjoy the festive atmosphere. Muchas gracias are in order to our fine group of leaders who put together the various hikes—I believe that the variety of routes and options is what gives people incentive and interest for this event, so I really appreciate that so many of our leaders provided help in this! We had a number of newcomers amongst the participants, and they all seemed to be very impressed with our august organization. HPS can and does throw a marvelous party, no doubt! This was the 16th year for this event (I believe), and I look forward to having many more!

Some other events still to come this summer include the annual "Peaknic" hike to Little Jimmy Campground and Mt. Islip. This will be held on Saturday, August 8th (so, you will probably be reading this after the fact, oh, well!). It’s a great event for newcomers and "tired tigers".

On Tuesday, September 8th (following an outing to local peaks led by Dave Comerzan), please consider joining our Management Committee at the Annual Business meeting at Newcomb’s Ranch Inn. Here, any member will have the opportunity to present petitions to MComm for addition/deletion of peaks to the List, nominations for MComm elections, and other business to be brought before MComm. It’s a great opportunity to have your voice heard!

In the fall, we have yet another annual event, the Fall Festival. This year, we are hosting the event at Fort Tejon State Historical Park in the Los Padres National Forest. There are many interesting attractions at the site, including many that we normally would not find in our outings. So, I hope many of you can make it to this event, scheduled for October 2nd (Friday), 3rd, and 4th. See y'all on the trail!

Sierrans Featured At Eastern California Museum This Summer
By Bob Cates, Chairperson, Angeles Chapter History Committee

Anyone visiting the eastern side of the Sierra Nevada this summer should budget a little extra time to visit the Eastern California Museum in Independence to view the new special exhibit on Norman Clyde. Clyde was a legendary mountaineer who made his home in Independence for a number of years, from where he sallied forth into the High Sierra to make more than 130 first ascents of major peaks. He helped introduce several generations of Sierra Club members to the pleasures climbing in John Muir’s Range of Light through his long association as a guide on the Club’s celebrated High Trips.

The Norman Clyde Exhibit opened in April and will continue to ‘sometime’ in the fall. Through personal artifacts, biographical information, and photographs (many supplied by the Angeles Chapter historical archives), the exhibit explores Clyde’s mountaineering exploits as well as lesser-known aspects of his life.

Sierrans will be particularly interested in two special events scheduled by the museum in association with the Clyde exhibit. On July 11 Clyde expert Bill Oliver will present a lecture on “Norman Clyde – Climbing and Guiding With the Sierra Club.” Bill is well known among the climbing...
fraternity, and even though he moved to Colorado several years ago has continued writing historical pieces for publication in the Echo, newsletter of the Sierra Peaks Section. With any luck, 97-year-old Glen Dawson, who climbed with Clyde in the 1930s, will also be on hand.

Then, on August 22, three representatives from the Angeles Chapter History Committee—Peter Ireland, Bob and Maureen Cates—will take part in a Living History Event at the museum. Bob will present a short slide show on evolving hiking fashions over the last 100 years, while Ireland will set up a typical knapsack camp from the 1920s. All three will be attired in vintage hiking attire of the period.

The Eastern California Museum is located at 155 N. Grant Street in Independence, and is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends and weekdays. For specific information on dates and times of events, call the museum at 760-878-0258, or visit their website at www.inyocounty.us/ecmuseum.

Angeles Chapter Fundraising Trips
Conducted by Roxana Lewis

September Outing Below - Cancelled:
SEP 12-13, 2009 Sat-Sun
O: Train & Santa Ynez Wine Hike: Lv Union Stn. At 7am for Solvang. 

OCT 3, 2009 Sat Verdugo Hills
O: Trail-By-Rail to the 22nd Avocado Festival: Train from historic Union Station to Carpinteria for one of California's best festivals celebrating the avocado. Along with the beach side event, our group will enjoy a short hike along this scenic bit of coastline. Return via Amtrak to L.A. 7am-5pm. Ability to walk 0-7 mi. $65 ($85 non-mem) Includes, train fare, donation. Send check, SASE, SC#, phones, email to Leader Roxana Lewis/16304 St Andrews Pl/Gardena CA 90247/310-532-2933/email roxtlewis@aol.com. Co-leader Dotty Sandford. Registration after Sept. 3, add $25.

NOV 8, 2009 Sun Verdugo Hills
O: Train/Ocean Hike Solana Beach & San Elijo Lagoon: Union Station to Solana Beach daytrip includes Cedros Design District, docent walk thru San Elijo Lagoon and a beach walk from Cardiff to Encinitas (Self Realization). Local bus to Oceanside for return Amtrak to L.A. 630am-830pm. Ability to walk 11 mi. $75 ($95 non-mem) Includes, train fare, donation. Send check, SASE, SC#, phones, email to Leader Roxana Lewis/16304 St Andrews Pl/Garden CA 90247/310-532-2933 Email roxtlewis@aol.com Co-leader: Dotty Sandford. Registration after OCT 3rd add $30.

Nov 2009 10 Sat Verdugo Hills
0:Coastal Train Hike Goleta to Santa Barbara: Meet L.A. Union Station at 700am take train to Goleta and then commence a lovely coastal hike south to Santa Barbara. For those past participants who have done the section from Carpinteria, this is new coast. Ability to hike 12 miles at moderate 20min per mile pace. We will end our hiking adventure in Colonial Santa Barbara with a glass of fine vintage Central Valley vino before boarding our return train to L.A. Arrive Union Station at 9pm. Includes rail fare, refreshment. Send $68 ($88 non-mem) with SASE/SC#/H & W phones/email to Leader: Roxana Lewis/16304 St Andrews Pl/Garden CA 90247/310-532-2933/email ROXTLEIWS@aol.com, Co-leader Dotty Sandford. Registration after Nov 5th add $25

July 13-25, 2010 Tue-Sun 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 1836 temples & gardens succumbing to everything Zen. An added treat is the Gion Festival, considered one of the three best in the country. Day trips via Bullet train & public bus to Hiroshima, Nara, Miyajima, Chikubushima, Hikone. We will then proceed to the Mt. Fuji area for a climb to the summit with a day at lovely Lake Kawaguchi . This will be followed by two recovery days in frenetic Tokyo before flying home. Ability to walk approx. 7-12 miles daily. $2,850 ($2,900 non-member) includes standard western hotel with private bathroom (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/Garden CA 90247/310-532-2933/email roxtlewis@aol.com. Co-leader Linda Wooldridge.

November 7 Chapter Outings Assembly
Come and celebrate the chapter's outstanding outings program. All Sierra Club members, outings chairs, leaders, provisional leaders are welcome. Get the scoop on what's happening in our chapter; let us know what is working for your entity and how we can help you. A bit of business (election of 2010 Outings Management Committee) but mostly we will just party. Bring an appetizer or side salad - dinner and drinks provided. Meet 1-5 PM in Culver City. Space limited. For directions and to reserve contact: George Denny (george_denny@earthlink.net) OMC Chair: Kent Schwitkis
It's our desire that our membership information be as accurate and complete as possible. If you see any errors in your listing, please let the Membership Chair, Greg de Hoogh, know.

Legend: (O), (I), etc., indicate the individual's leadership rating. (S) indicates a subscriber. Emblems listed are the highest attained in each category.

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Bob Cates, Angeles Chapter Historian, took this picture looking west from Middle Hawkins. Closest peak is Islip, with Twin Peaks immediately behind. In the distance are Mt Wilson and the other peaks of the western flank of the San Gabriel Mountains. Waterman is the massive mountain to the right of Islip.
Advance Schedule of Hundred Peaks
Section Activities
September 2, 2009 - March 20, 2010
By Karen Leverich

Sep 2 Wed Hundred Peaks
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 4WD advised. Moderate pace. Permit required to drive Potrero Seco Road. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Sep 2 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Mount Islip (8250’): Great views on this 6 mile round trip, 1300’ gain hike from Islip Saddle. Meet 9 AM La Canada rideshare point with water, lunch, good footwear, suitable clothing layers. Leaders: ROSEMARY CAMBPELL, TERRY BEYER

Sep 4-7 Fri-Mon Hundred Peaks, SPS
I: Clouds Rest (9526’) to Half Dome (8835’): Rerun of spectacular backpack last year: 17 miles, 3600’ gain, 4800’ loss. Strenuous but comfortably paced, unrushed 4 day backpack from Tenaya Lake to Yosemite Valley. Must be comfortable with steep exposed route holding cables. Email leader with H&W phones, recent conditioning. Leader: DIANNE DUNBAR Assistant: GARY BICKEL

Sep 8 Tue Hundred Peaks
I: Mount Baden-Powell (9399’), Mount Burnham (8997’): Now that Highway 2 is open, let’s use it. Join us for a hike of these two peaks in the San Gabriel’s. Starting at MM 72, we will hike up a ridge to the PCT then on to Baden-Powell. From there down to Burnham. Other peaks in the area possible. After the hike, we will stick around for the Annual Business meeting for HPS (see below) having some food and drinks. Contact leaders either by phone, email or SASE 2-3 days prior for meeting times. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, JOE YOUNG

Sep 8 Tue Hundred Peaks
Annual Business Meeting: All are welcome to attend our annual business meeting, where nominations are finalized for next year’s Management Committee. In addition, proposals for Bylaw changes, peak additions and deletions and other matters on which members will vote are discussed and votes are taken on whether to put them on the ballot. The business meeting follows the monthly Management Committee meeting. Join us at 6:30 PM for the management meeting; for 7 PM business meeting, at Newcomb’s Ranch on Highway 2, about 27 miles from I-210. In the event of bad weather, contact DAVE COMERZAN for alternate location.

Sep 9 Wed Hundred Peaks
I: Cornell Peak (9750’): Spend another day in the San Jacinto area. We will be taking the tram up. Estimate 6 miles, 1800’ gain on trail and cross country. For details, contact Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Sep 9 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Mount Burnham (8997’) from Dawson Saddle: 6 miles round trip, 1700’ gain through at least partially burnt high country. Meet 9 AM La Canada rideshare point with water, lunch, good footwear. Leaders: SARAH KORDA, DON SIMINSKI

Sep 12 Sat Hundred Peaks
Rescheduled from May 30
I: Sewart Mountain (6841’), Snowy Peak (6532’), Black Mountain #2 (6202’): Hike 3 peaks near Gorman. 10 miles round trip with 4000’ of gain. If time and temperatures allow, we will also hike to Alamo Mountain (7360’) and McDonald Peak (6870’), adding 3 miles and 900’ gain. Could be very brushy. Fairly strenuous. Significant dirt road driving. Early start from trailhead; consider camping Friday night. Email leader for info. Leader: TED LUBESHKOFF Co-leader: JOE YOUNG

Sep 12-13 Sat-Sun WTC, Hundred Peaks
I: Lake Peak (10,161), 10K Ridge (10,094’): Two great peaks in the nearby San Gorgonio Wilderness. Saturday we’ll pack to camp and happy hour at Fish Creek Camp (5 miles, 1800’). Sunday we’ll climb 7 miles, 2500’ gain cross country in a loop to our peaks, then pack out. Send experience, conditioning, phones, email, rideshare info via email or sase Leader: EDD RUSKOWITZ Assistant: MELISSA KANE

Sep 16 Wed Hundred Peaks
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

Sep 19 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Barley Flats (5600+’), Mount Sally (5408’), Mount Mooney (5840+’), Vetter Mountain (LO) (5908’): Hike these four peaks off the Angeles Crest Highway in the Angeles National Forest. There will be short drives on paved road between peaks. The total hike is around 8 miles with about 1800’ of gain. Leaders will likely be inclined to add one or more additional peaks for interested.
hikers. Bring water, lug soles, sunscreen, lunch, layers and hat. To obtain the meeting information, contact Leader: LORRAINE DALY Co-leader: BILL SIMPSON

Sep 19 Sat Hundred Peaks New Outing, first time published
I: Mount Hawkins (8850’), Copter Ridge (7499’): Moderate steep and loose cross-country and trail hike in San Gabriel Mountains for 8 miles round trip with 2550’ of gain. Suitable only for experienced and conditioned hikers. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: CHRIS SPISAK, LILLY FUKUI, KATHY CHEEVER BONFIRE, MARS BONFIRE

Sep 20 Sun Hundred Peaks, Airport-Marina
I: Round Mountain (5272’), Luna Mountain (5967’), Rattlesnake Mountain (6131’): Moderately strenuous loop tour, up to 10 miles round trip, 3000’ gain in the Hesperia Backcountry east of Cajon Pass. We combine roads, trails, and desert fringe cross-country trekking for this adventure as we search for peaks to climb. Much dirt road driving; high clearance vehicles recommended. For trip details send recent conditioning, e-mail rideshare information to Leaders: PAT ARREDONDO, PAT VAUGHN, WAYNE BANNISTER

Sep 21 Mon Hundred Peaks
O: Suicide Rock (7528’): Rescheduled to September 28.

Sep 23 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Ontario Peak (8693’): 12 miles round trip, 3693’ gain. Strenuous, Slow to moderate pace via Icehouse Canyon. Meet 7 AM at public parking lot, intersection of Mills Ave & Baldy Rd in Claremont. Bring water, lunch, layered clothing and appropriate footwear. Leaders: DORIS DUVAL, JOE YOUNG

Sep 24 Thu Hundred Peaks
I: Folly Peak (10,480), San Jacinto Peak (10,804’): Strenuous loop hike from Marion Mountain Campground. Estimate 10 miles, 4800’ gain over steep trail and cross country. For details, contact Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Sep 25-28 Fri-Mon Hundred Peaks, Wilderness Adventures
O: Pacífico Mtn. (7124’) and Mt. Gleason (6520’): Pacific Crest Trail backpack in the San Gabriel Mountains from Three Points Junction to Vasquez Rocks County Park. Moderately paced 4 day, 50 mile, one-way backpack on the PCT. Beautifully forested trail with views of the Mojave Desert. Starting at Three Points, we will travel north through the Pacífico Mtn. and Mt. Gleason areas, Messenger Flats, Soledad Canyon and end our journey in the incredible rock formations of Vasquez Rocks. Learn about the natural history of the area. Average day will be 12.5 miles with 2000’ gain/loss. No layover days/no beginners. Participants will need to share in expense of a rental van. Send email with H & C phones, city, recent conditioning and backpack experience to Leader: TED LUBESHKOFF Co-leader: SUZANNE SWEDO

Sep 27 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

Sep 28 Mon Hundred Peaks
Rescheduled from September 21
O: Suicide Rock (7528’): An easy trail walk for 5 miles round trip with 1700’ of gain to a peak near San Jacinto. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Slow pace. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: CHERYL GILL, MARS BONFIRE, PATRICK VAUGHN

Sep 30 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Mount Hawkins (8850’): Great views on this 7 mile 2200’ gain route via the Wind Gap Trail. Meet 9 AM at La Canada rideshare with lunch, water, suitable clothing layers, good footwear. Leaders: ROSEMARY CAMPBELL, SARAH KORDA

Sep 30 Wed Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Mt. Burnham (8997’), Mount Baden-Powell (9399’), Ross Mountain (7402’): Very strenuous steep and loose cross-country and trail hike for 14 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: PAT ARREDONDO, PAT VAUGHN

Oct 1 Thu Hundred Peaks
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 near Frazier Park and Pine Mountain Club. 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 3 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: Sawmill Mountain (8818’) and Grouse Mountain (8582’): Climb to Sawmill Mtn. from Pine Mtn. Club via a steep, no nonsense ridge. The entire hike will only be 5 miles with 3000’ of gain. Strong pace. Not well-suited for beginners. Please bring: water, lug soles, lunch, jacket & a hat. Great views. Nice hike. Contact the leader for meeting
Oct 3 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Mount Pinos (8832’), Sawmill Mountain (8818’), Grouse Mountain (8582’), Cerro Noroeste (8280’): Explore this scenic forest ridge in the Chumash Wilderness, west of Frazier Park, then (optionally) attend the nearby Fall Festival potluck. Mellow paced 8.5 miles round trip, 2000’ gain. All roads are paved. Meet at 8:30 AM just east of the gas pumps at the Flying J Truckstop, Frazier Park exit on I-5 (approximately 30 miles north of Santa Clarita). Forest closure or unseasonably nasty weather cancels. Leaders: JIM FLEMING, WINNETTE BUTLER

Oct 3 Sat Hundred Peaks, Airport-Marina
I: Lizard Head (5350’): 6 miles, 2000’ gain. Join us for this strenuous cross-country scramble in the Los Padres National Forest, up a brushy ridge to a series of “bumps”, the last one being the peak!! Prepare for a steady unrumpled pace, tightly together as a group. Meeting: 7 AM Sylmar rideshare point, inside Denny’s. Leaders: DIANE DUNBAR, JOE YOUNG

Oct 3 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: San Rafael Peak (6666’), Tecuya Mountain (7155’): Hike these two nice peaks, with a drive in between, in the Los Padres National Forest as part of HPS Fall Festival. San Rafael Peak will start from Mutau Road and will be 10 miles, 2500’ gain. Tecuya Mtn will be 2 miles, 500’ gain. We will finish in time for the HPS potluck Contact leader for information. Leader: TEO LUBESKOFF Co-leader: WAYNE VOLLAIRE

Oct 3 Sat Hundred Peaks, Airport-Marina
Originally scheduled for October 4
I: Sewart Mountain (6841’), Snowy Peak (6532’), Black Mountain #2 (6202’): Hike these 3 peaks near Gorman. The entire hike will be 10 miles round trip with 4000’ of gain. Could be very brushy. Fairly strenuous. As part of the Fall Festival, leaders staying overnight in the area for two days of fun! Bring water, lug soles, lunch, layers and hat. Send email to Leader: WAYNE BANNISTER Co-leaders: PATRICK VAUGHN

Oct 3 Sat Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Antimony Peak (6848’), Eagle Rest Peak (6005’): Strenuous hike to peaks near Frazier Park for 11 miles round trip with 3500’ of gain on dirt road and rough trail. Some rock scrambling. Suitable only for experienced and conditioned hikers. Moderate pace. High clearance 4WD advised. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: KATHY CEEVER BONFIRE, MARS BONFIRE

Oct 4 Sun Hundred Peaks, Airport-Marina
Originally scheduled for October 3
I: Cobblestone Mountain (6733’), White Mountain #2 (6250’), Sewart Mountain (6841’): For the Fall Festival consider an adventurous trip to these very strenuous crux peaks near Alamo Mountain in central Ventura County, 14 miles round trip, 6000’ gain. Some disturbed areas and burnt debris from the Day Fire, but good conditions overall. Half the gain on the return. We expect significant dirt road driving suitable for most passenger cars. For details send recent experience to Leader: WAYNE BANNISTER Co-leaders: PATRICK VAUGHN

Oct 4 Sun Hundred Peaks
O/I: Thorn Point (6920’), San Guillermo Mountain (6606’): Looking for a lovely hike the morning after the Fall Festival potluck? Here’s another forested Los Padres peak, complete with historic lookout, occasional condors, interesting sandstone, even fossils. 8 miles round trip, 2000’ gain. Some dirt road driving, high clearance vehicles preferred. If there’s time and interest, will swing by nearby San Guillermo (2 miles round trip, 800’ gain) for a brief visit on our way back to civilization. Meet after breakfast at Fall Festival campground, or contact Karen for more precise meeting information. Leaders: JIM FLEMING, WINNETTE BUTLER, KAREN LEVERICH

Oct 5 Mon Hundred Peaks
I: Queen Mountain (5680’): Spend the day in Joshua Tree National Park doing the Queen of mountains. Entry fee into park. Estimate 6 miles, 1200’ gain on use trail. Other peaks in the area possible. For details, contact Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Oct 5 Mon Hundred Peaks
I: Queen Mountain (5680’): Spend the day in Joshua Tree National Park doing the Queen of mountains. Entry fee into park. Estimate 6 miles, 1200’ gain on use trail. Other peaks in the area possible. For details, contact Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Oct 6 Fri Thousand Trails, 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, but it will help you prepare. 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

Oct 10 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, but it will help you prepare. 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

Oct 11 Sun Hundred Peaks, Airport-Marina
I: Caper Ridge (7499’): Moderate steep and loose cross-country and trail hike for 12 miles round trip with 3700’ of gain to a peak in the San Gabriel Mountains. Suitable only for experienced and conditioned hikers. Moderate pace. E-mail leaders for status and details. Leaders: PAT ARREDONDO, PATRICK VAUGHN, MICHAEL GOSNELL

Oct 14 Wed Hundred Peaks
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 17 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Iron Mountain #1 (8007'): Hike this very strenuous peak in the Angeles National Forest. The total hike is 14 miles round trip with 7200' gain. Highly recommended for those who enjoy gain. First 4.75 miles up: fairly enjoyable trail. Last 2.25 miles up: brutally steep. Paced to take 9-10 hours. Bring water, lug soles, sunscreen, lunch, layers and hat. To obtain the meeting information, contact Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-leader: LORRAINE DALY

Oct 17 Sat Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
O: Slide Peak (7841'), Keller Peak (7882'), Mill Peak (6670'): A drive-up and two easy hikes in the Big Bear Lake area totaling 3.6 miles round trip with 900' of gain. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: CHRISS SPIKAS, LILLY FUKUI, KATHY CHEEVER BONFIRE, MARS BONFIRE

Oct 18 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. Send email/sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare, to Leader: ROBERT MYERS Assistant: PHIL WHEELER

Oct 22 Thu Hundred Peaks
I: Indian Mountain (5790'), Black Mountain #1 (7772'), Castle Rocks (8600'): Three separate hikes in the San Bernardino National Forest just southeast of Banning. Indian is 6 miles, 1300' gain on road. Black is 1 mile, 400' gain on road. Castle Rocks is 4 1/2 miles, 900' gain on trail. Dirt road driving. For details, contact Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Oct 24 Sat Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
O: Pacifico Mountain (7124'): A beautiful fall hike mostly along the PCT from Mill Creek Summit. 12 miles round trip, 2200' gain includes the last steep half mile. Meet 8 AM La Canada rideshare point with water, lunch, good footwear, suitable clothing layers. Leaders: ROSEMARY CAMPBELL, DEAN WALLRAFF

Oct 24 Sat Hundred Peaks
Rescheduled from May 31
I: Cobblestone Mountain (6733'), White Mountain #2 (6250'): Hike these 2 peaks in Ventura County. 14 miles round trip, 6000' gain. Half the gain on the return. Could be very brushy. Significant dirt road driving. Early start from trailhead; consider camping Friday night. Also, consider staying in area Saturday night for Dan's list finish on Sunday. Email leader for info. Leader: TED LUBESHKOFF Co-leader: WAYNE VOLLAIRE

Oct 24 Sat Lower Peaks
O: Mount Hollywood (1625'): 3 miles round trip, 650' gain. This hike will be part of our semi-annual meeting, and we plan to have the meeting during lunch at the Griffith Park Ranger Station after the hike. For the hike, please meet at 9 AM at the Griffith Park Observatory parking lot, near the front entrance. Non-hikers can meet us at the ranger station picnic tables around 11:30 AM. Leaders: INGEBORG PROCHAZKA, MIKE GOSNELL

Oct 25 Sun Hundred Peaks
I: San Guillermo Mountain (6602'): Join us for Dan Richter's list finish on this lovely little peak in the Los Padres National Forest. After a leisurely climb (2 miles round trip, 800' gain), we will repair to the campground to feast and celebrate. Meet 9 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. Leader: DAN RICHTER Assistants: ASHER WAXMAN, TINA BOWMAN, MARY McMANNES

Oct 28 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Bare Mountain (6388'): Get Bare! 6 miles round trip 1800' gain from Pinyon Flats. 800' gain on return. Moderate pace. Meet 8:58 AM La Canada rideshare pt with water, lunch, good footwear, suitable clothing. Leaders: RON ROSIEN, GARY BICKEL

Oct 29 Thu Hundred Peaks
O: San Sevaine (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 2 Mon Hundred Peaks
O: Buck Point (6433'), San Sevaine (5240'): Two easy hikes on road and trail for 4 miles round trip with 1400' of gain to peaks west of Cajon Pass. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Occasional brush. Pathfinder to San Sevaine. Slow pace. High clearance 4WD advised. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: CHERYL GILL, MARS BONFIRE, PAT ARREDONDO

Nov 3 Tue Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Split Mountain (6835'): A strenuous rough trail walk of 8 miles round trip with 2600' of gain to a peak above Lake Isabella. Moderate pace. Suitable only for experienced and conditioned hikers. High clearance 4WD advised. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Nov 4 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: JPL Trail to Mounts Disappointment (5960') and Deception (5796'): We'll do these two familiar peaks and then proceed about a half a mile west to a fascinating site in the San Gabriel front range. 9 miles round trip, 2000' gain. Meet 9 AM La Canada rideshare point. Bring water, lunch, good hiking footwear. Leaders: DAN BUTLER, BROOKES TREIDLER
Nov 7  Sat  Outings Management Committee
Chapter Outings Assembly: Come and celebrate the chapter's outstanding outings program. All Sierra Club members, outings chairs, leaders, provisional leaders are welcome. Get the scoop on what's happening in our chapter; let us know what is working for your entity and how we can help you. A bit of business (election of 2010 Outings Management Committee) but mostly we will just party. Bring an appetizer or side salad - dinner and drinks provided. Meet 1-5 PM in Culver City. Space limited. For directions and to reserve contact: George Denny (george_denny@earthlink.net)  OMC Chair: Kent Schwitkis

Nov 7 Sat Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
O: Palomar Mountain (6140'), Boucher Hill (5438'): Join us for the celebration of both Wayne Bannister's Lead-the-List finish and Ted's List finish on this hike to 2 separate peaks in San Diego County. Total: 5 miles round trip, 1000' gain. Drive between peaks. A separate group will be organized to drive up directly to the celebration on Boucher Hill. Email Ted for info. Leaders: TED LUBESKOFF, WAYNE BANNISTER Co-leaders: WAYNE VOLLAIRE, PAT ARREDONDO, BILL SIMPSON, PATRICK VAUGHN, BRUCE CRAIG

Nov 8 Sun Hundred Peaks, Airport Marina
New Outing, first time published
I: Red Tahquitz (8720''), South Peak (7840''): Strenuous hike along beautiful trails near Idyllwild involves 16 miles round trip and 3800' gain. Experienced hikers only. Bring water, lunch, sturdy boots. Meet at 7 AM Pomona ride share point. Rain cancels. Leaders: JOE YOUNG, LAURA JOSEPH

Nov 10 Tue Lower Peaks
O: Mendenhall Peak (4630'): 12 miles round trip, 2050' gain. This Lower Peak hike in the San Gabriel Mountains is mostly on a fire road, except for a steep ridge near the summit. We shall take a slow pace and enjoy our hike. Contact the leaders a few days before. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, INGEBORG PROCHAZKA

Nov 11 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Mount Williamson (8214'): For added beauty, we are starting at Eagles Roost. 6 miles round trip, 1800' gain with great views. Meet 9 AM La Canada ride share point with lunch, water, appropriate clothing layers, good footwear. Rain cancels. Leaders: SARAH KORDA, ROSEMARY CAMPBELL

Nov 13 Fri Hundred Peaks, Airport-Marina
New Outing, first time published
I: Pinnacles (5737'), Mount Marie Louise (5507'): Two separate hikes near Lake Arrowhead. Use trail with some cross country. Pinnacles is 4 miles round trip, 1000' gain, some rock scrambling. Marie Louise is 2 miles round trip, 600' gain. High clearance vehicle recommended. Pace is moderate to slow. Bring food, water, 10 essentials.

Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE, PATRICK VAUGHN

Nov 14 Sat PV-SB, Hundred Peaks, WTC
I: Slide (7841'), Keller (7882'), possibly Mill (6670') and Deep Creek Hot Springs (51 deep): 19th semi-annual Deep Creek Hot Springs hike/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/exp to Leader: BARRY HOLCHIN Co-leader: WAYNE VOLLAIRE

Nov 14 Sat Lower Peaks
O: San Vicente Mountain (1965'), Temescal Peak (2126'): Easy paced 11.5 miles round trip, 561' gain. We will check out the Old Nike Missile Base at San Vicente, bag Gizmo peak and continue along the dirt Mulholland to Temescal Peak. Meet 8 AM West LA rideshare point. Bring lug soles, water, binoculars. Rain/fire cancels. Leaders: JOHN and DANA HUNTER

Nov 14-15 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. Sat for practice, skills refresher, altimeter, homework, campfire. Sun checkout. Send email/sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare, to Leader: ROBERT MYERS Assistant: HARRY FREIMANIS

Nov 16 Mon Hundred Peaks
O: Chaparrosa Peak (5541'): A moderately easy walk for 5 miles round trip with 1200' of gain on trail to a peak near Joshua Tree National Park. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Slow pace. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: CHERYL GILL, MARS BONFIRE, PATRICK VAUGHN

Nov 20 Fri Hundred Peaks, Airport-Marina
New Outing, first time published
I: Granite Mountain #1 (6600''), Rabbit Peak #1 (5307'), Iron Mountain #3 (5040''), Round Top (6316'): A strenuous loop hike of these four peaks off the Angeles Forest Highway. Estimate 11 miles round trip, 4300' gain on use trail and road. Pace is moderate to slow. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE, PATRICK VAUGHN
Nov 21  Sat Hundred Peaks  
New Outing, first time published  
I: Black Mountain #3 (5666'), Tehachapi Mountain (7960'): Join us for this great fall hike to 2 separate peaks west of Mojave, with a drive in between. Total: 8 miles round trip, 4000' gain. Email leader for info. Leader: TED LUBESHKOFF Co-Leader: WAYNE VOLLAIRE

Nov 21  Sat Hundred Peaks, Airport Marina  
New Outing, first time published  
O: Gobblers Knob (6955'), Circle Mountain (6875'): Bag a couple of peaks near Wrightwood on short but very steep trails. Suitable for beginners in good shape. Bring water, lunch, sturdy boots. Some dirt road driving. Meet 7 AM Mt Baldy rideshare point. Rain cancels. Leader: JOE YOUNG Assistant: DIANE DUNBAR

Nov 21-22  Sat-Sun Hundred Peaks  
New Outing, first time published  
I: Fox Mountain #1 (5167'), Cuyama Peak (5878'), Peak Mountain (5843'), McPherson (5749') Peak: Saturday climb Fox #1 and Cuyama via Laura's Ridge, total for both approximately 14 miles round trip, 4000' gain. High clearance 4WD vehicles advised. Saturday night camp or stay in Maricopa. Sunday we'll hike from Aliso campground to Peak and McPherson, approximately 16 miles round trip, 3800 gain. Stay for one or both days. Contact leaders for meeting time/details. Leaders: LAURA JOSEPH, PAT ARREDONDO, BILL SIMPSON

Nov 23  Mon Hundred Peaks  
New Outing, first time published  
O: Monrovia Peak (5409'): A strenuous mountain bike ride on paved and dirt roads and a short walk on firebreak for 14 miles round trip with 4500' of gain to a peak above Monrovia. Suitable only for experienced and conditioned bikers. Moderate pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials, helmet (required), spare tube and pump, bike lock and light. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: JOHN RADALJ, MARS BONFIRE

Nov 24  Tue Lower Peaks  
O: Agua Tibia (4779'): Long strenuous hike of this Lower Peak. 11 miles southeast of Temecula, it is 17 miles round trip, 3200' gain on trail and last Â½ cross country through brush. Pace is moderate to slow. Contact leaders for details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, LLOYD JOHNSON

Nov 25  Wed Hundred Peaks  
New Outing, first time published  
I: Lizard Head (5250'): A strenuous hike on trail and cross-country for 11 miles round trip with 3200' of gain to a peak west of Maricopa. Moderate pace. Suitable only for experienced and conditioned hikers. High clearance 4WD advised. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Nov 28  Sat Hundred Peaks  
New Outing, first time published  
O: Condor Peak (5444'), Fox Mountain #2 (5033'): Work off Thanksgiving calories hiking Condor Peak Trail from Big Tujunga, return via Trail Canyon Trail with a short car shuttle. Strenuous but moderately paced 15 miles round trip, 4200' gain. Bring lunch, water, sturdy footwear, warm clothes, 10 essentials. E-mail leaders with recent conditioning and for meeting time/details. Leaders: PAT ARREDONDO, LAURA JOSEPH, PATRICK VAUGHN

Dec 1  Tue Lower Peaks  
O: Mount Bliss (3720'): 10 miles round trip, 3000' gain. This is a Lower Peak in the San Gabriel Mountains, north of Duarte. The hike is on the Van Tassel fire road, ending at a use trail near the summit. Please contact the leaders for meeting time and place. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, INGEBORG PROCHAZKA

Dec 2  Wed Hundred Peaks  
New Outing, first time published  
I: Antimony Peak (6848'), Eagle Rest Peak (6005'): Strenuous hike for 11 miles round trip with 3500' of gain on road and rough cross-country to peaks west-northwest of Frazier Park. Moderate pace. Suitable only for experienced and conditioned hikers. High clearance 4WD advised. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Dec 4  Fri Hundred Peaks  
New Outing, first time published  
O: Josephine Peak (5558'): A moderate mountain bike ride on dirt road for 4 miles round trip with 1900' of gain to a peak near the intersection of Angeles Crest and Angeles Forest Highways. Moderate pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials, helmet (required), spare tube and pump, bike light and lock. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: JOHN RADALJ, MARS BONFIRE
Dec 6  Sun  Hundred Peaks, Airport Marina, Pasadena New Outing, first time published
O: Mount Wilson (5710'): Strenuous hike to fabled Mount Wilson on one of the most famous and beautiful trails in the San Gabriel Mountains involves 15 miles round trip and 4800' gain. Bring water, lunch, sturdy boots. Meet at the start of the Mount Wilson trail on Mira Monte Ave 2 blocks east of Baldwin Ave in Sierra Madre at 8 AM. Rain cancels. Leader: JOE YOUNG Assistant: MEI KWAN

Dec 7  Mon  Hundred Peaks New Outing, first time published
O: Mount Lukens (5074'): Mountain bike the highest peak within Los Angeles City limits for a moderately strenuous 11 miles round trip with 2200' of gain on dirt roads. Moderate pace. Suitable only for experienced and conditioned bikers. Bring food, water, 10 essentials, helmet (required), spare tube and pump, bike light and lock. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: JOHN RADALJ, MARS BONFIRE

Dec 8  Tue  Lower Peaks
O: Clamshell Peak (4380'): Strenuous hike of this Lower Peak near Monrovia. Due to the closure of the Rincon-Shortcut Road, we will be doing the alternate route of 8 miles round trip, 3100' gain use trail. Pace is moderate to slow. Contact leaders for details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, LLOYD JOHNSON

Dec 9  Wed  Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
I: Winston Peak (7502'), Winston Ridge (7002'): We park at the horseshoe turn below Winston Peak and do a steep fun climb to reach the Peak. Then deep down and out to the Ridge. Return via the PCT. Meet 9 AM La Canada rideshare point with water, lunch, good footwear. Leaders: BETH MIKA, BOBCAT THOMPSON, JOHN RADALJ

Dec 11  Fri  Hundred Peaks New Outing, first time published
I: Bare Mountain (6388'), Cole Point (5604'): Two separate hikes, moderately strenuous on use trail. Located off the Angeles Crest Highway, Bare is 6 miles round trip, 2600' gain. After Bare, we will drive to Cole located off the Angeles Forest Highway for a 2 mile round trip hike, 1500' gain. Pace is moderate to slow. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Dec 12  Sat  Hundred Peaks, Wilderness Adventures New Outing, first time published
I: Marion Mountain (10,362'): Moderate paced hike to Marion Mountain via the Marion Mountain trail. Time and weather permitting we may do Jean and/or Drury as well. Approx 8.6 miles and 2040' gain if we just do Marion. Meet 7 AM the Pomona Park and Ride (this is not the Towne Ave. exit) Call Leader for late breaking details. Bring lunch, water and 10 essentials. Leader: HARVEY GANZ Assistant: BREN COSTELLO

Dec 13  Sun  Hundred Peaks New Outing, first time published
O: Pacifico Mountain (7124'): A beautiful fall hike mostly along the PCT from Mill Creek Summit. 12 miles round trip, 2200' gain includes the last steep half mile. Bring water, lunch, good footwear, suitable clothing layers, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for meeting time/details. Leaders: PAT ARREDONDO, LAURA JOSEPH, GINNY HERINGER, Naturalist

Dec 15  Tue  Hundred Peaks New Outing, first time published
O: Mount Deception (5796'), Mount Disappointment (5960'), Barley Flats (5600'): Easy paved road biking and short hiking for 13 miles round trip with 2746' of gain to peaks off Hwy 2 near Mount Wilson. Moderate pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: JOHN RADALJ, MARS BONFIRE

Dec 18  Fri  Hundred Peaks New Outing, first time published
I: Little Cahuilla Mountain (5042'), Cahuilla Mountain (5635'): Two moderately strenuous hikes on use trail and trail located about 11 miles south of Idyllwild. Little Cahuilla is 2 ½ miles round trip, 700' gain. Cahuilla is 6 miles round trip, 1100' gain. Pace is moderate to slow. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Dec 20  Sun  Hundred Peaks LA Xmas by Night: Spread some cheer and good will with the HPS on our annual trek through downtown LA distributing food and clothing (whatever you can bring) to the homeless living on the streets. Meet at the Chinatown station on the Metro Gold Line at the corner of College St. and Alameda St. at midnight Saturday night. From there well hike to the areas where the homeless usually congregate to make distribution, then crisscross LA, finally winding up at the Original Pantry for breakfast. Then we return to Chinatown. Leaders: STAG BROWN, BOB THOMPSON, JOE YOUNG

Dec 20  Sun  Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
O: Ken Point (6423'): Hike the PCT and up an open slope for approximately 14 miles round trip, approximately 1700' gain, to a peak south of San Jacinto. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: PAT ARREDONDO, LAURA JOSEPH, PATRICK VAUGHN

Dec 21  Mon  Hundred Peaks New Outing, first time published
O: Buck Point (6433'), San Sevaine (5240'): Two easy hikes on road and trail for 4 miles round trip with 1400' of gain to peaks West of Cajon Pass. Moderate pace. Occasional brush. High clearance 4WD advised. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: JOHN RADALJ, MARS BONFIRE
Jan 8 Fri Hundred Peaks, Airport-Marina New Outing, first time published
I: Lookout Mountain #1 (5590'), Asbestos Mountain (5625'): Located 8 miles south-southwest of Palm Desert, these are two short hikes. Lookout is 1 mile round trip, 600' gain. Asbestos is 2 miles round trip, 800' gain. Other routes possible. Pace is moderate to slow. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Jan 9 Sat Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks, Lower Peaks O: Nordhoff Peak (4485'): A moderate paced hike to one of the Lower Peaks. Approximately 14 miles and 3500' gain. Time permitting, we may stop off to explore the Town of Ojai on the return trip. Meet 7 AM Sylmar rideshare point. Bring lunch and 10 essentials. Leaders: HARVEY GANZ, MARLEN MERTZ

Jan 11 Mon Hundred Peaks New Outing, first time published O: Santa Rosa Mountain (8070'): A drive-up to a peak above Palm Desert. May be able to add a short hike to Toro. High clearance 4WD advised. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: JOHN RADALJ, MARS BONFIRE

Jan 13 Wed Hundred Peaks New Outing, first time published O: Mount Lukens (5074') from Deukmejian in La Crescenta: Moderate paced 9 miles, round trip, 2900' gain hike. Meet 9 AM at trailhead. Deukmejian Park (exit 210 Fwy at Pennsylvania to N to Foothill and left on New York up to Markridge left for a short distance to park entrance on right.) Bring water, lunch, good footwear. Rain cancels. Leaders: DON SIMINSKI, SARAH KORDA

Jan 16 Sat Hundred Peaks, K-9, La Crescenta New Outing, first time published O: Mount Lukens (5074'): Join us on this Mid Winter Hike to the highest point in the City of Los Angeles. Hike from Deukmejian Park in La Crescenta via Crescenda View Trail and fire road. Return via Deukmejian West Trail. Great views to Catalina. 9 miles round trip, 3000' gain. Well-mannered K-9's welcome. Meet 9 AM Deukmejian Park (from 210 Freeway, exit Pennsylvania Ave, go north to Foothill Blvd., left to New York, right to top of New York, left on Markridge 1 block to park entrance on right.) Bring 3 L's (Lunch, Liquids, Lugsoles), goodies to share for Jim's Birthday, and a spirit of adventure. Leaders: BOBCAT THOMPSON, JIM FLEMMING
Jan 16 Sat Pasadena, Lower Peaks
O: Hoyt Mountain (4416'): Moderate 5 miles round trip, 1400' gain on fire road and trail. Check out this front range peak in the San Gabriels. Great views of Brown, Josephine and Strawberry. Weather permitting, we will see the San Andreas Fault across the canyon from Georges Gap. Meet 8 AM La Canadarideshare point. Bring water, lugsoles, snack. Rain/snow cancels. Leaders: DANA HUNTER, MEI KWAN

Jan 21 Thu Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
O: Inspiration Point (5575'), Lost Horse Mountain (5313'): Two easy Joshua Tree National Park hikes for 7 miles round trip with 1620' of gain on dirt road and trail. Moderate pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Park entry fee. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: JOHN RADALJ, MARS BONFIRE

Jan 22 Fri Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Round Mountain (5272'), Luna Mountain (5967'), Rattlesnake Mountain (6131'): Three separate hikes of these high desert peaks 10 miles southeast of Hesperia. Cross-country desert hiking. Total for the three hikes is 5 ½ miles round trip, 2000' gain. High clearance vehicles recommended. Pace is moderate to slow. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Jan 23 Sat Hundred Peaks
HPS Annual Awards Banquet: Join us for an evening of fun, festivities, good food and sharing good (and bad) times with old (and new) friends. This year we are returning to the Taix restaurant in Los Angeles. Social hour begins at 5:00 pm and dinner at 6:30. Our speaker will be Bob Cates, Chapter Historian, who will be speaking about "The Great Hiking Era". Contact reservationist, DAVE COMERZAN, at comerzan@verizon.net for details as to cost, location, etc.

Jan 24 Sun Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
O: Smith Mountain (5111'): Seven miles round trip, 1800' gain. Bring water, lunch, good footwear, suitable clothing layers, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for meeting time/details. Rain cancels. Leaders: PAT ARREDONDO, JENNIFER WASHINGTON

Jan 26 Tue Lower Peaks
O: Mount McKinley (4926'): 12 miles round trip, 3000' gain. Join us on this very pleasant hike, mostly on fire road, ending at a use trail near the summit. Please contact the leaders for meeting time and place. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, INGEBORG PROCHAZKA

Jan 27 Wed Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
O: Queen Mountain (5680'): A moderate hike on road and trail with some rock scrambling near the top for 4 miles round trip with 1000' of gain to a peak in Joshua Tree National Park. Entry fee. Moderate pace. High clearance 4WD advised. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Jan 31 Sun Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
I: Snowshoe Outing: Depending on snow conditions, leaders will locate a suitable local peak (or two) for a snowshoe climb in the San Gabriel or San Bernardino Mountains. Email leader for details the week of the outing. Leader: MARLEN MERTZ Co-Leader: DAVID COPLEN

Feb 1 Mon Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Bernard Peak (5360'), Little Berdoo Peak (5440'): A moderate hike of 7 miles round trip with 1500' of gain to peaks in Joshua Tree National Park. Moderate pace. Park entry fee. High clearance 4WD advised. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: JOHN RADALJ, MARS BONFIRE

Feb 2 Tue Lower Peaks
O: Frankish (4200'): Strenuous hike of this Lower Peak in the San Gabriel Mountains. 10 miles round trip, 2600' gain on use trail and road. Pace is moderate to slow. Contact leaders for details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, LLOYD JOHNSON

Feb 3 Wed Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Cross Mountain (5203'): If the gate is open, we will do this peak from Jawbone Canyon Road, short and steep cross-country hike just north of Mojave. This is a strenuous 4 mile round trip, 2200' gain hike. Other peaks in the area possible. If the gate is closed, we will do it from Chuckwalla, a strenuous 12 mile round trip, 4200' gain hike. High clearance vehicle recommended. Pace is moderate to slow. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Feb 3 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Cerro Negro Peak in the San Rafael Mtns: Join us for a moderate mid-winter hike above Descanso Gardens. Hike the beautiful trails and Cherry Canyon, 6-7 miles, 1000' gain on trails and fire roads. Meet 9 AM, La Canada rideshare point. Bring good footwear liquids and spirit of adventure. Leaders: BOB THOMPSON, BETH MIKA

Feb 6 Sat Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
I: San Jacinto Snow Shoe Trip: Moderate paced trek from top of the Palm Springs Tram to Wellman Divide. Approximately 6.6 miles and 600' gain. Time and weather permitting, we may try to bag Jean Peak. Meet 7 AM the Pomona Park and Ride (this is not the Towne Ave. exit) Call Leader for late breaking details. Bring snowshoes, lunch, water and 10 essentials. Leader: BRENT COSTELLO Assistant: HARVEY GANZ
February 6: Lower Peaks
O: Glendora Peak (3322’), Azusa Peak (2081’): Join us on an exploratory hike up the locally popular Garcia Trail to Azusa Peak, 2.5 miles round trip, 1050’ gain, then drive over to Glendora Peak, 3 miles round trip, 800’ of gain. Depending on group, we can hike both on one 10.5 mile hike. Rain cancels. Contact leaders the week prior to the trip. Leaders: JOHN RADALJ, MARS BONFIRE

February 8: Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Quail Mountain (5800’): A moderately strenuous hike for 14 miles round trip with 1400’ of gain to a peak in Joshua Tree National Park. Moderate pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Park entry fee. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: JOHN RADALJ, MARS BONFIRE

February 10: Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Rosa Point (5038’): A very strenuous hike on rough trail and cross-country for 12 miles round trip with 4800’ of gain to a peak near the Salton Sea. Moderate pace. Suitable only for experienced and conditioned hikers. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

February 17: Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Mount Lukens (5024’): Up the Grizzly Flats Trail and Mount Lukens Truck Trail to highest point in Los Angeles. 11 miles round trip, 2800’ gain. Meet 9 AM La Canada rideshare point. Bring water, lunch, good hiking footwear.

February 19: Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
O: Liebre Mountain (5760’), Burnt Peak (5788’), Sawtooth Mountain (5200’): Part drive up, part hike of these three peaks just north of Los Angeles. We will hike Burnt and Sawtooth, and then drive to Liebre. Moderate hiking on use trail of 9.8 miles total, 2500’ gain. High clearance vehicles recommended. Pace is moderate to slow. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

February 21: Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
I: Snowshoe Outing: Depending on snow conditions, leaders will locate a suitable local peak (or two) for a snowshoe climb in the San Gabriel or San Bernardino Mountains. Email leader for details the week of the outing.

February 23: Lower Peaks
O: Mount Muir (4686’): 12 miles round trip, 3000’ gain. This Lower Peak in the Angeles National Forest passes by the summit of Echo Mountain, another peak on the list, so you can get two peaks in one hike! What’s not to like! The hike starts in Pasadena and it has a few different options on the way back to the trail head. Please contact leaders for meeting time and place. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, INGEBORG PROCHAZKA

February 24: Lower Peaks
New Outing, first time published
O: Ryan Mountain (5461’), Inspiration Point (5575’), Lost Horse Mountain (5313’): Three easy trail hikes totaling 10 miles round trip with 2720’ of gain to peaks in Joshua Tree National Park. Entry fee. Moderate pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

February 28: Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
I: Snowshoe Outing: Depending on snow conditions, leaders will locate a suitable local peak (or two) for a snowshoe climb in the San Gabriel or San Bernardino Mountains. Email leader for details the week of the outing.

March 6: Lower Peaks
O: Lower Peaks Committee Meeting: Join us for a hike to Mugu Peak (1266’) from PCH, 6 miles round trip, 1266’ gain. Following the hike, we will meet with other interested people at La Jolla Valley campground and picnic area in Point Mugu State Park to hold our meeting. In case of rain or other natural disasters, we can meet at Neptune’s Net or other natural disasters, we can meet at Neptune’s Net at 42505 PCH in Malibu (310 457 3095). Please contact leaders if interested. Leaders: INGEBORG PROCHAZKA, MICHAEL GOSNELL

March 20: Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
I: Snowshoe Outing: Depending on snow conditions, leaders will locate a suitable local peak (or two) for a snowshoe climb in the San Gabriel or San Bernardino Mountains. Email leader for details the week of the outing.

Leader: DAVID COPLEN Co-Leader: MARLEN MERTZ

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Stag Brown on Liebre Mountain on June 7, 2009. Stag led a group of eight hikers on this, the 28th annual "First Sunday in June Hike with Stag."
MEET YOUR FORMER LEADERS
Appalachian Trail (AT) Conquerer
JEAN HERMANSEN (aka White Buffalo or Trail Angel)
by Lilly Y. Fukui

FORWARD – Women have played an important and integral role in the Hundred Peaks Section from its inception. They have sure populated the Management Committee and led us to our peaks from the beginning. See some interesting statistics below.

100 Peaks:
Luella Todd was the sixth (and first woman) to earn the 100 Peaks Emblem, soon followed by Louise Werner and others. As of this writing, we have 1,115 (100 peaks finishers). And while we’re at it, we currently only have 445 (200 peaks finishers). I wonder what happened to the 670 other 100 peaks finishers?

1st List Completion:
Freda Walbrecht was the second (and first woman) to complete the List, followed by Peggy McLean as third. Where are we now? With over a thousand 100 peaks finishers, we only have a total of 279 List finishers! Dorothy Danziger has completed the List five times. As of this writing she is only 14 peaks away from her sixth List finish (and probably her last, she said). She does not know whether her sixth List completion will be this year (2009) or not but said that it is her goal to complete the List six times.

Led the List:
Karen Leverich is the first woman to have led the List (Dec. 2006), followed by Ignacia Doggett (Jan. 2009).

JEAN HERMANSEN. I met Jean at the Spring Fling (Foster Lodge) in April, 2009. She said she went there to see some of her “old-timer” hiking buddies but, unfortunately, the old-timers she wanted to see were not there! After learning that Jean had hiked the entire Appalachian Trail, I decided her story was so intriguing that I had to share it. Read below her fascinating story - a tad long, but just in case someone out there reading this who might want to try the AT in the future, this article will be helpful.

Jean has accomplished much in her hiking career. She completed the List in 1998, as a hike leader. Perhaps her greatest accomplishment was completing the total length of the Appalachian Trail over a three-year period (spending a total of about six months hiking). She returned to the AT repeatedly and pressed on to walk its entirety from Georgia to Maine.

FAMILY HISTORY – Jean said that her father was Danish, and her mother mostly Dutch, and that they were farmers. Her father did most of the cooking in the household. She has an older sister and a twin brother. Neither one of them hike and have said of her, “she must be out of her mind to hike!” Her twin still lives in Colorado and her sister is up in Medford, Oregon, near the PCT. Jean has five children, four boys and a girl and they are all active in nature. She has 12 grandchildren.

Jean grew up in Denver, Colorado. She got married after earning a business degree in college. Later in life she went back and got her art degree while in her 40s, receiving her art degree from Cal State Fullerton. She was not a hiker until she turned 50. What did she do before then? She was in rodeo! Jean was a rodeo rider, riding horses and did obstacle courses.

HIKING – Upon having surgery on her knee, Jean was told she will never walk again (it was a tumor in her knee which went to the joint only). She wanted to prove the doctor wrong. She thought it was pretty important to walk, so she started learning to walk again at age 49. She said she got bored walking around the park, so she started hiking. She quit smoking and joined the Sierra club. It was like a whole new way of life to her. She said that it took her a whole year before she decided that she wanted to do peak bagging, and she started out doing the Orange County peaks and trails and the Lower Peaks List. Jean was the very first person (and therefore, first woman), to finish the Lower Peaks’ List on 4/30/96, and Erik Siering being the first man, in the same year. She became a Sierra Club leader when she was in her 50’s. She was not going to accept not being able to walk so she proved herself that she could.

Jean joined the Sierra Club when she started hiking in general. The first group she was with was in Orange County as she lived in O.C. She joined HPS because the O.C. club doesn’t hike in the summer. An O.C. leader named Gene Pinel and Jean both have the same birthdays, ten years apart. After Gene had a heart attack, Jean offered to be her support system and learned how to use a compass, learned names of flowers, etc., and did a lot of weekend trips in the
After hiking a few hundred peaks, Jean became interested in being an HPSer. Jean took her navigation course at Warren Point. Her first peak was probably Waterman, in July of 1989 with Local hikers on Wednesdays. She said this was nice because there are not too many people on the trail. When Jean turned 50, she thought that she had discovered a new way of life although she thought that her life was halfway over. She took her family out to the mountains, hiked, and had a big birthday picnic and has been hiking ever since.

Jean finished the HPS peak on 5/20/1998 (List finisher #203) on Luna Mountain, near Lake Arrowhead (right behind Mars Bonfire’s first list finish on Eagle Crag)! Jean said that Tom Hill led the non-scheduled hike to Luna, which was attended by Dorothy Danziger and Gabriele Rau. Since it was a very small group, there wasn’t a big celebration. She said it had to be simple just as she was as a hiker: jerky and gorp. She also said that Tom had never hiked in winter so he joined her and that they hiked a lot of Southern Sierra peaks together. She also hiked Antsell Rock with Tom and although she said this peak was “dangerous and hairy,” it is still one of her favorite peaks. She said that out of six hikers on Antsell, only Tom and herself finished. At that time, she said that they couldn’t really find the peak at first until she saw some ducks – helpful at times, for sure. Jean was leading hikes up to ten years ago and cherishes all of her experiences. Her 200th peak was with an International Group, and she hiked with a bottle of sparkling cider. She considers Sturtevant Falls off of Chantry Flat to be the most beautiful, and one of her favorite places to hike.

She has not been able to join the Sierra Club the last four years because the road (Angeles Crest Hwy) has been closed. It has now finally opened, so she will be joining the Sierra Club again. Jean said that there is a driving force behind all of the 100 peakers (HPS). She recalls the Dobos when they went to hike the San Berdos and did eight peaks that weekend, starting out with about a 100 hikers! By the end of the day, they were down to about 50 hikers. At the eighth peak on the second day, there was only a half a dozen. She didn’t think she could do this but said that she had a certain fever, a driving force, and so she was able to finish all eight peaks with the Dobos, Frank and Ruth.

**ART** - Jean owned her own art gallery business in Wrightwood. She fluctuated back and forth “on and off the hill,” however, due to the economy being so poor right now, she said it wasn’t worth the gas mileage to go down there anymore. She currently exhibits in Rancho Cucamonga – paintings related to nature (she is now working on sunflower series on the Cajon Pass). She is a west coast pine needle basket maker.

**THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL** – The Appalachian Trail stretches from Springer Mountain in northern Georgia to Mt. Katahdin in central Maine. Total miles: 2,194.7. The mileage varies each year due to rerouting and increasing switchbacks. The trail passes through 14 states, 8 national forests, 6 national parks, and several state and local parks. The states in geographic order, south to north, are: Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine.

Jean was living in California when she became acquainted with the Appalachian Trail just as she started hiking. She was supposed to be hiking on the Long’s trail in Vermont but when her partner said “no,” she picked up a Walker's magazine and in the back was an article about a ship tour of Vermont and Lake Champlain, so she got off ship every day and hiked. From there she drove around the Green Mountains and went to an athletic campground. On her first morning she walked a couple of miles before breakfast. On the first day she started out at five miles and at the end of the week she would be hiking about 18 miles! She said that a sag wagon was going to pick them up, but when it broke down, they walked the whole way! Jean said she was so tired she couldn’t even eat and yet that’s when she said she got exposed to the Appalachian Trail.

There’s a part of the AT that goes through Vermont, so she started reading about it and talking about the pathway through the wilderness which she thought anybody could do (right?). She was very fortunate in that her middle son, Tom, was a rock climber and he wanted to give her lessons before she left on her most exhilarating journey. She would take Tom hiking and he would take her to climb rocks in Joshua Tree, so she got rock climbing lessons from him. Jean said that she was glad she got those rock climbing lessons because the Appalachian Trail is not a pathway through the wilderness, that a lot of rock climbing comes with it. The last peak, Katahdin, in Maine, actually has permanent pitons.

**FIRST YEAR [1992]:** Her trail name was White Buffalo. The “white” comes from – her hair! She was a blond in her younger days. Her very first backpack was to a SC hike over to Catalina and the weekend after that she backpacked across the island and had a buffalo incident. The buffalo came into camp at night and knocked over her pans. After hearing the noise, Jean said she used her little flashlight and thought the buffalo looked white. The buffalo then came straight through the bush so she and her friend ran from their ground cloths to a picnic table in front of the camp and hid under it for safety. Later she noticed that the buffalo had made a hole in her air mattress where her head was! Hence her name “White Buffalo.”

**First day:** Jean started the Appalachian Trail in Georgia traveling solo, northbound. She said that someone’s dog adopted her along the trail. **Second day:** Jean woke up to a beautiful sunrise with the dog
curled next to her. Hiking gear: Jean used a 3,000 cubic inch external frame pack. She started out with a tadpole tent – a two-man tent. But after learning that she wasn’t using the tent, so after four days on the trail, she tore the pack apart to reduce the weight and got rid of the tadpole tent, replacing it with a bivy bag. She also had a few cotton shirts, but got rid of them all as they were all wet and she couldn’t get them dried. She replaced those with polypro shirts and sent a lot of stuff home. The pack with food and two liters of H2O were 45-50 lbs.

Mostly, Jean stayed in shelters. Shelters are three-sided with a roof and lots of mice! When you stay in the shelter, you sleep on the floor. When Jean went to hike White Mountains in New Hampshire, she paid a half fee and worked the rest of it off by building rock steps or washing dishes for 40 people. These shelters are enclosed, and guests are served two meals. Even a lot of tourists seek out and stay at the shelters. The food was so good she said that she actually gained weight in this section. She has never had any close encounters with animals but she did see a bear, a moose, and a raccoon – which was the most dangerous of the three because it tried to steal her food! Jean said that she lost a total of 50 lbs. overall and remembers always being hungry.

The Appalachian Trail shelters are approximately eight miles apart. Hikers would do a nooner at eight miles and hike on to the next shelter to sleep. The average mileage per day was 14-18 miles with 3,000-5,000 ft. gain. Jean said that she even did a marathon with a backpack. At the quarter-way point, Demascus, Virginia, there were a lot of young people talking about having ice cream cones and talking about going on, so Jean also wanted to go, even though she had already hiked for 12 hours. She ate a second “lunch” and walked on, hiking approximately 26.5 miles that day, almost a whole marathon but with a backpack and about a 5,000 ft. gain. She crossed the first state line on her marathon and celebrated with a Snicker’s bar – and this celebration became a tradition. Her having a Snicker’s bar was repeated at each state line.

In the Smokey Mountains the AT sits on the state borders of Tennessee and North Carolina. There is also a chain-link fence for bear protection. The shelters on this section of the hike had double-decker bunks. She met a guy named Hawkeye here, who teamed up with her and convinced her to rock climb “The Thumb.” She thought she was insane to do this, but she did! The Thumb was barricaded off, and it is not supposed to be climbed as there are big drops all around, but they did it anyway! To get to the re-supply towns took about every eight to ten days. In Demascus, Virginia, the local church bought a house for hikers to use. It was called “The House,” with 50 bunk beds, a kitchen, and two showers. There was even a pizza place nearby. Many churches provided a place to sleep and rest. These are called “hostels.” After a snowstorm a guy picked her up on his motorbike calling out “White Buffalo,” so she knew it was okay to go with him. It turned out that he ran the hostel along the trail. The weather was extremely cold. Jean’s Katahdin ceramic H2O filter (of a very high quality) even, froze! Ceramics tend to freeze, so she drank unfiltered stream water and caught girardiasis (a water borne bacterial infection), so she had to leave the trail. This section of the journey was cold, wet, and had lots of snow.

SECOND YEAR [1993]: Jean returned to Virginia where she had left off the prior year. Two weeks into the trail she broke two toes but continued to hike. She hitched a ride to Damascus, VA for Trail Days (one big hiker party) and got off the trail to let her toes heal. Six weeks later, she returned to the Delaware Water Gap in New Jersey. This was a 600 mile skip (stretch) which she would later return. North to New York there was extreme heat (100-105 degrees) and a lack of water. Connecticut and Massachusetts were for blueberry picking. Vermont and New Hampshire is ski country.

When one gets to the three most northern states, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine, Jean said that the weather is so volatile that it’s a good idea to have a partner. So, when a lady (nicknamed “Snail”) caught up with her, she asked her to be her partner. While Snail was off the trail Jean met someone else - a man, who said his trail name was “Rock Solid,” and they hiked together. When Rock Solid accidentally fell, a rock went through an artery in his head, so Jean administered first aid. And since there was no one else there, she got him out safely and she credits her Wilderness Medicine Training she had with the Sierra Club. Later, she was told Rock Solid’s wife was very grateful and told him that he now had a “trail angel,” but told him he couldn’t hike alone anymore!

August was Jean’s birthday, so she celebrated on top of Mount Washington, just missing the snowstorm. The state of Maine has lots of ponds and
rivers. Since too many hikers have lost their lives in the river, the Conference now provides a canoe. At one time, Jean lost a trail and ended up in a logging area (Shaws B&B); this was the last house that one can stay in for a minimal amount of money (or in exchange for help), before the last Hundred Mile Wilderness.

After climbing Katahdin in the northern terminus in September (still some snow), Jean hitched back to Maine to complete the section she had missed. She skipped this section to climb Katahdin prior to rangers closing the peak due to freezing snowstorm. Even in this weather, Jean still went out to a store and bought all this food and cooked all day at the B&B and every hiker out on trail came inside from the snowstorm and had an early and sumptuous "Thanksgiving" dinner and all took in some R&R.

**First week of October:** Jean hitched a ride back to New Jersey, traveling South. One doesn’t always see how tough the trail is – lots of rock climbing. In Pennsylvania the rocks were so hard to walk on she graded them like chocolates – you know, chunky chocolate, chocolate chip, even a chocolate shower, etc., all because a sense of humor is so very important, she said! It was still autumn by the time she reached the Maryland border. There were several memorials commemorating Civil War battlefields. Arriving at Harper Ferry, West Virginia on Halloween, the decision was made to get off the trail because of rangers closing the Shenandoah Mountains due to snow. Jean stayed at AYH (American Youth Hostel) for two weeks doing volunteer work (assembling membership and map packets) at the AT Conference.

**THIRD YEAR [1995]:** Jean went back to the AT after two years. However, since she had a boyfriend at this time, the whole trip was changed (when you have a partner). Jean said that if she had to do it over again she would go solo! That way, she said, one is more open, approachable, and can enjoy many more experiences on the trail. The benefit of having a partner though, she said, is that he shared a few of the camp chores and always had someone to talk to! They then got on the trail in Virginia and traveled over many brushy peaks and ridges through the Shenandoahs, where the trail was excellent. Then they rolled back into West Virginia. There were a few high points in each state, so they got off trail to hike. The AT was completed at Harper’s Ferry, AT Conference Center.

Jean went to the Appalachian Trail on three different years, four months being the longest stretch at one time, and then two more months, making it a total of six months to finish the whole AT within three years. For instance, when she ran into snow in the Shenandoah mountains in 1994, she came back and went back to the AT the following year and finished the Appalachian Trail.

Jean said that the trail was simple – you eat, walk, sleep, and “think” with your house (backpack) on your back! All of your senses become highly developed, i.e. if you don’t hear the birds, the weather changes. You can see the seasons change by observing the flora, and smell the animals, especially skunks!

One of the intriguing things on the trail is the light – the incredible light you see when you live out in the wilderness. You see more than just dawn and dusk and high noon; you see the subtleties of light change and "incredible" is the only word she can think of to explain it – you have a lot of time to think about what is important in life and she had made up her mind to move out of the city when her last child graduated high school. She always wanted to be in the wilderness and, if not, to sit on her back deck in Wrightwood to enjoy the surrounding peace and beauty.

Jean said that a lot of people helped her on the AT and she wants to give back in some way. She currently is a "trail angel" for PCT hikers. She helps resupply water and gives rides from the trail to get supplies in Wrightwood. Artwork has taken Jean up the west coast and crossed PCT many times but she says that she does not want to finish the PCT because “it’s a long distance hike and kind of turns into a job!” What we do know is that finishing the PCT is one of our fellow hiker, Bill Burke’s future goals. As many of you might already know, Bill has recently set the record as being the oldest person to climb Mt. Everest! Great job, Bill. In closing, Jean’s message for all hikers, new and old – “keep hiking!”

**WRAPUP** - Climbing/hiking requires a lot of perseverance – “Adopt the pace of nature: her secret is patience.”  **Emerson.**

**Meet Your Leaders: MENTORS**

Frank Dobos

By Chris Spisak

It's easy for me to write about FRANK DOBOS. He and his beloved wife, Ruth Lee led many of my early HPS hikes. Frank encouraged me to become a HPS leader, and along with Jim Fleming, he evaluated me on my "O" Provisional hike. I owe him a lot.

Frank has accomplished much in his hiking career. He has finished hiking the HPS List three times, and is close to a fourth finish. He hasn’t quite finished leading the List, but says he has about 25 to go. At five-years-old, he started his hiking career on a family hike by climbing the highest peak in his native country, Hungary. This is Mount Kékes (3,327 feet or 1,014 meters) a volcanic mass in the Mátra Range. A tool and die maker, he eventually moved to California in the 1970’s, and became acquainted with the Sierra Club while hiking in the Santa Monica Mountains. His first HPS hike was led by John Robinson in 1982. This was in May, and they hiked Mt. Gleason in knee-deep snow.
The infamous Tam ‘o Shanter was the location where he met his future wife, Ruth Lee Brown, after a Griffith Park hike in 1986. Dancing together, they hit it off immediately, and were married in 1989. Ruth was a warm and welcoming leader, a conservationist, and she chaired the HPS twice. They teamed up to lead scores of hikes together. Frank also chaired the HPS. He worked hard to get into print many of the routes established by Brent Washburn. In 1991, he received both the Angeles Chapter Outings Service Award and the HPS R. S. Fink Service Award. 1994 brought Frank the HPS John Backus Leadership Award. More recently, in 2006, Frank received the Angeles Chapter Lifelong Service Award. He consistently is one of the best-dressed attendees at the annual Hundred Peaks Section banquet.

Frank’s first HPS List finish was in March of 1986 on San Ysidro Peak. He and twenty other hiking friends accomplished this in a pouring rain. While on a Big Four hike in April of 1990, with “Doctor” Ruth also along, Frank finished his second HPS List finish. This was a double celebration as Ruth accomplished her first HPS List finish, simultaneously. Records show them to be the second couple to finish the List the first and second time on the same peak together. Frank’s third HPS List finish was in July of 1992, on Nicolls Peak. He was heard to utter the words “Never again!” after this achievement, but he continued on. Frank received his 100 Peaks Leadership Emblem in 1991, on Little Cahuilla Mountain. His 200 Peaks Leadership Emblem was earned in June of 1992, on Mount Harvard. His Pathfinder Emblem – 100 Peaks was realized in 1990, on Tecuya Mountain. Frank was awarded the recently created One Thousand Peaks award #8 for his November 1993 ascent of Lizard Head.

Ruth was no stranger to peak bagging, and along the way received numerous awards, also. She climbed her first HPS peak, San Gorgonio in 1970 with her mother, Dr. Pearl Lee, who was also a Sierra Club member. Her second HPS List finish came in 1992, on Black Mountain #3. In 1995, Ruth received the HPS R. S. Fink Service Award, and in 2000, the John Backus Leadership Award. The Angeles Chapter recognized Ruth with its Lifelong Service Award in 2001, and the HPS gave her its Conservation Award for her tireless work for environmental issues. Ruth also earned the HPS 100 and 200 Peaks Leadership Emblems, and managed to attain the 100 Peaks Pathfinder Emblem.

Frank and Ruth co-founded the HPS Spring Fling, were prime organizers of Oktoberfest at Harwood Lodge, co-founded the annual Mt. Islip Peaknic hike, and led hikes in Griffith Park for years. They also found time to hike with the Desert Peaks Section, and both earned its Emblem. Frank was DPS Chair in 2001. In 2002, we lost Ruth.

Although Ruth has physically moved on to another plane, her spirit resides in those of us who had the pleasure to hike with her, hear her encouraging words, and enjoy her company, along with her devoted partner, Frank, who continues to lead us to our HPS peaks.

Don’t get a ticket!

Turn your headlights on between La Cañada and the Angeles Forest Highway when driving the Angeles Crest Highway.
Hundred Peaks Section
Angeles Chapter
Management Committee Meeting Minutes

FINAL
1. MEETING DATE:
   May 12, 2009
2. LOCATION:
   Teleconference
3. ATTENDANCE:
3.2. Others in Attendance: Pat Vaughn (Outreach)

4. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:
   * Jim Fleming called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
   * March 19, 2009 meeting minutes reviewed and approved. MSP. * A copy of the final March 19, 2009 meeting minutes attached to these minutes.
5. NEWS:
   * See attached Meeting Agenda for news items discussed.
   * Additionally, Jim Fleming reported that Joe Young solicits volunteers for Griffith Park trail maintenance on Fern Canyon Trail in the burn area this weekend (May 16).
6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
6.1. Treasurers Report:
   * Accept: Treasurer’s Report as submitted by Sandy Burnside for March and April 2009. MSP. * A copy of the Treasurer’s Report attached to these minutes.
6.2. Membership:
   * Accept: Membership report May 2009 as reported by Greg DeHoogh. MSP.
6.3. Programs
   * See attached Meeting Agenda for Programs items discussed. Additional items follow:
   6.3.1. Spring Fling 2009
   * Turnout at Lodge not great; many stayed elsewhere in motels or perhaps camping. Overseer of Lodge was a very good guy. 26 people showed up for the Saturday hikes, 15 for the Sunday hikes. Good potluck. * No problems experienced worth noting.
6.3.2. Waterman Rendezvous 2009
   * Hikes are listed; surprisingly no Twin Peaks hike is listed which is a usual inclusion for the Waterman Reunion.
6.3.3. Annual Meeting
   * September 8th at Newcomb’s Ranch
6.3.4. Fall Festival 2009
   * October 3rd and 4th
   * Ft. Tejon Campground; reservations available for Friday and Saturday nights * Dave Comerzan will prepare reservation sheet.
6.3.5. Banquet 2010
   * Target date is January 23, 2010
   * Spaghetti Factory may have issue with Sat. night event. Consider going to TAIX instead. Dave Comerzan to inquire. * Bob Cates will be speaker. Chapter Historian.
   * Expect good turnout to hear his program.
6.3.6. Spring Fling 2010
   * Looking into Hurkey Creek; proximate to Desert Divide, Santa Rosa Mtns., San Jacinto area. * Targeting the last weekend in April
   * Dave Comerzan to contact Riverside County (Hurkey Creek is a county park).
6.4. Outings and Safety:
   * Continue to encourage leaders to refresh their 1st Aid certifications.
6.5. Mountain Records:
   * See attached Meeting Agenda for 5 proposed new routes. All 5 routes MSP. * Unsuspend: Crafts and Butler. MSP
   * Renew suspension: Chaparrosa.
6.6. Outreach:
   * Continuing to participate in Newcomer Events.
7. ANGELES CHAPTER:
   * Nothing to report
8. OLD BUSINESS:
   * Nominating Committee
   * 4 volunteers have come forward
   * Pat Vaughn
   * Ignacia Doggett
   * Matt Keliher
   * Pamela Rowe
   * Next committee needing volunteers is the Election Committee
9. NEW BUSINESS:
   * July MComm meeting will be by teleconference on July 14.
10. ADJOURNMENT:
    * The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

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1. MEETING DATE
   July 14, 2009
2. LOCATION:
   Teleconference
3. ATTENDANCE:
3.2. Others in Attendance: Patrick Vaughn (Outreach)

4. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:
   * Jim Fleming called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
   * May 12, 2009 meeting minutes reviewed and approved. MSP. * A copy of the final May 12, 2009 meeting minutes attached to these minutes.
5. NEWS:
   * See attached Meeting Agenda for news items discussed.
   * Rumor heard on a recent hike that access to Hot
Springs Mountain, the highest point in San Diego County, has been reopened by the Los Coyote Tribe. Hot Springs Mountain has been de-listed. Wayne Bannister will investigate and report back with information and possible recommendation for re-listing at September mcomm meeting.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
6.1. Treasurers Report:
* Accept: Treasurer’s Report as submitted by Sandy Burnside for May and June 2009. MSP. * A copy of the Treasurer’s Reports attached to these minutes.
6.2. Membership:
* Accept: Membership report July 2009 as reported by Greg DeHoogh. MSP. Note that this report contains an impressive list of emblems and achievements.

6.3. Programs
6.3.1. Waterman Rendezvous 2009
* Set for July 25, 2009.
* 7 hikes are scheduled including the customary Twin Peaks hike.
6.3.2. Annual Meeting
* September 8th at Newcomb’s Ranch
* Note expected absence of Greg Daly and Wayne Bannister due to other commitments.
6.3.3. Fall Festival 2009
* October 3rd and 4th at Ft. Tejon HSP campground
* 9 hikes are scheduled for that weekend
* Karen and Wolf Leverich are monitoring the possibility of State Parks closures which would affect Ft. Tejon HSP. Alternate site in case of closure would likely be the USFS campground atop Cerro Noroeste. * Reservation sheet for inclusion in the Sep / Oct Lookout approved.
6.3.4. Banquet 2010
* Target date is January 23, 2010
* Taix restaurant is the target location; Dave Comerzan pursuing arrangement details. * Bob Cates will be speaker. Chapter Historian. Jim Fleming to confirm with Bob Cates and to get a brief write-up of his talk for inclusion in The Lookout with notice about the upcoming banquet.

6.3.5. Spring Fling 2010
* Possible dates are weekends of 4/17 and 4/24
* Looking into Hurkey Creek; proximate to Desert Divide, Santa Rosa Mtns., San Jacinto area. Cannot reserve until 6-months prior to date. Need to keep in mind possible alternate sites if Hurkey Creek doesn’t work out; no alternate sites discussed.
6.4. Outings and Safety:
* Outing schedule submitted for upcoming Angeles Chapter schedule to David Eisenberg. * 1st Aid certification status of the HPS Leader group is in good shape; only a small number of expirations are upcoming.
6.5. Mountain Records:
* Bear problem at Forest Falls / Mill Creek campground is due to a young bear that has become fond of handouts and unattended campsites. Rangers have closed the area for safety of all, including young Boo-Boo, until Fish and Game can resolve situation which is expected shortly.
6.6. Outreach:
* Patrick Vaughn has been attending a good number of newcomer events and reports strong interest in the HPS.
* Patrick also reports that use of the Meetup.com channel for publicizing outings has delivered very good results with new participants on HPS outings.

ANGELES CHAPTER:
* Nothing to report

8. OLD BUSINESS:
* Nominating Committee
 Reporting difficulty in getting candidates to run

9. NEW BUSINESS:
* September MComm meeting followed by the Annual Business Meeting will be face-to-face at Newcomb’s Ranch on September 8, 2009.

10. ADJOURNMENT:
* The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:
Gregory Daly

Birthdays in September and October

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